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We And Our Neighbors

"MISLIKE ME NOT FOR MY COMPLEXION"

Strangely enough, though we realize how difficult it is to understand ourselves and those nearest and dearest to us, yet we believe we are able to pass judgement on comparative strangers often on no stronger evidence than a facial characteristic that doesn't suit us. However, since most of us compare ourselves to the average in looks as well as in character, it is not surprising that only a few in any given community. Greater harm may be done in the long run where it carries over to entire populations of different races who differ from one another in appearance.

Even a moment's consideration would tell us that millions of people who happen to have, for example, smaller eyes, or thicker or darker skins etc., than our racial or national group, cannot be less Desirable Characters than we! And modern psychological research has found plenty of evidence to show that there is indeed as little connection between appearance and personality in the case of races and nations as in the case of individuals within a same group.

A United Nations Publication.

In his booklet, "Race and Psychology" (referred to last week) Professor Otto Klineberg of Columbia University, discusses various tests that were used to measure the comparative reactions of different racial groups. One test measured speed of performance. It was found that white children reacted more quickly than American Indian children living on a reservation. But the same test was given to Indian children attending a modern school where many of the teachers were white and where the general atmosphere is quite similar to that of a comparable white school they reacted almost as quickly. The new environment caused a change in behavior so as to eliminate what might otherwise appear to be an "racial" characteristic."

Shakespeare, who grows greater with enlarging powers of appreciation, created one of his most magnetic characters in the person of the Prince of Morocco, a suitor for the hand of Portia, in the "Merchant of Venice". He says to Portia:

"Mistake me not for my complexion. The shadow'd livery of the burnish'd sun, To whom I am a neighbor, and near bred, Bring me the fairest creature northward bound, Where Phoebus' fire scarce thaws the icicles, And let us make incision for your love, To prove whose blood is reddest, his or mine. I tell thee, lady, this aspect of mine Hath fear'd the valiant; by my love, I swear, The best-reputed virgins of our clime Have loved it too; I would not change this hue, Except to steal your thoughts, my gentle queen."

NORTHERN HARBOR
Gaspé Bay on the southeast shore of the Gaspé peninsula has an area of about 80 square miles.

Bringing Up Baby
Hints Collected by Mrs. Ben Barber (Mother of 5)
Nice excerpt of a letter from a new grandmother to her daughter: "Read and heed the baby-care rules you can. But use your head when you apply them to your baby. All rules do not necessarily suit all babies... and any rule is only as good as its stretching power. Above all, let your heart lead the lead from time to time. Mother-love may not show up in inches and ounces, but it sure makes babies grow and glow inside."

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Scientist Finds Ancient Civilization In The Yukon

OTTAWA (CP)—An elated scientist has returned from the Yukon with a number of scattered remains of what could be the oldest known civilization in the Canadian north.

Dr. Richard MacNeish, archaeologist who directed the excavation at a spot on the Arctic coast near the Alaska border, said it will be "a rich site—possibly the richest in the north—for many years to come."

The site is near the mouth of the Firth river, believed to be one of the routes of pre-historic migration of Asiatic races who crossed the Bering strait and who are generally considered to be the forebears of present-day Eskimos and Indians.

On that spot, layer on layer, were found the flint and bone implements and pieces of pottery of nine types never before found in the Canadian north.

MAY BE OLDEST
And the bottom, oldest layer, which has caused the most excitement in the staid national museum, may be remains of the oldest extinct civilization yet found in northern North America.

Dr. MacNeish, with scientific caution, refused even to estimate its age for reporters at a press conference. That will be estimated in the next few months through complex tests of the radioactive age of carbon 14, an element existing in all old bones, charcoal and similar objects.

But he said he would be surprised if the oldest objects discovered—10 crude stone tools and a few pieces of bone—are not found to be older than the objects discovered some years ago in the Trail creek caves in Alaska which were dated at about 600 B.C.

Dr. MacNeish, who returned with several thousand artifacts, said there are undoubtedly many times more. He will return next summer to continue digging where he left off this year.

COULD TRACE CULTURES
The site, he said, "should prove of the utmost importance in tracing the early cultures that lived in our country."

Northern Affairs Minister Lesage issued a statement terming the find "one of the most significant archaeological discoveries ever made in Canada."

The site was found almost accidentally last summer by Dr. MacNeish, while scouring the area for guide led him to a low plateau at a place which had obviously been a caribou crossing for centuries.

"We sat down to rest, and found we were sitting right on top of a pile of flint chips, pottery and bones," he said.

Lacking time then to develop the find, he returned this year to excavate the find.

BELOW PERMAFROST
Dr. MacNeish said he could hardly believe it when one of his diggers found the bottom layer of the hard-frozen permafrost and separate from the other layers by several inches of clay.

No human skeletons were found, but Dr. MacNeish is hopeful of turning up some.

SPRINGFIELD W.I.
The October meeting of Springfield Women's Institute which met at the home of Mrs. William Haslam opened with the Song of Peace and the Mary Stewart Collect. Eleven members answered roll call with the name of their letter friend. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Reports of the treasurer and various committees were received and correspondents read.

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MORNING SMILE

Artist: "In a few years people will look at this house and say 'Cobalt, the painter, used to live here'."

Lady: "If you don't pay your rent by tonight, they'll be able to say it tomorrow."

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