

# THE HIGH COST OF LOVING IS MORE THAN A JOKE

Courtship of Ten Years Ago was of Pastoral Simplicity Compared With the Princely Expenditures Demanded of Lovers Today—Sodas and Ice Creams Away Up in Price—Joy Water and Dancing Cost More—Park Benches, However, Remain Free.

New York, April 22.—Should the of 60 cents. Ten years ago the liquid man who once wrote the song to the effect that "the high cost of living is only a joke, but the high cost of loving is keeping me broke," make an appearance in New York, either he would be crowned as a prophet or executed for having joked about an all too stern a reality.

The courtship even of ten years ago seems almost pastoral in its simplicity compared with the princely expenditures demanded of today's lovers. Dinners, dances, theatres, candy, and flowers, books, jewelry nowadays all bear a price tag making them almost prohibitive.

In the good old days a young man could possess himself of a handsome five pound box of candy for \$2, or at the most \$2.40. Today the same candies cost \$4 and up.

## Price Effervesced Also.

Ice cream sodas formerly could be procured for five cents. The same thirst quenching camouflage now costs fifteen and some varieties twenty cents.

The lobster supper after the theatre now assumes the proportions of a weekly pay envelope. A decade ago a man and his sweetheart could consume \$5 worth of food between them and dine like kings. Today the same meal costs double, not to mention tips.

Salt shows little or no increase, sugar has not advanced to any alarming extent, and milk shows less increase than other foods. A considerate girl may dine inexpensively on toothpicks and vinegar.

## Joy Water Costs More.

All but very extravagant people abstain from cocktails. A Manhattan glints through the crystal to the tune

was just as sparkling at twenty cents and thirty cents in a first class dining room, and two for a quarter over the bar.

Dancing grows costlier every year for musicians get double the money of other days. Part of the increased cost of cabaret dinners goes to the orchestra; the water gets a larger tip. Besides this there is a war tax where music or other entertainment is provided.

## Even Movies Advance.

A decade ago "he" might have taken her to the theatre for "ten-twenty-third" to see an old fashioned drama, or if fond of "high-browed stuff" a good seat could be had for 75 cents. No movie in town charged more than ten cents. Now the prices range as high as \$2 for an unusual feature film.

As for flowers—they still are given, but the florist's bill is a monthly recurring nightmare to him who would "tell it in covers." Carnations at one time cost two cents each; today a dozen of the most ordinary variety of that brilliant bloom reduces the bankroll by \$1.50, or even \$4 if purchased at some holiday time in winter.

Even Coney Island has given humble lovers the cold shoulder. The popular beaches have raised bathing rates 50 to 100 per cent.

## Engagement Rings More.

The engaged girl may well pout her pretty lips at the doings in Russia, for the Bolsheviks have deprived her of her platinum ring. Of course it must be platinum! Most of the platinum in the world comes from the Ural Mountains and the recent upheavals there have seriously interfered with its export.

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## Honeymoons More Costly.

The wedding ring, \$9.25 ten years ago, still can be purchased for \$10—provided the bride is willing to wear the ancient symbol, the plain gold band. However, if she fancies the present fad of platinum set with diamonds, the bridegroom's wedding expenses take another lunge forward.

If he had been born in a happier day the groom might have taken his young wife and himself to Chicago for \$36 with \$5 additional for Pullman. Today his own ticket alone costs \$30 and his Pullman \$5.40.

Weekly rates have been eliminated in most hotels and the old dollar-a-day house collects \$3 for a 24-hour visit.

## Park Benches Still Free.

Cupid, however, is persistent. He has his moods of discouragement, but he comes out of them smiling. The marriage license room at the municipal building is the most cheerful place in Manhattan.

The yearly total of licenses shows much variation and in 1918 was unusually low, due no doubt to the number of young men in overseas service.

It seems that a bench in Central Park is the only thing lovers still may claim as their natural right. Up to date there is no combine or bill in sight in the legislature to charge any rental by the hour, with rain checks for wet or cloudy evenings.

# NEW RAILWAY ACT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Ottawa, April 23.—A question of the possibility of serious infringement of the provincial rights was considered this morning by the special committee of the commons, which is dealing with the new consolidated railway act. The difficulty arises out of the action of the senate in striking out of the bill a clause containing the general provision that when a railway operating under a provincial charter is taken over by a company with a federal franchise, it comes immediately under the jurisdiction of the railway board. The matter was discussed at a previous meeting when Captain Thomas Wallace White moved that the clause be reinserted in the bill. The Quebec Central Railway which had been taken over by the C. P. R. but which operates under a provincial charter is one line which would be affected by re-insertion of the clause in the bill.

Hon. Rodolph Rodéaux read a long letter from Sir Lomer Gouin, premier and attorney general of Quebec, in which he protested against the proposed change in the railway act. He urged that it would lead to trouble and tend to prevent the province from developing railway enterprises.

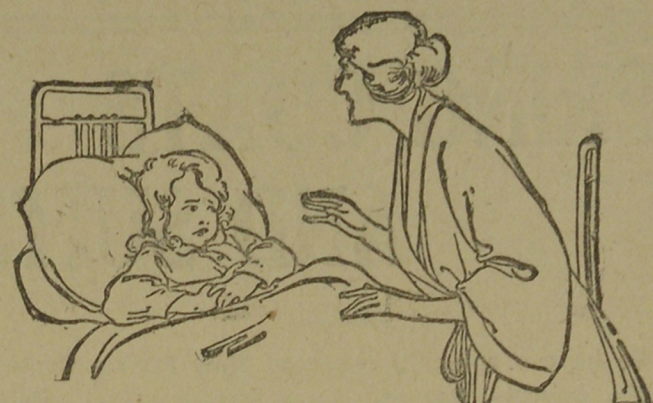
## Mr. Carvell's Views

Hon. F. B. Carvell, expressed himself as being in favor of the proposed change. It was important, he thought that the railway board should insofar as possible, be given control, over the operation of railways more particularly as there are no railway boards in the majority of the provinces.

Mr. E. P. Phippen, who appeared on behalf of the C. P. R. argued that the B. N. A. Act contemplated that the facts in each case should be considered. It was not deemed expedient by the friends of that act that control of railways should be vested in any particular body by a general declaration of parliament. The senate, he said, had refused to pass this clause and it was doubtful if the commons would decide otherwise.

Calvin Lawrence, representing the Brotherhood of Railway Employees, argued that control of safety appliances on all provincial railways should be vested in the Dominion railway board. He mentioned that employees of the Quebec Central particularly had complaints in this respect.

The motion that the clause should be reinserted in the bill was then ad-



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# DEPTH BOMB WAS THE WEAPON THAT KILLED U-BOAT WARFARE

Admiral Sims, Commander of the United States Fleet in the War Zone, Says It Overcame Ruthless Warfare and Accounted for Most of the 205 German Undersea Raiders That Were Sent to the Bottom.

(New York Sun)

The failure of a British naval officer to run down a U-boat that had fired a torpedo at his cruiser was responsible for the birth of the depth bomb or "ash can," as it later became known, and the ultimate downfall of the undersea craft and its policy of ruthless warfare.

It was the depth bomb that made the German submarine useless and accounted for the sinking of a majority of the 205 raiders that were destroyed. Rear Admiral William S. Sims, who commanded the American fleet in European waters during the war, said, it is the belief of Admiral Sims that no submarines can live against attack by destroyers equipped with depth bombs.

"The bomb is of such simple construction and fills such an obvious need," said Admiral Sims "that if it had not been invented at the period it was it must surely have come to light within a few months of that time."

"It was first thought of at the Admiralty, according to Lord Jellicoe, when Admiral Madden second in command of the British fleet, called for some such device after an encounter that a cruiser he was aboard had with a submarine. The German rose suddenly close to the cruiser and launched a torpedo at her from short range. This, fortunately, missed, and the cruiser was swung about and rushed toward the enemy at full speed in an endeavor to ram it. However, the German commander got his craft under water in time to save her, but, as the British ship went over him, the officers leaning over the side could distinctly make out the outlines at some distance below the surface."

"Chagrined by the escape, one of Admiral Madden's officers remarked that they would have gotten their prey if they had had a mine to drop over the side as they passed above her."

"Why can't we have something of that sort?" replied the admiral, and immediately forwarded the suggestion to the Admiralty offices, asking that experts be put at work on the task of preparing specifications.

"Out of this episode," concluded Admiral Sims, "was developed the 'ash can' loaded with TNT, with the aid of which a few destroyers were enabled to protect great convoys and terrorize the Hun undersea force. The depth bomb and the destroyer became the chief naval factors of the struggle."

Admiral Sims returned to Newport today, to resume command of the Naval College. He probably will visit New York for the reception to the Atlantic Fleet, which will arrive next Tuesday morning and remain in the Hudson River for two weeks.

## BRIEF BUT USEFUL RECIPES.

Restore Gilt Frames.—Rub with a sponge moistened with turpentine.

Drive Away Ants.—A little quicklime placed in the infested places.

Kill Insect Life.—Burn sulphur in a tightly closed room. It will kill almost all insect life and their eggs and larvae.

Make Leather Waterproof.—Saturate it with castor oil; to stop shoes squeaking, drive a peg into the middle of the sole.

Clean the Hair.—Wash well with a mixture of soft water, 1 pint; sal soda 1 ounce; cream tartar ¼ ounce.

Remove Tar from Cloth.—Rub it well with turpentine till every trace is removed.

Egg Stains on Spoons.—Rub with common salt.

Fruit Stains on Hands.—Wash the hands in clear water, dry slightly and while still moist strike a sulphur match and hold your hands around the flame.

Clean Gloves.—Pour a little benzine into a basin and wash the gloves in it, rubbing and squeezing them until clean. If much soiled, they must be washed again through clean benzine and rinsed in a fresh supply. Hang in the air to dry.

Clean Hair Brushes.—Dissolve a little soda in warm water and pour in a small amount of ammonia. Hold the brushes with the bristles downward and avoid wetting the back as far as possible; shake until the grease is removed; then rinse in cold water and put in the air to dry.

Remove Stains from Linen.—Wet the part stained and lay on it some salt of wormwood; then rub without diluting it with more water.

How to Remove a Rusty Screw.—Apply a red hot iron to the head for a short time, the screw-driver being applied immediately while the screw is hot.

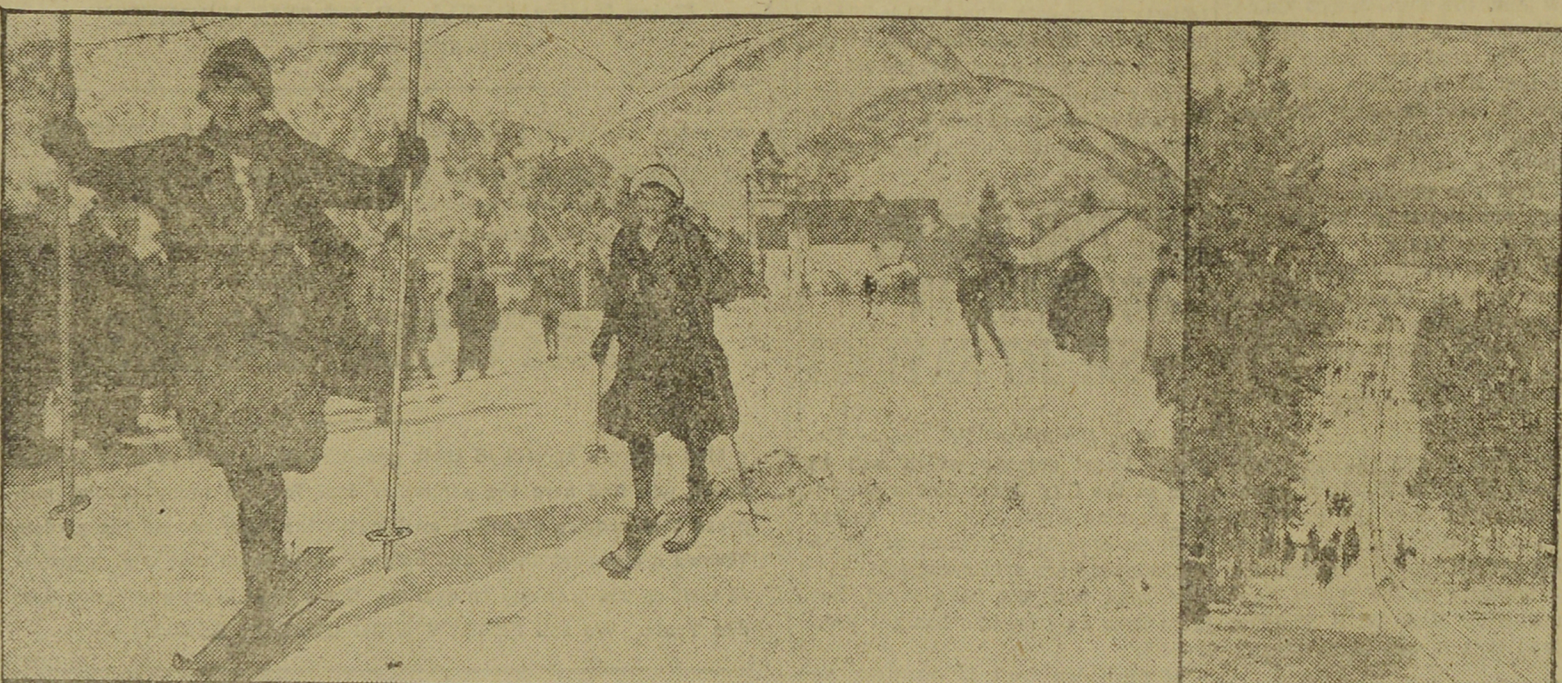
Remove Mildew from Cloth.—Put a teaspoonful of chloride of lime into a quart of water, strain it twice, then dip the mildewed places in this weak solution and lay in the sun. If not effective the first time repeat.

Cure Mosquito Bites.—Put ten drops of refined carbolic acid into an ounce of rose water; shake well and apply. (If you hold your breath while a mosquito has its bill in you it cannot withdraw it until you breathe again).

opted on a vote of 12 to 2. Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Casgrain were the members of the commons who voted "nay."

Mr. Butler, assistant city solicitor, Montreal, urged the adoption of an amendment providing that the erection of poles by telephone companies on city streets must be authorized by municipal bylaws or by a resolution of the city council. The committee decided that the legal consent of the municipality concerned must be secured.

# BANFF, IN CARNIVAL TIME



playground. In one aspect the visitor will find the amusement of both combined in the hot sulphur springs, which gives one the privilege of swimming out in the open with the thermometer above, or twenty below zero, in not tepid, but warm water.

The spirit of the Carnival will again have full sway throughout the town, and those who arrive at night will feel the pages of many books have at last become a part of their lives; for they are in a veritable tiny miniature fairland. Colored lights are to be strung across the streets, down the toboggan slide, and on the rinks in thousands, giving the gain affect so desired.

The ice palace will as usual be the centre of attraction. The style is one which will be admired by all who see it. Hundreds of lights shining through the blue green of enormous blocks of ice, produce an effect that can readily be imagined to be very lovely; and most harmonious with the dark pines around, the clear blue sky and the mountains in the background.

Those only in town a few moments will suddenly be attracted by bells, shouting, singing, etc. When their eyes follow the sound, another spot of this fairland will be revealed. Two rows of many colored lights and flaming torches mark the route of the toboggan slide.

The list of amusements is a long one. There are the hockey and curling matches, toboggan races, snow shoe, and ski races. The ski jumping this year promises to be one of the big events, for a new jump costing five hundred dollars is being built. Some of the best skiers in

Canada taking part in the competitions. The Pony Ski races are, of course, on the programme, and will no doubt create the usual excitement. Snow shoe tramps equally as interesting as last year have been planned where lunch will be served at Game Warden's Cabin. These tramps are conducted by men who know every inch of the country. Masquerade balls bring the items on the programme to a close.

Those who imagine the world in the mountains to be a dead one in winter, will have a pleasant surprise. Rivers, brooks, cataracts and falls are all pursuing their merry course, as in summer, except in perhaps very occasional spots. The animals are not huddled up inside their burrows or seeking shelter away from the world to escape "this awful winter," but roam around as in summer (except the bears) deer, goats, Rocky Mountain sheep, and coyotes are to be seen, also winter birds of several varieties.

Banff dead in winter? No, indeed, and very soon it will be more alive than ever, for instead of hundreds there will be thousands come to see the "Top of the World" in winter. Let those who come this winter enjoy Nature in all the beauty of her winter garb—or enter into any of the competitions for the many lovely prizes the residents of Banff are giving for the true sport and joy of amusement; and those same people will again be claimed as guests at other Carnivals.—E. C. McD.

BANFF will again be en fete for its Third Winter Carnival, from February 7th to the 15th. Those who were fortunate enough to visit it during the Carnival last year, found a Banff they had never dreamed of; how could they know of the beauty of this mountain resort in winter? Ask any resident of Banff which season he prefers, and his answer will infallibly be "Winter."

It will only be a case of a very few years till tourists arrange their trips to take in the Carnival at Banff; as thousands visit New Orleans in March

for the Mardi Gras, Pasadena for the Rose Tournament, or Continental cities and towns when they are en fete. Banff, the National Resort, will soon be the centre of winter sports in Canada, as Kristiania in Norway, and Stockholm, Sweden. Why? It is a perfect winter playground, apart from the wonderful scenery, and many will want to see the "Top of the World" in winter.

The preparations for the Carnival this year are on a larger scale than previous years. The aim is to make Banff a winter as well as a summer

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