

Peculiarities

STRATFORD must be getting to be a nice place for a hungry man to keep away from. An exchange says that when twelve o'clock noon strikes, Stratfordites rush home and tackle a lot of villainous hot bread, pies and spices. Still, if you will notice, there has been no protest from the doctors and undertakers.

The marching Doukhobors say they are in search of a land of perpetual sunshine, where they will not have to work, but just eat bread and onions all day. The country is full of fellows like that, only we call the others "husky Hoboes."

The Amherstburg "Echo" is authority for the statement that a gentleman named Lounsbury, of Wheatley, Ont., is wearing the smile that won't come off—no, it's not oats, but a new boy, according to the despatch.

A Saskatchewan man lost a five-dollar bill and advertised for it, with the result that a stranger brought around a fiver to him. Then he found his own bill laid away in another pocket. This should convince everyone of the value of advertising.

The Amherstburg authorities are discussing the laying of a stone walk on one of their principal thoroughfares, and the "Echo" says that the old wooden walk is "on its last legs"—and the people who use it may be on cork legs, if they are not careful.

An Essex County farmer, while working in the fields, came across a large blue racer snake in a defiant attitude. The racer was probably inviting him to do a hundred yards sprint or possibly to engage in a catch-as-catch-can contest, but the farmer was no sport, and merely batted it on the head. Thus does outdoor sport degenerate from lack of a little enthusiasm.

The Hamilton Chief of Police is keeping a strict censorship over the moving pictures shown in the various amusement resorts in that city. One of the pictures complained of was labelled "Sowing Wild Oats," but the Chief did not think it was so tremendously dreadful. Probably the Chief has heard that sowing wild oats is a different proposition from playing Puss in the Corner.

The British Admiralty has rejected the application of a negro who wished to enlist in the navy. It would almost seem, however, as if a black tar would be a better article, for who ever heard of a white tar?

An old-time baseball player says that ball players are not what they used to be. In the good old days, he says, they were not afraid to lose a little of their hide in sliding for bases. A piece of tissue paper was good enough for a plaster then, but now, he says, they are a lot of gingerbread men and afraid to slide. Something like this would probably suit him:

Oh for a hide that will not crack,
A skin that's thick and sound;
A cuticle that will not bust
When sliding o'er the ground.

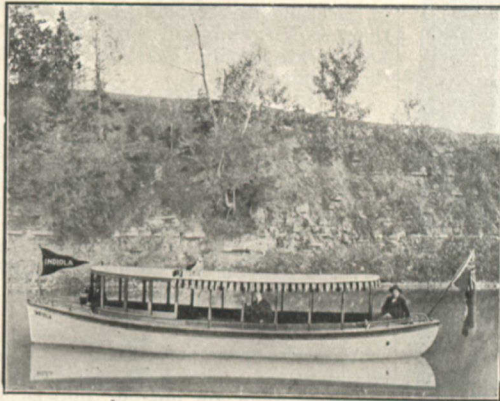
And now a dentist has come forward who says that tin makes a more durable and effective filling for teeth than gold. He says that it is hard to make people believe it, but that they are gradually coming round to this view.

No more to smile from ear to ear,
No satisfaction now to grin,
Since gold-filled teeth are obsolete,
Who cares to show a row of tin?

Montreal's housebreakers appear to be a courteous and gentlemanly class of men, and the citizens are, no doubt proud of

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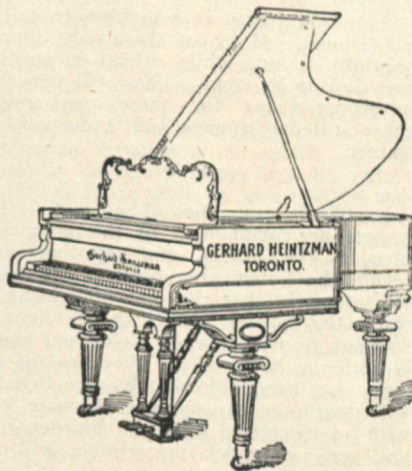
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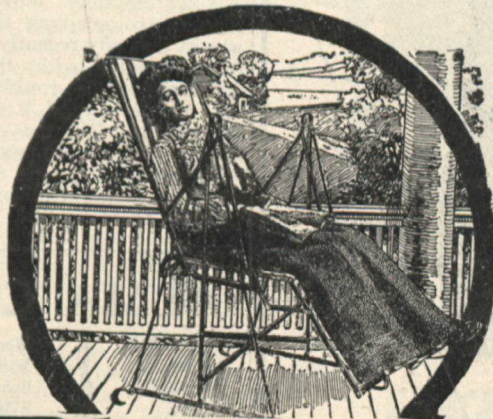
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