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THE SANTA PALS

THE Santa-Pals are pals indeed, and, through their labour of love many a childish heart will be gladdened at the coming Christmas. Let us not forget, however, that there are many children, many needy and many expectant that the saddest child in the world is the expectant one whom Santa has forgotten.

A HUMILIATING SHOWING

CANADA and Mexico, says the Mail and Empire, are now the greatest sources of immigrants for the United States, according to a despatch from Washington, and the figures seem to prove it. Out of 538,001 admissions in 1927, nearly half went from these two countries.

We have frequently pointed out that the figures of production in Canada, looked at as a whole, conceal a fallacy. Production based on natural resources has been so great that we are apt to overlook the scores of smaller industries which once were the boast of the country.

THE HUMAN MIND

IN reading of such atrocities as that which was recently perpetrated in Los Angeles, California, and that of the Chicago youths who killed a little boy for no other reason than to get a new thrill in witnessing his dying agony, one is appalled and mystified. Here were young men, college students, apparently well educated, so far as the acquisition of text-book learning was concerned, regarded by those who knew them as sane and probably possessing personal attractiveness.

In both cases the act was deliberate, not a sudden outbreak of insanity. In the Chicago case a new thrill was sought; in the Los Angeles case the crime was apparently one of revenge, not against the man who was alleged to have given the offence but against his innocent young daughter.

Notes by the Way

CANADA'S position in regard to protection of her home industries is altogether unique. Her geographical position is alongside of the richest nation in the world, with a common boundary of 4,000 in length. Our neighbor to the south is very rich in natural resources of all kinds.

Our rich neighbor long ago adopted a protective policy and has raised his tariff walls higher and higher in recent years. He could do that, knowing that three or four of the Canadian Provinces, having neither coal, cotton and but little petroleum within their borders, would be practically compelled to buy these things from him to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars yearly.

Our neighbor's protective policy led to the creation of vast manufacturing industries which flourish abundantly. His manufacturers had a vast and rich home market to supply, right at their doors, a market from which his high protection policy had excluded all competitors.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

IT is at this season of the year that the community spirit becomes wide awake. Christmas is the great reminder of the need of charity, something for the poor and the unfortunate. Also the approach of winter, with the recollection that some of our people are not as comfortably situated as others, stirs the generosity and it becomes epidemic and everyone helps.

In all the principal cities of the civilized world, the municipal councils lend a hand, particularly during the Christmas season, in making it a glad time for the citizens in their respective communities. In one of the principal residential sections in the city of Montreal, for example, one of the squares is decorated with a huge Christmas tree, electrically illuminated and gorgeously trimmed for the decoration of the children and a center of attraction and beauty for the people of the community and all enter into the spirit of the occasion.

There cannot be too much community activity and this is equally true of our rural centres. The complaint is frequently heard that the social and friendly customs of a past generation are dying out. This should not be permitted. Every possible effort should be made to revive and keep alive the social customs of men and women of past generations into communities of friendliness and mutual helpfulness.

In both cases the childish acts were undoubtedly the culmination of continued wrong thinking, conditioned dwelling upon thoughts unworthy of a wholesome mind, thoughts which when first discovered would be sternly repressed by a child of clean mentality or corrected by the child's parents.

High wages and prosperity caused a rush of immigrants from Europe and from Canada to the United States, far beyond what was needed or desirable.

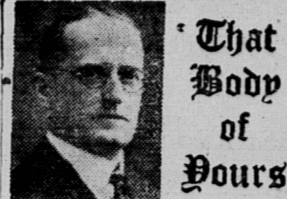
There is the change from summer to winter sports when the claims of the young become insistent. It is gratifying to find that in our citizenship the community spirit is more active this season than ever before. The City Council is undertaking to prepare outdoor skating rinks, one at the east side of the city, the other on Government Pond. The Rotary Club is, as was done last year, preparing a toboggan slide for the children of the west side.

Those who have returned came back poorer than they went away, as a rule. The loss of time and cost of removals accounts for this. But Canada has lost a host of her best and bravest and strongest in the migration across the borders. And what is the lesson of all this for the Canadian people? Is it not that a Dominion situated as Canada is, beside a country that has greatly prospered and is prospering under a policy of high protection, cannot prosper as it should under a low customs tariff?

The measure of prosperity which the Dominion enjoys, and we would not underrate it, is very largely due to certain clearly apparent causes. One of these has been a succession of bountiful harvests, sold at good prices. Another is the amazing development of the pulp and paper industry. Closely linked with this is the rapid and extensive harnessing of water-powers producing electric energy at limited cost. Still another aid to prosperity and progress has been the discovery and opening up of very rich gold, silver and copper mines. These are all activities that were in no case benefited by the policy of tinkering the tariff downwards.

An adequate tariff stimulates manufacturing industry, furnishes employment for Canadian workers at home, gives the farmer a larger and better market at home than he had before, checks the tendency to roam, keeps money in the country, helps trade, and builds up the nation which supports a protective policy. Free Trade England has a million and a half of unemployed. Protectionist France, her next neighbor, has her people busy at work. Germany had two millions of unemployed a few years ago since the war, but has reduced the list to a quarter of that number.

There are many lines in which outside competitors are invading our home market to the loss of and cost of our people. In boots and shoes, in woollen manufactures, in butter, eggs and other farm products, to name only a few lines of production, Canadian interests are suffering from competition which cannot be met with loss. The Australian and New Zealand trade



By James W. Barton, M.D.

MECHANICAL VIBRATION OR EXERCISE

One of the methods now being used to learn the nature of an ailment, and to help correct it, is known as mechanical vibration. By means of electricity to give the power, a little knob like arrangement is used to strike the skin. The strength and speed with which the knob strikes the skin can be regulated by the operator.

Now what can a wooden knob striking the skin do to the body? As you know if you strike or slap your flesh hard enough you can redden it considerably. In fact if you strike it too hard you break down the little vessels and cause a bruise.

However this redness shows that the blood has been brought to the surface, and that is the idea behind the machine, to increase the volume of blood to any part. Naturally if more blood is brought to a part, that part is going to be built up, and wastes removed more quickly. In other words the part becomes better nourished.

Therefore following from that, if blood flows more quickly and in larger amounts, then the heart must be doing more work and likewise the lungs, in getting rid of waste matter and securing more oxygen for the system.

Following this again you can see that other organs in the body will function better, and the whole body receive benefit therefrom. Is there anything wrong with this electrical vibration treatment? No, it is an excellent thing for those individuals who are old, weak, perhaps recovering from an illness, and so forth, because it stimulates the whole body.

If you are not old, weak, or recovering from an illness, Nature has provided a better and more effective way of stimulating every process in your body, building it up, and removing wastes. Simply by taking a little regular exercise, preferably outdoors. Heart, lungs, intestine, skin, kidneys, every part of you, is not only stimulated but is actually strengthened, because the "sweat of the brow" has always been one of Nature's great gifts to man.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "we have plenty enough paper." Say "we are plentifully supplied with paper."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: piquant. Pronounce pe-kant, e as in "me," a as in "ask," accent first syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: ephemeral. SYNONYMS: hinder, prevent, retard, impede, limit, obstruct, check. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.

Today's word: PENITENT (adj.), repentant. "His penitent attitude appealed to the jury."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Bloomers for Children. Bloomers for children, made out of old raincoats, are very serviceable. They can be used to particular advantage when the children are playing out of doors after a rain.

Boiled Eggs. Hard-boiled eggs should remain on the fire for at least twenty minutes, as this makes the yolks mealy, and the eggs also more digestible.

To Stop Bleeding. A remedy to stop the bleeding from a cut is to mix pulverized resin with sugar and bind it to the wound.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Should a man expect a woman to help him on with his coat? A. No; he must put it on unaided, unless another man is there to assist him.

Q. What is a buffet supper? A. One in which the guests go to the dining room and help themselves.

Q. When may a maid of honor be dressed in pure white? A. Never.

SHOULD JOHNNY GO TO COLLEGE?

Condensed from Scribner's Magazine (October, 27.)—Christian Gault, Dept. of the College, Princeton University.

People used to ask me, "Should my son, John, go to college?" when John was 14 or 15 years old. That is the time to ask it, then or later, not before. The only thing to do in his infancy is to make financial provision for him. When this is not possible, it is wise to take out some form of insurance which will provide funds that may later be called for.

It is a serious mistake to start the average outlay by parents for a son in college at \$1500 a year. This would make \$6,000 in all during the school years. Add to this what the student might have saved during four years of productive employment and this sum, if invested wisely at a boy's birth, will help to make him comfortable for life and may give him as good a start as other boys will have with a degree. Every university official knows of many cases in which the sum total of human happiness would have been increased and family relations much improved if a particular father had bought his son a ranch or farm instead of a college degree.

Many parents are unequalled to decide whether a son should go to college, simply because they do not know him. In such cases, the problem should be left to his teachers. How a boy employs his leisure and whether he seeks or avoids a library or laboratory in hours that are evening hours, as marks obtained in examinations, many parents today can offer little information on these points.

If a boy is unhappy about his studies in high or preparatory school he should not be urged or encouraged to continue. This is an easy rule for parents to apply and I believe it is almost infallible. If parents and teachers have to drive him through his work in order that he may enter college, it will be a kindness to prevent him torturing himself further for what will be useless experience for him and an unnecessary expense for parents. It sometimes takes not only common sense but courage to do this, because it is against the custom of the day, but the boy's ultimate education, mental and moral health, and often his happiness, depend upon the decision.

I do not mean that boys should be coddled or that difficult tasks should be avoided. A difficult intellectual task is a challenge to the lad who is interested. This is an easy rule to respond to different types of challenge. It is nothing against them and they should be encouraged to develop their own proper sort of talent.

We enjoy doing the things we are temperamentally qualified to do. If a boy does not enjoy study at school he is not and never will be qualified for, or happy in, a college. It is a far surer test than entrance examinations, and college officials know that. It is the mental and moral nervous and moral as well as scholastic, in the cases of unhappy undergraduates.

In addition to the boy who is un-temperamentally qualified to do it, there is a boy who plans to enter the business world should not go to college. It will enhance the value of his later leisure and give him something to think about when the long winter evenings come. But no father should urge his son to go to college for the social prestige it will give, or for any other reason than which is to train the mind by exercising it in study. If a boy does not care to study, a college course will not educate him and will give him nothing worth while. If he has been dazzled by the glamour of college life or merely sucked in by the almost irresistible drift of the time, it is far better that he go to work.

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DISCREDITED HEREDITY

Totally discrediting the doctrine of heredity, Dr. George A. Dorsey, prominent New York biologist and author of "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," declares an adult's capacity for good or evil is determined by the things taught during the first six years of childhood.

"What a baby learns to reach out for in life is not due to the fact that its father was a drunkard or its mother a lunatic," Dr. Dorsey said. "It is due entirely to the teachings it has received. We are inclined to think of the child of six as starting out in life with a reasonably clean slate, when in reality it is anything but that. If a child learns to act decently and to talk decently during its first six years, you can't teach it to act otherwise later in life."

"We are not born with any specific instincts or angers, except the fears that inspire any bit of animal protoplasm. We are born with an intense capacity to learn. A child of six months has an infinite capacity for expansion. We don't realize what influence a nurse or a butcher boy may have on a child in just a short time. When you don't want to find out why a child is dull don't look at the history of its parents, but look at the influences which surround it."

happy at school, there is another type of lad who should not be encouraged. This is the lad who is unwell, who shows signs of nervous instability, or who has some physical ailment and low resistance to disease. The life of a college today, even exclusive of its main business study, is to the young strenuous and exciting. It demands even from the healthy a considerable effort of adjustment. The lad who is nervous or physically below par will feel his handicap far more seriously, often with grave consequences. Parents should recognize the serious danger of sending to college the physically and especially the nervously disqualified. In a few cases the boy should not come at all. In a great many cases he should be given a year, not of idleness, but of healthy out-of-door work, to build him up and develop self-reliance before he comes to the college.

There is another consideration which should weigh far more heavily than it does. If a boy otherwise qualified does not wish to come, that should end it. There is no better reason why he should remain away. He will almost never be a success, and college may do him harm.

The fact, however, that a son wishes to come to college should not end the discussion. There is further highly important consideration. Parents should be sure that he wishes to come for the proper reasons. A boy will "get out of college" only what he comes for. If he comes to learn "to call 40 men by their first names," he will learn to do this glibly, but that is about all he will bring home. If he comes for opportunities in athletics only, he will develop only physically. If he comes to have a good time, that is about all he will have to show for it, except a number of unfortunate habits which will take to disqualify him in the world's later fiercer competition for success.

There is a simple reason for the present "rush to colleges." Young men and young women prefer the society of other young men and women to the society of their elders. With the general obscuring of the colleges' original function, it has unfortunately become a kind of glorified playground. It has become the paradise of the young.

If, nowadays, you give a boy of 18 the option of going into his father's office or of going to college, he will in almost every case choose college. In many cases a continuation of education in college is certainly preferable, often essential—if he is to be a lawyer, a doctor, an engineer, a scholar. In a good many other cases it is, however, far preferable, if you are thinking of your son's future success in life, that he should immediately put himself into harness and develop his sense of responsibility and begin his climb up the world's long ladder. This is what we have forgotten today. It is this simple psychological fact that is responsible for an unfortunate rush for admission to the 600,000 young men now in college. It would possibly have been better in nearly 10,000 cases, had they not come. Had the money which each of these boys will spend be invested for him and had he immediately entered the ranks of the economically productive, the world would have been far better for it. There is, of course, no reason why a boy who plans to enter the business world should not go to college. It will enhance the value of his later leisure and give him something to think about when the long winter evenings come.

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Weighty Maritime Questions

POLITICS, RAILWAYS, AIR-PLANES And Other Topics. Historians Looking over the papers day by day is well calculated to provide food for thought. Down here in the Maritime provinces there are single questions which would be sufficient in themselves to fill columns of a daily paper. Over in Nova Scotia the reader's eye is caught by the discussion of the erection of two first-class hotels, the double-tracking of the I.C.R. Railway, and the granting to the C.P. Railway of a track of its own from Moncton to Halifax, in consideration of that Railway constructing a grand hotel in the Nova Scotia Capital.

The C.N.R. as a matter of course has a grievous question. At present, but it must not be forgotten that the I.C.R. was built after its name by the Federal Government which was looked upon as a gigantic scheme at that day. How these two tracks could be run as rival roads is a proposition which is a worthy question. How they can be run as a joint or combined track is equally difficult to determine.

We think it would tax the ingenuity of Sir Henry Thornton to accomplish a satisfactory project out of such a tangled web of limitations—with a grand hotel to eclipse all rivals into the bargain—no one appears able to elucidate at present. In addition to this colossal scheme the City of Halifax has ambition of her own along the line of the C.N.R. a purely civic or provincial project. There is not a particle of doubt that the employment that would be set in motion would be a great god-send for Halifax while it would last, but the resources these projects would have to depend upon when completed is quite a different question. "One at a time" is often found to be a wise advice, and even now is being demonstrated in the west.

The need of a fishing development in Nova Scotia is also pointed out by the press, very energetically. It is worthy of note that some means of maintaining propagation could be devised that would keep Canadian and American fleets from all the fish they desire, would be an excellent move, as it would keep those fleets from depleting our waters and the fishery would be the methods carried on in our waters have had a serious effect upon our fish as the vast schooling areas which fed our grounds are now said to have almost retrograded, and lessening the increase we should have under effective propagation.

We think it was a great mistake to allow fall fishing of lobsters and look on mackerel fishing by outsiders with too little vigilance. During the past year or two our attention has been greatly absorbed with the operation of air and sea planes, and all are in hopes that this new and wonderful invention will ere long be utilized extensively in the Mail Service in all directions. The success already made is a splendid augury of what we may expect in the future. We cannot expect in this remote corner of the earth to monopolize much attention so early but we can at least expect angel's visits from these birds of passage.

The air does not now vibrate as it has done in the past with politics, so that not many are looking for political wonders to occur especially in our own country for quite a spell yet. The largest disturbances in the line of political warfare looms up now and again in the United States, whose next day of general battling will fall on the 4th of July.

Teach man of an emotional nature that I couldn't teach the chimpanzee," Dr. Dorsey said, "but the difference in the two is a spoonful of cells in the brain's motor area." "In experiments conducted in Chicago recently, the brain was removed from a cat and the cat was then dropped to the floor. In midair, it turned over so as to land on all fours, because the mechanism of what the cat performed the feat in life was still working."

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