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# YERXAS

## AN OLD TIMER ASSERTS THAT SUCCESS IS DUE TO STRIKING THE RIGHT TUNE

(Toronto Blade)

"Did you ever attend a country dance, or any dance for that matter?" asked the Old Timer as he finished excavating his pipe.

"Well, I was just sitting here thinking when you came in. I've seen fiddlers that took what seemed an awfully long time to tune their music boxes while others got through the twanging and banging in short order. It's surprising how many human beings go through 70 or 80 years of life and never get tuned properly."

"Do you think it's some inherent defect in themselves?"

"Not if they're normal human beings," he answered. "Couldn't hardly be. They simply don't get the key and the reason they don't get it is that they don't know it's inside them and are forever looking somewhere else for it."

And the old crossing watchman poked the fire with the piece of car rod.

Now I'll Tell You.

"But what's that got to do with my promise to tell you something of the sports of the early days and how youngsters enjoyed supervision of play places and paid playmasters to teach children how to have a good time."

And the Old Timer tilted his split hickory chair back against the wall, wadded the pipe methodically with a mixture of black Burley, held it between the thumb and forefinger of his left hand for a time in silence and then moved toward the shanty stove.

He shook the grate and into the ashpans fell a cataract of coals. The way he balanced a scarlet lump on the end of the poker and placed it upon the pipe-load of tobacco indicated long practice.

"I could do it if I had the agree that most everyone used to shake with in the pioneer days in the Maumee valley," he assured, noticing some surprise at his skill.

Regular Fire Jugglers.

"Watches weren't so plentiful in my youth and we had to learn to juggle fire. I have seen folks go half a mile to the nearest neighbor to get a shovelfull of coals to start their fire. Use to cover over the fire with ashes each night in the old fireplace to make sure we'd have live coals for morning."

And such matches. They'd be a rare relic today. They came in solid blocks which were split part way through, lengthwise and crosswise. They had to be torn off the block, which looked like a section of a porcupine hide. They were coated with a mixture of sulphur, and when you were lucky enough to get one of them that would strike a fire you were almost asphyxiated if you were indoors.

Plenty of Open Space.

"There was no talk of 'open spaces' when I was a youngster. Everything was open. They hadn't finished fencing up the world yet, and we kids had to play in the open if we played at all; and you can bet we played—not according to the books, but in accordance with our impulse. And we used to invent a lot of games."

"Baseball was in the raw, and foot ball we'd never heard of. But there were town ball and soccer, the standing jump, the running jump, the hop-step-and-jump, and in winter fox-and-geese, chase-the-rabbit. And the girls played ring around the rosy, drop the handkerchief and such, and we all played hide-and-seek."

"And it wasn't a statutory offense to snow ball. We would build snow forts and snow breastworks and choose sides, and some of the snowballs would be a day old and frozen. Many of those snowballers would have made star baseball pitchers if they hadn't been born too soon. A frontal attack on a fortified position was like facing grape shot and cannister. Many of the great generals of the Civil war got their first lesson in tactics in just that kind of warfare."

Memory Works Backward.

The Old Timer's hand moved upward and gripped the left lapel of his blue serge coat where rested a small bronze button, the touch of which apparently sent his memory a long way back, for he frowned and smiled and shook his head.

"And we made fun of work," he continued. That is, most of the boys of today would consider it mighty hard work, that tramping we used to do and the miles we trudged through ice and snow and marsh. I've caught enough fur as a boy to pretty nearly buy this railroad at present day prices. Muskrats, three to five cents apiece; prime black skunk at from 35 to 40 cents; and coonskin, such as you nev-

er see any more, at about the same price, while mink was a drug on the market.

The Old Timer walked to the shanty door and sniffed the air. "It's going to rain," he said as he thrust his open hand out, opening and closing it several times as if to feel the atmosphere.

Forecasts Soft Rain.

"Yes, sir-e-e; it's going to give us a mild, soft rain tonight. What a night for coon hunting. The ring-tails will be out in the creek bottoms and marshes seeking crabs, minnows and mice. And the moisture will make it easy for the dogs to follow their scent."

"They have a strange zoology today." The crossing watchman emitted a loud guffaw.

"I used to think I was pretty wise on the animals of the North American continent," he said, "but I've concluded I don't know anything, so many strange furbearers have come into the world."

"There's the Alaskan squirrel, for instance. And the Hudson seal, the sealine, the near-seal; the wild and turbulent mendaza and other animals not to be found in zoos or books on zoology."

In Dictionaries, Also.

After awhile you probably can find them in the dictionary as well as in the stores. Durn me, if I ever met up with one in the haunts of animals. I suspect that these new and strange creatures are shootbacks from the rabbit mostly. I'd like to hunt the mendaza in its native haunts. He sounds like a fighter, durn if he don't. But I suspect he too, has long ears and grasshopper legs.

"And how's the modern hunting dog going keep himself informed on the newest styles in furs? But then we should be thankful. We must have something to take the place of that which we have destroyed. It's the penalty we pay, and if we have to pay it in mendaza pelts and there ain't any mendazas, what then?"

A COUNTRY ROAD.

I stroll along a pleasant country road

When amber Autumn's coming, coining gold,

And secrets learn of Nature's quiet code,

Of whirling leaves that tremble with the cold.

When rural roads, are dry and clean and straight

I love to follow, follow where they lead,

By vacant fields and thru a swinging gate,

To some lone hill, where scarlet maples bleed.

I like the way that open roads espy

As on and on they go in silent peace;

The beeches drop their kisses from on high

That flutter down the way, like golden fleece.

I love the way that country roads conspire,

To turn and meet each other face to face

Like two attracted souls, that never tire

In meeting thoughts, that merely interlace.

PEGGY REID.

## Eczema Was So Bad Could Hardly Sleep

Mrs. G. Jones, Kitchicot, Alta., writes: "I had eczema on my left hand, and my first finger was so swollen, sore and itchy I could hardly sleep at night."

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## A FREDERICTON BOY WEDDED AT GUELPH, ONT.

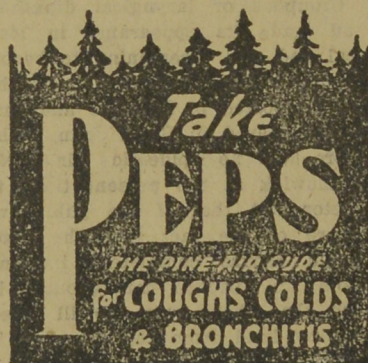
A Guelph despatch to the Toronto Globe gives the following account of a wedding which will be of interest to many people in this vicinity:

The marriage of Isobel Victoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Doolittle, 190 Eramosa Road, to Dr. Lee A. Kilburn of Hamilton son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kilburn of Fredericton, N. B., was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The drawing-room, where the ceremony took place, was artistically decorated with palms, ferns and rose chrysanthemums, the same flowers being used to form a bank before which the ceremony was performed by Rev. H. M. Langford of Kitchen-er. The bride, who was unattended, was given in marriage by her father, and entered the room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Gertrude Wismer of Hamilton. She looked lovely in her wedding dress, which was a French creation of apricot georgette with godets outlined with shaded velvet flowers edged with silver velvet of a deeper shade, forming scarfs which fell to the bottom of the skirt. Silver shoes and stockings completed the very charming costume, and she carried a shower of Ophelia roses, lily of the valley and white heather. Miss Winnifred Scarlett sang during the signing of the register. A reception followed the ceremony, the bride's mother receiving in a costume of brown flat crepe, with corsage bouquet of violets and yellow roses. Dr. and Mrs. Kilburn left later for Montreal, the bride travelling in a smart frock of navy charmen with gilt trimming, smart hat of gold and coral, and a seal wrap. On their return Dr. and Mrs. Kilburn will reside in Hamilton, where Dr. Kilburn is on the staff of the Department of Health.

## THE PROBLEM OF SECURING UNPAID TAXES

Amherst, Dec. 17.—The problem of securing unpaid taxes for the past year was freely discussed in open Council last night. Mayor Biden suggested that an open letter be directed through the local paper to the taxpayers who were in arrears. He added that this letter could be made to appeal to the spirit of citizenship of the people, and that a response could be expected.

For the last two or three months the Council as a whole has given serious consideration to the tax problem. At meeting after meeting, the Council session has been adjourned into a Committee of the whole, to take up the non-payment of taxes. In fact, the present Council has shown more interest in the serious phases of the situation than any previous civic governing body.



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