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VAUDEVILLE POOR

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Wrongly Convicted.

John Smith, wrongly convicted
member of the prison brigade is al-
lowed off on parole. His employer
asks him to attempt a reformation of
an old lady, the employer's mother.
This ancient derelict lives in con-
stant trepidation that people are get-
ting the better of her, that her mil-
lions are being expended on a bunch
of domestics, ungrateful of benevo-
lence, and she is consequently of an
extremely crabbed and unenviable
disposition. Mr. Smith changes his
name, and manages to bring out the
humanity of Mrs. Lang's soul, as well
as transforming the domestics into
lovable creatures. He is an advocate
of the maxim that you can catch
more flies with sugar than you can
with vinegar, and results prove the
efficacy of the aphorism.

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FOUND WONDERFUL RELIEF

FROM CONSTIPATION

BY USING

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills

Constipation is one of the most
prevalent troubles the human race is
subject to, and is the direct cause
of many of our ailments, for if the
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the same benefit I did."Price 25c a box at all dealers or
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The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto,
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Coughs and ColdsIt is Exceedingly Dangerous To Let
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of Rundle's Liniment. This makes one quart of
cough syrup and it can be taken a teaspoonful
at a time at short intervals until the cough is
quenched.There are other ways of using Rundle's Lin-
iment for whooping cough, asthma, croup, sore
throat and tonsillitis. Full directions accompany
every bottle of Rundle's Liniment, sold by
druggists everywhere. Satisfaction or money
back.CUNARD
ANCHOR
ANCHOR-DONALDSONSUMMER SAILING DATES ON
APPLICATION.

FROM HALIFAX.

Queensdown and Liverpool.

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All the Theatres

ALLEN.

Wednesday, Thursday and Fri-
day—Charles Dickens' story,
"Oliver Twist," featuring Jackie
Coogan.

GRAND.

Thursday, Friday and Satur-
day—Eugene O'Brien in "John
Smith," Vaudeville.

LOEW'S

Thursday, Friday, Saturday—
"Quincy Adams Sawyer," with
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PATRICIA.

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COURT AWARDS WHITE
JUDGMENT FOR \$1,500Plaintiff Sued To Recover \$2,-
000 Under Policy On
Car.

HEARS FINAL CASE

Judge Mowat Leaves Remaining
Non-Jury Actions For
Judge Lennox.Judgment for \$1,500 and costs was
awarded William White at the con-
clusion of his action in the supreme
court at the courthouse yesterday
afternoon to recover \$2,000 under a
policy from the Motor Union Assur-
ance Company. Judge Mowat decid-

ed that Morris White had given the

car on which the plaintiff had the

policy, and which was stolen and

burned, to William White, his son,
as a gift.

The defendants claimed the license

was taken out by Morris White and

that he, not the plaintiff, was the
owner.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., acted for the

plaintiff and R. W. R. Shearer of To-

ronto for the defendant company.

This was the last case to be tried

by Judge Mowat. Other non-jury
cases will be heard by Judge Lennox
next Monday.

White claimed he had taken out

three successive policies with the

company to guard against theft or

destruction by fire of his car. On

May 20, 1922, the car was stolen

from Springfield Park and taken to a

point seven miles from Chatham and

burned. White's brothers and sisters
had charge of the car at the time.

When the claim was filed, Morris

White, the father of the plaintiff,
signed the claim as being the owner
of the car, the defendants contended.

Morris White claimed an inspector

of the company had filled out the

claim papers and that he, White, had

signed them at a lawyer's office.

"I didn't know that I was signing

as owner," declared White. "They
said it was all right, and I signed.
I always do that when a lawyer says
it is all right."

"You ought to be called 'the law-

yer's friend,'" remarked the judge.

White stated the inspector told

him that a Chatham garage man

said the car could be put into good
repair at a cost of \$350. White told
the inspector to fix it, then. Later,
White said he was offered \$1,500, but
insisted on the \$2,000. Morris White,
the father, told the inspector he
thought \$1,500 a fair price.

William R. Stansell, president of

the London Motors, declared that a
year ago he offered White \$1,900 on
his car in an exchange for another
car valued at \$2,900.Both White and his father declared
the plaintiff was, and had always
been, the owner of the car.TELEPHONE COMPANY
TO QUIT "GIVING TIME"Manager Beard Points Out
How Practice Hinders
Efficient Service.

The Bell Telephone Company an-

nounces in another column that on
and after Monday, the 19th, the op-erators will discontinue the practice
of giving the "time of day."

"It is in the interest of the service

to all our subscribers," stated Man-
ager Beard to The Advertiser, when
asked the reason for the company's
announcement."A study just completed," contin-
ued Mr. Beard, "has shown us that
the increasing volume of these calls
is becoming a serious hindrance to
central in her service to all our
patrons."

"The practice of asking 'central'

the time has grown to the point
where over 140,000 such calls
are made daily over our system in
Ontario and Quebec. Such a load is
bound to be detrimental to a service
where speed and accuracy are of first
importance as the operators' time oc-
cupied in giving this information
must, of course, be taken from the
time rightly belonging to the han-
dling of legitimate calls."

"Time of day calls belong to the

days when telephones were more of
a luxury than a necessity, and when
the demands for service were not so
great or urgent as they are today."

"We feel confident that our sub-

scribers, when they know the facts,
will realize that our action is in the
interest of their own service, and will
co-operate by not asking 'central' for
the time."CURRIE IS BOY SCOUT.
Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Enthusiasm was

aroused at the annual dinner of the
Scoutmasters' Association of Boy Scouts
and patrol leaders of Montreal last night,
when General Sir Arthur Currie, as
guest of honor, announced that he had
accepted election as a member of the
provincial council of the Boy Scouts' Association.

"Quincy Adams Sawyer" is a fitting

successor to "Way Down East." It is
a pretty tale, prettily told, and at
no time does it commence to per-
meate an atmosphere of "long-
drawn-out-ness."His first showing yesterday after-
noon attracted a large audience, and
the humorous aspect of Mason's
Corners was readily apparent in
spontaneous laughter.HOUSING COMMISSION
TO BEAUTIFY SURVEYS

Most of the time of the housing

commission last night was occupied
with making arrangements for the
clearing-up of delinquent accounts.
Plans for this work were thoroughly
discussed, and a line of definite ac-
tion planned.

The commissioners decided to make

a special effort to have all the com-
mission houses occupied this spring.Beautification of the various hous-
ing surveys was approved. The offer
of the parks commission to provide
trees for the grounds was accepted,
and it was decided to plant grass
seed on the lawns of commission
houses.

No. 2 committee of the city council

will be asked by Chairman D. J. Tal-
lant of the housing commission to
grade and gravel the roads on Pine
Lawn which were said to have been
in a deplorable state last fall.Aristocrats of Motordom
Receive Public AdmirationLatest Models Delight Loyal Subjects of Speed, Comfort and
Luxury At London Motor Show."The time has come," the Walrus
said, "to talk of many things,
Of ships and shoes and sealing wax,
And cabbages and kings."The Walrus lived a long time ago
in a wonderful land of extraordinary
creatures and unimaginable adven-
tures. He has never seen a motor
car and never even dreamed of such
a thing as a motor show.

Latest in Springs.

At another little group the expert

demonstrator was proving to a pos-
sible buyer the fact that the springs
on his car were the very latest im-
provements in springs.

He stood behind the car, and by

shaking it vigorously succeeded in
making it bob up and down like a
ship in a heavy sea. "Look at this,"
he cried, "ever see anything like that
for springs?" You never lose anyone
in this car, no matter how bad the
roads may be, you don't have to have
the top up all the time to hold "em
in."

Alliteration in advertising seems

to be extraordinarily popular in motor
car publicity. There are cars of six
sensations, cars of ten temptations,
cars of bright blue beauty, and
so on, and one there is that is made
and designed to withstand the "every
whim of wet weather."

In Geometrical Pattern.

Most of the cars stand in all the

natural dignity that one expects in
a car, judging from the illustrations
that one sees in most advertising,
but here and there one finds a car,
and just beside it, stretched out on
a board, all its innards, all polished
and arranged in a neat geometrical
pattern. It's rather gruesome, but
the experts how about these boards
and handy technical phrases with the
man who arranged them.

The cars this year are all fitted

with the very latest in butting fix-
tures. Nearly all of them have big
bright fenders that stretch across
their bows, for all the world like the
ram on a battleship.

If looks as if the makers realized

that cars are bound to run into some-
thing now and then, and that they
have made provision to save the car
as much as possible.

Refuge of Real Enthusiast.

At the east end of the building, in
a sort of alcove, is a fine collection
of parts and accessories. This is the
refuge of the real enthusiast. Here
he deals in stresses and strains and
thrills, he revels in the book of the
words, and scorns the mere social
glamour that hovers over the rest of
the show.

One thing that strikes one is the

fact that there are no models of
trucks or tractors: all the exhibits
are of the passenger car. It is a
very aristocratic affair, this show,
and nothing so plebeian as a truck
may offend the haughty complacency
of some twin six, seven passenger, or
limousine.

One leaves the armories with feel-

ings of pleasure that this civilization
of ours can produce such gorgeous
fruit from the tree of industry. But
as you come back to town you pass
on your left an old dilapidated wreck,
burnt, burst, and butchered, in the
sacred name of advertising, an old-
timer that once perhaps stood in the
line of virgin cars in some such show
as this, a thing of beauty and at-
traction, with eager people climbing
into it, and ambassadors of the au-
tomotive world telling them of all
its hidden worth and character.

As they are so it was, as it is so

may they be. "Sic transit gloria
mundi!"EXPLAINS BENEFITS OF
CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

The London Fruit Growers' Asso-

ciation held a meeting in the rooms
of the department of agriculture last
night, and listened to an excellent
address by C. W. Hart of the Pro-
vincial Branch of the Co-operative
Marketing Association.

Mr. Hart spoke on the benefits of

co-operative marketing and selling,
and explained to the association the
methods in practice among some of
the co-operative societies in differ-
ent parts of the country. There was
a fair attendance of members.

February and Our Club Plan

The month of February in this store has long been noted for its furniture values—
but to participate fully in these bargains meant quite an outlay of ready cash. This
year we have changed our policy, and have linked our CLUB PLAN to our
FEBRUARY SALE—so that all may enjoy the privilege