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### COMPLIMENTS TO A WIFE

I wonder how many men are thoughtful enough to pay their wives a delicate little compliment.

Many men appreciate their wives, but they do not express their appreciation; and that is just what every woman craves. She wants to be told that she is loved, she does not want to take it for granted.

Think how happy the average wife would be if, on, say her tenth wedding anniversary she received a note from her husband telling her what a good wife and friend she had been to him all these years, and how happy she had made him.

The greatest joy that can come to a wife is to be told that she has been a help to her husband. Every good wife is a help to her husband, and he is ten times better off with her than he would be living as a lonely, forlorn old bachelor.

The mere fact that she has been patient and good and has put up with all his whims makes a man owe his wife a letter of thanks and appreciation.

The young man who wants to know what to say in a letter to his wife might tell her that if he had it to do over again he would still choose her out of all the world as the one woman; that every day he is thankful for her love and companionship, and that she has been a blessing to him, the best thing that has come into his life.

Perhaps in their fiftieth anniversary, if they are both spared he will her the same kind of a letter.

It would be a good idea if all the husbands—and wives, too, for that matter—who read these words should make up their minds to write similar letters to their life partners when the next anniversary comes around.—The Housewife.

### The Westerner Says

The Edmonton street railway has paid the city from the start. It is now carrying five thousand passengers a day and this number is increasing. We are showing the East how to lay out a city and develop it.

### Canada Gets Half The Flow

Of the Water In the Disputed St. Mary's River

London, Jan. 23.—The Times state that under the waterways treaty Canada gets half the flow in the St. Mary's river. The question of generating power on the St. Lawrence river, near Cornwall, has not been specifically dealt with, the new commission having full power to deal with all unsettled questions, subject to ratification by Washington and Ottawa. The treaty lasts five years. The Times declares the treaty to be an eminently fair one, and praises the work of the Waterways Commission.

### THE CASE AGAINST RUM

Dr. Henry Smith William, in "McClure's."

He sums up the disastrous effects of alcohol upon the community:—

One-third of the pauperism in Christian countries is due to alcohol.

One-fourth of all the insane are victims of alcohol.

Two-fifths of abandoned and neglected children have a right to blame alcohol.

Half the convicts and four-fifths of the inmates of our jails and work-houses were sent there by alcohol.

These figures are alarming enough, but Dr. Williams says that for every person who dies prematurely as a result of alcoholic poisoning there are scores who suffer to a lesser degree from maladies which are wholly or in part of the same origin. For every man whom alcohol drives insane there are scores of patients who are the victims of mental disorders due to alcohol but not serious enough to warrant asylum treatment. For every criminal made by alcohol there are dozens whose moral delinquencies do not amount to crime, though they cause untold annoyance and suffering to their friends. He concludes: "As we view this joyless pageant, the vast majority of its members impelled by a power they loathe yet must obey, a realizing sense comes to us of the tyranny exercised over humanity, generation after generation by this arch enemy of progress."

### AN APPEAL TO BOYS

By a Cigarette

Boys, follow me!  
What will I do for you if you will let me lead you? I will take every noble purpose out of your life. I will create in you a desire for the pleasures of life which will make you so dull and stupid that you will be called a block-head. I will prevent you from holding any position of trust and honor.

I will introduce you to the people, who later will fill the jails and penitentiaries of this land. I will open for you the doors of the saloon and gambling house, and I will leave you in some penitentiary or insane asylum, a despised pauper and a physical wreck.

You need not take my word for this. Ask any drunkard how he got that way and he will tell you that I gave him the desire for strong drink. Ask the keeper of an insane asylum why so many men are spending miserable lives there, and he will tell you that many of them are there because I weakened their minds. Ask the men behind the iron bars at the penitentiary how they came to be there and many of them will tell you that they would be respected citizens if they had never joined my ranks.

Boys, this is my creed. Will you follow me? I will do exactly as I have promised. I have never failed.

### WHEAT PRODUCTION

According to the latest returns, extending over several years, British possessions are now supplying the United Kingdom with 32 per cent of all the wheat imported. Canada has thus much room to enlarge her sales to Britain. And when Canada can produce all the wheat the United Kingdom needs, the Orient will be ready to take the surplus.

### MR. MAGRATH LIKE LORD MILNER

The Ottawa Free Press says: The West has sent some stalwart figures. Glen Campbell, of Dauphin, in his Stetson hat, towers over his fellows, but he has a close second in Mr. C. A. Magrath, of Lethbridge, who, by the way, is the "dead spit" of Lord Milner.

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