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

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Women At Work

A survey—the first of its kind—conducted by the Women's Bureau of the Federal Department of Labor...

The major factor contributing to this situation is, of course, the great expansion of job opportunities in recent years.

Commenting on the report, the Canadian Bank of Commerce stated that, while in some industrial areas women may be competing successfully with men...

Whether or not the expanding role of women in industrial employment is a good thing is a question for which there is no categorical answer.

500 Pounds

Dispatches from London tell of a "scene" in the House of Lords when actress Vivian Leigh rose in her place in the gallery to protest the impending destruction of historic St. James Theatre...

St. James Theatre is one of the major historical institutions of the Queen's realms. To consent to its destruction, to make room for counting houses and the like, would seem to be foreign to traditional British opinion.

Sir Winston is too old a man to take part in a quiet demonstration aimed at preserving a bit of England's glory.

better. One would almost suggest that his offer of 500 pounds was just as much a commendation of Miss Leigh's dramatization of the need as a financial contribution to the preservation of a landmark.

Canada's Defence

Those who expected Defence Minister Pearkes to slash away at Canada's military commitments in an effort to reduce expenditures in his department are going to be disappointed, judging by statements he has made recently.

It seems clear, therefore, that in order to bear down heavily on this country's defence costs, our commitments to NATO and the joint American-Canadian Continental defence plan would have to be seriously undermined.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An American comedian says that "comedy roles are no joke." They are sometimes a little less than amusing to the audience, too.

Electronic brains may be just as efficient as the human variety, even more so. But they cost a good deal more to begin with.

A news reports says that the new Aga Khan is not likely to inherit the bulk of his grandfather's wealth. Since the estate is reputed to be worth more than a billion dollars, it seems reasonable to suppose that the young leader will have enough to come and go on.

Japan is the latest nation to join Britain in loosening restrictions on trade with Communist China. The Government recently removed 272 items from the list of goods which had been banned because of their strategic value.

In a recent address Secretary of State Dulles warned the Russians that "as matters are going, the time will come when the pettiest and most irresponsible dictator could get hold of weapons with which to threaten immense harm."

The Ontario Department of Health is sponsoring a new course designed to increase the number of hospital laboratory technicians. 40 students are expected to enrol for the first year this fall.

President Eisenhower says that, as far as he knows, Marshal Zhukov, Soviet Defence Minister, is "an honest man". So he may be in his own way. He is not likely, however, to receive a warm reception from Americans, should he come visiting, which apparently Mr. Eisenhower has in mind.



WHERE TROUBLE ENTERS THE PICTURE

In Quest Of A Quote

Grant Dexter in the Winnipeg Free Press

The quest began in the winter of 1952-53. In the parliamentary restaurant at Ottawa MacGregor Dawson, the official biographer of Mackenzie King, was seated at a table with Francis Hardy, Librarian of Parliament.

He had been unable to trace the quotation and it applied so exactly to Mr. King that he wished to inscribe it on the fly leaf of the "Life" would I find out who wrote it.

Here is the passage as Mr. Dafoe wrote it: "An English public man, who was also a novelist and a poet, wrote: 'Never of the living can the living judge. Too blind the affection or too fresh the grudge.'"

At first, none of us minded even though all the books of quotations, including J.W.'s favorite Benhams were barren.

SEARCH BY SCHOLARS Francis Hardy and Kaye Lamb added L.W. Brockington and Max Freedman to their number. Her writer added a third scholar, Rev. Stuart Ivimey of Ottawa, who provided to have the keenest scent of all.

While there was no success it was felt, especially by Mr. Iveson and Mr. Hardy, that Bulwer Lytton was our man. Mr. Hardy wrote in March, 1953: "He is the only one who answers to poet, Novelist and statesman." Moreover, Lytton used the heroic couplets of which the quotation is an example.

Miss Elizabeth Dafoe and other scholars like the late Skuli Johnston, of Manitoba University, were consulted. Miss Dafoe had no recollection of her father mentioning the source. And Skuli — his letter is before me as I write — was foiled in English but succeeded twice in Latin. Cicero said it in a speech to Caesar and Tacitus had it in the first chapter of the histories.

Prof. W.L. Morton joined the

hunt and he, like the Ottawa man, fixed upon Lytton. As a matter of routine, Miss Ruth Buggie, the Free Press Librarian, wrote to all the leading "question and answer" columns in the United States and the United Kingdom without result.

Norman Ward, of the University of Saskatchewan, heard of the search and, such was his confidence in the English department at Saskatchewan that he believed the answer would be in the mail within a week. But Saskatchewan University, also failed. Wilson Harris, then editor of the London Spectator, took the couplet to Oxford — without success.

For some years it seemed as if Mr. Dafoe's secret would be impenetrable. Everyone suspected Bulwer Lytton but no one could find the couplet in Lytton's works. You could come close, as in these lines from Miletus: "Nor thou nor I the worth of these things now. Can judge; we stand too near them."

The amount of reading involved in Lytton was so great as to exclude complete certainty. There are a dozen volumes of poetry — much of it the worst poetry in the language. There are three volumes of dramas and some 40 volumes of novels. The novels could not be ignored because every chapter is headed with poetry, some of it by Lytton.

Last December, at the National Conservative convention, Max Freedman leaned out of a television booth, high up in the auditorium, wagged a long finger and said: "I've got it." He was referring, of course, to the quotation, not the leadership, and his word was that the Library of Congress had heavily it in Lytton. But the essential detail of the poem evaded his memory and letters of enquiry brought no enlightenment. Max, no doubt, had the answer but, as he never divulged it, credit is not possible.

FIRST BREAK The break came a month ago. An English librarian, Miss Williams, serving on exchange for a year in the library of the Mines

and Resources department, found a passage from a poem by Lytton entitled, "St. Stephen's." No such poem appears in his works and none of the searchers had ever heard of it. Miss Williams's passage was a torn clipping which did not contain any lines resembling those being sought, but which had somewhat of the meaning.

Mr. Iveson was now in charge. He searched for the poem. There is no reference to it in the Oxford Companion to English Literature. The Library of Parliament had no reference to it. There was no mention of it in the "Life".

Mr. Iveson wrote to Montreal, asking his correspondent to consult the librarians at McGill University. The report came back. Lord Lytton in old age, years after his works had been collected and published, had written a poem called St. Stephen's. The poem had never appeared in book form. It had been published only once, serially in the January, February and March issues, 1860, of Blackwood's.

THE POEM St. Stephen's is a poem tracing parliamentary oratory in the United Kingdom from its birth in the civil wars to the death of Sir Robert Peel. All the great men are there: Eliot, Pym, Hampden ("Warm without frenzy, wary without fear. Freedom's calm champion and first martyr"); More, Raleigh, Marlborough, Walpole, Chatham, Pitt, Fox, Burke, Johnson Macaulay ("He taught, he charmed" he moved. Few compass one: what'er their faults may be: Great Orators alone achieve the three"); and, at last Peel.

Lytton — stopped with Peel — "with the dead" — because he felt unable to write about the living. The poem runs: "And men now living might as tall appear. Judged by our sons, not us, we stand too near. These I name not — their race is yet to run. Huzza'd or hooted, my calm task is done."

And then the long sought couplet: "Never of the living can the living judge. Too blind the affection or too fresh the grudge." Mr. Dafoe had read it in Blackwood's long ago, and had not forgotten it.

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Hard To Beat Plain Aspirin

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

IF I were to be deprived of all our wonderful modern medicines and told that I could only have one drug to use for my patients do you know which I would choose? I think I would pick the old reliable acetylsalicylic acid, or just plain aspirin, one of the most widely used and cheapest drugs we have.

Not only can we use aspirin in treating so many ailments, but we can use it with perfect safety. Proof of this is demonstrated in the fact that some 12,000,000,000 five-grain aspirin tablets are consumed in the United States each year.

Aspirin can be used for alleviating pain. I'm sure most of you have used it many times to get rid of headaches and other minor pains.

If you have not used aspirin, chances are you have used one of the large number of pain-killing preparations which use aspirin as a major ingredient.

Aspirin is an aid in combating rheumatic diseases. It is widely used in treating rheumatic fever, rheumatoid arthritis and similar diseases.

In fact, many doctors say aspirin is as effective in this field as are ACTH and cortisone. Aspirin also is used universally to help reduce fever. When you have a cold, your doctor generally suggests taking aspirin to bring your temperature down.

Aspirin has been around quite a while. For 103 years, it has been used to relieve pain, reduce fever and inflammation, but we still don't know much about it.

SOME RESEARCH This is another reason why I think I would choose aspirin if I could use but a single drug. In my spare time, I could do some research on it.

Frankly, aspirin still is a mystery to medical men. We know it works, but we don't know just why.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R.C.: I have been working in a uranium mine. I wonder if there is any danger from the radioactive substance?

Answer: The amount of radioactivity in the ore being mined is very low. Therefore, the chances of injury to you would be slight.

The Age Old Story

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.



GARDEN

This is our shining river rolling past; This is at once our shore, our sounding sea. For all that roots hold tree and flower fast. This is our shifting acre, stretching free. Wide as the sun-filled day, the moonlit night. Our fancy plays upon it. Now a pool. Fringed 'round with fern, it lies upon our sight. Its waters intermingling, warm with cool. And secret as a mountain spring, remote As cold lake waters the wild wood deer knows. And bends above at dawn, and slakes his throat — Here too the very wood toward which he goes. This is our Summer. Every dream is here. Here distance fades, and every far draws near. —Alice Clear Matthews in the New York Times.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

If you've had the neighbor's mower since last fall, be thoughtful enough to phone him to come and get it to be sharpened. —Ottawa Citizen

The general belief that fat people are jollier than thin one may be an erroneous conclusion based on the fact that fat people jiggle more when they laugh. —Kitchen-Waterloo Record

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Sometimes a man pulls the wool over his wife's eyes by using the wrong yarn.—Brantford Expositor.

"School's Out—Drive Carefully," says a safety poster. And it's not a bad idea even when school isn't out.—Windsor Star

The hide of the hippopotamus is two inches thick. If he only had the brains, he'd make an invulnerable editor.—Chatham Daily News

The new autos do everything but go home alone and sometimes it would be better if they did.—London Free Press

"Eight billion meteor fragments enter the earth's atmosphere every 24 hours," says an astronomer, who is probably guessing.—Kitchen-Waterloo Record

"Counting snakes, frogs, lizards, guppies, one dog and two cats," remarks a father in our neighborhood. "I have eighty-three mouths to feed."—Winnipeg Tribune

OAC students told that veterinary medicine offers a greater challenge than any other profession. Well, their patients can't talk back at all events.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

If the telephone company still had to depend on the old manually operated system instead of the dial phones, there would not be enough women between the ages of 18 and 40 in all of the United States to perform the job now required by telephone traffic.—Readers Digest

Hurricane "Audrey"

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