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ANTISEPSIS

Some one tells you about the antiseptic that is perfectly wonderful, says the Baltimore Sun. So you go down to the drug store at once and buy a bottle of it. And when little Mary has a sore throat you paint the throat with it and the throat gets well.

And you find that when you dilute it with water it makes a splendid gargle or you can use it to snuff up your nose and it works like magic, so that you do not have any more of those head colds that run on and on.

And when little Johnny comes in with his knee skinned and bleeding and full of dirt where he fell down you wash the knees carefully and then swab on the antiseptic. And after that you feel relieved. And, sure enough, there is no infection and the places heal up beautifully.

So you make a point of telling your friends about the wonderful cure and they all go and buy bottles of it. And they, too, find that it is an excellent remedy. And when you think of the old days when you had to put turpentine and other things that sting on raw cuts you marvel at what science has done. And whenever one of the children comes in with a scratch or cut you are no longer afraid of lockjaw or erysipelas or streptococcus, knowing perfectly well that all you have to do is to put on some of the remedy and forget it.

And the only time you are at all worried is when the bottle runs low so that you are without adequate supply for an emergency, though, of course, you are sure to be able to borrow some from the neighbors. And in spite of having children who are forever getting cuts or scratches you are enabled to face life with calmness and confidence.

And then along comes some smart person and upsets it all with the announcement that the antiseptic is no antiseptic at all and not half as effective as good old-fashioned iodine; that as for the remedy being a cure, you might just as well hang a string of beads around the injured member or sing incantations to keep evil spirits away.

AN EXCELLENT COMPANY

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited, here yesterday shows that this ably managed public utility has not escaped being hit by the prevailing business depression. Gross earnings for the year decreased by \$159,560, but economies resulted in a saving of \$128,042.24. The dividend of eight per cent was reduced to six per cent and for the last quarter it was further reduced to five per cent. The directors in their report say that if business did not improve it might be wiped out altogether. It was announced that the number of shareholders had increased from 1990 to 2460. The Company was organized in this city over forty years ago, has been honestly managed, has given the public an efficient service and has been a consistent dividend payer.

The Dalhousie News in urging the appointment of W. S. Montgomery of that town to the Senate, says in part: "As astute business man, an indefatigable worker, an indomitable fighter in any cause he champions, W. S. Montgomery is eminently well qualified through his wide experience and by virtue of his interest in the welfare of the country, to represent this county in the Red Chamber. Even his enemies, leaving personal feelings aside, will strongly endorse such a view."

The New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited, through no fault of its directors or management, was unable to pay the usual dividend of eight per cent last year. Like all governments, corporations and private individuals it suffered from loss of revenues, an ailment for which no remedy is yet in sight. When a government

experiences hard sledding on account of the depression, some zealous newspapers are keen to point out that its troubles are due to extravagance and that expenses must be cut to the bone. In the case of private corporations, however, no such admonishment is forthcoming.

Frank J. D. Barnjum, Canadian conservationist now basking in the sunshine in the South of France, is still writing letters to the newspapers urging forest protection. He says that our big men will wake up before long and discover a big shortage of forest and then everyone will regret when it is too late. With little or no lumber being cut at the present time because of lack of markets the forests are taking good care of themselves. There is no occasion for Mr. Barnjum to become unduly excited under present conditions.

The United States has immigration laws, which as Canadians who seek to enter that country, can testify, are rigidly enforced. Naturally therefore many people will wonder how an Italian immigrant, who attempted to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt this week and who, according to his own statement, attempted to take the life of the King of Italy ten years ago, was able to secure admission to the land of the free.

A bill to repeal the 18th Amendment passed the United States Senate yesterday by a vote of 63 to 23, which is more than the required two-thirds majority. Twenty nine Republicans joined the Democrats in support of the bill. The measure will go to the House of Commons on Monday and Speaker Garner predicts that it will be approved.

Parliament yesterday by a vote of 100 to 44, defeated a bill introduced by a member from a rum running district of Ontario, to lift the ban on liquor exports to the United States. Both Premier R. B. Bennett and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King took the ground that the passage of such a measure would be a breach of international friendship and members on both sides supported this view.

A Detroit chemist has solved the farm problem. He is going to turn all ethyl grain into alcohol to be used as motor car fuel. It is to be hoped that he will continue his investigations until he finds some way of converting surplus hay into gasoline.

One of the greatest aids to fame is an odd name.

Some women are such neat housekeepers they pick up every remark their husbands drop.

Any study of psychology must start with allowing for 75 per cent selfishness.

Civilization totters from time to time and then recovers its equilibrium.

It is a curious fact that one can enjoy a play whose plot hasn't the slightest plausibility.

There is a struggle to be hardboiled because the hardboiled don't have heartache.

One can't help feeling sorry for anybody dumb enough to foreclose and take a farm.

With the disappearance of the woodshed, came the subsidence of spanking. Cause and effect.

"Those who are taking up singing," says a well-known vocalist, "should not begin too early." Nor, we should like to add, should they continue too late.

E. T. M'KNIGHT WAS ACQUITTED

Boston, Feb. 17—Edwin E. McKnight, of the defunct Medford Trust Company was acquitted by a jury in the Suffolk County Court yesterday on a charge of fraud. The jury decided that the law had not been broken. McKnight is a native of Kings County, New Brunswick.

SAINT JOHN WAS VISITED BY SERIOUS FIRE

Buildings on the Corner of Pond & Mill Streets Were Guttled by Fire.

Saint John, Feb. 17—Red-eyed weary firemen, their clothing caked with ice, still stood guard yesterday afternoon over the smouldering debris of a \$30,000 fire which gutted seven buildings and drove 40 persons into the streets in the early morning hours.

The flames raced through the triangle of closely cramped buildings at the intersection of Mill and Pond streets, opposite the station, menacing the New Dufferin hotel at the corner from two sides. The fire also spread to buildings on North Street.

The Empire hotel, on Mill street, next to the New Dufferin, was razed by the blaze and the National Hotel on Pond street, a few doors along from the Dufferin, damaged by smoke and water.

Ten guests in the Empire hotel were driven into the street, most of them in night attire. The 20 guests of the National hotel were also forced out as were half a dozen boarders at a rooming house on Pond street operated by Mrs. Mary Francis.

Look Like Refugees In the lobby of the New Dufferin two score of people driven out of other buildings by flames and smoke sat around on odd bits of luggage and furniture that had been salvaged, looking like so many refugees.

A feed store, grocery store, barber shop, tobacconist's establishment, tea room, Chinese store and laundry and the Chinese Nationalist Club rooms were engulfed by the flames.

Firemen battled from 3.15 a. m. through the night and the greater part of this morning in the bitter cold, their hoses laying a deep covering of ice over the charred ruins of the block.

From the blackened beams that had tumbled in where only the shells of buildings were left, long icicles hung like stalactites.

NEW COLLEGE WAS OPENED AT CHARLOTTETOWN

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 16—"I am glad to hear of the completion of the new Prince of Wales College at Charlottetown to replace the former building which was destroyed by fire a year ago, I send my best wishes on the occasion of this reopening ceremony for the successful progress of the institution which bears my name". This was the message from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, read at the formal opening ceremony at the open Prince of Wales College tonight.

The auditorium of the new college building was filled to capacity at to night's opening ceremony presided over by Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, M. D., Minister of Education.

In Attendance On the platform were representatives of leading educational institutions in Eastern Canada. Guests included Hon. Cyrus MacMillan, M. A., Ph. D., of McGill University; The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Charlottetown; the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Arsenault, Mr. Justice Saunders, Mr. Justice Hassard, Lieutenant-Governor Charles Dalton, Premier J. D. Stewart, Dr. F. W. Patterson, President of Acadia; Carleton W. Stanley, President of Dalhousie, Rev. Dr. A. H. Moore, Kings College; W. C. Kierstead, University of New Brunswick; Dr. H. E. Bigelow, Dean of Mt. Allison; A. F. Chaisson, St. Francis Xavier.

JABBED IN EYE BY PUZZLE PART

Norristown, Pennsylvania, Feb. 17—A strong claim to distinction as the first casualty in the jig-saw puzzle craze is advanced by Mrs. Abbie Burns.

Holding her nine-months-old baby in her arms while trying to solve a juzzle, she was jabbed in the eye by the baby, wielding one of the sharp-pointed pieces. Physicians said the injury was not serious.

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STOCKS SHOWED MORE STRENGTH THIS MORNING

New York, Feb. 17—The stock market developed some strength today on a turnover of 320,000 shares. Industrial averages at the opening were 55.66 against 55.83 at the closing. Quotations are as follows:

Air Reduction	56 1/4
Allied Chemical	77 1/2
American Can.	56 1/4
American Tel. & Tel.	101 1/2
Anaconda	6 1/2
Auburn Auto	41
Baltimore & Ohio	10 1/2
C. P. R.	9 1/2
J. I. Case	41 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	27 1/2
Chrysler	11 1/2
Columbia Gas	13
Cons. Gas	48 1/2
Cocoa Cola	81
Dupont	35 1/4
Eastman Kodak	53 1/4
General Electric	13 1/2
General Motors	12 1/2
Gillette Razor	15
Goodyear	12
Nickel	7 1/2
Johns Manville	18 1/2
Kennecott Copper	8 1/2
Monty Ward	11 1/2
National Biscuit	33 1/2
N. Y. Central	17 1/2
North American	22 1/2
Pennsylvania	17 1/2
Pub. Service of N. J.	44
Sears Roebuck	16 1/2
Southern Pacific	16 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	24 1/2
Union Carbide	22 1/2
Union Pacific	70 1/2
U. S. Steel	27 1/2
Westinghouse Elect.	25 1/2
Woolworth	29 1/2

Annual report of corporation earnings which are now appearing suggest that the boom in the red ink industry is continuing.

Reading the German political news, one is reminded that a trick mustache can go farther than Charlie Chaplin ever dreamed it could.

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