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Flirts With Sudden Death.

James Drysdale, driver for a Lethbridge fruit firm, was delivering bananas a few days ago when what he thought to be a ripe banana dropped down his neck. He reached and retrieved a yellow-and-green snake three feet long, which he held in his hand while he examined it thoroughly. It was a copperhead, whose bite is instant death. That the snake was numb with cold was probably his salvation.

Crew Was "Flu"-struck.

The Gloucester schooner Athlefo, Captain Berlan, succeeded in making a Cape Breton, N.S., port with her entire company victims of the influenza. One of the crew died on the passage from Gloucester, which was made under heavy handicaps.

Why Not?

"Take in her darkest hours,
When the maid was in despair,
Her lover sent her flowers,
And the flowers sent the air."

In a Liberal Mood.

"The Judge was very nice."
"Yes?"
"Gave me a divorce, permission to marry again, and intimated that if I didn't do better than I did the first time he'd grant me another divorce."

Chinaman an Aviator.

Y. M. Lim On, a Chinese Canadian, has the honor of being the first Oriental to complete his flying instruction and receive his F.A.I. certificate in Canada since the war. He received his instruction at Armour Heights and intends to return to his native country to promote aviation interests.

Authority.

"Take this rubber plant into the garden."
"Missus said I was to put it on the balcony, sir."
"Do as I tell you. You will put it in the garden first. Afterward you can put it on the balcony."

Toronto Officer Led Way Into Sea of Marmora.

The first unit of the British navy to pass up to ports on the Sea of Marmora after the declaration of the armistice was a motor patrol launch, which was in command of a Canadian officer—Lieut. Lawrence Goad, of the Royal Motor Boat Patrol, who comes from Toronto.

As the launch landed its crew, the Greek women of the district strewed the way with flowers, and an old Greek priest came and paid homage. Evidences of the Turkish abominations were to be seen on the passage through the Dardanelles, the bodies of Anzacs and Imperial troops, who had fallen in the glorious attempt at Gallipoli, having been dug up merely for the clothing which was upon them.

At the time the armistice was signed Lieut. Goad was patrolling the Bulgarian coast. A great attack had been planned, and preliminary preparations were being made, but the cessation of hostilities frustrated this. For over three years Lieut. Goad had been on this patrol work in the Aegean Sea. At Mudros he frequently came in contact with the Canadian hospitals, one of which came from Toronto. In addition to keeping a constant vigilance for mines and submarines, he carried British spies, landed them, and then picked them up again when they had spent a week or two on shore. He was busy on mine sweeping after peace was declared, and said there were probably about ten thousand mines strewn in these seas.

This record is more interesting when the circumstances surrounding his joining the navy are known. A Toronto friend in London, Mr. Lachlan Gibb — approached the Admiralty and enquired whether Mr. Goad could enter the Royal Motorboat Patrol. The latter had had considerable yachting experience. A verbal assurance was given, and Mr. Goad reached London, and went with confidence to the Admiralty. But there was a rebuff; there was no room, it was said, and he could not be accepted.

The sympathy of the late Earl Grey was enlisted, and through the medium of his nephew, Capt. Rex Benson, Whitehall red tape was finally vanquished. Lieut. Goad was put in charge of a patrol. It was only a converted collier. At Malta they were told three U-boats were waiting. These "got" two of the colliers, but Lieut. Goad's was the lucky third, though he had that trying experience of seeing his companions hit while, acting under Admiralty orders, they were obliged to get themselves out of danger.

With him was also A. C. Turner, of Toronto, but although they were both accepted, their ways parted after the initial stages. After three years of such active service without a leave, Lieut. Goad has returned to be demobilized.

Camping.

When one goes camping with friends it is best to determine beforehand which of the party snores most quietly before choosing a partner for your shelter-half, which is the army word for tent. W. Gerard Chapman, the author, neglected to do this before leaving for the Algonquin district when he went camping with friends. His bunk-mate proved to be a past-master at snoring. After he had retired, the small tent vibrated and the ground quivered at the rumbling disturbance and Mr. Chapman was unable to sleep. Remembering an ancient belief that whistling often quieted a snoring sleeper he tried this remedy with but temporary and spasmodic effect. The next morning Mr. Chapman was up bright and early. He chanced to overhear the head of the party confiding to a friend who had come over from a nearby camp: "I got a pair o' grand musicians wid me. Wan of them snores—like a saw-mill workin' up knotty spruce, whilst the other wan whistles in his sleep. 'Tis rare harmony. I make no doubt, but between the two of them song-birds not a wink did I be after gettin'; not a wink the whole night through!"

Origin of Indian Summer.

The following explanation of the origin of the term "Indian summer" is sent in by a correspondent: When the Pilgrim Fathers landed in New England they naturally knew little of the climatic conditions of their new home. With October came the first flurries of snow. The frost nipped the woods, and the chill of the air foretold the coming of winter. "We will now have winter," it is related that one of the band remarked. But the friendly Indians pointed to the skies and to the west and told the Pilgrims that summer would come again before the winter. And they were right. In the last days of October, it grew warm again. The air was filled with slanting sunshine. The world seemed wrapped in an atmosphere of sleepy warmth. The Pilgrims looked forward and remarked, "Lo, the Indian's summer."

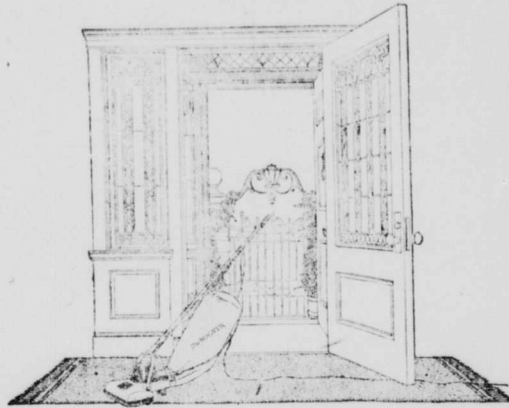
It's an Ill Wind—

After the big storm on November 29, the fishermen at Port Stanley made huge catches of fish and it is believed the storm blew the shoals of fish to the shores. The first boat in after the storm brought in five tons and the average catch for the next four days were fifty tons per day.

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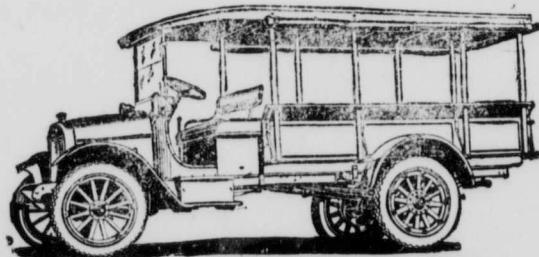
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