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Enthusiasm is very often mistaken for ignorance.

Many a neighbor's dog is a howling success.

Auto fenders don't know anything about the law.

Some people go about a thing while others talk about it.

No man reaches the end of his rope until it burns his nose.

All the world is a stage on which there are many trap doors.

As we understand the new theory, insanity doesn't affect the mind.

Some husbands are happy; others' wives won't stay home alone.

In Japan farming is a high calling even when it isn't election year.

First thing you know it won't be very long before Christmas again.

Two things are sure to make a girl laugh—dimples and good teeth.

A radical is one who guffaws when a rich pedestrian negotiates a banana peel.

He must have natural dignity to get by with both knickers and paunch.

You can at least lay up treasure in Heaven without being suspected of bootlegging.

It's easy to pick out the waiters. They are the ones that look composed and civilized.

But how in the world does a shoe string know when you are trying to catch a train?

Shame on Europe! Notice how quickly and cheerfully we paid off our war debts!

A provincial is a man who tips too heavily in an effort to conceal his provincialism.

Everybody knows exactly how to raise children except the people who are raising them.

There's nothing just like a resort town after the season is over, except a cold fried egg.

What the country needs as much as anything else is half-hour parking limits on country lanes.

Correct this sentence: "I'd rather do my own work," said she, "than bother with servants."

Until you leave a flivver beside the road you never realize how many people need Ford parts.

Fall and the annual yarn about squirrels storing golf balls for nuts are both due on Sept. 23rd.

The Prince of Wales' visit to Canada during leap year proves that he is the bravest man in the world.

No girl should teach more than three years in one town. If she can't get a husband in that time, it is a waste of time to stay on.

BIBLE THOUGHT: A NEW COMMANDMENT I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13:34, 35.

WRANGLE.

Wrangle Island continues to live up to its name. Lt.-Col. Broome, advance agent of the British world-encircling flight, who is just back from Russia, reports that an armed vessel has been despatched to Wrangle to take the inhabitants prisoners, seize all shipping and establish the sovereignty of the Soviet government.

It is to be hoped that the vessel succeeds in her mission, hard as this may be on the unfortunate land of Canadian Esquimaux who were stationed there after the death of poor Alan Crawford for the sole purpose of waving the Canadian flag and teaching "The Maple Leaf Forever" to the local seals and polar bears. A swift and ignominious ending to this attempted land grab will be an excellent lesson for us.

The plan of occupying an uninhabited but potentially important island very far from Canada and quite close to Russia was conceived and engineered by the discredited explorer, Steffanson, at the height of his popularity, with the tacit if not the actual support of a complacent government. All the world knows of the disasters which overtook that first colony, and now a Russian gun boat is on its way to evict its successor.

What shadow of title did Canada have to this island just off the Russian mainland? None, except that conferred by occupation. But what is sauce for the bear is sauce for the beaver. If Canada may occupy strategic Russian Islands, Russia or the United States or any other country may similarly claim acceptable portions of Canada's vague northland. Self-interest alone should compel us to withdraw from the Wrangle adventure. Instead of appealing to the League of Nations to adjudge our claim we would do well to send the Soviet government a note of thanks enclosing a tidy money order to cover the cost of rescuing us from an impossible situation of our own contriving.

MUMBLE, MUMBLE, MUMBLE.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, that arch-crusader, has been making hay of the users of slovenly English, beginning with the hostesses whose introductions do not introduce. "Occasionally," he says, "someone asks me out, and, very exceptionally, I accept the invitation. Then I always find that, as I am the celebrated Bernard Shaw, people want to be introduced to me. Eventually my hostess comes up and says, 'Oh, Mr. Bernard Shaw, may I have the pleasure of introducing to you—mumble, mumble, mumble.'"

We have all been there, and if Mr. Shaw can mitigate this nuisance we will forgive him the fun he has poked at our other follies and cherished superstitions. Most men mourn all through life because they have such a poor memory for names. It seems quite possible that constantly slurred introductions are the chief cause for their distress. They may never have been properly introduced to anybody in their lives.

Sufferers from the mumbblings of others are equally guilty when it comes their turn to perform the rite. Many, if not most, people will go out of their way to avoid the simple act of making two people acquainted with each other's names. If the duty is unavoidable they make it as brief as possible, for they are a little embarrassed and not at ease. The strangers, on their part, are so preoccupied with preparing some affable remark of greeting that the name, even when it is clearly pronounced, slides by unheeded. After a few hundred such experiences one arrives at the conclusion that his memory for names must be very poor.

MALE SUPERIORITY.

The chief inspector of the London schools throws caution to the winds and states that in arithmetic tests boys must be expected to obtain results ten per cent. better than girls. It would be interesting to know whether the experience of teachers in this country, where mixed classes are the rule, agrees with this inspector's findings.

He goes further and suggests that this difference can only be explained by sex, that boys in the mass are inevitably more arithmetical than girls in the mass. But belief in the intellectual equality of the sexes is now so firmly established that this explanation does not satisfy. Is it possible that girls very early acquire an aversion to sums similar to the average boy's distaste for sewing? It is safe to say that boys would fall much below girls in sewing classes, not because male thumbs are the more obtrusive but because many of the boys would already have acquired a manly scorn for needle work. Can the apparent feminine inferiority in mathematics be accounted for by some such mental quirk?

Of course it is quite possible that women are superior to the limitations of arithmetic. The domestic account book often contains entries something like the following:

Lettuce ..... .05  
Stamp ..... .02  
Unaccounted for... 17.61

Yet book-keeping is the profession of thousands of girls and nothing could be more painstaking and accurate than the work of most of

them. This fact would seem to suggest that in slightly later life the schoolgirls blithely contradict the learned percentages of the painstaking inspector. This, too, he would doubtless account for on a sex basis.

FUTILITY OF WARNINGS.

In order to diminish the number of crossing accidents the railways of the United States united in a campaign of warning against the dangers that attend lack of caution in crossing railroads at grade. The peril was sought to be impressed in many different ways in the hope that fatalities and injuries from this cause would be reduced, if not practically eliminated. Notwithstanding the effort made, records of the Pennsylvania System show that in the first three months of the campaign accidents at crossings of tracks of that corporation, instead of being lessened, increased 30 per cent. in comparison with the same period a year ago.

This would seem to indicate that warnings are not heeded, that such efforts are useless. Perhaps the prominence given to the matter may have inspired the reckless to take it as a dare. In the major portion of the accidents automobiles were involved, which leads the officials of the Pennsylvania System to express the opinion that the "large increase in these casualties is chargeable almost entirely to growth in the reckless and inexperienced driving of automobiles."

The disappointing result of the campaign, if the experience of the Pennsylvania is indicative of the general effect, points to the conclusion that there is a percentage of the population not amenable to warning. If people insist on rushing into danger they are exercising their free will, though it is regrettable that they are not the only sufferers because of their want of caution.

SPADES ARE NOT SPADES.

"I believe in calling a spade a spade," declared a popular lecturer here recently. One may be excused for doubting if he does. A more pathetic philosophy with which to explore this complicated affair of life could hardly be imagined.

To strip and analyse a thing to its naked essence or germ is important for the discovery of certain truths. But to assume for ever after that the germ is the whole truth and that life is merely the sum of those germs is the unpardonable sin that this spade-a-spade cult attempts to commit. There is more truth in the declaration that a spade is never a spade than in their parrot cry. Truth is never simple; it is so complex, far reaching and interwoven as to be past ever finding out. The study of a drop of water will reveal many things about the lake from which it was drawn. But any other drop from the same lake would tell a slightly different story and the final absurdity would be to go about insisting that one drop is the lake.

Those who aim at calling a spade a spade are trying to reduce life to the measure of its least common denominator, but it is amusing to see how quickly life gets the better of them. For a little while they may be uncompromising towards the humble spade with which they have only what might be called a speaking acquaintance. But in a moment they grow enthusiastic again over their favorite authors, and who then would be so rash as to suggest to them that a book is only a book!

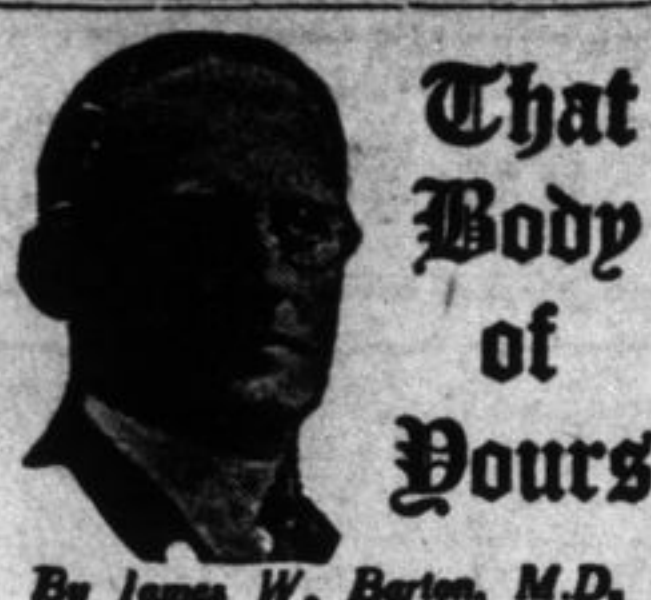
Canada's Story Da y by Day

By B. Odwen Davies

September 9th.

At this time in 1664, the problem of the coureur de bois was engrossing the attention of the chief men of New France. Out of a population of ten thousand people, all told, eight hundred young men had deserted the ranks of the farmers and traders and had succumbed to the lure of the woods and the untrammelled life of the Indians and had become coureurs de bois. They made up a picturesque lot of gay young daredevils who defied all the laws of the colony in their pursuit of beaver skins. The efforts of the government to completely control the fur trade had driven the young men to illegally intercepting the Indian hunters and purchasing their skins. They were gradually forced farther and farther back into the woods, and the wilder their lives became, the greater was the attraction to the youths of the colony. Nothing could stem the exodus of men so badly needed in other pursuits. There was a fascinating element of danger in the forbidden trade, for branding, and the galleys for life were the punishments inflicted upon those who were lucky enough to be caught. When they visited the towns the coureurs de bois assumed the airs of nobles, swaggering about with swords, lace ruffles and buckled shoes. Montreal was their headquarters and the intrepid Du Lhut their leader. At times they could not restrain themselves and invaded the settlements as naked as the red men they were emulating. On the whole, however, they introduced a note of reckless gaiety and animation into the picture of early life in Canada.

It is believed to be impossible for a candidate of one party to say anything with which the members of another party would agree.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

Changing Your Habits. A celebrated physician made this statement many years ago. "More than one half of the diseases which embitter the middle and later part of life among the middle and upper classes of the population, is due to avoidable errors in diet."

I believe you'll agree with this because most people, including physicians, have proven this to be true. You see, as a growing boy or girl you needed lots of food. You needed every kind of food, including the proteins—meats and eggs—because you were growing and playing.

As you reached adult life you still needed plenty of food including proteins, because you were working hard mentally and physically, or perhaps engaged in athletics.

However, as you neared the thirty mark, you still had your appetite for everything, but there was not the need for the same quantity of food, and little need particularly for the meats and eggs.

However you still had your appetite, and you ate just about the same quantity, and of the same kinds of foods.

What is the result? That digestive disturbances come first, and then as you get older, disturbances in liver and kidneys, and the circulatory organs. You see the getting of the food into the body and getting most of it digested, is not hard of accomplishment, but the getting rid of the excess waste is what puts the strain on the kidneys, and also on the liver.

A simple rule is to just gradually cut down on all your food after thirty, and if not doing manual work or engaged in athletics cut down particularly on meat and eggs.

A good appetite is a healthy sign, but if not engaged in physical work, it can get you into trouble.

As has been mentioned before, it isn't always because you don't know any better.

It has become a habit with you to eat the things you like, irrespective of your age or occupation.

Have the will to be wise in the matter.

Tenth Anniversary Of the Great War

September 9th, 1914.

"The Allies are forcing the enemy back at every point along the line," reports the French Gen. Gallieni. The front is now 160 miles long. The British have crossed the Marne. The German troops are said to be utterly exhausted.

Premier Botha announces that South Africa will wage war against German Southwest Africa. India has contributed 70,000 troops to the European war. Wealthy Indian princes have offered eight million dollars and half a million men to the British service.

Rumania may join the Allies. Great Britain has offered asylum to all Belgian refugees.

St. George's cathedral, and the four Methodist congregations uniting in Sydenham street church, held intercession services to-day (Wednesday).

KINGSTON IN 1852

Viewed Through Our Files

DESTROYED COMPLEXIONS.

May 15.—In combating the prejudices of strangers against our climate Mr. Smith adduces convincing evidence to disprove the opinions which have gained currency from the contracted ideas of travellers who have paid flying visits to the country and left it without one correct conception either of its climate, its soil, its circumstances or its capabilities. Strangers have been actually frightened from our shores by the dismal prospect of Siberian snows and eternal ice.

Of Sir Francis Bond Head's opinion that the climate of Canada is infinitely more destructive than that of England to the skin, hair, teeth and other items of personal appearance, Mr. Smith says, "We confess the result but deny the cause. Let the Canadian women pay the same attention to preserve health that is paid by the women of England. Let them take more exercise on foot in the open air; let them avoid close rooms, heated with large stoves; let them devote a little attention to their diet; let them give over the villainous habit of sucking lillipops all day; let them avoid the shoals of Yankee quackery and their teeth will retain their strength and color and their cheeks will glow with gratitude for the change."

END OF A GALLANT CHAPTER.

June 21.—Messrs. Park & Co., of Amherstburgh, have purchased H. M. Steamship Mohawk for the Western waters. It is the present intention of the purchasers to take the engines, which are of thirty horse power each, out of the Mohawk and convert her into a schooner, and then to build two propellers (screw steamers) for the engines. The purchase money is said to be two thousand pounds. The vessel was paid off in

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Crawford. Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., is in Weyburn, Sask. Deceased has sided there for the last four years and previously had ministered in town for fourteen years.