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Long, Long Ago

(By Agricola)

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Incongruous characters as Napoleon, St. George, Alexander the Great, and other heroic personages, all bragging of their mighty deeds; it ended in a succession of duels in which St. George always killed his man. The tragedies were, towards the end, remedied by the arrival of "old doctor Brown, the best old doctor in the town," who produced from his surgical bag a phial which had the unusual effect of reviving the fallen heroes, whom he pronounced to be capable of fighting again. The audience were saved from a repetition of the bloody scene by the interposition of a horribly-dressed individual with a sooty face and long tail, who announced himself as "little Divilo Doubt," and made plain the object of the visitation by telling us that:

"Money I want and money I'll have
If you don't give us money I'll sweep
You all to the grave—"
Brandishing a house broom as he uttered the terrible words. Lastly the "Betty," a boy dressed in girl's garments, went to each of the audience, rattling the penny she had already received, in a tin can, as a further incentive to generosity.

These guldars, as they called themselves, were a survival perhaps of the old mystery players of medieval times. Mostly the audience gave them three pence or so with which they were perfectly satisfied; but occasionally they struck a household where the head was irascible and shoo'd them out after the first line of their sudden greeting.

"Tea," in the dining room, was a somewhat more stately affair than dinner, I thought. Four tall wax candles, at the corners of the table lent an additional lustre to the silver and the white "table cloth." I had been accustomed to gas-light but here I found wax and dip candles were commonly used. There were three oil lamps, one in the study, and one each for the front kitchen and the servant's kitchen. They were looked on with disfavor however, as being dangerous. They were, too; there was no fractional distillation in those days, and so the "kerosene" had a good percentage of the lighter oils and lamps blew up so frequently that at last an Act was passed regulating the flash-point.

After "tea" the servants kitchen was cleared, and the members of the choir and other young folk drifted in. There were games of all sorts, and

commercialized amusements, to note what comedy would arise and what fun would result from these home-made entertainments. Sometimes they would stage a skipping contest in which the servants were easily the victors (or victorixes?), for they came from Cumberland where skipping was a sort of national pastime, and it was astonishing what they could do with the rope. Mostly it was some forfeit game when ridiculous penalties, highly creditable to the ingenuity of the party, were imposed. At half past ten, which was late for us in those days, grandfather came in and wished them the compliments of the season, intimating at the same time that "time was up" though not in those words exactly. After a snack of supper in the big front kitchen the party left, and I went off to bed perfectly satisfied with my first Christmas away from home.

But, as Tennyson once sang,—
"Tonight ungather'd let us leave
This laurel, let this holly stand;
We live within the stranger's land,
And strangely falls our Christmas eve
Our father's dust is left alone
And silent under other snows;
There in due time the woodbine blows,
The violet comes, but we are gone."

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Commends Efficiency Of Provincial Police

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J. Joseph Trainor, the Commissioner of the P. E. I. force, was born in Morrell, P. E. I., in 1893, and joined the R. N. W. M. P. in 1912. Going overseas with the 105th Battalion as C. S. M., he was wounded at Passchendaele. After the war he opened a vulcanizing shop, which he ran for three years, and then joined the Charlottetown city police, with which force he served until his appointment to the Commissioner's office this year. The Bulletin has received a copy of Commissioner Trainor's first standing order, outlining the duties, discipline and organization of the force; also routine order No. 1. These documents indicate that the Commissioner has a thorough grasp of a provincial police force, and that he is determined to see that a high standard of service and efficiency is maintained, in conformity with the best traditions of Canada's police.

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THOSE CHRISTMAS SEALS

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BRINGING UP FATHER

DON'T ARGUE WITH ME—I SAY YOU ARE WRONG!

HOW EXTRA-ORDINARY!

BUT—

BUT, SIR—

I CAN LICK ANY MAN IN THE HOUSE BAR NONE

WELL, YOU WIN! BUT IT TOOK THE THREE OF YOU TO DO IT

COMMENDS EFFICIENCY OF PROVINCIAL POLICE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Announcement of the appointment of Lord Willingdon as Viceroy of India has been received with general approbation by newspapers of various shades of political opinion.

"There is certainly no lack here of distinguished service overseas," says the Times, "whether at 64, with so many years of continuous governorship behind him, Viscount Willingdon can in the nature of things, possess the physical strength, the freshness, resource, capacity for work and the grip of realities in the world of rhetoric needed in Delhi to day more than in any previous period in the history of India. It is to be hoped that the bracing climate and comparative leisure in Canada where he has won universal popularity may have given Lord Willingdon a new lease of active life."

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—The Guardian has received Christmas Greetings from Charles Ham of the Paradise Cafe.

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SKATING CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON. 2.30-4.30. 1126-11.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE POST OFFICE.—Christmas Day, December 25th, the Registration, General Delivery and Stamp Vendors Wickets, will be open to the public from 10.00 A. M. to 12.00 noon. All mails for despatch by outgoing afternoon trains will be closed at 12.00 noon. There will be no delivery by Letter Carriers. The Rural Couriers will make the usual delivery. 11.

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SMILES



"Fashion notes to the contrary, smart women are not buying longer dresses—they don't have to."



"Some people don't understand this game of golf."



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INDIAN DELEGATES ARE WELL PLEASSED

LONDON, Dec. 24.—"What do the Indian delegates to the Round-Table Conference think of the appointment of Lord Willingdon as the future Viceroy of India?" The question was asked to-night and the following replies were received:

"The Maharajah of Nawangari: 'I am delighted. The appointment could not have been better.'

Sir Akbar Hydari, representative of the Nizam of Hyderabad: 'It is an excellent appointment and will be very welcome in India.'

Shivo Rao, president of the Madras labor union: 'Willingdon adopted the Montagu reforms in a Liberal spirit. The appointment will be very popular in India.'

H.P. Moody, president of the Bombay Mill Owners' Association: 'The appointment of Lord Willingdon is as good as any which could be made. But he is going to have a difficult task.'

RABBITS WILL GRACE MILADY'S NEW HAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(CP)—It's a wonderful season for the rabbits, if they were only in a position to appreciate it. Their position in this is around the edge of the snug little hat as well as around the edge of the hat with a bit of brim. Lapin fur, soft and sleek, makes many an otherwise harsh hat very becoming. So by the way, do note ermine, and seal.

If you have that kind of bonnet, what you need is white velvet by James dotted with ermine tails, as well as a white velvet coat, hip-length to wear over 'em. Oh yes, and a white velvet blanket, also sprinkled

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