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Epitaph for poison gas: Rest—in peace.

Another prolific cause of divorce is the can opener.

Some men like closed cars, and some chew tobacco.

The girl who marries for money usually gets a poor husband.

A tip is merely an effort to buy a quarter's worth of the waiter's good opinion.

Success is largely a matter of selecting the right man to drop from the pay roll.

Some wives are happy, and some realize that their husbands are afraid of them.

Even when the sun shines, the pessimist tries to show that it isn't doing any good.

A wax figure of the former Kaiser sold in Berlin for 15,000 marks, or about thirty cents.

The eyes seldom see temptation when the nose is pressed firmly against the grindstone.

Some of the statesmen who think they are instruments of Destiny are merely wind instruments.

There are two types of girls: One wants to make a name for herself and the other wants to take one.

Landru having lost his head, Paris is now speculating on how long Poincare will be able to keep his.

Burbank may produce tame cats without hula, but it is impossible to produce wild cats without hula.

Apparently there is some law forbidding display windows to show a lady's slipper larger than a No. 3A.

The minister who asserts that there will be pianos in Heaven puts a lot of apartment dwellers in a dilemma.

A Chicago paper notes that a Miss Kitchen is to be married to a Mr. Washer. All the bride will need is a dish or two.

A prehistoric animal of great size left footprints in Kentucky, but was wasting time. They don't believe in such things in Kentucky.

The modern girl is acclaimed as superior in ability, charm and dress to the girl of the mid-Victorian age. She, herself, will admit it.

The textile industry is said to be the least prosperous, but the reason may be that it takes so little to clothe a woman these days.

That Nova Scotian ghost is a bit shy about appearing in the presence of a scientific investigator. Some ghosts have excellent judgment.

A Monocogram says there has been a falling off in the Russian population of 3,000,000. But not all of them fell off; many of them were pushed.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, of the United States, says that 2,500,000 gallons of whiskey a year is enough for medicinal purposes in his country. That fellow doesn't seem to make any allowance for how sick some persons can get.

A CHILDISH OPPOSITION.

On the very first day of the session, the Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition and of the re-christened Liberal-Conservative party, showed what his attitude is to be. He could not let even the appointment of the speaker of the house go by without introducing a note of discord and opposition creep into what should have been a ceremony in which all three parties of the house could have united in graceful compliment to the man who is to wield the gavel in the fourteenth parliament of Canada. True, he did try to make his pill a sugar-coated one by paying a tribute to the new speaker, but he showed poor judgment in entering into a volley of criticism on so small a matter as the fact that the name of the new speaker was made known in advance. There is nothing new in that, for the name of the speaker in past parliaments have, in nearly every case, been known before the parliament assembled. But his attitude is a forecast of what can be expected throughout the session. It shows that his policy is to be one of opposition just for opposition's sake, a policy of childish criticism of everything that is done, be it right or wrong, and one which recalls the Scotchman who said he would rather have an argument than a dinner.

Such childish opposition will be of no benefit to the country, nor to the party of which Mr. Meighen is the leader. Of course, Mr. Meighen may feel that as leader of the opposition he must earn the salary which is attached to the position, and that in order to do so he must speak in criticism of everything that is done in the house. Or, on the other hand, he may still feel his crushing defeat at the polls so keenly that the voice of Premier King and the sight of him in the position of honour may be sufficient to arouse in him a feeling of antagonism. In either case, the people of Canada will have little sympathy for this kind of opposition, and will have no patience with it. The last election campaign had a wonderful educational value, and the people know a great deal more about political tactics than they did previously, so that they will set their own value on this kind of opposition.

It is likely, however, that the members of the government side of the house will welcome criticism and opposition of this nature, for the more strongly they are opposed by the Tory leader, the more strongly will the Progressives support them. The kinship between the government and the Crerar party is very close, and they are united in their distrust of the Tories, so that every knock from Mr. Meighen and his followers will bring a boost from the supporters of Mr. Crerar. So let Mr. Meighen wield his toy hammer as much as his heart desires. He must, or should, know that it is an ineffective weapon, but if he does not, then the result will show him this very clearly.

THE COLLEGE FROLIC.

For some years it was the custom of the Queen's Dramatic Club to offer to the students of the university and the general public a drama, or comedy-drama, put on under its auspices by amateur talent selected from among the students. This usually was billed for the Grand Opera House on the evening preceding the Saturday on which the Alma Mater Society elections were held. As a general rule the plays were standard works, the casts well selected and the performance as a whole very meritorious—for amateurs. Yet, while those taking part gave of their best, and some surprising work was put over, considering the space of time in which it had been prepared, there was always a certain stiffness, a certain indelible amateur marking which never left these plays. Everybody called it fine and each member of the audience expressed himself as well pleased, but, to be honest about it, if a road show had come through and offered them the same thing they would have been asking for their money at the box office.

Another feature of the evening's entertainment (?), and one which was by far more attractive, if one were looking for the unusual, was the annual outburst of the students in the galleries. During the entire performance these in the pit of the house were treated to bombardments from above, consisting of showers of confetti, beans, peas and sometimes eggs, clouds of flour, bran and other powdered substances, streamers of paper bunting, toilet paper, and occasionally live fowls, released from above to come squawking down in the midst of an elaborate coiffure or the waves of chiffon about the shoulders of some fair dame.

This year the theatre-going public has been offered something different in the university theatre night. A committee was appointed to arrange a new style entertainment and decided that the best plan was to stage a grand series of vaudeville acts, the different faculties and organizations to compete with each other in respect to the best set put over, instead of carrying on the competition in the gallery.

Everything went fine and a good show resulted. It was too long, it

is true, and some of the acts dragged a little, but this was more than repaid by those acts which certainly did not drag, and for a first attempt it far surpassed anything that had been expected of it. So good was it that the committee, being unable to give accommodation to all those desiring tickets, decided to run it again, and did so on Monday, March 13th. On the second occasion several of the slower parts had been cut out and all the best sections retained and arranged into a really attractive show.

The new theatre night has much in its favour. In the first place, it does not do away with a training of the dramatic instinct, but rather gives more of the students a chance in that direction. Where before but twenty persons appeared in the cast, there is an opportunity for a hundred or more in the new arrangement.

The audience is treated to an ever-changing panorama of gaiety, originality, beauty, and all the arts, and is permitted to wear respectable attire to the theatre without fear of having it ruined by missiles from above. The theatre management does not have to engage a special squad the next day to clean up the wreckage. In fact, if the two performances put on this year can be taken as examples, everybody is satisfied that the new theatre night programme is both successful and satisfactory in every way.

TELLING WAR SECRETS.

Germany and France are eagerly talking over some of the "revelations" in the memoirs of Gen. Von Moltke, former commander of the Hohenzollern armies. The records of Von Moltke have been forbidden publication in Germany, but there are avenues open for placing the main facts of the memoirs before the world. That has been accomplished by the literary man placed in charge by Von Moltke's widow and a prominent Parisian newspaper. What is making French and German tongues wag is Von Moltke's statement that in these rehearsals Gen. Von Kluck, in command of the right wing, failed to master his role in the invasion via Belgium. In each of the three annual rehearsals Von Kluck, according to Von Moltke, made the same mistake. At the first rehearsal he was reprimanded by Von Moltke and told that if he did that in actual war the Prussians would lose. The strange part of the revelations is why, after Von Kluck had so convincingly demonstrated his incapacity to act as the campaign plans ordered, he was left in command to repeat for the fourth time in actual war the very blunder he had committed for three successive years in army manoeuvres.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE QUIET VILLAGE. In Prunville, when the clocks strike nine, the lights go out along the line, the streets are dark and bare; and moral citizens, at that, wind up the clock, turn out the cat, and to the hay repair. At times the citizens will go to see a helpful movie show that some great truth expounds, or when a lecturer arrives to brighten up their quiet lives with hoarse but earnest sounds. But breaks like these are far between; the voters are but seldom seen away from home at night; no lights are shining in their homes, but harmless dreams pervade their domes, where they are sleeping tight. If you remark their lives are tame, they'll tell you of a checker game that lasted seven years, with final honors yet to win—and they can't see why you should grin, nor understand your sneers. Gay alleys from the crowded marts there for gas to run their carts, and gaze with high disdain; to live in such a burg, they've said, when there are towns that are not dead, is neither safe nor sane. But Prunville people, in their way, seem cheerful, jubilant and gay, despite the city's jeers; in their old age they're hale and spry, they laugh and sleep and seldom die at less than five score years.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

Q—Canada will soon complete one of the great scenic automobile roads in America. Where? A—The Dominion Parks Branch of the Canadian Government will complete during the summer of 1922 an automobile road which will link up the national parks in the Rockies with the Glacier and Yellowstone and other American Parks, making a route of wonderful scenic beauty.

Q—Who was the first pilot on the St. Lawrence River? and when? A—Abraham Martin was the first "King's pilot" on the St. Lawrence, over 200 years ago. The Plains of Abraham at Quebec are named after him, and a monument to his memory is being erected. He got his farm as a grant from Champlain in 1617—the land on which the battle took place between Wolfe and Montcalm.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

GIVE GOD THE BEST: Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.—Proverbs 3: 9.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

"There's Music in the Air" Of course we knew 'twas really so When folks told us that it was there. But now, with our new radio, We hear that music in the air.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when no man felt really dressed up unless his mustache was waxed at the ends.

The Poor Grass Widow Agains. Judge: "What's the charge?" Cop: "Cutting the grass." Judge: "What!?" Cop: "He's a rake, your honor, and he stabbed the divorced wife of his pal."

How It Started. They couldn't agree on the make of car to buy.

Should Quit Knocking. The knock-kneed girl is greatly shocked To often hear Her knock-knees knocked.

The Kind Most of Us Have. "Every man has a chance to get rich," says Adam Breede. Yes, Adam, a fat chance.

Why Didn't He (or She) Keep Them in His Mouth? (Classified ad. in Afternoon Contemporary)

Men Are So Cross When They're Sick "Doctor," said the weary wife, "while you are taking John's temperature I wish you would also take his temper and drop it in the first ash can you come to."

Joyous Reminder. The wintry skies their clouds will doff. The storms will soon be gone. And we can take our rubbers off. And put our golf shoes on. Washington Star.

Since winter now has had its day. We'll say good-by to snow; The coal shovel we'll lay away 'Nret busy with the hoe.

Fool Questions. D. B. asks: "When they try a man's patience, who acts as judge and who is the prosecuting witness?"

One of Life's Impossibilities. Says J. H. Reed: "It usually costs a person something in time or money to discover that he is wrong." Yes, and on the other hand there is neither time nor money enough in the world to convince some of these birds that they ever can be wrong.

How About Making Up the Bed? "She is the most fascinating woman I ever saw. She never seems to be able to make up her mind about anything," remarked the First Friend. "Yes, and it also takes her the longest time to make up her face," snapped the Second Friend.

Is This Why They're Wearing Knickerbockers? Among the modern ladies To smoke, they say, is all the rage. But still in scratching matches The men still have some advantage.

Modesty is Relative, It Seems "Pa, what is a prude," asked Clarence. "It is a girl to whom nature has been unkind and who consequently thinks these modern styles that reverse so much of the human anatomy are very immodest, my son," replied Pa.

Daily Sentence Sermon. Don't be a hog. Get yours, but let the other fellow get his, too.

News of the Names Club. J. A. Crow lives at Topeka, but G. F. who sends in the name, says any orthologist knows a Jay never is A Crow.

Ho Hum! A prude will just turn up Her pretty little nose At this immodest style Of rolling down the hose.

Where He Drew the Line "Can you support my daughter in the way she has been accustomed?" asked the Old Man. "I can surround her with most every luxury, but I will tell you frankly, I can't and won't surround her with all the family relations," angrily retorted the Young Man.

PAY QUEBEC DEBT. Apply \$10,000,000 by July 1st, Premier Taschereau Announces. Quebec, March 15.—That with part of the proceeds of the sale of liquor the Quebec government hopes to apply \$10,000,000 towards the redemption of the debt of the province before July 1st, was the statement made by Premier Taschereau in the assembly while speaking on the Nicol bill respecting the redemption of the public debt.

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COONAN DOYLE'S TOUR. Going to U.S. to Lecture on Life After Death. New York, March 15.—Sir Arthur Coonan Doyle will visit the United States next month to lecture in a brief tour on his investigations concerned with life after death. His local manager announced that the creator of "Sherlock Holmes" would discuss his personal experiences. One of his lectures will be illustrated with "some remarkable psychic photographs, taken under the most stringent scientific conditions." Sir Arthur expects to reach New York about April 8th.

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