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Sir Oliver Lodge

BY FORETELLING THE FUTURE.

"The extent and power of human intelligence cannot be considered fully known as yet, and it is unwise for the law to condemn people for attempting to forecast the future as if that were so manifestly impossible as to be ipso facto fraudulent," writes Sir Oliver Lodge in a letter to the Times.

"Admittedly, there are certain ridiculous superstitions—as if human destiny could be determined by the fall of playing-cards or by the position of planets—but the extent to which forecasting of the future can be achieved is a matter for scientific inquiry. There is nothing absurd in the idea.

"A railway time-table predicts the trains at least a month ahead. An astronomer can predict eclipses several centuries in advance. Some experts succeed in forecasting the weather for a few hours. And statesmen attempt to foresee the result of an election or the probable attitude of a self-governing state. So some power of forecasting is known to exist, though manifestly subject to uncertainty."

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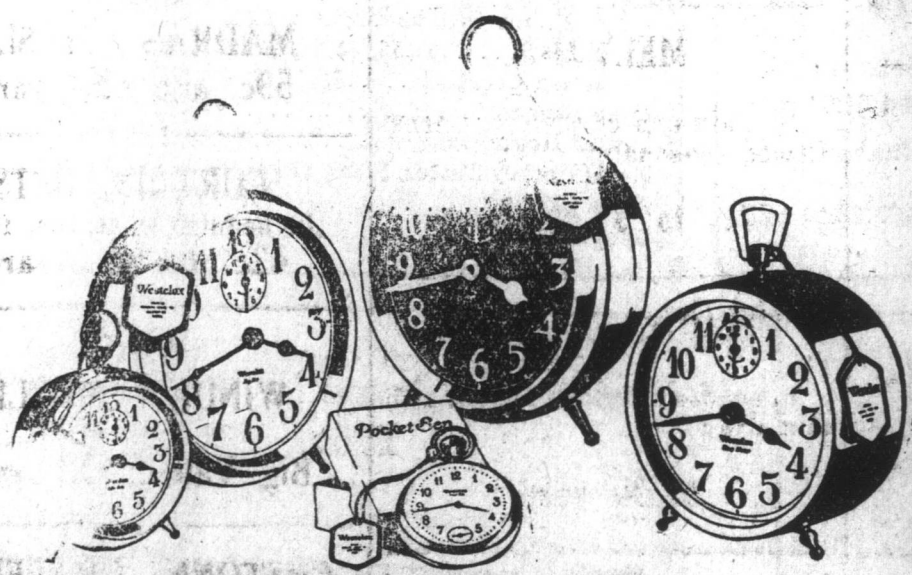
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Said the fish to the man
On the rivulet's brink,
As he reached for a bottle
And started to drink:
"I am just a poor fish
And when hungry I eat;
I am lured to my death
By what seems to be meat!"

"It is true I'm a fool,
And I don't stop to look
When a minnow I see
If it's tied to a hook.
I take a long chance
For the food I require,
But not every minnow
Is tied to a wire."

"You are smarter than I,
But I'll venture to say
You play with your life
In the very same way.
If the label reads 'whiskey,'
You don't stop to think,
It may be rank poison,
But you'll take a drink."

"You laugh at a fish
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CIDER MAKERS' EXPERIMENT.

Cider making is in full swing at the National Fruit and Cider Institute at Long Ashton, Somerset, where the countryside is redolent of apples.

The juice is of average quality, but it is too early yet to judge the cider. Eighty-six different ciders have already been made from various apples, and there are more to come. The farmers will therefore have plenty of scope for their palates at the annual cider tasting next summer.

An experiment, based on a suggestion by Lord Bledisloe that the institute should try to manufacture a dry cider like the light French wines, is being carried out at present with small and unmarketable culinary apples. The chemical composition of their juices renders them suitable for the production of a dry "apple wine," in making which a certain quantity of sugar is added to the juice before fermentation.

About half a dozen casks of this "apple wine" are maturing, and the "drier" should be ready next summer for bottling.

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Free Trade Logic

Manchester Guardian: (Since shingled hair became the fashion the sale of hair brushes has greatly diminished, leading to a request for a duty on imported brushes under the Safeguarding of Industries Act). Surely the more reasonable thing to seek would be a general prohibition of bobbed and shingled tresses? If a market is collapsing because of the failure of the internal demand for its wares, how is a duty on the imported product going to restore it to strength and vigor? This is one of those mysteries which are only to be apprehended by the thoroughgoing Protectionist. To the uninitiated it looks a little like an example of that touching faith in tariffs as a sort of white magic which can work all sorts of miracles just because the true believer would like to see them worked. In all the frequent discussions of the new fashions in hair-dressing it is certainly the oddest development yet encountered.

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South Africa Native Policy Outcry

General Hertzog's proposed solution of the native problem, the biggest question confronting South Africa, satisfies neither the whites nor the blacks.

The proposals mark the opening of a new political era and will split the parties and divide the provinces. It is even asserted by some that it will go a long way towards destroying South Africa, the critics saying that it is a policy of racial fear on the part of the minority.

While the natives will be dissatisfied by the small number of representatives in Parliament assigned to them by General Hertzog, the Dutch die-hards, particularly from the Orange Free State, object to the extension of the franchise to other provinces.

The natives recently have become increasingly restive, demanding a larger share in legislation and higher pay.

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Eighty thousand firms in this country were selling goods at controlled prices which left a fair margin of profit for the retailer and wholesaler, and that his investigations proved that if the retailer cut the prices of goods and did not sell at a reasonable profit he was bound to cheat the public somewhere. He emphasized the fact that it was essential for the manufacturer to ask a reasonable and not an exorbitant price for products, and that the public were undoubtedly better served and preferred to purchase goods that were branded and controlled in price. It has been decided to form a P.A.T.A. in Canada.

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Scotland Yard Honoured by Prince

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Prince of Wales yesterday made a surprise visit to Scotland Yard where he inspected the famous "Black Museum" in which relics of murders, burglaries and other crimes are stored, also witnessed various phases of the police activities. The Prince is taking a comparative rest from society, most of his engagements being cancelled owing to the death of his grandmother, Queen Alexandra, but he finds time hanging heavily for one of his restive nature. He spent several mornings recently exercising his hunters in the country, but he did not join in any actual chase. When not making duty calls in London he visits all sorts of odd places.



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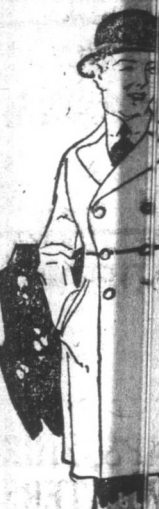
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