

PRICELESS ART TREASURES DUG UP IN ODD PLACES

The recent discovery of a long-lost Raphael in an old curiosity shop in a Paris shanty recalls many a story no less dramatic of treasure trove in art, says a London Tit-Bits writer.

It is not long since a stolen canvas by Raphael of the "Holy Family" was found in the cottage of an Italian peasant, where it was serving the sordid purpose of stopping a broken window; a Correggio which had vanished from the walls of the Dresden gallery and been lost to sight for generations was recovered from the recesses of a Saxon hayloft, and priceless tapestries, designed by Raphael for Pope Leo X., were rescued from the hands of a Paris Jew after he had burnt two of the pieces in order to extract the gold and silver contained in their texture.

Raphael's pictures, indeed, seem to be peculiarly ill fated. Only a few years ago his "La Belle Jardiniere" was picked up at a second hand shop in Paris for 44 francs. His Vatican "Adam and Eve" was found—flung aside in the corner of a picture dealer's shop in the Rue St. Lazare, by an artist who paid a hundred francs for it, and sold it a few days later for 30,000, and for a modest 50 centimes a Parisian art amateur purchased Raphael's original design for his great picture "La Disputa Sacramento," for which he would willingly have paid 20,000 times as much.

More romantic still is the story of

the great master's famous picture "The Massacre of the Innocents" which was recently discovered in the cottage of a poor widow at Como. Originally owned by Cardinal Luigi d'Este, it had somehow come into the possession of a priest, who had paid the equivalent of a sovereign for it, and who gave it to the Duke Alfonso d'Este more than three centuries ago. After the duke's death the canvas vanished utterly until it came so dramatically to light again in the Como cottage.

Ruben's famous masterpiece, "The Visitation," was a few years ago, exchanged by a Paris curiosity dealer for two Louis XV. arm chairs and a sixteenth century coffer, and a fortunate collector discovered among a number of canvasses exhibited for sale by a second hand dealer at Montmartre one of Teniers' finest canvases, which he was able to purchase for 30 francs.

A portrait of Nell Gwynn by Sir Peter Lely was discovered in singular circumstances at Birmingham by a medical man. While attending a patient in a small tenement he noticed on the wall of the living room a tattered picture of the head and bust of a woman. The frame was worm-eaten with age, but despite its torn condition the picture seemed a good one and it was purchased by the doctor for a trifle. He took it away and ultimately sent it to be cleansed.

THE S. OF T. CONVENTION AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., July 14—With the large attendance of delegates from various parts of Canada, United States Great Britain and Ireland, the seventy sixth annual convention of the National Division Sons of Temperance of North America, opened this morning in the First Baptist church here with Most Worthy Patriarch E. L. G. Hopenthal, of South Manchester, Conn., in the chair.

The reports of the most worthy patriarch, Mr. Hohenthal, most worthy scribe, Ross Slack, of Philadelphia; most worthy treasurer, W. C. Acken, of Mutuchen, N. J., and the most worthy patron, W. A. Tice, of Toronto, were submitted.

The most worthy patriarch in his report told of renewed efforts during the year to launch the campaign for \$40,000 which will be placed in a permanent fund, the interest from which will be used for propaganda work. This drive was organized before the war and \$19,000 raised. During the war the campaign was suspended.

At the afternoon session Mr. and Mrs. William Mees brought fraternal greetings from 400,000 British and Irish Sons of Temperance. The order there is fifth of the friendly benefit societies. British Sons of Temperance was planted in 1847 at Liverpool by

There was nothing on the canvas to indicate the artist's name but the eyes of the subject bore that peculiar expression of tender languishment, blind sweetness and drowsiness attempted by no other painter than Lely.

NEW LEADER OF TORY PARTY DESCRIBED

(Brockville Record)

It may just as well be admitted that the new leader of the Conservative party for Canada, the Hon. Arthur Meighen, is a clever man. Next to Sir Thomas White he is undoubtedly the ablest man left to the party, and that means that he is the strongest man in the Government. Whether he will make a successful leader or not is another thing. It is unthinkable that he could successfully lead anything but a straight party government, because Meighen is a very, very ardent partisan, and in debate never admits that an opponent can possibly approximate the right. When at his best he can enthrall the members behind him to a greater pitch than even Sir Robert, and as a destructive critic, he ranks next to Sir George Foster. On defence, however, he approaches too

two American Sailors. Its first national charter, January 1, 1955, was signed by Leonard Tilley of this province.

The war service honor roll, as far as available to date, was read by the national scribe. Eleven of the thirteen grand divisions had reported as follows: New Brunswick, in service, 142; died, 24; Nova Scotia in service, 433; died, 48; wounded 25; P. E. Island, in service, 50; died, 11; wounded, 14; Ontario in service, 261; died 22; Newfoundland, in service 18; died 1. The patron's report showed Bands of Hope with ninety-three members in New Brunswick. There are 12,752 members active in North America in thirteen grand divisions and 252 divisions.

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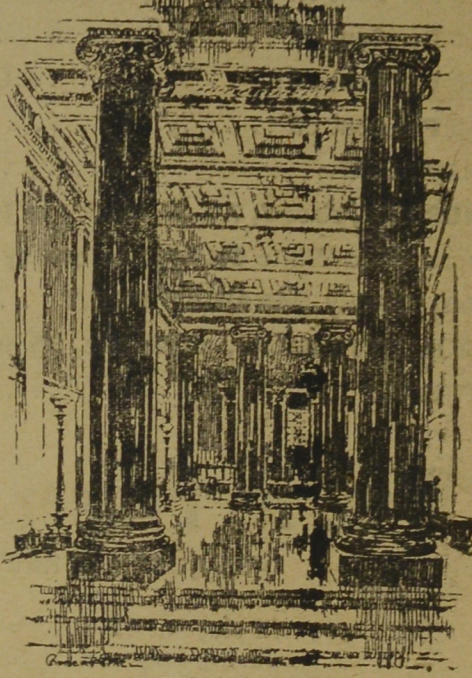
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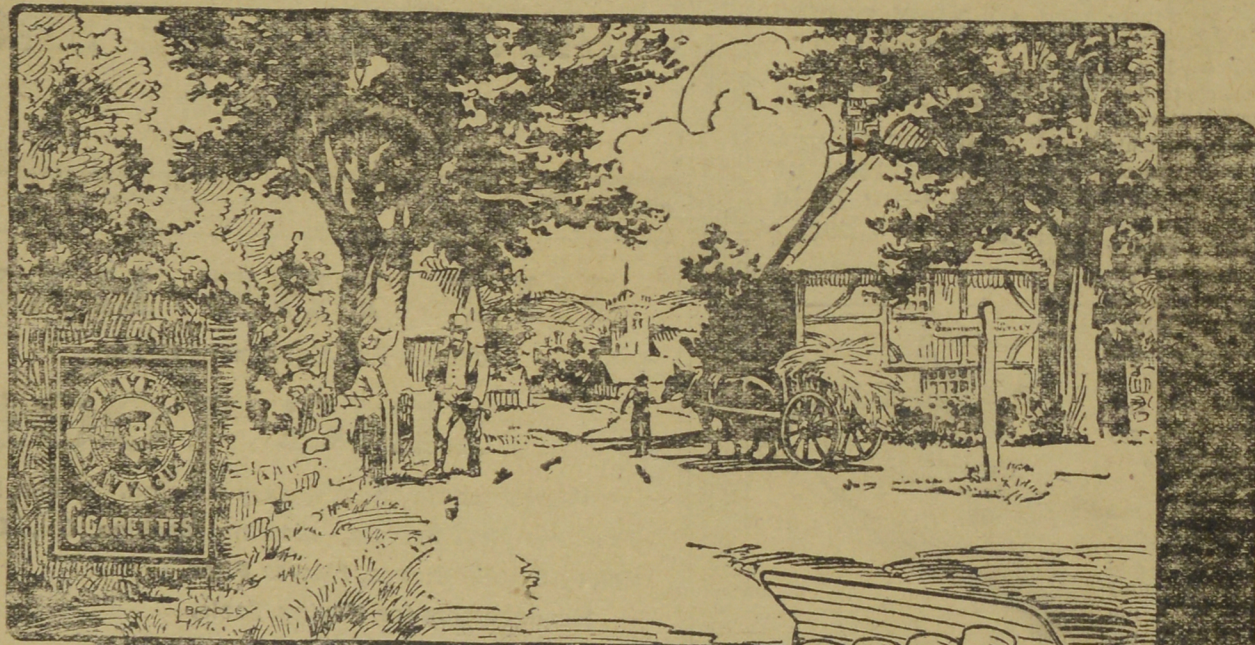
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nearly the hair-splitter, and indulges in special pleading which, while it tickles the fancy for the moment, vanishes under the light of calm scrutiny. He is given credit for being able to put a great many jokers into legislation for party purposes, and it is believed that he and Hon. Arthur Sifton were the real authors of the War-Time Election Act, which is now universally denounced but it contained the jokers and did the trick just the same. On Mr. Meighen's shoulders has been placed an almost unbearable amount of work, requiring legal ability and clear-sightedness and if reward is to come for service, Arthur Meighen has earned the leadership at the hands of his party. It is a wonder, under all the strain to which he has been subjected, that his health, apparently not robust, has not completely broken down, but like many other men of his physical type, he seems to have grown stronger, while carrying the load. His position as a representative of the west while favoring a policy suitable to the east, may bring him strength, and it is probable that this fact had something to do with the selection. Just what will happen next, the people are wondering. There should, in all fairness to the new leader, as well as to the country, be an appeal to the people without delay, so that he may know where the public stands concerning his leadership, and be confirmed or rejected as the Prime Minister of this great country.

The average woman would rather be married than happy. Easy street's sunny side isn't paved with good intentions. The lucky man can afford to pose as a disbeliever in luck.

A man sometimes loses his head, but a woman never loses her tongue. Pride has but two seasons—a forward spring and an early fall. Pessimists are seldom as tired of the world as the world is of them. Mirth is a paying investment—because its stock is never watered with tears of regret.

If Adam had eaten the apple first he probably would have claimed that Eve dared him to do it.

Occasionally a man spends a lot of time at his club because there is no place like home.

Only a wise girl selects for a husband a man whose mother didn't know how to cook.

Don't worry over trifles. If you must worry, pick out something worth while, then get busy.

As we recall the days on the farm the old dinner horn was the horn of plenty.

REDUCTION IN SHOES POSSIBLE

Montreal, July 15—Joseph Daoust, of Daoust, Lalonde & Company, at this morning's session of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, stated that it ought to be possible to sell shoes a little cheaper than they were quoted just before the present crisis set in. After fully reviewing the various causes for the high price of shoes he suggested a ten per cent reduction which he thought might be arranged without injury to the trade, but firmly said that this would be the limit.



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 16th July, 1920, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails on a proposed contract for four years, as required, between the Fredericton, N. B., Post Office and Parcel Post Delivery, on and from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Fredericton, N. B.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Supt. of Mail Service Branch,
Post Office Department,
Ottawa, May 27th, 1920.



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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY, 16th July, 1920, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails on a proposed contract for four years, 3 and 3 times per week, on the Hoyt Station Rural Route No. 1, commencing at the pleasure of the Postmaster General.

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H. W. WOODS,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
St. John, N. B., June 4, 1920.

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