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"Squibs by Dad"

No political arsenal is now considered fully equipped without a "probe."

When early cabbage has been nipped by the frost it can be served as cold slaw.

Singing "The Maple Leaf Forever" over a can of glucose does not convert it into "pure" maple syrup.

Holland is said to be so healthy at present that the doctors and undertakers are doing all the mourning.

Numerous cases of eye strain are reported as the result of poring over seed catalogues and income tax returns.

A Regina woman objects to paying the surtax called for in income tax returns, declaring that it applies to men only.

Fifty lawyers are engaged in a London contested will case. The heirs fear that their legacies may not be left a leg to stand on.

Washington has two banks owned and operated exclusively by negroes. The management assures customers that they will be treated white.

The varieties of tariffs may soon be as numerous as brands of pickles. We already have high, low, revenue only, adequate, flexible, elastic, preferential, differential, reciprocal and punitive. They all look more or less alike to the ultimate consumer.

Limping dogs are a common sight in Detroit, where they are vaccinated to prevent the spread of smallpox. Pointers ought to be immune.

A magician who died in London the other day left an estate of \$200,000. There is great curiosity to know how he performed the trick.

Oil scandals, election campaigns, tariff discussions, income tax and other live issues have backed King Tut's tomb into its primeval obscurity.

The hope that an Ontario criminal wanted for murder, would surrender, has been abandoned. Two of his "wives" have changed him with bigamy.

"Mah jongg is crowding music out of family life," laments a Montreal professor. This only applies to families who are more interested in "winds" than airs.

President Coolidge's father celebrated his 79th birthday by sawing wood. His distinguished son is also noted for sawing wood and not saying much, but of late has struck a few hard knots in his cabinet timber.

The manager of a major league baseball team fined three of his players for making a trip in an airplane without permission. If they were pitchers, "going up in the air" would be no novelty for them.

A Columbia professor claims that he has isolated the vitamin. The time may come when his mysterious element so essential to our bodily upkeep can be had at all drugstores and corner groceries.

Trouble is reported to be brewing in Glasgow, where illicit stills are said to be operating within sight of the mammoth distilleries, where Scotland's most popular export is distilled.

The bounty on wolves killed in the Northwest Territories has been increased to \$30. The government does not insist on its pound of flesh, but must have the pelt as a guarantee of good faith.

A conscience-stricken Pittsburg butcher recently returned the price of a state ham sold a customer twenty years ago. He confessed that as far as a comfortable night's sleep was concerned his mattress might have been stuffed with bristles.

A slot machine device on airplanes provides thirsty passengers with liquid refreshments. Drop a coin in the slot and get a "highball."

Basing their belief on past records many amateur gardeners have their doubts about their garden tools being "implements of production," as defined by the revised tariff.

Sheep ranchers in Idaho are protesting against the prices demanded by the organized shearers. They contend that the new scale is worthy of the "Knights of the Golden Fleece."

A Philadelphia genius has invented a vacuum cleaner to be attached to motor cars. After a pedestrian has been bowled over he can be dry cleaned before regaining consciousness.

Scientists are now computing the age of the earth in terms of billions of years. As no trace of the birth certificate of the old planet has ever been discovered everybody is entitled to a guess.

A local poultryman, who has heard about the early robins, bluebirds, meadow larks and other harbingers of spring, says the sweetest music to his ear is the cackling of his laying hens.

The contest for the world's champion barber, held in New York last week, was won by Harry Odierna of that city, who completed a haircut and shave in 12 3-4 minutes, beating the former record by 2 1-2.

Ancient human skulls, thousands of years old, have been unearthed in California. Even the "glorious climate" failed to save the original "native sons" from the fate ordinary morals.

A Wisconsin baseball fan offers a prize of a barrel of sauerkraut for every home run made on the local grounds this season. Milwaukee Babe Ruths may have an opportunity to stock their larders with the German delicacy.

An Ontario town has been fined \$1400 for refusing to install waterworks after the local water supply had been condemned by the Provincial Board of Health. Thrifty citizens preferred the risk of swallowing microbes to coughing up dollars.

What are a few polar bears and Walruses among friends? Canada having established trade relations with Russia will not press her claim to the sovereignty of Wrangell Island.

The recently elected city collector in Blue Springs, Mo., is believed to be the smallest office-holder in the world. He is 29 inches tall and weighs 35 pounds. When collecting the taxes he may discover that many of the citizens are also "short."

The little Iowa town of Columbus Junction is an Adamless Eden as far as male officials are concerned. At the recent municipal election women candidates were elected to fill all the offices for a term of two years. It is said to be the first town in the world to be governed by women.

The Yukon claims the distinction of growing high-grade wheat in the most northerly wheat producing point in the British Empire. Bread made from the home-grown wheat is now on sale in Dawson restaurants and does not take any longer to toast than the product of the temperate zone.

If you have not viewed the wonders of Niagara Falls it might be as well to visit the great cataract before it disappears. A Toronto professor states that it is receding at the rate of four and a half feet per year and in the course of a few centuries may be reduced to a shallow rapids.

Instead of the long-drawn-out and wearisome debates that feature many western legislative assemblies, a recent session of the Persian Parliament disposed of a contentious measure in a few minutes. The members simply drove home their points with their fists and the party with the most survivors got the decision. The losers were given the freedom of the floor.

A German scientist who has been investigating fleas has discovered that their sight is so sharp that when a man is sleeping at night under a blanket in a darkened room his body glows to a flea as brightly as a red hot stove appears to a man in a darkened room. The average victim of the evasive pest is more interested in its probe than its X-ray vision.

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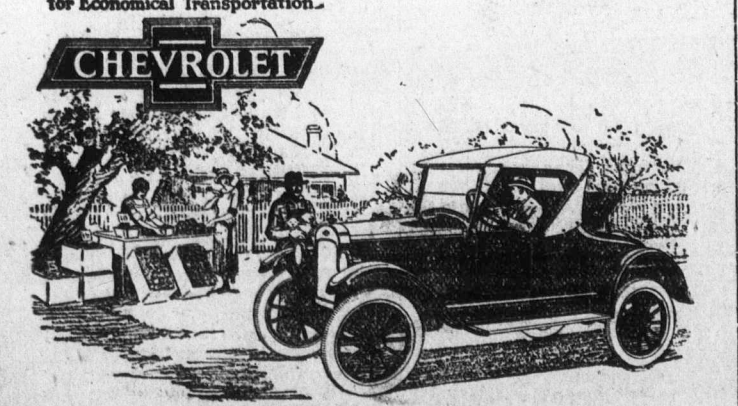
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