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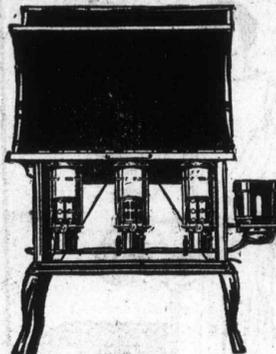
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Necessity the Mother of Invention



indicative of the presence of the sinister form or forms which originally called into existence that particular invention.

The secret of making ends meet, is, not infrequently, the difference between Success and Failure. Adaptability to hard Circumstances in order to study them with a view to overcoming them, is a mere stepping-stone to the foot of the born Inventor. And, however we look at them, Inventors are "born" as well as "made".

An Inventor has the ability to step off into Space as it were, to "take the plunge" to quote the man in the street, which more timid, or more sophisticated folk, lack.

Most Inventions come out of two desires. A desire to save labor, and a desire for better service. But an even more fundamental stage lies back of these. The period in some man's life, of Rock-bottom Necessity. And so there has come down to us from the Ancients, who were fond of putting Truths into adages the pithy statement that "Necessity is the Mother of Invention."

The Age of Necessity, is therefore the Age richest in Inventions. The Inventions of a fundamental order, those that saved mankind from extinction, rather than those that spared his strength.

Regarded from this viewpoint what people more rich in Invention than the Indian? What people more capable of "making ends meet"? What people closer in spirit to the Secrets of Nature? What people so able to see possibilities, "a way out" where no way apparently exists, as these simple people of the woods, lakes, rivers, plains and mountains?

From these Fundamentalists, the Pioneer had at once most to fear and most to learn. It was this antithesis which sharpened desire to take up the land and hold it against the veritably embodied Spirit of Circumvention. And it was when the early Pioneers began to appreciate the cleverness of the Indian and the Indian began to appreciate the qualities of life as introduced by the new people, that one began to learn of the other and to prosper by exchange of experiences and by exchange of the inventions for which each stood.

The Indian and the pioneer have this in common. Both were always face to face with Necessity. Danger was clear-cut... everywhere. No getting away from it. And to some extent it is interesting to be able to decipher in most of the primitive inventions of the Indians, whether their habitat was the shores about the Great Lakes, the Prairies from the Lakes of the Woods to the foothills of the Rockies, or the Rockies themselves or the littoral of the Pacific, a certain something, like an Atmospheric, a Curious Fragrance, suggestive of Danger... a bizarre note...

I well recall the impressions experienced the first time I saw our Indian guide of the French River, drink from his paddle. We had gone up the Murdoch and portaged to Crooked Lake. (A lake that only last year was opened up by the Canadian Pacific Bungalow Camp—above). No sooner had we got into the canoe and gone a few lengths than the guide ceased stroking and careened the paddle blade so that the clean, cool water dripped as from a clear fountain into his thirsty mouth and throat. No weight had changed, the canoe still ranged ahead from the last stroke, the guide did not change his posture, there was no sound, his eye still commanded the scene. The action was so swift and silent that without bidding my own eye ranged off to the wooded bank, searching for the imaginary foe whose moccasined feet and wary intuition may have traced the invasion by the summer camper of this hitherto undeveloped haunt of trout.

Thus swiftly did this simple act recall the time when it was first practiced. That time in the history of Canada when the Red man's foes were so numerous, when the urge of hunting so keen that even when he took a drink of water he must never lose that vigilance which kept him always on guard.

In itself a mere straw, it holds a psychological subtlety that in detail shows us to what necessity and to what fineness or inventiveness those who live right down to the elemental were driven by the combative elemental forces with which they warred for existence.

We admire these things in ancient and distant peoples, but we are given to overlook them and set little value by them when they occur at our very doors as it were.

Canada is particularly rich in "inventions" of this nature. They are not here things of the Past but of the living Present. I saw the Indian drink from the paddle only last summer. You may see him this.

Adaptation or resourcefulness in so simple acts are among these primitive, progressive after a fashion. The next time our guide took a drink of the cool lake water, he broke the deep flower of a pitcher plant from a clump that grew by the bank and made a drinking-cup of it. Not limited to one cup you see. And in the transition from the ear we can feel there was a transition in poetic fancy. It was a drink of relaxation... a sip of nectar from the flower's heart. And had he been of the Far East we should have said "See the artistic development of this Jay" but being of the West and of the Wilds, it was wholly unlooked for and evoked more of surprise than anything else. It called out on elemental feelings of lurking danger or watchful foes, but the pleasing cognizance that Art is Universal and that some of the primitive inventions follow the sweeter paths of fancy, rather than the ever-present Danger spelled of the "ear-blade" cup.—By Victoria Hayward.

ARKONA

Mr. and Mrs. Ames of Brantford motored to Arkona last week, bringing with them the latter's mother Mrs. Russell, who has been in Brantford several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting their daughter (Mrs. E. B. Dickison).

A nice new range of Dress Linens and Summer Broadcloths Fuller Bros Mrs. Chas. Barnes returned to Toronto after two weeks' visit. Her sister Mrs. Sitlington accompanied her, to spend some time in Toronto and Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Brien of Staffa spent the week end with Rev. and Mrs. Roulston. Mr. Roulston was pastor in Staffa before coming to Arkona.

The Arkona Orchestra is becoming quite popular and very much in demand. They were the entertainers at a Garden Party given in Brooke Township on Mr. R. J. Lucas' lawn last Friday evening. Dr. Woods also assisted in the programme.

Coming—Tuesday evening, June 24th, a cyclone of comedy, a whirlwind of wit, humor and mirthful entertainment, new and clean, by Alice Dunbar and her company of Star artists, under the auspices of the Kerwood Methodist Church, on the lawn of Mr. Eldon Langford, Kerwood. Don't miss it. It's a real treat. Admission only 35c and 25c.

ARKONA GARDEN PARTY FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

Come to Arkona Lawn Social on the Presbyterian Church grounds next Friday, June 27th. Refreshments. Splendid musical program. Arkona Band. Splendid time. Admission 35c and 15c

NAPIER

Mr and Mrs. Melv Enright, Miss Enid Elwood of Strathroy, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Johnson and children of London spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Basil Smith.

Mr. Albert Taylor spent a few days in Sarnia this week. The missionary circle which was to have been held on Wednesday was postponed through illness.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute for this district is to be held in Wardsville on Saturday, June 21st. Each branch is contributing something for the programme and a pleasant day is anticipated.

KERWOOD

Miss Rowe of Point Edward spent the week end with her friend Miss Merle Freer.

A splendid meeting was held by the W. A. of St. Paul's Church at the home of Mrs. Grovenor. The ladies were busy working on quilts for the lepers. Mrs. Deihl gave a splendid report of the W. A. convention held in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Manicom and son Billie also Misses Vera and Mable, Manicom of Sarnia made a flying visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Manicom.

Mrs. Miriam Kimball, Mr. Wm. Kimball and Mrs. Joe Armstrong of Inwood called on relatives recently. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Denning, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Denning, Miss Dodd and Miss Eileen Denning, attended the Dodd reunion at Springbank on Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. DeGex and Mrs. Geo. Freer are delegates to the deanery meeting at Wardsville this week.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and son Russell motored and visited friends in Sarnia over the week end.

Mrs. C. Murray of Chicago was home over Sunday. Men are busy working at the cement work for the foundation of the new town hall which is being erected by the young people of St. Paul's Church and which they intend renting out for amusements, etc. This is something that the village has needed badly.

Mrs. Nelson Fisher and little son Fred spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson. Dr. Laverne Denning has returned from a trip to Sarnia and Windsor.

The Ladies Aid and trustee board of the Methodist church are holding a Garden Party on Mr. Eldon Langford's lawn on Tuesday evening, June 24th. A splendid programme of London talent has been arranged and booths on the grounds where you may find all the delicacies of the season. Grounds will be lighted by Delco.

Mr. W. P. Carroll has purchased a new Ford car. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hawkin of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bush.

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Kerwood Mission Circle Garden Party. Remember the date August 8.

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Mrs. R. Waltham who is a delegate from Irene Rebekah Lodge No. 226, is in Guelph attending the Rebekah convention. She was accompanied by Mrs. Alf Burrows who is a scholar.

INWOOD

Aldan Munroe of Detroit was home for the week end.

Albert Atkin and wife were in London for a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oke and daughter Betty of Detroit are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Atkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne McKay accompanied by her brother, Bert Barber of Detroit left for Durham Sunday morning called there on account of the death of their cousin Annie Hay who was killed in an auto accident.

Dr. Bannister and wife were in Forest yesterday.

Mrs. Jennie P. Warner has returned from a pleasant visit at her old home at Albion N. Y.

Thos. Armstrong was home over Sunday.

Will McClurg was home over the week end. Robert McEachern and wife spent Sunday at Wm. Munroe's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sheppard of Lapeer Mich. were here over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chapman.

The annual quilting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian church was held in the church parlors on Friday afternoon. Tea was served and all report a pleasant afternoon, six quilts were completed.

Wm. Wade and wife of Toledo Ohio were in town for the week end. They left for home accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wade of town who will spend a few weeks at Toledo.

Mr. R. J. Richardson and son Barton were at Kerwood and Strathroy on Friday.

Mrs. Gertrude S. Courtright it at St. Thomas for a few days attending the Alma College reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson and Mrs. S. S. Courtright were in Sarnia on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. Arthur Bishop of Sarnia were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishops on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brown and daughter Pearl were at Petrolia on Sunday.

Howard Kimmerly, accompanied by Mrs. Riley and Miss Marvel Bishop were at the lake on Sunday.

The Women's Institute will meet in the Presbyterian parlors next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lapine and Mr. French spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lerriman.

Mrs. Lyons of Toronto is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. P. R. Urie.

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