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Genius, after all, is just ordinary ability wholly purged of laziness.

Example of ambiguity: "You did me good," said the man to the surgeon.

When a man goes broke, the clerk at the filling station is last to discover it.

The law assumes that a man is innocent until it is demonstrated that he is broke.

There were rude and ill-natured people in olden times, but they were not called realists.

The still small voice seldom gets a hearing if there's a profit clamoring to be taken.

Man about town: The common or garden variety of loafer, with benefit of spending money.

They laugh at colds who never took 'em off when tricked by the first warm day of spring.

Nothing in this world is certain except the intentions of a widower who goes a-courting.

Conscience is the thing that bothers you when meanness fails to pay the expected profit.

Well, why should we teach evolution? Evolution doesn't appear to have taught us much.

Another street improvement badly needed is the elimination of crooks on Easy Street.

A village is a place where affluence consists in having a girl to clean up the house on Saturdays.

The old-fashioned family head who asked the blessing before meals had meals that were worth it.

Few can be archaeologists, but all of us can get the thrill of hard adventure by digging up the rent money.

What we can't understand is why an executive needs an assistant when there is no decent golf weather.

You can't always tell. Even some of the people who pass these "Intelligence tests" make a success of life.

Fable: Once there was a man who had been so perfect as a boy that he didn't worry when his daughter went out with other boys.

There is no lack of humor in a world full of young sheiks wearing No. 13 collars and sixteen-hair mustaches.

Adam repeated, but doubtless there were days when he leaned on the plow handles and thought about how good the apple tasted.

Correct this sentence: "Just step into that room," said he, "and you will discover a score of men eager to find work."

BIBLE THOUGHT: SEEK YE THE LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55:6, 7.

THE ONTARIO REFERENDUM.

Opposition to the submission of a referendum on the Ontario Temperance Act to the people of Ontario, provided the questions therein are fairly stated and an opportunity is given for an accurate estimate of public opinion on this question, seems to be illogical, in the opinion of the Peterboro Examiner.

If the Ontario Temperance Act has been of benefit to this province, its friends surely have confidence enough in the judgment of the people to have them pronounce on its merits after the measure has been given a reasonable trial.

The voters of Ontario put the act on the statute books, and if the majority of them want to abolish it now and try some other method of dealing with the liquor problem it is getting far away from the spirit of democracy to say that they should not have a chance to express their views by the same means by which the Ontario Temperance Act became operative—that is, by the ballot.

It is for the people of this province to say what system of handling this social problem they prefer.

Care should be taken to see that the coming referendum is so arranged as to cover the question thoroughly and leave no doubt as to what is being voted on, and afterwards as to the result of the vote.

There should be no trick ballot, no confusion of issues, nothing to bewilder the voters as he sometimes has been bewildered in the past.

Let the referendum be a fair one with no possible room for misunderstanding, and there is no logical ground for opposing a vote being taken.

It will clear the air by either confirming for a long time to come the present liquor policy of the province or by showing a desire on the part of the majority for a system of government control.

DIVORCE CASES.

In England the most unsavory divorce trials are reported in full by the newspapers. The freedom of the press is greater over there than in Ontario and Quebec, as Canada's chief legislative body controls the hearing of divorce cases in the two older provinces and decrees that the details shall not be permitted to be published except in its own minutes.

There are some English newspapers which reap big profits by catering to a large section of the people, who like to read the details of male and female depravity as told in the divorce courts over there. England permits this because the evidence is given in a court of law. And yet only recently we read of an English editor being sent to prison for publishing paragraphs from a novel that was regarded by a judge and jury as immoral. These paragraphs were not nearly as bad as reports of divorce court proceedings. A funny country is old merry England. It will be agreed that the English people would be better off without their divorce trial reports distributed for general reading. In France the newspapers pay but little attention to divorce trials. The result is about all that is recorded, just as in Ontario. Even the Canadian provinces which have their own divorce courts do not publish gross details. There is liberty enough for the press without spreading the unsavory evidence of a divorce trial and the weakness of human nature.

POINCARÉ'S VICTORY.

Premier Poincaré of France, after weeks of effort, has demonstrated that he still has the confidence of the French Chamber of Deputies, and that his economic plan, launched with the hope of stabilizing the shaky French finances, is recognized by the majority as the only way out of a situation which threatened to place France in a perilous position: The passing of the bill making drastic changes in the French financial policy, and making provision for the imposition of rigid economies, is a personal victory for the French president, and it means that there is a hope that France will be able to recover her lost position in the financial world. The bill was not passed any too soon. Each day it was delayed saw the franc emulating the downward sweep of the German mark. Every day the French currency took a decided drop in the London and New York markets, and if the movement was to be arrested, quick action was necessary. That action has been taken, and taken in the hope that some of the financial problems of France will be solved.

The French government has not taken any half measure in the effort to balance the national budget. Steps to make the war profiteers disgorge a large percentage of their gains, to catch and punish those who have been evading their fair share of taxation, and to prevent undue speculation on the stock exchange, are amongst those sanctioned by the bill. The success of the plan, therefore, is not assured until these are put into definite action. It is the expectation of the government that the new measures will yield more than seven and a half billion francs in a year, a sum which will be of great assistance in balancing the French budget. If this expectation is realized, not only France, but Great Britain, will congratulate those who put the measures into ef-

fect. Britain is intensely interested in the economic situation in France, because there are still hopes that France will repay part of the huge debt she owes to Britain. That would be impossible, of course, unless the French finances were in sound condition; and for the past year or two they have been going from bad to worse. Premier Poincaré, in taking the drastic measures which have been approved by the deputies, has performed for his country a service which may help to offset the mistake he made when he ordered the invasion of the Ruhr and the expensive measures taken in that territory, and, if the result is as anticipated, he will deserve the thanks of the French people for this one action.

SPANNING THE GULF.

The London Times in dealing with problems affecting Canada points out that in the pitting of east against west, of class against class, lies a very real danger, not only to the government, but to Canada itself. It is a danger, it points out, that can only be surmounted by the bridging of the great geographical gap which divides the two communities. Once the traveller leaves the cities and farmlands of the east, he must travel mile upon mile through country where never a man nor a house is to be seen before he reaches the gateway of the Golden West. Small wonder, then, that such a gulf exists between the aspirations of the western farmers and the understanding of his countrymen farther east; it is only by the living bridge of population that the gulf can be spanned. If Mr King is successful in coming to a more definite understanding with the representatives of the very men who have turned the rolling prairies into rich wheat fields, and who ought to be the first to welcome new settlers, there is no reason why he should not continue in office for some time to come. And if his government directs its energies a trifle more vigorously towards this question of population, it will certainly help both to strengthen its own position and to safeguard the future of the dominion.

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Classes Within Classes.

The tendency of the industrial union is to bring all the men in an industry to a democratic equality in the matter of wages, but the skilled men, who are in a minority, stand for their privileges as a class; they are the aristocracy of Labor, and a frequent source of trouble in modern industry is the attempt of the less skilled majority to rule the wages and conditions of the skilled minority. These differentiations may be inconvenient to the democratic and Socialist mind, but they are part of the natural order of society which has an infinite number of gradations not only between the classes, but inside the classes.—London Post.

WHY THE WEATHER?

DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS, Secretary, American Meteorological Society, Tells How.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D. Palpitation of the Heart. Your heart beats very rapidly and you speak of having palpitation of the heart.

This frequency of the number of beats per minute may not cause you any distress, or it may actually cause breathlessness and pain in the chest. It may be a real source of worry to you in fact.

Is it serious? Generally speaking, it is not serious. You may be one of those high strung excitable individuals.

You have some unusual work to do, perhaps have to make a speech, or see some high official on important business.

Immediately your heart starts to pound, there is an increase in your breath rate, and a little lightness in the chest.

You tackle your job, or see your official, and before you are half through with it or him, you find your heart is beating quite normally.

That type of palpitation or irritability of the heart really means nothing insofar as the heart is concerned.

It is simply reflecting your generally nervous condition, which will be improved, as you increase the amount of work you do physically and mentally.

You are about to enter a race, a boxing bout, or a golf contest. Try and take hold of yourself, or you'll give your opponent the impression

that you are afraid of him, whereas it is simply excitement that has set your heart thumping so hard and fast. Of course other things cause this palpitation also, such as excesses in food, tobacco, or alcoholic drinks. A most frequent cause is the lack of chewing of the food. This means that gas is formed in the stomach, which pressing up against the floor of the chest, actually lessens the amount of room the heart has to work in, and it cannot make its regular sized contraction. It makes more frequent contractions of smaller size. This gas can be formed from other errors of diet besides imperfect chewing.

Should you have a severe attack of palpitation, and your good sense tells you that it is from foolish eating, put your finger down your throat and get rid of the trouble. If it is from any other cause, even if you don't know just what really is the cause, your best treatment is to lie down and rest body and mind. That decreases the work of the heart very much. Try to actually doze off to sleep. It will quiet the heart considerably.

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