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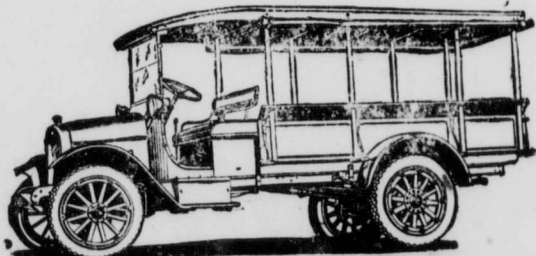
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Author of "Beautiful Snow."

The best known of the several poems entitled "Beautiful Snow" was published anonymously, and its authorship, so far as we know, is still in doubt. That there were many claimants to the authorship is borne out—in an exaggerated form—by the story from Chambers' Journal, that some one gave a public invitation in the early 80's to the author of "Beautiful Snow" to attend a meeting in Chicago, and 750 authors turned up, many more sending regrets. A story rather the reverse of the foregoing, used to be told about four gentlemen of London, England, who decided to give a dinner party, each of the four to invite the most disagreeable man he knew. On the appointed date, Sir William Harcourt was ushered in and all four gentlemen rushed forward to greet him as their guest. The story was an invention of political opponents probably, for Sir William was not a disagreeable man, but quite the reverse.

Preparing for Canada Census.

Though the Canadian census will not be taken until June, 1921, preparations will soon begin, as it is a huge, slow task to organize and appoint commissioners and enumerators in every electoral district. In 1911 there were 9,703 enumerators. The appointments this time will be made by the Civil Service Commission and the patronage of L. e member of Parliament will be eliminated.

Trophy for Chatham.

The captured machine gun No. 2253 has been allotted to the city of Chatham, and it is now in Toronto waiting shipment to the Western Ontario city. This is the machine gun which was captured by the late Corp. Miner, V.C., the Chatham hero, who has placed the name of that city among those deserving the highest honor for war achievements.

Clean Hen-house Windows.

Always remember that the rays of the sun are the cheapest and best life-givers and purifiers, and that they will kill all germs which they touch. Therefore, keep the windows clean so that the sun can shine in.

### POWER OF PREJUDICE.

The Reason Why People "Don't Like" and "Can't Eat."

To a far greater extent than we admit, or possibly are aware of, man is governed by his prejudices. They cost him more than he knows, for a prejudice is an expensive proposition. In no other respect is this weakness so apparent as in the matter of food. During the reign of the food administration many people were persuaded or beguiled into eating things they had never eaten before and thought they "didn't like." "I'll try anything—once!" was regarded as a liberal-minded concession to the unfamiliar. Yet our likings are almost universally a matter of habit established by repetition. Few of us have taken kindly to cavare, avocado pears, or even olives, on first acquaintance.

When the use of whale meat was first urged upon the public, people laughed and quoted:  
He baited his hook with tiger's tails,  
And sat on a rock and fished for whales.

Whale meat is purchasable in many parts of Canada, but where is the steward or chef brave enough to place it on a hotel menu? As a matter of fact, there is nothing in the slightest degree objectionable to eye, nose or palate in whale steak, as those unprejudiced may quickly learn. It resembles corned beef—possibly a little less so, and broiled, and served with a sauce, either drawn butter or a lemon sauce, is tasty enough for a second helping, once we have overcome our dread of the untried. That this meat will eventually be recognized as a food adjunct is indicated by two large canneries doing a good business on the Pacific Coast and the concessions granted to the syndicate supplying them.

The flesh of the shark is said to resemble that of the sturgeon—the fish that "goes to the Caesar's dish," but its cannibalistic reputation, firmly fixed in the popular mind, is against it. Man's dread of the gastronomically untried is only equalled by his curiosity, which after all gets the better of his fears. Truly, he was a brave man who first swallowed a raw oyster.

Prejudice plays a large part in our food purchases. Take the case of Butter versus Oleomargarine. Experts in the former have been known to fail in ability to distinguish the two, yet we are willing to pay 20 per cent. more for butter than for the substitute. The prejudice against goods from storage helps bolster the cost of living. Were it not for storage facilities butter and eggs to-day would be luxuries for the very rich only. The public was recently reliably informed that storage eggs had proved fresher than fresh eggs. The rabbit would furnish food as well as fur if our "don't like" did not stand in the way. As a matter of fact, our "can't eat" and "don't like" are mainly psychological states fixed in habit and prejudice.

H. A. Cody.

Good, clean, wholesome novels, unique in plot and abounding in action, adventure, are the productions of H. A. Cody. His early experience as a missionary in the Yukon district supplied him with material which he uses so successfully as the background of his books of western life. As a clergyman who enters into the activities and daily problems of his community he has, in other stories, helped to show the place of the preacher and the church in the life of the people.

Rev. Hiram Alfred Cody was born in New Brunswick in 1872, ordained to the Anglican priesthood in 1898, missionary and rector in the Yukon district for six years. Since then he has been rector of St. James' Church at St. John, N.B.

Canada Leads.

A paragraph appearing in Repatriation, a monthly bulletin published in the interests of returned men in Australia, quotes the speech delivered in Sydney by Premier Holman, of New South Wales, in which he stated that the state had settled 1,100 men on the land. The Premier claimed that this was a much larger number than had been settled in any of the other states. New South Wales sent to the battlefields of Europe thirty-nine per cent. of the total of the Australian Expeditionary Force. If the proportion of ex-service men settled in the land in the other states was equal to that of New South Wales the figures would be for the whole of Australia 2,820 men benefited by the Land Settlement Act up to the date of the Premier's speech. Up to the 17th of May, the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada had approved 7,900 applications for the benefits of the Soldier Settlement Act and a great many more applications were before the Qualification Committees in the various provinces. These figures which will be largely augmented by the returns for the last two weeks of May and for the present month show that Canada is well in advance of the sister commonwealth in providing suitable farms for her war heroes.

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