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## MOTOR MISHAPS

On the front page of yesterday's Telegraph-Journal the headlines announced: "Two dead, three hurt and one held in four provincial auto mishaps." "Auto plunges into river and two drown," and "Five killed, pair hurt as train strikes auto."

The population of a modern city is naturally a motoring public. The extension of facilities for reaching the open spaces has very richly induced the town dweller to seek relaxation away from brick and mortar. The car is no longer the rich man's toy. Many humble wage-earners own an automobile and usually he is generous in sharing his pleasure with friends less fortunate than himself.

This does two things: it makes any thing to do with motoring the concern of all and it introduces danger by multiplying the number of drivers and so enlarging the roll of that proportion who must be classed as unqualified, regardless of the rights and safety of others, careless, or stupid.

In the course of an hour's drive on a main road, each driver meets, overtakes or is overtaken by, say, a score of other cars; he probably crosses a dozen arteries, rounds thirty curves and corners, passes over numerous rutty or heavy stretches of road where caution is essential, so that every hour every driver faces the chance of perhaps a hundred accidents. Does this not provide food for thought?

Now, the point is this: motoring touches us one and all—even the non-motorist because he may be the victim of a careless driver. The driver's responsibility is not, as a rule, to himself alone; usually he has one or more companions; there are the other road users. Appalling, therefore, is the menace of the mad driver.

It should not be a matter of great difficulty for friends of these drivers to take unjustified chances, who gamble with fate, to show their disapproval and to make that sentiment felt. It may need a little moral courage. The inconsiderate driver is often a jeering swashbuckler who taunts the cautious man with nervousness, when public opinion grows strong enough, he will soon mend his ways. Some drivers are incorrigible and the best place for these is the jail or the asylum. Meanwhile, this subject might with advantage form the text for exhortation from the pulpit and lessons in the class room.

## "BY THEIR WORKS"

Saint John is the poorer today by the loss of one of her beloved and distinguished citizens, Doctor J. Roy Campbell, K. C., a Maritime born and educated, a kindly, indefatigable, public-spirited worker for the good of the community.

Doctor Campbell was not a man who sought notoriety, nor even prominence. Nevertheless such was the recognition of his sterling worth, that whatever field of activity he entered for the public weal, be it a law society or the Church of England Institute, his qualities invariably raised him to a leading position among his fellows.

Men of this stamp are a shining example to others and the influence of such an one for good when he comes in contact with the rising generation is incalculable, as many a young barrister can testify of Doctor Campbell. The scope of his activities prove the great-heartedness of the man, and will extend the no mean circle of mourners who lament his passing. All Saint John offers to Doctor Campbell's family a mode of sympathy, the more sincere, if that be possible, by reason of the sense of personal and corporate loss a city inevitably feels when bereft of a man so kindly and distinguished as was he who has left us.

## THE RING

The recent drawn fight in New York between Georges Carpentier and Eddie Hufman—which, from the account, was a fine exhibition of clean heavy-weight slogging, combined with science and ringcraft—must have been an inspiring spectacle. The dancing figure, bantam and light weights, the twist-and-tween middles and such may present the academic idea with some degree of fascination, but to most men a homelier contest is what appeals—heavy blows, stalled, countered or landing home, dealt by giants, who know the game and play it. It has tradition behind it, too, and, mentioning Homer, those classically inclined might remind themselves to look up the account of that gorgeous battle encounter between Eteus and Buralus.

Boxing is not much mentioned in English historical records until the reign of George I, when a French traveler comments on the fact that anything in the form of a fight fascinated the English, and that a quarrel between boys in the street meant the immediate formation of a ring. It is not very different today.

## Just Fun

THE state of Washington produces one-fifth of the U. S. apple crop, so it is no place for doctors.

A SCHOOL lad, when asked what prohibition is, said that it is an imaginary line running around the United States.

## HER FORTÉ

She's let her figure run amuck—Hast cast her shape adrift. In fighting fat she's had no luck; She's a pill to lift. Her school-girl color is no more; She puts no make-up on. She's bought no tresses from the store. Though most of hers are gone.

The hats she wears are perfect frights; Her shoes low-heeled and wide. Were one to see that dame in tight, One should be horrified. Her chins are numerous and large; Her ankles out of plumb; If street cars made no rats charge, I guess she couldn't come.

She plays no auction nor mah jongg— "Five hundred" is her speed. She does not dance or lift a song— "This trick she does in a second." Nay, though in left she is immense, A total loss in looks, Men speak her name in reverence. For, lordy, how she cooks!

SOME women are given away at the wedding, and others in the divorce court.

ON ACCOUNT of getting tired and my wife refusing to milk any longer, have decided to sell at public auction my herd of cows—Ad. in Laddonia (Mo.) Herald.

FOLKS will often give three cheers for something for which they wouldn't give anything else.

**DINNER STORIES**

FOR a long time the restaurant proprietor had out a sign: "Home Cooking." Then he removed it. "I see," remarked a customer, "that the old sign is gone."

"Yes, I took it down." "But, why?" "Well, I came to the conclusion that it was doing the place no good. I got to watching passers-by. A great many would take a look at the sign and then hurry on."

A COLORED deacon who was a leader in a congregation down south wrote to the bishop to explain the need of a minister for the church. "Send us a Bishop to preach. If you can't send us a Bishop, send us a Sliding Elder. If you can't send a Sliding Elder, send us a Stationary Preacher. If you can't send a Stationary Preacher, send us a Circuit Rider. If you can't send a Circuit Rider, send us a Locomotive Preacher, send us an Exhauster."

## Other Views

**TARIFFS AND FOREIGN TRADE** (New York World.) American private loans to foreign governments have reached a total of \$100,000,000 and show a gain of \$1,200,000,000 during the last year.

It remains to be seen how long we shall be able to continue a policy of commercial exclusiveness through tariff barriers in the face of this financial development. The country has undergone great economic changes since the Fordney-McCumber tariff went into effect, and this measure will eventually give place to one more in keeping with our changing international status.

## AS CANADA MOVES FORWARD

(London Advertiser.) Whether Canadians are inclined to be discouraged they should survey their history over a long period instead of a short one. Brief periods of discouragement are only little eddies in the great stream of progress. Read the Canada Year Book or Frank Yegh's "5,000 Facts," and note the tremendous expansion since 1867 in area, population, railway mileage, farming, manufacturing, mining, domestic and foreign trade, banking, insurance and provision for education. The rate of progress varies from time to time, but we are now apparently on the eve of an era of remarkable progress.

ment, gill-rakers or sharp teeth and protective coloration are among the means of survival that fish possess. Even so, beneath the flash of fin and the sparkle of waters lies a keen struggle for existence, as fish of many kinds prey upon each other and press upon the food supply.

Like many of the birds, some fish migrate at certain seasons of the year. The cod, mackerel, herring, bluefish, salmon, eel, sturgeon and smelt migrate in schools, up or down stream in the spring or fall of the year, either to seek food or warmer waters, or to spawn. Fish that do not migrate, built generally built to survive extremes of temperature. They may also seek deeper waters or the protection of mud and weeds.

To observe a fish dart dextrously about in the water, one might judge that its life was very easy. From the thousands of eggs that most female fish lay, one might believe that their life was very affluent.

This is not true. Both eggs and developing fish are exposed to many dangers and are eaten by other fish as well as by birds. Activity of move-

## A Long Way Round



City Man (to Rustic looking at Cleopatra's Needle): "You know, it is very old—so old that Moses probably saw it when he led the Israelites out of Egypt."

Rustic: "Law, now, to think that 'e should 'ave come all this way round."

## POEMS I LOVE

"Is My Team Ploughing?" by A. E. Housman.

I LIKE this as well—if not better—than anything in that glorious "D. Shropshire Lad." All of rural England seems to be in it, and all of life.

"Is my team ploughing, That I was used to drive And hear the harness jingle When I was man alive?"

Yes, lad, I lie easy. I lie as I lie would choose; I cheer a dead man's sweetheart, Never ask me whose. (Copyrighted by Henry Holt & Co. Poem reprinted by special permission.)

## THE BEST OF ADVICE

THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE

To a casual reader of the newspapers it would seem that the life of the average man is one of monotony and the aged and the aged all grow weary of life and find a means to end it all. And the mania is not confined to the poor and those in ill health. People who appear to have everything to make life worth living are often the victims. Possibly our superior news facilities that keep us posted on the happenings of every out-of-the-way corner of the earth make it only appear that there are more of those whose mental stress pushes them over the edge of that division which marks the line between normal and abnormal states of mind. Certain it is that many—at times it seems most of us—find the journey of life but a weary one and long for the "rest of the tomb."

AND yet surely if we look at life rightly we may find it enjoyable in spite of the inevitable struggles. There is much to be enjoyed in the life of the average man. One never knows what advantage may be met with in even a humdrum life. And it is not out of the Polyan, the unthinking optimists—that find this to be the case. Sir Oliver Lodge says:

"Existence itself is a great adventure—a series of them. Some live placid lives and think to escape adventures, at any rate will not go to seek them; they will try to avoid them. But none can escape altogether."

There are three main adventures in human life—birth, death and marriage. Comparatively few escape all three. Marriage surely is an adventure; it may turn out surprisingly well, it may turn out disastrously ill. Death everyone admits to be an adventure. But birth, few think of birth in that way; and yet I think it is one—an adventure as great as any perhaps—the coming to

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By H. L. Cockburn

WHEN MOTHER VISITS THE vacuum cleaner loudly sings. There's much to do at cleaning things. There's cause for morn to fuss, and fret until she gets things neatly set.

Ya gotta have the house just right, with dust and such things outa sight. Ya feel ya want to change things round, and turn the household upside down.

Ya drill the kids on how to act, and pray they'll use the proper tact. Ya feel their finest clothes away, fer use upon a certain day.

Ya plan on meals that taste the best—the kind that folks have for a guest. Ya smile when everything looks great, and then sit back to wait the date.

There's thrill a plenty round the place—a smile on everybody's face. Ya feel the vacuum cleaner's power, when mother comes to visit you.

Some slickers keep you in trim on rainy days—and others just trim you, any old day.

Most anything a barber says is a cutting remark. "Member when the fellas were wearing balloon trousers? Well, with the coming of golf weather, the balloon has gone up, and they're wearing knickerbockers."

He sure improved the country roads. Quite worthy of inspection. And also did he give the way for his own re-election.

A critic is often the one who knocks after he gets in. The safest way to remember the combination of a safe is to write it on a slip of paper—and then keep the slip inside the safe, fer safe keeping.

If the gossips haven't anything else to talk over, they can always use the back fence.

FABLES IN FACT THE CENSUS TAKER CALLED AT A CERTAIN HOME AND ONLY LITTLE WILLIE WAS THERE. PERIOD SAID THE CENSUS TAKER COMMA QUOTATION MARK HOW MANY PEOPLE SLEEP HERE COMMA YOUNG MAN QUESTION MARK QUOTATION MARK AND LITTLE WILLIE REPLIED COMMA QUOTATION MARK WELL COMMA BETWEEN MY LITTLE SISTERS CRYING AND MY TEARFUL MOTHER MAKING A LOT OF NOISE NOBODY GETS MUCH OF A CHANCE TO SLEEP AT ALL PERIOD QUOTATION MARK.

come a time when sacrifice is demanded, when some urgent call is made upon our nature, and when a man feels he has to respond. This is the case with all heroes. Danvers has to be faced, and our manhood rises to it. And it is just trials and the overcoming of them that makes life worth living—makes life itself the Great Adventure.

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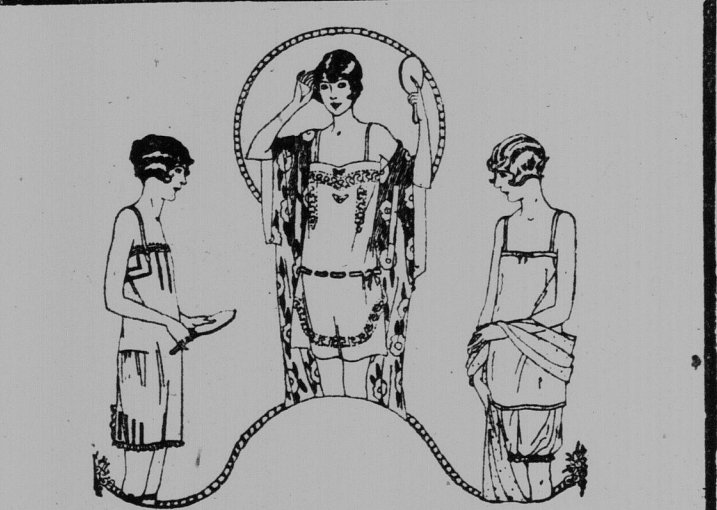
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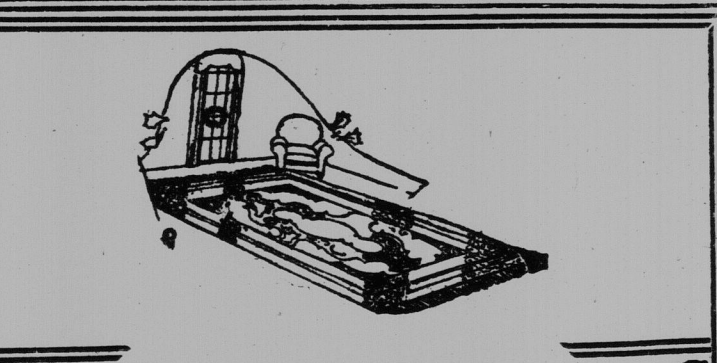
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