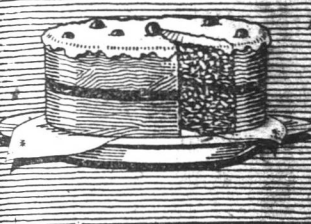


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Our London Letter

By PANTON HOUSE

(For the Canadian Press.)
LONDON, June 20.—Nearly every nation of the world went to Ascot. Forty special trains a day went from London, and the roads were packed with motors. All vehicles had to be made spottless by an extra gang of cleaners, so that the lovely new trucks should not be soiled. The Grand Stand was packed—never has such a multitude of tongues been heard at Royal Races before. The King and Queen, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family were in the paddock to see the horses and discuss their chances, showing keen expert knowledge. There has never been such a day at Ascot since it was founded by Queen Anne in 1711. It may well be called a festival of lovely women.

A RIVER OF HUMANITY.

It is difficult to realize the organization required to deal with the flow of visitors to Wembley. Everywhere the attractions so great that they want to stay as long as possible, which means they have to go back to London en masse. Picture 100,000 people being moved at the rate of 20,000 an hour from one station alone—without any overcrowding, rush or noise. There are six platforms at Wembley Park with four flights of stairs leading to them. Trains follow one another at such close intervals that there would seem a danger of them overrunning should one train stop, since all are on a single line at one part of the journey. This, however, is impossible, as even if a signalman should allow a train to enter a section in which another train is standing, or should allow a train to over-run a signal, there is a device which causes the brakes to be automatically applied, stopping the train immediately.

LONDON WASHES HERSELF.

When the members of the Canadian Race Association arrive in London to act as joint hosts to the American confederates, they will find the grime of ages removed from many of the old buildings. The Law Courts themselves have not had a wash for 42 years! The walls, as known to all but the oldest inhabitants are a dull brown—the washing will reveal the beauty of the marble and granite beneath the crust. It is no light task, this washing, as the Hall alone is 230 feet long, 47 feet wide and 30 feet high to the crown of the stone vaulted ceiling. The great gathering of

lawyers will hold a reception in that wonderful old building known as Westminster Hall, which Sir Frank Baines of his Majesty's Office of Works, claims to be "the most important historical monument possessed by the British people."

HAUNTED HAMPTON COURT.

There is a ghastly legend attaching to the old palace, which by a curious coincidence, appears to have been confirmed. The Palace Clock, which was made for Henry VIII. in 1540, is known as "The Clock of Death." It is stated that when Queen Anne of Denmark, Queen of James I. died, the clock, which was striking four at the moment, stopped, and the same thing has happened on many subsequent occasions when some person long resident in the Palace, has died within its precincts. On Friday, also, the 13th of June, the clock stopped, and early next morning Miss Jane Cuppage was found dead in her apartments. These apartments, in which she had lived for many years, were a part of those occupied by King Edward VI. when he was Prince of Wales. Miss Cuppage was the daughter of General Sir Burke Cuppage, who served under Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo.

VALUABLE SKINS.

The first fur "trade" exhibition to be held in London, the centre of the fur trade, was opened on June 1, at Holland Park, when skins valued at \$3,000,000 were shown to buyers from all over the world. The feature of the show was a long ermine coat with a detachable cape, trimmed with ermine tails. It has big bell sleeves, a ruffled collar, and is lined with white velveteen ermine. A fur which experts say will be worn after the summer is dove seal. This is a natural seal dyed a golden brown. In the making of one skunk stole 3½ miles of cotton was used, and 20 miles of cotton are needed for making a full length coat.

CANADIAN V.C.'S POST.

Great interest is taken in the arrival in London from Toronto of Wing-Commander William George Barker, V.C., the famous Canadian aviator, who thrilled the world with his daring feats during the end of the war. He will be a most popular Liaison Officer between the British and Canadian air forces.

EMPIRE THANKSGIVING.

Over 7,000 people, including many hundred Canadian visitors, in London, attended the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 18. Every seat in that vast building was occupied and the congregation celebrating Waterloo Day was drawn from every corner of the Empire. Suddenly, breaking the silence following on prayers for the bereaved, for the absent and for those who had died for the Empire, the wild music of bagpipes was heard and the pipers of the Scots Guards, playing a wailing lament "The Flowers of the Forest" passed from the south transept to the nave and then across to the north transept; the shrill notes of the pipes gradually becoming fainter and fainter. The last tragic notes died away and were followed by Christina Rossetti's joyful "Anthem to the Memory of the Brave."

LONDON'S NEW PARK.

Sir Henry Lennard, of West Wickham, has offered the Corporation of London 36 acres of land at Spring park, 14 miles from Charing Cross, to be used by the public as an open space. The Corporation already owns West Wickham common, so that the district is well known to Londoners, especially those living in the south. Much of Spring park is woodland, the timber consisting mainly of chestnut trees. West Wickham Court, where the Lennard family has lived for 350 years, has associations with Henry VIII. A yew walk in its gardens is known as "Anne Boleyn's walk," tradition stating that here she used to walk with King Hal when staying in the house with her uncle, Sir Henry Heydon, the then owner. In one of the windows are the initials of Henry and Anne, intertwined with a large letter's knot, and a pair of Anne's shoes is among the family treasures.

Played it Backwards

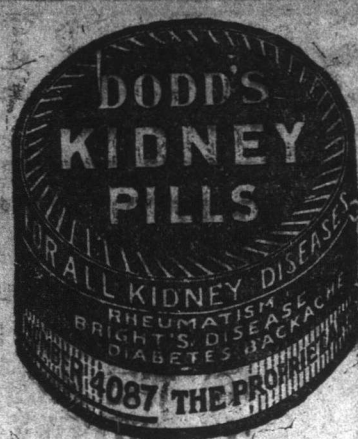
The famous musician, Sir Landon Ronald, tells an amusing story of an experience that befell a friend of his at a party a short while ago. Though himself an accomplished musician, he could not make head nor tail of a certain piece of music that was being played on an automatic piano.

"It sounded very abstruse," he told Sir Landon, "and quite incomprehensible for the most part, yet here and there I seemed to recognize a bar or two."

"Presently, consumed by curiosity, I went over and asked my hostess the name of the piece."

"She looked at me in surprise for some seconds; then said, somewhat stiffly, 'It's Bach's fugue in D minor.'"

"That it most certainly is not," I thought, but I kept my opinion to myself. "I found out later, however, on making an investigation, that the lady was right. Only the perforated music roll had been put in upside down, and the piano had played the fugue backwards."



Needless Auto Noises

Chicago's Health Commissioner, Dr. H. N. Budessen, calls the automobile one of the worst offenders in the production of unnecessary and objectionable city noises. Dr. Budessen announces in his Weekly Bulletin the inception of a "campaign for making Chicago a more quiet and restful city," and in naming the things that now interfere with this aim, he pays his respects to the careless autoist as follows:

"There are few people in Chicago perhaps who have not been aroused from sound slumber at midnight or greatly annoyed during the day by the driver of an automobile tearing down the street with his cut-out open, or by the fellow who, the great big truck who knows that all fear him, smashing through the city thoroughfare blowing his siren instead of using his brakes. This sort of thing is akin to brutality. First, because it destroys rest; secondly, because it creates fear; and thirdly, because it may be the cause of death by accident or otherwise. Let us assume, for instance, a pedestrian with a weak heart is crossing in front of this truck driver, who, brutally careless of the feelings of others, and feeling safe because of the size of his truck, suddenly opens his siren to make people jump out of his way. The suddenness with which the siren is used may cause sufficient shock to one affected with heart disease to cause that organ to stop suddenly, with consequent death in a few minutes. This is not idle conjecture. It has happened many times."

"Again, how many of us have been disturbed by the driver who sounds the horn of his machine to attract the attention of some individual in a build-

ing with whom he wishes to communicate. These thoughtless fellows usually begin such signalling at about the time when good citizens are in bed. Just a little thoughtfulness and a little effort on their part to get out and ring the door-bell would save annoyance and discomfort to the whole neighborhood."

"It is a fact that when a man drives his automobile carefully, he very rarely needs to use his horn. If he drives so that he can stop within the length of his car, he need not scare individuals to death by sounding a warning."

"So far as the cut-out on the automobile is concerned, the automobile experts are unanimous in the opinion that it is of no value in ordinary city driving and that it is needless so far as engine efficiency is concerned. The fellow who thinks it necessary to run around the block with his cut-out open, probably does not realize that he is disturbing sick people who need rest, or infants who need sleep for proper growth, or night workers who need comfort and rest during the day."

For the Housewife's Lunch—BOVRIL

Medical men strongly advise wives and mothers not to forego nourishing mid-day meals in the absence of their husbands. It is to this foolish habit that many of the diseases so common among women may be attributed. Keep yourself nourished by taking Bovril with the midday meal.

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Mystery of "The Garter"

The Most Noble Order of the Garter, which was bestowed on King Ferdinand of Roumania while on his recent visit to England, is the oldest order or chivalry in Europe.

But there is a touch of mystery that hangs round this ancient Order for one who knows its true origin or exactly when it was started.

The ceremonies at its investiture have nearly six hundred years of tradition behind them, going back to the time of Edward III. We have all heard how King Edward III. picked up the Countess of Salisbury's garter at a court function, and from that created the order, but the tale is not universally accepted as true.

One historian puts down the whole legend as a vain, idle romance, saying that it was published by a man named Polydore Vergil, a stranger to the affairs of England, who got the tale from common gossip.

There is another legend that is contained in the preface to the Register of Black Book of the order, compiled to the reign of Henry VIII. This relates that Richard I., while his forces were employed against Cyprus and Acre, was besieged through St. George, with renewed courage and the means of cheering his tired soldiers, by the device of trying a leathern thong or garter about the legs of a chosen number of knights. The purpose of this was to remind them of the honour of their enterprise and to inspire them to further efforts.

The Scottish Home Rite Bill came up for a second reading on Friday last. As we already have Scottish Rule in England there seems no reason why Scotland shouldn't risk it as well.—Punch.

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It is hardly too much to say that his invention has largely revolutionized our daily lives in recent years for without artificial refrigeration we should probably have only one meal a day!

At the present time there are more than 20,000,000 cubic feet of cold storage space in Britain, the greater proportion of it given up to the preservation of millions of tons of food, including tinned and bottled goods, eggs, fish, meat, fruit and grain.

Over and above this, an extremely wide variety of articles depend on cold storage for their preservation in hot weather, among them furs, silk, flowers, cinema films, medicines of many kinds, and even watch springs.

A recent deposit in one of London's biggest cold storage establishments day she'll know I am in!

consisted of a batch of live snakes!

Particular care has to be taken in storing the various articles of food. Lemons and eggs, for example, must be kept apart, not by one dividing wall, but by several. Lemons have been known to impart their flavour to eggs when separated by a "thick brick partition."

Bananas and butter also have to be separately isolated, but, contrary to the popular belief, onions need not be kept away from other foodstuffs unless they happen to be cut or bruised.

An Election Episode

A story which has often been told before, but the sequel to which is quite new, is related by Mr. Raymond Blackway, the well-known author. His friend, Lord Carmarthen, was contesting Brixton, and he won the election mainly owing to a very smart retort he fired off in reply to a question shouted at him from the back of the hall!

"Does your mother know you are out?"

"Yes, she does," promptly replied Lord Carmarthen, "and next Tuesday she'll know I am in!"

"It's perfectly true," said Lady Carmarthen, "because we sent one of the footmen with instructions to call out that very question. But it absolutely won my husband the seat."

I don't suppose (adds Mr. Blackway) that the Duchess will mind my telling the story after so many years. It is too good to be left untold.

In Brief

Satan, according to one Western clergyman, is busy in the colleges. In that respect Satan differs from the great mass of undergraduates.—New York Times.

"England is a beautiful country, but the weather is misty," says Mr. Lianh Shih Yi, the ex-Premier of China. We must really congratulate Mr. Yi on his restraint.—The Humourist.

A picture in this year's Academy was painted by a grocer. In advanced Chelsea circles the opinion is that it would be much more remarkable if the Academy exhibited a picture painted by an artist.—Punch.

Isane are shipping past Ellis Island, declares a psychiatrist—but not out, unfortunately, not our—Philadelphia North American.

A Simple Home Remedy

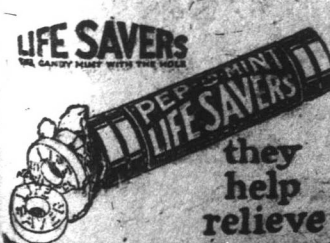


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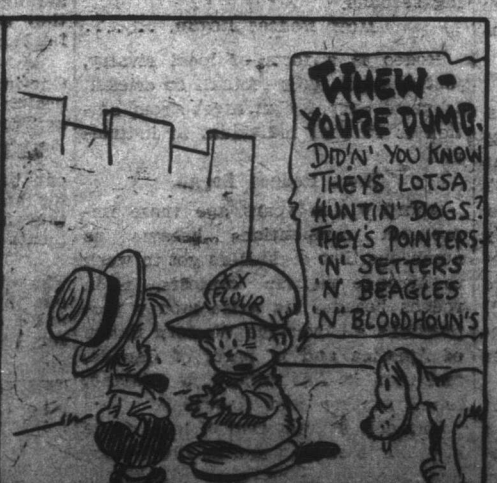


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