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THE SUGAR SITUATION.

Are we or are we not paying more for sugar than we should? The member for Halton, speaking on the subject in the House of Comprices of sugar were not warranted by the cost marriage of her daughter in June. of production. The fact seems to be that sugar efineries in this country are unable to secure an adequate supply because of the great short-

shrinking and the prices mounting. has an unusually heavy crop this year, and painting of the battle of Waterloo and a landbut it is well not to be too confident of this. Sunset." Giving evidence before the federal railway American economist and former secretary of "Book of Fate." the war labor board, declared that the tre-United States was due to the "unbridled ex- yesteryear no doubt strummed out his love-songs ploitation" by the twelve leading sugar pro- to a grandmother of today. ducers of the country, who increased their net profits in three years of war from an average of \$11,000,000 to \$37,000,000. In many American cities sugar prices have reached the retail figure of 30 cents, and many expect to see it go to 50 cents

recently declared on the floor of the Senate.

"For years the sugar interests have openly nd storing away a cheap and wholesome suply of fruits and vegetables. . . It is piracy day school characters by comparison."

of New York, declares:

movements of sugar into the United States, including that from its own islands, indicate that acknowledged the plea of the registrar as both year of 1920, which ends with June, will appar- order for the deputy's dismissal. ently approximate 9,000,000,000 pounds, as against 7,750,000,000 in the former high record year-the fiscal year of 1919."

With the other sugar fields underproducing, Canada will have to depend largely on the Cuban crop and with this controlled by the Germany bilious. American sugar interests the prospects for an early drop in this country are not too bright.

MUCH-NEEDED LEGISLATION.

Under the name of fair rentals act, a measure has been brought down in the Ontario Legislature that will be of assistance to the renter in his struggle with the high cost of renting. The demand for a remedy for some of the prevailing conditions is widespread and clamorous. For instance, many a renter has in the course of a year been obliged to submit to a number of increases, sometimes as high as four. That a lot of this renting has been made at exorbitant prices there is no question. In order to meet this the fair rentals act calls for the following procedure:

In cities towns and villages the court of revision upon application of any person com-plaining that the owner of any tenement or building demands an unjust or excessive rental therefor shall have power upon a summary hearing of the parties and their witnesses upon oath or otherwise as the court may deem advisable to make an order fixing a fair, just and proper rental for such tene-ment or building and the owner thereof shall be entitled to collect or receive more than the amount fixed,

Any order or judgment of the court shall be final and binding upon the parties, but such order or judgment may be rescinded, altered or varied by the court at any time upon the application of any party interested. Any person violating any of the provisions of any order or judgment of the court shall liable upon conviction thereof before any magistrate to such a penalty as the convicting magistrate shall in his discretion impose, not eding \$100, exclusive of costs, and may, in addition to such penalty, impose a penalty of \$5 per day for each day while the said vio-

continues, THE SALVATION ARMY'S JUBILEE.

Fifty years ago General Booth organized and set marching the Salvation Army. That it has given the world half a century of splendid service will be admitted by everybody. No single vice will be admitted by everyoody. No single it; a yet more exalted marriage, that of the Princess ing, tranquilizing. Not a song-bird, strictly organization has accomplished more, and few as Patricia to Commander Ramsay, did not bring a speaking, it does not strike an attitude and lift up much, in relieving human misery. Countless thousands have been lifted from the gutters to old-fashioned inmates of Mayfair as quite an and its every movement harmonious. Our fine erdinary, suitable match, as indeed it is. The April songsters play their parts well, but their period cleaner, happier lives, Thousands have been sun shone on the marriage, and the affair was both of song is brief, while the bluebird-well, is always rescued from circumstances that would have

support of Canadians, and it is hoped that self denial week, which started yesterday, will add to the funds of the army a substantial sum.

ROMANCE OF THE AUCTIONS.

There is no better place to learn history than attending a morning auction sale on the Market Square. For one thing, history textbooks appear to predominate among the large supplies of used school books which are auctioned off there. But more interestingly to the reflective mind, the various periods of history flash with panoramic effectiveness before one's imagination as relics of various ages and epochs in the line of furniture, painting, bric-a-brac and household utensils are cried in turn by the

looked through the magic lenses and saw lovely landscapes magnified long ago, when as a boy your brightest ambition was to possess a magic antern, but you had never, never heard of a motion picture show!

Here is a large, lifelike rocking-horse hitched to a little wickerwork carriage that thirty odd the finest brand of young Canadianism. years ago delighted some boy or girl as a splendid birthday present. Now the boy is probably engaged in further raising the high cost of living by cornering foodstuffs, and the girl mons a few days ago, declared that the soaring is worrying most likely over the approaching their eyes open but they are not yet trained to

The furniture offered dates from the earliest Victorian periods to the styles offered in the hand that blindfolds them was not the practice of twentieth century by the big mail order stores, our forefathers, nor shall it be ours. bought on the installment plan by hopeful age in the East Indies and Jamaica, where they couples, now obliged to give up housekeeping lack labor, and in the beet sugar field of Cen- because of the scarcity of residences, and to tral Europe which are still far from their sacrifice their neo-mahogany household effects normal production. So the supply has kept on because of the exorbitant rates charged by the at the present status of Trotzky's "one big union," storage warehouses.

Here for the artistic mind waits a torn that as a consequence prices are about to drop, scape in crayons of "Cows in a Pasture at every item of their history. Loafing means a firing

board in Washington, W. Jett Lauck, a noted two out a boards and a copy of Napoleon's havior. If he runs away they are shot.

For the music lover there is an old autoharp, mendous increase in the price of sugar in the on which some romantically-inclined youth of

THE RIGHT OF DISMISSAL.

oped at the registry office of North and East Middlesex, London, through the appointment of a deputy, under the hand and seal of "The sugar profiteers are preparing for their Registress Miss Walker, without consulting the 'annual canning season raid,' Senator Capper provincial authorities, recalls a similar situation happening at the St. Thomas registry office. interest it may furnish to the dramatist? It is a The deputy and the representative of the riding and shamelessly robbed American housewives clashed over some trivial troubles, and the during the canning season," he charged. "They member directed the premier then to have the have, with their extortionate charges, regularly deputy dismissed. The registrar was ordered the nature of a knockabout farce. But its enorblighted the poor families' hope of putting up from Toronto to have his subordinate discharged. But he refused, giving as a cause for his refusal that the Government had nothing as a potent instrument of good or of evil. so collossal and criminal that Captain Kidd and to say, nor would be brook any interference all the famous pirates of history become Sun- from the premier or any of his associates in the appointment of the deputy. The registry At the same time that prices are soaring act gave him the sole right in the selection of and these charges being made, the Foreign a deputy, and did not direct him to submit his overawed. But manifestly they have a good deal Trade Record, issued by the National City Bank name to the Government for its indorsation or to hide, or they would not be so anxious to shut not. The registrar was the only person who and of the moral and material consequences of that might name his own deputy. To have one rule. They shun the light, because their deeds will quantity being brought into the United States forced upon him by the Government or any Krassin and his colleagues acknowledge that, while is the 'biggest ever.' Official figures of the other person would be, said the registrar, intol- they are ready to purchase machinery, erable, and he would resign first. The premier

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The trouble about common sense is that it

Allies' bill for 30 billions will make have come back to work." Multum in parvo.

Spring is here. The Thames has now taken

on the coloring and dimensions of Carling's

Danish potatoes are being shipped to Can-

consideration and speculation,

hought is the sudden popularity and prominence of spiritualism. The librarian of a leading reference ibrary in the United States declared the other day that the demand for books on spiritualism exceeds that for works on any other subject. Newspapers and magazines bristle with stories on the topic. your porch with mud like the phoebe, nor brings a Nor is the spiritualist religion the only field of mental, spiritual and metaphysical study which is haif domestic like the robin and phoebe, without Go engaging investigators and winning converts. No one can say today what belief is correct and what is wrong; whether there is any basis of fact the day with its persistently reiterated notes. As to popular theories or whether the world has gone an insect destroyer it must equal any of them, and

wide longing to know the truth. The belief in a soul or other being, the hope of a Supreme Power, are natural attributes of many, found in the lowest stages as well as the highest, the twilight deepens. All its way are ways of Since the earliest times men have puzzled over these

THE CAVENDISH MARRIAGE.

From the new point of social history the really Dorothy Cavendish to Mr. Harold Macmillan was will, at the height of the season, go through its that the marriage of a duke's daughter to a pub- repertoire of five songs before your door till you lisher's son struck no one as being the least re- are fain to cry out, "Oh, do take a rest!" markable. Twenty years ago such an event would from the first to last, from April to October or have been hailed as a sign of the passing away of November, the presence and the voice of the blue caste distinctions at the top; today nobody notices bird has the effect of harmony and repose-soothheading of "The Stooping Lady" to any newspaper, its voice in a definite series of notes, like the song and the present wedding is seen by even the most sparrow, yet its every sound and call is musical, grand and pretty. Marriage presents in a big marthe bluebird. It keeps its tone and quality the riage nowadays seem mostly to take the form of whole season. How engaging is the habit it has rescued from circumstances that would have inevitably pulled them down to the lowest social levels. It is difficult to say just how much the Salvation Army's activities have contributed towards the advance that has been made socially, industrially and religiously amongst the Christian peoples, but that it has been great is not to be questioned. Few well-incomplete the same of the part of pictures mainly etchings and prints.

There were a number of pictures mainly etchings whole season. How engaging is the habit it has in late September and October of coming back to its deserted nesting-places and lingering fondly about them! One cannot be sure whether it is the parent birds or some of the young that return. They peep into the cavity, warble softly to each other, and then take turns in entering it briefly. It is emphatically a home bird. In my bird heaven the bluebird shall occupy the nearest porch, and shall always comfort me with his gentleness and composure. The bluebird is as soothing as the label in late September and October of coming back to its deserted nesting-places and lingering fondly dressing-cases, lace dollies clocks of all kinds enamely buttons and clothes brushes. There were very lew books, unless address boeks and manuscript books are counted. Sir Sidney Lee presented his life of Shakespeare, Mrs. Drew her life of Mrs. Gladstone, and the Misses K. and J. Penrose two Irish beeks. There were a number of pictures mainly etchings are composure. The bluebird is as soothing as the label in late September and October of coming back to its deserted nesting-places and in late September and October of coming back to its deserted nesting-places and its deserte

From Here and There

FALSE NEWS.

[Halifax Chronicle.]
The Legislature of New York has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to furnish false news to newspaper. The new law reads:

"Any person who knowingly and wilfully states, delivers or transmits by any means whatever t any manager, editor, publisher, reporter or other employee of a publisher of any newspaper, magazine, publication, periodical or serial, any false and untrue satement of a fact concerning any person or corporation, with intent that the same shall be published, is guilty of misdemeaner." The law becames effective September 1.

SHOULD MAKE PROVISION.

[Hamilton Times.] not recall the wonderment with which you first looked through the magic lenses and saw lovely their sick. They should not be a commodation, the Tune up your reedy flutes, and blow and blow to bring me back the counties and towns make some provision for My little girl in spring! them on to the cities.

[Ottawa Journal.]
From being commander-in-chief of Canada's to being commander-in-chief of Canada's greatest university is a natural step after all. Sir Arthur will continue in close touch with

NOT BRITISH.

[Farmer's Sun.] Sir Adam Beck's friends would be well advised to cease their cry "Trust Beck." The people of Ontario are willing to follow a wise leader with idolatry. Let Sir Adam announce his policy. Let t stand or fall in frank public discussion. That is the way of British civilization. But to kiss the

THE RUSSIAN O. B. U.

[San Francisco Chronicle.]
The supporters of "the one big union," with the communism that it is the secret purpose of the leaders to bring about, may well take a good look a conscripted labor army under military discipline, ruled on the one principle of obey or be shot. Russian workers under the soviet cannot choose squad, and as for sabotage or striking, that is to laugh. A pleasant detail is that the worker's wife For the mysteriously inclined, there are and children are made hostages for his good be

THE GREASE OF THE SOCIAL WHEELS.

[London Daily Express]
Tact is a whimsical visitor in this complex world, nd more often snubs the homes of the rich than of the poor, for it holds a close affinity to unselfish-Tact-what countless pinpricks could have been avoided if only it had been present Who enters life's lists armed with tact has a finely tempered rapier that will penetrate the thickest The critical situation that recently devel- armor of smug complacency.

THE FILM AND THE DRAMA.

[London Daily Telegraph.] Even for the dramatist, the vast pictorial resources and devices of the cinema theatre suggest wide possibilities and help to unloose the springs of romance Who may say what new varieties of little weak, perhaps, on the educational side, the majority of us go to cinemas-if we do goto see a story and not learn any moral maxims. Its humor, doo, is of somewhat primitive type. being more often than not rude and boisterous, mous success, and the wide range of activity, prove that it is to be reckoned with in the modern world by the social philosopher and student of our times

CREATURES OF DARKNESS. [London Times.]

The Bolshevists protest that they are no longer murdering wholesale. Perhaps not. The "terror" done its work and the people may be may have nnd means of transport with gold, they will not open up Russia to ordinary trade. The reason is simple: they dare not reveal to the world the state the quantity entering the country in the fiscal statutory and reasonable, and withdrew his of misery to which the "dictatorship of the prole-

MULTUM IN PARVO. [Montreal Herald.]

The parliamentary correspondent of the Ottawa Citizen states that, in reply to an inquiry about his health and condition, Sir Robert Borden said:

DISCREDITS SCIENTIST.

Professor Frank Allen of the Manitoba University a poor opinion of Sir Oliver Lodge. Speaking to the Grace Church Forum last Sunday, he said that Sir Oliver was not in the first rank as a scientist, and that he was an over-advertised scientist. He The Left Wing of the Socialist Party of added that "anyone who teaches there is no death ther; the United States demands the subservience of the s There can be no camouflaging the fact of death, everybody to the socialist workingman. Modest! and the better people realize what it means the more will be the likelihood of their living Christian lives and showing the Christian spirit in every sphere of life. The witch of London, praised so

[Hamilton Times.]
In a talk before a church forum in New York [Sarnia Observer.]

When such problems as reconstruction, labor last Saturday night, Frank I. Cobb, editor of the disputes, business difficulties, high prices, trade New York World, made the surprising statement the same kind, are so much before mankind, the exceed in circulation the New York Times, the O we who find sin's billows wild and material side of life seems all-important. Yet on New York World and the New York Times, the O we who find sin's billows wild and expansion, social readjustment and many others of that the foreign language papers of New York every hand there are indications of such a spiritual three great papers in point of circulations. No longing, so deep an interest in exploration and study doubt the majority of these who are the world had the wind the majority of these who are the world had the world had the majority of these who are the world had the majority of these who are the world had the wo of those things beyond this human life, and outside language publications could not read the English While yet our lips knew but a mother's this bodily existence, that they cannot but cause language papers if they tried. There is apparently The most apparent indication of this trend of much need to Americanize the foreigner.

THE BLUEBIRD.

[John Burroughs in Field and Study.] The bluebird is a bird without fault. All its ways and sounds and habits and looks are pleasing. It neither eats your fruit like the robin, nor daubs plague of bird lice as the latter often does. It is any of their vices. It does not awake you in the early morning, nor tease your ear at any time of off on a tangent. But there is evidence of a world- as a harbinger of spring it is the most welcome of them all. It comes to its nest and young in the hollow of the limb on the corner of my porch a. a life eternal and the conviction that there exists softly as a shadow, and when feeding its young it comes about every minute nearly all day, till gentleness. It is a bird without snap or emphasis note as blue like its back. Its wing gestures are as pleasing as its note. The bird has the quality of the thrush, with a touch of something cerulean.

Certain of our familiar birds, like the wren get

nteresting thing about the marriage of Lady on your nerves. Even the darling song sparrow

Poetry and Jest

SONGS OF THE SEA CHILDREN. [Bliss Carman, in "Pipes of Pan."] The day is lost without thee,

The night has not a star; Thy going is an empty room, Whose door is left ajar. Depart: It is the footfall

Of twilight on the hills; Return: and every rood of ground Breaks into daffodils.

By presences of bliss; The rivers and the little leaves All know how good it is.

Take all the world beside. And flute it far away
For less than nought, but give me back
One sleepless night in spring.

Noon on the marshes and noon on the hills.

And joy in the white sail that shivers and fills. Gold are grain lands, and gold is the And gold is my little love maid to me

ALL EXCEPT--A woman can do almost anything a man can nowadays. He—I've never seen one who could spike a worm on a fish-hook or let a mouse out of a trap.

THE PAISLEY SHAWL. Wilfrid Wilson Gibson, in Fortnightly Review.]

What were his dreams who wove this

colored shawl—
The grey, hard-bitten weaver, gaunt dour. Out of whose grizzled memory, even as a flower
Out of bleak winter at young April's call In the old tradition of flowers breaks into bloom, ssomed the ancient intricate design Of softly-glowing hues and exqui

What were his dreams, crouched at his cottage door? What were her dreams, the laughing April lass, Who first in flowering of young delight, With parted lips and eager, tilted head

And shining eyes, about her shoulders Drew the soft fabric of kindling green and red before the candle-lighted Standing t

FOOLISH QUESTIONS. Patient-Do cucumbers really affect tor-No; only those who eat them THE HAWTHORN LANE WAS FULL

OF FLOWER. A. Mary F. Robinson. The hawthorn lane was full of flower; Across the hedge, the apple-trees Sent down with every guest of

A light, loose-petaled blossom-shower. The wide green edges of the lane
Were filmed with wedlock-flowers,
and white
Archangels tall, the bees' delight,
Sprang lustier for the morning's rain.

The scent of May was heavy-sweet; noon poured down upon the The nightingales on either hand Called, and were silent in the heat.

FOR SOMEONE ELSE. Johnson-What kind of a girl is she Jones—The kind that everybody says will make a good wife for somebody

THE CALL OF SPRING. [Sarojini Niadu.]

Children, my children, the spring wakes And calls through the dawn and the daytime flowerlike and fleet-fotted maidens

To share in the joy of its playtime. I know where the ivory lilies unfold In brooklets, half-hidden in sedges, And the air is aglow with the blossoming gold.

Of thickets and hollows and hedges.

I know where the dragon-flies glimmer and glide
And the plumes of wild peacocks are
gleaming;
Where the fox and the squirrel and
timid fawn hide,
And the hawk and the heron lie and glide

And

dreaming. earth is ashine like a hummingbird's wing.
And the sky like a kingfisher's feaspring, Like glad-hearted children together.

IN CASE-It was an Irish lawyer who put this

among the things Hamlet found rotten in the State of Denmark.

THE TREND OF THOUGHT.

highly by Sir Oliver Lodge, is no better than the witches of Winnipeg be put in the same category."

SURPRISING STATEMENTS.

It was an Irish lawyer who put this note on his door in case any clients should call: "I am gone to dinner and won't be back for an hour, and if you can't read this, take it to the fellow across the hall, and he'll read it for

JUST TO BE GOOD. [James Whitcomb Riley.]

De we not feel how more than any gold Would be the blameless life we led of Ah! though we miss
All else but this,

To be good is enough.

It is enough-Enough—just to be good! To lift our hearts where the derstood; et the thirst for worldly power unappeased; to smile back the glad lips our mother used

kiss.
Ah! though we miss
All else but this. To be good is enough.

Why Husbands Wait. "Aren't you ready, dear?" called hubby from do soon as I fix my hair, Henry,

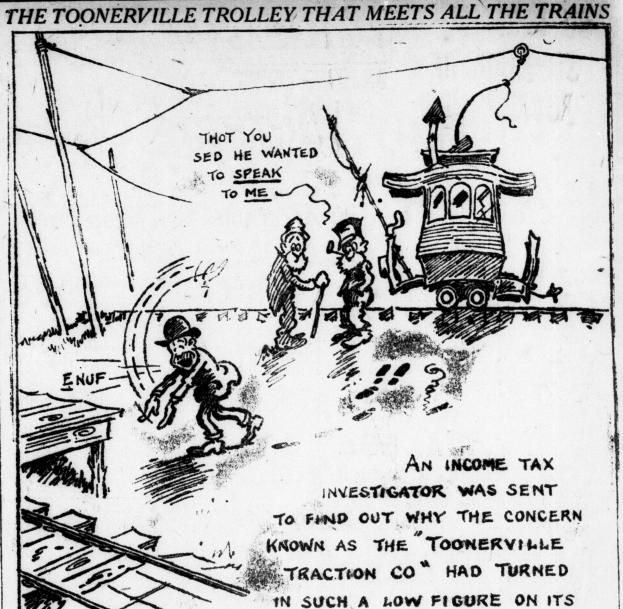
To a Pair of Scarlet Tanagers in the Square. Two spirits in the city square—
Fire-breasted for our eyes!
Who flung you, flecks of Eden hue,
To paint up Paradise,
To make a little Eden patch
Here with your scarlet dapple,
Where toiling Adam stays to watch
Tired Eve forgets the apple! Tired Eve forgets the apple!
-From "Songs From the Journey," by

TENDER HEARTED. [Tit-Bits.]

Wilton Agnew Barett,

"He is the most tender-hearted man I "Kind to animals?"
"I should say so! Why, when he found the family cat insisted on sleeping in the coalbin he immediately ordered a ton of soft coal."

AN OUTRAGE.



REPORT. HE TOOK ONE LOOK

AT THE CAR AND DIDN'T EVEN

ASK THE SKIPPER A SINGLE

QUESTION .

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