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## THE HOSPITAL.

Dr. L. M. Curran, the recently appointed hospital commissioner, is said to be making headway in his campaign to bring about a change in the regulation now existing which compels patients to accept attendance from physicians attached to the hospital staff. Life desires that every regularly registered practitioner in the county be extended the privileges of the hospital, and thus that patients be given the right to demand the services of their own physicians whenever they so desire.

At first glance, it is difficult to find any serious objection to Dr. Curran's proposal. What he asks would prove of benefit not only to the doctors—a considerable number now excluded from hospital practice being given opportunity to increase their earnings—but would in a great many cases be more satisfactory to the patients themselves. It often seems unjust that a man or woman desiring to enter the hospital for treatment, must forego the privilege of further attendance from his or her regular physician. And it is often equally unfair that medical men working in the best interests of patients and in the regard advising hospital treatment, must whenever their advice is accepted, relinquish what may be remunerative business. These conditions doubtless impel Dr. Curran to the course he is now adopting, and it must be admitted that he can adduce strong arguments in support of his view.

Yet on consideration there is much to be said against the proposed change. While Dr. Curran's plan would no doubt prove gratifying to those doctors not now on the staff, and to a certain proportion of patients, there remains the most important condition of all, whether it would be in the interests of the hospital itself. There are ten doctors now on the staff; there are fifty registered in St. John City. What would be the result if the hospital were thrown open to the forty who are now excluded? Certainly one immediate result would be a lowering in the standard of discipline and professional efficiency. Those who are attached to the staff are chosen because of the fact that in the opinion of the commissioners they are best equipped for this particular work. It takes some time to train a man to this practice, and for that reason changes in the staff are infrequent. There is not the least doubt that the standard of efficiency maintained by the services of ten of the leading physicians would be lowered by the admission of forty others—although many exceptions may be noted—are not on the average as skillful as the members of the existing staff.

Moreover, the public hospital is a responsible institution. It is not a free and easy resort where anyone may go for any old treatment, but as a hospital it is responsible to the people for whatever is done in it. If a member of the staff bungles an operation, the hospital—that is the county—pays the claim for damages. Why, under the present standard of efficiency, the county more liable of financial loss, why make the hospital more subject to criticism, by the admission of a large number of medical men who might not prove capable of maintaining the present standard of efficiency?

Would the house staff give to the patients the same careful attention as they do now if they realized that any one of fifty doctors had the right to come in and give whatever orders he pleased—or she pleased? Would the control of the institution not pass, in a considerable degree, to the St. John Medical Association?

If membership on the hospital staff meant large remuneration and if it was felt that this privilege was being monopolized by a select few, Dr. Curran might well advance the argument of unfair discrimination. But it is realized by all medical men that the principal benefit accruing to a hospital doctor is in the form of experience, and that the financial return is no larger than would in all probability be earned by devoting to private practice the time spent in attending hospital cases. Those attached to the staff receive a retainer of one hundred dollars per year, for which they attend all non-paying patients and such others as like the advantage of the hospital regulations. The physicians, it is true, earn something from patients in private rooms, but it is said that these receipts are not particularly large, nor indeed are they the principal attraction to the staff.

If there were serious complaint on the part of patients who feel the need of constant attendance from their family physicians, or if the city doctors as a body were conscientious in the belief that the hospital should be thrown open, it would be the duty of the commissioners to meet in no far as they could, any reasonable request. And while there is much in what Dr. Curran maintains, it can be seen that the argument is not one-sided, and that it deserves the most careful consideration.

## A NEW AGREEMENT.

The German tariff has been abolished, and Canada has been admitted to the enjoyment of the German conventional tariff, under the terms of a provisional agreement completed yesterday. It is safe to say that there will be no reversion to the conditions which have existed for the past few years, but that the negotiations now in progress, looking to the completion of a permanent commercial agreement, will have a successful result.

This may be regarded as a triumph for the Canadian Finance Minister. Germany has, of her own will, acknowledged the unfairness of the attitude she assumed at the time when Canada secured a preference to British goods. She has admitted the justice of this country's contention that inter-imperial relations were domestic affairs, and that any arrangement made with Britain could not be properly regarded as an agreement with a foreign nation. Germany has been influenced to this change of view most of all by reason of Canada's growing importance in international commerce, and no doubt partly by an honest conviction that her previous decision was made rather hastily and was not wholly justifiable.

## WINDSOR YOUTH IS VICTIM OF TEXAS PEONAGE SYSTEM

Men and Women Flogged Till Floor of Prison Locks More Like That of a Slaughter House.

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—A special despatch to The News from Austin, Texas, this evening says: "I am from Canada, a British subject, I know my rights. If I am not released you will have the British Government to deal with."

With that threat Ernest Armstrong, of Windsor, Ont., has just secured his freedom from the convict farm of Burleson County, Texas, and set in motion the train of events which has led to a Federal grand jury indictment before which thirty witnesses have testified to a system of peonage maintained with inhuman cruelty on the Koppe Plantation in the Brazos River bottoms.

It was part of the forced understanding on which Armstrong was released that he should hold his tongue. But Armstrong, who is a young man of 20, had made friends with Mr. Fuller, of St. Joseph, Mo., who, though he was innocent of crime, was forced to work six weeks as a convict on the Koppe plantation in the Brazos River bottoms.

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## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Did you ever get in front of a mirror with a real strong light and see every one of your imperfections so plainly that it fairly made you sick at heart, and think to yourself, "Now that's what I look like to other people?"

If you have, cheer up. For it isn't so at all. In the first place your expression when you are self consciously scrutinizing yourself in a mirror is quite different from what it is under ordinary conditions. I have noticed myself that people when they look in the mirror produce a peculiar set of wrinkles in their forehead and beauty doctors tell me that too much self scrutinizing does a great deal of harm in its way.

In the second place you are looking for wrinkles and pores and lines and pallor and you see them, whereas your friends are looking at YOU and they see YOU.

In the third place I am told that many mirrors distort to a surprising degree, and thus make imperfections more plainly evident.

Perhaps there are some among my readers who do not need this assurance, who are always entirely content with the image their mirrors give back to them.

But I am writing to the AVERAGE WOMAN and when I can conveniently arrange it, for the average man too, of course, and I think, heard a foolish little girl the other day.

"How can anyone like me when I am so homely?" It is for her that I write the reassurance. And I want to add another one to it.

I think it is often the same way with the mirror of self analysis. Perhaps with most of us our casual glances at our mental and moral equipment is fairly satisfactory.

And then comes a day when somehow or other we happen to get a good strong light on the mirror of self analysis, and all the little meannesses and selfishnesses stand out in ugly prominence and we cannot see how anyone can possibly love us and how we happen to be so much worse than other people.

I once heard the great evangelist, Dr. Wilbur Chapman, the man whom hundreds of men and women look up to as one of the best men living, tell how mean and little and ineffectual he often seemed to himself when he was in a self analyzing mood.

But don't we know ourselves better than other people possibly can? No, I don't think we always do.

They don't know the inwardness of us, but we don't know the outwardness of ourselves.

On the whole I think the mirror of self analysis is no more truthful than the real mirror that hangs on your wall.

So cheer up the next time you think you are the least desirable of all mortals.

Cheer up. "For it may not be true."

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

SUMMER CHARGES.

"Mrs. Meekton (boastfully)—I always leave my valuables in the hotel safe while we are at a summer resort. Mr. Meekton (on the side)—And I always leave my valuables in the hotel safe when we come away."

ONE CURE.

Exchange—"You are an enormous appetite," said a thin man, enviously. "What do you take for it?" "In all my experience," replied his partner, "I have found nothing more suitable than food!"

SLIGHT MISTAKE.

Vicar—"I'm sorry you've been so poor. You must pray for a good heart, Thomas."—Yes, sir, but it's my liver that's wrong. You know, sir.

ON HIS ACCOUNT.

The Man—"Yes, it's a pretty hat. The Lady—I bought it on your account."

DISCOVERY.

"I suppose you are getting to be an enormously big establishment," a commercial traveller was asked by a customer. "Big? You can't have any idea of its dimensions!" responded the "commercial." "Last week we went through our wages book and found out for the first time that three cashiers and four bookkeepers were missing!"

COUP DE GRACE.

"That onelet," remarked a young Benedict to his wife, as he rose from breakfast—"that onelet is just like my mother used to make." The wife, who was the preparer of the dish, looked delighted. "Yes," continued the man, "it's just like mother used to make. Mother never could cook anything fit to eat!"

NO LAUGH THERE.

"Cheer up, old man!" said a man to a friend who had been contentiously dismissed by the father of his adored one. "Love laughs at locksmiths."

"Yes, I know," replied the dejected one.

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HOW HE KNEW.

"Why is it," asked the blind man of his neighbor, "that the women with the sweetest voices are always ugly?" "How do you know they are ugly?" quizzed the neighbor.

"My wife describes them to me," New York Press.

## Boils and Pimples.

Whenever your complexion is unnatural, your skin in an unhealthy condition, your face covered with blotches and pimples, then boils and festering sores about the head and neck, you are afflicted with blood impurities. You can best cleanse it with that truly vegetable compound, Burdock Blood Bitters, which safely and promptly purifies the blood and invigorates the entire system.

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DEATHS

PARROT—At Holderville, Kings Co., Feb. 10th, 1910, Miss M. A. Parrot, aged 95 years.

IN MEMORIAM

FRASER—In loving remembrance of Miss C. Fraser, who passed from this life February 16, 1910.

## THIRD WEEK OF FURNITURE SALE

Prices have been greatly reduced on all our BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF FASHIONABLE FURNITURE. If you are starting housekeeping, or going to move, select the furniture you require and have same stored, free of charge, by leaving a deposit.

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## A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Household : Hints

Dried wormwood, which may be had at the drug stores, is an excellent protection against moths when putting winter clothing away. It should be scattered lavishly between the folds and each article wrapped separately in a newspaper before packing.

Pea or bean flour found at the grocer's may be used for a quick vegetable soup. Half a cupful of the flour, three pints of boiling water, a tablespoonful of beef juice, a small onion and two or three slices of bacon, cut into tiny cubes, is an easy recipe.

If eggs are to be stuffed, they must be put into cold water as soon as they are taken from the stove. This will keep the whites in better shape.

When lobster Newburg is to be prepared in the chafing dish, it is well to prepare it for some time before and let it remain in a very cold place until used.

If salt fish is required for immediate use, it will freshen much more quickly if soaked in milk instead of water. Sour milk will answer as well as sweet.

It will be found a simple matter to mend a hole in a small boy's trousers pocket if a darning egg is slipped into the pocket and the darning done over it.

Sandwiches prepared in advance of serving time can be kept as fresh as when made by wrapping them in a napkin wrung out in hot water and then placing in a cool place.

Lemon syrup, made by baking a lemon for twenty minutes and then squeezing out the juice in half a cup of sugar is excellent for hoarseness and to break up a cold.

Fashions and Fads

The new mohairs are shown in checks, small plaids and figured stripes. Yokes and undersleeves appear in practically everyone of the new models.

All the new materials are rough; few broadcloths will be seen this spring. One of the newest fashions is of "be-lie" Irish lace, on delicate white stock.

The tricorn hat is gradually disappearing as Chantilly styles come in. New is a hat pin with a single rose petal and stem in translucent enamel.

Many of the new silk gloves are decorated with fancy stitching and embroidery. The jewellers are selling six enamel buttons in a case with buckle to match.

White madras shirtwaists, striped madras to match the suit, are to be worn. Black and white mixtures will be the most popular materials in the spring suitings.

Often the draped tunic is outlined in a stripe of beads, some times mixed with embroidery. Very handsome for trimming hats or adding dressy touches to a gown are the metallic ribbons.

Many of the linen coats of an elaborate nature have three-quarter or seven-eighths sleeves.

New culture ornaments are daintily pretty and most becoming, particularly the jeweled bands.

Price of pattern, 10 cents.

DEUEL WILL FOLLOW A HIGH LIFE ELOPEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The elopement of Baroness Ethel Catherine DeForest with Frank Ashton, who is just of age, while the baroness is of mature years, will, it is said, result in a duel.

The elopers, it is believed, are in France, and the injured Ashton has gone there to hunt for them, and to challenge Ashton if he finds the runaway pair. If the duel does take place it will be the queerest family "air of honor" on record.

The baroness is a sister of Lord Gerard, and Lord Gerard hates the baron like poison, so as soon as he heard that DeForest was out for blood he rushed over to France to act as second for the youngster who eloped with his sister.

The elopement has an American interest, for young Ashton's mother was Miss C. Dungardner, of New York, who on the death of her first husband, Robert Ashton, married the Earl of Scarborough. The Gerards are strong Catholics, and there will be no divorce, even if there is a duel.

A prominent financier, who is closely related to the parties involved, has offered to insure the combatants for half a crown per thousand pounds.

Hon. W. H. Cushing has resigned from the Alberta government and the split, that was reported healed, is growing wider. The south is jealous of the government institutions being always placed in the north, and think it should get some of the plums.

Mrs. Wesley Baker, of Winslow St., Carleton, had her right leg broken and her side badly bruised last evening. When on her way to the City Hall to attend one of the meetings. When near the hall she slipped on the ice. She was driven home and Dr. F. L. Kenney attended her.

The carnival in the Carleton rink last evening proved very successful. About 500 knights of the steel were present. The judges were Mr. Wm. Emerson and Mr. Joseph Murphy. The following were prize winners: 1st Miss E. Allan, for the most original costume; 2nd prize, Miss Irene Brennan; 3rd prize, Harry Rowley.