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ITEMS FROM FAR
AND NEAR
Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some Newsy, All Readable.

Even a husband becomes hard-boiled when he is kept in hot water too long.

When a man is reading a newspaper account of a wedding he skips the description of the bride's gown.

Robert—"Don't you think her voice ought to be cultivated?" Robert—"No, I think it should be harvested."

Some girls with those big, innocent blue eyes and baby pouts are really clever, while others are just as stupid as they look.

It used to be: "Have you a little fairy in your home?" The modern version is: "Have you a little wireless in your home?"

Grand Trunk car ferries are being equipped as oil burners in an attempt to lessen the smoke nuisance on the water front at Windsor.

A Los Angeles man is declared to be so honest that he included in his report what he won at poker. That wasn't honest, he was only bragging.

A newspaper heading reads "Bondholders' Uneasy." We did not read the article as it would not interest anybody connected with a printing office.

Lady Byng says that Canadian women are better speakers than the women of England. They ought to be good speakers. Lady Byng, they're talking all the time. But what about Margot?

Young Sailor—On my last voyage I saw waves forty feet high. Old Salt—Get out. I was at sea for fifty years and never saw 'em that high. Young Salt—Well things are higher now than they used to be.

To provide delinquent boys and girls in Ontario with a better chance to become useful members of society children's aid organizations of the province shortly will ask the government to establish a system of graded industrial schools now in existence.

There proves to have been a good deal of exaggeration in the reports concerning the salary that Mary Pickford receives. In the course of an action it has been established that all she gets is \$10,000 a week. Poor Mary.

Statistics on the population of the State of New York, issued by the Census Bureau, Friday, show that there are 99,792 natives of Canada in the State. Nearly 60 per cent., or 59,650 of these native Canadians have been naturalized.

Back in our time it used to be a boyish ambition to grow up a pirate and roam the Spanish Main. But that is probably old stuff nowadays. Judging by the thrilling tales from day to day in the press, the modern lad doubtless aspires to become a Reckless Red, The Rum-Runner.

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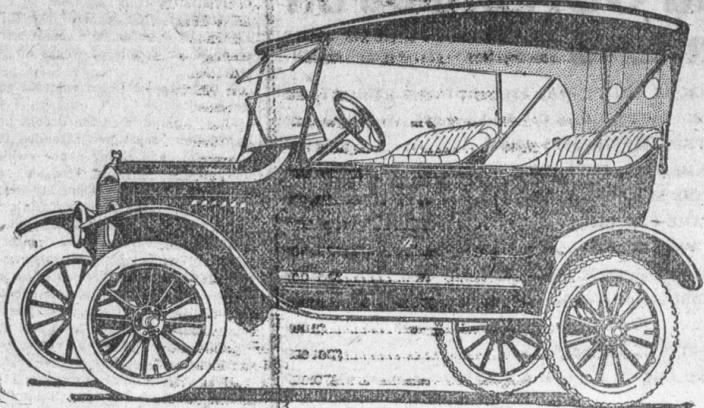
A new issue of stamps and postal cards has recently been made and others are to follow soon. The change is in accordance with an international agreement whereby all countries in the Postal Union will issue stamps of similar values in the same respective colors.

The postmistress at a bush post office was a trifle deaf. A burly farmer rode up, dismounted, pushed his way through people waiting for the mail, and bawled out. "Any letters here for Mike Howe?" The postmistress continued sorting. "Any letters for Mike Howe?" he shouted again. She looked up and said quietly, "There's nothing here for your cow or anyone else's cow."

Acton Free Press:—The assertion by parents is frequently heard in reference to their children's future in the matter of material progress: "Oh, there's no chance for my son, or my daughter, here in this small place; the only way to get on is to go to the city." The city certainly has its opportunities, but where one person wins marked success in the city a thousand never progress beyond the lines of the rank and file. It is safe to say that a large proportion of those who remain in the old home be it the farm or the small manufacturing town, and put forth the effort needful to win success in the city, would be relatively successful in the home environment.

The discussion on township roads at the Good Roads Convention in Toronto brought out some interesting data on the comparative costs of machinery and horse drawn equipment. Tractors, most of the speakers agreed, were far cheaper than horses for grading purposes, even though the average life of a tractor was little greater than four years. Including the cost of an operator and of depreciation, it was estimated, a tractor would cost less than \$25 a day, and in the course of a day it could do far more work than could be done by a horse. One Superintendent found that \$53 a mile was the cost of grading with up-to-date machine equipment, while \$116 was the cost of the same operation when horse-drawn equipment was used.

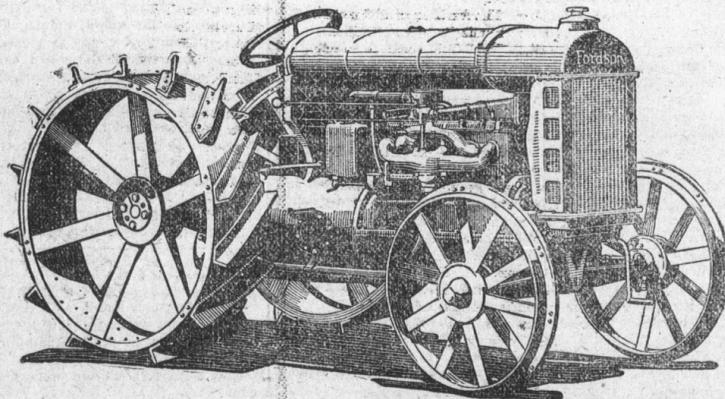
Wireless wonders that are at hand.—The day is coming—the day has dawned—when the citizen in his easy chair at home can attend parliament. At no distant date when Premier Mackenzie King is to make an important speech, a little electric dingy will be placed on his desk in the House of Commons, and the ether will carry his words all over the Dominion to whomever has a radio-telephone—a cheap, simple instrument already—to hear him. Premier Drury will not need to leave Crown Hill in the seeding season. He can address the Legislature with a wireless telephone in his home—aye, and can hear the debates in the House. Bosses can go on vacations to Florida or Temagami, and keep in verbal touch with their offices—not hurriedly, not distressfully over leagues of wire—but leisurely, clearly, stilly, through the illimitable blue. It is going on now. Music played in Pittsburg, Detroit and Chicago is being heard almost any night in Watford. You can dance to-day to an orchestra five hundred miles away. Every Sunday people, sitting at home, are attending church services in Pittsburg. A Presbyterian and an Episcopal church in that city broadcast their services, music, sermon and prayers, over thousands of miles. "Go ye into all the world—!" Spreading the gospel by wireless. A minister's voice reaching further than the whole travels of St. Paul. But, as with the telephone, the telegraph, the radiophone is being developed by amateurs, long before the public realizes its practical value.



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