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By EDGAR A GUEST

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I believe in being cheerful. I'm opposed to being fearful.
And I think a laugh is better than a whine.
And I'd rather sing and whistle than go round a human thistle.
With a lot of thorns protruding from my spine.
When mirth's kettle starts to bubble, I won't add a dash of trouble.
Or spoil it with some petty tale of woe.
But I cannot help complaining when I find it always raining.
On the only day when golfing I can go.
I won't carry on my sorrows through a string of glad to-morrows.
And I won't unload my burdens in a room where the laughter ray is shining.
I won't interrupt the singing.
To poison all the gladness with my gloom.
Though I've lost my hard-earned dollar I'll not even make a "holler."
You will never guess there's hatred in my veins.
But I'll say my joy is frozen when on Wednesday's, which I've chosen for a round of golf, it regularly rains.
When good fellows meet together, I don't growl about the weather.
And I tell no hard-luck stories, though I could.
There's no sense in vainly fretting at the sort of luck we're getting.
In the end we'll find the most of it is good.
To my trouble I will buckle, and I'll meet it with a chuckle.
But I suffer doubts and pessimistic pains.
And I find my faith is shaken when the one day I have taken for a round of golf, it regularly rains.

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Halifax to Celebrate

Halifax, N.S., June 13. (By Can. Press).—A reproduction in pageant of the historic event on June 21, 1749 when Colonel Cornwallis brought his fleet of warships and transports into what became the present city of Halifax, is promised as one of the features of the Land and Aquatic carnival to be held here during the first two weeks of August of this year. The carnival will be one of varied attractions, according to the tentative program now in hand, and will mark the visit here of the British world-cruising squadron of warships and the finish of an international yacht race from New York to Halifax.

While there will be some form of amusement to suit practically every visitor's taste, it is anticipated that the pageant of Cornwallis' landing will be one that will appeal to all. Colonel, the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, as history named him on that day 175 years ago, flying his flag from his Majesty's Ship Sphinx and followed by other tall masted warships with such picturesque names as Merry Jacks, Fair Lady, and Brotherhood, dropped anchor inside McNab's Island, it is believed, on the opposite side of the harbor from what was to become the citadel city of Halifax. It was a huge fleet for that age and had breasted the summer swells of the Atlantic for long weary weeks. On board were soldiers and sailors and settlers with their families to the number of twenty-five hundred.

History describes that June as "beautiful beyond description" and the promoters of the carnival are hoping that August will bring a similar benevolence from the weather man. A liberty of nearly two months is being taken with the anniversary dates in order to make the pageant coincide with the carnival, but otherwise it is planned to make the landing as realistic as reasonably possible.

While it will not be practicable to reproduce the entire fleet, at least there will be a replica of the Sphinx for the pageant. Where the Sphinx dropped anchor 175 years ago is now the scene of piers of a monster and rather odorous oil works a miniature city in itself. But it is likely that the landing will be made on some spot along the shores of Point Pleasant Park, where the densely wooded slopes must bear the nearest likeness to the primal wilderness that greeted Cornwallis and his hardy men.

Clad in the picturesque trappings of 1749, the founder of Halifax will step ashore with his entourage and proceed to some one of the many glades that are to be found in the park, or possibly to the grounds of Dalhousie University, and there will go through the pantomime of laying the foundation of what proved to be a mighty fortress in the troublous days when Britain's dominions were being established in America.

Indians and French will be present in costumes of the old days and the various stages of the city's growth from that time to the present will

probably be represented in costume and pageant at the scene of the "founding."

Throughout the carnival the spirit of commemoration of the city's natal day will be emphasized in the various entertainments and it is likely that the replica of the Sphinx will play a prominent part in all aquatic events. There will be yacht races, military tattoos, regattas, athletic displays, horse races and many other events, coupled with the celebration of Dartmouth's natal day and the unveiling of "The Cross of Sacrifice," a striking memorial placed on the headlands of Point Pleasant Park to honor Nova Scotians who died at sea during the World War.

A committee is now at work selecting those who will impersonate the historic figures in the pageant, raising funds for starting the spectacle and engaging in research work and if their plans are carried out they will turn back the pages of history nearly two centuries in the most ambitious effort that has been attempted in this city in many years.

Bring your friends, for Afternoon Tea, to the S.P.A. Garden Party next Tuesday. Tea tables in charge of Ladies you all know. June 14, 24

Roguary at the Dance Halls

(By AN EX-CONVICT.)
This being a truthful story, I have to be very careful how I write it.

For instance, I have to be careful not to mention names of places or individuals. Moreover, I am not out to "shop," or divulge other people's shortcomings.
And to let the reader appreciate the full point of this story, perhaps it will not be amiss if I preface it with a few remarks concerning my own personality. An ex-crook, hitherto a well-known character in London's underworld, having abandoned all criminal practices I have taken to journalism as a profession.

Waiting to be "caught."
Although I have served numerous terms of imprisonment (including one of seven years' penal servitude) for various crimes, I flatter myself that I do not carry the hall-mark of crime.

In search of adventure—as Tit-Bits Special Commissioner—I set out one night garbed in conventional evening dress, as a "mug." A "mug," in the correct language of the underworld, denotes any man, be he millionaire or pauper, who is not of the Underworld.

I knew that there is a certain class of "night hawk" who frequent the big suburban—and provincial—dance halls. They would be indignant if one were to term them crooks. Perhaps the proper term would be "mug-catchers." Well, I thought it would be amusing and instructive if I were to give a few shocks.

I think shock number one came to the girl when she observed me producing a pound note apparently from a pocket she had only a few minutes previously convinced herself was empty.

Shock number two came simultaneously to the whole "crowd" when the door-keeper, having observed me, exclaimed, "Hallo, George! Where are you aprons from?"
It was highly amusing to me to observe the looks of consternation (or "chagrin") creep across my companions' faces when a moment afterwards I was literally welcomed with open arms by the manager of the club. In the dance hall I was immediately greeted by old acquaintances.

A Word of Warning.
Out of the corner of my eye I saw one of my party approach a small group of men in a corner of the room. To me his object was obvious. He was anxious to find out why it was that his "mug" was so well known. He must have explained the position to them, for immediately afterwards there was a burst of laughter, and my "mug-catcher" seemed to shrivel up when he—and his companions—was informed that their "mug" was an ex-criminal!

Such was my dance-hall adventure, and I relate it because it is an example of the mean trickery which is practised by crooks of a sort not only in London's dancing palaces, but also in those of the provinces. These crooks as they become known to the management, have to move, perhaps after a week or two, from one hall to another and from one town to another. And the moral of my story is—beware of the casual, kindly acquaintance.—Tit-Bits.

Such Notions

Young Newrich had spent twelve months abroad, and on his return was greeted warmly by his father, accompanied by guests.
"Well, Charlie, old boy, enjoyed yourself?" cried old Newrich, joyously. "And how you've grown!"
"Grown, father, father, grown," corrected his son, annoyed at the suppressed chuckles.
"Well, I'm blessed," replied the old man, in a surprised tone. "Run notions you pick up abroad. What

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