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### That's Funny!

#### CURIOS FACTS AND FIGURES.

In proportion to its size, the swallow has a larger mouth than any other bird.

There were 578 fewer divorces and other matrimonial suits in 1920 than in 1915.

The beard of Mr. John J. Tanner, of Brighton, Michigan, measures 9 1/2 in. from chin to lip.

Cress is the quickest growing plant. It has been known to flower and seed within eight days of planting.

Scientists state that it is possible for disease germs to travel to earth from other planets on the tails of comets.

Threads of gold used in India for making lace are drawn out so fine that 1,100 yards of it weigh only one ounce.

London contains eighteen farm-houses—five in Woolwich, five in Lewisham, two in Greenwich, and one each in Hammersmith and Wimbledon.

The fastest trains in the world are two on the Great Western Railway, which at certain stages of their journeys travel at a speed of 78.5 miles per hour.

Two new inventions are a wireless receiving station in a match-box, and a wireless receiver that can be worn like a finger-ring, with an umbrella as aerial.

A young wireless amateur at Croydon has installed a simple home-made receiver at his bedside, and is wakened promptly at 6.30 every morning by the first call-up at the aerodrome. The signal he receives from the aerodrome is, "Halloo! halloo! halloo!"

The first military band was heard in this country in 1785. The Duke of York, son of George III, imported a band of twelve German musicians, with three Negroes, and established them as the band of the Coldstream Guards. Other regiments then formed bands on similar lines. The Negroes continued to form part of the bands until 1838.

### GEMS OF SONG.

To James the blacksmith I repair, to have him shoe my old blind mare, since she is going lame; and when his useful toil is done, and I am handing out the mon, he says, "I'm glad you came; I have an ode I wrote last year; I wish you'd read it while you're here, and tell me what you think; is it too grand and soaring song? Is it too short? Is it too long? Or is it on the blink?" The tinsmith, ere he mends my boat, pulls out a bundle from his coat, a bale of manuscript; "Sit down," he says, "and read this lay, while I repair your ancient dray, that is so badly hipped." The tailor, as he piles his tape, remarks, "I wish I could escape from this depressing trade; the odes and madrigals I write would be acknowledged out of sight, if by good critics weighed." The barber, as he dyes my beard, quotes passages from poems weird, that he composed yest'ere; "with all my being I aspire," he sadly says, "to punch a lyre, but ah, the fates are mean!" The waiter brings me ham and eggs, and, as I eat, he mildly begs five minutes of my time; he'd have one read a little book he wrote conjointly with the cook, and which he thinks sublime. Oh, poets sell me oil and gas, and poets mow my stretch of grass, and poets shine my shoes; and each one thinks his noble dope would rank with that of Burns or Pope; if he but had his dues.

### How a Fish Flies.

Some highly interesting observations on flying fishes have been made by Dr. E. H. Hankin, in the Arabian sea. In still weather the length of a glide was about a meter, with considerable lateral instability; in a light wind this was increased to from 200 to 400 meters. A resemblance between the wind action of soaring waterfowl and the fin action of the fishes was marked. In both, the wing or fin is inclined upward, the outer part at a higher level than the base, in slow-speed flights, while both show a downward inclination in flight at high speed.

By BEN BATSFORD



### Methodist College.

#### SCHOOL RE-OPENED YESTERDAY AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

The College Hall was completely filled yesterday morning when the Methodist College re-opened after the summer holidays. There was a great muster of pupils as well as of parents who take in this function every year. The college class-rooms were overcrowded last year, and this year will give the staff great difficulty in providing for many new pupils.

On the platform were the Principal, S. T. Harrington, Esq., M.A., and his staff: C. P. Ayre, Esq., Chairman, and the Board of Governors of the College, Rev. T. B. Darby, M.A., Chaplain to the College and head of the Residence, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Superintendent of Education, and many Methodist clergymen.

The proceedings opened in the usual form, the Scripture being read by Rev. Mr. Darby, Prayer offered by Rev. Hammond Johnson, followed by the Lord's Prayer chanted by the whole school. The Principal then welcomed the scholars back after their ten weeks of holidays, and spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to announce that the year's work had proved to be perhaps the most successful in the history of the College.

He also welcomed the scholars back to a similar year's work in the coming terms, and took occasion to announce the coming of the new Science Master Mr. Hogg, B.A., B.Sc., M.C., and of Miss Marguerite Mews, daughter of Mr. J. L. Mews, of Bell Island, who becomes assistant Kingergarten teacher.

Mr. Harrington then read the results of the C.H.E. exams. There was no exaggerated elation at these results, but when they are examined, the record is a wonderful one. It developed that of the five grades, Senior A.A., Junior A.A., Intermediate, Preliminary and Primary, the Methodist College has won top place in all but the Junior A.A.

The Jubilee Scholarship, top pupil in the Senior A.A. was won by Cecil J. Reynolds.

In the Intermediate Grade of 58 pupils who sat for examination, 57 passed, or over 96 per cent. There were 22 in honors.

The highest pupils in this Grade were: Hilda White, Marie Erickson, M. Horwood, J. Goobie, Mildren Samson, Alma Hudson, Irene Thompson, Mary Robertson. There is reason to believe that the first three names, at least, were close, being 88, 86 and 84 respectively.

Hilda White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William White, of this city, and Marie Erickson the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Erickson, of Trinity. It is interesting to note that these two young ladies came top in the Island last year in the Preliminary exams, there being but nine marks between them.

In the Preliminary Grade out of 58 pupils who sat, 58 passed, or over 94 per cent. There were 45 who passed in honors.

The names of those who came top in the Methodist College follow: GIRLS—Muriel Small, 94 1/2 marks;

Anna Taylor, 88 1/2 marks; M. Sparks, Alice Sparks, Lyla Barnes, Gladys Baird, Flor, Bennett.

BOYS—Allan Gilliam, Robert McLeod, Kelvin Marshall, Harry Roberts, Wm. Hampton, Allan Johnston, Richard, Harrington, George Cowan.

In the Primary Grade, out of 35 who sat for examination, 30 passed or 86 per cent. There were 8 who passed in honors. Among the first names are: Sadie Butt, Nelson Thompson, Eric White, Max Alcock, Joyce Rabbits, Leslie Smith, Ian Cowan, Jean Freeman.

The Principal then called upon Mr. C. P. Ayre, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who had great pleasure in congratulating the College upon the good work done, pointing out that the success accomplished should be used for the benefit of the whole country. Real success depends upon hard work. He also welcomed the new teachers, and gave intimation that the winning of the Jubilee Scholarship would be fittingly celebrated next week, an announcement which was greeted by cheers by the scholars.

Rev. Dr. Curtis was the next speaker, and welcomed the new teachers, extolling the self and systematic work of the staff at the Methodist College. He thought that neither the Board nor the parents could appreciate too highly the splendid work of the teachers. The success achieved this year was not the result of a spasmodic effort but a continuation of the good and faithful work of the staff. Dr. Curtis also drew attention to the remarkable success gained in a little school of Lush's Right, N.B.B., where Grace D. Pargons won the Intermediate Outport Scholarship of \$700 and praised highly the teacher of the Methodist Superior School in Catalina, whose pupil, Millicent Lodge, captured the Preliminary Outport Scholarship of \$100.

After the singing of the Newfoundland Ode, the scholars filed out to their class rooms, while parents and friends congratulated warmly the Principal and staff upon such a record year.

Mr. Hogg, B.A., B.Sc., the new Science master and Vice-Principal, is a young man who comes to the College highly recommended. He is a war veteran and won the Military Cross. Since the war he has been teaching at Rugby. Mrs. Hogg accompanied her husband to Newfoundland.

### Real Pessimist.

Mrs. Higgins was an incurable grumbler. She grumbled at everything and every one. But at last her minister thought he had found something about which she could make no complaint—the old lady's crop of potatoes was certainly the finest for miles around.

"Ah, you must be pleased," he said with a beaming smile, as he met her on the village street. "Everyone's saying how splendid your potatoes are this year."

The old lady stared at him as she answered. "They're not so poor, but where's the bad ones for the pigs?"—Los Angeles Times.

### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

#### THE AUTHORMAN IS SHOCKED.

When ever I have occasion to renew our household insurance, the question of values is raised again in the family council and I take stock of clothes and try to think what it would cost to replace them.

When I lay down my pencil at the end of it I always say: "Oh, wouldn't it be a shame if there should be a fire that would burn up all my clothes but my household furniture—unhappily I'd just like to save a couple of dollars and let the rest of my money go."

The insurance wouldn't count. The authorman has heard that several times but he is always shocked when he falls to remind me that with the liberal insurance we have I had to replace all my large small belongings in the way of a most delightful selection light and the usual.

Sometimes when I have to endure some tedious wait or tiresome trip where I cannot read I amuse myself in this way. I pretend that all except my favorite gown and my beloved fur have been burned up by a well heaved fire that knew just where to stop and I allot myself a fair share of the insurance and mentally buy myself a new wardrobe.

Childish? I suppose so. But isn't that a recommendation? Of course we leave to children all the happiness that can be gotten out of let's pretend. Should we not be happier if we didn't forget how to find the path that leads to the land of make-believe?

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### The Taking of Quebec.

In the year 1759, Pitt, then Prime Minister of England, resolved to overthrow the French power in Canada, and for this purpose he sent three armies with definite instructions what to do. One was commanded by General Wolfe, whose orders were to take Quebec.

On June 26, Wolfe's fleet, with 7,000 troops on board, came up the St. Lawrence River, and anchored opposite Quebec. He found the French General Montcalm, with an army twice the size of his own, encamped along a line of inaccessible cliffs. Wolfe could not get at him and for months the English army wasted away, and Wolfe himself was ill with sickness and despair. Winter was rapidly coming on and it was necessary to do something or go home.

At last a narrow path was found leading from a small cove to the top of the cliff. In the dead of night Wolfe's army embarked in boats, Wolfe himself in the leading one. To while away the time he repeated Gray's "Elegy" and said, "Gentlemen, I would rather have written that poem than take Quebec." Silently they landed and in a single file climbed up the path. The sentries at the top were overpowered and the boats went back to the ships for more soldiers. The morning of September 13th, 1759, revealed to the astonished French general the English army in battle array. Montcalm quickly got his troops in order and led them to the attack in three powerful columns. The British stood silent and let them come within forty paces before firing a shot. Then they poured in several destructive volleys that decimated the French columns. Wolfe gave the order to charge and the British went for their foes with the bayonet, accompanied by himself. Wolfe who received three bullets, died on the field of battle, just living long enough to know he had won. He was only 33. Montcalm also was killed. Quebec then surrendered and the dream of a French Empire in Canada, vanished. In Quebec one monument commemorates both the fallen generals.

### Why Teeth Chatter.

The little muscles which close the jaw are acted upon by the cold in such a way that they pull the jaw up and let it fall by its own weight. This, repeated many times, causes the teeth to click together, and produces what is called "chattering." You think of it in connection with your teeth because it is the teeth which makes the sound, but the cause lies in the muscles used in chewing or in opening your mouth when you speak. The chattering occurs in spite of the will or brain. You have little control over it, and can stop it only by clenching the teeth. It is really a mild variety of spasms caused by the cold, which acts on the jaw muscles in much the same way that some poisons produce muscular spasms which cannot be controlled.—Popular Science.

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