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**Sermon From Shakespeare**

(Copr. 1909 by Bradley-Garrettson Co. Ltd.) I have of late lost all my mirth, foregone All custom of exercise.

Hamlet, Act, II., Sc. 2. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is a very old adage. Shakespeare was undoubtedly not a dull boy, and the most casual reading of his dramas will show that his boyhood days were not entirely spent in the Stratford Grammar School and his father's shop. He was a very human boy, familiar with every form of boyish games and exercises. The "Sports of Shakespeare" would make a large volume if treated exhaustively. He has numerous allusions to hunting, coursing, angling, swimming; to tennis, bowling, wrestling, archery and other manly games and sports. His allusions are never far-fetched nor incongruous. They fit naturally into the warp and woof of his dialogue. The allusions to coursing the hare; to fencing, as in "Hamlet"; to swimming, as in "Julius Caesar" and the "Tempest"; to hunting and to hunting dogs, as in the "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "As You Like It"; to bowling, as in "Coriolanus" and "The Taming of the Shrew"—are the illusions of a man familiar with the things referred to.

One illustration will be sufficient. Bowling is one of the most ancient sports. In Elizabeth's day it was almost the national game of England. Shakespeare frequently uses it to enforce a thought. In "Coriolanus," he says, "Like to a bowl upon a subtle ground, I have tumbled past the throw"; in "The Taming of the Shrew" he illustrates a point by saying, "Thus the bowl shall run, and not unluckily against the bias." Much of the healthy outdoor spirit that pervades Shakespeare's plays is no doubt due to his personal familiarity with many sports. No mere student or scholar could have written any of his dramas.

Games play an important part in national life. Study a nation's games and an excellent judgement can be formed of its character. The Anglo-Saxons are largely the result of their sports; what other people can compare with the Anglo-Saxons in the matter of outdoor sports, and what other people can compare with them in adventurous daring and true manliness? In their colleges and schools and on their village greens they have learned "to play the game," and it has hardened their muscles and braced their wills for the greater game of life. The heroes of England have been made on the playgrounds of such schools as Rugby and Eton. Football and cricket have taught the youths of Great Britain manliness and chivalry toward opponents. It is necessary to visit other races to find concealed weapons or to fear a blow in the dark.

Hamlet complained that he had lost all his mirth, and followed it up by saying that he had forgone all custom of exercises. The melancholy Dane would have been less melancholy had he mounted his horse and taken a brisk gallop with the hounds; or, instead of philosophizing on life and death, on friendship and action, had he played a neighborly game of bowls with Horatio or even old Polonius he would have seen the world and his times in a brighter light. At any rate he should never have allowed himself to get into such a physical condition as he could be described as "fat and scant of breath." That is bad enough in an old man, but for a young man it is disgraceful; no wonder that he had of late lost all his mirth. Games and sports keep the spirit young and the heart light. The music of nature and the sunlight of the open fields become part of a man who lives to some extent an open-air life. The furrows ploughed by Father Time come late to the brow of one who enters enthusiastically into sports while he may.

Games are after all a species of work, but they are work from which ordinarily the element of gain has been eliminated. They are played usually for pleasure and honor. They, too, generally give man a change of occupation, and that is the highest form of rest. They give strength to the arm, activity to the muscles and keenness to the eye. An education in sports is as essential to a man as intellectual training. Without a sound body, a sound mind is almost impossible.

Sports give self-confidence and self-control. The swimmer feels himself master of the sea; the hunter delights in his mastery of his powerful servant, the horse. In contests in the field, the playful battle, the mimic warfare teaches the contestants to give and receive knocks, to take victory modestly and bear defeat with a patient mind.

There is of course danger of sports becoming brutal. Hunting is often mere slaughter; games are often practically struggles of professional gladiators. But as a whole hunting is practised for the invigorating pleasure of the chase; games are indulged in in the spirit of friendly rivalry, and the cheer at the close by victor and vanquished alike is the spontaneous expression of hearts made manly by sports. The custom of physical exercise gives health to the limbs and a mirth to the mind that is in every way salutary. A nation of athletes cannot but be a happy, generous, and a wise nation.

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It costs ten cents a bushel to haul wheat from New York to Chicago by rail, says Agnes C. Laut, writing in the American Review of Reviews. The rate from New York to Liverpool by sea is, the same authority says, three cents. Thus one cent will carry grain by sea three times as far as three cents will by rail.

Taking these facts as a basis the writer quoted expresses the opinion that the opening of the Panama canal will divert to that route much of Canada's Western grain which now reaches Europe via Montreal. Alberta wheat will, when the canal is in operation, find its way to the Pacific through Vancouver and Prince Rupert and thence by the canal to Europe, the longer haul this way being more than offset by the cheaper carriage which the sea affords.

California fruit growers expect to benefit quite as much as Alberta wheat growers from the creation of this new channel. California is at present handicapped in two ways. She is so far from the Atlantic coast where emigrants from Europe land, that she is denied her share of European labor, particularly that furnished by Italy, for the cultivation of her fruit orchards. The same physical obstacle stands in the way of placing her fruit products on Eastern markets. On thirty-eight to fifty million dollars

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The opening of the Panama canal across that narrow neck of land which drains North from South America promises to produce quite as important economic effects in America as were caused in Europe and Asia by the building of the Suez waterway.—Toronto Weekly Sun.

**The Lavender Bed**

For those who are fortunate enough to have a lavender bed in the garden, there are many ways of using the fragrant herb. The tops or stalks should be cut when the flower heads are just beginning to bloom, and dried in the shade. Lavender pillows may be made by stripping the leaves and flower heads from the half-dry stalks, removing all stems and branches and filling into the heavy muslin "case," or bag; let dry in the covering; cover with any material, white dimity, lawn, or muslin, and trim with lavender cord or ribbon. The dried tops may be laid in cheese cloth or thin muslin bags and put among the linen or clothing, giving to each piece a delightful odor at the smallest cost.

The Hotel McAlpine in New York will have 1,600 guest rooms and will be the largest in the world.

The new Woolworth building in New York, next to the Eiffel Tower the tallest structure in the world, will be ready for occupancy by winter. The frame of the tower has been erected, and a flag flies at its top.

**THE CAMMORRISTS.**

Although the trial of the Cammorristi in Italy lasted for months and was noted for wild scenes, it happily came to an end on Monday, and law established itself over cotspracy, robbery and murder. The Cammorristi were originally organized at Naples as a secret political organization, but it rapidly degenerated into an organization of extortionists, thieves and murderers. Various attempts to break it up failed, but the present Italian government and the judiciary acted together in an attempt to uphold the majesty of the law and they have succeeded. The papers from time to time gave us some idea of the wild scenes in the court room, but the judge was dealing with a wild and lawless set playing their last stakes against order and established society. That it eventually won is a surprise. St. John Mail

Animals are now being killed for food purposes in France by electricity. It is claimed that the electrocution process is more humane. A current of 110 volts with an intensity of 40 to 80 milliamperes is used.

**Sinister Possibilities**

(New York Tribune.)

"This bill was innocent on its face, but beneath there lurked a most sinister significance."

The speaker Senator Clarke, was discussing in Little Rock a measure of which he disapproved.

"The bill reminded me, in fact," he said, "of a Little Rock urchin's question. His question, innocent enough in appearance, dear knows, was this:

"Would you mind making a noise like a frog' uncle?"

"And why," said the uncle, with an amused smile, "why Tommy, do you desire me to make a noise like a frog?"

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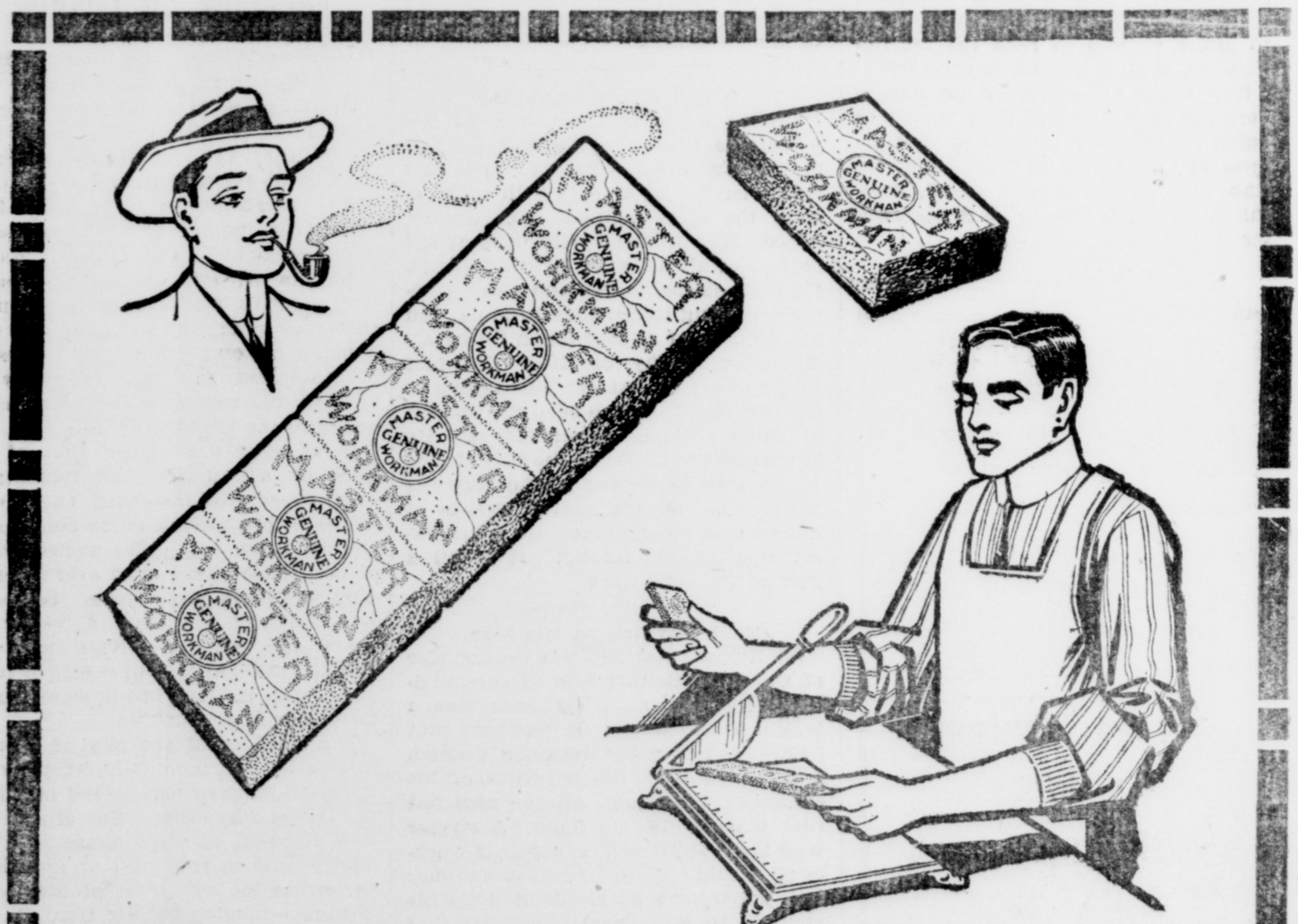
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