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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

## SEEN FROM AFAR.

Well, Simple truth would compel Us to admit That, while once it was no hit, It is not a crime To forget Out some merit In the good old summer time. When it was on hand We couldn't quite stand For it, but now—Wow! How We would like to see its smiling face About the place! It may have had a failing Or two entailing More or less Distress—Yes, Indeed, but then, Again It didn't blow Snow Down our necks Or vex Us that way—At least not every day. It takes a hero To love zero Weather. Whether He knows it or not, If he doesn't get hot When it is cold You may hold Him up as a model Unless there is something wrong with his noddie. Which is apt to be the case. Cold weather has its place, Which, had we control, Would be at the pole. So give us July. And we will gladly fry And smile through it like a saint, With no complaint.



Gave it Away. "What's in that bottle?" "Must be a good medicine." "Does the label say so?" "Well, it says, 'Shake well before taking.'"

An Eccentric River. It appears that the Colorado river leaves its bed whenever it takes a notion and goes scooting around the country like a lost book agent looking for some grand old easy mark who will hand him a meal and directions to the nearest town. This river which had been flowing in one place for a million years, more or less—we say more or less because the oldest settler had lost count—suddenly takes a notion to go into the lake building business, and it doesn't take it more than a few weeks to make Andrew Carnegie's handmade lake look like a place where the hired girl has spilled a bucket of water. Feeble man has been building dams and saying "Scat" ever since in an effort to turn it back, but it doesn't take kindly to the notion. Indeed, the settlers out there may be lucky if it doesn't chase them up hill and try the mettle of their best horses.

Good Advice. "I have found my ideal." "Then lose him immediately if you would continue happy." He is Sure. All things come round to those who wait. Especially the rent. Who drops it is never late—To get the monthly rent. Provisional. "Are you fond of change?" "Yes, unless I can get it in larger amounts."

## PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The man who can let it alone certainly has the advantage over the man who can take it or let it alone. A little difficulty now and then makes harmony sweeter and the avoidance of greater trouble more certain. Self satisfaction is a good thing to have, provided you keep it locked in the closet with the family skeleton. Ready made sympathy is a sort of gold brick that some emotional people hand out to their friends.

(AN SAY YOU ALWAYS MAKE THEM YIKED?)

No matter how sweetly it tries to sing, an alarm clock never has an appreciative audience. We all know the individual who is engaged primarily the year around in having a cold. You occasionally meet with a man of few words who balances up the woman that talks all the time. Religion never made people quarrel. Lack of it is what ails the wranglers. Acknowledge your obligations before they have a chance to disguise themselves and come back at you with a sting in them. To acknowledge yourself a fool and your actions "only fooling" seems sometimes to be the only way out of it.

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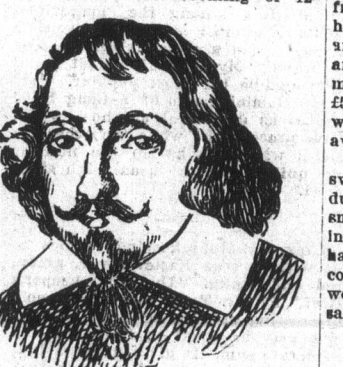
## CHAMPLAIN CENTENARY

TO BE COMMEMORATED BY A NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

Fleets of the British, United States and French Navies May Be Present—Contrast Between 12-Inch Guns and Whizzing of Feathered Arrows—Champlain Was Founder of Quebec and a Huguenot.

The citizens of Quebec are planning a great tercentenary celebration of the founding of the Ancient City by Samuel de Champlain in the summer of 1608. The project as planned calls for a fund of \$500,000, which is a guarantee of the breadth of the program. It is contemplated to have the celebration take place the week of July 3, 1908, and an interesting feature includes the possible presence of fleets of the British, United States and French navies. The unveiling of a monument to Bishop Laval, a national Canadian parade, tournament, sports on land and water, anniversary services in the churches and brilliant social affairs would add to the visitors' entertainment. The Dominion, the Quebec Legislature and the City of Quebec have been asked for substantial contributions and will probably respond generously. The proposal to invite naval representatives of the three great friendly powers which, in days gone by, fought each other bitterly for the possession of the city, which has been termed the cradle of western civilization, has aroused the keenest interest and the liveliest national satisfaction.

Grand Naval Display. A naval display, such as friendly rivalry would inevitably suggest to the nations concerned, would form a powerful attraction, and the international aquatic sports which would naturally result from the close association would add immensely to the general program. The booming of 12-



SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN. In modern guns would be in extraordinary contrast to the minute whizzing of the Indians' feathered arrows and the bursting discharge of Champlain's ancient arquebuses. It would all be very interesting, very entertaining and, perhaps, on the historic Plains of Abraham, English and French marines would honor, together, the memories of their heroes—Wolfe and Montcalm—whose lives were sacrificed upon the same battlefield in the same engagement. The quaintest old city in British North America will lend itself admirably to such an anniversary held in midsummer.

Greatest of Canadian Heroes. Samuel de Champlain, the founder of Quebec, is certainly the first and greatest of Canadian heroes. There is an air of romantic sincerity about him as a discoverer and as a colonizer in new France. He was a man of singleness of purpose and saw the possibilities of America in a marvelously inspired way at the outset; and he set out to accomplish as best could the dreams of empire that he had in his mind. He knew the Indian character and associated freely with the natives. He was the first to begin war with the Iroquois; and he was also the first to recognize the possibilities of western navigation by the Ottawa rather than around by the southern lakes at the time. He is also the original discoverer of the Province of Ontario, having entered this province from the Ottawa and Lake Nipissing, and having come south to Lake Ontario. Kingsford, the Canadian historian, gives an interesting sketch of Champlain and tries to prove he was really a Huguenot, certainly his Christian name would help to bear this out; but whether he was a Huguenot or not he recognized the state religion and did his best to establish it in America and to propagate it among the Indian tribes.

Buried in Quebec. He died and was buried in Quebec, and it is a surprising thing that his place of burial has been lost. Kingsford records that some fifty odd years ago when a trench was being cut for the purpose of a sewer, an unknown grave was encountered by the workmen. The coffin and remains were taken some place, where nobody remembers. But this is now considered to have been the body and resting place of the hero of Canada. There is a magnificent statue of Champlain in the City of Quebec commemorating the foundation of that place by him 300 years ago. Of the great Frenchmen who are identified with the Government of Canada for 150 years, Frontenac and his great rival, Laval, stand out prominently, but neither was the devoted son of Canada that Champlain was. He loved Canada for Canada's sake and is far beyond anyone else, the true founder of the Dominion.

## HIDDEN WEALTH.

How Fortunes Lie in the Sweepings of Sheffield Factories.

The average person would hardly expect to find a fortune in mere dust, and yet large fortunes have been made out of the filings swept up from the workrooms of the Sheffield factories where all kinds of silver goods are made.

Many thousands of pounds have been made during the past few years out of this dust, which at one time was thought nothing of, but was thrown out on to the rubbish heap in the usual way.

It is hard to say how many men are indebted to this dust for the good fortune they enjoy at the present time owing to the general disregard of the sweepings, as they are termed, in the past, but there is no doubt that several very rich families in Sheffield have been made, financially speaking, out of the sweepings of factory floors.

There is one family in particular who keep their carriage and pair and staff of servants on the income derived from the large volume of capital made out of dust. The founder of the family fortunes used to go round with a sack and beg the dust, which he gave to his fowls, according to his own showing. In reality, however, he extracted the silver from it and sold it to the manufacturers in clean ingots at the market price.

This he did for years and was enabled by means of working secretly and industriously to pile up a huge fortune which the present generation enjoys. Ultimately, however, it occurred to one manufacturer that where men were constantly chipping and chasing there must of necessity be a great waste of silver upon the floor.

For a long time he said nothing, but gave orders for the sweepings of the workrooms to be shot in a particular place. He then started a small smelting plant and purchased other dust, from which he extracted the silver, but his anxiety respecting the dust soon aroused the suspicions of other people, and today an average firm of silver manufacturers nets something like £500 a year from their sweepings, which not so long ago they threw away as of no consequence.

The floors of the workshops are now swept regularly and with care. The dust is put into sacks and sold to the smelters, who put it through the smelting process and extract the silver that has been wasted. The aggregate income from the sweepings of Sheffield workshop floors amounts to many thousands a year.—London Tit-Bits.

## THE MARKETS.

Friday Evening, March 29. Chicago and Liverpool grain exchanges were closed to-day. Chicago will open on Tuesday, but the English markets are closed till Tuesday.

Winnipeg Options. Winnipeg wheat futures closed to-day: March 75½c bid, May 76½c bid, July 77c bid. Oats futures—March 35c bid, May 37½c bid, July 38½c.

## CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Firm—Hogs Higher in the U. S. Markets. London, March 29.—Liverpool and London cables are steady at 11c to 12½c per lb. dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, May 29.—Cattle, slow; prime steers, \$5.50 to \$6.

Veals—Receipts 1500 head; active, 25c lower, \$4.25 to \$4.75. Hogs—Receipts 3100 head; active and 10c to 15c higher; heavy, \$6.70 to \$6.75; light and yokers, \$6.75 to \$6.80; pigs, \$6.80; roughs, \$5.75 to \$6.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6400 head; active, steady; 25c higher; 25c higher; lambs, \$2 to \$3.

New York Live Stock. New York, March 29.—Beef—Receipts 3581. Steers slow, but steady; common grades, hard to sell; bulls, steady; cows, steady to strong; about four cars unsold. Steers, \$4.30 to \$6.25; bulls, \$3.80 to \$4.25; and \$1.90 to \$3.80; dressed beef, quiet and unchanged. Reports to-day, none; tomorrow, 630 cattle, 20 sheep and 5325 hogs of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 610; lower; veals, \$6.50 to \$8.75; feed weight, \$6.45 to \$8.50; dressed calves lower. City dressed veals, 8c to 13½c per lb.; few choice at 14c; country dressed, 7c to 12½c.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2250; sheep, nominal; lambs, firm; all sold. Prime lambs, at \$5.75; no spring lambs offered. Hogs—Receipts 3204; none for sale alive. Nominally steady.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000; market, steady; common to best steers, \$4.25 to \$6.85; heifers, \$3.75 to \$5.10; cows, \$3.35 to \$5; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.40; calves, \$2.50 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market, 10c higher; good heavy shipping, \$6.45 to \$8.50; light butchers, \$6.45 to \$6.82½; light mixed, \$6.45 to \$6.47½; choice light, \$6.50 to \$6.55; pickers, \$6 to \$6.45; bulk of sales, \$6.45 to \$6.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market, 10c higher; sheep, \$4.25 to \$6.00; yearlings, \$5 to \$7.25; lambs, \$6 to \$8.10.

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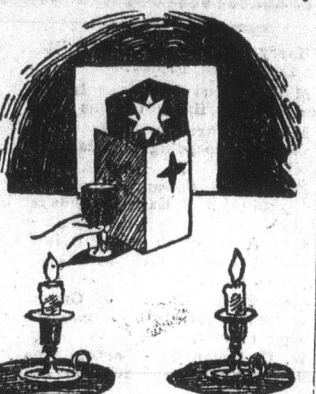


## COLORED STARS.

How to Perform a Pretty Experiment With Cardboard and Candles.

Here is a pretty experiment that any ingenious boy can make. Get a piece of cardboard, say, 8 by 12 inches in size and bend it gently in the middle. In one of the wings thus formed cut a four pointed star, with two of the points vertical and two horizontal. Now bend this wing back upon the other and make a tracing of the star on the latter with a pencil.

Your object is to get the exact center of the star tracing, and this you may do by making a dot at the intersection of the diagonals. Now make another drawing of a star on the uncut wing, but its points must be at an angle of forty-five degrees with the first. Cut this new star out carefully



## CANDLES IN POSITION.

and place the cardboard, as shown in the illustration, on a table bearing two lighted candles of the same height and opposite to a screen of white paper fixed to the wall.

Regulate the angle formed by the two wings so that the luminous images cast by the stars may fall, one directly on the other, in the center of the screen. You will thus have a bright star with eight points. Now, if you cover one of the two openings with a piece of colored glass, say green, you will have a tricolored star, with the points alternately red and green and the center white.

The piece of colored glass may be replaced by a wineglass containing any colored liquid, and the points of the star will then show alternately the color of the liquid and its complementary hue. Some very pretty effects may thus be produced.

## SAP OF THE SUGAR MAPLE.

How the Sweet Liquid is Stored in the Tree—Warmth Makes it Flow.

There is much difference of opinion as to where the sap in a sugar tree comes from. It does not come from the ground by the roots, but is in the tree and has been all winter in the form of starch deposited in the cells of the soft wood under the bark. When the weather becomes warm enough in the spring to set in action the vital processes of the tree, this starch is changed into sugar and the cells become so full of the sweet sap as to exert a great pressure on them.

The warmth of the spring sun starts this vital action, and the sap circulates through the cells on the way to the buds, which soon swell out and burst into leaf. When the tree is tapped by the sugar maker, the pressure of the sap on the cells forces it out of the opening made. There is no special current up from the roots or down to them; the tree is simply filled with sap all through the soft wood and mostly at that part of it immediately under the bark. Here new wood is formed of the matter held in solution in the sap.

The sap will flow while the ground is still frozen, for it is warmth in the air that causes the flow and not the action of the roots in the soil. Therefore it is quite useless, as some people do, to spread any little or other nonconducting matter under the tree for the purpose of keeping the ground frozen to delay the budding. If this effect be desired, the whole tree must be covered in and kept in a dormant condition by a low temperature all over.—Chicago News.

Victoria's Crown. The lightest of European crowns is the state crown of Great Britain, which was made for Queen Victoria. Although it weighs only two pounds and seven ounces, its value is \$1,500,000. One enormous sapphire came from the mines of Edward the Confessor.

## A Princess of Six.

For a night, for a day, In a land far away, Ruled a sweet little princess of six. What she did in those hours In her faraway bowers Who can say unless maybe 'twas tricks!

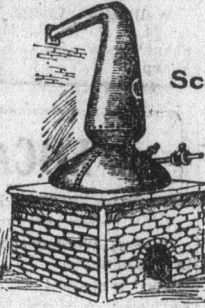
There is one thing she did That can never be hid— She mixed mustard with sugar and spice. When her subjects so gay Came to dine on that day They made faces that weren't very nice.

Then she went out to walk With a doll that could talk, And the doll talked so loud and so long That the sweet little maid Said, "I'm very much 'traid There's something inside you that's wrong."

Then she pulled pussy's tail, And poor puss gave a wall And scratched her a scratchy scratch. If you don't believe me You can go there and see Through the little red door with the latch —Washington Star.

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## DISTRICT

## GLENWOOD.

Robert Kane, of St. Thomas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Newham. Miss Dawson, of Ridgeway, is visiting at Mr. Innes'. Geo. Estabrook, Kingsville, spent Saturday at his home here, on his way to Toronto.

Robert Moore, Blenheim, visited over Sunday at Henry Lott's. Mrs. W. C. Estabrook is visiting her daughters in South Woodlee this week.

On account of the epidemic of measles in our village the attendance

at school last week was limited to two scholars, the balance being on the sick list.

Born, on Wednesday, March 20th, to the wife of Jas. A. Smith, a daughter.

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Mrs. John Renwick, of Renwick, spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. John Chester.

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## GUILDS

Mrs. Jos. Haugh is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Miss Bella Lark, Blenheim, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bentley.

The farmers are preparing for spring work. The roads are drying up nicely.

Miss Trene Cumming visited with friends at Troy last week.

Pike-spearer season is here once more, but as yet the fish are rather scarce.

John Nevills intends moving this

week to the farm which he has leased from Oscar Bentley.

Mrs. P. J. Storey is ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Bowden.

Sugar making is in full swing. Harvey, the youngest son of Mr. Arthur Cullimore, is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Neil Haggart arrived home recently, after spending a month with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Clara Purvis has returned home, after spending the winter in Flint, Mich., with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Knowles.

## Makes Child's Play of Wash Day

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