

FROM MY SCRAP-BOOK.

BY THE CUB-EDITOR.

STATISTICS.

For the purpose of convenience we have divided the people of the world into three classes (for, despite the assertion of Socialists, there are classes). They are Sensible People; Fools; and Statisticians. We cannot understand this latter class. To us they are incomprehensible. Every now and then one will drop in on us and with fire in his eyes and a pencil in his hand, he will work off more statistics in five minutes than there are lovers among our readers. (No insult intended.) We have borne this for long but not patiently, but to-day, when anyone starts rolling his eyes and begins fumbling for a pencil, we gently lead him to a large cupboard concealed in our sanctum-cubum-editorium, and reveal to him our collection of Red Indian, South Sea Islander and Oriental torture instruments. In most cases this plan works. In case of failure, however, we have a fierce dog, named "Statistics," chained to the wall. Neither of these, unfortunately, prevents letters reaching us, and we hereby offer \$20,000 to the inventor, (never to be paid) who will patent some device that will detect letters containing statistics before they have been opened. This curse is ruining our health and destroying our happiness. At first we had an office boy to open our correspondence, but after fifteen of such had entered the L. Asylum, we became alarmed, and have vowed to be a martyr to the Cause. What matter to us it that if all the collar buttons in the world were piled end and they would reach from here to the time when there will be no Statisticians? And of what possible interest that, if all mothers-in-law were set talking at one time, the vibration would split the earth asunder? Stop it, we say. Life is bad enough as it is—C. E.

GIVE US MORE MILK.—Milk, according to an authority, appeases hunger more quickly and satisfactorily than any other food.

THIS IS ORIGINAL.—It's a queer thing, undoubtedly, but there has never yet been known a detective who did not describe every case he handled as "the strangest he had ever come across." The phrase seems to be a kind of password with them.

WOMEN WITH BEARDS.—A woman with a real beard is not such a circus side-show curiosity as many believe. The daughter of the Emperor Maximilian I. of Germany, Margaret of Savoy, had a long stiff beard. In 1709 a bearded woman was caught by the Russians at the battle of Pultowa and presented as a curiosity to the Czar, Peter the Great. Her beard is said to have been made of a half long. A Genevan girl, Mdlle. Bois de Chene, it is recorded, had a strong, black beard, and large whiskers, when she was eighteen years of age, in 1552.

HIS SHARE.—In the barber's shop the scissors click away merrily, and the barber's dog lay on the floor close beside the chair, looking up intently all the time at the occupant, who was having his hair cut.

"Nice dog, that," said the customer.

"He is," said the barber.

"What seems very fond of watching you cut hair?"

"It ain't that, sir," explained the barber, smiling. "Sometimes I make a mistake and take a little piece of a customer's ear."

Make not your thoughts your prisoners.—Shakespeare.

AND THEIR BREATH.—The women of Bermuda are noted for their fine complexions. This is partly accounted for by the fact that they eat plentifully of onions.

EXCELLENT ADVICE.—The thrice gallant Thomas was a member of the local Volunteer Corps, and he was also newly wed. When he returned home from drill the other evening there was a martial fire in his eye and a proud swelling in the region of his bosom.

"Alice, darling," he said to his six months' bride, "I have some splendid news for you. I am promoted—they have made me a lance-corporal."

With a proud look at her warrior-husband, Alice clasped her arms about his neck.

"I am so glad, dear," she said, "but, Thomas—pleadingly—promise me this. Do not let authority make you proud and over-bearing. Whatever you do, be kind to your men."

TOO EXPENSIVE.—If you save the ash of all the cigars you smoke you will have consumed 1,600 before you have a pound of ash. An elephant can pick up a needle with its trunk. Likewise a bank of timber or a man.

COOL AS A CUCUMBER.—The General was Colonel Bragg cool when the bullets began to fly.

The Major: "Cool? He was so cool that he shivered like a leaf!"

All true work is sacred; in all time, work, were it but true hand-labor, there is something of divineness. Labor, wide as the earth has its summit in heaven.

It is computed that 25,000,000 babies are born into the world every year which is at the rate of seventy per minute, or a little more than one per second.

LORD MORRIS CORROBORATED.—He who makes two blades of grass grow in place of one renders a service to the State.—Voltaire.

Even a wretched peace is a good exchange for war.—Tacitus.

IRISHMAN WASN'T STUMPED.—An Englishman, a Scot, and an Irishman were in court. The Englishman was accused of stealing a horse, the Scot a cow and the Irishman a wagon. "How long have you had that horse?"

"Ever since it was a colt," was the answer.

The judge said to the Scot, "How long have you had that cow?"

"Ever since it was a calf," said Sandy.

"How long have you had the wagon?" the judge asked the Irishman.

"Begorra," he answered, "I had this wagon ever since it was a wheelbarrow."

HUGE PAINTING.—The largest painting in the world, exclusive of panoramas or cycloramas, is in the grand salon of the Doge's Palace, Venice. It is 54ft. wide by 34ft. high.

A COSMOPOLITAN.—Socrates, when asked his country, said, "I am of the world." He considered himself an inhabitant of the whole world.—Cicero.

WHICH WAS BLESSED!—"Name this child!" commanded the minister, preparing to christen the twin.

The proud father threw out his chest: "Lloyd George Foch Haig Marne Mons. Pemberton Billing Jones!"

The minister gasped for second wind.

A Constipation Cure

A druggist says: "For nearly thirty years I have recommended the Extract of Roots, known as 'Mother Sedg's Curative Syrup,' for the radical cure of constipation and indigestion. It is an old reliable remedy that never fails to do the work." 20 drops three times daily. Get the Genuine, at druggists.

To-day's Messages.

BRITISH VICTORY COMPLETE.

PESAWAR, India, May 30.

(Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Saturday's victory was more complete than at first reported. Four field guns were captured, and one hundred dead Afghans were counted in one small sector.

The enemy, in force, attempted a night attack on Friday and by dawn, the Afghans, having dragged their guns to the hill tops, began bombarding the British camp. The British stormed the heights. The Afghans resisted strongly, but the hill tops were taken after the leading regiments had been reinforced. Bayonetting ensued before capturing the guns. After the heights were reached, the bulk of the Afghan forces was seen in rapid flight, bombs were freely used in the fighting on the 27th, in expelling the gunners from their shelters, and clearing the brows of the hills.

NANCY 4 AT PLYMOUTH.—LONDON, May 31. U. S. seaplane N.C.4 left the port of Ferrol, Spain, for Plymouth at six forty this morning. At 10 o'clock Greenwich time, the plane was fifty miles southwest of Brest, with flying conditions ideal.

PLYMOUTH, May 31.—The N.C.4 has just arrived.

CONDITIONS IMPROVING.—WINNIPEG, May 31. With the arbitration conference actually under way, on the basis of the industrial dispute of general strike—walkout of metal trades—and a hundred employees returning to work, the gradual settlement of civic and industrial tie-up was beginning to-day, according to officials.

Touch Typewriting.—The demonstration in Touch Typewriting at the Springfield Street Commercial School this week was witnessed by a representative audience of parents, students and friends. The Rev. J. Briston presided, and John Cowan, Esq., C.A., gave a very interesting address on the value of both accuracy and speed in Typewriting.

We will be expecting you, mind now, and the quicker you come the better for us—that is—for yourself we mean.—C. E.

Who was Robin Hood?—Scholar.

The inventor of the flour of that name.—C. E.

If an aeroplane travelled through the air for ten hours, going at the speed of a hundred miles, and the propeller revolved a hundred times a minute what number of flies would it take to form a line as long in feet as the number of times the propeller revolved, supposing that the flies were of three kinds, house flies, bottle flies, and horse flies, there being an equal quantity of each?—Arithmetician.

Will you please tell me where I can get a job with a salary of about \$5,000 a year, with, say, three or four hours work, no boss and not much to do?—Anticipation.

So you are looking for that kind of a job too, are you? We have been looking for that job for the last twenty years, but have not gotten it yet. If you'd like to talk it over, just drop in to see us some day, and maybe we can give each other some useful tips. We feel friendly disposed toward you already, and we ought to get on all right.—C. E.

Imperial Fairs.—The British Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland (Mr. G. T. Milne), is informed by the Imperial Department of Overseas Trade, that the Fair, representative of various branches of British industry will be held concurrently in London, Birmingham and Glasgow early next year. The London Fair will be organized by the Imperial Board of Trade, and the Fairs at Birmingham and Glasgow by the Municipal Corporation and Chambers of Commerce of these Cities, but under the auspices of the Board of Trade.

These Fairs which have been held annually since 1915 were somewhat limited in scope during the war period owing to the restrictions which had to be imposed in the interests of munition manufacture. The future Fairs will, however, be on a scale commensurate with the magnitude of British industry.

For the purposes of the London Fair the Crystal Palace, which is the largest Exhibition Building in the world, has been secured. On the ground floor alone there are 14 acres of floor space. This Fair will embrace a wide variety of products, including cutlery, silver and electro-plate, jewellery, paper and stationery, fancy goods, brushware, drugs and druggists' sundries, musical instruments, scientific instruments, toys and sports goods.

The Birmingham Fair will include general and domestic hardware, tools and small machine tools, lighting fittings for electricity, gas, oils, etc.; India rubber goods, accessories for motor cars, cycles and aeroplanes; sanitary appliances and a number of other items utilized in industrial and domestic construction.

The Glasgow Fair will embrace textiles of all descriptions, both in the piece and made up, boots, shoes and gloves, foodstuffs and beverages, and light and heavy chemicals.

The British Industries Fairs are not exhibitions—they are Trade Fairs to which admittance is restricted to "bona fide" trade buyers seriously interested, and admittance is by invitation only.

Participation in the Fairs is confined to British manufacturing firms, which shall be deemed in this instance to be firms whose principal works and Head Offices are situated within the British Empire, and which are not controlled by Foreign interests. Exhibitors are not permitted to exhibit goods other than those they actually manufacture. From the foregoing it will be noted that Newfoundland manufacturers are eligible as exhibitors.

ICE IN GREEN BAY.—Green Bay is filled with ice, and the S. S. Home had to return to Lewisport yesterday after reaching only as far as Spring Lake.

THE MIKADO.—The most successful performance seen here for years will be repeated in the Casino on next Monday. Tickets will be on sale at the Atlantic Bookstore to-morrow and may now be booked.—may30/21

Here and There.

Mr. Michael Darcy, Tailor, New Gower Street, wishes to acknowledge the sum of Three Dollars Conscience Money received by post.—may31/11

Grand Dance, C. C. C. Hall, Monday, June 2nd. Music by C. C. C. Band. Tickets: Double, \$1.50; Single—Gent's, \$1.20, and Lady's 70c.—may31/21

TO CONTRIBUTORS.—Several interesting and popular articles from esteemed correspondents have been received, but pressure on space to-day prevents their publication. They will, however, appear on Monday.

B. I. S. BASEBALL.—A meeting of the above Association will be held in the Rooms to-night (Saturday), at 10 o'clock sharp. D. J. FRENCH, Secretary.—may31/11

Copper-colored linen, cross-stitched in shining gold threads, and with a dark brown patent leather belt calls itself a dress.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS!—Correspondents are requested to accompany contributions with their real names, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. In future no correspondence will be considered unless this rule is adhered to.

DIED.—Passed peacefully away on Friday, 30th, Edward, infant son of Edward and Fannie Lidstone, aged 8 months. "Safe in the arms of Jesus!"

The angels band was not complete till Neddy filled the vacant seat; He is resting now in heaven above, And guarded now by Jesus' love.

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While a state of war technically exists His Majesty's commands are that there should be no levee or other celebration.

Government House,
St. John's, 1919. may31/11

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the Shareholders of the N. I. W. A. Co-Operative Stores in the L. S. P. U. Hall on Wednesday night, June 4th. A full attendance is requested, as very important business will be discussed.

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BOYS' CAPS.—A basket full of Boys' Caps to suit boys up to 12 years. These are a job lot that we secured cheap; quite a big assortment of patterns. Sale Price, each 39c.

BOYS' HATS.—An important sale of Boys' Hats of latest style. We cannot begin to describe these because of the wide assortment of blocks. See these before the assortment is depleted. Sale Price, each 98c.

CHILD'S DRESSES.—Special value in Children's Tub Dresses at \$1.10 each, to fit ages 2 to 10 years. To be had in plain colors, checks and stripes, made of Gingham, Percale, etc. Sale Price, \$1.10 each.

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SHOES.—A line of Ladies' Strap Shoes that we want to clear. These are made of Black Vici Leather, fitted with medium heels, sizes 3 to 6. Regular price \$2.30 per pair. Sale Price, \$1.50 per pair.

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Princess Patricia's Children Will Be Born Royal.

Although Lady Patricia Ramsay, who entered Westminster Abbey on her wedding day as a Princess of the Blood and emerged therefrom as a commoner, has surrendered her place in the line of succession to the British crown, along with all her royal immunities and prerogatives, yet the rights of any children to whom she may give birth will in nowise be affected by her renunciation. For the most eminent jurists of the United Kingdom and of continental nations are agreed that parents have no power to surrender rights of their children, minor or as yet unborn.

It is on the cards, therefore, that the descendant of Lady Patricia Ramsay, though she and her husband are commoners, may yet become ruler of the British Empire.

Next in line of succession to the late children of George V. comes his sister, the widowed Princess Royal, whose two children are the young Duke of Fife and the still unmarried Princess Maud. The Duchess of Fife is married to the Duke of Connaught's only son, Prince Arthur, and they have a little boy and girl, both commoners in the eyes of the law.

Although the boy bears the courtesy title of Lord Macduff, next in the line of succession to the crown. There is also the Duchess of Fife's young daughter, Princess Victoria; then his youngest sister, Queen Maud of Norway, and her little boy, Crown Prince Olaf; after them the four daughters of King Edward's sailor brother, the late Duke Alfred, sovereign of Saxony-Gotha, and their children.

Next are the Duke of Connaught and his only son, Prince Arthur, already dealt with, as the husband of the Duchess of Fife. Afterward come Prince Arthur's eldest sister, the Crown Princess of Sweden and her children and finally the offspring yet unborn of the newly married Lady Patricia Ramsay.

If Lady Patricia Ramsay's marriage to Lord Dalhousie's sailor brother, Capt. the Hon. Alexander Ramsay of the royal navy, has been readily sanctioned by King George V. and welcomed by the People of Great Britain it is because the union is of a nature to emphasize the unification of the reigning house of England from that foreign doctrine, according to the terms of which, royalty can only mate with royalty, and scions of sovereign dynasties are debarred from marrying but members of other dynasties.

This had the effect of restricting English princes and princesses in the line of succession to the British crown to the choice of consorts among the non-Catholic reigning houses or else to first or second cousins among English royalty, to which there were manifest objections. There will, of course, be no more British royal marriages with Germans.

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