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THE FADS OF ST. JOHN.

St. John is a city of fads—or epidemics—which like many diseases are violent while they last, but which do not afflict the people for very lengthy periods. That this is true is amply proven by experience during the past few years. For instance four years ago Seaside Park became the attraction. A street car line was built to this pretty little breathing space on the bay shore, and people found out that there was nothing like an afternoon spent away from the city. They crowded to Seaside. More gathered at every white spot along the car line on each fine summer day, struggled and fought for places on the cars, and put up with much inconvenience for the sake of doing what everyone else was doing. Seaside was an attractive little spot in its way, and received a large share of patronage—for a time. "For a time." That represents popular ideas in St. John. People are always seeking something new, and adults, like children, soon tire of their toys. Seaside Park reigned supreme for a very few seasons, but a rapid decline set in, and nowadays no one hears very much about the Bay Shore. It is not deserted, for in fine weather some few of the faithful still find their way over to enjoy the refreshing breezes and a day in the open. But its old time popularity has vanished. New ideas have been developed, and St. John has gone in for other fads.

Roller skating was introduced here, and immediately became the only thing worth bothering about. A rink was opened on Charlotte street and shortly afterwards another was fitted up on City Road. These two amusement resorts were last summer and autumn crowded to the doors every evening. Men, women and children all went in for the exercise which was declared to be more enjoyable than anything previously attempted. Such was the enthusiasm of the people that one rink, formerly given over to ice-skating, was last year devoted to rollers. But these days there is little said about roller skating. The Charlotte street rink is at present closed, but will reopen if business is promising. The City Road rink like Seaside Park attracts the devotees of the sport, but the great crowd is not in evidence.

Vandeville theatre then became the rage, and the amount of money taken in at the various performances given was simply enormous. The proprietors of the principal house, observing the tendency of the people, very wisely decided that cheaper entertainments at lower prices might bring in proportionately larger earnings, and accordingly the vandeville house was transformed into a moving picture theatre. Success attended the change, and every day thousands upon thousands went to spend five cents for a good hour's amusement. Realizing the profitable business being done, other persons have decided that it may well be shared, and today there are three or four moving shows in continuous operation, while two or three others are projected. Lots of people attend, but the crowding for seats is not as great as it was six months ago. The fad still prevails, and the managers of the various theatres have so far found no fault with the people for lack of patronage.

A few weeks ago Rockwood Park, easily St. John's greatest institution, was transformed from a quiet pastoral resting place, to an amusement park, and now countless thousands are day after day enjoying the delights provided. Rockwood itself was never a fad, but always managed to attract a small—small—share of attention in spite of strong competition. It has been at a disadvantage in being out of easy reach, but now when special attractions are provided, distance is forgotten, and St. John is most eagerly taking up this latest idea. Rockwood, like beauty, unadorned is adorned the most, but as fortune hunters are invariably drawn towards the pretty girl with money, so are the crowds diverted to the park with amusement features. The man who can think out a new idea which will prove popular for next winter, has the chance of earning a small fortune.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF CANADA.

The Baptist committee which has been in session in Montreal has decided that if the different conventions give consent, "The Baptist Union of Canada" will be formed. The proposed scheme of union will be submitted to the various conventions for their consideration, and if adopted, the newly organized governing body of the church will be called to meet in May of next year. This assembly will, it is said, include a representation of 2,500. The points chiefly enlarged upon in the committee's discussion are of special importance in the proposed national asso-

ciation were the economy in the working expenses of the different departments of the administration and the benefit which would accrue from the mission and evangelizing fields.

Rev. Thomas Marshall is now no doubt gaining an insight into the working of the temperance law in P. E. Island. He has an advantage over the two commissioners yet to be appointed, but with his increased opportunities he will be in a position to work up a strong case for presentation to the New Brunswick Government. Mr. Marshall may also learn how low some people can fall in their methods of enforcing the law.

At the Women's Council in Vancouver, laws for the protection of women and children were discussed. A resolution was introduced to make the age of freedom to marry eighteen instead of twenty-one years. The names of most of those who supported it were prefaced by "Miss." Is this some deep, dark plot?

WAYMATES.

Over the hills and through the heather,
All in the merry midyear weather—
Under the sky
O dear July,
Wandering, just we two together,
You and I through the green leafed ways,
You and I in the golden days—
The days of youth,
The days of truth—
Young life and love and tuneful lays!
Over the hills to the western strand,
Over the waves to the fairy land
Beyond the dim
And gleaming rim
Of the old gray world, go, hand in hand—
Hand in hand (for the dice are thrown),
Heart of my heart, my love, my own—
Blue sky o'er us
And before us
Luring lights of the far Unknown.

One day some Americans on a visit to Wales expressed a wish to see a certain old and historic church. The incumbent was only too pleased to show them round, especially as he believed it would end in a donation being given to his parochial fund. He is as proud of the school as he is of the church, and finished up by asking them to leave also, and inviting them to question the scholars.

One of the party accepted the invitation. "Can you tell me, little boy," said he to one lad, "who George Washington was?" "Is, surr," said he, "he was a 'Merryman' gen'ral." "Quite right," said the American. "And when you tell him who George Washington was remarkable for?" "Is, surr; 'e was remarkable 'cos 'e was a 'Merryman' an' told the trewth." The American didn't question further.

Mark Twain assured King Edward VII. that he approved Windsor Castle with its grounds, and would like to buy it. "The King entered into the spirit of the occasion," thus did Mark Twain again follow in the footsteps of Artemus Ward, as he has followed for forty years.

When Artemus was in London, writing articles for Punch, he visited the British museum and he punched the walls with his umbrella to see if the masonry was all right. "A man with a gold band on his hat said, in a harsh voice, that I must stop poking the walls with my umbrella to see if the masonry was all right. 'You see, I'm lookin' round this museum, and if I like it I shall buy it.' Instead of laughing at these remarks, which was made in a goading spirit, the man frowned darkly and walked away."

A little boy in one of the Manchester schools the other day described the greatness of Canada with all the magnificence of certain schools of certain birds of imperialism. "Canada," he wrote, "is such an extensive country that it stretches from east to west."

TOWN'S SILVER WEDDING.

LONDON, July 20.—Clacton-on-Sea yesterday celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of its union by rail with the rest of the world. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Great Eastern line from Thorpe to Clacton.

ISLE OF MAN'S NEW LAW.

LIVERPOOL, July 20.—The only law passed at the recent session of the Manx Legislature, which has received the royal assent, was proclaimed yesterday at Tynwald Hill. In accordance with the custom for 1000 years, the law abolishes the compulsory viewing of bodies by coroners' juries.

DESERTED TOWN.

LONDON, July 20.—In a little more than two hours, twenty-two special trains, made up of nearly 550 carriages and carrying 25,000 persons, left Swindon yesterday for all parts of the Great Western Railway system. The occasion was the annual week's holiday of the Great Western Railway employees.

ACTOR STEALS GEMS WORTH \$75,000

Deposited in Charge of Berlin Hotel Manager, They are Confiscated by Police

BERLIN, July 20.—Last night a packet containing jewelry to the value of \$75,000, which had been deposited in the care of the manager of a Berlin hotel, was confiscated by the police. It forms part of the proceeds of a robbery perpetrated a few days ago at Nuremberg by a young actor named Felix Luetze, who had been appearing at a theatre in that town. The thief himself, together with his supposed accomplice, Fritz Horschel, has disappeared, and his personality is at present engaging the close attention of the police of the old and new worlds.

So far as his record has been investigated, it suggests that Luetze's most recent exploit was only the last in a comparatively long career of international crime. While yet a boy he attracted the notice of a wealthy man, who loaded him with presents of jewelry, and with these he seems to have procured himself a trade connection. At any rate, he was intrusted by a Nuremberg jeweler with pearls and other gems to the value of \$75,000, for which he gave bills. The jewels he took to Vienna and pawned. He then sold the pawn tickets to another jeweler, who redeemed the pledges.

Luetze next told the Viennese jeweler a story of a wealthy relative in Nuremberg who wished to make a large purchase of pearls and jewels, and to allow his sister to accompany him to that town with a box containing not only the redeemed jewels, but others in addition, to the value of \$25,000. While they were in Nuremberg he had no difficulty in obtaining possession of the case and making off with it.

For some reason not yet fully explained, he returned to the Nuremberg jeweler the gems which he had originally obtained from him, but persuaded him to take them to Berlin, where he assured him that the purchaser was to be found. The merchant left the jewels with the manager of the hotel, where they were last night seized by the police. The remaining \$25,000 worth Luetze pawned for \$7500 with the state bank office, which, as the result of previous transactions, had come to regard him with confidence.

It has already been discovered that Luetze was in the habit of masquerading at Monte Carlo and other fashionable pleasure resorts, and that when down on his luck, he shared with Horschel.

USE OF LOUST.

PRETORIA, July 20.—Ex-Commandant Potgieter, speaking at a meeting of farmers in the Grootfontein district of the Transvaal, declared that the attempts of the various South African governments to exterminate the looust on the ground that it was a pest sent by heaven as a judgment on the people for their sins, and that to interfere with the Divine decrees was to invite further punishment.

TELL-TALE PHOTOGRAPH.

LONDON, July 20.—During the hearing a case at the Lambeth County Court yesterday, in which the defendant failed to appear, the plaintiff produced an illustrated paper, and said: "Here he is, your honor, in a picture which shows that he was at Henley yesterday."

WANTS TO VISIT THE KING.

LONDON, July 20.—The queen regent of Swaziland has expressed to the resident commissioner a desire to visit King Edward in his own house and personally lay her grievances and those of her family before him.

RAIN CAUSES FIRE.

LONDON, July 20.—A truck laden with lime, standing on a railway siding at Dovercourt, was set on fire yesterday by rain beating under the covering and coming in contact with the lime.

TOWNS WITH TROUBLES.

London's trouble is her fog. Tokyo's is her earthquakes. In her worst 200,000 residents were killed. The mistral is the trouble of Marseilles, an east wind that increases the city's death rate 50 per cent.

BIRTHS.

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DEATHS.

WILLS.—At St. John (west), July 22nd, William Wills, aged 71 years, leaving a wife, five sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.

SPECULATED WITH HIS CLIENTS' MONEY

Paris Business Man Arrested in Athens for Series of Huge Frauds

ATHENS, July 20.—A Frenchman of business, aged 38, and settled in Paris, has been arrested at Athens on a charge of swindling. According to the accusation brought against him, he speculated with money intrusted to his keeping by several clients, and when all was lost bolted. He is described as being a man of very pleasant manners, and as having succeeded, even when his affairs were becoming complicated, in giving plausible answers to many anxious inquiries, thus staving off the day of reckoning.

But in the middle of last month complaints were lodged against him by a well-known family, he having left Paris on the previous day. One of these persons is a gentleman who says that he has lost more than \$800,000; another is from this gentleman's mother, who states that she has been done out of \$320,000; a third is from his mother-in-law, who is troubled about a sum of \$40,000, and a fourth is from a relative, also a woman, who does not know what has become of a matter of \$40,000.

An investigation having been opened by the authorities, it was ascertained that the man of business had gone to Aix les Bains, where he had left his mistress, and then he was traced to Brindisi, and so on to Greece. An examining magistrate accordingly sent a warrant for his arrest to Athens, and the alleged swindler was taken into custody yesterday.

So far only the four complaints mentioned have been lodged, but it is thought that the announcement of the arrest may perhaps bring in more. The gentleman referred to is the son of a former Dutch diplomatist, and it is said that when he attained his majority he confided most of his fortune, amounting to \$600,000, to the man of business, and that since his marriage, ten years ago, he has left his accounts entirely in his hands, even to the payment of tradesmen's bills, so implicit was the trust which he reposed in him. Now he is believed to be completely ruined.

It seems that it was only this year that suspicion began to be entertained. It is a question whether the extradited traitor from Greece applies to this case, as the law ratifying it was only gazetted, in the Journal Officiel yesterday.

ROYAL PRESENT FROM AMERICA.

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IT WOULDN'T GO DOWN.

It is often claimed that artists and scientists should not marry. A wife and family, the contention runs, divert a man's thoughts from pure art or pure science to money making, and in other ways besides they distract and constrain him.

Henry Jafes, who is usually serious, defended the above claim rather frivolously at a dinner in New York on his last visit.

"For example," he said, "a friend of mine declared one night that he believed in study.

"Nobody can learn in a lifetime all that should be known," he said. "A man ought never to assume that his education is complete. I must and will keep abreast of the times, and I propose to begin the study of anatomy at once."

"Jerome," said his wife calmly, "you'll have to think of some better excuse than that for staying out to all hours of the night."—Buffalo Enquirer.

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QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

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Soon afterward the car stopped and the Harvard man, on looking out of the window, was surprised to see the very friend he was seeking. He started to leave the car, but the conductor stopped him.

"You can't change here," he said brusquely.

The professor passed him, making no response.

"You can't change here, I tell you," persisted the conductor.

By this time the professor was on the rear step. "Here, you old jay!" exclaimed the conductor, "haven't I told you that you can't change here?"

At this the good man flushed. "Well, I can change my mind here, can't I?"

—Lippincott's.

QUEER POSITIONS OF HEARTS.

There is one curious fact that nobody notices about the common, finger-long, green caterpillars of our larger moths. Their hearts, instead of being in front are at the back of the body and extend along the entire length of the animal. One can see the heart distinctly through the thin skin and can watch its slow beat, which starts at the tail and moves forward to the head. Hearts of this sort reaching from head to tail are not at all uncommon in these simpler creatures. The earthworm has one, and so have most worms, caterpillars and other crawling things. Hearts in the middle of the body are quite as frequent as natural place. Many animals, the lobster for example, and the clawfish and the crab, which have short hearts like those of the beasts and birds, nevertheless have them placed just under the shell in what, in ourselves would be the small of the back.—St. Nicholas.

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