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Plan for writing a modern comedy: First furnish your bedroom.

Opportunity knocks but once, and that once not on the poolroom door.

The undeveloped peoples are those who afford no market for padlocks.

At this season of the year, con-nubial bliss is largely a matter of spring hats.

The many persons who pray only as a last resort have the audacity to expect results.

If his telephone voice indicates ownership of the earth, he is an assistant clerk.

Men and motors have little in common. Motors knock most when they begin to go up hill.

Bragging on your friends is just calling attention to their good judgment in selecting you.

Germany may be in better fix than anybody supposed, but anybody can have our marks at par.

If it has the appearance of food, but doesn't contain anything worth eating, it's like it.

In the old days the clothes line told you all about the family, but now it's the Mah Jongg set.

The honeymoon isn't over if he can be persuaded to accompany her to the military department.

Doctors seem useless when everything is all right, but wait until Willie refuses a second helping.

The advantage in being a nobody is that the paper the stranger has in his hand isn't a subpoena.

It isn't so difficult to keep a girl clean and sensible if you can begin by selecting the right parents.

Intuition is the quality that enables a woman to know what her husband is putting about this time.

The happiest people are those who think the great question of the day is whether Dempsey can be kicked.

A man may confess that his children are imperfect, but it isn't wise to criticize his favorite brand of cigarette.

Correct this sentence: "He has invited me, Dad," said the flapper, "but I won't go with him until you look him up."

It seems a foolish thing to say, but since the country went dry it has floated a great many more bond issues.

At times there seems to be some relationship between the degree of a husband's jealousy and the degree of his baldness.

Bachelors are not really wiser birds than married men. The only difference is that they know where the needle and thread are.

BIBLE THOUGHT

I SOUGHT THE LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.—Psalm 34: 6.

BRITISH RADICALS LOSE.

As soon as the British Labour government took office it was realized that it might expect to encounter opposition as opportunity served, not only from the Conservatives and the Liberals, but also from the more advanced section of its own followers. As far as the other two major parties were concerned, the ministry might reasonably feel comparatively secure, because normally these propositions which the Conservatives would support the Liberals would oppose and vice versa; and it would require a combination of both to defeat the office-holders on any question of magnitude involving the overthrow of the government, such, for instance, as a vote of want of confidence. Political exigencies are likely to prevent so unusual a combination for some time to come, and, knowing this, ministers felt free to go ahead with their legislative plans for the government of the far-flung British Empire.

Defection of any considerable section of their own party would, however, put a different aspect on the situation, for a parliamentary majority won by a temporary coalition is of little avail in the long run, if the tone and temper of the voters in the country, as voiced by their representatives in the House of Commons, are shown to be largely hostile. That there is a disgruntled element in what is known as the left wing of the Labourites, and that this element is prepared to go to great lengths in assertion of its position, was made plain last week, when, on an army appropriation measure, a few labour men were found voting with the opposition and the government majority fell in consequence to the rather tenuous figure of nineteen.

The same element returned to the attack by moving a resolution of the army by 150,000 men as a protest against what was characterized as the militaristic trend of the government's policy. There was a familiar sound in the argument advanced that disarmament is the only way to secure peace. Spokesmen for the ministry countered by asserting that, in the present condition of the world, disarmament could be brought about by international agreement alone. Their appeals not to put the motion to a record vote fell on deaf ears, and a division was called for, which showed a defeat of the ultra-pacifists by the smashing majority of 347 to 13.

The significance of these figures lies in the facts, first, that all parties are willing to maintain the national defense, and, secondly, that so few extremists are prepared openly to oppose the government.

FOR THE ACCUSED.

Why should not we have public defenders as well as crown prosecutors in our law courts? As the recent report of the committee on Criminology to the Social Service Council of Canada suggests, such an office would even the scales of justice. At present the accused person, feeling that all the machinery of law is arranged for his conviction, imagines himself pitted singlehanded against the whole system. Moreover, while it is extraordinary for an innocent person to be convicted it is possible for one who is guilty to receive a sentence quite disproportionate to his guilt, owing to inadequate defence.

To be sure the court does allocate counsel to needy accused, but the results are often unsatisfactory owing to lack of interest in the case on the part of the lawyer to whom the assignment is made. The public defender would familiarize himself with the case beforehand. He would often enter the plea of guilty where now not guilty is put forward as a matter of course. He would usually be able to allow the case to go through at a sitting, doing away with the costly adjournments which are so common. In these ways time and money would be saved, while by proper co-ordination between the public defender and crown prosecutor the evidence could be sifted beforehand, so that justice would be more effectively and quickly secured.

A committee of the Canadian Bar Association, which is now studying the question, will bring in its recommendations at the next annual meeting. Should they decide in favor of the appointment of public defenders for persons charged with criminal offences it would meet with hearty public approval.

SINGAPORE.

In the first place, where is Singapore? The map shows it to be at the very tip of that snout of south-eastern Asia from which a crooked line of Dutch islands leads across to Australia. The Admiralty, whose sole business is to prepare for war, leaving Washington Treaties and all other political matters to the politicians, insist that a drydock should be built there capable of taking two of their heaviest battleships simultaneously. Otherwise our fleet could not operate in those waters, for, quite aside from the chances of damage through accident or enemy action, ships must be docked regularly to have the growths scraped

from their bottoms. At present there is no drydock outside Great Britain capable of admitting these large ships, which means that the British battle fleet is barred from carrying on warlike operations in Pacific or adjacent waters.

But the whole value of a naval base in that locality hinges on the question whether or not Japan is to be regarded as a possible enemy, for there can be no other against whom we would need to range out battle fleet in those waters. If not, then the necessity for the drydock then appears. And unquestionably the construction of this base would give offence to Japan, for it could be regarded as a proof that Britain did not trust her ally.

Nevertheless the Conservative government had decided to proceed with the scheme. On Tuesday the Labor government supported by the Liberals, reversed that decision, despite Earl Beatty's threatened resignation and the protests of Australia and New Zealand. Mr. MacDonald is to be congratulated on accomplishing so difficult a withdrawal in the interests of world peace. Such a lesson in earnest pacifism as this abandonment of the right to a most important safeguard will not be lost on the watchful races of the East and should protect the Empire better than would a dozen thorny drydocks.

THE LAKE MICHIGAN PARASITE.

The ugly situation which is developing over Chicago's bold diversion of our water would send many European countries flying to arms, but here, though we may wax hot, we leave the fighting to our lawyers. From the Canadian point of view the diversion is nevertheless a plain steal, nothing less. The quantity of water which Chicago might divert, from Lake Michigan by way of the Chicago Sanitary Canal, where it is charged with the city's sewage, into the DesPlaines River and thence into the Mississippi was fixed by the International Waterways Treaty. But the city is now taking twice that amount and attempting to have what is unquestionably an illegal diversion regularized by two bills now before Congress. One might suppose that a solemn international treaty could not be superseded by an ordinary act of Congress but such is unfortunately the case.

Chicago's position is that the health of the city is in grave danger unless this effete matter can be diverted "from its own drinking water into someone else's," as Professor Coleman facetiously puts it. There is also a proposed ship canal from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi for which this additional water will be needed. On the subject of the immensely profitable power rights which would accrue to the city's friends there is a significant silence. As to illegality, Ontario had best keep her mouth shut as long as her turbines are spinning with water which, according to the treaty, should be going over Niagara Falls.

Backed by Ottawa, Ontario, together with all the bordering American states save Illinois, is protesting against the diversion chiefly on the basis of the interference with navigation. The water level in every lake port, ours included, will be lowered five inches if Chicago has its way. Moreover, the withdrawal of so great a volume of water will interfere seriously with power developments, both actual and projected, throughout all the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence system. As so sanitation, what Chicago needs is not more water but an up-to-date method of treating sewage.

KILL BILLBOARD NUISANCE.

Because it has arrived at the conclusion that "highway advertising detracts from natural beauty along the great routes of travel," the Standard Oil company will discontinue the use of billboards.

It took the mogul oil company a long time to see the light, but it finally seeped in that its customers who buy gas to travel into the beauty spots deserve a better fate than to be confronted with some hideous billboard. Other patrons of billboards are likely to meet with similar reaction. The automobile tire makers, for instance, whose product the public also uses to get to the open spaces, are likely to feel they have an obligation to these customers to preserve the scenery, not to hide it. And so with the automobile makers, at least one of whom already has abandoned that form of advertising. Sooner or later the public protest against the disfigurement of landscape and waterscape by these poster devices will reach home. Sentiment against it is growing. Wonderful progress is being made in England. Here the movement is gaining momentum. The public instead of becoming interested in products ex-

plotted by the country-side billboard is becoming disinterested.

The Society for the Control of Abuses in Public Advertising is getting stronger all the while. It has persuaded more than a dozen national advertisers to disown the billboard. Some of these are auto tire and auto manufacturers. Others make soap, flour and cakes. But the commodity is nothing; the motive everything.

One of the fine things in the new point of view that is being taken is that the public has a right to certain spiritual and mental enjoyments and protection as well as physical. It is readily admitted that a billboard which constitutes a traffic hazard ought to go, and gradually it is coming to be admitted that a billboard which blots out a pretty view and spoils the complexion of Mother Nature is entitled to no more consideration.

MONEY AT WORK

Brief but important lessons in Finance, Markets, Stocks, Bonds and Investments

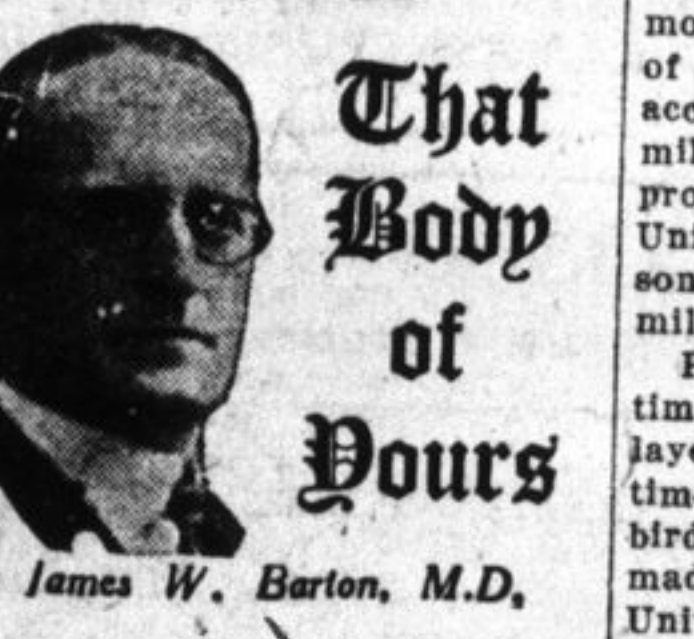


Generally Speaking, the man who needs a larger income must can least afford to try to get it from investments, while the man who needs a larger income least is the one who can afford to get it from investments.

The above statement seems rather strange, yet it is true. To obtain a high income, safety must be sacrificed. The degree of safety which a man can sacrifice to get a high yield depends upon his individual circumstances.

A retired doctor or school teacher dependent on a moderate income for a living, cannot afford to take risks to increase that return. On the other hand a young business man on a good salary can afford to take some risk to obtain a higher yield. Yet he does not need the increased return as much as the school teacher or doctor.

The wise individual builds up a surplus during the most fruitful years of life and avoids getting into the position of not being able to afford any risks.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

The Big Asset. A newspaper asked a hundred young men what qualifications they wanted in the young woman they expected to marry. At the top of almost every list was the qualification "Good Health." A business man who employs hundreds of salesmen puts down the qualification of good health as the first thing necessary. He makes a further statement. "Generally speaking I would rather have a man who was born frail and has overcome his frailty by careful living, than one whose natural strength has never known its limits. The man who has had to fight for his health knows how to value and preserve it."

There is some hope for the world then, for the health of future generations, that in these years of turmoil and unrest that the young man seeking a wife, and the business man a salesman, want good health first.

A young woman beautiful and accomplished, but without the asset of good health, will be hardly all she would like to be as a mother, as an adviser to her husband and children, and as a comfort or haven of refuge for her family.

The husband's thought and energy will be often expended on his efforts to maintain, or restore his wife's health. Instead of a bulwark of defence in his worries and cares, she but breaks down more completely his offensive and defensive effort.

The salesman who is careless with his body either by excess of work, or excess of recreation (so called), will not retain the clear head, nor the ability to "hang on" when the going is a bit rough. I feel as if I'm writing something so absolutely within the knowledge of everybody that it is foolish to repeat it. But way down deep in your heart

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