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**Side Talks**  
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**WHICH ARE THE BETTER SPORTS?**

Which are better sports, in the finer sense of that phrase, men or women?

The male sex, of course, will think that a perfectly superfluous question, and even women themselves have been so well fed up with the tradition that men are good sports and women are not, that they may wonder at it.

But when you come right down to it, I am not sure that men have any right to this title they so calmly arrogate to themselves.

As Soon Eat Cyanide As Humble Pie

Wouldn't a good sport admit that he was wrong when he was? Well, did you ever get a man to admit frankly that he was in the wrong and to say he was sorry. He may try to make up for some injustice in some way but 999 men out of 100 would about as soon eat cyanide as humble pie over an error or an injustice. How about women? Well they don't like humble pie. I admit, but I don't think they are quite so set against it.

Then did you ever see a man who could not find some way, however round about, however perfectly absurd, to put the blame on a woman for any annoyance that came his way outside of business hours? I believe I have told you before of the man who blamed his wife because his tools were gone when he had to change a tire—not that she ever touched his tools, but he was upset over that tire and he had to blame somebody, didn't he?

Ever See A Man Hammer His Finger.

Again, did you ever see a man hit his finger with a hammer when he was doing some little job about the house that was as much his job as

cooking the meals was his wife's? Of course the desire to lash out, that comes to all of us under such conditions, immediately flamed through him. A first-class good sport would control it. But if he is like nine men out of ten, he immediately begins to rage at his wife for asking him to put up that darn (emasculated) shelf. By the Board of Censors) shelf. Suppose a woman burnt her finger while cooking and rushed in and raged at her husband for expecting her to get that darn supper!

Any Wife Can Answer.

Then again, men may be good sports over annoyances and difficulties when they go off by themselves on a camping trip, or something like that, but if a husband and wife set out together, on a foot and things don't go smoothly, who is it makes the best of them; and who the worst, nine times out of ten? I am sure any wife can answer that simple question.

The annoying part of me that is always looking at the other side of the question puts in a word here. Men, it says, have always had the balance of power. They can blame women because women have always accepted blame. Wouldn't women do the same thing if they had the power? Isn't it fear rather than good sportsmanship that makes them control themselves better? Perhaps it is. Perhaps, then, they do not deserve the credit of being the better sports—but then, neither do men deserve it!

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 Editor Evening Telegram:  
 Dear Sir,—Just having returned to St. John's, it is with great interest I note the actions and proposals of the Moderate Prohibition Committee.  
 Among the chief objects of the Prohibition Act were, to do away with the saloon, to prevent drunkenness, and to conserve the wealth of the country. Great sympathy was expressed for the moderate drinker, but he was forced to suffer for the good of the whole.  
 The Act failed because nobody had calculated on three facts—the terrible craving for drink, the nearness of St. Pierre, and the cost and effort of a proper enforcement of the measure. As a result because of smuggling, private stills, and scripts, everybody who wants a drink can get it. While shebeens selling enormous prices are being paid, and the rich may have their drink, while the poor are deprived because of the cost.  
 To remedy these unfortunate conditions it is proposed to allot each family a bottle a month. What a mockery! What result would it have? It would increase the number of available scripts a hundredfold; it would make everyone a drinker; it would spend the wealth of the country on its destruction; and last, but not least, it would make our little Dominion the cesspool of North America. Not one argument has it in its favour. Anywhere else but here, when one thinks of moderate prohibition, one thinks of the Province of Quebec in Canada, where beer and light wine is allowed. This complete solution of our problem nobody apparently has even thought of. Here is our middle course, here is the system satisfying all conditions, here lies our salvation.  
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 Sincerely,  
 N. B. NOYAL  
 June 26, 1921.

**The Cause of the Great War.**  
 On June 28, 1914, the Archduke Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor of Austria and heir to the throne, was murdered at Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, where he had gone from Vienna to attend army manoeuvres. He was accompanied by his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, and while passing through the streets the pair were fired at by a young Bosnian, named Gavrilo Princip. Both died before medical assistance could be procured. The Austrian Government attributed the responsibility for the crime to the Serbian Government and demanded satisfaction. The Emperor was part of an agitation for the incorporation of Bosnia in a Greater Serbia. On a court-martial being set up at Sarajevo, the plot was found to have been hatched in Belgrade with the assistance of Serbian officials, and the assassin and his accomplices were executed. On July 23, nearly a month after the tragedy, Austria suddenly delivered an ultimatum to Serbia, and demanded acceptance within 48 hours. The terms had been framed with the deliberate intention of provoking a refusal, which would afford a pretext for war, and it has since been stated that Germany was investigating the whole trouble. Serbia's reply was extremely mild, but the Austrians found it unsatisfactory. The European diplomats except the Germans, did their best to preserve peace, but found it impossible, so Austria declared war on Serbia on July 28. Russia mobilized her armies and came to Serbia's assistance, whereupon Germany declared war against Russia on August 1, and against France on August 3. Germany then invaded Belgium, which caused Great Britain to declare war on Germany on August 4. Thus the three great powers were the spark that fired the train that set off the Great War. The rulers of Germany had long intended to make war, and were fully prepared for it. What they wanted was a good pretext, which they found in the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand and his wife. They have since regretted the step they took, and if the British Government takes the correct course, Germany will be reduced to impotence for many years to come.

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**A Great Australian Cricketer.**  
 Victor Trumper, who died on June 28, 1915, came to England in 1893, but he was not quite 22 years of age. At Lord's in that year his brilliant not out innings of 136 convinced players, critics, and public that a player of quite unusual genius and capacity had been discovered. During this tour he scored 309 not out against Sussex at Brighton, and this was his highest innings in first-class cricket. It was during his second visit to England with the eleventh team, in 1902, that Trumper reached that height of his cricketing powers, his popularity being immense. Crowds flocked to see him bat, and he was placed on a plane the highest than W. L. Murdoch, Geo. Giffen, G. J. Bonner, H. B. Masie, Clem Hill, or any other Colonial cricketer had previously been permitted to occupy. Now was this a precocious undeserved, for Trumper seemed to be the master of all kinds of bowling. His quickness of eye, rapidity of stroke, and all-round gracefulness of style, made his batting a delight alike to the scientific school of cricketers, and to the public, who like to see men go to the wickets and score. Trumper would hit a " Yorker " to square leg for four, play back and force a fine length delivery to the boundary, change his stroke with extraordinary suddenness from a drive to a cut behind point; in fact, he was a supreme master of the batsman's art. He was this year who captured his wicket early in the innings had good reason to feel pleased with himself. In the 1902 tour, Trumper set up a new record for Australian batsmen in this country by scoring 2,590 runs, and he had a percentage of 44.9 for 53 innings.

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