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Heresy: The act of being a minority.

At that, the birth rate of suckers is no greater than the birth rate of Fords.

The chief objection to the plain people is that some of them are so darned plain.

The fly in the ointment of a perfect picnic is the one in the mayonnaise dressing.

It isn't what a woman says that is shocking, but the fact that a woman could say it.

It may yet become fashionable for the much divorced lady to list her six nicest husbands.

Another disadvantage about obeying the traffic laws is that it makes one so conspicuous.

As the fishing season flashes by, we wait with ever-growing impatience for a strike wave of paragraphs.

One explanation of the modern girl is that she learned how to handle a typewriter instead of a frying pan.

After a week at a summer resort, one understands that it isn't necessary to go south to study the palms.

When the book agent confesses that few families have sufficient culture to appreciate the work, the set is sold.

One good thing about summer is that it reduces the butter to a state where a butter knife can make a dent in it.

Another reason why there was less sex interest in the old days was because people stayed at home once in a while.

Civilization has reached the point where almost any barber can bob a woman's hair without feeling self-conscious.

An old-timer is one who can remember when mothers of a community used the lively stable loafer as a horrible example.

We would have the measure of Adam's repentance if we knew how many apple trees he planted after leaving the Garden.

Booze on board ships flying the United States flag may yet do much to encourage development of that country's inland waterways.

Although the ocean is the common property of every country, and as such is free to all, yet, according to generally recognized international law, every country exercises jurisdiction over the sea within three miles of its shores.

Probably the oldest living thing in the world, older than the cedars of Lebanon, or the giant sequoia of California, is a cypress tree recently discovered by a naturalist in the churchyard of a small town in Mexico.

The diameter of its trunk is 50 feet, 15 feet more than that of the large known sequoia. Judging from a similar cypress, which was found when cut down to have 200 year rings for every foot of growth, this cypress must be 5000 years old.

It is still flourishing, although it was well grown when the pyramids were being built.

TOO BUSY TO GROW OLD.

Grow old along with me; the best is yet to be. The last of life, for which the first was made.—Browning.

One of life's incongruities is that so many who are young long to be old that they may enjoy the fruits of power and place, fruits that are in the thought of youth associated with age, while so many who are old look back ruefully with futile yearning to be young again.

Not all reach after phantoms. There are some at every age who are too much concerned with the realities of life, too much engrossed in zeal to do, to waste their days and dull their energies in impatience or lamentation.

One such is Thomas A. Edison, who the other day observed the seventy-fifth anniversary—at work upon the phonograph, the child of his invention, to bring it one step nearer to perfection.

"It's what is ahead that interests me, not the past," he said.

And that, we may believe, has been the thought of Mr. Edison all his life. The useful man is ever looking ahead, not in terms of years, but in terms of accomplishment. And if he be a great man, the day will never come, while he has health and strength, when he will cease to look ahead.

In this sense there is great, underlying truth in Browning's lines. If, as our years increase, our store of knowledge and wisdom increases in measure, we shall have little reason to look backward—save to profit by experience—and little reason to look forward save to plan for greater achievement and larger service. The life that is cumulative in its richness may calmly, even pleasantly, anticipate the crowning powers that come with years. The last of life is indeed the best of any life that grows, expands, keeps pace.

A DESCENT INTO CANNIBALISM.

A Russian newspaper issued in Paris has published a long account of a study made by Russian psychiatrists into the conditions which existed in the famine regions during the horrors of last winter. The specific object of the study was to investigate the reports that cannibalism was rampant in some parts of the stricken area. These reports, according to the investigating committee, were found to be only too true. One particularly glaring case which was found by the doctors was that of a young man, twenty-three years old, who boasted that he had killed and eaten sixteen persons, his first victim being his wife. The only reason for this atrocious action was that the pangs of hunger became too great to be borne, and then came the descent into a state of cannibalism which is revolting to all civilized people.

Even after taking into consideration the low state of intelligence in many parts of Russia, and the ignorance and darkness from which the people there suffer, this descent into cannibalism serves to show how thin is the veneer of civilization which covers the social life of human beings. It may be, of course, that there were mental defects in those who were guilty of this practice, but the bald statement of fact is that, faced with a death of starvation, with the pangs of hunger gnawing at their vitals, these men forgot their sacred obligations as human beings, they became as beasts of prey, killed their most beloved ones, and satisfied their cravings by eating human flesh.

The question which naturally arises is: "Could this have happened in any other country but Russia?" It is a hard question to answer, but the view of the psychiatrist is that men are much the same all the world over, and that, given the same conditions, they would all act in very much the same manner. Driven back to elemental conditions by disaster or misfortune, men would again begin a struggle, in a physical sense, for the survival of the fittest. With the veneer of civilization stripped away, men would descend to a par with the savages of uncivilized lands; and even in this twentieth century it is apparent that this veneer does not go very deep. It was penetrated by the lusts of war, it is being penetrated daily by the struggles of men to crush their business rivals; and the descent into a primal state of existence is not a very long one, when conditions come such as were prevalent in Russia. The outside world would revolt in horror from the thought of what took place in that country, but, after all, there is no telling what might have happened had similar conditions existed in any other nation of a much boasted higher civilization.

THE FARM AS A HEALTH RESORT

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of child welfare work, particularly in rural districts, is the ignorance of the parents regarding the defects of their children, and the refusal to take seriously any suggestion that such defects might exist. It is generally considered that there is no better environment than the farm for the upbringing of healthy children. It is usually thought that the healthy life, close to nature, with plenty of food, plenty of fresh air and outdoor exercise, constitute ideal conditions

for the normal growth and development of young people. In spite of this, however, it has been found by the Ontario Department of Health that there is a large percentage of defective vision, defective teeth, adenoids and diseased tonsils among children in rural districts. It is hard to credit this, but on examinations made this was the true condition of affairs revealed.

One of the officials of the department, in reporting on health in rural communities, lays stress on the need for educating the people regarding the possible defects in their children. In one place where he addressed a meeting he was told that there was little sickness in the neighborhood, and that the children were all strong, healthy youngsters who did not need medical or nursing supervision. Yet the figures for that district showed that out of 375 supposedly healthy children between six and twelve years of age attending school there, only about eighty were without physical defects of one kind or another. None of them had had a previous examination, and their parents never imagined there was anything wrong with them. They were just growing like weeds, with the physical condition left to chance, without any thought of what the result might be.

The pitiful part of this matter is that a large majority of these defects could be put right in early life if given the proper attention. The parents, however, do not know of them, and in some cases resent the insinuation that their children has physical defects that were being neglected. This prejudice must be removed if the department of health's programme for healthier boys and girls is to be successful. It can only be removed by a thorough plan of education on the subject, for no parent, however careless, once this condition is realized, would do anything to mar the young child's right to have the best possible chance in life. If they are neglected it is because they do not know, and because they have come to believe in the farm as a health resort, where the doctor comes in only in case of serious illness. Happily, the work of the department, through community nurses and other officials, is rapidly bearing fruit, and in some parts of Ontario the prejudice is breaking down. To dispel it completely will be a long task, but by the proper educational methods it can be driven entirely away; and the ignorance which results in neglect of the children's health will completely disappear.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

Q.—How many fur-trading posts are still conducted by the Hudson's Bay Company?

A.—The Hudson's Bay Company, which is over 250 years old, still conducts over 200 fur-trading posts in all parts of central and western Canada.

Q.—What are Canadian Clubs?

A.—Canadian Clubs have been formed in practically every city in Canada. Weekly luncheon meetings are held, addressed by leaders of various kinds. It is a national and non-partisan in its form.

An Ideal Bobby.

Down Kingston way there is a policeman who comes nearest the ideal Bobby possible. He is a mine of information about Kingston and cheerfully gives up information to strangers about the many beauty spots and other sights of Kingston and how best to see them. He knows all about the street car railway, where it goes, where it passes, how, why, when and where, and is a booster for Kingston beyond price. Anyone talking with this policeman for a few minutes is bound to get a good impression of Kingston and be inspired with the desire to see more of it, in fact I know a party who were going out on the afternoon train after a brief stop but after talking with this policeman on the corner of lower Princess street where the street car lines branch off westward they decided to materially prolong their stay. This Bobby speaks with a strong Liverpool accent and deserves a salary as Kingston's Best Booster. —Belleville Ontario.

Shortage of Brick.

Local builders are being hampered by an acute shortage of bricks and advice received from various manufacturers indicates that no immediate relief is in sight. Some of the out-of-town firms manufacturing various lines of fancy bricks are advising agents that as a result of having to use poor grades of coal recently, kilns of brick which they were depending on for shipment have been spoiled. Some firms are not promising anything in the way of delivery before sixty days.

Formerly of Middleville.

The sad tidings were received at Lanark of the death of James Mitchell, Tuftsville, Sask., at the early age of forty-one years. Deceased was a native of Middleville, having been born on June 1st, 1831, and remained there till he reached man's estate when he left for Saskatchewan and homesteaded at Tuftsville where he prospered. For sometime previous to his demise he had been in poor health. He leaves a widow and one child.

It is better to sink in the sea than to sink among men.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY THE ONLY SAFE TRUST.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.—Psa. 20: 7.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

No Place To Rest. I never get so tired Of standing on my feet, That I care to sit on The anxious seat.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. The only thing more hideous than knickers girls ever have worn were the old-fashioned pantalettes.

What Made the Light Work Dirty? (Classified ad in Newark (Ohio) Advocate)

WANTED—FEMALE HELP Young girl to wash dishes and light work around the house. 32 East Locust St. Phone 1484. 7-26-21x.

Ouch! "I'm standing on my right," the loud talker on the car was saying to his companion. "Divil of a bit ya' are," growled an Irishman standing next to him, "y're standing on the corns on me left."

Hardest Things in the World To Explain. A black eye. Where you were last night. What became of your money. A woman's whims.

No Joke. We've had enough of strikes and strife. Let's all be good; For life would be more pleasant if We only would.

No Law Agin That. "You don't have wine with your meals since the advent of prohibition." "No, all my wife and I have with our meals now are words."

Fool Questions. T. E. M. asks: "Is it proper to speak of a dashund as a low down dog?"

Ho, Hum. Emma Calve, according to a weekly publication, says the audience recognized her legs. There's a good wheeze in that, but you better think it out for yourself.

Gems From Guide Book to Success. A showing of authority is about all the claim some people have to attention.—J. E. F.

Heaven! Isn't He a Bouncing Baby, Too! (Barthell Cor. McCreary County Record) Mr. and Mrs. Yeas Ball are the proud parents of a large baby boy.

Away With Them. Oh, into space He should be hurled, He always says "I'll tell the world." —Sam Hill.

You've said her, Sam, Now get Nell Toots, Her choicest slang "Is 'bet your boots." —N. K. Bowman, Bodwil, Ohio.

This Calls For Snappy Judgment. Dear Sam: "How's this for Volstead days—Rev. Will B. Campbell lives at Winchester, Ky." —D. Snapp, Paris, Ky.

Daily Sentence Sermon. A man who refuses to discharge his duty is sure to get himself discharged.

News of the Names Club. G. O. Farr, of Huntington, W. Va. is a travelling salesman, so we suppose he does. L. M. Shapely, of Richmond, Va. weighs 300 pounds and is a shapely as a hoghead.

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