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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The Clean Month

Each month has its own special interest and beauty. February, while it is perhaps a little less dignified, historically, than either of its immediate neighbours, January and March, both of which have association with pagan deities, is at least not burdened with the two-faced characteristics of the one or the war-like propensities of the other.

There are, of course, both good points and bad ones about the kind of winter we have had thus far. Some find it delightful; others find it annoying. One obvious advantage for the middle-aged and older is the opportunity it affords them to reminisce about the severity of winters in the past—how the snow used to pile up to the tree-tops, how the rivers were frozen solid from November to April, sometimes to May.

Perhaps—one says it grudgingly—they are right. It may be that the change is in ourselves and not in our winters. Certainly, a three-foot snow bank looks bigger to a ten year old youngster than it does to a man of fifty; and it is the "big, big pictures" of youth that provide the material for the dreams and reflections of maturity.

Genius In The Jung'le

Books of photographs, once numbered among popular publications, are not produced in great numbers these days, for the simple reason that they are not, as a rule, in much demand. It can be safely predicted, however, that one recently published by Harper and Bros. under the title "The World Of Alberta Schweitzer" will find ready purchasers in many parts of the world; it may even reach the best-seller list.

Dr. Schweitzer may or may not be the greatest humanitarian of the century; but certainly his place is not far from the top. Born in Alsace Jan. 14, 1875, the son of a village pastor, he showed ability, amounting to genius, in philosophy, theology, and music, at a very early age.

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ished in 1906 and, since then, translated into many languages. While its theological sense has been disputed, no one has ever denied its beauty or refused to see in it a reflection of utmost sincerity and evidence of abiding faith in the Master whom he continues to serve with constant devotion.

"He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lake side, He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me' and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. To those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toil, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."

Ownership Of Formosa

There are those who say that in defending Formosa, which provides sanctuary for Chiang Kai-shek, the United States is intervening in a Chinese civil war. But, as the Ottawa Journal points out, Formosa does not belong to China, and the United States has never said nor agreed that Chiang Kai-shek has any title to it. Formosa has not been a part of China since 1895; not at any time within the present 20th century.

Actually the U. S. decision to defend Formosa, to hold it against the Communists, primarily has nothing to do with Chiang, who himself has no title to the island. It is a measure of Western defence and little else.

EDITORIAL NOTES

American and Canadian cities are not the only ones that are growing. In 1921 Rome had a population of 700,000; today it is close to 1,800,000. Even so, it still is some distance from its ancient glory—population wise; for in the days of the Caesars 2 million souls lived within its gates.

An educator describes the "ideal" teacher as one "who is not a walking encyclopedia or a candidate for a quiz program, but who is thoughtful, inquisitive, with the ability to induce in the student a capacity for reflective thought."

One of the most disturbing changes in the new Criminal Code which goes into effect this year, is a provision depriving persons accused of being habitual criminals of the right to be tried by jury and to appeal to a higher court against conviction.

Down in Carthage, Miss. (pop. 2,000) a 36 mile long railroad, which has served the town for 30 years, was to be abandoned on account of greatly reduced traffic. Did the townsmen accept the seemingly inevitable? Not they. Sixty-five of them, representing every economic group, pooled their resources and bought it.

A practical way of stabilizing the dairy industry was suggested at the recent agricultural conference in Ottawa by Hon. Colin H. Chisholm, minister of agriculture and marketing for Nova Scotia. If Canada with its population of 15,000,000 consumed as much fluid milk per capita as does Sweden, it would mean an increased consumption of over 1,000,000,000 pounds of milk or a creamery butter equivalent of over 46,000,000 pounds and there would be no surpluses in the dairy industry.

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Time Out For Stocktaking

OTTAWA REPORT

Startling Predictions

By Patrick Nicholson
We may have a world of surplus food and no gadgets in the year 2,000 A.D., in place of today's world of gadgets and no food. This is one of the startling predictions made by competitors for the prizes offered by the British "Royal Society of Arts."

Successful Co-existence

National Geographic Society
Prehistoric Indians of the American Southwest offer an example to today's discordant world of how man once solved a co-existence problem successfully. More than 900 years ago two contrasting cultures met head-on within the confining walls of a remarkable communal dwelling, Pueblo Bonito, in what is now northwestern New Mexico.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The trouble is that governments apparently are not sufficiently aware of Canada's significant post-war expansion. Although they recognize it is taking place, they seem to lack faith in the future. Yet Canada's wealth of resources and its rising population should mean that intelligent planning can ensure a tremendous growth in production and prosperity.

Canada's forces today are getting youths who, having sampled civilian life with its ease, freedom, comfort, and relative safety, have deliberately chosen a career way. However much conditions of service have improved, there still remains the occasional hardship inseparable from military training.

Heckling is an ancient and accepted British pastime in connection with election meetings, and Canadians and Americans have tacitly approved the practice. The objective of the heckler, naturally, is to ask a question or hurl a challenge calculated to derail the argument of a political opponent.

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Perhaps because deep down in his mind he is inclined to agree with Shaw that the professions are a conspiracy against the laity, the layman takes a lively pleasure in the occasional uncovering of a loophole in the moonlit-seeming ramparts of the Law.

Another part of Canada are banding together in a super-industrial drive. They are practically circularizing the world, writing to Australia and just about everywhere, citing the merits of the general area in which they are located and bidding all and sundry to come and set up industrial house-keeping. They point out, among other things, that "the whole of Canada is on the march, and before many years the country's population will be doubled."

There may be gold in "them thar hills" but one has no chance of finding it unless he goes after it. The same with a city, or a Chamber of Commerce. You've got to turn on the heat and keep it on. Pressure—constant, unremitting pressure—though, of course, with courtesy tossed in for good measure, is what brings business or results in any direction.

Contradictions In Coal

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But there is at least a partial explanation for Britain's better position in this new transportation age. A portion of her coal output is being changed into "white coal," as electrical motive power. In our greater distances dieselization is claiming most of the old steam power field for itself.

Yet the outlook for coal as a base for railway power may be blacked out only temporarily. The coal-burning turbine, still undergoing tests, theoretically is as superior to the diesel as that engine is to the old steam locomotive. It could be a great stimulus to coal-mining—but by that time will so many men have deserted our Canadian minefields that a required rate of production, as in Britain, will be difficult to maintain?

"JOURNAL" FOR WASHINGTON
NEW YORK (AP)—The Wall Street Journal today announced plans for publishing in Washington, D.C., starting in the late spring, Washington will be the fifth city in which the Wall Street Journal has a publishing plant. Currently, editions with the same basic news content are printed in Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and New York.

The Age Old Story

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