



Joker's Corner

THE DANGER OF DYING.

Medieval jests are mostly founded on the subject of fallacious reasoning, as witness the well-known one of an inquisitive gentleman of the name of Mador, who, wandering by the sea, falls in with a "longshoreman," and questions him regarding his ancestry.

"My father was drowned," the mariner admits, in reply to his first query.

"And your grandfather?"

"Drowned also, fair sir, and so were all my other forefathers as far back as I may trace them."

"Then I marvel," says Mador, "that thou dar'st go to sea."

The sailor turns examiner.

"How did thy father die?" he asks.

"Peacefully in his bed."

"And the grandfather?"

"Peacefully in his bed, also."

"Then I marvel," saith the sailor, "that thou dar'st go to bed."

LOOKING BRIGHTER.

The old storekeeper down in the country who gave up keeping turkey red because the women insisted on buying all he had as fast as he got it must be related to this New Hampshire merchant.

There was nothing he liked so well to do as to lie back in an old arm-chair on the elm-shaded porch of his store and whistle a green willow stick. One very hot afternoon, just as he had got his jack-knife out (a boy appeared on the scene with a gallon jug.

"Can I get a gallon of molasses?" he inquired.

"Oh, hum!" growled the storekeeper, showing considerable temper.

"Confound it! Nobody else in town's got molasses to sell but me, I suppose."

With this stinging rebuke, he went in and filled the jug.

QUITE RIGHT.

A young surgeon, who was very retiring and awkward, was asked to dinner by a lady who was at least fifty and tried to pass herself off as twenty, and apparently imagined that being rude and tomboyish assisted to sustain the youthful illusion. At dinner she asked him to carve a fowl, and never having carved a fowl before and being painfully shy, he made a mess of it. Instead of trying to cover his confusion his hostess called attention to it pointedly by looking down the table and saying loudly:—

"Well, Mr. P., you may be a very clever surgeon, but if I wanted a leg of it I should not come to you to do it."

"No, Lady Alice," he replied, politely; "but then, you see, you are not a chicken."

HIS HELPMEET.

When the food had been discussed he was called on for a speech, of course. He arose from his seat beside his wife—he hemmed and hawed, and then he said:

"Ladies and gentlemen—I am totally unprepared, of course, and—being as I said totally unprepared, you must excuse me for being—er—unprepared, I—er—ah—I was hardly prepared for this—er—"

And then his wife interrupted:

"Why, darling," she said, "you knew it perfectly this morning. The next sentence begins 'Knowing as I do—'

"Now you can go on from there."

What helps they are; these anxious wives!

MORE LIKE HER BILL.

Neighbor—"I s'pose your Bill's 'tten' the 'arp with the bangles now?"

Long-suffering Widow—"Not 'im. 'Ttten' the bangles wiv the 'arp's nearer 'is mark."



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TERRIBLE HEADACHES

Trenton Merchant Driven To Despair By The Pain.

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" CURED HIM

TRENTON, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1909.

"I was a dreadful sufferer for many years from Stomach and Liver Trouble—but my greatest suffering was from violent headaches. They were so distressing that I almost had to give up my business. I went to Toronto, consulted specialists and wore glasses, but nothing did me any good and the headaches became intolerable.

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The Case of Violet Smith

(Toronto Globe.)

The young school teacher whose body was found in the river at Dillon's Port on Thursday may have come to her death by her own act or at the hands of some assailant, but in either case her tragic fate should be laid to heart by the people of Ontario. A timid slip of a girl nineteen years of age, she went out from Toronto a few weeks ago to teach school in a thinly settled portion of Parry Sound district. Writing to her sisters after she took up her duties, she said she had heard before coming to Dillon's Port that it was a rough place, and the longer she stayed the more she realized how rough it was.

There are hundreds of young girls in Ontario schools today who are forced to put up with the slights and rude conduct that Violet Smith evidently encountered in Dillon's Port. All around them are decent, good-looking, well-mannered people, but they are slow to take the new teacher to their homes and hearts, while the coarse and ignorant and too often the vicious make her life miserable. Coming as it does so soon after the abduction of a western teacher by a young desperado, who held her prisoner for several days, the case of Violet Smith should lead to the consideration of the conditions under which educational work is conducted on the edge of settlement.

And the fact standing out most clearly is that it is man's work, and not woman's. There is no more justification for sending out women teachers to frontier communities than for sending out women engineers or surveyors. After all, man is fashioned and formed to do the world's rough work, and while teaching on the outskirts of civilization is not rough work in a physical sense, it requires the robust mentality of a man to cope with its discouragements and its handicaps. Canada today needs several thousand male teachers more than it needs almost anything else—men who will make a life-work of their profession, men by whom the conditions that overwhelmed Violet Smith would be overcome speedily on a physical-force basis.

The returns of the Normal Schools of Ontario prove that teaching has become almost exclusively a woman's profession. In sympathy and instinct, and in the desire to influence those under them for good, woman teachers no doubt excel, but there are other qualities that count. The strength and virility and the more rigid discipline of the male teacher mean a great deal in the making of child character. The children of Ontario are getting out of hand largely because of the absence of male teachers from the schools. In dealing with rough growing lads especially, the "pleasure" of the woman teacher is not likely to be so effective as the "must" of the male.

No greater service in Canada could be rendered than to restore the male teacher to his former place. It might add several million dollars a year to the cost of education, but it would be worth far more than it would cost. Why should not the Ontario Department of Education devise means of stimulating the employment of male teachers even to the extent of housing them if necessary in the case of frontier settlements?

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the bogus hero of the North Pole, was driven off the stage at Copenhagen one evening recently, when he attempted to address an audience in vindication of his reputation. He sneaked out by a back door.

Rev. Clarence Richeson Indicted for Murder

Grand Jury Presented Five Counts in the Indictment, Charging Baptist Clergyman With Causing the Death of Miss Avis Linnell.

Boston, Oct. 31.—On a charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Cambridge, was indicted by the Grand Jury of Suffolk County in special session today. The indictment is on five counts.

THE INDICTMENT.

The indictment follows in part: "The jurors on their oath present that Clarence V. T. Richeson on the fourteenth day of October in and upon one Avis Linnell feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did make an assault and give, in some way and manner to the jurors unknown, a large quantity of a certain deadly poison called cyanide of potassium, well knowing the same to be a deadly poison, with the intention that the said Linnell should take and swallow down the same into her body, and that the said Linnell did take and swallow down the same into her body the cyanide of potassium so given, the said Linnell not knowing the same to be a deadly poison; by means whereof the said Linnell became mortally sick and died in her body; of which said poison, so given by said Richeson, the said Linnell died."

"And so the jurors aforesaid, on their oaths do say that the said Richeson, in manner and form aforesaid, the said Linnell feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did poison, kill and murder."

THE OTHER COUNTS.

The second and third counts follow the same form, except the second count alleges that Richeson "did send and convey" the poison "in some manner and way unknown," and the third count alleges that Richeson caused the poison to be "taken and swallowed by said Linnell in some way and manner unknown."

The fourth count takes up another phase of the matter, going on to say that Richeson gave Miss Linnell the poison pretending to her that it was a medicinal preparation which would overcome her pregnant condition.

"Said Richeson well knowing the same not to be such a medicine, but well knowing it to be a deadly poison."

RICHESON BEFORE COURT.

Rev. Mr. Richeson appeared tired and worn after his eleven days in jail so much that he could scarcely be distinguished from any of the score of other prisoners who were crowded into the pen with him. The Richeson case was called so soon after the minister's arrival in court, and disposed of so quietly that few of the spectators knew of it.

Boston, Oct. 29.—Absolute proof that Miss Avis Linnell, up to the time of her death believed she was to be the wife of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is accused of her murder, was furnished the district attorney today by the girl's brother-in-law. This evidence is in the shape of letters couched in endearing terms and purporting to have been written to the dead girl by the minister. Some of the letters are said to contain denials of his intended marriage to Miss Violet Edmonds.

The prosecution already had in its possession letters written by the pastor to Miss Linnell, but those given to the district attorney today were of more recent date. In fact, it is said that one of them was written so shortly before the death of the girl that it is considered of the utmost importance in connection with the prosecution's case. Other letters placed in the hands of the district attorney today were written to some of her girl friends, and in these she is said to have made references to her engagement to the clergyman.

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THE HONEST VOTER.

A "conscientious" worker who held in great horror the buying of votes, went with several friends to canvass a voter in his district. On entering the house he greeted the man with a hearty hand-shake, saying:—

"Well, Mr. J., I hope none of those rascals have been here offering you money for your vote."

"No, sir, they haven't." Then in a loud whisper, he added, "I haven't taken a cent only what you gave me!"

Boston Murder Trial

Police Satisfied as to How Avis Linnell Took Poison, But How it was Sent Her Was Cleverly Concealed.

(Canadian Press.)

Boston, Oct. 31.—When the case of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Cambridge, who is charged with murdering Miss Avis Linnell, was called in the municipal court today, the hearing was postponed until Nov. 7. The minister was in court only two minutes.

While there has been so much speculation about the probable manner by which the cyanide of potassium was actually taken into the mouth of Miss Linnell, it has now been disclosed that the police have evidence showing and witnesses ready to testify that she drank the poison in solution.

It appears, from what it is understood that these witnesses will testify, that Miss Linnell must have mixed the poison crystals with water in an ordinary drinking glass, a few minutes before she swallowed the deadly solution.

Persons who entered the bath-room and found the dying girl, discovered the soiled drinking glass and immediately washed it out and used it to mix an antidote in. It was also discovered that the girl had been immediately made sick, and that though she was unconscious she threw off the major portion of the poisonous solution. This in a degree is regarded as the explanation of the fact that she lived twenty-five minutes after taking the poison, for in the liquid form the solution was weak at best, and it was assimilated slowly and its fatal consequence was retarded.

It is not suspected for a moment that Miss Linnell took the poison in crystal form into her mouth, for if she had, some traces of it would possibly have been found there; and again it is supposed that she would have understood that the powder would have been more slow in bringing about the result she hoped to obtain by taking it than if she had taken it in the crystal form. For these reasons and because of the presence of the soiled drinking glass at her side, it is now believed that she first dissolved it in water and, then drank down the deadly solution.

But after all, this point in the case is not so important to the case of the prosecution as the manner in which she received the poison. It is likely to be charged with the indictment counts that it was mailed, handed to her in person or sent to her by messenger; and all the while a strenuous effort is being made to ascertain in just which one of these ways it was conveyed to Miss Linnell.

It is not thought that there was a secret trusting place, or "lover's post office," where the poison might have been left for the girl, who, little suspecting the evil intentions of her supposed friend, went there and found the deadly package.

Whoever her sleazy was, the authorities agree that he displayed such a degree of cunning as has not figured in any previous murder case in the history of this state.

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THE PERFUME ON THE BILL.

The morning after election a "character" entered one of the Shelburne stores, and after ordering some goods offered a new crisp, five dollar bill in payment. The store-keeper, who is a great wag, took the bill and, pretending to smell it said, "Joe, that is all right. That is our of our party bills."

"How you know that?"

"Why, we put perfume on all our bills so we would know who got them."

"Dat so, Mr. Young! Well, now, dey nebber told me dat!"

FARM ENGINEERING.

Heretofore Neglected Field Offers Rich Opportunities.

In a farming community the county might utilize a hydro-electric development for supplying from a central station the power needed for farming on a modern and scientific basis, or a number of farmers may be interested in the promotion of such enterprises, utilizing the power in common for the purpose of carrying on their farming operations, including the lighting of farm buildings and dwellings. Electric power may be readily applied with the use of motors to all agricultural machinery, such as plows, reapers, mowing machines, pumps, thrashing machines, fodder cutters, feed grinders, washing machinery, creamery appliances, refrigerating installations, etc. By the use of electric light on the farms greater efficiency and cleanliness are secured all around, fire risk is diminished, insurance rates are reduced, and the working day is not shortened in the winter season.

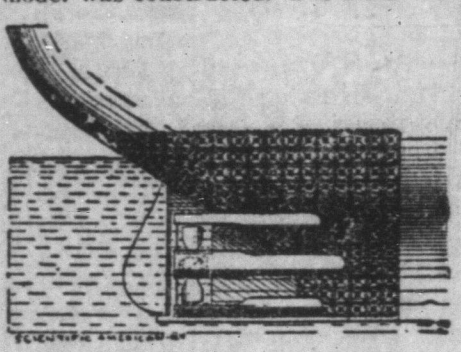
The great cry has for some time been raised that a livelihood cannot at present be made on the farm. The great problem is to produce more per acre and to make the laborer's position on the farm so attractive that he will be willing to remain there. It is my opinion that the real reason for the retrogression of the farming industry is that all modern engineering ability has almost exclusively been directed to the advancement of industrial enterprises and has almost entirely neglected farming and agricultural work. Financiers and promoters will no doubt find this a great field, particularly as with the use of electric power many byproducts of value may be produced commercially on farms, such as alcohol, starch, etc., from the surplus products.—Frank Koester in Engineering Magazine.

PERFORATED SHEATHING.

Method of Relieving Suction at the Stern of a Vessel.

In the wake of every moving object there is a partial vacuum or rarefaction of the fluid through which it is moving. In the case of a steamer traveling at high speed the tendency to produce a cavity at the stern causes a rush of water toward this part of the vessel, which sucks it down and forms a serious drag. To overcome this drag and to permit the vessel to ride on an even keel an inventor has recently devised a scheme of introducing air at the stern of the vessel, his idea being that since air is less sluggish or dense than water it will more readily flow into the cavity at the stern of the vessel and thus reduce the drag.

With this in view, an experimental model was constructed. The stern was



formed with a double wall, the space between the two walls being open to the atmosphere and the outer wall being perforated. This model was operated in a tank, and it was found that there was an actual reduction of the amount of power required to drive it when the air supply was cut off.

The accompanying line drawing illustrates a novel form of sheathing which the inventor proposes to apply to the stern of any vessel. The construction of the sheathing is such as to admit the air between it and the hull of the vessel and to feed it out through a large number of square openings with beveled sides so as to relieve the drag of the water.

Platinum and Gold.

The recent high prices of platinum have led to extensive searches for this rare metal in the United States. Last year, says David T. Day, most platinum was produced in the neighborhood of Oroville, Cal., where it is found in the ratio of 1 to 500 of gold. But near Surf, in Santa Barbara county, it is found in the ratio of 2 to 1 of gold, and at Cape Blanco, Oregon, a deposit has been found where the ratio of platinum to gold is 5 to 1. On the west coast of Washington platinum is comparatively abundant in the ratio of 1 to 10 and 1 to 15 of gold. At present the useful accumulations in the United States are limited to a mine in southern Wyoming, a group of mines in eastern Nevada and about seven deposits in connection with placer mines on the Pacific slope.

Vacuum Street Sweeper.

Arthur Scymanski, an Austrian civil engineer, has invented a street cleaning machine which does not raise any dust. It consists of a motorcar with a revolving brush which not only sweeps up the dust, but throws it into a large funnel, from which it is sucked up and deposited in a metal box. The dust is not left on the street to be collected later or scattered again by the wind. The box can be removed when full and be replaced by an empty one. The wagon is driven by a twenty-eight-horsepower motor and can sweep eleven miles of street an hour.

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