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VANCOUVER MAN GETS SURPRISE

Fine Results he got from Taking
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Expected.

"It certainly is wonderful how quickly the right medicine will get a person to feeling right again," said G. A. Almofsky, of 456 15th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., well-known motor mechanic for the Province Motor Co. "About a year ago I first noticed my stomach was getting out of order and I kept on getting worse right along until I got to where I could hardly eat anything without suffering from indigestion. I couldn't eat much, sometimes the smell of food would make me so sick I couldn't eat anything, and when I did eat a little it just seemed to turn to gas. I had a burning sensation from the pit of my stomach clear up into my throat, and the gas bloated me up until I could hardly breathe and caused a terrible pain in my side. I had headaches nearly all the time, sometimes was almost blind with them, and I was so nervous I couldn't get a good night's sleep. I always started the day's work so tired I could hardly move and sometimes I was constipated for several days at a time.

"Hearing so much about Tanlac, I decided to try it and the way it helped me was the surprise of my life. After taking only one bottle my indigestion was gone and now I seem to eat enough for two men and never have the least pain or distress of any kind. I never have a headache, am not nervous any more, sleep like a log every night and get up mornings ready for a hearty breakfast and a big day's work. In fact, Tanlac has relieved all my troubles, made me feel just like I wanted to feel, and I want to say Tanlac is the medicine I intend to use in my home from now on."

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COMET'S RETURN

AFTER 5893 YEARS, COMET
COMES IN JUNE AND MAY
CONTAIN BIG SURPRISES

LONDON, Jan. 10.—A warning is issued by Dr. Andrew Crommelin, an eminent astronomer, assistant at the

Greenwich Observatory, of the danger to the earth from a comet next June. This Comet's orbit is being pushed nearer the earth in each of its appearances, due to the influence of Jupiter. It makes an appearance every 5893 years, and its pathway extends from about the sun's ecliptic orbit to a point where Jupiter performs its revolutions.

Astronomers are expecting its appearance in July this year, but Pro. Crommelin says June. It is now travelling hundreds of miles a minute, head-on for the earth.

"If the actual date of intersection of the paths of the earth and comet were June 26, there would be a collision," he says. "We wouldn't be wiped out, but there would be the biggest shower of meteors ever seen, with possible damage to property and life. Crommelin thinks the chances of collision are not great. He smiles at the belief of laymen in a collision of a comet and the earth as being fatal to the earth. Scientists point out years ago that comets are composed largely of gases, while a collision is the cause of tremendous atmospheric disturbances. Yet the comet in the mass does not penetrate earth's atmosphere.

Even as it is, with the comet coming so close to the earth, astronomers are preparing for new discoveries regarding heavenly tramps, and laymen expect an unusual display of meteors.

The Musk Rat.

The musk rat, as its name would indicate, is a species of rat. It is found nowhere but in America. Its body is shaped like that of the ordinary rat, but instead of the short, close hair of the land species, it is covered by a thick reddish-brown fur, and because it lives much in the water it has webbed toes. Although very awkward on land, it is lively and playful in water, and is a great swimmer and diver.

Evolution of Clothes Terms.

Dozens and dozens of clothes terms there are that indicate the evolution of clothes among our ancestors. For example, which has been used as a not very respectful synonym for women in general, was a garment for men originally, and was the undercoat worn beneath the heavier overcoat. It was fairly long, and eventually the word came to be applied to the garments that evolved from this "petit," or small coat.

Beliefs Concerning Sneezing.

According to Aristotle, if a man was sick sneezing once forbode his death, but sneezing twice his recovery. If the patient was a woman the rule worked the opposite way. A traveler in the woods was threatened with an attack by brigands if he sneezed once, while sneezing twice presaged a happy journey. As a rule, the person sneezing twice in succession will be lucky, but unlucky if it occurs once.

ROSE FROM THE RANKS

ENLISTED AS PRIVATE AND BECAME ACTING COLONEL.

The Story of Major John Girvan Who Carried the Colors of the Famous "Fifteenth Battalion" Into Germany—He Was a Real Civilian Soldier.

JOHN GIRVAN left Valcartier in 1914 a private in Company A, 48th Highlanders. From August, 1918, until Armistice Day he was in command of Toronto's "famous Fifteenth." He carried the colors into Germany last December, and he returns to Toronto as Major John Girvan, M.C., D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, the respected second in command of the Highlanders' unit.

It is given to few men to "carry on" through four years on the fields in France, but John Girvan has not only fought through these years—he has given to Scotland and Canada a wonderful service—the service of a "charmed" life, the gallantry of a Sir Galahad, the undaunted pluck and grit of his native Island of Bute, and the best of a born brain for leadership.

His career to military glory had a romantic beginning, too. With W. Sparks, manager at the Toronto General Post Office, and rather of Douglas Earl Sparks, his best chum, John Girvan was holidaying at Duncan Lake, in the Gowganda district, in August, 1914. The campers heard of the outbreak in Europe, but canoeing and fishing banished the start of the world conflagration from their minds until Mr. Sparks was notified by wire to come home if he wanted to see Earl before he left for overseas.

When Mr. Sparks came home, he found that Earl was at Valcartier.

Later, when the first contingent was about ready to leave, Mr. Sparks confided to John Girvan that he was going to Valcartier to say goodbye to Earl.

"I'll get a day off," said Girvan "and go with you."

It was a lovely fall evening at Valcartier when John Girvan saw Earl swinging down the line of a company in the Scot uniform.

Without a word John Girvan turned to Mr. Sparks: "You take my clothes home. I am not going back. I am going with Earl."

Mr. Sparks brought John's business suit to Toronto, and John sailed away a Highlander under Corpl. Sparks, in the famous Fifteenth.

It was the great sorrow when Earl fell at Ypres in April, 1915, but Pte. Girvan carried on right into Germany.

His decorations give slight recognition of his real service. It is known only to a few. True, he has been specially mentioned in despatches at various times, and his high ability has been recognized in flattering terms on his military papers, but Major Girvan and his parents are of the soldier stock, and they don't talk.

An awful night before a disastrous engagement some of the men of the Fifteenth under Girvan were new to the trenches, dispirited, and somewhat nervous. In the glare of the light from the Hun line the officer mounted the parapet and walked along the "suicide" path, with no thought for himself—with an order here, a word of encouragement there and a cheering, nonchalance that brought the morale of the line to the highest point. "You won't get danger to yourself that counted with us," said one, "but it was that princely thoughtfulness for the men."

It is the story of a Scottish boy who found himself in Toronto. John Pollard Girvan was born on the west coast of Scotland, on Kilaheaton Bay, west of Bute, in November, 1885. After a brief schooling at home he took a short course at Edinburgh, when his father, Archibald Girvan, decided to move to Toronto. John came out in 1906, and that fall went to the post office. It was but a short time before the signal for the postmaster recognized his ability. "He made himself at once a very valuable man." On the night shift there had been considerable friction, and John Girvan was picked out over older members to take charge of the city night staff on the right side. His judgment, fairness and firmness were demonstrated, for the affairs of the department were soon running smoothly.

His prowess with the boxing gloves and his ability to organize and help in the concerts of the staff were recognized by numerous presentations to him. It was at this time that John began taking an interest in sculling, and, joining the Argonaut Club with Joe Wright and Capt. Sinclair and "Tommy" Carson, he developed into an oarsman of merit. As a bow-man Girvan had few equals. In 1911 he rowed bow in the champion junior eight, and the following year he won the eight-oar at Montreal. When the Argonauts were the champion fours of Canada in 1913 Girvan was a member of the crew.

When the big scrap was called in Europe Girvan dropped the oar here and put on the mitts for a round with the Hun, and he stayed for the "knock-out" count. When he was wounded at Courcellette in 1916, and sent home for three months, his friends urged him to quit. His bit had been done and done well, for he had his field promotions then. He enjoyed his furlough, talked only of his men, and went quietly back to his post in France. He has been there ever since, and it was entirely fitting that the signal honor of carrying the colors from London to Brussels was given to the major who had taken Col. Bent's place last August, and had so successfully carried the battalion's destiny through the big fall offensive. He was also in charge of the Highland troops of the Third Brigade when they were reviewed by King Albert at Liege.

Major Girvan had no military training previous to his enlistment in this war. He is a real civilian-soldier.

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