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The first bond of society is the marriage tie—the next our children.

Truth About "Evangeline"

Addressing the Wentworth county teachers' annual banquet at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario, recently, Rev. Dr. Cody, former Minister of Education, stated that "Evangeline" should be removed from the Canadian school books, as he knew of no poem with a more subtle influence to create a wrong, yet indelible impression of British justice, chivalry, and administration.

Canon Cody's arraignment of "Evangeline" as bad history is perhaps nearer the truth than his estimate of Longfellow's tedious hexameters as beautiful poetry. Greater poets and dramatists have exercised poetic license and misrepresented historic facts, but in few instances has there been so fantastic a distortion of the rights of a case.

The dry facts are that the Acadians, after the conquest of their country by the British, and its cession to France, were given repeated opportunities of remaining undisturbed on their lands, on condition of taking the oath of allegiance, which they would not do, but for the contrary persuasion of their clergy. They neglected warning after warning, and abused the indulgence of the British authorities. Nevertheless there is a question if their general expulsion would have been finally decided upon but for the insistence of the New Englanders, and it was John Winslow, a colonial officer, of Boston, to whom the operation was entrusted.

Champion Milk Cow. Although the Canadian cow De Kol Plus Segis Dixie holds the record for butter fat with 1,349 pounds for a year, the highest figure for milk is held by Segis Fenestrite Prospect. This cow has completed a yearly semi-official test period with a record of 35,559.3 pounds of milk, containing 1,182.3 pounds of butter fat, according to an official announcement from the advanced registry department of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. With her previous world's record of 37,381.4 pounds of milk and 1,158.95 pounds of butter fat, she now holds the two highest records for milk production and is the only cow with two records each over 35,000 pounds of milk and 1,000 pounds of butter fat in a year. In her latest record, her highest daily production was 114.9 pounds of milk. "Prospect" is now ten years of age, weighs around 1,650 pounds and is owned by the Carnation Stock Farms, Seattle, Washington. She combines good Holstein type with milk production and has proved her ability to transmit these qualities to her offspring.

Brave the North. Alaskan commerce in 1923 amounted to more than \$80,000,000. What a great country Canada will be when its northern empire is developed proportionally. Vast mineral deposits probably wait discovery. Hard coal to solve all our problems close to ocean channels open part of the year. Millions of birds of reindeer and other animals could be herded and profitably in those silent wastes. No doubt the great fortunes of the next half century will come from northern adventures and prospectors.

Ontario Gold Output. A concise review of the present mining situation in the north, with details of the most important companies and maps of the gold camps, has been issued. They point out that while the world decrease in gold production has been 86 per cent. since 1915, the increase in the Ontario output has been no less than 156 per cent., and the outlook for this year is that Ontario will produce one-tenth of the world's total, as against only 7.3 per cent.

Some Job Is Right. Try kindness instead of compulsion in "uplifting" the moral nature of other people; and see that your own conduct is exemplary. Some Job

Marvelous Dolls' House Made for England's Queen Will be a Labor of Love

Many people learning for the first time of the extravagant pains and toiling and being expended on the famous doll's house that is to be presented to the Queen of England will think the game is hardly worth the candle. But the English people think otherwise. They recognize the Queen as the ideal wife and mother, the centre of whose life is her home, and they have thought somehow or other that a doll's house symbolizes her qualities. So when a noted artist made the suggestion that such a doll's house should be made for Queen Mary as had never been made in the world before, he struck a responsive note. Nobody said the idea was absurd, the ends trivial. Instead, enthusiasm was aroused, and for some months past many of the finest brains of English art and industry have been concentrating on the manufacture and equipment of this house. When it is completed, and the date announced now is in January, the house will be placed on exhibition and a fee charged. The money thus collected will be distributed among those charities which are nearest to the warm heart of the queen. After that the house will reside in Buckingham Palace.

We have no idea what it would cost a man to build and furnish such a house as is being offered to the Queen as a gift. Perhaps a million dollars would do it, for we can imagine that many of the distinguished people who have gladly given their time to the task would have been glad to do it for money or for the gratification of any one else but Queen Mary. For instance, it is said that more than 100 noted English authors are engaged at the moment with the smallest pens they can hold in writing passages from their most famous works to go in the miniature library.

It was Sir Edwin Lutyens, designer of the London Cenotaph, who conceived the idea, which he put in these words: "We are building a miniature model of the typical residence of to-day. It is so exact in every detail that it will have great historical value to succeeding generations. Everything connected with it is English make and in English taste." The doll's house will be eight feet high, and though the walls are of brick and cut-stone it is so constructed that these can be taken down. There is no make-believe in it from garret to cellar. Everything in it will be fashioned in the materials of the objects to be imitated on the scale of one inch to a foot. It will be tenanted by dolls who really live in England's royal palaces to-day, including King and Queen, two Prime Ministers, a Lord Chancellor, a general, a President of France, the King of an allied country, a doctor and even a journalist. We do not understand that these dolls will be faithful models of King George, Queen Mary, et al. That might be considered not dignified. But the historical importance of the dolls will be in their clothes and uniforms, which will be precisely correct.

One of the most extraordinary things being built for the house, or rather for the royal garage, is Rolls Royce, ten inches long, which will leave the factory in as perfect running order as any car ever turned out. There will also be a grand piano, with keys so small that it can be played. There is to be a perfect typewriter on the same scale. Stanley Anderson is drawing the smallest stitching in the world to hang on the library walls. The library itself will be, as nearly as possible, a copy of the King's library, and will contain numerous books, or fragments of books beautifully bound, all in the handwriting of the authors, some of the writing so small that it will be indistinguishable without a microscope. We understand that some of the authors are taking as much pride in their recently discovered ability to write so that they are practically invisible as they have taken in the process of their novels. Artists like Lavery, Cope and Orpen are painting masterpieces the size of postage stamps.

The house is, of course, wired by electricity and has two elevators, one for guests and one for their luggage. It has also a heating system, and running water. The interior will be carpeted in rugs being specially woven, and tiles specially cut. The contents will be as complete as in a real palace, even to the knick-knacks lying about such as dwarf playing cards, and sheet music, the last in the hands of some of the most noted of English composers and of a size appropriate to six-inch dolls. The dolls will not always be on parade. When an exhibition is not taking place they will be kept in drawers, and only dressed up for particular occasions unless, indeed, the Queen amuses herself by keeping them on duty in one or other of the score of uniforms and costumes that each will have. The whole thing is a unique compliment to Queen Mary. She is being given something that no money could buy by men who, speaking generally, she could do nothing for and who do not belong to the class in whose welfare she has taken the greatest interest.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Of Course He Didn't. Some Northumberland laborers were discussing a report of the death of a laborer which had proved to be false. "Folks what sends them reports about owt to be published," declared one man. "Hoots, man," ejaculated another, "whats dit matter? As yance knew a man that read his own death in the public papers, but he didn't believe a word owt!"



GALINA KOPERNAK. In "The Wasp," famous play at the Grand tonight and tomorrow night.

TO-DAY'S FASHION

By Vera Winston.



This Evening Gown is of Green Satin Slashed in Dark Blue.

Green and dark blue are an unusual combination for an evening gown, but a most effective one. This model is of green satin, and the deep crushed griddle is of midnight blue satin.

Beads of every bright color imaginable make a closely worked border which outlines the bust and the irregular hemline.

This model would be effective in black with a bright colored griddle and edging of black spangles.

Artist, Actor and Boy.

When Sir Henry Irving was staying at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, a small boy, about six years old, son of Mr. William Mollison, a well-known member of Sir Henry's company, strayed into his rooms one afternoon. Invited to make himself at home and take some refreshment, he consumed a pear and a bottle of lemonade with apparent satisfaction. Then, gazing steadfastly at his host, he said, "I do miss Phil May." "So do we all," said Sir Henry gravely. "Yes, but I miss him most," pursued the child. "He was my chum." "Ah, that makes it very hard!" said Sir Henry. There was a long pause, and then the little fellow asked very earnestly, "Will you be my chum now?" So they vowed eternal friendship on the altar of Phil May's memory.

Pearl Oysters.

Pearl oyster beds in the Gulf of Mannan, between Ceylon and the southern-most coast of India, have been located by the Government Inspector of Madras Fisheries. According to the report the beds which are still young are no less than twenty miles in extent. The earliest date of maturity is 1926, but in 1926 extensive operations are anticipated in accordance with the industrial development policy of Madras, which may restore to some extent India's former prestige in the pearl export trade. The only pearl fisheries of importance in India at present are along the extreme southern coast and the Merguili Islands, off Southern Burma. The latter are exploited by Japanese divers, and the production will be but slightly into Burmese exports.

Vicious Minds.

Little, vicious minds abound with anger and revenge, and are incapable of feeling the pleasure of forgiving their enemies.—Chesterfield.

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