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TONGUES KILL REPUTATIONS
Dr. Horton, a well-known English
preacher, in a recent sermon, said:
"I believe that there is no single
vice in England—no, not even the
worst and grossest vices—which
does such constant and irreparable
damage as the talk of idle tongues,
that kind of talk which simply re-
sults from empty minds. You re-
member that scathing line of Pope's
in describing the talk of women in
his day,
"At every word a reputation dies."
I have come to the conclusion
that Pope's remark is true still, and
that among women who would be
horrified to be charged with any-
thing like vice or sin, their tongues
are killing the reputation and the
happiness of their fellow-creatures."

Wit and Humor

The corkscrew is mute evidence
that the day of the pull has passed.
.....
Nothing on earth can move as
rapidly as a thoroughly idle rumor.
.....

The more dishwater a wedding
ring sees the longer it seems to
last.
.....

A local man thinks the reason why
money talks is that there is a wom-
an's head on most coins.
.....

Ballpoint trousers are now in gen-
eral use but the high altitude record
is held by skirts.
.....

"Man wants but little here below,"
remarked the dressmaker as she
measured the length of the gown.
.....

The married man who says he does
not play second fiddle in his house
probably plays the lyre.
.....

A lot of people have an idea that
heaven is a place where there is
enough good luck to go around.
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Modern girls talk less than their
grandmothers did, but actions speak
louder than words.
.....

Any young man can get a rosy
complexion second hand these days
by going in for cheek-to-cheek
dancing.
.....

He—Dear, every kiss just intoxi-
cates me—won't you let me be a
drunkard?
She—Well—er—yes; but on the
condition that you won't mix your
drinks.
.....

All The Symptoms
"My dear," said a young wife in
town, to her husband, "the baby has
been trying to talk again."
"What was he talking about?"
"I think it must have been politics.
He started very calmly, but in a few
minutes he was as angry and red in
the face as he could be."
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AGAINST "MANNISH GIRLS"
The Prince of Wales has ruled a-
gainst modern, cropped femininity in
favor of less mannish women. He
confided his secret judgment to a
woman, and the secret has met the
usual fate after circulating confi-
dentially in South African society
since the prince departed for South
America and home. A prominent
woman asked the prince what he
thought of the modern girl, "If you
mean," Wales replied, "the close
cropped, cigaret smoking, manish
dressed, noisy girl one frequently
sees in all countries, then I must
confess that the modern girl does
not appeal to me in the slightest."
The foregoing probably is an in-
verse specification of what the fu-
ture Princess of Wales must be.
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SINGING AND HEALTH
Singing has long been advocated
as an aid to healthfulness of body.
The physical reactions of an exercise
which energises like the brain, the
heart, and the lungs, would certainly
seem to be beneficial. Gretry, the
eighteenth century French composer,
once said: "I placed three fingers of
my right hand on an artery and sang
an air to the tempo of my pulse.
Then I sang with great ardour an air
in a different tempo, and I distinctly
heard my pulse quickening or slack-
ening its action to accommodate it-
self by degrees to the new tempo."
The physical condition of most of the
famous singers, too, is impressive
testimony to the value of singing in
this regard of its healthfulness.
Even the sometimes too exuberant
physique of the prima donna may
fairly be quoted in support of the
claim.
.....

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Sneak thieves in Wingham robbed
the clothes line of Mrs. Morgan, who
had washed some garments for a
neighbor who had been ill.
.....

Mildmay Gazette broadcasting for
the benefit of delinquent subscribers.
First number a pitiful ditty by Ye
Editor entitled "O whence for Me
Shall My Christmas Turkey Come,
from whence the Pies." Please call
and let us know what impression, if
any, we made.
.....

THE 13th

St. Thomas, Nov. 13.—M. C. R. of-
ficials state they are not unduly
superstitious, but untoward inci-
dents which happened to-day, Friday,
the 13th, prompted them to be wary.
The fast passenger train, No. 13,
caused all the trouble. It is due at
13 minutes to 7, and arrived 13 min-
utes late. Ticket agent E. G. Thomas
found on checking up that 13 tick-
ets had been sold for the train,
which was made up of 13 coaches.
One of the 13 passengers, a little
girl, slipped and slightly hurt herself
as she was about to board the train.
Investigation showed she was 13
years of age.

WHEN A MARRIED PERSON DIES INTTESTATE

Intestate: (1) In Ontario if a
married woman, without children,
dies, leaving no valid will, the hus-
band receives half the whole estate
absolutely, after payment of the just
debts, the residue going in equal
shares to the next of kin (that is,
father, mother, brothers and sisters)
of the deceased. But if the married
woman leaves children, the husband
receives one-third of the whole es-
tate, absolutely, the residue going
to the children equally. (2) When
a married man in Ontario dies with-
out making a valid will, and leaves
children, his widow gets one-third
of the whole estate, absolutely, after
payment of the just debts—provided
she elects to abandon her dower of
one-third life interest in the real
estate—and the remaining two-
thirds go to the children in equal
shares. If there are no children, or
descendants of deceased children, the
widow—provided she elects to aban-
don her dower out of real estate—
gets \$1,000, and one-half the re-
maining estate, the residue going in
equal shares to the next of kin of
the deceased.

A FEW TIMELY HINTS FROM POSTMASTER KRAMER

Mail your Christmas Parcels Early.
Tie them up securely.
Do not use flimsy wrappers.
Tie them with strong cord.
Put the name and address of senders
on all parcels.
All parcels weighing over 8 oz. to the
United States, require a Custom
Declaration.
Insure your parcels. It is a cheap
protection.
Dozens of business firms in town use
the C. O. D. Service. Why don't
you. It saves you opening an ac-
count.
Hand your parcels in at our Parcel
Post wicket. We will weigh them,
affix the stamps, and save you time
and trouble.
Overseas parcels should be mailed
within the next week to reach the
last Christmas boat.
Fifteen pounds is now the weight
limit for parcels in Canada.

THE MAN ON THE JOB

It's never the job or its wages
That determines the worth of a man,
It's the faith and the courage he uses
In doing the best that he can.
It's the vision that carries him on-
ward
To success with a heart all athrob.
For the man who is winning the
honors,
Is the man who is making the job.
For no one will carry him upward;
He must climb to the top by himself.
If he falters or strays from purpose
He is apt to be left on the shelf.
Though the job may be humble or
menial,
Irk some, distasteful, or lone,
There's always some chap who can
use it
For an upward stepping stone.
And though the toil may be weary
And rewards seem uncertain and
slow,
Dame Fortune is ready and waiting,
For the chap full of hustle and go,
Who bends to the task in dead
earnest
With a courage that no one can rob,
For the job doesn't count in the
struggle
As much as the man on the job.
So whether we toil for a living
At a desk or a lathe or a loom,
In the fields that are ripe for a
harvest
Or deep in a mine's leaden gloom,
And whether we draw out ten thous-
and
Or a paltry and mean forty bob,
There's a job for the man who can
make it:
It's always the man—not the job,

JUST ABOUT "BLOOMERS"

"Onlooker" in St. Thomas Times-
Journal: The very lowly subject of
young ladies' "bloomers" held the
boards at a United Church minister-
ial meeting in London this week.
all over a remark made by a recent
arrival from Walkerville that he had
seen as unbecoming attire at girls'
indoor basketball and baseball games
as he had seen in burlesque at Tor-
onto. The consensus of opinion of
others present at the meeting was
that the comparison was not a good
one, and that the girls, with but few
exceptions, conducted themselves pro-
perly and dressed modestly. We
have all, probably, seen the "few
exceptions." They creep in every-
where, in street, dance or swimming
attire. Properly fashioned bloomers
and middies make a most admirable
uniform for most girls' sports and
only a prude would find fault with
them. Those in charge of such af-
fairs should take charge of the ex-
ceptions, where found, and see that
they conform to standard in attire.
In fact, most of them do. Locally,
we see little of the extremes in sport
dress, as pictured in papers arriving
from the Old Country. The ladies'
football uniforms differ not one whit
from men's, unless it be they are a
bit more abbreviated. The wearing
of such outfits will, in time, eliminate
all this mystery and curiosity of
women's legs (I think I am safe in
calling them legs), and both sexes'
lower extremities will be used for
walking purposes only, instead of the
ladies' being held up as objects need-
ing close observation by tired busi-
ness men through opera glasses. Fa-
miliarity breeds contempt, you know.
If that is the aim of the coming
generation of young women, the
present mode of attire in both sport
and social functions will surely work
to that end—and, mayhap, be better
for all concerned.

GETTING SOMEWHERE

From time to time reports appear
in the press showing the number of
accidents reported to the Workmen's
Compensation Board and referring to
the large sums of money awarded for
compensation. It is interesting to
compare the first ten months of 1924
and 1925. From January to October
inclusive, 1924, there were 49,635 ac-
cidents reported to the Compensation
Board by all employers under com-
pensation in Ontario including 322
death cases. In the same ten
months of 1925, there were 49,743
accidents reported including 284 fat-
alities. The decrease in death cases
is most encouraging and means much
to the whole province.
A comparison of compensation
awarded is most illuminating. In
the first ten months of 1924 the
Board awarded \$5,282,908.29 and for
the same period in 1925 the awards
totalled \$4,592,236.85, or a decrease
of approximately seven hundred
thousand dollars. This decrease in
death cases and the decrease in ac-
cident cases is part of the general evi-
dence that the more severe, more
costly type of accident, is being
slowly reduced in number and that
the accident prevention movement is
"getting somewhere."

THE BOY KNEW WHAT TO DO

Crocodiles have been known to
drag even elephants to the bottom
of the Ganges and hold them till
they drown; yet a boy named Maloo,
bathing in the Mahi, in western In-
dia, managed to win in a fight that
elephants had found too much for
them.

A crocodile seized him by the left
arm and dragged him down. But
he knew that crocodiles cannot stand
pressure on the windpipe, and he
managed to swing his right arm
round its neck and press till the ani-
mal grew limp. He dragged it to
shallow water, and there made it let
go. Then he kicked it hard and ran
up the bank.

No such escape has been known
before. It is a capital example of
the value of any odd bit of knowl-
edge.

MONTH-OLD BABY SOFFOCATED

The death of little Beatrice Lang-
ford, the one-month-old baby of Mr.
and Mrs. Reginald Langford, conces-
sion 22, Keppel, was of a particular-
ly distressing nature. The little
child was found dead in bed, lying
by the side of her mother. It evi-
dently had been suffocated by the
bed clothes or by the mother having
turned over while in bed. The baby
was quite cold in death when found.
The parents are heart-broken over
the loss of their little one.

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WHAT MAKES A TOWN?

Here is a short editorial clipped
from an exchange, and which all of
us in Mildmay might well read, and
having read ponder over and act
upon: "What makes a town any-
way?" Is it the wealth evidenced
by the homes and splendid store
buildings? These may attest the
stability and the thrift of certain
people, but they offer no great in-
ducement to commercial and moral
progress. Is it the spirit of good
order and law observance? That is
a factor only. The sleepiest old
hamlets that dot the country may
have this spirit in rank abundance.
Is it the schools and churches? May
their number ever increase, but they
don't make a town—they only cul-
ture it. Is it the geographical lo-
cation of the country surrounding,
the shipping facilities, the natural
advantages? None of these are es-
sential. Well, what is it that makes
a town anyway? Just one thing—
the unity of the people, the exis-
tence of a common bond which caus-
es business and social enemies to
put aside all differences when it
comes to boosting the town. No
town ever made real progress in the
way of substantial success without
the get-together spirit unanimously
adopted. It has rejuvenated old
hulks of towns that were yawning
their way into endless sleep. It has
infused new life blood into the heart
of commercial life and made thriving
cities out of paralytic villages. Nat-
ural advantages count for much and
prosperity cannot be built upon shif-
ting sands, but any town with half
a chance can be made to expand and
thrive when its citizens join with
one accord in the boosting program.

A FIRE OF THE IMAGINATION

The day, which had begun as In-
dian summer, had changed rapidly
through the afternoon until, at twi-
light, it became a raw, nipping har-
binger of coming winter. The pro-
prietor of the village inn, with a
lighted lantern on his arm, entered
what had once been the barroom
but was now converted into a men's
lounging room. In cold weather
this room was heated by an old-
fashioned castiron box stove. Chan-
cing to look out of one of the win-
dows, the proprietor recognized a
party of woodmen returning from
their work in the woods to the inn
where they lodged. A look of con-
trition overspread the proprietor's
face. "There comes those wood-
choppers," he reproached himself,
"probably half froze, 'an I ain't got
any fire started yet."

With his fingers the proprietor
combed his forelock thoughtfully.
Suddenly his face brightened. Step-
ping quickly to the stove he raised
some of the lids and set the lighted
lantern within. Then he replaced
the lid and walked around to the
front of the stove. As he drew out
the slide to the draft, the opposite
wall immediately became illumined
with a bright, cheery glow. Seating
himself comfortably, the proprietor

awaited his guests, who soon entered, boisterously complaining of the sudden change in the temperature.

"Aat-a-boy!" cried the leader en-
thusiastically when he saw the
cheerful glow. "The boss's got a
peach of a fire"

The men gathered about the stove
rubbing their chilled fingers vigor-
ously, their faces aglow with con-
tentment at the comfort of the room.
At last they seemed to be warmed
through, and they left the stove for
the chairs and benches that were
scattered about the room and began
to assemble their smoking equip-
ment.

"You fellows all warmed-up good?"
affably inquired the proprietor, ris-
ing from his chair. "Because if you
be" he continued, "I want to bor-
row the lantern to go out and get
some kindling to start a fire with
and to do the chores."

And suiting the action to the
word, he walked over to the stove,
removed the lid and took out the
lantern. A look of incredulous am-
azement overspread the faces of
the woodcutters. That was quickly
followed by a sheepish grin, and
that, in turn, as the proprietor closed
the door behind him, by a roar of
indulgent laughter.

COMPULSORY VOTING

In view of the comparatively light
vote polled in some ridings in the
recent election it has been suggested
that steps should be taken to compel
all entitled to vote to attend at the
polling booths and mark a ballot.

In Queensland, one of the provin-
ces of Australia, a compulsory voting
law has been in force for ten years
and the federal government recently
adopted similar measure, which was
to apply for the first time at a gen-
eral election to be held on the 15th
of this month.

Under this law, lists of those en-
titled to vote are prepared by regis-
ters and those who fail to go to the
polls, and are unable to give a good
reason for staying away, are liable
to a fine of \$10.00.

Such a law will make quite a dif-
ference in election day proceedings.
For instance candidates will no longer
be interested in "getting out the
vote" except in so far as placing an
automobile at the service of such
voter. Voters will be interested in
getting themselves out in order to
avoid later trouble and the payment
of the fine.

The wisdom of a compulsory vot-
ing law is open to question. The per-
son who will not voluntarily go out
and vote can have no interest in the
issues of an election nor in the can-
didate and cannot vote intelligently.
It is as well perhaps that only those
who, what ever reasons, take suffi-
cient interest in an election to vote
voluntarily should vote at all. Those
who do not vote, disfranchise them-
selves for that particular election.
They should not, however, be dis-
franchised by law, for it may be
that on another occasion they may
be very likely interested in the is-
sues and the candidates.