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Another thing run on the self-service plan is success.

"Knickerbockers" is singular. They look that way.

This is the age of specialists, especially nerve specialists.

Christian nations: The nations that manufacture the most padlocks.

Famous imaginary lines: The equator and old dad's waist line.

So live that you need never go through the annoyance of a mistrial.

It isn't common sense our legislators need so much as a common cause.

Still, traffic laws are useful as an argument for the plaintiff after the accident.

Crisis: Any general mess brought to the boiling point by man's stupidity.

Doubtless every man thinks prohibition a success if it makes him stop drinking.

Comedy: Flat life seven miles out. Tragedy: Flat cigarette package seven miles out.

The housing situation is still desperate, but the garage situation is now well in hand.

Our flaws are checked by a number of laws, and our laws are checked by a number of flaws.

The old-time boy who wished to be a terror learned to chew; the modern one buys a pistol.

Mars must understand that those who tried to pry into her affairs were unofficial observers.

Woman will get equality when she quits demanding it on the ground that she is a woman.

Poverty has its compensations. There's a lot of fun in listening to the walls of heavy taxpayers.

Correct this sentence: "I am for him," said the voter; "his heart beats only for the poor man."

Doctor Paton says that women ruled in 2500 B.C. This makes 4424 years that they have held office.

No one will take Conrad's place until some author is willing to wait nineteen years for sales, as he did.

The things that move restlessly forward without taking account of man are Destiny and five-ton trucks.

Broadway chorus girls have started making their own fights. It seems they were almost out of them.

European royal bloods get \$7 a day as supernas. If they had been content with that, they might have held their old jobs.

One reason why a husband hates to shop with his wife is because he can't stand the strain when the saleswoman talks about "slender lines."

BIBLE THOUGHT: HOW EXCELLENT is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. —Psalm 36:7, 8.

POWER. A scientist says that one pound of matter, or material, has 600,000 million horse-power locked up in its atoms. He doubts if man will ever learn how to unlock that power. Unlocking it would be easier than handling it once it were released. Man is not yet ready for the discovery. Giving him control of atomic power would be like handing a loaded shotgun to a strong, inquisitive baby. The first and prompt result of the harnessing of atomic power would be another world war.

THE ABEJABLES. No, it is not the name of an African tribe or an American breakfast food. It is a new word, newer than poor "scowflaw," so new indeed that there is considerable doubt as to how it should be spelled. We make our readers a present of it, with both a's as in "fars" and the accent on the third syllable. Its meanings are many, but all unpleasant. Girls who used to shudder and say, "He gives me the shudders!" now say with a shudder, "He gives me the abejables!" Youths who were heard to sigh, "I'm getting fed up to the teeth with this job," now complain that this job will soon give them the abejables. The most ordinary person can invent new uses for so adaptable a word. It would be as well to use it often, for it will soon lose its savor and be cast aside for something fresher.

About a year ago the sight of a bare banana stalk in the window of a music store would cause half the passers-by to smile; today the same thing would merely irritate. The famous banana phrase may therefore be considered dead. Such expressions do not last long. Among the oddest of these rignaroles was the one, popular some years ago, which took the form of an answer to a conundrum. "The one rode a horse and the other rhododendron." But what the conundrum was no one ever discovered. The fault with most slang is that it is used in different and almost contradictory senses until it depreciates to the level of the rouble. But not always. Some slang expressions attach themselves firmly to an idea as its best expression and after use has made them respectable they are canonized in the Oxford Dictionary.

Who invents our slang? Public speakers and writers sometimes strike off a ringing phrase which catches the popular fancy. But most slang expressions spring from the fertile mind of the people, which some poet has likened to bright, black mud, unattractive, perhaps, yet charged with life and unceasing fertility.

WHO INVENTED THE TELEPHONE?

Brantford had better look well to her laurels. A tablet has lately been erected on the Post and Telegram Office of Florence, Italy, to the memory of Antonio Meucci of that city, "the inventor of the telephone—poor and defrauded of his rights." Meucci, it appears, was a humble scene shifter in Florence who developed advanced political notions which made a personal change of scene urgently necessary. Later, when Garibaldi became an exile after the 1848 affair he spent a year or more with the Meucci's at their home on Staten Island, earning a living in their candle factory. But tallow was not their chief interest. Meucci was working on an apparatus of the greatest value to anarchists by which he could transmit sounds electro-magnetically to a distance. Garibaldi in the bedroom and Meucci in the cellar would spend hours talking through this original, primitive telephone, fifteen years before Alexander Graham Bell came on the scene.

Meucci continued to improve his appliances to the best of his ability and limited means, and after some years submitted it to the president of the New York District Telegraph Company. Nothing was made of it there and finally, in 1871, he took out a patent for his invention. Most unfortunately he neglected to protect himself fully by patenting the component parts as well. Someone at the Patent Office was indiscreet, the details were discussed outside, and five years later, in 1876, Graham Bell took out patents for a device differing in no important respect from that of Meucci, and was awarded the honor of having invented the telephone. Meucci brought lawsuits which his poverty never permitted him to win and died, bitterly disappointed, in 1883.

So runs the story which makes Meucci a much wronged man and Bell not altogether a gentleman. But is it true? Canadians will need something more substantial than a memorial tablet in Italy to persuade them that Bell was not the real inventor.

AN AGE OF SPECIALIZATION. On a camping trip a city man fished five days for salmon trout—and couldn't even get a strike. He was deep-trotting, about 100 feet down. An Indian, bribed with \$5, took the outfit and landed the line so it would sink only 75 feet. Then he cut off a minnow tail and tied it with thread in among the hooks of his "robber!"

troil, to make it look like the tail of a shiner. Pronto.—eighteen salmon trout took the bait in a day. The man commented: "Well, the Indian ought to be able to catch fish. He can't do anything else."

Specialization is what gets results. A man who holds the world's record in running or any other form of athletics usually can't do anything else. He hasn't time to do anything else. Keeping trained in his specialty busts his body and brain to the limit of action. So it goes in nearly every pursuit of life. There's an old saying, that we're all fools outside our own business.

A few generations ago, when Ontario was sparsely populated and settlers were scattered through the wilderness, every man had to be more or less of a handy-man of Jack-of-all-trades except in cities where he could specialize. Specialization is an outgrowth of community life. It was discovered, for instance, that one man made better shoes than anyone else in town, and made them faster. Obviously, it was foolish for him to devote his time to anything except shoe making.

Another man could saw boards and drive nails faster. He specialized at building. And so on, until nearly every man became a specialist, trading the products of his toil for things he needed that others could make faster and better than he could.

The tendency toward specialization has increased with the passing of time. We talk about ours being an "age of specialists." And yet, in our increasingly complex civilization, specialization has hardly started. When the lads of to-day mature to manhood, life will be many times more specialized than now. The boy who is allowed to drift along without any definite idea of what he wants to specialize on later will strike out into the world for himself under a great handicap.

Canada's Story Day by Day

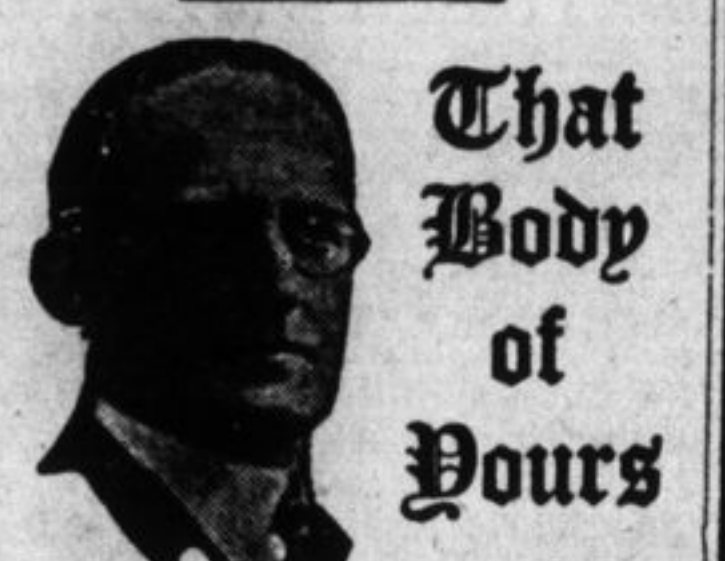
The present British sovereigns, King George and Queen Mary, are widely travelled people, having visited many parts of the Empire. While still Duke and Duchess of York, before the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward to the throne, they made a six months' tour in 1901, visiting Australia, where they opened the first parliament of the Commonwealth. They travelled in the "Orphir," and were accompanied by four British warships, the little fleet making an imposing sight as it journeyed around the world. It was on this day in 1901 that the "Orphir," with its royal passengers, called at Quebec, en route back to England. The harbor was on a fête, the ships gay with flags, while the buildings in the old city were bedecked with colors. Thousands watched the approach of the vessel, its escort now augmented by a French warship which had arrived at Quebec to add its welcome. It was the Duke of York's third visit to Quebec, the previous ones being in the capacity of naval officer. Three days were spent in the ancient capital. The departure was made in four trains, for in addition to the members of the suite and the servants the party carried its own horses and carriages. The royal train was the first to be equipped with telephones. The Duke and Duchess went west to the Pacific coast, visited Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. They sailed for home from Halifax on Oct. 21.

KINGSTON IN 1852

Viewed Through Our Files. Beautiful St. Mary's. July 20.—The lovers of architectural beauty will derive a rich treat from a visit to the cathedral of this city, the ceiling of which is now in course of completion. The design is in the purest Gothic style. The ceiling is very lofty, and the view being unbroken, save by a small gallery over the entrance will have a fine effect when finished. The church promises to be on the whole one of the most chaste and elegant on this continent, and the workmanship reflects great credit on the contractor.

Plank Roads. Aug. 2.—(From a note on the failure of plank roads in Syracuse). The city of Kingston has had some experience in plank road streets. About four years ago the authorities thought to be economical, and in place of paving the thoroughfares of the city they adopted the plan of plank. The result has been that the rains have rotted the planks, and a pestiferous stench and miasma are created, and there is no question but the health of the city is seriously affected by it. The experiment has proved penny wise and pound foolish.

caution to open a drain from that part of the prison occupied by the female prisoners, a quantity of skulls and a leg bone were discovered. The worthy governor of the goal, Mr. Richard Corbett, was inexpressibly shocked at such a fearful discovery, and lost no time in calling for the opinion of a young medical man on the subject, who at once decided that the remains were those of certain defect sheep and oxen that had formed the daily food of the prisoners in by gone days.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

Your Responsibility to Life Itself. A speaker expounding the bible one day, stated that a Christian man or woman started on his actual "inheritance" here on earth. That this inheritance was incommensurable, and would never fade away. I could not help but realize that you and I, whether Christian, Jew, Mohammedan or other, had something else that should make us do some serious thinking.

You are what your folks handed on to you, plus, or perhaps minus, what you have done, or what has been done, to your body. That something, that life, that was handed on to you, had been handed on likewise to your parents. I refer to life itself—to the body into which life was breathed.

I wonder if you and I take this matter seriously enough. If we take it seriously, isn't it likely to dampen our spirits, make us melancholy?

Will we feel "bowed down" with the weight of our responsibility? Will our efforts to maintain life, a full and buoyant life, with real strength of body and mind, be a task beyond our capabilities? You know the answer to such questions. You don't need a conscience to tell you, because your own common sense has taught you for many years, that careful correct living is no hardship insofar as actual work is concerned, or actual deprivation of the good things of life. All the good things of life were made for you, were meant for your use. The sky, the ocean, lake or river, the forest, the wonderful flowers were meant for your enjoyment. You were given the capacity to enjoy them with that wonderful mechanism—the brain.

And likewise the fruit and vegetables, and other foods of land and sea, were meant for your enjoyment and use. And what is asked or required in return? Simply that as these things are enjoyed or used by your body, that your body in turn should use them wisely. Your body should work or exercise with the food taken in. Your thoughts should be right, and actions therefore also right, as you contemplate Nature in its wonder and beauty.

Your body should work or exercise therefore it should use and not abuse these gifts. Remember you owe it to life itself to pass along as good a body as you have received.

That's a fair proposition, isn't it?

Tenth Anniversary Of the Great War

September 16th, 1914. In the last two weeks the German right wing, which at one time was southeast of Paris, has retreated over seventy miles. The Allies have occupied Rheims. Rain is increasing the difficulties of the German Army in its retirement. The turn in the tide of the war has raised London's spirits and theatres and hotels are doing an expensive trade. Soldiers were called out in Rome

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to suppress an anti-German rising. It is believed in London that Italy will join the Allies within two weeks. Montreal's Patriotic Fund is now

over \$613,000. The weekly noon-day prayer meetings for peace arranged by the city Evangelical Association will be held on Fridays. Principal Gordon will be the speaker at the first, with Rev. T. W. Savary presiding.