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THE SPICE OF LIFE.

THEATRICAL NOTE.

Lloyd George and Winston Churchill made their exit from a recent cabinet council arm in arm, and went to take tea together. The best actors are not all on the stage.

A LITTLE TALE OF DAILY LIFE.

I was ill.
I went to the doctor.
He gave me a prescription written in some strange hieroglyphics. I could not understand them.
I became well again.
He gave me a bill, written in good, plain English.

MISSED THE POINT.

There is a new book out, entitled, "How to Write a Play." That's nothing. What we all want is a straight tip on how to sell the bally thing.

AN INVENTION WORTH WHILE.

Marconi has a nice little invention all fixed up by which he can light a lamp by wireless at a distance of six miles.
What we want is some practical and handy device to stir up the furnace fire in the middle of the night without getting out of our cosy little bed.

THE QUESTION.

Militant suffragettes threaten to kidnap the babies of a London woman who denounced militant methods. But the question arises—what on earth would militants do with babies?

THE CONSOLATION.

Out of all this Mexican muss there comes a tiny crumb of comfort to the average man. Alberto Terrazas, a young Mexican millionaire, driven by the rebels across the border into the United States, has had to go to work.

THE WORST OF IT.

Many a man would like to be a sport if he could avoid the necessity of reading the sporting pages.

THE INEVITABLE.

It has now been discovered that the tango is a religious ceremony among certain South American tribes. It will now be worth while keeping an eye on the United States for the springing up of some new tango-cult.

A PARADOX.

Love is the greatest thing—the most beautiful thing in the world. Yet any fool can make it.

NOT ALL IN JAIL.

The recent jailing of Japanese editors for their attacks on the government give timely point to the remarks of a labor union representative at a banquet held not long ago in Toronto. This man was a German just lately out from the fatherland, and he told the banqueters how the struggle for labor unionism had been carried on under great difficulties in Germany.

"We haf won our way hard," said he, "and now we have many editors with us—not all of them in jail."

BOUND TO GET THEM.

A Toronto preacher has now adopted the device of handing out his sermon in printed form at the end of the service to the congregation. He is evidently bound to get them either asleep or awake.

HE WAS NO DUNCE.

Little Jimmy, though he attended Sunday school every week did not know quite as much about Scriptural history as he should have known, but when his sister asked him "Where

was Solomon's Temple?" he was rather angry that she should think him unable to answer such a simple question.

"Don't you think I know anything?" he asked.

"Well, where was it, then?" his sister repeated. Then he informed her.

"On the side of his forehead, of course—same as other folks. D'ye think I'm a dunce?"

Receipt for Righteousness—Live up to the epitaph on your tombstone.

THE JOKE ON THE FAT KNIGHT

Sir George Reid, the Australian High Commissioner in London, is a fat man. He weighs at least 300 pounds and isn't ashamed of it, though he finds it a bit trying at times.

Canadians had some opportunity of glimpsing his great girth when he visited the Dominion a little over a year ago. Lately Sir George, who relishes a good joke at his own expense, as do most men who have a real sense of humor, has been telling a little tale concerning this same bulk of his.

It seems that he was making a speech at some big gathering not long ago, and his portly figure duly impressed the audience. It was a speech in which he grew somewhat reminiscent, and reviewed his long public career.

"But now," he said, "I realize that my career is rapidly nearing its close. I am no longer a young man. Soon the end of things earthly will come, as far as I am concerned, and I will pass into the Great Beyond."

Though this was said impressively, it did not impress a wag at the back of the hall, who called out quite clearly:

"Then the fat will be in the fire!"

NOT AWARE OF IT.

One of the leading Baptist divines of New Brunswick was once in charge of a church, which, like many others, possessed an exceedingly cranky and self-righteous deacon, who sternly frowned on all frivolities of the world in general, and fast horses in particular.

Now, the minister dearly loved a good horse and was fortunate enough to own one that could "go some"—a matter which caused the good deacon considerable spiritual unrest.

One morning as the minister was preparing for his usual drive he overtook the deacon.

"Good morning," said the pastor, cheerily; "won't you have a drive down the flat?"

"No," said the deacon, sternly. "I am a Christian."

"I beg your pardon," said the minister, as he drove on. "I was not aware of it."

HOBSON'S CHOICE.

An Eastern man who was on a business trip through the West stopped at the small hotel in a country town one day. He entered the dining room and was shown to a table by a waiter.

"Will you have some pork and beans sir?" asked the waiter, as he brought the customary glass of water.

"No, I don't care for them," answered the man. "I never eat pork and beans."

"Dinner is over, then Sir," said the waiter, as he moved away.

THE FIRST UMBRELLA.

March has always been noted as a stormy month, and it was quite appropriate that the first American umbrella should have been hoisted in that month. It was just 144 years ago this month, March 1770, that an umbrella was first seen on the streets of an American city. Baltimore has the honor of being the birthplace

of that most useful and now generally used contrivance for protection from rain. To the hardy Marylander of that period, the umbrella was an effeminate device, and the man who first carried one was hooted and jeered.

The Baltimore umbrella was a French importation, crude and heavy and bore slight resemblance to the umbrella of to-day, which has been reduced to the size of a walking stick and opens at the touch of a spring. Many years passed before Americans generally adopted the device.

Early English and American dictionaries defined the umbrella as a portable penthouse to carry in a person's hand to screen him from violent rain or heat. Portable they were after a fashion, although they were too heavy and cumbersome for the strength of the average woman.

France, Spain and Italy were the first European countries to adopt the umbrella, which came to them from the Orient, where the device had been in use since remote times, and where in many countries it was considered a symbol of royalty or dignity. Umbrellas appear in the carvings at Persepolis. Ancient Chinaware shows figures shaded by umbrellas.

In England, as on this side of the Atlantic, the umbrella was at first greeted with scorn. Jonas Hanway, the philanthropist, is said to have been the first Englishman who generally used an umbrella in the streets of London. The umbrella was bitterly denounced by the hackney coachmen and chairmen of London, who carried on a prosperous business on rainy days, and who feared that a general adoption of the umbrella would work injury to their trade.

Some eight years after the first umbrella had been introduced into America, John Macdonald, a London footman wrote an autobiography in which he remarked that he possessed "a fine silk umbrella," which he had brought from Spain, and added: "But I could not with any comfort to myself use it, the people calling out, 'Frenchman, why don't you get a coach?' The footman adds that he 'persisted for three months, till the people took no further notice of this novelty. Foreigners began to use theirs in London, and then the English."

HE KNEW.

Mother—"Well, you ought to have a hobby. Do you know what a hobby is?"

Son (aged nine)—"Of course I do. A husband."

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UPLIFTING SERMONS ARE PREACHED BY THE BISHOP

"The Gospel is Not Losing Its Hold
On the Masses," Declares His
Lordship.

On Sunday last the Rt. Rev. Dr. Roper, Bishop of Columbia, preached at St. Mary's church in the morning, at Keating's in the afternoon and at St. Stephen's in the evening. Mr. Henry Nicholson placed his automobile at the service of the Bishop and although he had broken his thumb previously, and must have suffered considerably, he drove the auto himself. In the morning the text of the sermon was "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Referring to blind Bartimeus the bishop said that the eye is merely an instrument through which the spirit sees, just as the telephone is an instrument through which a man speaks. The man leaves the telephone and it is silent; the man, or his spirit leaves the body and the eye sees not. Applying this thought to Jesus Christ we were shown that the great incomprehensible spirit of God spoke through the lips and saw through the eyes of his divine humanity. It was a beautiful illustration of the unity of the Holy Trinity.

In the afternoon the subject of his discourse was "The Good Shepherd." In it the bishop was very optimistic. It is a glorious age in which we live, distance is annihilated, men fly in the air and talk at a distance of thousands of miles; the sick are healed as they never were before. More than this, despite much evidence to the contrary, the gospel is not losing its hold on the masses. More bibles are sold than ever before. His Lordship showed that Christianity is the only power that can save us from the fate of Babylon and other great civilizations, the remains of which to-day are a heap of ruins, or the cities lie buried deep in the sand, and which, when excavated, yield exquisite works of art some of which are finer than anything of present day manufacture. Many expressed their appreciation of the discourses, notwithstanding the fact that every Sunday we have the privilege of listening to discourses of the very highest order.

A meeting called by Mr. H. Tanner to discuss the road contracts was held at Keating on Saturday last. Mr. Tanner said he had hoped that as the contractors had shown that they were trying to do all in their power to make things right, that he would have had better news. He had learned from the papers that the fatal step had been taken and an injunction applied for to squash the contract. Mr. Tanner, while unwilling to inculcate anyone and being desirous of working for the good of the whole municipality, led the audience to believe that he was not being dealt fairly with, and that the majority of the councillors did not take him into their confidence. A strong resolution was passed without a single dissenting voice. The meeting expressed great indignation at the rashness shown by the council in rushing to the law courts, with the possibility of squandering perhaps \$100,000. Several other meetings are to be called and a pretty stiff fight is promised over the matter by ward six. The meeting was absolutely unanimous.

CARSON TALKS VERY PLAIN.

In a recent dispatch from London the statement is made that Earl Grey, on being interviewed in New Zealand upon the question of Home Rule for Ireland, was asked, if the report about officers of the army resigning their commissions is true, he replied that he believed Sir Edward Carson's pockets were stuffed with letters, offering resignation, but he told them their duty was to obey the crown. The Ulstermen have a just