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The size of the target determines most men's aim in life.

When Lloyd George shows up, there is usually a show-down.

France is just a bundle of nerves entirely surrounded by a deficit.

Take care of the pennies. Some kind friend will take care of the dollars for you.

Many persons learn deceit by laughing over stories that do not amuse them.

About time now for women to discard their summer straw hats for next winter's models.

Who can remember when a fashionable woman tried to attract attention with what she put on?

Even the most independent salesman in the world would be glad to take orders from anyone right about now.

Jack Spratt could eat no fat; his wife could eat no lean. You see, they spent their money for the jenny's gasoline.

The map whom Progress dropped behind some years ago finds some consolation in scolding about "ignorant majorities."

Oh, very well. Let Stines monopolize trade. One man will be easy to handle when again we make the world safe for democracy.

The Hollywood custom of taking "nightcaps" at a neighbor's house may be excused; but having night-gowns there is a little too much.

A correspondent asks whether it is right to say "The man was hung" or "The man was hanged." The modern version is: "The jury disagreed."

One pleasant thing about believing in evolution is that it enables the average man to be a little less pessimistic about the future of the race.

Prediction that the next election campaign will be conducted by radio carries the consolation that one won't have to listen in unless one wants to.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," they say, but who'd have thought, twenty years ago, that the ladies would insist on taking that literally.

Many girls who thought bobbed hair was going to be a blessing have now discovered that it takes longer to use the curling iron than it formerly did the hairpins.

A man has just invented a turnstile to register the return of bees to the hive. Next we may expect to hear of an improvement that will weigh the nectar brought in.

There's a fellow in our town who is so tight he asked the barber how much he made on the scrapped hair lying about on the floor, with a view to kicking about the price of his haircut.

The street car stopped but the tongues of the two women who told each other everything kept on. "I just think Christmas is such a wonderful day," said one and continued, but all the men had decided to walk the rest of the way down town.

THE GLORY WANES.

The worst foe of the soldier is the expert. Science has taken all the glory out of soldiering. Once there were elements of colorful adventure in war. The uniforms were gorgeous; there was much wild, free ranging of the open country; there was the fun of camping out and the charm of genial comradeship; a small percentage of fighting to the days spent in camp and on the march; and much appeal to the sense of honor even in the relations of foe to foe. It was a glorious thing to be a soldier.

The other day someone made the rounds of a military hospital and asked the convalescent soldiers what they thought of the use of poisonous gas in war. The soldiers didn't like poisonous gas. If there is any reason why a professional soldier should like war it is because it appeals to him as a sort of sport. But no good sport would use poisonous gas. No hunter deserving of the name would use rabbits that had succeeded in taking refuge in a hole in the ground. There never again will be glory in war so long as soldiers must burrow in the ground and await their hour of extermination by having their lungs burned out.

LIGHTNING RODS VINDICATED.

Information gathered from insurance companies, who make a practice of inspecting the lightning rod system on all farm buildings, on which they give special rates, goes to show that lightning rods, when properly erected, are 99.9 per cent. effective. That is, only one building in every thousand which are properly rodded is liable to be burned. Thus hundreds of thousands of dollars would be saved to the Ontario farmers every year if all the rural buildings were rodded.—Toronto Mail & Empire.

The lightning rod has come to be associated in the minds of many rural folk with swindlers. It has been extensively used by unscrupulous men as a medium with which to defraud farmers. Consequently there has grown up in some quarters distrust of the efficiency of the device. But though there may be cheats among the lightning rod salesmen, the rod itself cannot justly be condemned. On the contrary, it deserves to be held in high esteem, as the above clipping from the Mail & Empire proves. The Ontario fire marshal also strongly advises its use in rural districts.

There is satisfaction in thus being assured of the value of the protective device most commonly used. Lightning causes much anxiety in the country districts—and with reason. Hundreds of barns and other buildings are destroyed by it every year. Owing to the absence of fire-fighting equipment in the country, it is a more serious matter for lightning to strike a home there than in the city. Lightning also takes toll of human lives annually. It is a menace that is not to be taken lightly.

A college professor who has made a deep study of the subject asserts that there is much needless fear of lightning. He explains that many bolts of the atmospheric electricity are only strong enough to flash from one cloud to another, and so are harmless. Most of the damage done by the bolts which reach the earth could be prevented, he adds, if modern methods of lightning protection were generally employed. He approves the lightning rod as one of the best safeguards.

As the season of thunderstorms draws nigh, it is timely for country people, whose barns are not protected, to consider the advice. It may be well for them to be on guard against lightning rod agents, but there is no reason why they should be skeptical of the value of all lightning rods.

THE SUPREME DEMAND.

In his letter to the church at Colossae the Apostle Paul makes use of a phrase in referring to the "higher" religious teaching in vogue in that church, as teaching "after the tradition of men, and after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." His supreme objection to this new teaching was that it infringed on the rights of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this he gives us a standard by which any new theology may be tested. Does any new teaching regard the work of Jesus Christ as requiring a supplement? Does any theory of the universe depreciate the authority of Christ as Redeemer? Does any philosophy make the cross of Christ of none effect? If so, such teaching, whether it be new or old, is inadequate and suspect. As one finely puts it:

"There are people to-day who are eloquent about the kingdom of God, more eloquent about the kingdom than about God. There are people engrossed in asserting themselves about immortality, and in danger of constructing a life beyond the grave without any Lord of life. There are people who are so absorbed in the rights and traditions of the church that their minds are beginning to forget that the church is only the organ and body of the Lord, Who is the Spirit. There are people who are analyzing the gospels with such critical zeal that they seem to be patronizing the Lord Jesus from the standpoint of a superior civilization which is able to detect the limitations of

His ethical code and the illusions of His spiritual outlook. This is no new thing. The history of Christianity in all churches and quarters has been marked by aberrations of this kind. Such views are not anti-Christian by any means. Indeed, there is a plausible note in their appeals, which ring with serious ethical and mystical passion. They are often sincerely anxious to find a place for Jesus Christ somewhere in their systems. Only, He is merely an element in them, not the standard. And that, to Paul, is the fatal flaw in any system, however plausible and logical, not according to Christ."

Beware of such teaching, says the Apostle. Yet in another letter he advises the church to "prove all things—hold fast that which is good." For Paul a doctrine was not necessarily good or bad because it was new. It might indeed be all the better because it was new. For Paul's gospel itself was a new word to the world, and in some sense every living gospel must be a new word. But it must be a word of Christ. This test is based on Christ as the supreme revelation of God's reality and that reality is self-sacrificing love. Christ is the Supreme Standard. What place does your religion give to Christ? How does your religion function in terms of Christ? The mind of Christ is the standard, the spirit of Christ is the commanding word.

Not according to Christ. It is a great word. By a strange irony even the Christian church had been nourished on a mechanical, abstract conception of the Christ based on the wrong interpretation of the writings of this same apostle Paul. It has taken nearly forty years for the church to unlearn this teaching "not according to Christ." And it is one of the triumphs of modern scholarship that they have restored to Christian students the real life-giving, energizing Christ, in the man Jesus.

It cannot be without good effect upon the Christian church that more lives, or partial lives, of Christ have been written in the last fifty years, than in the 500 years before that time. "Thou, O Christ, art all I want." So the Church sings, and in singing it meaningfully she will be saving herself from many of the morbid growths which affect her injuriously and from much so-called Christian teaching, some of it hoary with age, which is "not according to Christ."

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner.

Q—What is the secret ballot? A—The secret ballot, now in vogue in Canada, is so made that the identity of the voter is unknown, compared with the days of the open voting. There is no way of identifying the voter under the method now in use.

Q—Where is Amherst Island, and why so named? A—Amherst Island is in Lake Ontario, not far from Kingston, named after Lord Amherst who was raised to the peerage for his military services in North America in 1760 and previous years.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER.

FINANCIAL WIZARDS. Financial wizards rise at times, and cry, in accents sweet, "Oh, easy marks, bring us your dimes, and land in Velvet street! We'll pay you ninety nine per cent on all the coin you bring; with such returns, it's evident, you soon must dance and sing." The easy marks, in eager ranks, to Wizard calls respond, and draw their money from the banks, and cash the U.S. bond; oh, every kopeck they can scrape, they promptly, gladly ship; no hoarded coins of their escape the Wizard's master grip. "Ods death," the prudent bankers say, "why ship the good long green? Why send the shining seeds away to guys you've never seen? We'll show you how you may invest in safety all your own; why strip, we ask, your treasure chest, to back some fake unknown?" "You only pay some five per cent," the easy marks reply; "on sudden riches we are bent, and that's the reason why." And then some day we read once more of how some Wizard failed, his millions blown, while round his door the maddened victims wailed. "At last," we sigh, "the easy marks have learned their lesson dire; hereafter they will shun the sharks, as burned kids shun the fire." But when tomorrow's wizard tells of fortunes swiftly made, the easy marks, all wearing bells, will to his door parade.

—WALT MASON.

Plan to Put Shingles Upon U. S. Free List

Washington, March 15.—The senate finance committee, which is working on the tariff bill, has decided to put shingles on the free list. The house bill had a duty of 50 cents on shingles. Otherwise the lumber provisions of the house bill are retained, and all finished lumber will come in free. Far western lumber interests were seeking to put up the bars against Canadian lumber.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

SEEK THINGS ABOVE:—Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.—Colossians 3: 2. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.—Matthew 6: 24.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

Anything But Gentle. If this is gentle Spring We'd hate to see it rough; With rain and snow and wind It's surely tough enough!

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when castor oil and strap oil were considered the best remedies for what ailed the youngsters.

A Hot Place. First Flat Dweller—'d like to get an apartment there.' Second Ditto—Where? First Flat Dweller—In a heated argument. The building we are in never is.

About Due. And now the man Will come to bat Who always springs The first straw hat.

How It Started. He refused to buy her a new Easter bonnet. "A guard for trouser watch pockets to prevent theft of their contents has been invented."—News item.

Better Try Again. "Very interesting; but what the men of to-day want is a guard for the trouser hip pocket that will prevent the contents of that one being stolen."

Pool Questions. G. F. asks: "What do they give a girl a 'coming out' party when she is going into society? Why try to explain anything girls or their mamas do?"

Her Talk Kept Him Awake. "Doctor, I am troubled with insomnia; tell me some way I can get sleep," asked Henry Peck. "Send your wife away for a long visit," snapped the doctor, who knew Maria.

Sad. The saddest words Of tongue or pen; The auto broken Down again. —Detroit Free Press.

Next saddest to These words, alas! The old machine Is out of gas. —Canton News.

And sadder still These words to hear: "Heh! You big boob, You can't park here!"

Home, Sweet Home. "You haven't a grain of sense!" cried the angry wife. "The fact I married you proves 'hat' retorted the brutal husband.

Don't This Make You Dizzy? We know that Arkansas Mississippi across the river, but did you know that Arkansas Mississippi give Iowa—Holyoke.

Even Then It Might Not Be Straight. Blinks—It sounds paradoxical, doesn't it? Jinks—What does? Blinks—It takes crooked work to get straight whisky these days.

So Take That! There was a young fellow named Chimondely, Who was in love with a maiden quite comdomeley. When he asked her to wed The girls frankly said, "Well I might if you weren't quite so homidomeley." —Dot, Milwaukee.

Daily Sentence Sermon. Here's an old one recalled: "The man who don't blow his own little tin horn sin't gonna have his own little tin horn blown."

News of the Names Club. The "jays" are not all bright, but you'll find Jay Albright at Denmark, Ohio.

If he does, we will have to forbid Will Flatt, of Denver, from singing in the Club's chorus.

Well, Don't Kiss Through 'Em. G. N. S. says that kissing through a veil is like eating mock-turtle soup. It sounds good, but tastes funny.

Speed 'Er Up, Weather Man. We long for May, When trees will bloom, And we can lock The furnace room.

Here as a Day in June. Our idea of a lucky wife is one who has a husband who loves her as much as he loves himself.—Sam Hill. Is that why so many wives complain they are out of luck?—J. H. Reed.

AT CHRISTIE'S LAKE.

Syndicate of C. P. R. Officials Has Purchased Two Islands. Christie's Lake, March 17.—Tom

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