

## Peculiarities

**A** HAMILTON paper has a column article by a medical man on "How to drink," but what the average man is studying this weather is how to get the other fellow to pay for the drinks.

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Did you ever hear of anything like the queer practices of the Doukhobors? After their peculiar religious ceremonies, the men spend quite a time kissing each other and bowing to the women. Awful, isn't it? Must be just like kissing the stuffing of a hair mattress.

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At Edmonton the other day, a dog that had been rolling in the mud, went up and cleaned himself off on a man that was wearing a white duck suit. The man kicked him into the middle of the street, whereupon the owner of the dog was obliged to thrash the other man. The owner of that dog should be fined. No dog should be allowed to attempt that act who cannot beat the foot by at least a fraction of a second.

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The habit which some householders have of leaving out only plated ware for burglars, is one which should be frowned upon. Burglars entered a summer resort in the East the other day, and, finding only plated stuff, left a card attached to it as follows: "No good; leave the silver out; we will return later." Experiences such as this are enough to discourage young and enterprising burglars just entering upon their profession.

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They must build those Nova Scotia people out of good, well-seasoned materials. A Sydney man named McLeod was carrying some plugs of powder in his clothing when a spark from his pipe set fire to the powder. In the explosion which followed McLeod's clothing was entirely blown off his body, and a hole was torn in the street, but he himself was uninjured. It might be worth while for the Czar to send over a commission to see how they put those fellows together.

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Yarmouth Presbyterians held a garden party last week, at which the Salvation Army Band and a piper were present, and are congratulating themselves that they took in \$100—but think of what they might have taken in if they had had real music.

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Messrs. Osborne and Trotter, in charge of Greenwood Cemetery at Brantford, complain that the cemetery is haunted by a snake five feet long, which they have repeatedly tried to destroy with spades and shovels, and also by burning out, but unsuccessfully. There is only one way to put an end to those fellows. Resolve not to touch the stuff for one year.

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From London, England, comes the news that full beards are to be fashionable this season. Full beards are useful in two ways. They are handy to catch a drowning man by, and they also afford an excellent hold in a rough-and-tumble fight by which you can pound holes in the pavement with the other fellow's koko.

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A St. Thomas paper says that ex-Manager McGuigan, of the Grand Trunk, carried his heart and soul wrapped in the problem of transportation, and that the men who have succeeded him are not in his class. Perhaps they only carry theirs wrapped up in an old G. T. R. folder.

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Bliss Carman laments the fact that the delightful art of walking is falling into abeyance. Not so, Bliss. Look at old Jimmie Reynolds, who nearly walked his feet off trying to overtake a pot of the needful. It all depends on whether you make the walking worth while or not, Bliss.

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A Vancouver detective named Wilford makes a living by allowing himself to be experimented upon by dentists and physicians. Recently he had a false plate fitted



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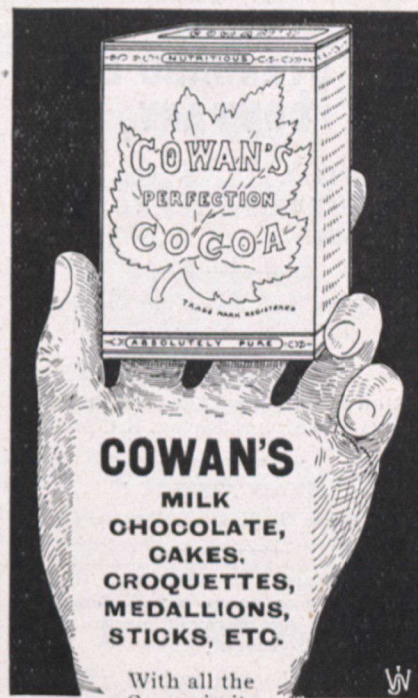
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