

Peculiarities

Smith's Falls has a baby that holds the record for sleep. It has gone three days, less ten minutes, without waking. Any town that can beat this should shout.

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In a Western Ontario town, one of the councillors got some good advice from a ratepayer as to how the town should be run. The councillor examined the newspaper and found it had the name of a large department store as its watermark, and he published the fact. The critical ratepayer may as well leave that town. He is a marked man as long as he stays there.

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Any month with "r" in it was supposed to be a good month in which to eat oysters. The Dominion authorities have killed this little sentiment by enacting that during April and September no one may catch, buy or sell Canadian oysters. So vanish the dreams and beliefs of our youth!

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The Canadian trade returns for the last nine months show an increase in foreign buying and selling of fifty-five millions. One of the chief reasons for this prosperity is the founding of The Canadian Courier and its effect upon public sentiment.

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Everything is going up in price. Rural postmasters are now selling at a minimum of \$50 as compared with \$25. This is a wonderful era.

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The Toronto News has been striving to get out among the "successful" papers, which are those that pay a dividend. It has probably succeeded, for it is now quoted by the patent medicine advertisers. This is a sure sign.

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In declaring that the Englishman stands for all that is best in humanity Sir Frederick Borden delivers himself of one of those neatly creased opinions that caused John Bull to fold his hands over his comfortable stomach and exclaim, "What a profound observer!"—Toronto Star.

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Any lawyer working for the public or the government expects \$100 a day for his appearance in court or before any public body. The members of the House of Commons during the session which just closed actually "sat" 94 days. At the lawyers' rate their fee would be \$9,400; but it was only \$2,500. (P.S.—We make no reduction in subscription price to members of Parliament.)

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The greatest question in sporting circles these days is as follows: "If giving Longboat, the great Indian runner, a present of five hundred dollars' worth of silver would not make him a professional, what effect would be produced if he is given five hundred dollars' worth of education?"

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It is said that 15,000 shares of Detroit United Railway are held in Montreal, Quebec, Sorel and St. Hyacinthe. And yet the people of Quebec say they are the true Canadians, and that Ontario is decidedly American! Guess the people of both provinces are about the same.

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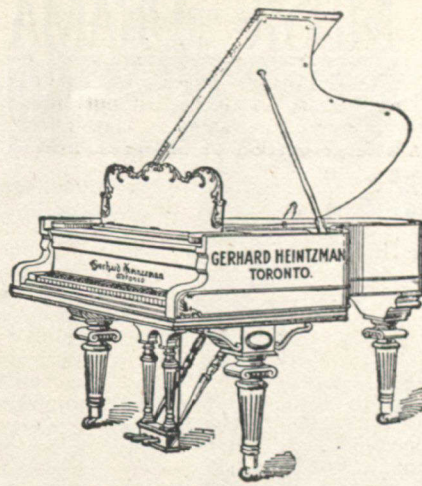
There are people who despise the "fan" and the "rooter" at base-ball and lacrosse matches, but these same dignified, pompous and smoothly dressed individuals would not care to have the public hear all the language used on the golf-links or the bowling-green. Moreover, base-ball and lacrosse do not necessarily lead to excessive indulgence in strong drink.

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A CLASS IN ARITHMETIC.

(Washington Star.)

"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts ten before he speaks," said one woman. "Yes," answered the other. "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."



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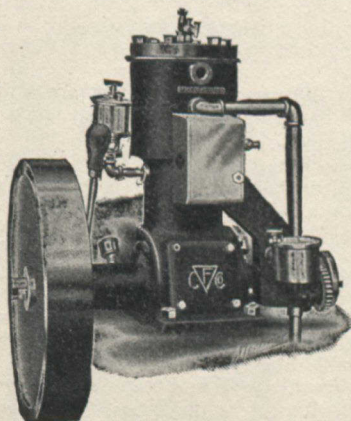
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