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DON'TS FOR THE HUNTING WOODS

"Don't shoot yourself; don't shoot the other fellow; don't let the other fellow shoot you." So runs an old rule of the woods, and it is good enough to put on the record at the beginning of our hunting season.

Every man who goes to the woods this fall ought to do a little thinking about hunting tragedies, which are usually due to frightful carelessness, and resolve that he will in no way contribute to the list of accidents. Our record in the last year or two has been none too good, and it will not grow any better unless every man who carries a rifle or a shotgun feels a higher sense of personal responsibility from the minute he shoves in his cartridges until the end of the season when the gun is oiled against the winter's rust.

Men are killed in the woods, as a rule, because other hunters break the most obvious rules of safety. Men shoot at "something" they see moving in the bushes. That is criminal. The time to shoot—the only time—is after the "something" is clearly identified. Men shoot in the dusk of evening and in the dim light before dawn, when proper and certain identification of the target is impossible, and the taking of such risks is a crime. Men shoot too quickly because they fear that what they "guess" to be a deer or a moose is going to escape if they wait long enough to be sure what they are firing at. Their excuses sound incredible at the inquest. Their belated and futile regret does not bring the dead to life or help the mangled wounded. How little it matters if a wild or a game animal does escape while the hunter is making sure! How much it matters if the hunter shoots a human being!

In October the woods are filled with hunters. In the old days they were comparatively few in number. With the increase in game and in the number of high-powered rifles the conditions have greatly—and dangerously—changed. Before any man goes to the woods to-day he should give deliberate thought to this danger of killing. Instead of game. To think beforehand, not after a tragedy, is the duty of every man who handles a gun. To the higher type of sportsman such warnings are unnecessary; yet because a great many of those who go to the woods are nervous or thoughtless, or temperamentally unfit to carry a deadly weapon, warnings, strong and repeated, are needed.

Let each individual who goes after game give some definite thought to the value of human life—his own or another's—and live up to the injunctions here quoted:—
"Don't shoot yourself; don't shoot the other fellow; don't let the other fellow shoot you."

THE PRIME MINISTER'S TOUR

Canada's Prime Minister is off on an extended tour of Western Canada, taking with him Hon. Mr. Gardin, Hon. Hal McGowan, the new forerunner member of the Government, and Senator Haydon, formerly Liberal organizer, who is the Premier's chief aide de camp. Hon. Mr. King's trip westward comes at a time when it is regarded as settled that the federal election will come a year hence. The coming session of Parliament will develop a great deal of oratory intended to get the stage for the election, and doubtless some legislation to that end. The Government may even have another go at the tariff, for during the last budget debate the Premier declared that in this respect the ministry "had not finished its work," and said: "We have a lot more to do; we have only started upon what we hope to be able to do for this country." It is to be noted that he was speaking then of fiscal policy alone.

His western speeches will more clearly define the chief issue between the two old parties. Hon. Mr. Meighen, in many of his recent speeches, has made it clear that he is prepared to stand or fall by the historic Conservative policy of protection. The Liberal leader, now going into territory where both Liberal and Conservative candidates met disaster in the last federal contest, may be expected to dwell upon the tariff reductions of last session. Both his supporters and his opponents will scan his utterances narrowly to see whether or not he has now furthered his revision before the next election, in line with the party's platform pledges. Already there have been some defections because of tariff reduction, and these give comfort to the Conservatives, but the more radical Liberals have told the Prime Minister that the party has gained more than it has lost in placing low tariff sentiment. The election will test that view.

So far as the Prairie West is concerned, the Progressives, who will have none of protection, had it pretty much all their own way in the last federal struggle. The only Liberal survivors were Mr. Motherwell in Saskatchewan and Messrs. McMurtry and Hudson in Winnipeg. The Conservatives were left without representatives from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. For many years the Prime Minister's western

Press Comment

THE FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

A somewhat discouraging view was indicated by Judge George W. Anderson, in the United States Circuit Court in Boston, recently, when he declared it to be his belief that the average small investor will never learn to guard himself against the wiles of the profiting swindlers. The learned judge was not speaking carelessly or loosely. His opportunity for observation has qualified him to speak thoughtfully and wisely.

But it may be that because the lesson has not been learned in the past it is not true that it will not be learned now or in the future. There are indications that the impudent and the careless are learning to become cautious, and that those who have been somewhat wary in the past are becoming more so. The learned judge was not speaking carelessly or loosely. His opportunity for observation has qualified him to speak thoughtfully and wisely.

MORALS IN SCHOOLS.

A national movement is being launched in the United States in support of moral training in schools. It has been approved by leaders of great religious organizations, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. Cardinals, rabbis and bishops behind the movement are mentioned.

Of course there is moral training in schools, but it is not a definite part of the curriculum and there is no textbook. Religious training is barred because of difference in creed. It is now proposed to have a code of morals which may be systematically taught without exciting religious protest. The code would necessarily be satisfactory to the adherents of great religions, and this should not be difficult. One is interested to find in a commercial newspaper, the Chicago Journal of Commerce, a very thoughtful article on this subject, showing as it does that the possession of a high moral code is regarded as most desirable in the business world as well as in purely religious circles. We quote:—

"Religion and morals go hand in hand, as a rule, although a man may be moral and at the same time irreligious. To most minds religion and morals are so interwoven that it is sometimes hard to say where one ends and the other begins. We always distinguish right and wrong more or less as religious or wicked. That is because all religions teach morals. But morals do not teach religion, although one trained by conscience to moral conduct naturally is receptive to religious teachings. Morals spring from man's natural sense of right and duty. They influence his conduct in all his daily affairs and contact with others, and make him just in his dealings. Religion is man's love or fear for some supernatural and overruling power, usually called God, together with obedience to the commands of that power revealed to man. Some day, perhaps, when we have learned the wisdom of teaching the children of our nation in our public schools a sound system of morals, we shall take the next step, which is to reach an agreement on as many fundamental principles of religion as possible, and go to teaching our youth a religious code. When morals win a place with reading, writing and arithmetic in all our schools, we may advance to a place where certain universal religious principles may be taught without offence to great religions or the Constitution of the country."

ON THE UP GRADE.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

The trade figures also furnish very encouraging evidence of growing activity and reviving prosperity. Our export trade for July was the largest in four years, and that of April, June and August this year was exceeded by only one other year in the four. During the twelve months ending with August 31st, the value of Canadian goods and products shipped abroad was approximately sixty million dollars greater than for any similar twelve-month period since 1920-1921 when prices prevailed. And there is the noteworthy fact which the Montreal Gazette pointed out in the article which we printed a few days ago, that Canadians are doing more than two and a half times as much foreign commerce in 1924 as they did in 1911, "and the remarkable fact is that this immensely increased commerce was carried on by substantially the same number of people."

With increased immigration and the return of tens of thousands of Canadians who were attracted to the United States by phenomenal boom times, the country may look forward to a still better showing during the closing part of the year and in the year to come. There are many signs of business revival. Mr. Roger W. Babson, the eminent American economist, holds out the hope and the promise that 1925 will witness the beginning of a new period of activity and prosperity in the Dominion. Canadian business is now distinctly on the upward movement and Canadians may well be cheered by the outlook.

WIFE DESERTERS.

(Kingston Standard.)

The statement is made that Canada is the only overseas Dominion to which a man could come after deserting his wife in the Old Country, and ignore her claims, so long as he did not make himself a public menace. If he went to Australia, New Zealand or South Africa he could be dealt with under reciprocal laws. We believe that he can be dealt with as an undesirable under the immigration laws, but it would be far better if the same arrangement was made with Great Britain as in the case of the other Dominions. We are under the impression that it was only a short time ago that a reciprocal arrangement was made between Canada and the United States with regard to wife deserters, and it seems rather absurd not to have one with the Old Country. Canada does not want wife deserters.

DEEPEST POINT IN OCEAN FOUND NEAR JAPAN COAST

(Associated Press by Mail.)

The lowest known point on the earth's crust, the deepest known trench in the ocean, lies about 145 miles southeast of Tokyo. This discovery, made recently by the Japanese naval survey ship *Manshu*, has been announced by the navy authorities. The new "deep" measures 32,636 feet, or more than six miles. It exceeds by 546 feet the hitherto greatest known ocean depth, the famous Marianne trench in which the United States naval ship *Nero* in 1899 found 32,088 feet off the east coast of the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. The *Manshu's* "deep" apparently lies at the bottom of a precipitous declivity descending sharply about 106 miles from the southeastern coast of the main island of Japan. To the Japanese the first interest in the discovery lies in the seismic possibilities of this trench, so near their coasts. The sharpness with which the ocean bed plunges a few miles from Japan is held by scientists to be a contributing factor to the severe earthquakes which visit this part of the country.

CARDS TELL THEIR TRAVELS

BEN BOLT.
Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt?
Sweet Alice, whose hair was so brown,
Who wept with delight when you gave her a smile,
And trembled with fear at your frown?
In the old church-yard in the valley Ben Bolt,
In a corner obscure and alone,
They had fitted a slab of the granite so gray,
And Alice lies under the stone.
Under the hickory-tree, Ben Bolt,
Which stood at the foot of the hill,
Together we've lain in the noontide shade,
And listened to Appleton's mill.
The mill-wheel has fallen to pieces, Ben Bolt,
The rafters have tumbled in,
And a quiet which crawls round the walls as you gaze
Has followed the olden din.
Do you mind the cabin of logs, Ben Bolt,
At the edge of the pathless wood,
And the bottom-bait tree, with its motley limbs,
Which night by the door-step stood?
The cabin to ruin has gone, Ben Bolt,
The tree you would seek for in vain;
And where once the lords of the forest
Were waved and golden grain.
Are grass and golden grain.
And don't you remember the school, Ben Bolt,
With the master so cruel and grim,
And the shaded nook in the running brook
Where the children went to swim?
Grass grows on the master's grave, Ben Bolt,
The spring of the brook is dry,
And all the boys have grown to school.
There is a change in the things I loved,
Ben Bolt,
They have changed from the old to the new,
But I feel in the depths of my spirit the truth,
There never was change in you.
Twelve months twenty have passed,
Ben Bolt,
Since first we were friends—yet I hail your presence a blessing, your friendship a truth,
Ben Bolt of the salt-sea gale.
—Thomas Dunn English.

CONFIDENCE GAME WORKED IN LONDON

Slick Stranger Gets \$1,000 From Agent of Indian Firm.

London, Oct. 2.—A young man from India exploring London, a genial stranger who had "lost his way" and entered into conversation with him, a lightning friendship, and the young man suddenly the poorer for it by \$1,000.
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"Over the coffee," said Mr. Eastwood, "the stranger introduced himself as Mr. McMahon, and said he had two tickets to visit Buckingham Palace the following day, and as a friend of his was unable to go he invited Mr. Saunders to accompany him." They met again and went to Cook's in Ladbroke circus because the stranger stated that he wished to arrange a tour. "The stranger entered Cook's alone,"

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"Yes, I told it to him last night."

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Bobby: "Can't I change my name today, ma?"
Mother: "What in the world do you want to change your name for?"
Bobby: "Cause pa said he will whip me when he gets home as sure as my name's Robert."

Where They Speak French.

The English visitor to Switzerland was determined to show off his French. "Et ça d'on est fumer," he asked the waiter.
"Sorry, sir," said the waiter. "I can't speak French."
"Well," snapped the visitor, "go and fetch some one who can."

Opinions That Count.

"I am going to tell my audience exactly what I think," said the aggressive campaigner.
"Go ahead if you feel that way about it," answered Senator Sorghum. "But the safest way is to find out what your audience think and tell 'em that."

Worthy of Solomon.

A man left his property to be equally divided between his two sons. Not being able to agree, they sought an arbitrator. He said to the elder: "You are the elder, are you not?"
"Yes," was the answer.
"So you will divide the property."
"You are the younger," continued the arbitrator to the other, "so you shall have the first choice."
Thus was an absolutely even division assured.

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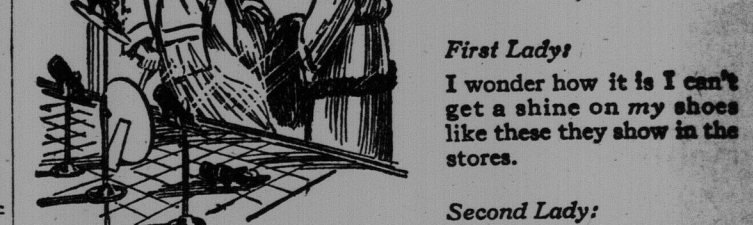
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draw \$1,000 from his bank, and while they were in a coffee shop the stranger entrusted McMahon and Mr. Saunders with his wallet, when they went outside, McMahon whispered to Mr. Saunders: "There are only two persons I would trust in the world. One is the priest I am going to Rome with, and this man, because he has trusted me. I shall make him a present of a ring worth \$300 or \$500 in notes."
Mr. Saunders afterwards agreed that he trusted McMahon as the stranger had, and handed to the men his wallet

PLAN WORLD AIRWAY.

London, Oct. 2.—Plans for a round-the-world airway, with wireless, light-houses and illuminated landing fields at regular intervals along the route, have been drawn up by August Hopper, well known London aviation expert. The plan takes into consideration the experiences of the recent round-the-world fliers.



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