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ETQUETTE AMONG GHOSTS.

Nobody need be astonished that the ghost which has struck terror into the people of Nova Scotia should refuse to materialize for Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, says the New York World. Dr. Prince was foolish to make the expedition, for ghosts don't appear to the Directors of Institutes of Scientific Research or to any scientists whatsoever. It is a rule of conduct with them. Neither do they appear to anybody looking for them with a note-book and a fountain pen all ready for recording possible data. A watched ghost never walks.

As the World says, there is probably good reason for this delicacy on the part of the spirits. A cool and collected gentleman with a test-tube in one hand and a scalpel in the other, a gentleman who is inclined to dissect and analyze everything that falls into his hands, is likely to prove uncongenial company for the disembodied soul who is none too sure anyway of his own existence. A real ghost must have sympathy. He can show himself only to those who put a fair amount of credence in his possibility. An imitation ghost capable of slapping and being slapped chooses his time and place with even greater care, conscious, doubtless, that a bullet might leave a trace if it went through him.

A spirit has some rights, among them the right to manifest himself when he pleases, not whenever called on. There may be spirits on the Macdonald farm waiting for a man with the password. They may even be buried there. And it might be pertinent to ask whether smuggling is common along that section of the coast.

WORLD GROWING BETTER.

We may not have moved forward much since the dark ages when man went to war with as much ill will toward other men as did most of the human race eight years ago. We may be one thing or another that isn't any good. But the other day a mongrel dog with a broken leg was picked up by a chauffeur and a policeman and carried to a Chicago hospital where he will occupy a cot until he is able to run around again.

Let's be generous with ourselves this once and say that there is pity in the world today where once there was not. If men are still shot to pieces in battle, the world's supply of mercy has increased too. Hence the Red Cross. If animals are still beaten and maimed there are societies to see that the guilty are punished and policemen and passersby to pick the animals up.

Call yourself and the rest of the race hard names, but for truth's sake admit that pity, and the thousand things that pity implies, are ours and are growing as the world grows older.

The Liberal Government of Manitoba has been forced out of office by the opposing groups in the Legislature, but at this distance it is difficult to see where the province is to reap any benefit from the coup. The Farmer, Conservative and Labor groups in the Legislature are far apart, and there is little chance of them standing together in case one of them should be called upon to form an administration. The Norris government may be prevailed on to remain in power until supplies are voted and preparations made for a general election. Hon. T. A. Crerar is being urged to take the helm of the ship of state but may not feel like abandoning his position at Ottawa at the present time. It looks as if those who voted against the Norris government on a want of confidence motion already regret their ill advised action.

In commenting on the political situation in Manitoba the Halifax Chronicle says: "The prediction has been made that at the general election a Farmers' Government may be returned, but it is not at all certain that this will be the result of the voting. Indeed there are some who believe that if the election is fought on the basis of groups contesting against one another in the constituencies, the next House may be as motley a combination as the present one. At all events what has happened in Manitoba has demonstrated that the 'group system' not only has little to commend it, is opposed to the genius of the Canadian Constitution, but may, as in the case of Manitoba, become a grave menace to the interests of the State."

The St. John Times in commenting on Premier Foster's budget speech says: "It was a frank and resolute

speech closely covering a great deal of ground and doing it in a fashion to command public approval. To get through 1922 without a deficit and without imposing new and burdensome taxation affecting the general public will be no small performance, but the Premier shows that he is determined to do it, and his warning that the need for severe economy must be heeded by all means that many demands upon the government will be disregarded. The Premier's speech will be received with general satisfaction."

Messrs. E. M. Macdonald, and H. J. Logan, stalwart Liberals from Nova Scotia have been heard from in Parliament on behalf of the claims of the Maritime Provinces for justice and fair play. They presented the case in a very able manner, and good results are likely to accrue from their efforts. The people of the Maritime Provinces only ask that the terms of the Confederation pact be carried out.

Mr. Lewis Smith, M. P. P., for Albert acquitted himself fairly well in his maiden effort as financial critic of the opposition in the House on Thursday. He spoke with considerable vigor and received an attentive hearing. His case against the administration and its policies being a very weak one he resorted to the old device, of abusing the fellows on the other side.

From a study of all the contemporary "period" literature we can find, we learn that each writer entertained the solemn conviction that his own age was at once the most advanced materially and the most depraved morally of any age that he had ever studied. In which the writers strangely reflect the opinions of most contemporary writers of this present, immediate, just now age.

That "truth serum," which compels the recipient to tell the whole, unvarnished truth, will be just as popular as is the whole unvarnished truth—no more, no less.

Those balloon sleeves that are to be resurrected have been in limbo since the days when little Annie Rooney was a slip of a girl and the other popular ballad was "After the Ball."

"Hold out or suffer," is the advice of Mr. Gompers to the textile strikers. Can he guarantee that they won't suffer if they do hold out.

"The Rake's Progress" is now being staged in ever so many back yards.

Chicago law firm consists of mother, daughter and son. What'smattered pop?

When Emerson advised youth to hitch its wagon to a star, he was not think of the movie stars.

Our interest in France's National Wine Week is purely academic.

Wonder how that rabbit is getting along with the Easter eggs?

Civil service is what the bootlegger aims to give nothing else but.

"Oh, well," says "Fatty" Arbuckle, "the third time is the charm."

HOW TO CATCH 'EM.

Editor Daily Mail,
Sir:

In answer to "Stenographer," will say that I have bobbed hair and it is becoming and far more comfortable than before. Because a girl has her hair bobbed in no sign that she is not respectable. Girls should not be too anxious to make dates with the fellows. They should know that the less anxious they are the more attractive they become.

It does not make any difference whether you are plump or slim or whether one has stunning clothes or not. If a girl goes with a fellow who likes her only for the clothes she wears his name should be scratched off the list. Good clothes do not always draw the right kind of a fellow. I know. Men do like decent girls and they respect them for being decent. I would rather have a fellow's respect than his love any day.

I am not an old maid, but I have had some real disappointments in my life. So take my advice and don't judge anyone's character until you know them, as that is not fair. Try to be less anxious about having dates, and the right one who will love you and respect you will come along. Be spiritulay minded. One should be a good church member if one wants good friends.

I KNOW.
Fredericton, March 20th 1922.

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THROUGH OUR SIEVE

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It was hot air generate in the Legislature that caused the recent mild spell.

Under no circumstances should the weather bureau antagonize Spring.

One half the word suspects the other half of trying to put something over on it.

Man is commanded not to covet anything that is his neighbor's the saxophone included.

"Twouldn't be so bad, putting things off until tomorrow, if it would ever come.

It's queer that nothing ever happens to ruin the carrot crop. Ever the worms prefer radishes.

We expect the showers next month will not only bring the May flowers but also those hosettes the girls are talking about so much.

Old people have their ewest memories and the young their pleasant anticipations. Isn't life wonderful?

"Grinn and Bearit," remarked the Man on the Car, "get along in matrimonial fetters about as well as Lovey and Dovey."

There is no music in having all the clocks in the house strike at once. A variation of a minute or two gives best results.

It's possible to keep buying more furniture for your house forever. There seems to be no end to the use less dewdabs busybodies invent to obstruct traffic from the bed to the furnace at 6 o'clock every morning.

WANT POTATO
DUTY FIXED
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Washington, March 20—United States Senators Hale and Fernald, of Maine, have requested the senate finance committee to fix the duty on potatoes in the Fordney bill at thirty-five cents a bushel. The senators told the committee that Maine potatoes met severe competition from New Brunswick, but that if this were the only competition they would be satisfied with the present rate in the bill—twenty-five cents. Senator Fernald, however, said that the present tariff does not exclude vast shipments of potatoes from Ireland, and since that country is now to be a free state he thought production would increase, and that reason greater safeguards are needed.

Serious attention was given to the plea of Senator Fernald, which was fortified by an able argument along the same lines advanced by Senator Hale. After they had indicated they had nothing further to say on the subject Senator Watson (Ind.), with a gleam in his eyes said:

"Senator Fernald, we were much impressed by your argument, but we understand that you have a fine voice and if you will favor us with a song, say 'Throw Out the Life Line,' it may aid your case"

NORRIS STILL
ON THE JOB

Winnipeg, March 20—Premier T. C. Norris, with the approval of the legislature, tonight accepted an invitation of the lieutenant-governor, Sir James Aikins, to stay in office with his government until necessary supply is voted by the legislature and legislation mutually considered by the various groups as essential in the interests of the province is enacted.

Mr. M. S. Staples of Vancouver is a guest in the city.

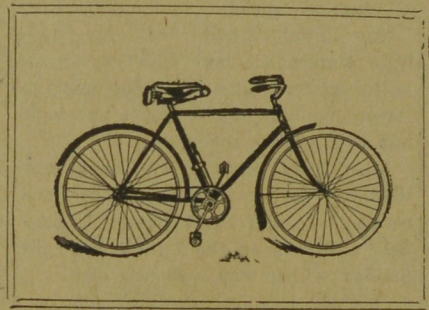
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