

The Planet

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THE TEMPERANCE PROBLEM.

The Woodstock Express, independent, says:

The Christian Guardian, the organ of the Methodist church, does not take much stock in the excuse given by Premier Ross for postponing the proposed temperance legislation. The excuse, according to the Guardian, is a "subterfuge, unworthy of the Government and insulting to the people." "It is not a little painful," the Guardian adds, "to have to come to the conclusion that the Government does not want to touch the question and is glad to avail itself of any plausible excuse to delay the inevitable but dreaded day when the matter will have to be brought before the Legislature for discussion and decision." It must be painful, of course, to have to come to such a conclusion we may be sure if there was any excuse for coming to some other conclusion the temperance people would avoid the painful course. It is difficult to muster up much sympathy for either the Government or the temperance people. If the Government has played fast and loose with the temperance people, it must be admitted that the temperance people are largely to blame. They invited and encouraged such conduct on the part of the Government. Josh Billings used to say that when a man was bitten twice by the same dog, the second time it was his own fault. How often have the temperance people been bitten? Pretty often; but not any oftener, it is to be feared, than they were willing to be bitten. And they will continue to be bitten, until they give some unmistakable evidence that they no longer enjoy the amusement.

THE REQUEST TO FORGET.

This is the way the Hamilton Herald, a Liberal independent paper, looks at it:

After a delay of some days the Toronto Globe has accepted the challenge of many of its esteemed contemporaries to say something about the query put by Mr. Stratton to Mr. Hammond, the Globe reporter, whether he could not forget some things when he gave evidence in the Gagey investigation. The Globe's explanation of the queer query is this: That Mr. Hammond's preliminary statement to counsel contained a lot of irrelevant matter, including conversations between the reporter and Mr. Stratton on the Niagara power question, "which at that very time was an issue between the Government and the Globe." Without asserting that it was this "irrelevant matter" which Mr. Stratton referred to when he suggested to Mr. Hammond the expediency of forgetting things, the Globe endeavors to create that impression, for it says that "the difference between the Globe and the Government as regards the Niagara power franchise does not need to be concealed, but it has no bearing on the Gagey investigation."

Until this carefully guarded essay at an explanation was offered, it was not suspected that there had been such a difference between the Globe and the Government on the power question as to make Mr. Stratton or any other member of the Government sensitive on the subject and desire to suppress all public reference to it. The Globe and the Government are to be congratulated upon their successful concealment of their difference. But even if there has been such a difference, even serious enough to cause friction, we don't think the Globe's explanation of Mr. Stratton's suggestion is the most reasonable one that can be offered.

Is there nothing else in Mr. Hammond's evidence which Mr. Stratton would rather have been left unsaid? It seems to us that his desire to have Mr. Hammond forget the talk about the Niagara power matter was likely to be very weak in comparison with his desire that the reporter should forget that he (Mr. Stratton) requested the reporter to alter the Gagey interview after Gagey had signed it.

A volume that would make interesting reading and meet with a ready sale would be "Cheerful Liars We Have Met," edited by Judges Boyd and Falconbridge.—Merlin Mirror.

The Presbyterian church at Centerville would do itself more credit if it invited George Washington Hammond, the Globe reporter who could not tell a lie, to lay the corner stone of its Sunday school, instead of the man who tried to induce him to "forget" the truth on oath.

LITERARY VALUES.

London Advertiser.

Mr. Carnegie says that Shakespeare is more to him than the Bible, and he probably ranks "Triumph of Democracy" above them both.

CARNEGIE'S CLAIM TO CULTURE.

Stratford Beacon.
Mr. Carnegie is a type of the American faddist. He says: "Shakespeare is more to me than the Bible. His birthplace is more sacred to me than the Holy Sepulchre." That is the kind of talk one hears across the lines from people who know no more about Shakespeare's works than they do of the Bible. They think chatter of that kind brands them as "cultured." Poor Carnegie! All his great wealth has not enabled him to put on more than a veneer of the culture he lays claim to.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

Ottawa Journal.

When Mr. Chamberlain takes the stand he does, it means that the strongest man, the most virile personality, in the ruling party in Britain, is coming around to a conviction that inter-imperial trade must be promoted by inter-imperial discrimination against outsiders, as the first desideratum in the cementing of British imperial unity. That Mr. Chamberlain, having studied the matter, has come out so boldly is characteristic enough of the man, yet one is justified from Mr. Chamberlain's political record in thinking that he would not do so unless his shrewd intelligence were sure either that considerable public opinion already exists in favor of the preferential idea, or can be easily made to favor it.

WHAT IS WORN.

Sashes Coming in Again—Voiles Most Popular Fabrics.

The belt is playing a very important part in the up to date gown. Sashes are again coming in in the form of long ends attached to a wide pointed waistband. The effect creates a peculiarly becoming to tall, slight figures. The mode of the moment is much more becoming than the severely plain skirt.



VISITING GOWN OF WOOL CRAPE.

Which showed up only too plainly every defect both of the wearer and the maker.

Voile or eolienne is a fabric which is very smart. The best voiles are those of a silky texture which fall very softly. There is not a great deal of difference between these and crepe de chine, but the former come a little cheaper.

Spots, from the smallest to the largest, are to be tremendously popular. Foulard is admirable in all spotted designs. There is something very chic, too, about a brightly spotted muslin.

The illustration shows a wool crape visiting gown.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Thousands of Nursing Mothers Sound the Praises of Malt Breakfast Food

Malt Breakfast Food has brought more health and comfort to the homes of Canada than any other food preparation. Mothers find it an invaluable food during the period of nursing, as it provides the most ample nutrition for keeping up health and strength; it promotes to a marvellous degree the secretion of milk. Malt Breakfast Food is recommended every day by physicians to nursing mothers, because of its many advantages as a concentrated nourishment. No other food is so easily and so rapidly digested and assimilated, and no other contributes so much to general health building. If the mother's stomach is weak and capricious, let her try Malt Breakfast Food for a week; it will soon establish perfect digestion, healthful circulation and a well regulated nervous system. Ask your Grocer for Malt Breakfast Food.

The person who has tact in abundance and a certain sort of tongue can work his way to fortune with little effort.

Men are prone to speak of ambition, as though it meant only the possession of money.

Chance for the Cyclists

Philosopher Suggests Provisions of a New By-Law Recognizing Sidewalk Riding Under Certain Conditions and Restrictions.

In view of the recent action of the police in cancelling the \$2 excursion rate to sidewalk cyclists and the apparent inclination of bicycle riders to use the sidewalks, The Planet man took a trip around town recently and, after studying the matter, offers the following suggestions to the Council should they frame a by-law permitting wheeling on the city walks. Under the conditions hereto suggested, wheeling on the sidewalk ought to be comparatively safe.

Cyclists must halt at every electric light, dismount and whistle "I'm coming."

A dog crossing the sidewalk in front of the wheel indicates "stop." Bicyclists must stop within half a mile of all hotels or preferably at the hotel.

Persons can be arrested whenever the local authorities are hard up.

When about to cross a railroad track less than 20 feet wide every bicyclist must stop and wait for the next freight to pass.

Speed is restricted to one-half mile an hour on granolithic and one-quarter mile on board walks.

Approaching a sidewalk dog, head on, all cyclists must halt, salute with three blasts or sounds of the bell. If tail on, six.

Persons stepping off the walk without a license to let cyclists past, will be prosecuted.

It is positively forbidden young ladies to speed on the walk faster

than three miles an hour unless they be considered fast.

Squaky wheels are not allowed on the sidewalks.

Perambulators have the right of way when the father is in charge. Push carts must wait at street intersections till cyclists give them permission to proceed.

Wheel-burrows may pass a cyclist if the cyclist sees them first.

When a woman, with her Sunday clothes and spring millinery on, holds up her parasol, all cyclists must reverse and run back two miles to avoid damages to wearing apparel.

Speed of 20 miles an hour is permitted only in Windsor, where the streets are empty.

Riding on the boulevard is not permitted; tacks may be distributed by the owners of the property fronting the boulevard.

Riders must dismount and walk past the residence of the Chief of Police.

The city will not be responsible for accidents resulting from holes in the sidewalk.

The police and Jim-McGregor must wear red uniforms so they can be more readily sighted.

For violating any ordinances or any provisions of this law, the penalties are as follows:

A fine not exceeding \$300.025 for the first offence.

For the second, imprisonment for life and 80 days after.

The third, boiling in oil.

Joe is too Busy to Talk

Novel Predicament in Which the Garrulous Young Shiner Finds Himself as a Result of His Military Aspirations.

"I ain't got nuthin' ter say ter yer this week. I se altogether too busy."

Joe was still decorated in his Minto day regalia and, as he delivered his ultimatum, he swung his hand to his cap in a mimic military salute and would have moved on.

"Why, what's the trouble, Joe?"

"There ain't no trouble. I se too busy, that's all. I ain't got nuthin' ter say, anyhow; and when I ain't got nuthin' ter say, I most always say it—by keepin' still. I don't let people know that I ain't got nuthin' to say by gettin' up in the Opera House an' tellin' 'em all about what done it. Yer has ter be edgered and wear shrunberries tied on ter yer coat ter get away wid that. When I se all in, I passes up the speakin' parts and is quite content ter hustle scenery and slaver in ther wings. There ain't much chance o' breakdowns in there."

"What makes you so busy, Joe?"

"Why, the military!" was the shiner's amazed response.

"The military? What in the world have you got to do with the military?" Joe was asked.

"Why, I se figgerin' to go ter St. Thomas. Course I ain't in the big regiment, but that's only 'cause I ain't tall enough. I knows the drill keen and I can shine shoes. That's me biz and I se goin' to try and ring in on some of these nobby officers. They'll all come, these swell

guys, when they gets on that they'll collar their shiners for nuthin'! They won't have even the bother o' standin' me off."

"I se been practicin' hard. This ere Sargent Bethune which is coachin' ther fellers is keen and when he ain't lookin' I gets around him and imitates his stride. How's that, now?"

And Joe strode majestically up and down.

"Not bad, eh? I se got ther life skinned out ther greenhorns what calls 'emselves D Company. Gee! They's a bright lot—I don't think I was over watchin' 'em Tuesday night. I seen Os. Lewis over there a-larfin' fit ter kill (Lewis belongs to B Company, I think) and right besides him, gum and orful solemn-choo, sits the Crown Attorney Smith, his large sad eyes a-glistenin' and endeavoring to moisten his lips with a dry parched tongue. (Smith belongs to those D freaks—or, rather, I guess Lewis thought they belong ter him). After seeing those fellers work I thinks I can qualify, leastways I'm goin' to try and make it so's I can tell youse fellers all erbout St. Thomas."

Joe saluted again. "I se got ter make good by practicin'," he said, "so I have to go erlong now. There ain't nuthin' to it this week. I want ter show up a few o' these fellers when they gets on ther salutin' base."

A flare of color—and Joe was gone.

Glad Gleams of Soft Sunshine

Being an Interesting Department of The Saturday Planet Conducted by the Chatham Branch of the International Sunshine Society.

Motto—Pass It On.

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for you alone,

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in some of these nobby officers,

Pass it on.

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The Golden Sunshine Circle held its annual business meeting in the parlors of the Hotel Garner on Monday, May 17, 1923, at four o'clock, when the election of officers for the coming year took place.

Mrs. R. V. Bray was unanimously elected as president for another year, as was also Mrs. George Heyward as vice-president.

The other officers appointed were as follows:—

Secretary—Miss Cora Merritt.

Treasurer—Miss Pearl White.

Advisory Board—Misses Olive Richards, Flora McGeorge, Evelyn McLean and Verna Heyward.

The meetings are discontinued during the summer months, but committees were appointed to visit the hospitals and carry flowers and sunshine the same as usual.

CORA MERRITT, Secretary.

Following is the Secretary's Annual Report for 1922:—

On Oct. 27th, 1922, Mrs. R. V. Bray was appointed as the new president of the Chatham Sunshine Circle, by Mrs. Thos. Richardson, "Hon. Pres." for Kent County.

The old officers remained the same as in the past year. Meetings were held every two weeks, different members reporting those in need, who were then looked after by the Circle.

Christmas time sixteen families were supplied with food and clothing and fuel sent where needed. November 15th, a cooking sale was held, the proceeds amounting to \$19.23.

In January, donations were received and fees paid, and shoes donated to two old ladies.

On January 19th, a meeting at Mrs. Quinn's was made a social evening after business had been attended to.

April 9th, a paper sale was held, consisting of paper articles, the proceeds amounting to \$19.28.

The society will soon be known as the Golden Sunshine Circle, the name decided on by the members.

BELLE BAXTER, Secretary.

Following is the Treasurer's Annual Report for 1922:—

Cash Received.

From cooking sale \$19.20

From quilt blocks 28.84

Donations 7.75

From paper sale 19.23

From fees 4.00

Total \$80.27

Cash Paid Out.

Groceries \$19.90

Shoes 2.25

Meat 1.47

Fuel 11.88

Help50

Dry Goods 18.81

"SALADA"

Uncolored GREEN tea of Ceylon is being exploited by us on account of its vast superiority over Japans, and we know tea. Sold only in sealed lead packets. 25c. and 40c. per lb. By all grocers.

Planet Printing	.90
Banner Printing	.75
Flowers	2.38
Stationery	1.30
Paper Sale	5.04
International Day	3.00
Babies' Ice Fund	1.00
Total	\$38.68

Cash on hand \$11.59
LILLIAN RICHARDSON,
Treasurer.

Mrs. M. J. Dion.

"I have had Rheumatism for thirty years. My joints were swollen three or four times their natural size. Usually in the winter, in spite of the doctor's care, I have suffered terrible pain, and the physician sometimes thought I was going to die. I took two vials of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure and I have no more pain."—Mrs. M. J. Dion, 40 Cumberland street, Ottawa.

Your druggist will recommend Munyon's Rheumatism Cure; ask him about it. Only 25c a vial.

Litigants' Requisites.

An old English solicitor used to say a man's requirements for going to law were ten in number, and he summed them up as follows: First, plenty of money; secondly, plenty of patience; thirdly, a good case; fourthly, a good solicitor; fifthly, plenty of money; sixthly, a good counsel; seventhly, a good witness; eighthly, a good jury; ninthly, a good judge; tenthly, plenty of money.

It is well to keep your own counsel provided you do not keep it too long.

EX-CHATHAMITE

Hot weather does not appear to have had any terrors for the friends of Marie Dressler, for they were out in force to welcome her when she made her appearance at the Circle Monday, and they were there yesterday, too.

Miss Dressler plays this week and then seeks the Canadian wilds, where she will rest up during the summer. She has not been really strong since her illness last fall, and while there is little apparent difference in her public work she is not strong enough to stand the strain of a long performance.

The list of songs she offers this week contains no new numbers. She opens with the tale of the mosquito from Jersey, tells of the knight and the glove, signs of the prima donna, and then, in response to insistent demands, announces that she is "looking for a angel." These are all old, but for a angel.

Miss Dressler has been seen in town only once since she left "King Highway," and they seemed fresh to most of her audience.

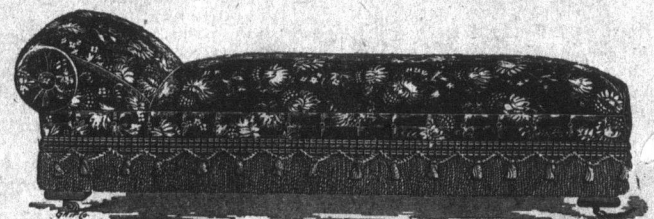
She is one of the very few women who have the ability to make friends with an entire audience at the same time, and, unlike some others who possess this trick, the accomplishment is wholly natural. It is not the assumption of a gracefulness she does not feel, but the outworking of a friendly spirit, reaching across the footlights, and even when her songs less acceptable she still would please. As it stands, she has three good songs and a recitation for herself, and she could have sung a couple more Monday evening had she been so disposed, and had her strength held out. She has a new trick now in poking fun at the wig, which is one of the resultant evils of her attack of typhoid fever. She manages to make a straight wig quite a comedy adjunct.

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