

## A New Disease.

(From the Westminster Gazette.)  
Members of Army Medical Boards have some curious experiences in the course of their work, but it might be supposed that they would have fewer opportunities of making discoveries than have their colleagues behind the fighting line and in the base hospitals. But recently there are exceptions. A man presented himself for examination the other day. One medical friend tells me, "and I put the question: 'Well, what's the matter with you?' 'Timor-Bill,' he repeated. 'I don't know what that is,' I said. So he produced a paper from his own doctor, and on it was written, 'This man is suffering from Timor-Bill.' It sounds rather certainly than 'cold feet' is quite as full of meaning!"

## "Seasonable Weather."

Snow and ice are welcome Christmas, but one can have much of them at times. The Christmas of 1860 is believed to be the coldest ever recorded for Great Britain. The temperature remained at 17 degrees below freezing-point for three days. Someone who kept a Christmas diary speaks of having seen "a horse pass with icicles at its nose six inches long, and as thick as three fingers."

Terribly cold spells have been experienced at Yuletide abroad. During the year 401 the Black Sea was entirely frozen over; in 452 the Danube was blocked, and an army passed across it; while the Dardanelles was completely ice-bound during Christmas of 642. The snow here in drifts of nearly hundred feet in height.

The Adriatic Sea suffered two centuries later, and remained frozen to some considerable time. In 1333 Italy's river courses were blocked with ice, and during the same period the Rhine could not be navigated. Severe winters were the lot of those living in England, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the Thames having been ice-bound more than one occasion. As the world grows older, summer and winter become less apparent. Our present winter certainly bears out the fact.

## VACCINATION.

After church parade the pastor said:—"I wish to speak to those of you who have not been confirmed. Will the men divide themselves into two parties, please? Those who have, fall out on the right, and those who have not on the left. Most fell out on the right. In the shuffle this remark was heard:—"You been confirmed, Bill?" "Bet your life. Got the marks on me arm yet."—T.H. Bits.

## OH, THAT'S DIFFERENT.

Excited Listener: And so you came down out of control?  
Aviator: No, out of petrol!  
—Cartoons Magazine.

## COLD WEATHER FOOTWEAR.

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## Speaking Evil by Proxy.

By RUTH CAMERON.



One often hears the habit of not speaking ill of others given high praise.

"Lives of the Russian Saints" there is a story of an old monk who, though he had many faults, was yet seen by one of the other

as a saint for this he never spoke ill of any.

This tale has its parallel in the saint lore of most countries and is truly an excellent reminder, and yet would like to know one thing.

Did the monk listen when other people spoke evil of others?

They Enjoy Hearing It Even More.

I don't suppose he did, else he would not have been given that high place by the powers which see the heart of man as well as his deeds, but have known people who were very careful not to speak evil, and yet whom I could have sworn took the greater joy from their abstinence in hearing other people speak it.

I am thinking especially of a woman who is of this type.

## She Draws People Out.

She is always pointing out people's virtues, and she takes great pride in the fact. I know, for I have seen her smirk when people who wished to carry favor with her spoke of it in her presence. And yet at the same time it seems to me she has a positive talent for drawing out other people to repeat scandals and criticisms and run down, and in general, indulge in the sins which she is so careful to keep her tongue from.

The very emphasis which she puts on people's virtues seems to summon forth the devil in us which must maintain our own self respect by pointing out a fault in the other fellow. I balance a virtue. Of course, this may be entirely unintentional on her part, and yet sometimes it seems to me as if it were (subconsciously perhaps) deliberate. Her protestations of little air of unbelief and paired incredulity certainly have the effect

of making the critic go farther to substantiate his criticisms than he otherwise would.

## Will She Wander Like Tomlinson?

Sometimes when I see her thus taking her scandal vicariously while she scrupulously keeps her own tongue clean from offense I think of Kipling's "Tomlinson." There may be no obvious connection to your way of thinking between them, but somehow I fancy a likeness. Can you not imagine Tomlinson in the days of his life before he wandered between Heaven and Hell, careful to speak no evil and yet quite willing to have others speak it for him?

## "The Honor List."

The New Year's "Honors List" contains the names of a large number of Canadian military officers. These include two Knights, many "Companions" of the Bath, of St. Michael and St. George, and the New Order of the British Empire. There are in addition many awards of the Distinguished Service Order, which is essentially military, and is a very fitting recognition of distinction in military service. As to the Knights' and similar honors conferred upon Canadian officers, it may be invidious to offer any criticism. However strongly we feel against the creation of titles in this country, recognition given to soldiers who have won distinction on the battlefield may be regarded as exceptional. At the same time, we are bound to say that it would have been far more pleasing to us, as we believe, to the vast majority of Canadians, if the honors conferred upon our soldiers had been purely military in character. It would have conformed to the spirit of our country, and Canadians would have valued them none the less highly. No list of civilian "honors" for Canada has yet appeared, and it is greatly to be hoped that it is not on the way. There have been rumors that a large list of civilian "honors" was in cold storage in Ottawa, but, after all that has occurred, it would be deplorable if another batch of Knights and similar titles were to be thrust upon this democratic country. We hope, for the sake of the prospective recipients, but especially for the sake of the Dominion, that we have seen the end of the title-making business on this side of the Atlantic.—Morning Chronicle.

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## BALLAD OF THE COMMON CRY.

Things I cannot afford to buy.  
Costly pleasures and gaudy dress.  
An extra serving of cake or pie—  
These are the sources of happiness.  
Give me the joys which the rich possess.

Cavies and imported cheese.  
This, I wall from life's wilderness:  
"All I want is the luxuries."

I would stand on the mountains high,  
Far above duty and its distress.  
Watching the multitudes passing by,  
Dimly seeing and caring less.  
Thrilled with the rapture of success.  
Day by day I would take my ease,  
Dreaming and dreaming in idleness:  
"All I want is the luxuries."

Money, I fancy would cure my sigh.  
Peace would follow with fame's carous.  
Love would be true and never die.  
Never a care would my joy suppress.  
Never to priest should my soul confess.  
Gold from worry its owner frees.  
Roses would flourish on barrenness:  
"All I want is the luxuries."

L'Envoi.  
Master, cannot your children guess  
That peace isn't purchased with golden fees?  
Never again shall my lips express:  
"All I want is the luxuries."

## Drake and the German Surrender.

"It may be worth remarking that the days of November which saw the surrender of the German Naval Power to that of Great Britain saw also the anniversary of the day on which Sir Francis Drake sailed from Plymouth on that expedition which laid the foundation of the Naval Empire of England," says a writer in the Morning Post.  
"It was on November 15, 1577, as time was then reckoned, but ten days later as we reckon now, that Drake sailed from Plymouth in the Golden Hind, a ship of 120 tons, on that voyage of discovery and conquest round the world, from which he returned eighteen months later. The November sun that went down on Drake sailing for the west went down 341 years later on a scene that will not be forgotten."

## 400,000 Childless Wives

London, Dec. 22.—One of the most active bodies dealing with "peace problems in Britain to-day," is the British Divorce Law Reform Union.

This organization is vigorously demanding laws that will make it easier for hastily wedded or other unhappy married couples to secure separations.

There is no question of social reform that is so urgent and pressing from a woman's and a national point of view," asserts A. Horatio Taylor, Chairman of the legal branch of the union.

George Barnes, member of the War Cabinet, recently stated that there are about 400,000 childless war wives in Britain.

Many of these marriages were hastily contracted, contends the Divorce Law Reform Union, and a relaxation of marriage laws is necessary to enable the unhappy parties to obtain divorces and start anew.

Says Chairman Taylor: "We are constantly receiving letters from these parties. We also receive heart-breaking human letters from deserted women who will not break the moral laws, but go on living out their sterile lives in lonely, silent misery, when there are men waiting to bring joy into their lives if the law would allow it."

"There are endless cases of women deserted and left with families who, to get home and protection for their families, have taken the moral law into their own hands."

## Conan Doyle's View.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle recently gave some interesting testimony before the national birth-rate commission.

He took as a basis the figure of a half million separated couples, and the statement before the recent divorce commission hearing that 50 per cent. of divorced people are remarried.

Therefore, if divorces were made obtainable for the half million now separated, there would be about a quarter of a million remarried couples.

Crediting each family with an average of three children, he said, there would be an actual addition to the population of 750,000. Thus he held it no exaggeration to state that within a generation or so the ravages of war could be made up from this source alone.

Sir Edward says: "Even if there are children, there is no sanity about a home in which man and wife are constantly at loggerheads."

Vancouver Sun.

## Change of Business

On and after the 1st day of January, STAFFORD'S PHARMACY, Duckworth Street, will be closed for all RETAIL BUSINESS, and in future be used as a WHOLESALE MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT for all kinds of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, SUNDRIES, etc. All Prescriptions for STAFFORD'S PHARMACY, Duckworth Street, may be repeated if necessary at Theatre Hill. jan2,tf

Deviled liver is delicious cold for sandwiches, but it should be remembered that it is a "heart" food. Baked potatoes and very thoroughly cooked cereals are excellent items in the diet of aged people.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

## CUTTING LOOSE.



We learned to salt some kopecks down, to do without new hat or gown, in wars forbidding days; I thought we'd learned the use of thrift and that we never more would drift to our old wasteful ways. I said, "The lesson war has taught could never be too dearly bought, it is of untold worth; we've learned the value of the yen and we won't blow the iron men while we infest this earth. We've learned how good it is to own a surplus plunk, an extra bone, when comes the time of stress; the lesson's sink into our souls and we'll be careful of our rolls in future times, I guess." But when I heard that war was done that we had earned the cultured Hun, and stripped him of his sword I felt a wild desire to go to busy marts of trade and blow my little wartime hoard. "The lid is off," I told myself; "the merchant has upon his shelf a lot of junk I need; to be a miser in peace times, to go on hoarding plunks and dimes, were foolishness indeed." And so I went abroad to buy whatever doodad caught my eye, just bent on burning money; and all my neighbours were abroad, each one resolved to blow the war he saved ere war was done.

## Milady's Boudoir

## WHEN MILADY GROWS STOUT.

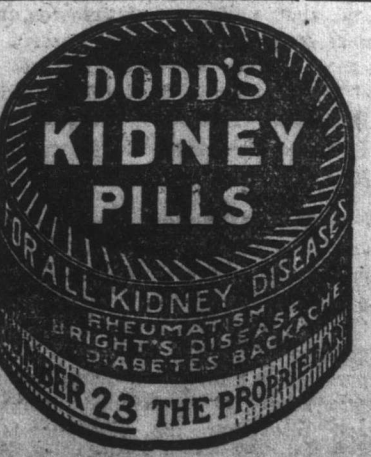
Walking before breakfast is not only a wonderful tonic but an ideal flesh reducer. Should the weather be unfavourable for walking some brisk exercise should be substituted before the corset is put on.

Ripe uncooked fruits, if possible should be eaten before breakfast. Sugar, cream and milk, even in tea and coffee, which should always be weak should be used very sparingly. Almost all liquids are fattening, even water. In place of milk and sugar in tea, a few drops of lemon juice squeezed into it will be found refreshing and beneficial.

While I never like to suggest an exact diet still I cannot refrain from giving these few suggestions to those who are especially anxious and in a hurry to reduce. The ordinary white bread should be eaten very sparingly, but whole wheat, graham and black bread may be partaken of quite freely.

Pastry, beer, liquors and cocoa should not be touched. Figs, stewed prunes or ripe pears, eaten before breakfast, will serve as a laxative. Fish, game, poultry, vegetables of all sorts, raw fruits, salads, pickles are all good if not eaten in too great an abundance.

By being careful of ones diet, one should be quite able to remain slender throughout ones life. Don't forget, too, that exercise is all important if one would remain sylph like.



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