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No man is too big to feel small.

No. 1925. Due at midnight, Dec. 31st. On time.

Man's greatest inventions are the radio, the ex-ray and the pumpkin pie.

A small man can be just as dangerous as a big man, but he seldom is.

Hand-holding doesn't appeal to the modern woman unless it's the whip hand.

Still, if there were no strangers, as whom would people practice good manners?

If he has that hunted look, his suit case may contain either a pay roll or a quart.

A good man need not fear snoots. No hawklike eyes watch him except his wife's.

To be alone and frozen and hungry is terrible unless you are waiting for ducks.

Another test of blood pressure is to be in a hurry and come upon a placid cow on the highway.

Inventions change few fundamentals, and the radio hasn't affected anything except bedtime.

A man is settling down in life when he isn't ashamed to ask the clerk for something cheaper.

It is estimated that if all the law violators were caught, the courts would be seventeen years behind.

An Amsterdam botanist has found pearls in coconuts, showing what you can do if you try hard enough.

Cocoa was first introduced to England only 400 years ago, and we'll bet the two were glad to meet.

Correct this sentence: "He's just wonderful, mother," she declared "and money doesn't matter after all."

When a country doctor dies, the people gather to pay their respects, but they consider their doctor bills paid.

Parent Eskimos never punish their children, perhaps just because being an Eskimo is punishment enough.

Correct this sentence: "My maid was sick to-day," said she, "and I've really enjoyed the house-work."

Now that the smoker and barber shop are invaded, there's no place for liqueur stores except the magazines.

The bird who invented the open cut-out has just perfected a grand cracking cymbal effect with a loose tire chain and a rear fender.

Women are already wearing straw hats, but it will probably take a long time to convince the men that they should be worn in winter.

BIBLE THOUGHT

A BENEVOLENCE FOR THE NEW YEAR: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up thine countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 6:24-26.

AN ECHO OF THE PAST.

The request of the city of Quebec to the town council of Hastings, England, that the English city return to Quebec the escutcheon taken from the gates of the old city in 1759, is not an unreasonable one, remarks the Watertown, N.Y.,

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Nineteen-twenty-four and its works are water over the wheel, interesting at this time chiefly for the ground they afford for forecasts with respect to the New Year. For a week or more newspapers have had summaries of the records made in a variety of activities and manifestations bearing on the progress or otherwise of the people. These are invitations to reflection, to consideration of what has been done by ourselves, what has happened for which we are not able to place the responsibility, and the consequences, realized or unrevealed, of all in which we have been passive or active participants. The past is the only guide and portent of the future.

On the material side of the record is found much that affords unbounded satisfaction. The country enters the new year with its business affairs in better order than for a long time past, and with prospects bright for a continuance of industrial and commercial activities. This condition is reflected in the annual statements of the various Canadian banks now appearing in the daily press. Of trials and tribulations we had many in 1924, but all of these were faced with courage and successfully overcome. The record of past achievements presages future triumphs. As Sir Henry Thornton told the members of the Board of Trade at a banquet in Ontario hall about a year ago, Canada is the last undeveloped white man's country. He foresaw a great future for this young giant, and we share in his optimism.

There are divergences among superficial observers as to the belief that the world is becoming worse rather than better, that its ideals and standards have been lowered or abandoned altogether. But in every direction we see remarkable evidence of increase of that humane spirit which is the very foundation of a general uplifting. There is confusion about definitions but there can be no questioning of the fact that practical ideals are not wanting, nor is the effort for their realization lacking. The stage has been set for a Happy New Year for all, and the Whig's wish is that it will be a prosperous one as well for all its readers and friends.

THE UNKNOWN CONTINENT.

Has station JKLM the right to riddle not only your house and belongings but even you yourself with the Herkian waves by which radio is broadcast? If a howling dog broadcasts sound waves all night in your vicinity, you can invoke the aid of law and have the nuisance stopped. The same remedy may be applied to the boy with a mirror who insists on throwing a beam of light into the privacy of your rooms. Then why not the same for the broadcaster who persists in agitating your waves, no matter where you seek refuge from him?

The question may seem purely academic, but the answer, according to a writer in the American Economic Review, hinges on the much debated point of who owns the ether. The development of radio is comparable to the discovery of an unknown continent. A fight for possession and for concessions of untold potential value is being waged today. Quiet men who go to the office in the morning and golf in the afternoon are trying to wrest empires as rich as any won by a Cortes or a Clive. In fact, with the possible development of wireless transmission of power, and other inventions which will succeed that, no one knows what the future of radio may be. It is natural, therefore, that powerful corporations should lay claim to all the ether they can use. They do not wish to be confined to assigned wave-lengths, restricted capacities and other limitations. They demand squatter's rights, which is to say that any field they develop and cultivate is theirs.

Opposed to this is the view that the ether belongs to the nation, and may be exploited only with the government's permission—which is obtained by securing a license. Even with this supposed safeguard our representatives may ignorantly sign away precious rights as gratuitously as the Indians who traded Manhattan Island for beads or blankets. Neither party could have foreseen New York City.

If an answer to the question that opens this discussion must be hazarded, it would seem that a company licensed by the nation to disturb the ether could scarcely be sued by an individual who objected to being transmuted by the resultant waves. But what might happen in the case of an unlicensed broadcaster, only heaven and the lawyers could tell.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

Taking Stock of Yourself. It is the end of 1924 and you are likely thinking about the past year, and also of the new year that is almost here. You are likely thinking of some of your mistakes, financial, and otherwise. You are likely planning other things for the coming year. You have perhaps determined that you'll work a little harder, or that you will take things a little easier. You are thinking of business, of your home, of pleasures to come. This is all very sensible, and gives you a new grip of life and things. But naturally I am just wondering about that body of yours. What about giving it some thought, some attention? Take a look at yourself, and try to figure out just how you compare with what you were a year ago. What about your weight? Are you heavier or lighter? What does this increase or decrease mean? Is it helpful or harmful? What about the teeth you were going to have examined or replaced? Are your eyes seeing as well as a year ago? How is your appetite? Are you enjoying your meals? Are you taking any pills or medicine at all? To put it briefly, are you taking stock of your body, as you do of all the other things in your life? Just a minute's thought and you can see that your business life, your home life, your joy life, or even your misery life, are absolutely dependent upon your body. Your ability to work, to play, to appreciate music, art, nature, or even a good meal, rests with your body. Now what does that mean to you, with the thought of the New Year? Abstaining from the good things of life, hard dreary exercise, long walks, early to bed and so forth? Not at all. Simply eating the amount of food you need, and the kind of food you like, and which also likes you. Getting enough sleep, no more, no less. And about five minutes exercise twice daily, with some time in the air and sunshine everyday. Not a hard contract for the year is it? And yet your common sense tells you, that it covers everything.

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Portsmouth itself is growing and increasing in extent far more than the city to which it is attached. It has now a population of 500 souls and sends a councillor to the township council. It has many mechanic's shops, much lime is burnt there and a great deal of miscellaneous business done that cannot be seen at a glance. Many of the keepers and guards belonging to the penitentiary live here and altogether, Portsmouth is some pumpkins. It should be joined municipally to Kingston, and that would have been done when the city limits were extended had not the penitentiary buildings and lot been in the way. Speaking of the penitentiary reminds us to say that the buildings, workshops, hospital, etc., inside the walls are nearly completed, according to the original plan. We hear this, for to the press of Kingston the prison is tabooed. We know of no rascalities practiced therein, nor, to say the truth, do we hear of any; but wherever there is secrecy there is mystery.

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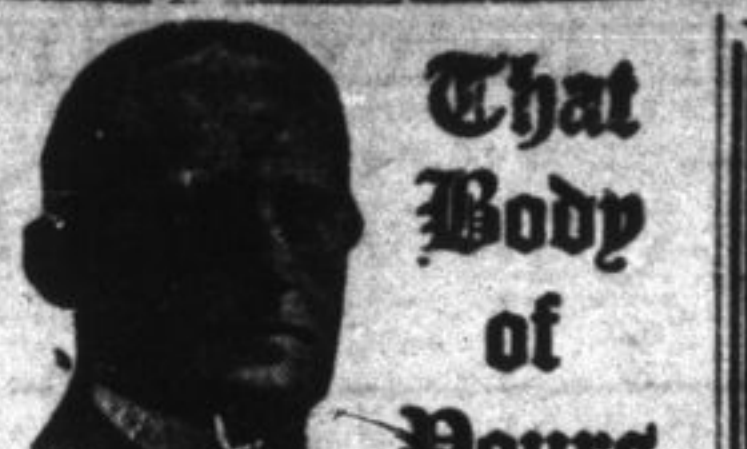
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