

Peculiarities

SOME amateur actors who put on a performance at the Theatre Royal in Montreal the other day are feeling hurt because a shower of lemons greeted their efforts. Cheer up, fellows! It's a good thing it wasn't a shower of mangel-wurzels.

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It is learned from an Irish correspondent that the "Dublin Ex" is being better patronised. Now, if it had been "Dublin XXX" there would never have been any difficulty about it!

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How thoughtless of that Glencoe druggist whose house was robbed the other night, to have left out nothing for the robber to drink but a bottle of peptonised milk for baby. Why, the shock may have taken ten years off the burglar's life.

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Near Ashcroft, in British Columbia, there are several small lakes whose shores and bottoms are covered with a crust containing borax and soda in such proportions that when cut out, the product makes an excellent washing compound. Now, if some one will just cut some strong, healthy washer-women out of the crust also, we may beat the laundries yet.

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No wonder foreigners who study English from the text-books have difficulty in understanding it as "she is spoke," as, for example: "Herman's work in the fifth was classy, and he fought all over the place. He stabbed the Dunge in the food-hopper three times, and all but got his goat, then missed a right swing to the butler's pantry by an inch. If he had coupled, it would have been the sunset glow for Dahomey, but Gans didn't fall for the gag, not hardly. He ripped an upper through the Yiddish lad and put him on the hop for a right cross."

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One shudders to contemplate what might happen all over this country if the cub reporters were to be deprived of the use of the word "solemnised" for the entire month of June.

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Fire broke out in a shed on the Indian Reserve near Victoria, B.C., a week or two ago, and, finding that the water from the hose would not quite reach the fire, the Indians carried the fire to the water and extinguished it in this way. Indians who can think of things like that are wasting their time on the reserve.

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That must have been awful poor bait the bartender sold that New Brunswick man who committed suicide on a fishing expedition up the St. John River last week.

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A Montreal man, Mr. W. H. Chennery, has invented a pair of water skis, which, he says, will enable one to walk on the surface of the water almost as easily as on land. The method has its advantages certainly, particularly for actors who would not have to bother counting the ties on long tours, and for timid old people, who would not have to be dodging butcher carts and bicycles whenever they wanted to cross the street.

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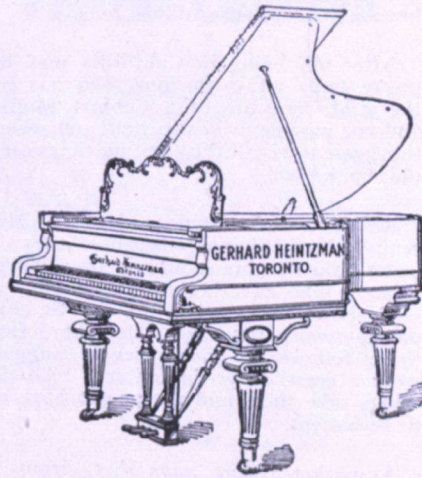
Well, perhaps one should not expect too much, and it is a great comfort to those of us who are left to know that those carving operations for appendicitis are "successful," even if the one who was carved never finds it out.

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This is indeed a fine climate and soil we have in Canada. Even the Thousand Islands are adding to their number. Now, if we could only grow a crop of hardy annual railroad passes to take us there, all would be forgiven.

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A man who was arrested for fighting in the street at Galt last week gave as a reason that he had just come from Scotland. Strange that it should affect him that way. One would have thought that he would have felt so glad to get away that he would



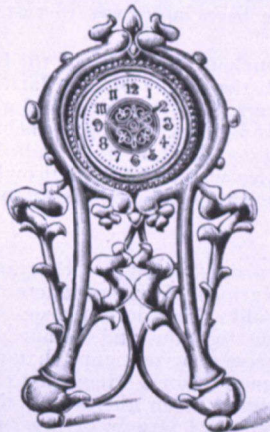
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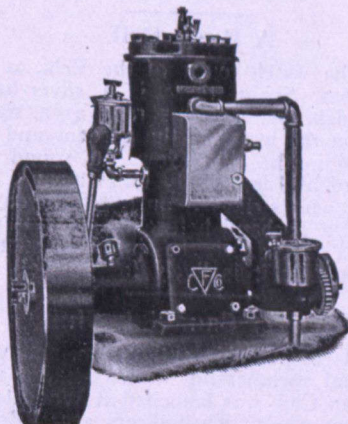
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