



Joker's Corner

Hampton, N.S., May 20, '12

Editor the Weekly Monitor:— I enclose a copy of a poem that I have composed, giving a true account of an incident that occurred at my home a few days ago. The boy expressed a desire to have it put in the paper, and I have tried to put it in an interesting form, and I hope you will think it worthy of a place in the Monitor. The boy helped me to make out a list of the things he ate and I have been careful not to exaggerate.

Yours truly, W. K. CRISP,

THE BACHELOR'S GUEST

(A true story)

In the spring of nineteen-twelve, in a village on the shore, A boy went to see a bachelor friend, As oft he had done before.

It was nearly the hour of noon, And the boy had a good appetite, So he gave his friend some very plain hints What he'd like to have for his mid-way bite.

Now the friend was very generous, And hoped it would do him good, So he put on the table a plenty Of the very much wished-for food.

While dinner was getting ready, The boy two apples ate, And when he sat down to the table Found a dish beside his plate.

Of baked beans the dish held a pint and half, And he ate them every one, And the other things he ate besides, 'Till he was just for fun.

There was half a cup of sweet pickles And of potatoes, two, And of coarse bread at least six slices, Which I think were not a few.

And the butter it took to spread them Would almost give you a shock; And about half a cup of apple sauce Was added to the stock.

For drink, half a pint of cold water And a cup of cocoa would do, And to finish up he ate one cake, Its a wonder he didn't take two.

Now I've heard that some creatures are hard to kill, And some, they say, have nine lives, But I'm glad since he ate this dinner great I can say the boy survives.

And now, dear boys, who read this tale, Don't try this record to beat, Unless you heat it by seeing What a moderate meal you can eat.

Mayer Fitzgerald, of Boston, at a recent temperance banquet, was discussing a drink cure of little efficacy.

"When I think of this cure," he said "I recall a poor old man with a red nose, who entered a magistrate's office and said:

"I'd like to take the pledge, if you please."

"Very good," said the police clerk, "And how long do you wish to take it for?"

"In the past," said the old man, "I've always took it for life."

Found on examination papers of high school students: "The Greeks planted colonists for their food supply."

"He had nothing left to live for but to die."

"The heart is located on the west side of the body."

"The Greeks were too thickly populated to be comfortable."

"The brain is situated in the abdomen."

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No More Liquor Fines be Used in Town Councils

The following is a summary of amendments to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, requested by the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance and which were passed by the legislature.

INSPECTOR-IN-CHIEF.—The Inspector-in-chief may cause an enquiry to be made under oath into the conduct of any Inspector, or into the manner in which the law is enforced by any Inspector.

MAGISTRATES AND INSPECTORS.—It shall be the duty of every Magistrate, who makes a conviction within seven days thereafter to file with the Prothonotary of the County a certified copy of conviction. A certificate of the filing of such copy, shall on request be furnished to the Inspector or informant and shall be all proceedings upon an information where a previous conviction is charged by sufficient evidence of such previous conviction.

2 No Magistrate, Inspector, Municipal Council or Officers shall have power to suspend or compromise any penalty.

3 Every Inspector shall have authority to execute any summons or warrant issued on his own information.

OCCUPANT OF PREMISES RESPONSIBLE.—Greater restrictions are placed upon sales by druggists and the giving of prescriptions by physicians.

4 All fines and penalties shall be appropriated and used for defraying expenses incurred under the Act, and for no other purpose.

THE MAN'S PRAYER.

When all is still within these walls And Thy sweet sleep through darkness falls

On little hearts that trust in me, However bitter toil may be, For length of days, O Lord, on Thee My spirit calls.

My hand and brain, but when night falls And leaves the questioning spirit free To brood upon the days to be, For time and strength, O Lord! on Thee My spirit calls.

—T. A. Day, in Catholic Standard and Times

CADETS WILL MANN SCHOONER.

The Canadian Government schooner *Advocate*, eighty tons, is being fitted out as a training vessel. It is in charge of Capt. Cowie and the crew will consist of about twelve Niobe cadets.

They will be taught the first element of navigation and will be obliged to do all the work on board the schooner, which will be ready in about a fortnight.

They will cruise along the Nova Scotia shore a week at a time, and will thus have a course in seamanship which they might not be able to get on a man-of-war.

Never cover up nail or tooth brushes on the washstand. The bristles will soften and smell unpleasantly if not allowed fresh air. Sponges also should never be covered and should be frequently soaked in soda or ammonia and water, to extract any grease that may be in them.

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A WOMAN'S WAY TO GET RELIEF

TAKE GIN PILLS FOR LAME BACK.

TYNDSIDE, P. O., ONT. "I received your sample of Gin Pills and after using them, I felt so much better that I got a box at my druggist's and now I am taking the third box. The pain across my back and kidneys has almost entirely gone and I am better than I have been for years. I strongly advise all women who suffer from Pain in the Back and Weak Kidneys, to try Gin Pills." Mrs. T. HARRIS.



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WELL KNOWN WRITER DIED.

Ms: Agnes Dean Cameron Died at Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B.C., May 13—Miss Agnes Dean Cameron, the well-known writer and lecturer, died at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning following an operation for appendicitis. Miss Cameron was a native of Victoria, having been born in 1869, a daughter of Duncan and Jessie Cameron, pioneers of the Province. She was educated in the public and high schools of the city and embraced the teaching profession.

Six years ago, owing to a controversy with the Provincial Department of Education she terminated her connection with the teaching staff in the city, and ran for the office of school trustee, being elected at the head of the poll.

At this time she decided to enter on a wider field of journalism, and moved to Chicago. There she became known as a descriptive writer of great ability. She concentrated most of her energies to describing the resources and opportunities of Western Canada. She became associate editor of the *Last Best West Magazine*, and also was identified with the *Canadian Women's Press Association*.

MISSIONARY APPOINTED.

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee (E.D.) of the Presbyterian church, Mr. William Gordon Firth, one of the graduating class at Pine Hill, was appointed to the foreign mission field of San Francisco, Trinidad—the congregation to which our venerable missionary, Dr. Grant, ministered for so many years. Mr. Firth is a brother of our young missionary who recently was cut off by fever, just as he was entering upon his work in this field. Another brother, Alexander Firth, who has also completed his college course will shortly be settled in Lawrencetown, N. S. Mr. Firth will spend a few weeks in visiting congregations before leaving for his new sphere of labor. He will sail for Trinidad next month.—Witness.

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But the Maine fishermen made the same mistake with the lobsters that the Maine lumbermen did with the big pine trees—they caught them indiscriminately, by the million, regardless of age or size, forgetting the dollars of tomorrow in their haste to grab the dime of today, and the result was that, just as the pine wealth of Maine was dissipated, so the lobster population was decimated, until finally the State and Federal Government had to step in with artificial propagation and various restrictions as to size and season.

Since artificial propagation was instituted there has been a gradual recovery from the verge of famine. Millions of baby lobsters are planted every year, and there are substantial and steadily increasing crops of mature fish. Lobsters may never again be as cheap as they once were, but it is also reasonably certain they will never again be as costly as they were a few years ago—save for brief periods of famine caused by cold or stormy weather. There are now more lobsters than ever, and the price would be low except for the fact that there are also ten times as many lobster eaters.

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COIN IN THE AIR.

Big Money to Be Made in the Manufacture of Aeroplanes.

Obviously the most immediate buyer of aeroplanes in quantities must be the British Government. Our War Office admits that we must have air squadrons in quantities, and is offering a bonus of \$75 to every officer who gets his aviator's certificate, says an English writer. Under this scheme we shall have some hundreds of officer-aviators in the course of the next few months, and hundreds more will follow them. Some one has got to supply the machines to mount them when trained. Those machines can be built and sold to the Government at a profit. The firms who build them will grow and grow as the need for machines increases, and the capitalists who back those firms will reap the benefit.

The ordinary man does not buy field guns or torpedo boats, but the firms who make such things make handsome profits for their shareholders.

France has already over 250 military aeroplanes, and M. Messimy, the French War Minister, said, only the other day, that this was merely a beginning, and that he foresaw a time when every battery of artillery would have with it eight, fast aeroplanes, carrying one man each, to act as range finders, and to communicate the effects of artillery fire.

Every infantry and cavalry brigade will have its air-scout section. And there will be big, fast machines, carrying two or three or four men each, which will do the long-distance scouting far into the enemy's country. Such machines will be needed in hundreds. The army will be a larger buyer when once certain little obstacles have been overcome.

One stumbling-block is an institution called the Army Aircraft Factory, originally the "Army Balloon Factory." It has built, so far as I can gather, two aeroplanes. One killed its pilot, the other is of the type which has the engine behind, and is regarded as obsolete for military purposes by everyone with practical experience. Some little dirigible balloons have also been built there, but the last and most ambitious effort is an abject failure.

Now, this "factory" has to justify its existence, and I learn from very reliable sources that it is the present intention of the War Office to obtain the best aeroplane existing, by offering a large cash prize for competition, open to the world, and then to give the winning machine to the "factory" to copy, as the experts there have proved their inability to design a satisfactory machine.

But hardly any constructor will be so foolish as to spend money and brains in designing and testing a machine simply to provide a model for an incompetent Government department.

Col. Seely has already announced that the conditions for a competition are practically drawn up, and British constructors have naturally concluded that this competition will be confined to all-British machines, just as the recent French military trials were confined to all-French machines, and that, as in France, the winners will receive large orders.

It is, therefore, probable that the question will be taken up in Parliament, and that the intentions of the moment may be altered under pressure from those far-seeing members who realize that the safety of our army in our next great war, and the saving of many lives in our next little war, must depend on an adequate supply of efficient aeroplanes.

As soon as this question is satisfactorily settled, the man who has money to invest and who can wait for a year or so for his first profit, can safely put his spare hundreds of thousands into an aeroplane business which has shown its ability to turn out machines suitable for military purposes.

All Happens in a Second.

A second is the smallest division of time in general use, and when we consider that in one year there are about 31,558,000 of these periods it would certainly seem as if it was enough for all practical purposes, but after all, a good deal can happen in the fraction of a second.

A light wave, for instance, passes through a distance of about 186,000 miles in this length of time. A current of electricity has probably an even greater speed. The earth in itself moves in its orbit at a rate of about twenty miles a second. A tuning fork of the French standard vibrates 870 times per second to produce the note A on the treble staff.

For Cramps. A piece of old-fashioned candle wax worn around the leg in the garter placed next to the skin will prevent or cure cramp in the calf of the leg or in the foot. I have proved this by personal experience. I believe this would prove effectual in preventing swimmers' cramp. Those liable to cramp while in the water would be wise to try it. Cotton batting wrapped around the body from the armpits downward saved the life of a man suffering agony from painters' cramp. It gave instant relief.

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