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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Manchester Guardian says that there will be no war in Ireland because it would cost too much. Considerations of economy did not prevent the Great War.

Do not worry; eat three meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous; keep your digestion good; exercise; go slow and easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these I reckon will give you a good life.—Abraham Lincoln.

San Francisco Chronicle.—A Berkeley man caused the arrest of a neighbor woman, asserting that she scolded him 13½ hours at one stretch and at the end of that time he didn't know what she was peevish about. The man must have exaggerated. No woman could talk that long without saying something.

A South Carolina court has established a precedent by awarding \$2,000 damages to the widow of a negro who was lynched. The damages are assessed against the county authorities for failure to protect their prisoner, and may do more than persuasion to bring about a reform in the South.

Toronto Telegram police court scribe, in reporting the arrest of several visiting Americans in Toronto for B.O.T.A. appends the following verse:

Sing a song of sixpence,
Four bottles full of rye,
Four and twenty Yankees,
Feeling good and dry.
When the rye was opened,
They all began to sing
"To blazes with the U.S.A.
God Save the King."

Paris decrees that short skirts are to be worn no longer. Ambiguous this. Obviously, if short skirts are to be worn no longer, then they will remain short. On the other hand, if they are to be no longer worn, then there'll be short skirts no longer, and if they are no longer then, of course, short skirts will remain at their present length, if they don't become shorter—in other words, short skirts will be worn no longer, just as the news item states. We thought at first it was ambiguous, but it isn't.—Boston Transcript.

To have the children healthy and sound is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

Albert Miller, the Canadian war veteran who was chosen to carry the "cease fire" order from the British headquarters to the Canadian forces at Mons, and who died in Buffalo on Armistice Day, last week, will be buried with full military honors in the military section of Prospect Cemetery in Toronto, according to a telegram received by Major General V. A. S. Williams from Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia. The expense of the ceremony and interment will be borne by the Dominion Government.

Every elector should make certain that he or she is on the list for voting on December 6th. The law in brief is that every person, male or female, of the age of 21 years, a British subject, and who has resided in the polling sub-division for two months previous to the day of polling and has resided in Canada for one year, and not otherwise disqualified will have a vote. The one sure way to be on the list is to get on, and the surest way to get on is to be positive that you are either on now or put on at the time of registration. Don't take it for granted. Be sure about it.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review.—We learn from the Ottawa Journal that some of the candidates in the field at present have the political comprehension of a flea. It is to be hoped that no reflection on the flea is intended. The quality of comprehension displayed by the flea is not to be despised. The flea knows a thing or two. It knows how to live in comfort at the expense of somebody else, and it knows how to change position without fuss or delay. The comprehension of a flea might therefore be very useful in a candidate.

Jokingly or otherwise, much has been said as to the inability of womankind to keep a secret. To those who were doubters along this line comes the news that an attempt is being made to open the doors of the Masonic Order for their admittance. Free Masons are credited with possessing "shut mouths" so if the dear sisters are to be initiated they must make up their minds that not "even a whisper" must be uttered about the proverbial "goat", "branding" or any thing else that is guessed at by the outsider. Surely this old world is in a whirl of innovation and change.

It is a bigger thing to be a good farmer than some of us think. There are those who seem to think that if we draw on a pair of overalls, follow the plough all day and worry a whole lot about the weather and things, therefore we are fine farmers. Land sakes, a stove pipe hat and a book under your arm don't make you a preacher. The thought you put into your work, the smiles you get from the earth when you tickle it in the ribs, the real good you do—these are the things that make you a farmer. Size yourself up once in a while. It will do you—and the rest of us—lots of good.—St. Marys Journal.

A Detroit lady, a child welfare worker in New York had her home recently robbed of some \$25,000 in jewels. She had taken some \$8,000 worth of jewels out of her collection to wear the following day and placed the balance back in a wall safe. The next day her stock was missing. In the first place, any woman who keeps \$30,000 worth of jewelry in her

home isn't right in the head, secondly, \$30,000 stored in a little safe is too much of a temptation to put in the way of a New York sinner, and thirdly, any child welfare worker should have no more use for that much jewelry than a monkey has for an eyeglass; so, perhaps this lady is better off without a load of gew gaws to carry around on her welfare trips.

Prices current for whiskey, or alleged whiskey, in Toronto, are pretty high. Here are the city rates, according to a writer in the Star Weekly. The better class bootlegger is selling whiskey at \$7 and \$8 a quart, for which he paid from \$2 to \$3.50. The lower-grade blind pig operators charge 75 cents a glass. The glass they sell almost invariably holds one ounce. Out of a 24 ounce bottle they get \$18, or a profit of from \$15 to \$16. On the lower grade stuff, quantities of which are said by clients of this class to be increasing, the profits are larger. The average quality of the liquor sold is getting fouler and fouler, and ultimately it will no doubt become so deadly that the traffic will kill itself.

Pets may be a source of danger in a house unless they are looked after very carefully. Frequently children are allowed to play with unhealthy or unclean dogs and cats, and their parents wonder why they suffer from colds or other ailments so often. Dogs and cats suffer from colds and influenza which can be communicated to human beings. Their long coats provide an ideal resting place for the germs of various diseases unless they are kept scrupulously clean. Never allow a dog to lick you or your child for a dog is one of the dirtiest feeders in the world. Birds are usually infested with parasites, by means of which diseases may be passed to other creatures, or even to human beings. Never keep a pet that is not perfectly healthy, and see that it is always absolutely clean.

The Provincial Department of Highways intends to control all road signs erected in the Province, and in line with this decision the signs erected by merchants and others, giving directions to motorists and at the same time acting as advertising mediums, must come down. That decision has been communicated by the department to the Retail Merchants' Association of Toronto. Signs erected by motor clubs and motor leagues must also be removed, the department deciding to exercise its control over the highway between the line fences and for 440 yards on either side as well. In order to avoid embarrassment to persons or organizations recently placing signs it has been decided that the new regulations will not be enforced for some months. The department will also ask the motor league to remove the "danger" or direction signs installed by them, and in their place the department will erect a sign which will be uniform all through the province. The motive behind the department's decision is the elimination of objectionable signs as well as regulation which will prevent the placing of signs in positions where the natural beauty of the scenery will be marred. This is a reform which the department has had many requests to effect.

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