



Joker's Corner

"John did you take the note to Mr. Jones?"
 "Yes, but I don't think he can read it."
 "Why so, John?"
 "Because he is blind, sir. While I was in the room he asked me twice where my hat was, and it was on my head all the time."

"Did his actions have an air of verisimilitude?" the lawyer asked the witness.
 "What was that, sir?"
 "I say did the conductor wear an air of verisimilitude?"
 "Oh," replied the witness. "Sure! he was verisimilitudin' all round the place."

"Your friend across the way seems to be selling things rather cheaply, John," remarked a hardware merchant to a grocer.

"Yes, indeed," replied John, who was partly Scotch, "you see he has the advantage of me in one respect—I have to pay for my goods."

Presbyterian Elder—"Nae, my mon; there'll be nae gin they new-fangled methods in heaven."
 Listener—"I don't know how you can be sure."
 Elder—"Sure? Why mon, gin they tried it, the whole Presbyterian kirk wad rise up an' gang out in a body."

"Our whole neighborhood has been stirred up," said the regular reader.
 The editor of the country weekly seized his pen. "Tell me about it," he said. What we want is news. What stirred it up?"
 "Ploughing," said the farmer.

"You talked constantly through the opera," said one young woman.
 "Yes," replied the other, "I disliked to do it, but it was the only way to keep father from going to sleep in full view of the audience."

"What're ye comin' home with your milk pail empty for?" demanded the farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?"
 "Yes," replied his boy, nine quarts and one kick."

Teacher—"Bessie, name one bird that is now extinct."
 Little Bessie—"Dick."
 Teacher—"What sort of bird is that."
 Little Bessie—"Our canary. The cat extincted him."

Sh—"My husband has given up smoking altogether."
 He—"Indeed! That requires a pretty strong will."
 Sh—"Yes, my will is pretty strong."

Lulu was watching her mother working among the flowers. "Mamma, I know why flowers grow," she said; "they want to get out of the dirt."

"When Dustin Stax went into Wall Street he didn't have a dollar he could call his own."
 "Yes, but in those days he was more particular about whose dollar he called his own."

"Shall I have your lunch brought up to you on deck, dear?" asked the husband of the seasick wife.
 "No, love; have it thrown overboard—it will save time and trouble."

Curate (to lady who has taken refuge in ditch)—"Didn't I assure you that a cow is dangerous only when it has lost a calf."
 She—"That's why I was frightened. I couldn't see a calf anywhere."

GOOD AT ARITHMETIC

"For goodness sake, John, how long did you boil these eggs?"
 "Just as long as you told me to, impossible! They're hard as bricks."
 "I boiled them just twelve minutes, dear."
 "Twelve! Why I told you that three minutes was long enough for an egg!"
 "Yes, dear, but I boiled four of them."

THE NEED FOR

PURE LITERATURE.

The Ruinous Influence of the Day Exerted by Obscene Pictures and Books.

Toronto, May 26.—"That there is need of every effort being put forth for the circulation of wholesome literature, is very evident from recent revelations. One of the most gigantic and ruinous influences of our day is the immoral literature, including booklets and picture cards, with which our country has been flooded in recent years," said the report of the directors of the Upper Canada Tract Society, presented this evening at the annual meeting.

"It would be difficult to use language too strong in denouncing this vile traffic, and one can scarcely estimate the extent to which it has spread, even though tens of thousands of copies have been confiscated by the authorities recently and destroyed. The police of our city in one raid found express orders for fifty thousand copies of one set of ten obscene picture cards which had already been delivered to towns and cities east, west and north of Toronto; could not be recalled and are still in circulation, working ruin and devastation. Another lot of two hundred thousand was secured in a private house on a side street, and in a neighboring city recently nearly three hundred thousand cards were destroyed by the authorities. Great quantities of books and booklets are still in circulation. There is only one way to counteract this evil, and that is to see that attractive books of an elevating, helpful character are on the market at prices which will put them within reach of everyone, and are brought to the notice of the people. This the Tract Society is seeking to do through the depository and through the colporteurs."

It is worse than useless to take any medicines internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Too many men and some women, lack moderation in their expressions of opinion. Why not concede occasionally that the other fellow may know just a little something, and that it is remotely possible he may, after all, occasionally be right.

Reading's Mayor Protects Children

Burlesque House Closed by Order of the City Authorities.

Reading, Pa., May 26.—Mayor William Rick today notified C. G. Keeney, manager of the Grand Opera house, one of the leading theatres here, that the place will have to be closed because of the character of shows conducted there the past week. The house recently changed from burlesque to burlesque. It developed today that the license granted the theatre had expired two months ago, and a new one had not been taken out. A new license will not be issued to the present management. Had the old license been in force, Mayor Rick declared today that he would have revoked it. In explaining his action Mayor Rick said:

"I have protested against the exhibitions given at the Opera house for the safety of the boys and girls of this city. Improper shows have a decidedly bad tendency, and the results are constantly being seen in the juvenile courts and police records. Such shows at the same time are usually made attractive to the young indiscreet element, and the houses are generally packed to the doors. The managers of such playhouses are the responsible parties, and if the withdrawal of licenses proves ineffective, criminal indictments through the district attorney will surely cure the evil.

"This procedure will be a sufficient notice to all amusement houses generally that the children of our homes who get into these places innocently will be protected so long as I am at the head of the city government."

THE HONEST GROCER.

(A prose poem by Walt Mason.)
 I visited the grocer's store and met the owner at the door, and said: "Say Mr. Wheeze, I wish you'd tell me, straight and true, without evasion, whether you have got some first class cheese?" With great distress the grocer shrunk, and cried: "The cheese we have is punk, it fairly makes me cry; it's bilious in its tint, and coarse; I wouldn't feed it to a horse; go some where else and buy. Of course," the grocer said, "I must confess I'd like to get your dust, and hold your trade, forsooth, but when you ask me if my cheese is first-rate goods and bound to please, I have to tell the truth." I clasped that grocer to my breast, and nearly squashed him on my vest, and wiped away his tears. "You'll have my trade," I gaily cried, "and that of all my friends beside for forty thousand years." And then I went into his store and bought a ton of flour or more, and mackerel in kegs, and canned tobacco beans and peas, and axle grease and whiffle trees, and cod fish, prunes and eggs. It took the largest village dray to haul my purchases away, and every time I pass I drop into that grocer's store and clap him to my breast some more, and buy some grocer sass.

Cinnamon toast is a delicious semi-sweet tidbit for afternoon tea, that can be most easily made and is quite new. For this the bread is sliced very thin, all the crust is cut off, the pieces are cut in two diagonally and toasted a rich brown. They are then brushed with melted butter, dusted with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar, and put in the oven till both butter and the flavoring soak in. Then they are piled on a hot plate and served with the tea. Some hostesses have the tea brought in a few minutes ahead of the hot toast or cakes, as it takes several moments to pour tea even for three or four, so only thin thin bread and butter sandwiches are on the tea wagon in case the visitors may be in a hurry.

At this time of the year new cushions will be needed for the porch chairs or for the hammock. They should, of course, be made of washable material, as they soon get dirty. If merely finished with a plain seam edge, the covers can be much more easily removed than if the material is in itself pretty the omission will not be noticed.

AN UNFILIAL SON

A man who lately spent a summer on a farm not far from New York met the owner of the adjoining farm, a shrewd, successful hard man. Asked how he was prospering, the farmer replied:

"Well, I'm doing better now. Ain't under so much expense. You see, my old father cost a heap to take care of, and I've just had him committed to the poorhouse; so the county will look out for him."

There are many such dutiful sons and daughters in this country, and until some thoughtful statuemaker arranges the laws so that whether they like it or not they are obliged to give their aged and helpless parents exactly the same kind of care they received from them, their numbers will increase.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES PAIN

Nothing More Utterly Damning To the Youthful Mind Than Flood of Immoral Literature.

(Toronto Globe.)

The harvest of today is from the sowing of yesterday. What that sowing is which produces the crop of immoral tendencies in the schools of Canada was set forth by Principal Wallis with commendable clearness, moderation, and power. No one whose eyes are open to the facts and whose intelligence grasps the significance of these will take away from or minimize the dark catalogue of evils which combine to produce the serious problem of juvenile immorality to which Mrs. Thornley drew such emphatic attention. Indeed one colossal evil most ruinous in its influence was omitted from Principal Wallis' list. Nothing could be more utterly damning to the youthful mind than the immoral literature, the vile booklets, and polluting picture cards with which this country has been flooded in recent years.

These words are used with the most serious deliberation. The country has been "flooded." The literature is "vile" and "polluting." The influence can be nothing less than "damning." And that, too, for youths in their teens. Some of the pamphlets and postcards confiscated by the crown officers in Toronto during the past two years were so unthinkably obscene that lawyers long experienced in the prosecution of crime and newspaper men hardened to the sight of the seamy side of life could scarcely believe any human being in Canada could traffic in material so vile. And yet so damaging was the impression even of seasoned minds that anyone not a degenerate would wish he had never seen the samples exhibited in court.

But this obscene literature went far beyond the court. Of one set of ten cards the police in one case secured orders for 50,000 copies that had already been delivered to retail agents in Toronto and other cities and towns in Ontario. Shipments of from 2,000 to 5,000 each had been made to Barrie, to Peterborough, to Oshawa, to Brantford, and other points. Agencies for their distribution were established in pool-rooms, bar rooms, cigar stands, and orders were filled for news stands and picture card stores. There 50,000 copies of cards are still in circulation.

And that was only one case. The electroplates for nearly a hundred other cards and for two booklets of the most degrading sort were also confiscated. From each of these plates a half million copies might have been printed. A consignment of \$7,000 was destroyed by the police authorities. Another lot of 200,000 was secured in a private house on a side street. In Montreal between 200,000 and 300,000 equally unfit cards and photographs were destroyed. On a Montreal-Toronto train a man arrested on another charge was found selling similar cards to such passengers as seemed susceptible. A similar trade was carried on by a news agent running east from Woodstock.

Nor is the circulation of such literature confined to those already designated. It permeates the factories and resorts of youth. It finds its way into the schools. One booklet of inexpressibly hurtful character passed through the hands of nine girls in their teens belonging to good families before it reached the crown officer. Its trail may never be eradicated.

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The new Ontario act provides that airguns cannot be purchased by any person under eighteen years of age, and the purchaser in all cases must have a permit from the chief of police. This should do a great deal towards stopping the slaughter of Canadian song birds. The airgun is the weapon most commonly used by mischievous small boys in this cruel pastime. The fact cannot be too widely circulated that any person who carries an airgun will either have to show that he has a permit or that the gun was purchased before the act came into force.

In the Court of Probate. Province of Nova Scotia. County of Annapolis.

In the Estate of Letitia Hershaw late of Parker's Cove in the county of Annapolis, widow deceased.

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