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ON ROCK OR SAND?

School closing again! Then the holidays and another term after that, except for those who are emerging from the crystalline to spread their wings. The upward surge of the lower grades is interesting to those who have personal interest in any child the grade that occupies is the only one worth considering—but the climax of each school year leads on and on to the last effort which is to send the young man or woman out into the world's sea to the seats of more advanced education.

Yesterday we asked, where will these be four or five years hence? Today it may be permitted to ask what they will be? It depends on what degree of real education they have absorbed along with the more material training. Have they deep implanted in them the qualities that make for contentment, a life of service whatever be their circumstances, a pride in achievement, an enjoyment of that deep lasting happiness in art, music and literature bequeathed to us from the ages; or are they only fit to snatch at dollars for work grudgingly given and buy what transitory pleasures anybody can obtain for cash? Are they hitherto plants to be in the sun or shrivel at the first frost, or are they ready to face the tempests of the world and use without abuse the good things life has to offer them?

On the answers to these and like questions rests all prophecy of their path through life. Whether they be Canadian born, or from the Old Country, or from other lands, like the young Roumanian who leads the graduating class of St. Vincent's, we wish them all good fortune. They have probably been preached to more than enough, but one piece of advice we will add; live to serve, cultivate a sense of proportion and keep smiling.

MUNDELEIN.

What can be said of the wonderful demonstration of religious fervor at Mundelein more descriptive than the words of the despatch? "Like a great tide, ever gathering momentum, the waves of human emotion swept upon Mundelein forty miles west of Chicago through every available channel of movement, until the seminary grounds and its outlying territory became a vast city of nearly a million souls dedicated to a faith nineteen centuries old. Read on and realize if possible the solemn adoration of the Host, and whether one regard the consecrated water as Our Lord's body in fact or in symbol, the devotion of that multitude of pilgrims must strike a sympathetic chord, arouse a desire to declare the Christian's faith.

That mighty climax in which the princes of the Catholic Church joined with the humblest pilgrim blots out all that has gone before and dazzles the mind's eye beyond hope of retaining impressions of what may follow. Nevertheless all must have detected the motif running like a clear melody throughout the Congress, an expression of understanding and tolerance of non-Catholic. Christendom. Perhaps a League of Churches may be formed in the not too distant future, and from that what misunderstanding might be removed, what unions might result it is impossible to predict.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

There appears to be at last an earnest desire on the part of the French people to rid France of the political influences to which that sorely distressed country's financial ills are directly traceable. The various parties and blocs which make up the French Parliament have as usual been playing politics rather than trying to save France and their Parliament is so constituted that alliances of different blocs make it impossible for the Government to put through constructive legislation. The left numbering about 280 deputies and known as the "Cartel des Gauches" has held the balance of power in the Chamber of Deputies since May, 1924 and has influenced the policy of each succeeding government, resulting in much harmful legislation. As a consequence capital has been frightened out of France.

The French system of taxation has suffered most from this cause, so that today taxation is very inequitably distributed. Passants and workmen escape almost entirely while 70 per cent. of the taxes come from a very small proportion of the citizens. For instance, we are informed that districts in the south and west with an aggregate population of 18,000,000 pay only 210,000,000 francs while the district of the Nord with a population of 1,760,000 pays 212,000,000 francs.

Lack of confidence, largely caused by the inequitable taxation and by the wild socialistic schemes that are proposed, is causing industrialists to retrench rather than expand and the consequent export of capital from the country has made it impossible to stabilize French currency.

The appointment of the committee

that was to ration France and have a free hand in the making of recommendations, which, it was felt would be acted upon, raised new hope, but political interference makes of it merely a consultative body whose weight will hardly have the necessary salutary effect.

The ability of the French people to emerge from a difficult situation at the blackest hour probably will be the means of pulling them triumphantly through this crisis and it is hardly probable that the franc will go the way of the mark although observers tell us there doubtless will be still further depreciation.

Provided the French people have learned the folly of hampering themselves at the present time with socialistic influences and if their Parliament will replace the present top-sliced electoral system, it would seem that France's salvation lies in a new election. This may result in the return of a Parliament able and willing to meet the situation with a broad statesmanlike vision rather than the narrow politically advantageous viewpoint which has characterized past parliaments of recent years.

Those torpedo-shaped tanks to contain whisky, buoyed by air for towing and found in a rum schooner may be the germ of a really effective smuggling device. The towing part seems crude, however. Why not use real torpedoes with whisky instead of explosive and stand off shore to fire them as necessary? As for the "concentrate which makes a kind of whisky when diluted"—"kind of" is probably right.

Only a woman would have dared to blame mother's bad language for the daughter's loose speech. A Miss Morrison said: "For years we have made allowance for father's strong language, but now another is nearly as bad and he is having a serious effect on the girl's speech among themselves. This is all a part of the so-called greater freedom." Oaths are usually meaningless. They may be foolish, but seldom harmful. A Presbyterian divine recently declared that he "shared the wish expressed by another clergyman that someone would compose a form of sound words suitable for the use of a pious man in circumstances of extreme provocation." Most of us have experienced the relief afforded by an occasional violent expletive and if it helps our daughters to let off steam—why let them. The Italian idea is worthy of note however. Cursing and swearing is now a crime in Italy because it spoils the beauty of the Italian language.

Odds and Ends

In County Donegal

(Alice Fleming in Boston Transcript).
What, did you say, was my sister saying?
"No luck comes where the eyes are green."
Take that folly an' turn it stravin',
Green is the luckiest color seen.
Isn't grass green for the eyes to rest in?
Aren't the trees of the same sweet hue?
Mind you this, when she starts her jestin',
I'd love you less if your eyes were blue!
What was my little brother shouting?
"Hair that 'ud match our red cow's all."
I'll be with him an' stop his floutin'.
With a kind little word from the tip of a fall.
You, with your hair where the sun-shine ranges,
Like the autumn light on the beechen track.
Is it he would be wantin' changes?
I'd love you less if your hair was black!
What was my poor old mother creakin' in?
"Never a cow and hen but few."
Widows, Cuthie, is sore provokin'.
'Tis often all that they've left to do,
She, with her lame back, there at her knittin'.
Angry with pain, and sad to be old—
Mind you this, when she starts her twittin',
I'd love you less were you hung with gold!

At Ninety-Seven.

(Toronto Globe).
Prof. G. Ferguson of Queen's University, Kingston, is still hale and hearty, although in his ninety-seventh year. Of all his lectures, the Brantford Expositor submits, the biggest lesson he has taught is that of growing old and still keeping young.

The Real Test.

(Montreal Herald).
According to a University of Chicago professor, it is impossible for the average man to be absolutely honest. "He may be honest in business, and may even tell the truth to his wife, but when it comes to relating an experience concerning fish—watch out!"

The Only Way.

(Winnipeg Tribune).
Dr. Brisbane Elliott, the Cincinnati therapist, said at a banquet: "Pure water is the best therapeutic agent. The Japanese know this and drink gallons daily. Result? They are the healthiest people on earth. 'Our people,' he went on, shyly, 'water in bulk and there's no way to make them drink it unless—' And Dr. Elliott chuckled. 'Unless we prohibit it.'"

Just Fun

HE SAYS: "And on a cold night like that she pulls all the covers up over herself, leaving me to freeze to death."

SHE SAYS: "And with the thermometer below zero, I wake up shivering in the middle of the night and every last stitch of cover on him. If I catch pneumonia, there's him to thank."

SOME things cannot be bought for love or money, but money will buy a lot of things that love can't.

Short But Sweet. Inclosed find check.

IT MAY be a poor rule that won't work both ways. But it's a poorer one that won't work at all.

YOU can't tell who is the real boss in the family until you discover whether the wife's hair is bobbed.

THREE Roman pitchers have been dug up at Doncaster, England. So that game didn't originate in America after all.

'TIS PICNIC SEASON

When I go to a picnic I usually inquire: "Where shall we hold the coffee and spill it in the fire?" —Kansas City, Mo., Star.

When I go to a picnic I usually inquire: "Where shall we hold the coffee and spill it in the fire?" —Macon, Ga., Telegraph.

When we go to a picnic To fall in some quiet spot, We hope no woman will ask us To put a worm on her hook. —Jacksonville, Fla., Times Union.

BONDS of Matrimony—Short term notes only.

PARKE—Raker says his wife faints when she saw that beautiful stenographer he has in his office. Mrs. Parke—"What became of the girl?" "I hired her."

A WOMAN's face is her fortune only when it draws much interest. "I hired her."

LADY PATIENT: Oh, doctor, I'm so queer! What shall I do? I feel I hardly wish to live, so I thought I'd send for you.

SPRING CLEANING

As we think of spring... Fresh flowers. Fresh fruit. Fresh eggs. Fresh air. Fresh water. As it really is. Fresh paint. Fresh women. Fresh kids. Fresh colds. Fresh trouble.

NEVER feel discouraged because you happen to be poor. Poverty is the beginning of success no matter which way you look.

ON the east side of Long Island you can hear the sea, on the other side you see the sound.

A PQOL and his money soon pay a dime for a nickel cigar.

DINNER STORIES

THE sailor approached the officer at the gate with a knowing leer. "Say, skipper," said he, "if I bring off a few little souvenirs tomorrow will it be all right? I'll make it all right with you."

"Sure," said the officer "what time will it be? I want to be here myself to see you through."

"Make it two o'clock," said the sailor. The next day at that hour alone came the sailor, glancing furtively from side to side. As he approached the gate the customs officer and two hussies jumped him and searched him. Not an atom of dutiable stuff could they find.

"No," said the sailor, "I was taking it out yesterday when we met."

A SCOTCH subaltern was one day on guard with his friend fell off a precipice and was killed. The subaltern, however, made no mention of the accident in his guard report, but left the addendum, "No one extraordinary since guard mounting," standing without explanation. Some hours after the general demanded an explanation.

"What do you mean, sir, by reporting 'No one extraordinary since guard mounting'?" when a fellow officer has fallen down a precipice four hundred feet deep and been killed! "General," said the lieutenant, "I don't think there's anything extraordinary in that. If he had fallen down a precipice four hundred feet and been killed, that would have been something like."

"WHY is Jinks so sad?" one male gossip asked of another who knew the subject of the inquiry. "Reason enough, I should say. He was in the park this morning, and saw a woman going into a faint. He nearly caught her in his arms, and—"

"Was robbed by her, eh? Old stuff, that."

"You're wrong, old man. Not that sort of a case. She proved to be a millionaire's daughter."

"Then what is he so blue about?" "Well, he didn't catch her."

THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Ottawa Journal.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have gained more rapidly in population in the past twenty years than the adjoining states of Maine and New Hampshire. Nova Scotia has gained more in proportion than Maine, notwithstanding the exceptional impulse which Maine has been getting from her seaside resorts and hunting and fishing propaganda. The Journal has given the statistics repeatedly. The cold fact is that owing to geographical and climatic reasons, and attractive industrial and agricultural conditions elsewhere, the whole northeast quarter of North America, on both sides of the international border, has been inevitably more or less comparatively slow in progress; that our side of the border is no worse off than the other, and would likely be a great deal worse but for Confederation.

Stuck?



The Camel and the Needle's Eye.—From Chicago Tribune.

POEMS I LOVE

"Come, Sleep," by Sir Philip Sidney
TIDH series of sonnets known as "Astrophel and Stella" by this old English poet form an enchanting chain that binds two lovers. I am of those who prefer to believe that Sidney was sincere when he wrote these exquisite poems. I know that doubt has been expressed as to his high feelings when he addressed himself in rhyme to the Stella of the sonnets; but even if the soldier-statesman-poet was not in earnest, we have the group of incomparable poems, and that is enough for me.

Come, Sleep! O Sleep, the certain knot of peace,
The poor man's wealth, the prisoner's release,
Sovereign of all passions, all affections,
Pacifying of all warring factions,
Sweet oblivion of every human sorrow,
The stillness of the night, the silence of the morrow,
The land of nod, the land of nod, the land of nod,
The land of nod, the land of nod, the land of nod.

Queer Quirks of Nature

THE BATTLE OF PARASITES AND PESTS.

By ARTHUR N. PACK.
Aphids or plant lice are among the most common and by no means the least injurious of our insect pests.

After a time both males and females are found among the broods, and these produce eggs which are deposited in cracks in bark and other situations, there to winter and in some protected place. The individuals hatching from these winter eggs are all females and possess the power to bring forth living young without fecundation, and these can continue the process.

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Other Views

A POWERFUL MACHINE.

(New York Times).
The great organization for the maintenance of supplies, which was the chief engine for breaking the strike, had scarcely been mentioned by name. Some weeks ago, it is true, a labor leader denounced it as fomenting class warfare.

Coming from the folk who have organized extra-ordinary forces, the strike force and carried the strike into parliament, the charge was preposterous; and it was not until a speech which one can only guess to have been a stinging rebuke to the charge, that the deep thought with which England has faced the class struggle is in the appeal which King George issued in the hour of victory to "all my people" urging them to achieve "a peace which will be lasting because, forgetting the past, it looks only to the future with the hopefulness of a united people."

AS SHERIDAN SAID

(Toronto Star).
Sheridan's ready wit was equaled some years ago by another prominent politician on the occasion of the Derby being won by a French horse. The Frenchman present, as was natural, cheered vociferously, and not content with that one of them shouted: "Waterloo reversed!" "Yes," said the statesman.

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By Nell Cochran

POP STEPS OUT

"I GUESS I'll stay downtown tonight," says Mister Married Man. "This best that I keep out of sight. The missus says I can. She might as well just tell me, I'd be sorta in the way. It's actions that expel me from the household, for the day."

"I'll gladly pay the grocer, and believe me it's enough. But, frankly, I leave no sir, as to helpin' eat the stuff. The feed that she's preparin' may be nice 'n' all of that, but I prefer an' a bridge game in the air, so father's goin' bumm'n' cause he's just not wanted there."

There's no thrill in livin' in marble halls, if ya can't get out till your term expires.

Had is the past tense of money.

Hair is usually a woman's crowning glory—except when she first gets up in the morning.

He built a coop and, for a change, he planned to raise some chickens. But all his plans were changed, by when wily wiles raised the dickens.

If you really are curious to know of what high is made up, see the dictionary, from A to Z.

Any time you're picking blackberries, and one of them stings you, it's a bumbee.

FABLES IN FACT

THE REAL ESTATE MAN HAD BEEN BUILDING HOMES FOR YEARS COMMA AND HE FINALLY DECIDED TO QUIT THE BUSINESS. A FRIEND CAME UP TO HIM WHILE HE WAS STANDING OUT IN FRONT OF THE FINAL PLURGE AND SAID COMMA QUOTATION MARK SO THIS IS THE LAST HOUSE YOU INTEND TO BUILD PERIOD HAVE YOU RENTED IT QUESTION MARK QUOTATION MARK AND THE REAL ESTATE MAN REPLIED COMMA QUOTATION MARK YEP COMMA LAST LASH DASH BUT NOT LEASIN' PERIOD QUOTATION MARK.

keeping up our institutions, to have the cabinet organized on that basis.

LIFE INSURANCE DEFINED.

(Wheatley Journal).
Life insurance is one thing and one thing only. In the social and economic order, it performs a single and simple service. It is the money indemnification for the destruction of a valuable human life. We insure our lives for the same reason that we insure our houses and our ships. All three things have a money value; all stand momentarily in danger of destruction and all are insured for the purpose of replacing ourselves or our dependants for their loss. This protection is something we buy. We pay money for it; that is, it is an outgo, an expenditure, never an income. Our expectation in purchasing insurance is that when we lose, or die, our dependants will not be beggared. This is so great an advantage, it adds so wonderfully to the sum of human happiness, that we are willing to pay for it all in costs. No one regards the insurance upon his house—his fire insurance—an investment—as something upon which he receives an annual income; and no more should he so regard the insurance upon his life.

CHOICE OF WORDS

(Mentor Magazine).
Shakespeare's plays contain fifteen thousand different words. Milton's words half that number. These were writers of prolific thought and phrase, yet even they did not make heavy draught upon the store of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives in the English language. For there are a hundred thousand of them in all.

A NOTABLE INSTANCE

(Hamilton Herald).
Perhaps the most momentous journey ever taken by a motor car is the one editorially alluded to by the Toronto Globe, when it said that "the car, full of human beings," had been "hurled into eternity."

A COALITION CABINET.

(Edmonton Journal).
It is hard to believe that a more complete fusion will not be brought about before long by taking others than Liberals into the cabinet. Under the circumstances it is anomalous to have only members of that party there. With a coalition in effect in parliament, it is the reasonable thing, and in

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