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## Swallows His Teeth and Suffocates.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Sept. 24 (Can. Press).—William B. Hill, a textile worker who died suddenly a few days ago after a quarrel with Emil Beld, was suffocated as a result of swallowing his upper set of false teeth, an autopsy has revealed. Beld, who was first charged with manslaughter, will now be tried on a lesser charge because of this evidence.

## Published by Authority.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Messrs. George Pepper, and Bethlehem Mercer, to be members of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Bay Roberts, in place of Messrs. William Mercer and Isaac Parsons, retired. Mr. W. E. Parsons, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Harbor Breton in place of Mr. J. J. Rose, resigned. Mr. E. L. Oke, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Harbor Grace, in place of Mr. John Tapp. Messrs. Joseph Jeans (Cape Ray) and Ernest Mead (Fox Roost), to be members of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Channel, in place of Mr. James Jeans, deceased, and Mr. Morgan Walters, resigned. Mr. James Dowling, Jr. to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Hermingham, in place of Mr. William Ingram, left the District. Rev. H. J. Read, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Codroy, in place of Rev. Victor Cunningham, left the District. Mr. James Matthews, to be a member of Church of England Board of Education for the District of Burgeo, in place of Mr. Henry Matthews, retired. Messrs. Nathaniel G. Lodge and John Cramm, to be members of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Bell Island, in place of Messrs. J. Butler, left the District and Joshua Humber, resigned.

Mr. Abel Clarke, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Victoria, in place of Mr. William Burke, retired. Mr. Gideon LeGrow, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Blackhead, in place of Mr. Thomas Jones, retired. Mr. H. Follett, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Western Bay, in place of Mr. Samuel Cooper, retired. Mr. Albert Pelley (George's Brook) to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Random North, in place of Mr. George Adams, retired. Mr. Alphonsus Maidment (Shambler's Cove) to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Greenspond, in place of Mr. Robert Burton, retired. Mr. Sidney Wheeler, to be an additional member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Summersford, Messrs. E. Rideout, and Urish Freake, to be additional members of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Lewisporte. Rev. H. Gilbert Turtle, and Mr. Alfred J. Wiseman, to be members of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Little Bay Island, in place of Rev. Cyril M. Curtis, left the District, and Mr. Herbert White, resigned. Rev. H. Gilbert Turtle, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Long Island, in place of Rev. Cyril M. Curtis, left the District. Col. Thomas Cloud, to be a member of the Salvation Army Board of Education for the District of St. John's, in place of Colonel T. Martin, retired. Adjt. R. Abbott, and Adjt. A. Stickland to be additional members of the Salvation Army Board of Education for the District of St. John's. Col. Thomas Cloud, to be a member of the Salvation Army Board of Education for the Southern District, in place of Col. T. Martin, retired. Dept. of the Colonial Secretary, Sept. 25th, 1923.

## For Ugly Men.

If you want a wife, go to Birmingham, England, which has 50,000 more women than men. Bath has 10,000 more women than men, Manchester 40,000, while in Sussex the women outnumber the men by no fewer than 1,273 to 1,000, and in Surrey by 1,187 to 1,000.

When stitching on sheer material use some of the paper from the bolts of narrow ribbon, placing it between the material and the foot of the machine to prevent puckering.

## High Class Musicale at the Nickel.

VOCALISTS AROUSE ENTHUSIASM  
OF LARGE AUDIENCE.

Without the least exaggeration it can be truthfully admitted that the greatest musical treat to reach St. John's for many years is the attraction now playing. Miss Armstrong and Miss Loring have already won the admiration of the music-lovers of this city, who have demonstrated their appreciation by their enthusiasm. The Nickel management has reason to feel sure that it is an experiment which promises to justify its judgment in every respect.

Miss Loring's selections were "Ah For Lull" and "Until." Her interpretations were wonderfully expressive and impressive and she was given the whole hearted reception of her hearers. Miss Armstrong sang "My Ain Folk" and "There's Nae Luck About the House," and these bits of Auld Scotch were delightfully relished by all. Miss Armstrong possesses a winsome stage presence, which greatly enhances the charm of her renditions. She sings Scotch songs, as might be expected from her ancestry, with a truthfulness of accent that is a joy to hear.

The duet, "O Dry Those Tears," was rendered with such feeling that the audience compelled an encore, which was responded to with that popular song, "Long, Long Ago." The accompanist was Prof. W. Moncrief-Mawer, whose skilled touch helped the singers greatly. The above programme will be repeated to-day, and we would advise any who unfortunately might have missed it to attend to-night's performance.

League Football.—St. George's Field, this evening at 6 sharp. Saints vs. Guards. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grandstand 10c. extra. Boys free.—sept 26, 11

## India Introduced Diamonds Into Europe.

India's ancient diamond workings were scattered over quite a wide area, but the distributing centre or mart was the town of Golconda, a name which has always been highly suggestive of opulence.

As far back as that ancient epic, the Mahabharata, diamonds have figured largely in the life and history of the Hindu, and it was from India that they were introduced into Europe. With the development of diamond cutting in Antwerp and Amsterdam in the fifteenth century, diamonds began to be more widely used by the Western nations. Such travelers as Jean Baptiste Tavernier brought back from the East stories of the magnificence of the diamonds owned by Oriental potentates.

St. Andrew's Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, 27th inst. All members are requested to attend.—SECRETARY.—sept 25, 21

## Are Whales Frightened Away.

Hunters and scientists are agreed on the prime necessity of allowing the whale to live and multiply, and the expedition now preparing for the far South in Captain Scott's old ship, the Discovery, hopes to solve some of the problems that confront both the whaler and the scientist. It was not until 1904 that the whaling industry was started in the Falklands, and last year a fleet of 58 vessels was employed, of which 37 were Norwegian and 17 British. "Blue," "fin," and "humpback" whales are the chief varieties caught, but there has been a surprising reduction in the number of "humpbacks" and a large increase in the "blue" variety, which are the most profitable in their yield of oil. It will be one of the objects of the expedition to discover whether the "humpback" is being frightened away or really exterminated.

## A Lifetime in a Few Seconds.

How long do dreams last is a question that has often been asked, but has never been clearly answered. But the following instance seems to bear out the supposition that dreams are really of very short duration.

As a clock began to strike twelve a man fell asleep and dreamed. In his dream he ran away to sea, served on board ship for a long time, was nearly drowned in a shipwreck, and swam to a desert island. No rescue arriving, he began to abandon hope, when at last a ship hove in sight and took him on board. He became a singed sailor in a successful mutiny, took charge of the ship, and sailed it across remote and uncharted seas.

At last, wearying of this life, he sailed to England, sold his ship, and entered business on shore.

One day someone recognized him as a mutineer. He was arrested and tried, condemned to death and led off to execution. The noose was placed round his neck and he awoke suddenly to hear the last stroke of the clock striking midnight.

Dreams are sometimes helpful, as they bring back to our minds things which we cannot consciously remember, says A. J. J. Ratcliff in "A History of Dreams."

A cashier in a bank found an error in his books and was extremely worried about it, as he could not account for it.

One night he dreamed that a man came into the bank, withdrew a little money from his account and left. The cashier also noticed that, in the hurry, he forgot to enter the transaction in his books.

Remembering the dream the next morning, he found out that the error had actually occurred in this way, and was thus able to rectify it.

## Eating Us Out.

CREATURES THAT TAKE A THIRD  
OF OUR CROPS.

Rats eat thirty to forty million pounds' worth of food yearly in these islands, and as a result most people look upon the rat as mankind's most deadly rival.

The rat is certainly a pernicious brute which eats more than its share of the crops which we try to raise for our own benefit, but it is by no means our only competitor in this respect.

A rat is reckoned to devour or spoil a pound's worth of food in a year, or somewhere about two-thirds of a pennyworth daily. But look at the cormorant!

Cormorants have probably the biggest appetite of any living creature, proportionate to their size. By way of experiment, a cormorant was given fifty herrings in one day, each seven inches long. It swallowed the lot!

Weighing about six pounds, a cormorant eats more than double its weight in fish daily, and a pair of these voracious birds require something like five tons of fish yearly to satisfy their furious appetites.

In other words, each of them eats as much as twenty-five full-grown rats. There used to be a bounty of a shilling a head on cormorants.

Sparrows cost us a pretty figure yearly, and blackbirds take thousands of pounds' worth of fruit and green peas each summer. But these birds both do something to pay for their keep by setting a certain number of insects.

Our worst enemies in the matter of food destruction are, of course, the insects, and of all insects locusts are the most voracious destroyers. In one year recently 15,500 tons of locusts were destroyed in Egypt, or, in figures, nearly eight thousand million insects. And a locust eats its own weight each day.

The locusts sent to Australia by the cattle tick rust into many millions. This creature, though little bigger than a grain of mustard seed, has so completely destroyed the herds that the people of a great cattle-breeding district were at one time reduced to buying tinned milk.



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In Europe alone there are more than 3,500 sorts of destructive insects, all of which live upon the crops which the farmer grows in his fields.

Taking it all in all, it is reckoned that animals, birds and insects between them account for fully one-third of all the food crops which mankind tills to raise for his own benefit.

## Accidents on the Racecourse.

SENSELESSNESS CAUSED BY EXTRA-  
ORDINARY MISHAPS.

The race for the St. Leger, run at Doncaster this week, reminds one that racehorses are apt to become senseless when beset by admitting throngs.

Even such a well-behaved animal as the flying two-year-old Muma Mahal became annoyed by the crowds in the paddock at Goodwood last month, and lashing out, broke the arm of a man who had ventured too close to her.

At the Warwick meeting last November, too, the well-known jockey "Vic" Smythe had an unfortunate experience when riding Shannon Bells in the Shipston Welter Handicap.

On lining up for the start, Smythe was next to Chuck-a-Penny, when the latter suddenly seized the unlucky jockey's arm, pulled him from the saddle, and began to "worry" him. Some of the other jockeys used their whips in their endeavour to cause the savage brute to release his hold, but it was some time before Smythe was released.

The Runaway Mount.  
Fred Archer was also "savaged" by a horse called Muley Edris in revenge for being punished in a previous race, while Otto Madden was seized by the arm by an animal when going to the post at Brighton, pulled to the ground, and shaken violently by the throat.

Kampton Cannon had a narrow escape at Northampton in 1897. In a false start his mount galloped a long way before he could pull up, and when he was returning to the starting post, which was round a sharp bend, he heard the starter cry "Go."

Realizing he had been forgotten, and that the rest of the field was tearing towards him, he had just time to swing his horse round and set him galloping when the other competitors flew round the bend. Cannon was actually awarded the race, although he had not travelled the full course.

In a race at Hurst Park some years ago the leading horse, Beasborough, ridden by "Freddie" Fox, crashed into a mounted policeman on the course, knocking the unfortunate constable unconscious, while in another event, at Northampton, Fred Allsop galloped into a perambulator containing two babies, smashing it to pieces and sending the occupants flying. In some atrocious fashion, however, no one was hurt.

At Totnes the racecourse runs close by the bank of the River Dart, and some years ago a horse named Bally-shannon slipped and, rolling into the river, was drowned.

The famous race for the Derby at Epsom has been the scene of many unusual occurrences. In 1913 a suffragette rushed on to the course just before the field rounded Tottenham Corner, and attempted to catch the bridle of the King's horse, with the result that the flying colt crashed into her with such force that she died a few days later. The horse was thrown, and the jockey, Herbert Jones, was badly hurt.

In the Ascot Gold Cup of 1913 the favourite, Tracery, would have won easily but for being brought down by a fan who jumped on to the course flourishing a revolver and a flag bearing the inscription "Votes for Women."

The Grand National of 1911 was remarkable for the fact that Luttur III, was interfered with at Beecher's Brook by a ridgeless horse, and jumping short landed right across the fence, remaining balanced there with his forelegs on one side and his hind legs the other.

During the race for the Manchester Cup in 1893 the leading horse cast a shoe, which flew off and struck the favourite, Buccanier, in the eye, causing him to swerve badly; while in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton Park in 1920 a spectator had his umbrella broken and was himself injured as he leaned over the rails to watch the horses go by.

## MUTT AND JEFF

## YOU CAN'T BLAME A GUY FOR CHANGIN G HIS MIND.

—By Bud Fisher.

