

THE CANADIAN BEAVER.

Qualities Which Should Win Him Friendship and Protection.

It will be a triumph of civilization, or over-civilization, if white men can make friends with this most wary, cunning, and complacently industrious native on his forest watercourses. The beaver is first to retreat from human barbarism, but when men become civilized he cautiously returns, responding with confidence wherever respect is shown for his natural rights and the priority of his claims. In Algonquin Park the patient watcher may sometimes see a beaver, brown-black and dripping, slowly rise from the open water by a dam, clamber out on the ice, waddle through the snow, nip off a shrub of white birch and return with it to the water, quietly mounting on the ice again to feast on this new season's delicacy.

Grows Weary of Poplar.

The beaver seems to grow weary of the poplar and birch that have lain under water all winter, ready to venture out in search of fresh twigs and bark. In climbing on the ice he uses his teeth, then his hands, for it would be misleading to call them feet, and his short, elastic legs make it easy to get a hold with his big, webbed hind feet, and these he brings up under his body to stand upon. His flat, paddle-like tail makes a substantial support as he shakes the water from his coarse fur, hunches his rounded back, closes his hands idly against his breast, and looks about with small, beady eyes, his drooping, indolent, inquisitive mouth maintaining an almost ludicrous expression.

Keep the Water Open.

There is always some open water by a well-ordered beaver dam, for the sticks, twigs, vegetation and rubbish thrown about and left to decay create sufficient warmth to resist the frost. The beavers also help to keep the water open, and where a hole in the ice is not sufficiently large to allow one to crawl out he will try to enlarge the edges by striking them from below with his arched back. The current generally helps to keep the water open and give the colony a means of access to the star-tid world, while their dome-topped house with submerged entrance against the bank is surrounded by immovable ice.

Nips Off Small Twigs.

It is fascinating to watch a beaver feasting on new bark when the night is so silent that every crack of his long yellow teeth can be heard distinctly, while his rounded outlines are shown as black as the open water against the snow. He nips off the small twigs one by one from the bush he has cut, holding each in turn in his hands with the quiet relish of a boy eating a sugar-stick. When the main stem becomes too thick and woody he turns to the larger end and proceeds systematically to strip off the bark. Whether to facilitate this operation or to flavor the food, he sleeps over and keeps the stem and also his mouth submerged while stripping and eating. Another beaver coming out on the ice shows a communicative disregard for the rights of property. While the encroachment is resisted, there is not the slightest tendency toward antagonism.

The Beaver's Sagacity.

The beaver is credited with many wonderful acts and achievements, such as the planting of seeds to strengthen the walls of his house, the storing of others to keep his house clean, the building of useless dams to teach apprentices the trade, and the springing of steel-traps with sticks. He is even said to sleep with his tail in the water to detect a break in the dam. A stick carried or floated by a beaver may end in a trap, and a beaver may find good fishing where the vegetation has made the fish familiar with his harmless movements. Vegetation from scattered seeds may strengthen the beaver's house, and he may build dams, both useful and useless, wherever rapids reveal the shallow places on streams.

Should Win Our Friendship.

But, without venturing into the field of conjecture, we know that the beaver cuts down trees and flocks them to his dam, makes it watertight with mud, builds a house with a submerged entrance, and fixes a winter supply of food in the bottom of the stream. The peace that pervades his colony suggests a rudimentary patriarchal organization, and his confidence when unmolested, even in the open day, shows that his fear of man is modified by the wisdom that comes with experience. These qualities should win him our friendship and protection, even if he should lack the depths of insight with which fancy has delighted to endow him.

Leave Out Great Britain.

The annual report of the Executive Committee of the British Empire League in Canada, adopted at its recent meeting, contains the following recommendations:—
"Your committee are gratified that another Imperial conference will be held in London next month in accordance with the resolution of the conference of 1902 in favor of periodical meetings, and they express their satisfaction that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be in a position once more to press upon the Imperial Government his views of mutual preferential tariffs. The offer so wisely made in 1902 by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and held open by him for the last five years, apparently has not met with any response by the Home Government, but we earnestly hope that at this coming conference something may be accomplished in that direction. If, however, the Imperial Government is still unprepared to do anything, your committee would urge upon our representatives at the conference to use every effort to secure an agreement for a system of mutual preferential tariffs among all the colonies leaving Great Britain out of the arrangement until she expresses a willingness to unite with the outer empire in such a policy. This would be the most dignified course for the colonies to adopt, in view of the fact that 274 members of the House of Commons have petitioned Australia not to give any preference in her tariff to the Mother Country."



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BOY'S FACE SHATTERED.

Reggie Clarke Killed By Accidental Discharge of Gun.

Brockville, April 17.—Reggie, the 4-year-old son of Robert Clarke of Horton, was fatally shot by the accidental discharge of a gun. He and his brother, two years older, secured possession of a breech-loading gun. The older lad snatched a barrel and the charge tore across the little fellow's nose, tearing out the right eye and injuring the other. He died shortly afterwards.

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Found Drowned.

Cayuga, April 17.—The body of James Ross of Dunnville, a butcher, aged 48, was found in the canal lock at Dunnville late Monday night. He had been drinking heavily of late. Doctors worked over his body for two hours.

He leaves a wife and three children.

Jumped Overboard.

New York, April 17.—Theodore S. Cox, aged 63 years, for over 40 years transfer agent of the Fall River Line here, is believed to have committed suicide Saturday night by jumping from the Fall River Liner Puritan.

ALMOST DEAD OF BRONCHITIS.

Few people have suffered more than John P. Taylor, of Dymont, P. O., Ont. To-day he is well and writes, "I must tell you how much Catarrhox has done for me. I was so bad with bronchitis sometimes that I thought it would soon be over with me. A spell of choking would come on that left me prostrated and weak. Since using Catarrhox I have had no trouble at all. It strengthened my throat, stopped the cough, gave me free breathing and entirely cured me." Just the usual experience. Catarrhox invariably cures whether Bronchitis, Asthma or Catarrh. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00, at all dealers.

Pleads Guilty to Bigamy.

London, April 17.—James Belbeck, a London Township farm laborer, appeared before Judge MacBeth yesterday morning on a charge of bigamy and pleaded guilty.

On request of the prisoner's counsel sentence was deferred until Saturday.

Whirled Around Shaft.

Syracuse, N.Y., April 17.—Howard Kincaid, 24 years old, employed at a grist mill at Port Byron, was killed there yesterday. While riding a shaft his clothing caught, and he was whirled about the shaft, his head striking the ceiling.

People who "take notice" must have observed a growing sentiment in this country in favor of using put-up foods and medicines of known composition. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription stands alone as the only ready-put-up medicine for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments. It bears on the wrapper a full list of the ingredients composing it, printed in plain English. It is the "Favorite Prescription" of a Specialist in woman's diseases and not a "patent medicine." Made of the roots of native medicinal plants without alcohol or other harmful ingredients. Dr. Pierce's "Prescription" has been the favorite cure for the weaknesses, pains, drains and disorders of the womanly system, which has stood the test of forty years of experience. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet giving ingredients and what well-recognized authorities or all schools of medicine say of them.

A big head is often the result of a few small ideas.

IS IT SHAKESPEARE?

PAINTING DISCOVERED IN OLD INN SAID TO BE OF AUTHOR.

Portrait For Years Has Hung In Village Hosterly Declared By Visitor to Be Immortal Bard, Made When He Was a Youth—Bears Date of 1588—Pose Similar to That in "Welcome."

Great interest has been aroused by the discovery of what may turn out to be the earliest known portrait of Shakespeare. For many years it hung among a collection of sporting prints in the bar parlor of the Bridgewater Arms, an inn in the village of Winston, near Darlington. No special value was attached to it until a stranger, who knew something about old pictures, chanced to see it.

He noticed its strong resemblance to other supposed authentic portraits of Shakespeare painted when he had reached a more mature age. He said that it might be a portrait of the immortal bard. In the mouth of rumor the "might be" became "was." M. H. Spielmann, the famous art critic, now engaged in preparing a volume on Shakespeare portraits, heard of it, and wrote to the Misses Ludgate—two main sisters who conducted the inn—asking them for a photograph of the portrait and its history as far as they were acquainted with it. Mr. Spielmann, who is disposing of the claims of scores of alleged Shakespeare portraits, has not yet been able to devote that attention to the latest discovery to determine whether or no it is a genuine portrait.

Bears Date of 1588.

It represents a young man with budding moustache and a head of thick, dark, curly hair. He wears a crimson velvet slashed doublet and lace collar. The portrait, which measures 15½x17½ inches, bears in white letters on the panel the inscription "As was (actus) suus 24, 1588." On the back are the letters "W. S." Nowhere, however, is there an indication of the painter's name or initials. The picture is in an excellent state of preservation and the drawing is unusually good. The pose of the head is similar to that of what is known



as the "Welcome" portrait, owned by Sir George Trevelyan and painted when Shakespeare was 46.

In the conformation of the lower lip—an unusual type of lip—it is practically identical with the lower lip in the Dreshouth portrait and the Ely House portrait, now in possession of the birthplace trustees at Stratford. Worth Small Fortune. If Authentic.

"If it can be proved to be a Shakespeare," says Mr. Spielmann, "it is impossible to estimate its value. It would be worth \$50,000 to buy it for the nation, but it is not unlikely that an American would offer \$250,000 for it."

Meanwhile the portrait no longer adorns the parlor of the village inn. The Misses Ludgate have deposited it for safety in a bank, pending the determination of the question whether it is worth the fortune that will enable them to retire from the innkeeping business.

If the portrait is genuine it was painted when Shakespeare was 24. In 1587—the year before it was painted—he had joined a band of strolling players. Not until some four years later did he take his first play to the publishers. That has led some critics to suggest that it is extremely unlikely that anybody would have gone to the trouble of painting his portrait when he was still an obscure and poor young man.

It does seem unlikely, but likelihood, of course, has little to do with the matter.

Friend May Have Painted It. It was not likely that in 1564 an Englishman would be born whose genius would still be astonishing the civilized world 300 years after his death. And it is not wildly improbable to suppose that before the world had heard of him he made such an impression on his friends that one of them painted his portrait out of sheer admiration. The thing is constantly happening in the artistic world, even in this mammoth worshipping age.

Great Laughters. The giant laughters have been men—Shakespeare and Rabelais. I do not regard Cervantes and Sterne as laughters. They are smiles. They are not jolly rovers and guffawers. They are not fat, rosy, jovial hilarieties. They are thin, lean, ironic smiles. A smile is a diluted laugh. Sterne is a diluted Rabelais. James Douglas, in M. A. P.

Disestablishment Proposals. We hold most strongly that there is no mandate for Disestablishment, and that before such a grave step be taken the people ought to have an opportunity of expressing their views upon it.—Layman.

Servants' Paradise. If domestic servants had every night out and two half-holidays in the week, domestic service might come to be the most popular, as it is probably the best paid, of any form of women's work.—Review of Reviews.

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The Left Hand.

It is strange that so strong a prejudice against the left hand has lived and increased for centuries when there is no natural or physiological reason for it. Examination of the skeleton of a person who was strong, healthy and well formed in life shows that the bones of the left hand and arm are just as large and capable as those of the right. The study of physiology shows, too, that the muscles and ligaments and cartilages that fastened that person's arms to his body and gave them the power of motion were made to do their work just as well on one side of the body as on the other. If the left side was the weaker, it was because of the failure to exercise it as freely as the other.—Scrap Book.

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What We Really Need.

Each of us in our own small organism possesses a germ or whatever you like to call it which, properly developed, should eventually lead us to the realization of all our ambitions. All that is wanted are energy and concentration.—London Ladies' Field.

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EVELYN THAW'S MOTHER.

Says She Would Have Killed White Had She Known.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The Pittsburg Leader yesterday afternoon prints a six-column statement from Mrs. Chas. J. Holman, mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in which she defends herself against the accusations expressed and implied against her during the Thaw trial.

The statement opens by saying that two nights after the night upon which Harry Thaw shot Stanford White she received this telegram from her daughter: "It is most important for you to say absolutely nothing."

Until now she has remained silent and has been forced to take the defensive because of the attack made upon her by Mr. Delmas in his closing address to the jury. She denies that she aided the district attorney in any way.

In Love With Stage. "Florence," she says, "was in love with the stage. She did everything to discourage her, but it was useless. The story of Florence's first meeting with Stanford White, she says, is substantially as told by the former on the witness stand. When Florence returned she told her mother she had met the greatest man. White, she says, warned her specifically against several young men with whom Florence had been acquainted, but did not refer to Thaw. His manner, words and actions were the personification of wholehearted, disinterested generosity. Mrs. Holman says, and if ever a woman reposed implicit confidence in a man she says she did.

Mrs. Holman then asserts that if Florence underwent the experience that is said to have befallen her, she did not take her into her confidence. Continuing, she says: "Had she told me what she told the Thaw jury it would not have been necessary for Harry Thaw to kill Stanford White. I would have done it myself."

"My love for my daughter is as deep and intense as it was when I first held her in my arms a helpless baby."

Rupture Between Counsel. New York, April 17.—The first open indication of the oft-repeated trouble between the array of attorneys who represented Harry K. Thaw in his recent trial came yesterday, when Henry C. McKee, associate of D. M. Delmas, called on Clerk Penny of the Supreme Court and demanded the immediate surrender of some of the exhibits introduced by the defence during the trial.

Acting on instructions from Daniel O'Reilly, who claims to be the only lawyer retained for the defence, the application was refused.

"BOBS" AND GEN. BOTHA.

Former Adversaries Joke Now About Their Experiences.

London, April 17.—The colonial Premiers were presented with the freedom of the Guild Hall yesterday and subsequently were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor, Sir William Treloar, and the corporation. Each of the visitors received a letter-packet as a memento, enclosed in a gold casket. The Premiers drove in procession to the Guild Hall, Gen. Botha, the Transvaal Premier, as "the Benjamin of the Brotherhood," riding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Prime Minister, and bringing up the rear. The decorations of the streets through which the procession passed were not pretentious, but the visitors received a hearty welcome from large crowds of people.

The luncheon at the Guild Hall was a brilliant function. It was attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Premier Campbell-Bannerman, and other Cabinet Ministers; Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who cracked jokes with Gen. Botha about their experiences on the veldt; many peers and members of the House of Commons, and military and naval men in uniforms sparkling with decorations, while the women present were dressed in the most elaborate costume. The Boer flag captured by the City Imperial Volunteers at Jacobdahl, with usually ornaments the banquet hall, was removed on this occasion, so as not to offend Gen. Botha and his party.

EMPIRE STILL AN ENTITY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Says the Conference Will Prove It.

London, April 17.—Replying to the Lord Mayor's toast to the Premiers at the Guildhall luncheon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was seated on the Lord Mayor's right, predicted that the results of the conference just opened would demonstrate to the world that the British Empire was a living entity and that its success was assured. The presence of General Botha and Dr. Jameson at the same conference board, the speaker added, showed that the meeting could not be a failure.

34 Years For Burglary.

New York, April 17.—Clifford M. Smith, a 22-year-old youth, who was detected in the act of extracting pennies from a child's bank in a house which he had entered by force in the night, was sentenced yesterday to serve 34 years and 4 months in Sing Sing Prison.

Thirty years of the term was imposed on the burglary charge, and the four years and four months for having assaulted Mr. and Mrs. John Oestreicher with a loaded screw driver when they interrupted him.

Fatal Duel Over Girl.

New York, April 17.—After a quarrel over a girl to whom both were paying attention, two Italians fought a duel with revolvers in Ozone Park, L.I., yesterday, as a result of which one of them, Buca Pandiane, was instantly killed.

Vincenzo Cica, the other duellist, was found hiding in a closet in the home of his victim. As the police burst in the closet door Cica shot and killed himself.

The two men had been close friends.

Prince May Come.

London, April 17.—It is rumored that the Prince and Princess of Wales will pay another visit to Canada in the near future.

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Shanghai, April 17.—Investigation shows that the plans of the famine relief committee are admirable. There has been no leakage of the funds administered by foreigners.

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Perhaps no other organs work harder than the kidneys to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of Kidney Complaint, but do not suspect it. It may have been in the system for some time. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as, brick dust deposit in the urine, highly colored scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequent or suppressed urination, burning sensation when urinating, etc.

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Convicted of Murder.

Rochester, N. Y., April 10.—The jury in the case of Fred Schultz returned a verdict of murder in the second degree late yesterday, for killing Edward Pullman, the village watchman at Soduse, on March 22 of last year, during a robbery of the bank.

The Peace Conference.

The Hague, April 10.—Two o'clock in the afternoon June 15, 1907, fixed for the opening of the second peace conference here.

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