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BARBER-POET STUDIES MEN AS HE LATHERS THEM

Chicago, June 18—"Being a barber is the best training in the world for a poet. An intensely interesting study in psychology. It reveals the soul of man."

This is the reason why, if you enter the Morrison hotel barber shop any evening after 7, you will find, behind the first chair to your left, a little blonde man of 35, keen-eyed, alert, intelligent, and well groomed—being a barber, as well as a poet, he does not wear his hair long.

He is C. H. McIntire, the author of a book on "The Birth of Democracy."

Jack of All Trades
"I am a veritable jack of all trades," he said. "I was a structural steel worker before I became a barber. When I turned poet I took up the tonsorial business."

"I work in the shop here from 7 to 11. The early hours of the morning I spend in wooing the muse. During the day I muckrake."

"A poet a muckraker?" The reporter was surprised.

"I mean, I engage in sociological investigations. Some times I put on an old suit of ragged clothes and go around to back doors begging hand-outs. Sometimes I get a job in a factory and study working conditions. But I have never learned so much from anything else as I have from barbering."

Never Starts Talk
"I never start a conversation with the man in the chair. I always wait for him to broach the subject. I then manifest an interest. When he comes in again, I have read up and thought about the subject, so as to be able to discuss it intelligently."

"The result is, about the third or

fourth time he sits down in my chair he opens up, unburdens his soul, and I have, if not his life history, at least a working plan of his psychology. The result is usually a poem."

Here is one of the poet-barber's verse creations:

This is a song for a soldier
To sing as he rides from home
To the fields afar, where the battles are,
Over the ocean's foam.
Whatever the dangers waiting
In the lands I have not seen,
If I do not fall—if I come home at all
I will come home clean.

"I may lie in the mud of the trenches
I may reek with blood and mire,
But I will control the god of my soul
And the might of my man's desire.
I will fight my foe in the open,
But my sword shall be sharp and keen
For the foe within who would lure me to sin,
And I will come back clean."

Also Scenario Writer

The barber-poet has also written a scenario, "The Unbiased Judge," recounting in moving picture form the trials of Dr. Wiley of the Food Administration. It is to be shown he says under the auspices of the Human Welfare League.

"I shall ask Judge Landis to pose for the role of the judge," said McIntire.

NATIONAL PRIDE SUGGESTS THAT YOU SPEND VACATION IN CANADA

"Distance lends enchantment to the view." This proverb probably explains the annual exodus of so many Canadians to the United States and European countries at vacation period. Holiday time is again at hand. Many are considering where they will spend their period of relaxation. To these we would make the appeal to "see Canada first," says a contemporary. Within our borders we possess scenery and climate which cannot be excelled by any country. The sea coasts of the east and west, for example, the refreshing coolness of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the lovely fjords of British Columbia, with their grand setting of forest and sierra, the lake districts of Muskoka, the Rideau lakes, Lake of the Woods, the Thousand Islands, and the peerless Great Lakes, as well as the awe-inspiring ranges of the Rockies and the Selkirks, invite the seeker for rest and quiet or the jaded traveller seeking further excitement. Sunny France has long been before the public mind in Canada as a tourist centre. Many of our soldiers saw the fair regions of Normandy, or Artois and of Picardy, parts of which are still unspoiled by the hand of the Hun; many had leave to Paris and some even to Nice and other places far afield. Ask our returned men if they can't have as good a time in Canada. The unanimous answer will be, "Much better."

Last year a young office girl said to the writer: "I spent sixty dollars to visit the Adirondacks in New York State. I could have had as fine scenery close to home at one-tenth the cost."

Many at the regrets over wasted summer vacation periods which might be avoided were less heed paid to flowery advertisements of foreign resorts and more attention given to studying the advantages of our own country. For this season, get acquainted with Canada. In the United States our dollar is at three per cent discount. National pride would suggest that we limit our spending there and confine it as much as possible to Canada.

It is easier to want things than it is to get them.

There is enough opportunity, but not enough takers.

The quickest way for a woman to get rid of her ideal is to marry him.

Your capacity for sympathy was intended for others, not yourself.

Whoever invented the word "impossible" was a quitter.

A bad habit is like a weed—the longer it grows the sturdier it becomes.

HERE AND THERE IN OLD NEW YORK

New York June 18—A dozen years ago Harry J. Susskind, an alert young man then, used to take New Yorkers' hats when they went in to luncheon at the Hotel Astor. He was extremely polite and gave you your own hat the very first time. He was the most efficient lad the hotel ever had and that is why he is today sitting in a private office in the big Candler building with stenographers, bookkeepers and a dozen assistants at his beck and call. He is worth more than \$500,000. He controls more checkroom concessions than any one man in New York. One can not sup, dine or lunch at any leading Broadway hotel or restaurant without doing business with him. His weekly pay roll is in excess of \$3,000 and in addition he runs two flourishing road houses and various cigar stands.

He pays between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the checkroom privileges in the larger places each year.

At Churchill's Susskind has 22 men and women in the checkroom. It has the largest single checkroom in New York. Many of his hatching boys and girls get as high as \$50 a week, and quite a few of them are college students. Susskind himself is a young man of excellent habits. He has large interests and is a member of many important business and club organizations.

New Church Hour

After going along for more than 100 years with its main service always taking place at 11 o'clock every Sunday morning St. George's Episcopal Church, in Stuyvesant Square, New York, has set a church fashion. The congregation now assembles at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning.

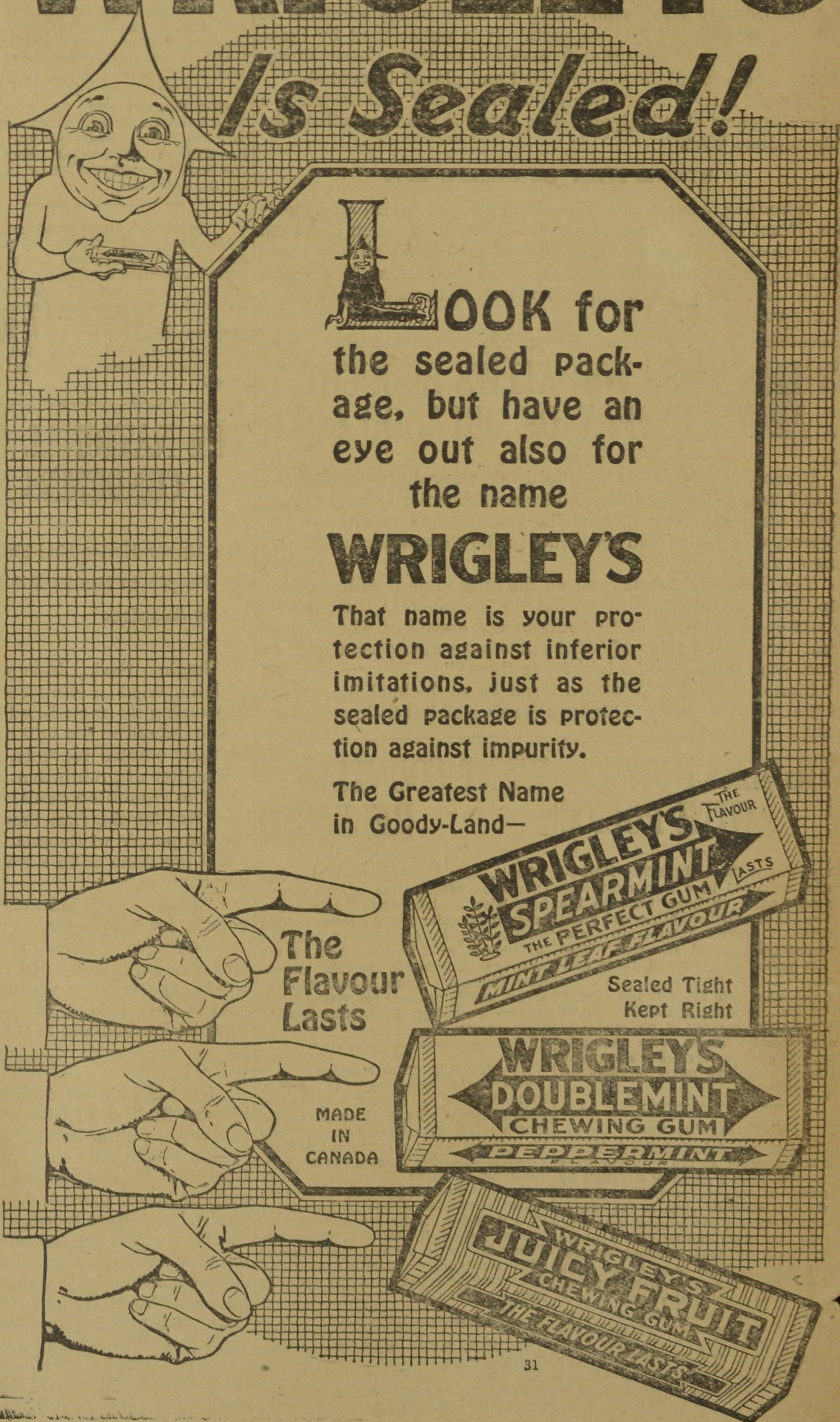
St. George's, the oldest child of Trinity Parish, is the first of the Episcopal denomination to apply the principle of daylight saving to divine worship.

In 1911 St. George's observed the passing of 100 years since the first services were conducted in a building in Beekman street, near the East river. In it slife the church has been twice burned out and once nearly lapsed into oblivion, but was rescued when the late J. Pierpont Morgan for 40 years a member of the vestry brought Dr. William L. Rainsford from Toronto to the rectorship. It now has the largest membership of any single Protestant parish in the world.

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