



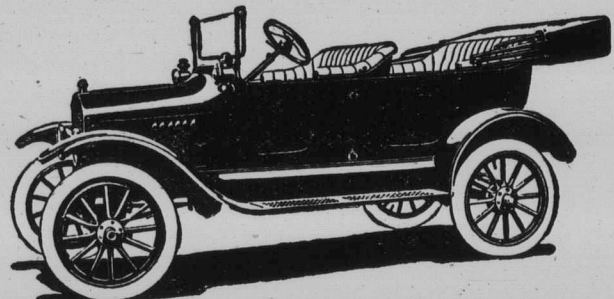
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Grief stricken, the mother tells us of her five small children buried from this lowly home during the past three years, of her only remaining child, suffering from a tuberculous hip, and then as though in mockery of their misery, the father, too, was stricken. He is now a patient at the Muskoka Free Hospital, where every endeavour is being made to save his life. The Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives is appealing for help to carry on this fight against the Great White Plague. The money you give will help them seek out these unfortunate families and give them a fighting chance for their lives.

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Persistent Thief Sentenced.

Tom Kelly, a rich farmer from Ashfield township, and who had been in the habit of stealing for years out of rags in the hotel sheds at Lucknow, was brought to Walkerton on Thursday last by Constable Cameron, the Lucknow sleuth, who had been laying for him for some time. The following Friday morning the thief was arraigned before Judge Greig at the Court House here, and after pleading guilty to a long list of thefts, was sentenced to six months in jail and also to pay a fine of \$50.00 for his crime. If he fails to liquidate his fine the prisoner is to serve an additional three months for this neglect. That Kelly was as much foot as knave was demonstrated by the lot that Constable Cameron captured in his place, for although a bachelor and living like a hermit, he had swiped a good quantity of women's clothes. Unless he were contemplating matrimony these could be of no use to him. The plunder captured made a good-sized sleigh load and showed what an adept at pilfering Kelly was. The plunder included articles all the way from a suit of clothes down to children's school books. That he was a miser as well as thief is evidenced by the fact that although in good circumstances and owning a valuable farm, he would beg scraps of meat from the butcher shops and leavings from the bakeries. On being placed in

the lockup prior to coming to Walkerton he was eating three hearty meals in the belief that someone else was paying for them, but on being informed that he might have to cash up these: himself he decided he could hang out on two meals. In the Walkerton jail he boasted of his adroitness as a thief and told how he knew the constable suspected him, and the measures he took to fool him. His game was to drive up to the sheds where other rigs were standing, and after making sure that no one was around to go through the rigs, load up and drive off. As he never sold any of the stuff, nor wore it about, he was able to pull off his work for years before he was nabbed and brought to time. That his skin was like his actions, dirty, was amply demonstrated when the lime light was turned onto him, few traps that have done time in the Walkerton jail having any thing on him for a dusty hide. The hands at the bath tub had a busy spill before they had their latest guest in proper trim.—Herald & Times.

"Every One a Farmer."

The latest number of the Canadian Food Bulletin, makes a special appeal to dwellers in towns and cities to use every backyard for the production of fruit and vegetables, and to see that suburban areas do not lie idle during the coming season. The assertion that office and factory staffs could do much by organizing clubs to cultivate vacant areas in the municipality was verified last year in Toronto and other communities. Thousands of men and women found healthful recreation in these experiments, which were usually made without thought of personal profit, the motive being a purely patriotic one. These activities should be renewed this year on a larger scale. Even where they are carried on for profit they serve a public purpose by increasing the volume of food production. Many families will find that intensive cultivation of their backyards will make an appreciable difference in the household budgets. Amateur gardeners will be encouraged by the knowledge that every ounce of food they produce frees labor and develops land for the production of grain for export to the Allied armies and peoples.

The Food Bulletin advises the market gardener to devote part of his land to grain. It says there will be probably as much profit for him in growing oats or even wheat, as in raising cabbages or similar vegetable crops. The cities are gradually working towards the time when a large part of their requirements

of perishable vegetables will be provided from city land. The market gardener must adjust his operations to this changing situation. But the cities and towns must do more than cultivate backyards and vacant lots. There are many thousands of men not eligible for military service who could do necessary work on a farm, and who should consider their individual responsibility. Unless the farmers and farmers' wives and children are aided by labor from the cities the situation will become increasingly serious. "Fight or farm" should be the motto this year.

Overcome by Gas.

Mr. Jos. Dentinger of the Knechtel factory staff was hurriedly summoned on Sunday to Formosa, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dentinger sr., were found on Sunday afternoon lying in their room in an unconscious state, the result of being overcome by gas escaping from a coal stove in their bedroom. It seems that before retiring on Saturday night Mr. Dentinger put on fresh coal and closed the damper on the pipe without first permitting the gas to burn off, and as their room was closed the venerable couple were almost asphyxiated while they slept. Two sons who reside with them in the home paid little heed when their parents did not arise in the morning as usual, thinking that they were merely sleeping in. Shortly after noon, however, they visited their room and found the place filled with gas and the couple lying unconscious on the bed. With the aid of a doctor, the pair were finally revived, and although still in a nauseated condition, they will shortly be around again.

Murders Increase in U. S.

Observers in the United States note with alarm that the murder rate is on the increase in that country, and it is suggested that this is accounted for by the laxity with which the law against homicide is enforced.

In 1916 there were no less than 7,450 killings reported in the country, and though for nearly all of these crimes the law demands capital punishment, there were only 107 legal executions.

Men much oftener than women are the criminals. In the period 1911 to 1915 the male homicide rate for the whole country was 10.7 per one hundred thousand of the population, while for women it was only 2.9. About half of the women used firearms in committing the crime, while eleven in every seventeen male murderers used firearms of one kind or another. The revolver is altogether the most common instrument used.

The big cities are hot beds of crime. In 1916 Chicago had 390 murders—almost one per day. New York had 256, Philadelphia 110, St. Louis 124 and Memphis, Tenn., 134. Memphis has altogether the highest rate per hundred thousand. It is \$9.9, while Chicago's rate is only 13.2 and New York only 4.6. Next to Memphis is Atlanta, Georgia, with 31 murders in every hundred thousand of the population.

The very bad reputation of Memphis is explained by the fact that it is located practically at the corners of four states. It is said that would-be murderers go to Memphis to commit their crimes in the hope of escaping into one of the nearby states and thus baffling the officers of the law in their efforts to prosecute and convict them.

Lynching appears to be on the decrease the past few years. In 1917, 36 negroes and two white men were lynched. Of the negroes lynched, eleven were accused of attacks upon women; the others of such offenses as, "not getting out of the road, and being insolent," "disputing a white man's word," "stealing a goat," "accidentally killing a child by running over it," "vagrancy," "writing insolent letters." All but two of the lynchings were in the South.

Big Fire at Guelph.

GUELPH, Jan. 27.—The most disastrous fire which has visited Guelph in over 40 years occurred early to-day when the splendid drygoods establishment of G. B. Ryan & Co., on Upper Wyndham street, was completely destroyed, and several adjoining stores sustained more or less damage. The estimated loss is \$225,000.

The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock by a member of the police force. When the brigade arrived smoke was coming from the rear of the building, and it looked as though the fire might be easily checked. It soon became evident that the interior of the store in the basement was ablaze.

The thermometer registered 8 below zero. As soon as the fire reached the ground floor the flames spread rapidly, and in a short time the entire three stories was a mass of flames. The brigade was absolutely powerless to save the building, and much of its energy was devoted to protecting adjoining buildings.

The main store of G. B. Ryan, which has a 50-foot frontage, is completely destroyed, but the men's store next door was saved by a fire wall. The stock in the latter store was damaged, but most-

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A car of coal consigned for Tara was seized by the authorities here last Sunday and distributed in half-ton lots throughout the town. The fuel situation is certainly serious in Palmerston and unless the situation is relieved in the near future, many families will be without fuel. It might be well at the present time to foster an interdenominational spirit and a number of the churches arrange to worship together. This idea has already gone into effect in a number of places. By a united effort of all public institutions and all public companies and individuals much could be accomplished to relieve the present situation.—Palmerston Spectator.