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The tons of bread you have consumed would equal in size a small family hotel, and a ton and a quarter would be the equivalent weight of butter.

If you had been a lover of bacon, and were to stretch it out in single slices, four miles would be the length. Five tons of fish, and 12,000 eggs stand to your credit, whilst a normal cheese eater easily consumes 400 pounds.

The vegetables you have consumed would fill a train three miles long, and to that train-load you could add 10,000 pounds of sugar and 1,500 pounds of salt.

Some half-ton of tobacco has been consumed in pipes, and half a million cigarettes by the man who has been a smoker.

Dad's Dope

A German writer asserts that the French war office is training eagles to become possible engines in aeroplanes. Instead of letting loose the dogs of war it will now be release the birds of prey.

A Texas town exploded 400 pounds of dynamite to produce a rainfall. A few days later Dame Nature released the moisture without any anvil chorus effects.

One Hundred Years After

Last month there was held the centenary of the battle of Chrysler's farm, one of the most decisive engagements of the war of 1812 when a handful of Canadian militia reinforced a small body of regular troops and inflicted a severe defeat upon an overwhelming force of American invaders. The scene of the battle has ever since been one of the historic points in Canada.

The event was celebrated with due eclat, some of the country's leaders in civil and military life taking part in a reunion, within sight of the border which the invaders crossed. Over on the other side it is different. The Americans have never acknowledged the existence of such a place as the famous farm and in their school or general histories, works noted for their deliberate oversights and one-sided statement of facts, no account appears of this disaster to American arms. There is no grave acknowledgment of a defeat by a gallant foe.

There is now in the United States an agitation in progress to revise the histories of that country especially for use in schools, so that the rising generation may no longer be kept in ignorance by the omission of important incidents or prejudiced against outside nations by partisan treatment of those that are recorded. When this is done the American record of the war of a century ago is due for a thorough revision by the historian. The battle, the centenary of which Canada has just celebrated, will after the lapse of a century, be given a place in American annals.

A Word on Departmental Exams.

A Barrie paper laments that scholars persist in writing on departmental examinations in spite of the advice of the Principal that they have little or no chance of passing, thus wasting money, causing disappointment to their parents, and "injuring the good name of the Institute." We suspect that the last reason is the one that inspired the protest, and that comes directly or indirectly from the staff. It raises a question in school ethics on which it is well that there should be a clearer understanding. Fundamentally, it is the question of whether the schools exist for the pupils, or for the teachers. The prospect of an examination is a spur to the student, whether he expects to pass it or not. Undoubtedly also to write on the examination at the close of the term is in itself a good exercise, and it is an aid even to the one who fails. If a pupil who for any reason is not up to the standard required for passing wishes to profit by these advantages and is willing to pay the price, is there any reason why he should be deprived of the opportunity? Even if it is only a matter of "taking a chance," why should he not be allowed to do so? It may be that on that "chance" will depend whether or not he can pursue his studies to their conclusion. When the Principal has advised the pupil as to the likelihood of his passing he has done his duty. The final decision should be left with the pupil and his parents. The article in question says "the Principal has no authority to prevent students from writing." It would be a great mistake if he had such authority. Our Public and High Schools are not competitive institutions, depending on their reputation to attract pupils. The interests of the pupils should in all cases be paramount over the natural desire of the teachers to make a good record in the examinations. The only legitimate objection to having pupils who are not recommended write, might be raised by the Department, if it was found that the labour and expense of the examinations were being seriously increased by the practice of writing on a chance or for experience. But the fee exacted, and the unwillingness of the majority to labour seriously without good prospect of success, are probably sufficient deterrents to prevent serious difficulty on this score. The point is that teachers should not attempt to exert pressure to prevent pupils from writing for the sake of improving their own record in the examinations.—Ex.

British Navy Manoeuvres

When the British Admiralty holds its annual sea manoeuvres it holds them with the purpose of finding out something of importance, but after

they have been held it does not blow a bugle to command attention and then announce to all the world the deductions that it has arrived at. Its study is for its own information and not for that of its enemies. Occasionally, however, it has to act quickly on its lesson and then the public discovers what has been learned in a very emphatic way. A year ago the lesson was the danger and consequently the value of the submarine. This year the lesson has been of a very opposite nature. The submarine has been met by a ship of the air that has robbed it of half its terrors by making it impossible for it to keep its approach to the enemy concealed. For the purposes of the manoeuvres the British navy was divided into two equal fleets, the "Red" and the "Blue." The "Red" fleet was to put to sea and then to try to attack Great Britain for the purpose of landing an invading force without encountering the "Blue" fleet in such numbers as to make the attack a failure. This it succeeded in doing at two ports. It is generally understood to be a result of this proved inadequacy of scouting power in the fleet and the success of the sea planes as observers that the Admiralty has announced its intention of building sheltering sea-plane stations every one hundred and fifty or two hundred miles along the coast and of constructing an aerial navy as great as any other in the world. Over the water and under the water goes the modern navy and the great sea monsters, the battleships, are daily becoming less the impregnable indomitable feature of the navy that they have been esteemed. What the end is to be no one can say, but the present hopeful aspect of the case is that the sea-plane as an adjunct to the navy will be a greater aid to the defence than to the attack. To the extent that it is so it will be a deterrent to the waging of war.

Canny—Very

There was no doubt about the fact that Jock McFaddy was a Scotsman. Last year, when journeying in the country on an important errand, he left his purse, containing nearly a hundred pounds in gold and silver, at the railway station from which he started. He telegraphed the fact on his arrival, and the purse was kept till his return a month later.

It was a young clerk who handed Jock MacF. his wee purse, with the "spondies" as he set foot out of the train, and certain wild hopes were making that young man's heart beat a trifle unevenly. But our canny Scot counted his money unheeding, and when he had finished he looked up long and suspiciously at the young man.

"Isn't it right, sir?" stammered the latter, in bewilderment.

"Right—right! It's right enough; but where's the interest, mon?" was MacFaddy's stern retort.

A Smile or Two

"Wimmen certainly ain't got no consistency."

"What's the matter, Mike?"

"Me wife chased me out wid a rollin'-pin this morning, and then cried because I left home without kissing her good-bye."

"Is the man your sister is going to marry rich?"

"Naw, every time the marriage is mentioned pa says: 'Poor man!'"

"Ma," enquired Bobby, "hasn't pa a queer idea of heaven?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"Cause I heard him tell Mr. Naylor that the week you spent at the seashore seemed like heaven to him."

Pat had just finished chopping the sticks for the good lady, and she, benevolent soul, had asked him whether he would prefer a cup of tea or a drop of whiskey.

Sure I'll be takin' a drop of the creature, if you don't mind, said Pat.

So she brought him a glass of whiskey and water.

Pat tasted, and seemed not very well pleased.

Beggin' your pardon, mum, and which did ye be after puttin' in the glass first, the whiskey or the water?

The whiskey first, of course, which is proper, she replied.

Oh, it'll be all right, then. I'll be comin' to the whiskey by and by.

Mrs. Proudman—Our Willy got "meritorious commendation" at school last week.

Mrs. G'Bull—Well, well! Ain't it awful the number of strange diseases that's ketched by school children.

Agnes—Where did you get the new slit dress?

Carrie—It is my old hobble; I got the slit in it stepping from a street car this morning.

Willie—Paw, what is a boy scout?

Paw—A woman of thirty who chases a youth of eighteen, my son.

Mother (after the wedding)—Well, our daughter and her husband are off at last. What troubling you, John?

Father—"I don't quite like that young fellow's parting words. He didn't say "Good-bye," he said "Au revoir."

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