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TO CORRESPONDENTS!

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More Truth Than Poetry.

(By JAS. J. MONTAGUE.)
I know they've cut the price of beef
The daily market columns show it.
But that affords me no relief,
For Jones, the butcher, doesn't know it.

I've read that pork has gone so low
That even convicts now are fed it.
But does that help me any? Not
For Jones, the butcher, hasn't read it.

I know that sugar has declined
So much we need no more forego it.
But when I go to town I find
That Brown, the grocer, doesn't know it.

I've heard that beans are not so high.
"Big Cut in Beans," the paper word it.
But I can't lay in a supply,
For Brown, the grocer, hasn't heard it.

I know that coal is off a lot.
I fain would buy a ton and stow it.
For Winter use, but I cannot
For Smith, the coal man, doesn't know it.

I see the price of anthracite
Is cheaper, if you'll only screen it,
But that don't help me out a mite,
For Smith, the coal man, hasn't seen it.

No longer should we fear to be
Soon seeking places in the bread-
lines,
For daily in the press we see
The following optimistic headlines:
"The Cost of Living Has Come Down!"
"High Prices Cease Their Skyward
Caper!"

Yet market-men, all over town
Somehow don't even see the papers?

Flax Used by Maori Natives.

The Maoris, before they became acquainted with the white people, wore clothes made of a species of flax, called "Korari," which grows in great abundance in their country. They are draped only from the waist to the knee; they often wear a sort of mantle which reaches from the shoulders to the feet. Their clothing is very coarsely woven by hand by the women and girls, and they go about bare-legged and bare-footed. Their dwellings are made of branches of trees, shrubs and twigs. They have but one opening, which is very low, and through this comes the daylight that illumines the dark interior of their houses. They light their fire in the middle of the hut and the smoke escapes by the door. They sleep on the ground on mats or on fern. In all their houses one generally sees their war weapons (their "mere," a large greenstone sharpened), their axes, their guns, their cartridge boxes, and sometimes their trunks and cases, which they have purchased from Europeans, and in which they keep their clothing and such objects as they most value. These people are in the habit of tattooing themselves. The common people are tattooed on the face; the chiefs, moreover, tattoo their lower limbs.—Family Herald.

Music Does Not Always Charm.

It is not advisable to regard music purely as a soothing influence. Music can poison the moral constitution as well as the physical; it has power not only to soothe the savage breast but to awaken the savage in the breast. After his defeat in Russia, Napoleon declared it was caused by the Russian winter and the Russian army music. He said that the weird and barbaric tunes of those beastly Cossack regiments simply infuriated the half-starved Muscovites and they wiped out the best regiments of the French army.

When the compositions of a Futurist musician were first heard in Berlin, the whole audience was enraged. A well-known critic after attending this concert wrote: "I was miserable all the afternoon, my nerves frayed and on edge there was no antidote for the poison but sleep. If such music making is to become accepted, then I long for Death, the Releaser." At Vienna, when the same music was played, the audience broke loose. Blows were exchanged and fighting became general; the police were summoned and the performers packed up their instruments and left the hall. It reminds us of an old Scotch woman who, when told that a certain anthem she disliked was written by King David, said, "Noo I ken why it was that Saul threw his spear at the lad who was playin' to him."

New President Every Year.

In Switzerland, where many of the kings of old Europe have taken refuge, the people elect a new President each year in December. This year the name of the President is M. Gustave Ador. During the year he holds office M. Ador is known as the Swiss President. A citizen of Switzerland must serve as President when called upon by the people, but he cannot be chosen a second time.

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The Case of Egypt.

The purpose of the Milner Mission in Visiting Egypt is declared officially to be to study the existing situation and confer with native Egyptian leaders with a view to working out a constitution which will ensure ordered administration and, at the same time, help in the "progressive development of self-governing institutions" in the country. The maintenance in Egypt of stable government and contentment among the people is of importance to all the nations of the world; the flame of unrest and disorder in Egypt might quickly light a disastrous eastern fire. Stable government and popular contentment in Egypt are of prime importance to Great Britain because, to quote from the memorandum prepared by Earl Curzon, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, of Egypt's "geographical position at the gate of Palestine, at the doorway of Africa and the high road to India." The right of peoples to self-determination is not to be denied; but neither is it to be said that the right of self-determination means that a people which is utterly ignorant of the principles of self-government and incapable of administering its affairs is to be left alone and allowed to endanger the interests and rights of others through the certain fruits of unrestrained ignorance and incapacity. Nor does the fact that Egyptian race possesses "in its upper ranks a high culture and historic memories" change the other fact that the mass of the Egyptian people are ignorant of the principles of self-government and incapable of intelligent participation in the state's affairs at the present time. The interests of Great Britain will be served by the maintenance of a British protectorate over Egypt; it would be folly for Great Britain to relinquish entirely control over Egypt and its affairs; but, as history has proven in other cases, the Egyptians themselves will, in the long run, be the chief gainers, as they have already gained through the exertion of British influence in their affairs. The step of doubtful wisdom which Great Britain has taken was the appointment of Lord Milner to head the Egyptian Mission. Lord Milner is not famed for his sympathy with democratic ideas. On the contrary, he is seemingly more of a believer in autocratic ways and in the centralization of the control of Empire affairs. Had the settlement of the problem of South Africa been left to him twenty years ago there would have been no self-governing Union of South Africa. But the bold experiment of Campbell-Bannerman yielded finer results than would have come from the Milner plan for a tight London rein upon the beaten Boers.—Sydney Record.

Dried Fish.

The dried fish market continues active. Inquiries are improving, and more actual orders are coming into the market than have been arriving for some time past. There are, however, heavy stocks at the producing centers awaiting shipment, and it is likely that the market will become a bit shaky when these are released. Nova Scotia sun dried fish are quoted at \$17@18. Gloucester black napes are selling at \$17@17.50, with white napes listed at \$20@21. Round stock-fish is quoted at \$30 per bale of 112 lbs. Split is listed at \$32. It is reported from Halifax, N. S., that several additional sales of Lunenburg cargoes have been made at \$12 per quintal, and there are about 100,000 quintals still unsold. Bank fish exports have been moving fairly well, and stocks have not accumulated so far. The demand has been brisk and competition keen. Heavy arrivals of Canadian Labrador and Gaspe codfish have been reported during the past two weeks or so, but Halifax spot stocks are still considerably below normal. The Newfoundland market continues firm, with a shortage of soft cure Labrador. Prices here are about \$2 under last year's figures. Northern Brazil markets continue to display extreme weakness, due to the fact that the market is still overloaded with unsold fish. The same condition applies to Oporto. The demand from Southern Brazil is brisk, and good prices are maintained. There is a good call from Cuba, but the Porto Rico market is rapidly becoming weakened, due to excessive shipments which went forward since the settlement of the long-shoremen's strike.—Dec. Fishing Gazette.

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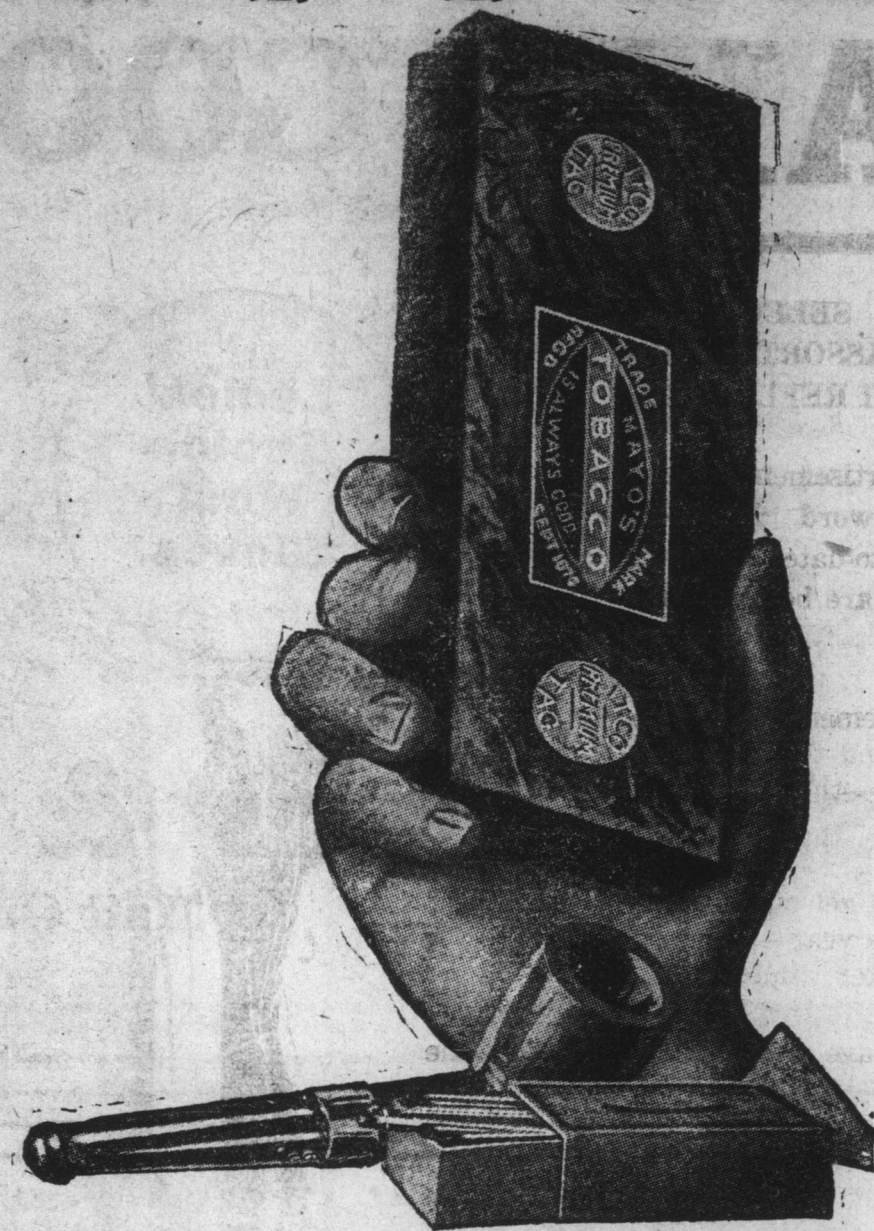
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