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### It Was a Great Contest.

Conservative political gatherings seem to call forth peculiar statements and outward evidences of impossible hopes within. Some of the speakers are almost sure to fall over in a mad desire to say something that will give for a couple of minutes in the mind of the audience.

Ex-Mayor Cameron Wilson was chairman of the London Conservative meeting, and he can always be counted on to step up to the anvil and turn out a phrase or two that will beckon to the others to come along and make a bigger one.

So the ex-mayor, in introducing the boy ventriloquist, Mr. Haney from Sarnia, looked the audience in the eye, winked one horn-handed fist against the other toll-hardened fist, and exclaimed, "There is no question but the Conservative party is going to be returned to power next month, and the hides are going to be nailed to the fence. Hon. Howard Ferguson will be premier and the Conservative party come back into its own once more."

Well, that was one of the best little bed-time stories the doctor ever told. It was something like the one he tried to tell the school teachers of London when he wanted them to take 10 per cent off their wages and never notice the difference. Painless surgery.

Yes, sir, they liked what the chairman said, so he brought out the boy orator from Sarnia, Mr. Haney. Now, get that right, Haney—not Raney. Well, the way he went after Mr. Drury was almost verging on the point of cruelty. Things were certainly black as far as finances were concerned. In fact, the lad made 'em so black that it took Sir Adam Beck some time in his address to tell the people they had a good chance to realize on some of the money involved in the hydro enterprises.

But when Mr. Haney got the thing all blackened, and had the lightning flashing, the thunder rolling and the province going to smash, he lifted one corner of a very dark, black cloud to bring forth the Joshua who was going to carry on the work of getting into the promised land:

"When such facts are placed before the thinking public, whether their inclinations may have been with Labor or Liberals, they say, 'We are looking for somebody to lead us out of the mess we have been in, and, thank God, we have got the Conservative party.'"

Such brazen blasphemy! And they bought a railroad ticket to and from Sarnia to be sprayed with impudence of that sort.

Perhaps the young man felt that when he was away from home he had to talk big, had to say something like a general might say on the eve of a great battle. Or it may have been that he considered the brand of oratory of London Conservatives too mediocre considering the enormity of the task on hand. At any rate, he qualified the first time out as a good little tub-thumper.

And then the chairman, Dr. Wilson, not to be distanced by any imported talent, unfurled another great phrase when he introduced Sir Adam. He placed one fist on the other, then finally shook one of them at the audience. Yes, sir, he did. Then out came this:

"The man who was crucified on the cross of political expediency."

Brer. Haney gulped when he heard that one, for in all his vocabulary he had not hatched out anything to equal it. Thus, at one fell stroke, the local man regained the ground that looked in danger of passing out to Sarnia.

These preliminary bouts give the boys a great chance to dust off some of their choicest and most destructive phrases, and bring them out for a little air.

### Those Tell-Tale Finger Prints.

The Bertillon system of identifying criminals by finger prints is so sure that it seldom makes an error.

It is even more certain than the photograph of a man's face, in which a decided change may be made in a few years' time. Finger prints do not change. Even though the outer skin be removed by a burn or from any other cause, it will grow in the same again.

This little device has brought men to justice from all corners of the world. Just now London is particularly interested because it is believed that Sidney Murrell will be brought back here after being a fugitive from justice for almost two years.

When he was imprisoned here those tell-tale finger prints were taken and filed away in the records. A means of identification, based on the same plan that is used all over the continent, was established.

According to reports, Murrell got into the hands of the law in a remote corner of California. Here, again, the same system was used, and the finger prints sent on to Ottawa, thence to London. Comparison showed that they were the hands of the same individual, and the little town in California was informed that the man was wanted thousands of miles away in London to face trial on the most serious charge known.

If the man held at Susanville, Cal., is Sidney Murrell it is another bit of outstanding evidence for the methods used in tracing criminals.

### Get After the Speed Fiends.

The average motorist using the country roads is a normal, reasonable sort of individual. He drives carefully, gives others all the room he can, and enjoys the air and scenery as he goes along.

The exception is the fool driver, and in the interests of the overwhelming majority of careful drivers this fool individual should be dealt with.

Sunday evening a car with three young men came down the Sarnia road, past Hyde Park. There was nothing but a cloud of dust, and the car was making 50 miles an hour if it were making one. There was no chance to get the number, and a speed cop would be the only person who could deal with such a case.

This same brand of jackass looms up on other roads. He dodges out from behind another car, swings away over to the wrong side of the road, thinking that his own asinine personality is the only one to be considered.

The officers should get after these speed fiends, and courts should go the limit in dealing with them. The careful driver will applaud a sentence that puts this class in jail and their cars in cold storage.

### The Recall Being Used in Ontario.

It is reported that a number of U. F. O. candidates are being asked to sign the recall before they are permitted to have the indorsement of a nominating convention. This recall places in the hands of the U. F. O. the right to call for the resignation of the member, in case

he is elected, if a certain number of the U. F. O. political party sign a requisition asking for his retirement.

Thus a member going into public life becomes primarily the representative of just that section that put him there. It is supposed to make erring ones walk straight and vote straight. It implies that the constituency has not full confidence in the man himself, and in that case they should never tender him the nomination.

The recall is used in some sections of United States. British parliamentary usage does not sanction it, and Britain is fairly well abreast of the times in regard to parliaments.

There is something in the procedure that the average candidate, if he is a red-blooded, honorable individual, will not readily subscribe to. It may be that he will take the hurdle rather than be turned down by the convention, but at the same time he must feel that he is hampered in entering public life, and making the sacrifices he does make—for a seat in the Ontario Legislature is not a profitable investment.

Perhaps the U. F. O. feel that the recall is a first-class method for promoting group government, but in the larger sense of responsible government we do not like the idea, and hope its adoption will be on a very limited scale.

### Here's the Whole Story.

A heading on the front page of the London Conservative organ tells the whole reason why it is desirable from the standpoint of Conservative politics, to have Sir Adam Beck a candidate in this election.

That heading says: "Sir Adam's Hydro Policies Are Big Factor in Connection With Election."

Surely. Just a selfish political desire to bring in hydro so that Conservative candidates may make a convenient horse of it to ride through the election contest.

It would be a disappointment to hydro supporters to think that Sir Adam Beck would lend himself to any such transparent political propaganda.

### Will Try Negotiation First.

The Baldwin ministry in Britain has made a start by declaring that it believes it possible to settle the differences between Russia and Britain by negotiation rather than by force of arms.

The chief point at issue is that Britain requires Russia to keep her political agents at home and cease preaching soviet ideas in British possessions.

Russia has enough problems at home to take up her full time.

Britain has enough financial burdens now without having to stage another war, or even a serious show of arms.

If Britain can negotiate honorably with Russia, the Baldwin government will have set the pace for saner European habits.

The people of Europe have successfully demonstrated that it is not possible to make progress with a gun in one hand and a spade in the other.

European currency, broken and poor, requires both hands on the spade.

### It Interests Every Home.

The Brussels Post states the case very clearly in a few words:

"Don't lose sight of the prohibition question in all the bustle of the election. It will still concern every home in the land no matter who wins."

People favorable to the O. T. A. can well take heed of that little warning.

The London Conservative paper assures its readers that the "O. T. A. Is Not An Issue."

The O. T. A. is an issue as much as anything else. There are organizations, such as the Moderation League, sending out stacks of literature assuring the people that "we are within striking distance" of getting a blow at that measure.

The Moderation League, if it had a chance, would break the spine of the O. T. A.

There are candidates who, in their addresses, are very wobbly in regard to their stand.

The Brussels paper is talking sense when it advises its readers to keep an eye on this issue.

### Note and Comment.

There is a movement on foot in London to use hydro current to heat the Tory political wires.

Yes, there is some progress being made. We just heard of a girl named Elzbie who went to college. Now she's graduated and they call her Elizabeth.

Kingston has just made a locomotive that can go 73 miles an hour. It is very bad policy to give this information out just when the automobile season is at its height.

Mr. J. W. Curry is not going to run again for a provincial seat. He has been appointed to an \$8,000 a year registration in Toronto. Most politicians in a similar position would not hesitate long in making the same decision.

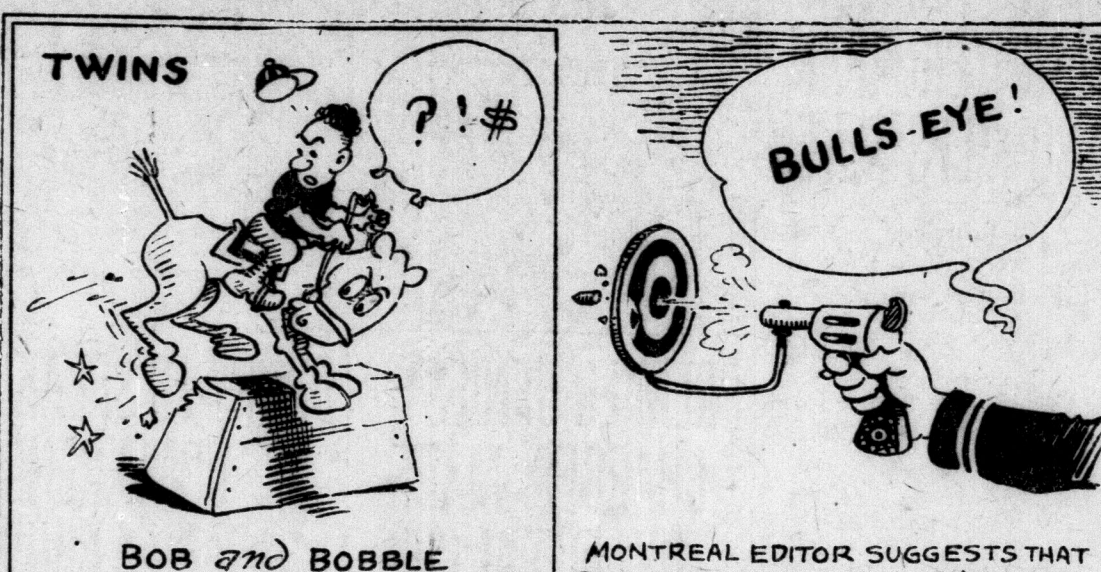
Two men at Camden, N. J., got into a fight and landed in the hospital over a remark that one of them bought his clothes at a fire sale. Joking with a man with no sense of humor is like striking a light to see if there's any gas in the tank.

### ADOPTING PRUSSIAN METHODS.

(From the Westminster Gazette.) It is not too much to say that the Krupp sentences have shocked by their severity almost every section of political opinion in this country. They are obviously too drastic to be defended by the most notorious anti-German and pro-French journals, and it is not surprising even to learn that the French journalists in court were themselves staggered by what must have recalled to them the Prussian spirit which dealt so harshly with Burgomaster Max, of Brussels. It is suggested by the nimblest of the apologists that the sentences will be revised when the French have completed their operations in the Ruhr, but that is a flimsy excuse. They are likely to give a sullen stiffening to Germans of all classes, and thus to drive the passive resistance movement, against which the French may demonstrate in vain, deeper down, or on the other hand, to create a serious revolt among the more turbulent minded of the population. They are alike wrong in principle and in tactics, and the French militarists have put themselves into the awkward position of having to whittle them away in some form or other to the loss of their own prestige, or to risk the hardening of the temper of the German people as a whole. It is not customary for the French government to consult British wishes in these Ruhr matters, and our government may not have the courage to make any public representation about the sentences, but the French people may take warning from our newspapers that they have jarred the feeling of justice which exists in the mind of the average British citizen.

# EDITORIAL PAGE of the ADVERTISER

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MONTREAL EDITOR SUGGESTS THAT POLICE OF THAT CITY BE ENCOURAGED TO IMPROVE MARKSMANSHIP



## Rarebits by Rex

**PESSIMISM.**  
Nothing to breathe but air;  
Nothing to eat but food;  
Nothing but clothes to wear.  
To keep us from being nude.  
Nothing to do but things;  
Quick as a flash they're gone;  
Nowhere to fall but off;  
Nowhere to sit but on.  
Nothing to quench but thirst;  
Nowhere to sleep but bed.  
Nothing to have but what we've got;  
Nothing to bury but dead.  
Nothing to weep but tears,  
Ah, me! Alas, alack!  
Nowhere to go but quit,  
Nowhere to come but back.  
Nothing to comb but hair;  
Nothing to wed but a wife;  
Only to suffer and bear;  
What is the value of life?

President Harding is said to be an indifferent golfer. But as a president he has managed to get himself in many holes.

The Prince of Wales was once reported to be engaged to an Athenian princess, but all hopes for a marriage vanished when the prince saw the lady. His motto was "Maid of Athens, I've we part, give me thirty yards the start."

Before he was wed, he said, He wanted a wife, whose head Contained all the 'ologies, Taught in the colleges, But he married his cook instead.

A visitor to Toronto came back much impressed with the magnificence of Christ Church, St. Andrew's Church and Tommy Church.

Premier Law is having a rough political passage. Apparently the firm of Law and Order has broken up.

Living costs will come down when business looks up.

If at first you don't succeed, young man, remember there may be other girls who are not so particular.

The Montrealer who started playing with a loaded shot-gun is now a former Montrealer.

Robert Forke, the Progressive leader, has his knife in for Mr. McKeighan.

When a man is talking to himself he believes everything he hears.

**LITTLE WILLIE SAYS.**  
Don't we look like his pop sed mum to visitors when I cum into the parlor yestiday and wen I herd them say yep he dont, dont, he I went out an nex day mum was dressin for afternoon tee an sed willie how do I luk, an I sed not much an she sed oh willie you bad boy you always say I sed luk nice an I sed well didnt you say I didnt luk nice an mum sed I never sed any such thing so I sed yos you did, we only yestiday you sed I luked like pop.

## LET'S SWAP

When Mrs. Ellis moved, her rugs Were all too large or small; She sat down in despair and wept: They just wouldn't do at all;

Next day she read a SWAP-AD page.

And clasped her hands with glee, 'Til swap my rugs with some one else, The question's solved," said she.



## The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

### A FRIEND IN YOUTH AND OLD AGE.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.—Psalm 71:9.

The young need God for counsel and restraint; the old for consolation and encouragement.

It is not easy to grow old gracefully, or even cheerfully. Much is taken when youth departs; and the increase of experience is mocked by the failure of power to make use of it.

One is to carry on bravely through the remaining years, there must be a Divine Companion to cheer the way and lighten the burden.

This companionship will be infinitely sweeter and more helpful if it has begun early.

An old friend is better than a new acquaintance.

That is why the Bible says: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come."

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## Your Health

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR EARS, KEEPING THEM FREE FROM WAX.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

Nothing is more disagreeable than to be hard of hearing. Everybody who has experienced it knows how it feels.

Many cases of deafness are more or less hopeless, because they are past treatment. They are hopeless because the victim lives so far from the ear doctor that he cannot get the frequent treatments necessary for relief.

The majority of deaf persons can be benefited, provided skillful treatment is applied. Too often the patient gets discouraged, and after a few treatments, discontinues his visits to the doctor. It should be remembered that catarrhal deafness dates away back to babyhood. The use of the hearing trumpet in old age can be traced to neglected "snuffles" and adenoids in childhood. Certainly, it is unreasonable to hope for speedy cure of a disability of such long standing.

You must patiently persist in your treatments, confident that the deafness will be checked, even if it isn't materially benefited.

There are deaf persons in every town who could be restored to normal hearing by one visit to an ear specialist.

This sounds like an extravagant statement. But I have known so many persons to carry about a load of wax and to suffer from needless deafness that I want to be just as sensational as may be necessary to start similar patients on the road to immediate cure.

One of the most common of all the causes for hard of hearing is impaction of the ear wax.

To remove the wax, prepare a solution of good soap in hot water. Use a syringe with very fine force, and it is a fountain syringe, do not raise it much above the level of your ear. Tip the top of your head toward the ear being worked on, so that the water runs from below up into the ear, and out again by gravity.

If no force is used you can run into and out of the ear an enormous quantity of water, a gallon if need be, without doing any harm.

If the wax has become very hard, drop in five or six drops of mineral oil or sweet oil and let it remain a couple of days before using the water. This will soften the mass and permit its removal with the syringe.

Remember, it is harmful to use force or cold water. Either will cause pain, perhaps fainting and sometimes inflammation.

If you go to an ear specialist he will use instruments skillfully and more quickly get the mass out, but the water will accomplish your purpose if enough is used.

T. M. F. Q.—Will you please tell me how I can increase the growth of my eyebrows?

A.—Yellow vaseline applied to the eyebrows at night before retiring will help to promote their growth.

F. R. M. Q.—My work is such that my hands become very dirty and no matter how hard I scrub them I cannot get them clean. Will you please tell me what to do for them?

A.—First rub vaseline into your hands thoroughly and wait a short time before washing. Then use castile soap and a hard brush. This ought to help you.

A. F. C. Q.—I am very fond of whole cloves, but have been told they are harmful. What is your opinion?

A.—I would not advise your eating them.

Reader. Q.—What is the cause of black circles under the eyes? What can I do for this?

2.—Should a woman of 30 have wrinkles?

A.—Eye circles may be due to eye-strain, loss of sleep, indigestion, and

constipation, although poor circulation is usually at fault. Get more fresh air.

2.—This depends on the texture of the skin. A great deal of exposure may cause the skin to wrinkle more quickly. Try bathing the parts first with hot water and then with cold. This will harden the tissues.

F. C. Q.—I have a child 12 years old who, while sleeping, sighs, and I notice that at times her abdomen seems to become very large. What would you advise me to do for her?

A.—It may be that the child is suffering from round worms. Take her to your physician or to a hospital clinic for an examination and treatment.

Grateful Reader. — Two years ago I was operated on for fallen arches, and at that time the cord at the back of the heel was stretched. Now I walk lame and would like to know if anything can be done to overcome this trouble.

A.—You should consult an orthopaedic surgeon for an examination

and further treatment. Be guided by the advice he gives you.

Miss T. Y. Q.—I have been advised to have my teeth extracted, but told that it would take at least a month for the gums to heal. If you please tell me if this is so.

A.—The length of time they take to heal would depend upon the individual. If you have been advised to have your teeth extracted, you should have it done. Numerous diseases are caused by decayed teeth.

S. P. G. Q.—What can I do for cracking knee joint?

A.—Massage with cod liver oil. Help this condition. It is due to drying up of the fluid. I would advise you to have a personal examination so that your doctor can see what the underlying cause is and remedy it.

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**"The Ten Books I Have Most Enjoyed"**

By FANNIE HURST, novelist and playwright; author of "Humoresque," "Star Dust," "The Good Provider," and many short stories.

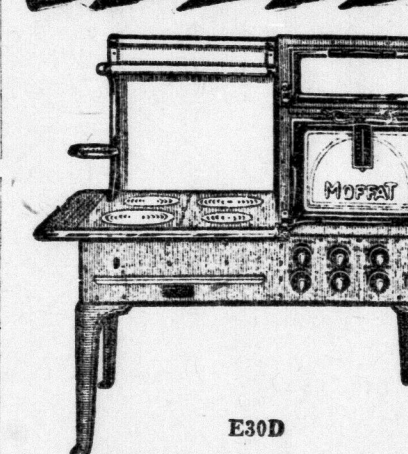
Poetry of Shelley.  
"The Life of the Bee" (Maeterlinck).  
"Evelyn Innes" (George Moore).  
Works of Walt Whitman.  
"Alice in Wonderland" (Lewis Carroll).  
"Faust" (Goethe).  
"Spoon River Anthology" (Edgar Lee Masters).  
The Book of Job.  
"The Jungle Book" (Rudyard Kipling).  
"In Memoriam."

These books have brought me wide mental and spiritual enjoyment. I could name books I admire more than some of these, but none I love more.

Tomorrow: Arthur Guiterman.  
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