

Peculiarities

PRINCE FUSHIMI has been scattering Orders of the Rising Sun right and left on his tour across Canada. The first thing we know we will have an association of Old Boys of the Rising Sun—and if they only keep the seances going late enough, no doubt they will live up to their title.

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The political picnic season has been inaugurated, and a monster Liberal demonstration has been arranged to take place at Sarnia on the 25th. If anyone hears a loud and prolonged rumble like thunder, on the afternoon of that date, there is no occasion to be alarmed. It will only be the Hon. "Billy" Paterson getting under way.

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The ladies of Lord Elgin Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, at London, have issued a dainty cook-book, which all June brides are urged to possess. If it tells how to make nice, crisp, light-weight buns, guaranteed not to sink a new husband who goes swimming after eating a few of them, the brides cannot get them too soon.

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Just to show that there is no bad feeling, the Minister of Justice ought to promote that Ottawa policeman who handled him roughly at the Fushimi reception the other day, not knowing who he was. Besides, that's the way they always reward faithful performance to duty in the story books, and in Royal circles everywhere.

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The annual recital at the church conferences of financial hardships endured by preachers and missionaries all over the country, reminds one of that profound saying: "Be good, and you will—seldom see the 'ghost' walk."

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Dr. Tucker, organising secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada, laments the fact that men can be found in Ontario who will sell their vote for \$10. If the Doctor could not make better terms with them than that, he would be a pretty expensive man to have rushing the "barrel" along the side lines.

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The brown-tail moth will be careful how it tackles Nova Scotia again. The offer of a bounty of three cents a nest, which the Government made early in May, proved so effective that it was withdrawn on June 1st, when over one thousand nests were destroyed. Of this number, one little girl collected 169 nests. Moreover, the people are now familiar with the enemy, and, it is thought, will squash them in future without any further inducement.

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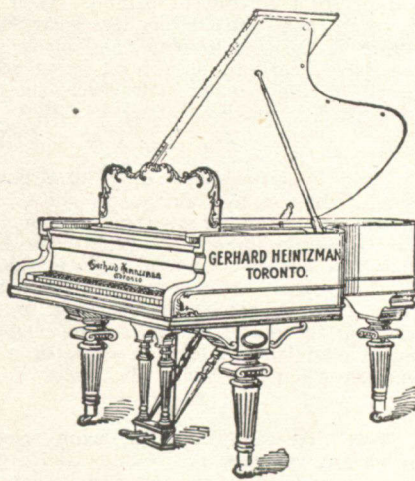
It is dangerous to challenge a man to enter into a contest without knowing his specialty. In a Galiano, B.C., lumber camp the other day, a logger challenged a stranger to a pie-eating contest. Before the challenger had got fairly under way he was astounded to see his opponent polishing off his second pie. Later on, the stranger produced newspaper clippings to show that he had won prizes all over the United States in pie-eating contests.

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A Woodstock lad has been successfully operated upon to relieve an abnormal mental condition resulting from a kick on the head by a horse. Now what the doctors have their saws and knives out, wouldn't it be fine if they could relieve the mental condition of the end-seat hog, who is once more beginning to blossom out all over the country.

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"The Charlottetown Examiner" has embarked on the stormy career of trying to reform women's dress. Why, it asks, have women reversed the style of wearing their hats this season? Last summer, says the editor, the hats projected in front; now they project behind; whereat he growls fiercely. Then he wants to know what the women would think if men reversed the style of wearing their coat tails and pinned them



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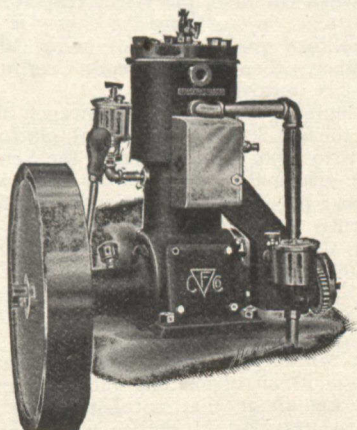
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