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"The flapper lives for the present," and dyes for it.

A boundary line is a natural growth, not a mark on a map.

The biggest Turk victory was chasing Ireland off the front page.

The old stage hold-up has been revived on a larger scale. All the world's a stage.

One-tenth of remorse is located in the conscience and nine-tenths in the sore spots.

Greece, maker of history, is content now with making long-distance running records.

Not every candidate who has a lot of crust will hand out a lot of pie after election day.

Civilization has gone so far that being mistaken for a bootlegger is a help at the bank.

Some people indulge their appetites in the things they enjoy, and some keep good health.

This is the season when he-men begin to make futile resolves not to wear heavy ones this winter.

Well, the Near East muddle has turned discussion away from reparations and war debts for a few days.

It is a wise political party that leaves the taxpayer a little spare change for campaign contributions.

In dealing with Turkey the nations have common cause," says a headline. Also, we trust, common sense.

The Turks have proved that a religious war is one in which the fighters don't give a cuss for anything.

Some drivers wreck their cars when blinded by headlights, but more wreck them when blinded by moonshine.

There are two kinds of old men: the one the community calls "old man Hicks," and the one the community calls "Dad."

It is sad to think of Greeks being burned, but it usually happens when one engages to rake chestnuts out of the fire.

The most forlorn thing in the known world is a prohibitionist stranded where he can't get his morning cup of coffee.

There are many ways to save fuel, as the various fuel commissioners suggest, but perhaps the most effective is to go visiting.

Even some men who receive credit for more than ordinary business sense pay no attention to the warning sign at a railway crossing.

Some of the love letters written by the old boys indicate that hardening of the arteries is less to be dreaded than softening of the brain.

Correct this sentence: "Come right in," cried the woman; "I won't ask you to excuse the appearance of the house, for I think it looks extremely well."

POST OFFICE REFORM.

Hon. Charles Murphy, postmaster general, is to be commended for his action in instituting business methods in the administration of his department, which under the late government was characterized by inefficiency and the most wasteful expenditure of money.

A glance at the official report of the post office department for the year 1921 shows that there is need for the exercise of greater efficiency and economy. The net revenue was \$29,331,118.97 and the expenditure \$24,661,262.26, leaving a surplus of \$4,669,856.71.

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people none fills so large a place as that familiar figure—the letter carrier to whom no more fitting tribute has been written than the inscription on the New York post office which reads: 'Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.'

In concluding his address Hon. Mr. Murphy said: "By reason of the position that I happen to occupy, I want to make the men and women in the postal service of Canada feel that they are partners in the greatest of all the dominion's public undertakings, that their individual judgment is valued and that their welfare is of the utmost importance to the successful operation of the whole organization. They are more than employees—they rank as members in the Order of Public Merit, and to make them conscious of the high significance of their calling is, in my judgment, the most important work I have to do, because I realize that the spirit in which they do their work affects the spirit of the whole Canadian people."

RETURNING TO TRUE WOMANHOOD.

In spite of many protests from some of the ultra modern young members of the female sex, there are indications that the women of to-day are gradually forsaking many of the extremes in living and dressing which have been prevalent for the past few years. Obedient to the dictates of the goddess of fashion, the extremely short skirt is disappearing, and it is being supplemented by a style of more modest proportions. The old street-sweeping style is not coming into vogue as some of the younger girls seem to fear, but there is a distinct improvement in the newer fashions, and knee-length skirts are becoming decidedly out-of-date.

In addition to these indications that women are realizing that these things are a departure from the best in modesty and womanhood, there comes a report from fashionable Ottawa that cigarette smoking amongst women is rapidly declining, and threatens to die out. This habit, which became popular during the war years, and has persisted with us since, for a time threatened to be a permanent institution; but, like all unnatural customs, it was bound to die out. Smoking is no more a natural thing for a woman than waist-length hair is for a man, and it rested entirely with the women themselves to root it out of the list of habits of those of their sex. They have apparently done so of their own accord, for protests on the part of men simply brought declarations of the new found independence of womanhood and a persistence in the habit.

The putting aside of these eccentricities of dress and living mark a return of our women to the true principles of modesty and womanhood. It only remains for those women who believe in the return of a more modest form of female conduct to show by example that these things are not considered smart. If it is made known that they are simply not done by well-behaved and well-bred women, they will soon disappear entirely.

RESUSCITATING THE BIKE.

Following the example of the motor car manufacturers, the bicycle manufacturers have announced cuts in prices. They believe that this policy will widen their market and double their sales within three years. It is not an unreasonable expectation. There is obviously a revival of interest in the wheel. Even in the days when \$100 was the standard price "everybody" rode one. Compared with that of a motor car, its present cost is almost negligible. Could bicycle riding be made a little easier and safer, there would undoubtedly be much more of it than there is now.

In the first place, there is no better form of outdoor exercise. The bicyclist can cover more ground than the pedestrian, and, unless he indulges in the reprehensible practice of "scorching," sees just as much of the country. Riding in a car has its pleasures, but it is not exercise. The verge of the automobile, to be sure, is not in the least likely to diminish, nor is there any reason why it should. But it is a pity that the wheel should be largely crowded out of its legitimate field as a means of recreation, or its usefulness for short trips of any kind be disregarded.

What is needed more than anything else is protection of the rider from the encroachments of the motor car. All but the more remote roads are practically monopolized by motorists, too often selfishly. Some provision should be made for every kind of traffic. It is a problem not without difficulties, but a solution of it is possible. The suggestion that bicycle paths be laid along the margins of the roads is not impracticable. If the bicycle manufacturers accomplish what they expect by cutting

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

AN OLD MAN'S TESTIMONY.—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.—2 Timothy 4: 7.

prices, the demand for such paths will be backed by enough people to give it weight.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL.

Ouch. His rise was rapid, yes, But not to fame—alack! You see, poor fellow, he Had sat upon a tack.

He Was Wise. "Buy this cheap car and bank the difference," urged the automobile salesman. "Huh!" growled his victim: "I'd surely need a bank account to keep that kind of a bus running all right. I'd rather pay the difference and get a car whose upkeep didn't cost double the price of the car in the first place."

The fashions change so much I often wonder how The girls are gonna dress A hundred years from now.

That's a Feet. When it comes to counting our blessings most of us are pretty good at arithmetic.—Sam Hill in Cincinnati Enquirer. "That is a mouthful, succinctly said, it is gospel truth, on the dead—we kick and grumble, pine and scold, not realizing that we're well off—we tell our troubles far and loud, not seeing the sun behind the cloud.—Tom Deming, Warren, Ohio.

Ouch. Blinks: "It says here the average dream lasts only five seconds." Jonks: "Oh, I don't know. I think the average honeymoon lasts a little longer than that."

He Must Be a Wanderer! Dear Sam: Adam Startup runs a garage at Wuerstboro, N. Y. If he can start up all the engines that come to his garage he ought to get more business than he can handle.—Mrs. J. A. P.

No Chance. Oh, boy, we'd surely like to see A candidate produced Who could make good his promises to Get taxes all reduced.

Fool Questions. F. U. L. asks: "Why haven't the Wets ever thought of calling on Rainmaker instead to produce a little more moisture in this arid land? You forget, Old Top, his specialty is water, and water is the last thing the Wets are after."

Too Near Near. "What do you know about this Near Eastern question?" asked Mrs. Grouch. "That it isn't anything like as near as the winter coal question," snapped her husband.

S. O. S. For an Interpreter. We hear a lot about men knowing and understanding so much more than the women, but here is a fashion note that is perfectly clear to every woman, but we'd like to see the brainiest man in the world who could figure out what the writer was talking about: "Blinky draperies, tightly swathed hips and jeweled cabochons mark the dresses of blistered satin, with Matelesse effects."

Keeps His Feet on Ground, as It Were An aviator is Quite calm, I'll swear, For one who always is Up in the air.

Game From Guide Book to Success. The man who "knows it all"—who is not receptive to either suggestion or advice, is headed straight on to the "Rock of Disaster." Steer clear of him.—J. E. F.

Shed a Tear For Her. "What has become of the old-fashioned maid who used to save all her kisses for the man to whom she was engaged?"—Sam Hill. She is practically extinct, Sam; the Modern Maid is a pretty wise bird, and I surmise, fully understands that, as a rule, it is not long after marriage until a wife's kisses become a drug on the market; so she disposes of hers as she goes along, while the demand is brisk, and I don't blame her. I am, or was, one of the O. F. M.'s, so I know whereof I speak, and if I had it all to do over again, believe me, I would not be struggling along to-day with a stock of kisses for which the bottom of the market has long since fallen out.—Julia C.

Never. Brown: "I just heard Lovem and his

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