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### SAVAGE ATHLETICS.

Canary Islanders Who Would Have Made Star Ball Players.

The Canary islands came into subjection to Spain about the time Columbus discovered America. The conquest was due solely to the superiority of European weapons and not to better skill and prowess. Native soldiers were trained athletes developed under a system that held athletic sports to be an important business, like military drill.

Spanish chronicles have left accounts of sports of the islanders. From babyhood they were trained to be brisk in self defense. As soon as they could toddle the children were pelted with mud balls that they might learn how to protect themselves. When they were boys stones and wooden darts were substituted for bits of clay.

In this rough school they acquired the rudiments of warfare which enabled them during their wars to catch in their hands the arrows shot from their enemies' crossbows.

After the conquest of the Canaries a native of the islands was seen at Seville who for a silver piece let a man throw at him as many stones as he pleased from a distance of eight paces. Without moving his left foot he avoided every stone.

Another native used to defy any one to hurl an orange at him with so great rapidity that he could not catch it. Three men tried this, each with a dozen oranges, and the islander caught every orange. As a further test he hit his antagonists with each of the oranges.

### FIFTH WHEELS.

They Are of Many Varieties, and Some of Them Are Human.

I am what is known as a fifth wheel—a useless piece of paraphernalia carried along as necessary impedimenta on other people's journeys.

There are lots of fifth wheels in the world. Some are old and rusty and out of repair, and down in their inmost hubs they long to roll off into the gutter and lie there quiet and undisturbed. These are the old people, silver haired, self effacing, who go upstairs to bed early when guests are invited for dinner.

Some are emergency fifth wheels, such as are carried on motorcars, always ready to take their place on the road if one of the regular wheels breaks down and needs to be sent away for repairs. These are the middle aged unmarried aunts and cousins—staunch, reliable—who are sent for to take care of the children while mother runs over to Europe for a holiday.

And some are fifth wheels like myself—neither old nor self effacing, neither middle aged nor useful, but simply expensive to keep painted and very hungry for the road. It may be only a matter of time, however, when I shall be middle aged and useful and later old and self effacing; when I shall stay and take care of the children and go upstairs early when young people are having a party.—Olive Higgins Protty in American Magazine.

### A Profitable Patient.

M. Latour, referring to the death of M. Chereest while still young, mentions a singular patient who contributed to his income 14,000 francs per annum. This patient, a well known person in the mercantile world, had a terrible fear of dying and besought Chereest to pay him a visit while in bed every morning at 9 o'clock, his fee being 40 francs per visit. Chereest consented, and for several years paid his daily visits, always receiving his 40 franc piece. During the last years of his life this patient, a very old man, became really ill and excreted two visits a day, then three, and then four, always paying his 40 francs for each.—Medical Times and Gazette.

### Children.

What are children? Flowers! They are flowers of the invisible world, indestructible, each with a multitude of angels and evil spirits underneath its leaves, tolling and wrestling for dominion over it. Blossoms! They are the blossoms of another world whose fragrance is angels and archangels. Or dewdrops! They are dewdrops that have their source not in the chambers of the earth nor among the vapors of the sky, which the next breath of wind or the next flash of sunshine may dry up forever, but among the everlasting fountains and inexhaustible reservoirs of mercy and love.

### Quickness of Mind.

Quickness is among the least of the mind's properties and belongs to her in almost her lowest state. Nay, it doth not abandon her when she is driven from her home, when she is wandering and insane. The mad often retain it, the liar has it, the cheat has it, education does not give it, and reflection takes away from it.—Lander.

### Your Faults.

However good you may be you have faults; however dull you may be you can find out what some of them are, and however slight they may be you had better make some—not too painful, but patient—efforts to get rid of them.—Ruskin.

### Already Done.

Fa—But, young man, do you think you can make my girl happy? Suitor—Do I? Say, I wish you could 'a' seen her when I proposed.

### Competent.

Old Lady—Officer, could you see me across the street? Officer 686—Sure, I've got a good eyesight as any man on the force.

The power of applying attention to a single subject is the sure mark of a superior genius.—Chasterville.

### SHARPENING A PENCIL.

The Way a Child Does It is an Index to Its Character.

It is very often the little things that children do which give the best indication of what their future characters will be. Schoolteachers, for instance, have a first rate opportunity for watching the different traits in the children who come before them. In their work and in their play the sort of man or woman the child will become is daily unfolded. In such a small matter even as the sharpening of a pencil valuable hints may be obtained by any one in the least observant. Here it may easily be discovered whether a boy or girl is careful, destructive, wasteful or economical.

The boy, for instance, who sharpens his pencil into a stub is inclined to be economical, careful and quick in after life. The boy or girl who takes an inordinately long time to make a slender point, cutting very precisely and regularly all the time will usually prove to be of an artistic and dreamy disposition. The child who, regardless of the look of the pencil, gouges out great pieces in order to get to the lead will show impulsiveness and generosity.

Mere destructiveness, however, becomes apparent when a child takes a delight in sticking his knife in his pencil and splitting it or destroying it in some other way.

Parents, watch your children when sharpening their pencils, and correct and advise them accordingly.—Pearson's Weekly.

### CARLYLE'S FIRST LOVE.

She May Have Been the Blumline of "Sartor Resartus."

During the year 1818 Thomas Carlyle, the Scotch philosopher, was living at Kirkcaldy, and he seems then for the first time to have fallen in love. The lady appears not to have returned the attachment, although she, with great insight, at the age of twenty-two, perceived the genius of her suitor of twenty-five.

In the letter in which she took leave of her admirer she used these significant expressions: "Cultivate the milder dispositions of your heart, subdue the more extravagant visions of the brain. \* \* \* Genius will render you great. May virtue render you beloved! Let your light shine before men, and think them not unworthy this trouble."

Many years after, when Carlyle wrote his reminiscences, he described the episode. He says that Margaret Gordon "continued for, perhaps, some three years a figure hanging more or less in my fancy, on the usual romantic and latterly quite elegiac and silent terms."

The real interest of the story is: Was Margaret Gordon the original of the Blumline of "Sartor Resartus"? One critic would have us answer that, although Jane Welsh might have inspired some of the details, it was Margaret Gordon who was the true original.

### The Faust Legend.

For 1,400 years the Faust legend—the sale of a human soul to a devil—has existed. The first recorded hint of its vitality is given in the sixth century story of "Theophilus." That story suited the early Christians in their efforts to stamp out the necromancing devices of evilly disposed persons prone to seek power by unholy means. The association of the name of Faust, however, with the legend is not more than 400 years old. The likeliest prototype of the modern Faust is the man of the same name who in Cracow boldly proclaimed himself a professor of magic. In the sixteenth century stories Helen of Troy was bestowed by Mephistopheles upon Faust, and not until the middle of the eighteenth century does there appear a shadowy Margaret in the form of a "beautiful but poor girl" who afterward develops into the Margaret of Goethe.

### The Dead Horse.

The smart traveling man stood on a corner in the little country village at dusk. He was looking for amusement, and the first object that attracted his attention was an overgrown boy, perhaps fifteen years of age, riding a horse that might have come out of the ark.

"Hello, sonny?" shouted the salesman. "How long has that horse been dead?"

Quick as a flash the boy replied, "Three days, but you're the first busard that has noticed it."

The traveling man moved on to the hotel.—Youth's Companion.

### Force of Association.

While the owner of the touring car dismounted during necessary repairs, the young front wheel timidly asked the old back wheel:

"Don't you get weary of the social whirl—revolving and revolving and revolving?"

"You'll get used to it," said the old wheel. "Our owner is a spinster, with nothing to do but go round, till sometimes I feel like a Daughter of the Revolution myself."

### His View.

Willis—Do you think a man should be allowed to hold the highest honor in the United States more than four years? Gillis—Sure thing! I say, if a man can top the league in batting for ten or even fifteen years let him stay in the game for the good of the sport.

### A Difficulty.

"When I marry the woman I want must be the possessor of brains."

"But suppose she makes the same requirement?"—Baltimore American.

### CHARLESTON

Feb. 7

M. J. Johnson is ill.

Miss Elizabeth Maud, who fell and broke her leg some time ago, is getting along very nicely despite her advanced years.

Mrs. W. Czczier still continues very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John King entertained a few friends on Friday evening in honor of Mr. James Campo and bride (nee Martha Jeffrey). Mr. and Mrs. Campo leave shortly for Edmonton Alta., where they will make their home.

Mrs. S. Godkin entertained a few of the young people on Saturday afternoon and evening in honor of her daughter, Marjory's, Birthday. A pleasant time was spent. Miss Marjory received some mementoes of the occasion. Marjory is one of the bright pupils of Athens High School.

### FRANKVILLE

Feb. 8

M. M. Hanton, postmaster, who resigned, has been succeeded by W. G. Richards.

Mrs. Anderson, who has been ill since Christmas, at her father, Mr. Davis', has returned to her home in Smith Falls.

Mr. George Stone of Toronto, has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. F. Richards.

Mrs. Ayland, has returned from Jasper where she spent the past few months.

Laura Woods of Lombardy, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Brown, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Henry Connor is attending a sale of thoroughbred stock in Toronto.

Messrs. Frank Eaton, George Leverette, and Jonas Ellis attended a ball at Newboro on Friday night.

Mr. Jas. L. Smith and Mr. Montgomery took in the races at Ottawa last week.

### CAINTOWN

Feb. 6

Mr. Joseph Hull has been ill with la grippe.

Mr. Harold Powell spent a few days at his old home here.

Mr. Harman Hayes has moved into the house owned by Mrs. R. J. Brown. Mrs. Geo. S. Duncan, who has been ill, has quite recovered under the care of Dr. Judson, Mallorytown.

Some of the young people from here spent a very enjoyable evening last Tuesday night at the home of Mr. Harry Franklin Junetown.

Some from here attended the funeral of Isaiah Griffin of Lyn, at Yonge Mills.

Mr. Willie Stride of Rockfield, was a guest at Graham Bros' on Sunday last.

Mr. Willie Dickey spent Saturday and Sunday at Rockport.

### 156 Battalion Notes

William Greenham has received sergeant's stripes. Congratulations.

Since last issue of the Reporter, the following have enlisted: Everett Cross, Charles Greenham, Charles Chant, Herbert Farmer, David Dodge, Douglas Hayes, John Brooker.

Wanted—Footwarmers for Athens slackers.

A soldier who left Brockville without leave, was arrested here on Thursday and sent back the next morning under guard.

Boxing gloves, dumb bells and a punching bag have been procured for the use of the boys quartered here.

### The Brockville Races

Outside of Montreal and Ottawa, the horse races at Brockville during the winter and military carnival on the 15th, 16th and 17th inst., promise to be the best seen in Ontario this winter. Assurances have been received that among the starters will be Grand Opera, the grand circuit campaigner and one of the fastest 1000 horses in Canada: Paddy R. who lowered the half mile track record at Toronto to 2.11 1/2, and Fern Hal, the great Kemptonville racer. The races will be contested over an ice track at the Brockville Fair Grounds.

### A Leeds Girl Appointed

Miss Margaret Featherstone has been appointed head nurse at the Congratious Disease Hospital on E. Market street, Akron, Ohio, at a special meeting of the Board of Health. She received the highest grade at the recent examination under the civil service for the position. The head nurse receives a salary of \$900 a year and her assistant nurses \$840 each. Margaret Featherstone is a daughter of Mrs. John Featherstone, Taylor, Ont., and a graduate nurse of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., also a registered nurse of the State of New York.

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## Delta Dramatic Club in Red Cross Play

The treasury of the Canadian Red Cross Society is \$100 the richer as the result of performances in Delta and Athens of a Red Cross play presented by members of the Delta Dramatic Club. The production of plays by amateurs has proved a considerable source of revenue for the Red Cross Society in the larger cities, but the smaller Canadian towns have less seldom attempted this exacting enterprise. The Delta Dramatic Club is all the more to be congratulated for its resourcefulness.

## Prehistoric Canada

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The first immigrants into western Canada came three million or more years ago and their bones are being systematically dug out by archaeologists working for the New York museum. These bones are found in large numbers along the banks of the Red Deer river which has scenery reproducing on a small scale the grand canyon of Arizona. Among the recent shipments from this district were a nearly perfect fossil tree, two gigantic dinosaurs and other valuable specimens of the prehistoric ages.