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the Attorney-General's de intend to make a strong put an end to the raffling Western Ontario

Wit and Humor

One finds widoy's weeds in rarden of love.

Unto a little nigger, A-swimming in the Nile, Appeared. quite unexpectedly 1 A hungry crocodile Who, with that chill polite That makes the warm blood freeze Remarked: "I'll take some dark mean Without dressing, if you please!"

"I'll keep my eyes open," said the otato when he saw the lettuce dressing."

"I see you have been lying abou e in your paper," roared the fire eating subscriber.

"You may thank me for that," sa the editor. "What would you do I had told the truth?"

Maud's not in the garden For she is very wise; She knows the corn has ears And potatoes all have eyes.

Set Her Thinking "Biddy," said Pat, timidly,

you ever think of amrrying?" "Sure, now," says Biddy, looking demurely at her shoe, "sure now the subject has never entered my mind at all.

"It's sorry I am," said Pat, and he turned away "One minute, Pat," said Biddy, softly, "you've set me thinking."

Diner-These beans art tough! Waiter-Dem am Wax Beans.

Precaution

The beefy man scanned the bill of aer very closely.

I'm not real hungry," he said to the waiter. "I guess, though, I'll have broiled lobster, a double Welsh rarebit, a couple of side orders of egetables and half a mince pie."

Will you please write your order, sir, and sign it?" the waiter asked respectfully. "We always like to have something to show the coroner

Florist (to customer)-If this Century plant doesn't bloom in a hundred years, bring it back."

Into my garden Came a hen: To-day we had Chicken dinner abain,

"Well," remarked the husband, after a long and heated argument on the question of man's superiority women, "at least there is one a man can have and a woman can-

"Never!" cried his wife, passiontely, "Never! I deny it! you mean?"

"A wife," he replied.

A clergyman in Fort Worth, Texas shot a fellow citizen who called or him to remonstrate about statements the Minister had made from the pulpit. The minister states in his defence that his life was threatened but there is nothing in thenewspaper reports to show that the man called on the minister had intended a use violence, at any rate the irate visitor made no attempt to pull a gun. It seems to us the minister was too quick in using a revolver to take human life. Pulling a gur has become altogether too commor in nited States. A punch from 's elenched fist, the British way, ap-Upeals to us as a sure-enough defence against one who has no weapon

While driving his car at night, Wm. Nickason of Arran collided with son of the same township, and the in Division Court at Port Elgin, phone conversations, this is a rule with Mr. Freeborn substituting for Judge Klein. It was claimed that Robertson was pasturing his cattle the telephone with a man, it matters on the highway, thus violating a not whether the woman or the man township by-law, also that he had did the calling up, it is the woman promised to stand the come of dam who should bring the conversation to age to car radiator. Robertson was lenced by the fact later advised not to pay the damag- the other hand, especially if the es, and also entered a counter claim against Nickason for \$60. After a night letter from the hearing the evidence the court ruled to continue the conversation too neral on Saturday night that it was a case of negligence by ect that the law in respect both parties—the defendant in not of lotteries must be being in proper charge of his cattle, g of lotteries must be being in proper charge of his ced. As a result in and the plaintiff in not applying the e in turn been for brakes in time, swerving to the oth-Provincial constables er side of the road, or doing anything to avoid striking the cow.

LOSES FINE BARN BY FIRE

The fine barn of Mr. Archie Campbell, 16t 8, con 4, Arran Tp., was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning last, together with the entire contents which included 18 pigs, about 200 bushels of grain, a new wagon and rack, a quantity of tools and some implements. A collie dog which had been shut in the barn for the night also perished in the flames. The fire was first noticed by Mrs. Campbell about seven o'clock, and when Mr. Campbell rushed to the building and threw open the barn door in an attempt to save some of he contents he found the interior a eething mass of flames, and was nable to save a thing. A driving shed, nearby, caught fire a couple of times from burning embers, but was aved from the flames by the prompt action of neighbors who had gathered in response to an alarm. It is not definitely known how the fire started but as the barn was struck by a bolt of lightning Saturday morning, which knocked off the ridge board and ran down the litter carrier, breaking the occupation, but would be too polite carrier pole, it is suspected that a to make this known." spark from this cause may have been smouldering until rained the second of dealing with the best method of dealing with mouldering until fanned into a into the barn on Friday. The structure, which was 60x50 feet, was insured for \$1800 and the contents for \$1800, and Mr. Campbell's loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$4000. Happening at this season

OUR NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Elgin Times.

of the year when barn space is need-

ed for the crops makes Mr. Camp-

bell's loss the more unfortunate, and

neans that he will have to rush up

another structure immediately.—Port

Lord Willingdom has been ar ointed Governor-General of Canada to succeed Lord Byng of Vimy who has held the post since 1921. Lord Willingdon bears an excellent reputation and is known as a student. sportsman, soldier, courtier, parliamentarian, minister, states governor and diplomatic commissioner. has been engaged on a State mission to the Far East, helping on behalf of his government to smooth out the difficulties of administering the millions involved in the return of the Boxer Rebellion andemnities.

ROCKING THE BOAT

It is the open season for boat ockers, firecracker daredevils and drivers who think they can beat the train to the crossing. a rowboat filled with boys and girds near Sault Ste. Marie. One of the youths, recent winner of a Charleston contest, got up from his seat in the boat and, accompanied by the good, aweet and perfect thing which hand-claps of his, admiring friends, proceeded with an exhibition Chareston.

This cost just six lives. One of likely the boat rockers, like the poor will always be with us. This poor boy merely gave an original twist to an ancient bit of madness.

TELEPHONE ETIQUETTE

Probably most people who use the telephone to any great extent have at some time found it, awkward to bring a conversation over the wire to a close. Telraphone etiquette still in the making, and a brief article in the current assue of Blue Bell, a publication, issued by the employees of the Bell Telephone Company Canada, may be accepted as an aid ot these seeking "correct form." The article, in answer to the question, Who should end a conversation by telephone?" is as follows:

"As a general rule, the one wh calls up is the one who should terminate the talk, as the person who calls a cow belonying to Donald Robert- if he or she were calling in person the host or hostess obviously outcome was a suit for \$70.20 dam- not be the one to bring the call to ages to the car. The case was heard an end. However, as regards tele-

which has its exceptions. "When a woman is conversing an end. That is her privilege. man is calling up a man during business hours, she should be careful not tury. Then young men had to make

necessary to excuse himself.

If a woman calls up another man it should always be the woman who calls up who brings the conver-

sation to a close. "Long telephone conversations are

THIS ARTICLE REMOVED

bad form. While the person who does the calling may have plenty of time to engage in such a conversa tion, the party at the other end may be engaged in some very important

The business man might the addition of a paragraph advising telephone "caller" who simply doesn't know when to stop. The arts of getting away from a bore which may be employed in a face-to-face com versation are not of much use when a ile of wire intervenes. a gentle hint, by way of putting up the receiver and letting the talker talk away as much as he (or she) likes, while the busy man goes about his business, is allowable only when no better method suggests itself.

USELESS MEN

(Mail and Empire) Notwithstanding the millions of

dollars spent every year in this Prov ince upon education it fails to read or, if it does, to benefit a consider able portion of the people, and it is from this class that come many of the persons sentenced by the courts to short terms in prison for minor offences. For the year ending Oct. 31, 1924, 4,328 persons were sentence ed to the five Provincial reformator es or farms of Ontario, and to the two Toronto Municipal Farms Dr. Lavell. Commissioner for Extra Mural Employment, states that out ot those so sentenced, 443, or more than 10 per cent., could neither read nor write. Little better probably were the 1,555 who classed them selves as laborers, or of no occupation. Of the 1,289 who called them-The other day selves mechanics, very few would be recognized as real mechanics. Many was moving along St. Mary's river of them are, they say, "auto mechan ics." who hardly know how to do more than handle a dust rag or take a tip. Of the 360 classed as agriculturists not many are intelligent farm "In other words," says Dr. hands. Lavell, "the great majority of the inmates of these institutions are untrained, and their econ-

as free men." Dr. Lavell believes that of the 4, 328 prisoners mentioned above over 3.000 have not the ability near the aptitude which would make the payment of wages to them economically possible under any practicable internal custodial conditions. If these men have little economic value under supervision and instruction it is obvious that they will be of less use when freed to shift for themselves The situation is a blot on the state of civilization which the Province thinks it has reached.

PLEASURES HAVE CHANGED

The other evening after histening o certain of our townsmen tell of the stunts they used to pull off when they were young we could not help ponder over the statement made by one that the youth of today are missup is in the position of a caller and ing a lot of fun. While some of the stunts these gents worked! twentyfive to thirty years ago and got away with, would not be countrynanced today, but instead would be looked upon as criminal and dealt. with cordingly, yet they got a "kick" out of them that made life, interesting. We have heard it said that the younger men of today are too indolent and slow to have any real fun and that there isn't any sport in them On However, we must remember that conditions and pleasures have changed somewhat in the last quarter centheir own fun or pleasure, whereas long, lest the man might find it today this is more or less provided at Peffers he was using the hydro in both countries have been for them in the way of automobiles. picture shows, dance halls, radios, Stratford. In some unknown way in Canada has been a large factor etc. A quarter of a century ago a program for their evening's enter- to the ground and was unconscious farmers.

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ainment, which often meant a nerve for nearly two hours. One side of racking experienc for the one they his face was badly bruised which aose to be the goat for their amuse- was caused by falling on a stone. ment. Sure it was fun, and even yet His leg, arm and hand was badly these gents can get a "kick" out of burned. He was given first aid at telling about it, but we venture to Peffers but was able to return home. say that not one of them would ap- He was taken to the ohspital here prove of those same stunts being and although still confined to the worked at the present time, or of hospital he is making a satisfactory their sons being a party to such. As recovery. While his injuries are changed and to a great extent so were not fatal.—Listowel Standard. have the pleasures. - Port Elgir

CHICKEN THIEVES

Now that the chickens that were atched in the early spring have become valuable, stories of extensive chicken-thieving are beginning to appear in the newspapers. We would on of a few of the thieves being shot down while engaged in their miserable business.

Recent developpents oin the marketing of poultry have given the thieves an opportunity to practice their craft. To the shipper a few crates of chickens stolen during the night look the same as those bought in the regular way. The automobile enables the thief to market the stolen birds vfty or one hundred miles away from the scene of his roost cobberies and in almost perfect se-

The chicken thief is no respector of persons. He steals from the widow as readily as from the prosper ous poultry farmer. Indeed, widow striving to make an honest living, and the workman who keeps a small flock of birds as a sideline, are the thief's choice victims as their birds are not well protected, and sympathy for the poor does not enter into the consideration.

As things are, the best course for those having marketable birds to keep them well secured. The thief likes to do his work quietly and in harry.

SERIOUSLY BURNED

On Saturday morning last during the heavy electrical storm trouble developed on the hydro lines between Stratford and Listowel and the pow- of the Canadian farmer is more faer was off for several hours. Mr. R. vorable than that of the farmers in B. Hanna, local superintendent, started to trail the wire to try and ascer- moment. For some months the tain where the trouble was. While whole trend of basic ommodity prices telephone line communicating with ward, but the high price of wheat the hydro feed wires touched the in the prosperity of the Canadian there were none of these, and young telephone wires giving Mr. Hanna a farmer, while the United States has men were wont to gather to arrange very heavy shock. He was thrown been detrimental to the American

before, ronditions have very painful it is fortunate that they

DIPPED HAND IN BOILING PITCH

Mr. John Puch, a former well. known resident of Brussels, met with a painful accident in Stratford recently by dipping his hand into a pail of boiling pitch in mistake for a pail of water. He will be incapacitated for some time. Mr. Pugh, who some manner spattered his hand with drops of the hot mixture. To ease the pain, he attempted to han dinto a pail of water which was standing beside the pail of boiling tar, but in his hurry mistook the one for the other and put his hand into the pitch. Mr. Pugh was able to walk home, but it was necessary give him an anaesthetic while hand was being dressed -- Wingham Advance-Times.

THREATENED WITH TOTAL BLINDNESS

Mr. John Seiffert of the 12th of the Bruce who was taken to the Owen Sound Hospital on Saturday, July 10th, suffering from loss sight of his good eye on which ulcers had formed, is not making as good progress as homed for but instead is threatened with permanent total blindness. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Seiffert lost the sight of his left eye as a result of ulcers, and on Tuesday last underwent an operation in the Owen Sound Hospital for the removal of ulcers from his right eve in hopes of saving his vision, but we have six learned that small hopes of accomplishing this are ententained.-Port Elgin Times.

the Bank of Commerce, the position