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Too Much Hockey Ruined Donald's Health
It is often said that tears are just a step removed from joy. Poor Donald knows that. At the age of 16 he was attending high school, playing on a hockey team, going to parties and doing all the things that a red-blooded youth will do. When joy was at its height gloom made its appearance in the shape of consumption.
There was nothing to do, the doctor said, but drop everything and go to the Muskoka Hospital for a thorough rest and skilful, constant treatment. Donald has now forgotten his resentment at fate in his happiness over home-better!
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The value of a kiss depends upon the law of supply and demand.
Character is made by things you stand for; reputation is made by the things you fall for.

Wit and Humor

It is easy to figure what you should have said after it is too late to say it.

The Man at the Door—I would like to show you this beautiful book, madam. It tells about the habits of savage animals.
The Severe Lady—I don't want it. I have been married twice.

Izzy—What is the difference between ammonia and pneumonia?
Dizzy—Search me.
Izzy—Why ammonia comes in bottles and pneumonia comes in chests.

"Waiter!" called a diner at a local club. "Come here at once! Here's a hook-and-eye in this salad!"
"Yessseh, yessseh," said the waiter, grinning. "Dat's a part of de dressing, sah!"

Methusalem ate no apples, never brushed his teeth, had no iron every day, ate and slept when he pleased, chewed no Wrigley's after every meal, refrained from Lydia Pinkham Remedy for the Home and he lived to the ripe old age of 900 years.

She—Why do authors always speak of a smile creeping over the heroine's face?
He—Perhaps they're afraid that if it went any faster it might kick up a dust.

A famous woman novelist was once asked why she had not married "I have three things about the house," she said, "which represent so closely the characteristics of the average man that I don't want any more of him. I've got a dog that growls all the morning, a parrot that swears all the afternoon, and a cat that stays out all night."

Bobbie—I saw you kissing sister again last night.
Beau—Well, I'm not going to pay you a quarter this time. Ten cents is enough.

Bobbie—That's the tendency these days, to cut out the middleman and let the goods go straight from producer to the consumer without charge.

Styles In The Hereafter
A revival was raging in a Virginia colored church. The fruits had been considerable. One obdurate soul, however, resisted the efforts of the elder. Called to account for his reluctance, he replied: "Yo' see how it is, Elder, I've got a problem. I don't see how I've gwine git mah shirt ovah my wings when I gits to glory." "Dat ain't yo' problem," retorted the exhorter, promptly. "Yo' problem is how is yo' gwin git yo' hat on ovah yo' horns."

"Will you allow me to ask you a question?" interrupted a man in the audience.
"Certainly, sir," said the lecturer.

"You have given us a lot of figures about immigration, increase of wealth, the growth of trusts, and all that," said the man. "Let's see what you know about figures yourself. How do you find the greatest common divisor?" Slowly and deliberately the orator took a glass of water, then he pointed his finger straight at the questioner. Lightning flashed from his eyes, and he replied, in a voice that made the building quiver: "Advertise for it, you ignoramus!"

The audience cheered and yelled and stamped, and the wretched man who had asked the question crawled out of the hall a total wreck.

A Silver Lining.
Mrs. Knowall took a great interest in the doings of all the neighbors. It was a great day for her when a new arrival came to the house on the opposite side of the street, and she watched with interest as the furniture was removed from the van and carried into the house.

"Well," said the husband, when he returned from business in the evening, "have you found out anything about the social standing of the new folks across the street?"
"Not yet," was the reply. "They have no car."
"No?"

"Yes, and they have no pom, no phonograph, no radio, and not even a grand piano. I can't imagine what they have got."
"Humph!" remarked friend husband, sardonically. "Perhaps they have a bank account."

STORE BURGLARS CAPTURED

Walter Brown and Wm. Blundell of Southampton Arrested Tuesday
(Port Elgin Times)

One of the most diabolical burglaries yet brought to the attention of the authorities in this county was perpetrated here early Sunday evening last when Mr. A. F. George's general store was entered, goods stolen or wantonly destroyed and the store left littered with merchandise and looking as though a cyclone had swept through it.

Entrance to the store was made at the rear of the building by removing the hinges and lifting off the shed door. A panel was then cut out of the inner door to allow for sliding the bolt. Then it seems for none other than a pure devilish motive the intruders pulled down tins of fancy biscuits, packages of salt and oatmeal, etc., and strewed the lot over the floor, to which was added malaga grapes, candies, soap, picture post cards, stockings and other articles. Caps, clothing and shoes were also knocked off tables onto the floor. Shoe boxes were removed from the shelves and at least two pairs of shoes stolen, drawers were pulled out and the contents jumbled up. Oatmeal was mixed with sugar and considerable of these commodities spilled on the floor. Two jars of chewing gum were emptied of their contents and the gum stolen, as was also a caddy of Stag chewing tobacco and a caddy of Big Ben smoking tobacco. Clothing, candies and chocolates were also carried off. Not being content with the havoc already wrought the intruders further displayed destructive frenzy by tearing the pockets off four sweater coats that were hanging up.

It was in this condition that Mr. George found his store after church Sunday evening where he went to write a letter. On investigation footprints leading up to the rear door evinced that two parties were responsible for the deed, but these footprints could be traced only to the lane at the back of the store.

On being apprised of the burglary Reeve McLaren got in touch with Provincial Officers Bone and Widmeyer at Walkerton, who arrived here Monday noon and instituted a systematic investigation.

It was learned that two local youths returning from a walk on Sunday evening noticed two strangers with sacks over their shoulders near the railway track and when they hollered at them they dodged into Cottrill's lumber yard and hid behind some lumber. Here their tracks were discovered and trailed by officers along the railway track towards Southampton, when they turned off into a bush. Enroute pieces of chocolate and wrappers of chewing gum were found which told the sleuths they were on the right track.

Their suspicion being later brought to bear on one, Walter Brown, who lives on the back road entering Southampton, the officers returned to Port Elgin and had Mr. J. J. George J.P., issue a search warrant to allow them to search the Brown home, and on Monday night in company with Mr. George they made the search. While nothing was found, information was later elicited from an Indian lad, a playmate of one of the younger Brown boys, that he had been given gum, tobacco and matches by Walter Brown from a sack in a bus across the road from the Brown home. The lad who stated he was told that the stuff had been stolen from a store in Port Elgin, was persuaded by the officers to lead them to the spot, where a sack of loot was found. Walter Brown, who was not at home when the officers called, but who had apparently returned after they left and learned that he was wanted, is supposed to have rounded up his accomplice and secured the other sack and started through the bush, for on coming across fresh tracks the officers gave chase and had not gone far when they found the second sack of loot where it had apparently been dropped on the run. Continuing the chase the officers followed Brown and his pal, who it was previously learned was Wm. Blundell, also of Southampton, to the home of Mrs. Steadman where the boys had endeavored to gain admittance through an upstairs window. It happened that the ladder which they were raising for the climb fell and went through a lower window almost striking Mrs. Steadman on the head. From here the fugitives struck toward the Indian village, the officers following

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THE OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS

Old-timers caught in the holiday rush and gazing at the wonderfully alluring panorama of the shop windows often fall into a reminiscent mood and re-live the Christmas of the long ago. Who does not fondly recall the magic of Christmas in his childhood?

Most of the presents were homemade. Perhaps grandma darned mittens, knitted by oil lamp after you had been tucked in bed—thick warm mittens with a long cord that extended up through coat sleeves and around the neck to prevent loss. Aunt Saphronia gave you a basket of Christmas cookies, shaped like animals and stars and covered with delicious colored sugar. Uncle Tom gave you a watch, and his generosity appalled you even if it was the old turnip that he had discarded. You can imagine the reaction you would get if you tried giving a 1925 boy a second-hand time piece.

Most of the presents were useful, in the old days, including a reefer overcoat and a new pair of shoes. As for "boughten" presents, they were limited to "The Erie Train Boy" by Alger, Henty's "With Obedience," a New Testament, a pair of skates and that most useful of all old-time toys, a top that climbed a string.

At that, Christmas of represented proportionately an outlay as now, compared with the two periods.
But the gift itself was second to the spirit of the giver. Somehow every grown-up can't help believing the Christmas dinners of those days were superior. The Christmas eve entertainment at the church was as enjoyable as the modern movie. And the ride in a cutter over the deep snow beat the auto-trip of 1925.
Christmas is always changing and (to adults) never for the better.
Another way to make your wife suffer is to grouch and not say what about.

CANADA'S AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

During the 21 years in which automobile manufacturing has been carried on in the Dominion, its factories are reported to have produced more than a million motor vehicles, a large percentage of which have been exported to all corners of the globe. The industry today employs in the neighborhood of 100,000 Canadians, and it is stated that \$200,000 or about six per cent. of the total population of the Dominion is recorded in the

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