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

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Mr. Churchill Out

A writer in an English newspaper pleads for a place in the House of Commons for Mr. Randolph Churchill whom he calls "the brilliant son of the greatest parliamentarian of all time."

This business of "finding" seats for men who happened to be in official favour but not, for the time being, in the approbation of any particular group of voters, has been resorted to in this country on several occasions; and, in a few instances we can recall, it seemed to have worked out fairly well.

In Mr. Churchill's case, it must be remembered that his distinguished father came to public esteem only after considerable plodding and a number of setbacks. In due course, one may assume, the son will find his niche.

Money From Penitents Do petty lawbreakers, who manage to escape detection, ever report their misdeeds and make restitution? Yes, many of them do, by forwarding what is known as "conscience money" to those they wronged.

Why must there be this everlasting quibbling over Provincial "rights" in matters of needed public service? It has been going on for years with respect to education; and now it is being used as an excuse for delaying a comprehensive health plan.

A statement made by Premier Fleming of New Brunswick to the Dominion - Provincial Conference bears repeating. "We in New Brunswick," he said, "have no quarrel with other provinces, no quarrel with the federal authority. We are not coming, hat in hand, to this or any other conference table. Yet, we know that we represent an important principle far beyond considerations of area, population, and voting strength in its importance. It is the principle of justice and equity, and no federation of any kind can survive without it."

Not all such fruits of repentance find their way into government bank accounts, however. A man sent 25 cents to a woman in Detroit, explaining that 25 years ago he had stolen that sum from a milk bottle she had left on her front porch. "I have a young son of my own now," he added. Incidentally, the boy was well paid for his father's youthful indiscretion; the woman felt so good about the belated repentance that she left the youngster \$2000 in her will. A movie

theatre received \$5 wrapped up in a note which read: "Please accept this. I have gone in the side door, without paying, many times." Another man, whose conscience bothered him, sent \$5 to a music store because he used to court his girl there and play her favourite songs on the store's pianola. "Not having much money in those days", he explained, "I was in the habit of using slugs".

Some contributions are in kind. A man with a humorous side to his newly-found honesty forwarded two ostrich eggs to a grocer with this pencilled confession: "I stole two hen's eggs from your store 20 years ago. I hope the enclosed eggs, which are much bigger, will cancel the debt plus interest".

Diplomatic Heterodoxy

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the veteran British diplomat in the Far East, has been criticized more than once for his unorthodox ways. One of his occasional habits is to attend a formal dinner minus the regulation jacket, a practice which has caused some of his sartorially impeccable colleagues to lift their eyebrows in amazement.

Once, in defending his actions against well-meaning critics, Mr. MacDonald said: "Ordinary British citizens are not snobs". The inference was that, since his job is to represent his countrymen among the people of the Far East, a little informality—which, of course, is not to be confused with slovenliness—gives a good impression. Not every man could turn such informality to good account, for there is nothing more tricky than studied heterodoxy; it has many pitfalls for the unwary. Evidently, Mr. MacDonald knows how to do it and do it well.

What in the world is coming over the Brazilians? Reports so far indicate that only two persons were killed in last Monday's presidential election!

A Syrian diplomat is quoted as saying that "Israel as a state has no room in our lands." If that isn't aggressive language, what is it? Arab spokesmen should be told to curb their tongues, or there is going to be trouble. Israel will not stand for that kind of talk.

His illness finally reveals another fact—while Mr. Eisenhower has become the unbeatable candidate he does not lead an unbeatable party. The Republican managers have long realized that their chance of winning the next year's election depended solely upon this one man, who obviously wants nothing more than his well-earned retirement. There is, at this moment, no Republican successor of his quality. Until he fell ill it appeared certain that, despite his own wishes, he would have to run again. The forces of history now in full tide,

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Hunter's Choice

Presidency A Killer

Bruce Hutchison in the Ottawa Citizen. Anyone who has seen Mr. Eisenhower face to face and felt the irresistible warmth of his nature will be thinking today not so much of the President as of the man.

The Congressional elections a year ago defeated the Republican Party. As a party it remains a minority. There can be little doubt that a Presidential election would defeat any Republican but Mr. Eisenhower, and less that Mr. Adlai Stevenson is regarded by a majority of Americans as the second citizen of the nation. He may well be the next President.

Meanwhile it is idle to pretend that the American government can proceed, in the absence of its leader, in any normal fashion. As governed by the Constitution, it cannot.

BRITISH SYSTEM In a British system of collective cabinet responsibility business goes on, with little interruption, whether the Prime Minister is well or ill. In the American system there is no cabinet as we know it, only a group of adjoined advisers to the President, whose advice he can accept or reject at will and who have no responsibility to the legislature.

These men are not the government. The government, in its executive functions, is solely the President. Every vital issue must be decided by him and can be decided by no one else.

That is why the illness of the President is not only a moving human tragedy, touching every decent man in the world, but, for the time being, an international disaster.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Animals sometimes form lasting and fiercely devoted attachments to creatures other than their own kind. Perhaps the most noted of these "I'll help you, you help me" pacts is that of the fierce crocodile and the small plover. The little bird is permitted to pick morsels of food from the razor sharp teeth of the mighty reptile without fear of being swallowed.

The trouble is that greater safety factors too often give car drivers greater confidence. And carelessness bred of over-confidence is a chief cause of auto accidents. Possibly these suggested "safer" cars would only lead to more reckless conduct on the part of the scatterbrained type of driver. So maybe the auto makers are wise to proceed slowly with changes until they can find some way of joining forces with the psychiatrists to produce a safer driver.

Try to juggle the balance of nature and you're in trouble. They're finding it out in Australia. Rabbits were introduced into the continent Down Under as an easy source of food. In a few human generations they became pests and practically overran the whole country. Three years ago a disease that is peculiar to rabbits was introduced to thin them out. It worked fine. Now there are so few of the bounding little beasts around that the foxes are killing sheep and poultry for food. The foxes? Yes, they too were introduced to Australia for some reason everybody seems to have forgotten.

Mr. Pearson is going to the Soviet not to strike bargains but simply to meet Russians, unofficial as well as official, and see their country. He and his colleagues will undoubtedly gain new knowledge of Russian problems and the Russian point of view. His hosts will find Mr. Pearson a direct and friendly man, constantly looking for a basis for good relations and notably candid in both his questions and his answers. There will be advantages to both sides from the visit; and it may be hoped that there will be a series of such journeys, in both directions. Canada would be glad to see Foreign Minister Molotov or any other member of the Soviet Cabinet. But unofficial contacts are equally desirable. If Canada and Russia are

Each day, examine your baby's feet immediately after you remove his shoes and stockings. If his toes overlap, or if creases appear on his feet, the shoes probably are too small. Get rid of them. The only part of the shoe which should fit snugly is the back. The heel should be narrower than the rest of the shoe. Don't put patent leather shoes on your baby. They are likely to make his feet perspire too much.

I advise high shoes at least until your tot is two years old because he needs the support they give him.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R. A. H.: I perspire freely both summer and winter, despite the constant use of non-perspirants. Can you suggest something that I might do? Answer: To overcome excessive perspiration, you should bat the daily. Applying a 25 per cent solution of aluminum chloride, every other day, to the affected parts of the body may be helpful.

There is no danger in checking excessive perspiration.

The Age Old Story I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I made thee, though thou hast not known me: that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.

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