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SLAYING OF "UNCLE TOM".

Has "Uncle Tom's Cabin" gone into the shadows because it has been tamed, subdued, enfeebled and calmed? Mrs. Amy Matheson says that is what has happened to the play. Before it gave up the ghost, Eliza ceased to be in danger. The bloodhounds put too much gayety into their baying and pursued their victim as if they wanted to lick her hand. Mrs. Matheson ought to know. She was little Eva nearly fifty years ago.

The policy of "Safety First" crept upon us unawares. Insurance companies had us convinced before it became the custom to plaster the signs over a community as though it were quarantined against measles. Campaigns for the elimination of accidents in the factories, laws in the interest of public health, Come and eat an apple a day—these have nearly completed the business of taking hazards out of life and making us mindful to watch our steps.

A disgusted railroad remarked that tramen now acted as if convinced they were hired to ripen fruit in transit. In his time, no railroad men thought much of himself and had little command of public respect unless he could show at least two fingers missing—representing sacrifices to old-style car couplers. Joseph Conrad confessed the other day that romance had disappeared from the seas. Turbines had done it and the building of liners as hard to sink as islands.

Today there is only one certain and easy way to death. This is crossing the street.

Naturally, a swaddled, protected humanity has had to be dealt with as swaddled and protected. Give the impression upon the stage that life is a wild adventure, that anyone would be so foolish as to leap from cake to cake of floating ice, that bloodhounds were bred that really would bite, and the police might interfere, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" just had to be restrained and regulated. The reaction upon a public that had wept and shivered over the exhibition of virtue combating with wickedness, for forty years at least, was boredom. The public seems to believe in "Safety First" for itself. Anyway, it doesn't protest. But it doesn't want the stuff behind the footlights.

PAY OF BANK CLERKS.

The Montreal Star has the following on an interesting subject:

The suggestion of Mr. Shaw, during the discussion on the Bank Act, that some means be found to ensure the payment of adequate salaries to bank clerks, may be quite outside the purview of Parliament; but the general public will feel that here is a matter which concerns—not merely the young men who go in for banking—but the safety of the savings of the ordinary depositor. Defaulting bank clerks may not bring about bank failures under our admirable banking system—as they sometimes do under the small bank system of our American neighbors—but every time a young clerk is caught stealing the money under his care, the public ask whether so great and adult a responsibility should be laid upon the shoulders of so young and frequently ill-paid a boy.

A bank clerk is the aristocrat of the clerical profession. He is required to keep up appearances and live like a young gentleman, and the strain is sometimes very heavy on his stipend. The banks discourage marriage below a certain scale of salary; and while this may be a good thing from a coldly financial point of view, it may also be a damnable thing from a social and national point of view. No such barrier prevents marriage by men whom it may be less in the public interest to see married. Young marriages are the answer to not a few problems, social, sanctary and economic.

It is well known that the Salvation Army popularized itself during the late big war, but the Salvation Army has abiding elements that make for popularity in time of peace. An officer of the organization says the bulge in a hip pocket is as likely to be caused by a Bible as by a flask. That is giving man the benefit of the doubt.

Tom Lawson intends to clean up \$10,000,000 in Wall Street before Christmas. At current prices this will

keep a fresh carnation in Tom's buttonhole for 60,000,000 consecutive days.

A Missouri boy has picked more than half a ton of dandelions this spring, so possibly by this time he has worked his way around to the back of the house.

It must have been someone like a New York banker in a moment of remorse who originated the old French saw that runs "Never write a love letter and never destroy one."

Prohibition officers seized a quantity of liquor in a barber shop. It is only when you get a hair cut that anything in a barber shop is supposed to go down your neck.

Airplane journeys over a long distance will render obsolete the phrase "as the crow flies." Man is outflying the crow, and other birds, too.

The 50-yard dash in a San Quentin prison track meet was won by a lifer aged 70. The trouble is, when he finished he hadn't arrived anywhere.

A woman is a person who is always wondering how much one engagement ring or another cost. A man is a person who knows.

A husband suing for a divorce says his wife made him wash the clothes. He doesn't want to hang out there any more.

A newspaper in Jena, Germany has just celebrated its 250th anniversary. Constant Reader also must be getting along in years.

Well, another war between Greece and Turkey might not have been interesting, anyhow.

Let not June's soft breeze lull anybody into forgetting that next winter's coal isn't in.

The bride's father might also appreciate a shower.

Has anybody suggested yet that pedestrians should have bumpers?

Nobody has dug down to China, but quite a few have dug up in China.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

June has a reputation to sustain.

Many religious cloaks are cut on the bias.

Nothing seems to age faster than a dandelion, unless it is a straw hat.

Detectives are always agreeable to having the criminal they can't catch called clever.

When two women are using the phone it's no lie about the line being busy.

To some a dead wild flower in the hand is worth two live beauties on a bush.

War so impoverished the world that poor people have a desperate time trying to keep out of the way of the increased number of automobiles.

Stepping on a lady's train was almost as risky in the old days as trying to beat a railroad train to the crossing is today.—Sam Hill, Cincinnati Enquirer.

Then, as now, it was safer to be a minute late.

Villagers in Gravesend, England, threaten archeologists who are hunting for the Pocahontas tomb with a King Tut curse. It's getting where we're afraid to dig in the garden.

In Michigan there is a roadside admonition which reads something like this: "If you pick these wild flowers others can't see them." It's a fair appeal but won't penetrate the minds of people who think the Golden Rule is a paper-hanger's tool.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. G. E. Howie and children left yesterday for Fairville when they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Murray are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby girl on Sunday last at the Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. H. G. Winter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Crocker, Moncton.

Has Removed to Sussex Fraser Hazlett of this city has gone to Sussex where he has accepted a position.

PUBLIC OPINION

THE WAY THEY OFTEN MATE.

To the Editor of The Daily Mail: Sir,—I wonder how many of us have not heard the famous saying, "A rake always gets a good woman and the good man an impossible one"? As I look about at the many people I know and have heard of, I realize that these words are not altogether empty. I have tried to discover the reason, but when I think that I have got it, I discover that it does not hold in every case.

A girl is raised carefully in a good home. She can cook a meal to please the gods, her simple dresses are made by her own hands, she can play the piano and sing, she is neat, she is careful of her speech, she uses only a little powder—in all, she is the perfect homemaker. A good-looking, well-polished rake comes along. He looks to the girl like the ideal she has pictured for so long. She believes every word that he tells her. You see, she judges him by herself. He knows many types of women. In fact, he has played with them all. Thus he can easily spot a good woman. He wants to have a real home ready for him when he tires of gallivanting.

The good man is too immersed in his ideals to seek reality. He works hard, reads, plays and builds for the future. Thus he knows little of women, except what he reads of them. Perhaps his mother is an ideal woman and he imagines that the frivolous creature around the corner will turn out to be the same as his mother. This man does not wake up quickly. He gropes about blindly believing that it must be he who is in the fault. God knows that he has tried hard enough to make enough money to satisfy his insatiable wife. She is never satisfied. She calls her husband a poor fool and on the sly flirts with other men. One day the husband discovers that he is ruined, his wife and money gone.

Why do these things happen? ALICIA. Fredericton, N. B., June 5th, 1923.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

Bridge Table Talk.

I am glad that the High School trouble is over for Dr. Foster's sake but my husband says it must have made the Gleaner people feel sick, judging from the editorials that have appeared since the settlement. It's your deal Maud.

Everybody is buying a closed car this season. I wanted my husband to make the change but he said he could not afford it. He is very old fashioned, as everybody buys the things they want nowadays whether they can afford it or not. I double no trumps.

There are more girls than ever this spring with their hair bobbed. I like it. I think it is becoming to nine out of ten girls and then it attracts the young men. A girl friend says that she never had a beau until she bobbed her hair and now she has three young men paying her attention. Down two. Now don't glare at me Mabel as I was depending on you and you had nothing..

Well, I see that the base ball season has commenced again. Some of my friends are quite excited over the game, but I never could understand it. As my husband says that what I don't know about base ball would fill a book. No bid!

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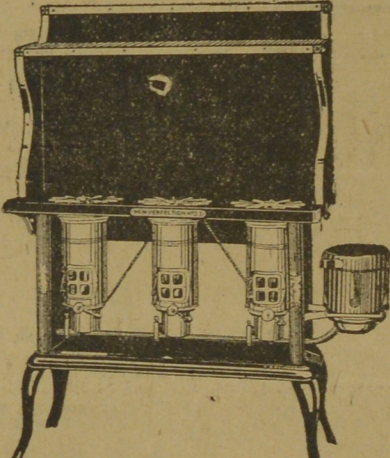
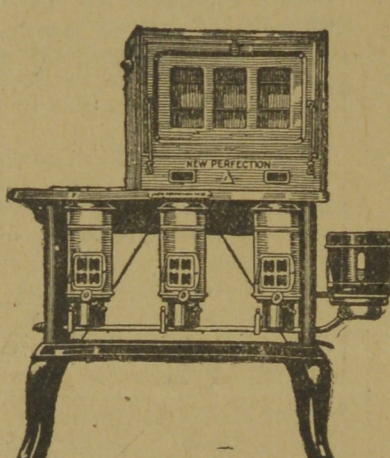
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