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## At the Sign of the Maple

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the value, but I think perhaps about \$20.00 for the two together. I should be quite pleased, however, to get half or less for them.

"I have just been reading Lord Lansdowne's speech at the Mansion House, which helps one to realize how great the need is. I see, too, that the 'King George Hospital' is to be equipped and maintained by the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Societies.

"Should you be willing I have a few other things I would like to send to you as well, for the same cause. I feel very diffident about asking you, but living in the backwoods as I do, I cannot manage these things for myself.

"I cannot tell you how very glad I am that my brooch brought in something for those who are offering their lives for the Empire."

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Made-in-Canada Courage.

A RATHER pathetic story comes from the representative of a Canadian newspaper in England, describing the plight of a young wife of a Canadian private, and the plucky manner in which she met and overcame the difficulties of locating her husband.

"Last Saturday nine hundred Canadian wives arrived in England by the Megantic. I played a small part in the fortunes of one arrival. Along with another chap, I was taking a stroll at the West Sandling Camp. As we struggled up a steep hill on our return we were accosted by a young wife who had a baby and a suit case. 'Will youse fellows run and get Pte. — for me?' she said.

"We said we'd see what we could do, and my companion offered to carry her grip.

"It is not heavy. I can carry it," was the reply.

"We walked ahead a few steps and I said to the other chap, 'You carry the baby and I'll take the grip.' We did.

"At the top of the hill we sent a man to locate the lucky hubby, who

was not aware that his wife was coming.

"The man returned with the news that Mr. Husband was in hospital.

"In the meantime I invited the young lady's confidence. She was seventeen. The baby was a year old. She was married when she was 13 and her husband 16 in Oswego, New York. Her home is in St. Catharines, Ontario. She had a big time coming over in the boat—was only sick two days. 'You bet your life' she had lots of money. 'Enough to last her a month.' She wasn't very struck with England.

"When we met her she was a mile from the railway station with a baby and a suitcase. And three thousand miles from home!"

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From Here and There.

FOLLOWING advice from England of the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Mary, an official communication has been received from Lt.-Col. Sladen, Government House, Ottawa, advising that Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have both been pleased to extend their patronage to the Queen Mary White Rose Day Campaign, to be held in Toronto on Thursday, 9th September, on behalf of the Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children.

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The joint chapters of the I. O. D. E. of St. John, N.B., are making preparations for an auction sale for patriotic purposes to be held early in September.

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A despatch from Portland, Ore., states that the party of Canadian girls who won a visit to the Panama Pacific Exposition by their successful competition in a Circulation Campaign conducted by some dozen newspapers, has reached that city—and been made welcome by the Governor of the State. The party travelled west from Montreal over the new line of the G. T. P. to Prince Rupert and thence to Seattle by boat.

## A Plot That Failed

A GERMAN-SOUNDING name is sometimes uncomfortable in this country at present. There is a well-known architect in Toronto whose name has a rather German character, and who looks a little like a German, when, as a matter of fact, he is a French Swiss. A few days ago some of the draughtsmen in the office tried to entangle him in a complication with the authorities—just for a joke. The architect is a well-known designer of big buildings in large cities, and so might easily be suspected of knowing a good deal about the city of Toronto and its environs.

The shrewd practical jokers who aimed to scare a loyal citizen by involving him in a charge of treasonable conspiracy, drew up a fine map of the Humber River west of Toronto, showing all its approaches, embankments, prominent buildings, etc. The specifications were nicely folded up in a blue cover, and over the top was written: "Chart outline, plans and diagram of the Humber River, prepared for His Imperial Majesty Kaiser Wilhelm by —, and herewith respectfully submitted."

The map was placed very carefully in the breast pocket of the architect's coat—for he is a man who leaves his coat on a nail when he works. The plan was to have a policeman arrest the architect charging him with treasonable conspiracy. The architect, of course, would indignantly deny the charge. The policeman was to search his pockets, discovering the plan. After which, when the architect was scared out of his boots, the joke was to be explained.

But the ruse didn't work. The architect found the map of the Humber River in his pocket before he saw a policeman. And the joke was on the conspirators who had wasted so much

good time and talent in making the diagram and laying the plot. The architect now has the chart as a souvenir of a plot that failed! He thinks it is a pity that it seemed so easy to circumvent a bogus conspiracy.

### Havana Humoresques

DOWN in Havana, for instance, people jog along with their picturesque customs and keep themselves happy—because they believe in being picturesque even if they have to stave off paying a few bills to do it. One peculiarly naive custom chockful of native humour was related the other day by a Toronto man who spent several weeks in Cuba. He saw a funeral one day in the marble city and thought it was a circus. The people who followed the deceased to his last resting place seemed to be so glad he was relieved of any further cares that they toggled up with plumed horses, painted carriages and pompous outriders, for all the world like a triumphal procession of Indians going to a dance on the prairies. But the really humorous business about dying down in Havana is that even after you are dead you may be liable for debts. Nobody is allowed to own a burial plot in Havana. Everybody pays so much rent a year to the civic authorities for each person interred in the vaults. If the rent is not paid at the end of the year the guardian of the dead person is notified. If it is not paid at the end of the second year, the casket containing the bones of that person is identified by its name and number in the vault, lifted out and the bones thrown on the great careless heap of derelicts in a big field outside the city. We don't seem to have that brand of humour in Canada.