

Unique "Angels."
Theatrical history is full of tales of "Angels." But surely no would-be star ever had a prettier story to tell than that of Mrs. M. A. Trestrail, first known to theatregoers as May Anderson. After playing with several road companies Mrs. Trestrail decided to make her home in Toronto with her two boys, and became director of dramatic art at the Canadian Academy of Music. When one of her young sons went to France, mother returned to the stage once more and played the dark mammy of Henry Miller's "Come Out of the Kitchen."

But now comes the pretty part of the story.
Her two boys have bought mother one of last year's New York successes, and she will be the first woman producing manager in Canada. New York theatrical magnates are paying tributes to the ability of various feminine stage managers whom they are now giving a chance. But thanks to the devotion of May Anderson's sons, their mother is going even one further than New York's latest fad.

Mrs. Trestrail is to play the Trans-Canada route from Halifax to Vancouver. It is interesting to note her play is also the work of a Canadian, Harvey O'Higgins, and his collaborator, Harriet Ford. It is the George Tyler comedy hit of last season, "On the Hiring Line," and is a satirical farce on the domestic servant problem. May Irwin starred in it.

No Rivals.

It was a geography lesson, and the teacher had been asking what some of the different counties in England were noted for. Looking at one of the little girls, she asked: "Tell me, Florence, what Rutlandshire is celebrated for?" For a moment the child was silent, then an inspiration apparently came to her. "Rutlandshire," replied the child, "is celebrated for being the only country in the kingdom that is the smallest."

All Complete.

Lady, at railway station, to porter: "Now, porter, are you sure I have all my luggage in the train?"
Porter: "Yes, ma'am—not even a—"

Lady: "Nothing left behind?"
Porter: "Nothing, ma'am—not even a copper."

Bill's Pension.

"Well, Bill, what are you going to do when you gets demobilized?"
"Live on me pension, of course."
"You don't think yer goin' to get a pension from the army, do yer?"
"No, not army—old-age pension, I mean."

A Speedy Typist.

What is claimed to be the world's record for long endurance in speed typing was achieved by Arthur Hanrahan, Toronto, at the enquiry into military accounts held recently in St. Catharines. At this enquiry Hanrahan wrote to the dictation of Thomas Bengough, Toronto's veteran court reporter, at a speed of over seventy words a minute for six hours, completing in that time ninety-four foolscap pages containing 300 words each. Deducting time lost in adjusting the paper, inserting and removing it from the machine, the net speed figures out at about 100 words a minute.

Some idea of Hanrahan's speed may be gleaned from the fact that it is considered a good day's work for a fast typist to write sixty sheets of foolscap, allowing eight hours to the day, whereas in six hours Hanrahan completed ninety-four pages.

Hanrahan, who is not yet twenty-two years old, is the holder of seven medals for fast typing. In 1916 he won the Canadian championship for speed, when he averaged 105 words a minute for a period of half an hour and this record has not yet been wrested from him; he is also the Canadian champion in accuracy. Writing for a period of half an hour he recently established another record of 126 words a minute, and on occasions hit up 260 words in two minutes.

An Insult to Canada.

A protest against the new regulation which does not permit the person registering births to use the word "Canadian" in the nationality column, was made by the York Pioneers at their annual meeting in Toronto, and after this new order was branded as an "insult to the Canadian race," a resolution was passed, to be forwarded to the Dominion Government, calling the attention of the officials to the pioneers' protest. The matter was brought up by Mrs. E. A. Kattel, president of the Daughters of Canada, who felt it was not much encouragement to the Canadian spirit of citizenship to prevent children born in Canada being registered as Canadians, after their parents had been naturalized and had shown every inclination to become Canadian citizens.

Lived on a "Pharm."

"I want some intelligent men as hospital orderlies," announced Lieut. Worley. "Any pharmacists in the company?" A flaxen-haired individual shuffled forward. "Ye gods," said the lieutenant, "are you a pharmacist?" "Shure ay bane pharmacist," was the indignant reply. "Vy ay bane work on pharm all mae life."

SENSATIONAL SPEECHES.

Sir Auckland Geddes Reads Industrialism a Lecture.

The Canadian Bar Association owes its origin and rapid growth chiefly to the fostering care of Sir James Alkins, who, being impressed with the utility of the American Bar Association, has devoted his energies to creating a parallel organization in Canada. At the recent meeting held in Ottawa, two very sensational addresses were delivered which will have echoes up and down the land for some time to come.

Mr. W. E. Roney, the Attorney-General of Ontario, in moving a vote of thanks to Lord Cave seized the opportunity to condemn the main reasons urging this change: firstly, it is quite inconsistent with our new claims to full national status that Canadian courts should not be good enough to interpret laws made by Canadian legislatures; and, secondly, the heavy expense of Privy Council appeals imposes an unfair burden upon poorer litigants and often forces inequitable settlements. Mr. Roney's brilliant venture was backed up by Mr. W. D. Gregory and received support from an unexpected quarter in Mr. R. B. Bennett. Naturally the Attorney-General brought down upon his head the stern disapproval of most of the delegates, though he probably reflects the opinion of a large majority of the general public. Sir James Alkins and other leading legal lights were obviously pained, but wisely held their peace and it was left to Mr. Hartley Dewar to make common cause with an unbending Tory, Mr. White of Pembroke, in expressing angry horror at what they considered the disloyal and improper proposals of the Attorney-General.

But if Mr. Roney paled its ineffectuality, his crime paled its ineffectuality, beside the misdeeds of Sir Auckland Geddes. In Britain Sir Auckland is classified as a Tory and an Ambassador is supposed to have no political or economic opinions. But to the astonished association he delivered a speech which had a flavor of earnest radicalism, and while it gained him many fresh admirers, lost him some old ones. Consider the irony of the situation. Here has the Labor Department been spending funds on pamphlets seeking to prove that the country is honeycombed with Bolshevik agitation. And now along comes Sir Auckland and tells his audience in categorical terms that denunciation of agitators is about as profitable a pastime as swatting mosquitoes, and that just as malaria cannot be got rid of until the swampy pools in which the mosquitoes breed are drained, so industrial unrest will continue till industry is humanized and intelligent and drastic readjustments of the existing system come to pass. He also brushed aside the theory that democratic unrest is merely a temporary aftermath of the war and will soon subside. Sir Auckland knows better and gave a moving account of his discoveries as Director of Recruiting in Britain, which apparently made him a reformer. Without undue emotion he narrated how he found on every side terrible evidence of the evil effects of unbridled industrialism, the physical ill-being of millions, the ghastly overcrowding, the destruction of home life and the reduction to mental stupor produced for multitudes by the dull task of minding soulless machines. His measured indictment of industrialism will not secure him an early invitation to address the C. M. A. in session. But his speech made a deep impression upon his audience. He spoke with a Calvinistic force and sincerity and obviously has not only thought deeply and clearly upon all current problems but he also claimed for himself complete freedom of utterance when the opportunity to strike a shrewd blow for sane progress offers.

Carrier Pigeons in 1099.

According to the poet Tasso, carrier pigeons were employed for the transmission of messages during the siege of Jerusalem in the year 1099.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the electors of the municipality for my re-election as Reeve of Waterdown for the coming year, and ask the support of all citizens in making this year a most prosperous one for our village. Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

RICHARD SMITH.

Card of Thanks

H. A. Drummond wishes to thank his many friends for the loyal support given him during the election in Waterdown.

Card of Thanks

I take this opportunity of thanking the electors of Waterdown for my re-election as Councillor, and will endeavor to merit the honor to the best of my ability. Wishing everyone a most prosperous year.

D. S. ATKINS.

Card of Thanks

With the greatest appreciation I desire to thank the electors for the honor of my re-election as Councillor for 1921. All municipal affairs will receive my most careful consideration. With the season's compliments and best wishes to one and all.

F. W. CROOKER.

A Card of Thanks

Is extended to all the electors of village and vicinity for the honor you have conferred on me by electing me as one of your representatives to the council for the year 1921. And I might say now that any communications in regards municipal affairs will receive my careful consideration.

A. DALE.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the electors of Waterdown for my election to the council for 1921. May the coming year be a happy and prosperous one to all.

GEO. F. DOUGHERTY.

Hospital for Sick Children
COLLEGE ST., TORONTO.

Great Provincial Charity Makes Christmas Appeal to Friends of Childhood.

Dear Mr. Editor:
The most vital fact in public health service throughout the province is, as you know, the tremendous strides made in child welfare work. Modern science is harking back to the ancient proverb that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It has been the privilege of the Hospital for Sick Children—the greatest institution of its kind upon the continent—to find that ounce of prevention.

In bygone days dependence was put more largely in medicines. Nowadays there is a closer partnership between the pediatrician and Dame Nature. Since the erection of our Baby's Ward and the establishment of well-babied clinics, the infant mortality in Toronto alone has been reduced from 155 to 82 per thousand. Further statistics which might be given would merely corroborate the actual life-saving value of the Hospital's work. And it is unnecessary to explain to you that the information as to the researches which make such a record possible is at once communicated to the Health Officers and practicing physicians throughout Ontario.

Consequently the Hospital has surely a claim upon the Christmas-time generosity of every friend of little children. An institution which is securing the newborn child twice the chance, not merely of good health, but of life itself, is entitled to the abundant support of the public.

During the past financial year, revenue from all sources fell one hundred dollars a day behind necessary expenditures.

It has always been the ambition of the Hospital for Sick Children to gain not only the support, but the sympathy of the people of Ontario, and so today, with a debt exceeding \$150,000, it appeals to your readers to help along with some gift, whether it be great or small. A contribution of \$2,000 from an individual, or a society gives the privilege of naming a cot for all time; a donation of 25 cents will run the whole Hospital for half a minute. Between these two amounts there is surely some sum which can be sent by everybody to the secretary-treasurer at 69 College Street, Toronto, as a token of interest in a charity whose field is as large as this province. The Hospital for Sick Children is one of the largest and most highly regarded in the world. It is an institution in which the people of Ontario may take legitimate pride, for it is through their generosity that success has been possible.

Two hundred and fifty children, pale of cheek or with twisted limbs, will be the immediate beneficiaries of the Yuletide remembrances of your readers. Thousands more throughout the coming year will benefit by their kindness.

IRVING E. ROBERTSON,
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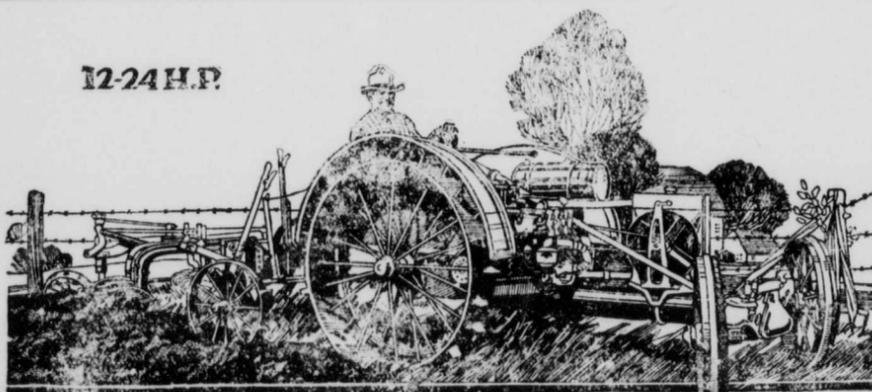
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