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**NOTE AND COMMENT**

Experts say there is really such a thing as spontaneous combustion in hay, but that cases are exceedingly rare. The shortest time taken to produce spontaneous combustion in six known cases was 52 days, and the longest, 76 days.

The hour is a critical one for the nation and the Empire, and if we are to bring the war to a successful and honorable conclusion, we must have the determined support of every man who loves his country. Still greater sacrifices must be made by all classes, and the example set by our enemies in national organization can only be successfully combated by similar actions on our part.—Sir Edward Carson.

We should always be optimistic for optimism means robust health and happiness. "Keep the Corner of your Mouth Turned Up" is an old adage that contains more truth than fiction. The world loves a sunny person, who carries his sunshine with him. Happiness is a producer of happiness, just the same as wheat produces wheat. That is if you sow wheat you do not reap barley, nor figs nor thistles. There is a scientific principle in nature that demands that the reaping shall be in harmony with the sowing. Let us sow happiness.

New York Times: Inevitably there will be two constructions put upon it. It will be said that Germany, victorious in the field, has so far demonstrated the superiority of her military force that she is in a position to be magnanimous, to offer terms of peace which enemy powers will be well advised in accepting. On the other hand, Germany's move will be construed as a sure proof that, the objects for which she began the war being manifestly beyond her reach, she seizes the advantageous moment of her Rumanian triumph to propose terms which she fervently prays may be accepted at once, since at no future time can she hope to make peace on terms so favorable, for to make peace at all on terms of her own choosing.

Providence Journal: Germany's hosts go marching on through Rumania, and the Kaiser orders the bells of the Empire rung, to celebrate the capture of King Ferdinand's capital. But the German 100-mark bill simultaneously falls to 80 francs, the lowest point of the war, on the Zurich bourse. The careful student of events will not fail to note the significant and growing weakness of German credit. The money men of the world do not conduct their operations on sentiment. They do not put too much trust in spectacular victories. They watch the general trend of the great struggle. And when the German mark and the Austrian kroner go down, as these have been doing steadily, the intelligent observer cannot fail to understand the handwriting on the wall.

The Amherst House, Amherstburg, for many years known as the old Brown House, one of the oldest commercial hotels in Western Ontario, after doing business continuously for forty years, has closed its doors to the public.

**FOR YOUNG FOLKS**

Sleepy Time Story That is Instructive and Entertaining.

**FISH THAT BUILDS A NEST.**

Remarkable Little Creature That Displays Great Ingenuity in Constructing a Home For its Children—Eats Neighbors' Babies—A Cornfield Lady.

Tonight, said Uncle Ben, I am going to tell you about

**FATHER STICKLEBACK.**

"What do you think of a fish that builds a nest?" asked Uncle Ben.

"A nest down in the water?" echoed little Ned and Polly Ann.

"Yes," replied Ben, "a nest that looks very much like the nests the birds build in the treetops."

"The fish is named the stickleback. The father fish builds the nest and takes care of the little ones."

"The fish do not live in the nest, but the wife lays the eggs from which the young fish hatch inside of it."

"The nest has two doors, and they open in such directions that the ocean current passes through them instead of beating against the frail walls of the nest and battering them down, as it might do in time."

"The gum with which the fish glues together the parts of the nest is spun out of its body, just as the spider spins out the silk for its web."

"Mrs. Stickleback is a great gadder. After she leaves the eggs in the nest she goes swimming off and never bothers about the little fishes."

"Father Stickleback, who has built the nest, watches over it till the little ones come out of the eggs. Then he guards them until they are old enough to take care of themselves."

"It must be a fine thing to see him swimming about with his little ones, focking about him. If any strange fish tries to bother them Father Stickleback flies at him in a fine rage, and it is apt to go hard with the one who makes the trouble, for sticklebacks are fine fighters. They have a row of sharp spines on their backs, and with these they can rip and tear their enemies severely."

"Although so kind to their own young ones, the sticklebacks are not so good to the young of other fishes. Indeed, it is said that it is their weakness for making a meal of their neighbors' babies that has made them so disliked by the other dwellers in the water."

"There is one family of sticklebacks that live in the ocean, and they make their nests of seaweeds gummed together with a sticky thread which the fish supplies."

"There are other sticklebacks that live in fresh water, and their nests are made of small sticks and twigs which they can gather together on the river bottom and are glued together by means of the sticky liquid which the fish provides."

"The openings in the nest are always turned the same way that the water runs, so that it may sweep through instead of against the sides of the nest."

In the Cornfield.

All summer long the little girl in the picture has been watching the corn grow. Now that it is taller than herself and about ripe she likes to hide away in the golden forest. Soon the harvesters will come and cut the yellow stalks and the field will be bare.



Photo by American Press Association.  
**THE HARVEST SPRITE.**  
 towering stalks and the field will be bare.

Probably she will regret to see her playground thus despoiled, but there will come another year, and again the corn will grow green and then yellow, and finally once more the harvesters will gather the grain.

**Busy Little Mothers.**  
 We're kept busy, goodness knows, Washing careless dollies' clothes!

We're kept busy when we're through Mending them as good as new.

And even then they will wear out, No matter how we twist about.

Indeed, we fear quite soon 'tis no Shopping we will have to go. —Philadelphia Record.

**A Modest Ambition.**  
 "Working hard these days, I see."  
 "Yep."  
 "Trying to climb the ladder of success, eh?"  
 "Just high enough to catch up with the cost of living."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**His Biggest Mistake.**  
 "What was the biggest mistake you ever made?"  
 "Thinking I was too foxy to make a big mistake."—Cleveland Leader.

**Not a Representative.**  
 Mrs. English—Is your husband a representative American?  
 Mrs. U. S. A.—No, indeed! He's a senator!—Life.

**Revive the Jaded Condition.**—When energy flags and the cares of business become irksome; when the whole system is out of sorts and there is general depression, try Paroelce's Vegetable Pills. They will regulate the action of a deranged stomach and a disordered liver, and make you feel like a new man. No one need suffer a day from debilitated digestion when so simple and effective a pill can be got at any drug store.

Peter McArthur says that for just one reason he would like a wartime election; he would like to have the soldiers' vote counted. He thinks the result might dispose of the claim that one party is more "loyal" than the other.

The 10 year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Thos. Steadman, of Wyoming, met with a painful accident at their home in Courtright last Thursday while playing with an old gun which was thought to have been in disuse for some time and empty but which proved to have been loaded, by some means was discharged, with the result that a part of three fingers was blown off the child's left hand and his face lacerated by the charge of powder as a result of which he may be disfigured.

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 PHONE 39

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 ... and a ...  
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