

Courierettes.

ENGLAND'S militant suffragettes declare that they are "determined that something tragic shall happen." Perhaps a mouse will appear on the platform at one of their meetings.

A doctor is reported as saying that one fly can carry over six million microbes at a time. "Go to the fly, thou sluggard—"

A few more aviators have suddenly joined the "back to the land" movement.

Argentina, Brazil and Chili are said to be contemplating a triple alliance. If A B and C can get the rest of the letters with them there may soon be a South American peril.

Already the towns and cities are welcoming back people who have come home to rest up after their vacation.

The King of Spain stopped a runaway horse. Perhaps that will do something to kill the idea of some people that kings are merely useless ornaments.

Probably Terrible Teddy Roosevelt is due to realize that, concerning parties as well as individuals, "Two's company, three's a crowd."

A Montreal horse dropped dead while drawing a hearse to the cemetery. That horse had temperament.

It rained all night before the Saskatchewan election. Then, they said that Haultain's hosts were "snowed under." "Soaked" would have been better.

Toronto talks of treating its sewage. This is one variety of treating to which Sir James Whitney and Mr. Rowell won't object.

Canada's consumption of liquor has increased enormously during the past year. Evidently somebody is trying to forget some terrible sorrow—perhaps the event of Sept. 21, 1911.

A Yankee gun-boat, equipped with guns firing 15 shots per minute, visited Toronto harbour. Perhaps it wanted to hear some editorial broadsides from its rival, the Telegram.

The C.P.R.'s earnings for the past year were \$122,000,000. The main point of difference between the earnings of some of us and of the C.P.R. is that the railway company gets its.

Italy announces that it has 62,000 women unionists. Nothing to brag about. All over the world women seem to be strong for union—individually or collectively.

Queen Wilhemina, of Holland, conducts a Bible class to which she reads the Scriptures every morning. It would be a master stroke of diplomacy to get a few of those giddy young kings—and Gaby Deslys into that class.

Starting Young.—A lady in a big Canadian city got a great surprise a few afternoons ago. To the children's party which she was giving came a little miss

of six summers, dressed as expensively and stylishly as one of the four hundred. The hostess invited the youngster to play with the other children.

"I thought this was to be a dance," was the startling reply.

"That's a nice little boy over there," said the lady. "Go over and play with him."

But the precocious child took in the other youngster with a quick glance and, with nose turned up, said: "No, he's not in our set."

Strenuous Home Life.

OUR spirits are ruffled, our tempers are spoiled,

Our knuckles are bruised and torn,
There's a sound of fierce war all over the house

From the earliest peep of morn.

The chandelier's shattered to smithereens,

The vases in ruins now lie,

The warfare's been hard on poor father's bald head

And has nearly flicked out mother's eye.

We're not fighting the landlord about the back rent,

No row has disturbed our pure sky;
We're simply obeying the latest command—

We're busily swatting the fly.

Dropped Letter Again.—On a prominent corner in Montreal stands the building of a financial paper known as the Shareholder. At least that is the name on the front of the building; but a similar sign on the side of the structure has been burlesqued by the "S" in "Shareholder" falling from its place.

A Rude Jibe.—Jones, who prides himself on never being guilty of procrastination, was feeling happy over having already got next winter's coal in.

"But," he remarked to Brown, "it would be just my luck if the end of the world came one of these days."

"Well," replied Brown, "if it did, perhaps you could take the coal with you."

Dark Outlook.—A doctor claims to have discovered that a certain microbe will eliminate the effects of old age and stave off death.

Also, an inventor is going to make umbrella handles, combs, boxes, buttons and many other things from milk.

Now watch the high cost of living make another altitude record.

And consider how pleasant it will be when we can't die and can't afford to live.

Placing a News Item.—"Another train jumps from the rails," said the news editor wearily.

"Give the item to me," said the sporting editor. "I'll put it with the other 'track events.'"

Causes and Effect.—A recent despatch from Cologne, Germany, says: "No fewer

than twenty-two persons have been drowned during the past two days in the Rhine below this city, while bathing. Their deaths are attributed to the extreme heat."

Now, we may expect to read news items like the following:

"John Smith was hanged at sunrise to-day. The doctor who examined the body after it had been cut down decided that death had been caused by pneumonia."

"Three men fell off a five-storey building yesterday afternoon. All were killed, the cause, according to the doctors, being senile decay."

Happy Ignorance.—"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Also, "A little wisdom is a dangerous thing." Fancy what mental anguish the fly would be suffering if it could read the daily papers!

Didn't Follow It.—She—"Do you know that big man who is making such a fuss about the heat?"

He—"Yes. That is Dr. Blank, the author of the pamphlet, 'How to Keep Cool.'"

The Cynic's Version.

"THERE'S one born ev'ry minute"—Of fools we often say;

Now, speaking of the bird-men—

There's one killed ev'ry day.

Explained.—William Jennings Bryan refused to say sarcastic things about Taft in the presence of Mrs. Taft.

Which proves that Bryan is no politician, that he should have been a knight-errant in the olden days, and which explains why he was beaten in three Presidential elections.

Don'ts For Parents.

DON'T expect your children to behave as well as you used to when a child. Don't forget that you had a better bringing up than they are getting.

Don't forget that the chief business of a child is to "keep still."

Don't fail to lay all the blame of a children's street squabble on the neighbours' children.

Don't "don't."

The Bachelor.

The Blind Goddess.—The man who decorated Osgoode Hall, the famous old court building, carved a figure of Justice, blind-folded, above the judges' bench. He was wise.

His vindication lies in the fact that the other day somebody stole the trousers of the caretaker of the hall, right under the eyes of the law.

The Financiers.—"Daddy," said little Willie, "are all financiers millionaires?"

"No, my son," said his worldly-wise pater. "Our most expert financiers are the fellows who keep a family of ten fed and clothed on a salary of \$12 per week."

In the Dog Days.—The old adage that every dog has his day seems to be working out in fact nowadays in the case of Canadian prisoners.

Toronto prisoners on the industrial farm are allowed to play baseball and smoke.

And now hoboos in Winnipeg jail want electric fans in their cells.

But these are the "dog days."

Pointer for Mr. Rowell.—When Mr. N. W. Rowell, the Liberal leader, visited Belleville recently, the audience he addressed was not very large, in spite of the fact that the big "rally" was fixed for the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday.

Accordingly, there was some merriment among Belleville Tories over the event. One prominent Conservative went into the office of a Grit bank manager and said: "Did you see the crowd go down to Rowell's meeting?"

"No, is it gone?" asked the bank man.

"Yes—he has just driven down street," was the sarcastic reply.

"Well," said the blunt-spoken bank manager, "this abolish-the-bar thing may be all right, but if they'd put up a long bar down there at the park and hand out long glasses of beer they'd be surer of a crowd."

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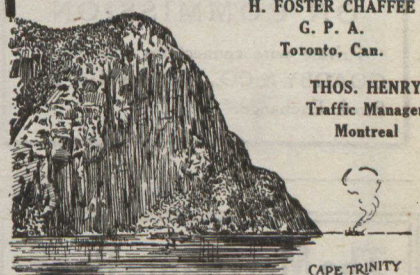
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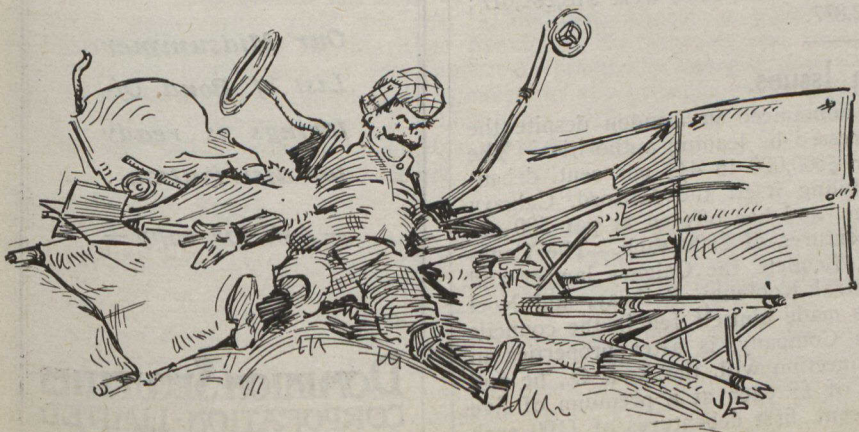
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Wrecked Aviator—"Well, what's the Odds? I was coming down, anyway."