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STARTS SOMETHING.

Rudyard Kipling, deservedly receiving the Royal Society's gold medal for literature, at the centenary banquet of the organization in London, makes a few remarks concerning the profession of writing which are sure to cause discussions in all parts of the world. Mr. Kipling has not lost his apt, if not vitrolric, power of expression. He described the first critic as a man who spent his short but vivid life in "trying to explain that a man need not be a hen to judge the merits of an omelette." Fiction he defined as a thing which began when some male invented a story about another man. It developed when another chap told tales about a woman. He explains the search for material by saying that all men are interested in reflections of themselves and their surroundings, whether in the pure heart of a crystal or in a muddy pool, and he insists that every author hopes for a share of immortality for the pains he has taken in slogging up the mirror to nature.

But the part of his address which will cause much talk is the assertion that in the past 2500 years "quite a dozen writers have achieved immortality." Here we have the foundation for thousands of guessing contests. This canny author who has written a number of things which are sure to live refrains from naming his bakers' dozen. Each reader will have to compile his own list. And it is safe to predict that few of them will be precisely alike, although most of them will agree upon several of the immortals. Some will turn to Doctor Eliot's famous bookshelf, and others will want to know if the Greek dramatists are to be included. Mr. Kipling seems to be thinking of himself when he says that the utmost a writer may hope for is that "there may survive of his work a fraction good enough to be drawn upon later to uphold or embellish some ancient truth restated, or some old delight reborn."

It seems to be another way of saying that there is nothing new under the sun. But for the sake of argument here are a dozen writers whose claim to immortality would seem to be undisputed: Shakespeare, Virgil, Homer, Dante, Goethe, Plato, Aristotle, Milton, Horace, Chaucer, Spenser and Addison. There are others, but the difficulty will be in choosing between what have been called the "gods and the giants." We suspect that the clever Mr. Kipling knew the innumerable disputes he would start when he confined the immortals to a dozen or "quite a dozen writers."

MADE RECORD TIME.

The world-girdling record of John Henry Mears, an achievement more than one adventurous spirit has tried to surpass, has been beaten at last by Evans and Wells. Mears finished his trip in 35 days, 21 hours and 35 minutes; their time is 28 days, 14 hours and 30 minutes. They win by a large margin, considering all the chances of failure. Luck played some part in their enterprise; but it worked against them as well as in their favor, and they won by careful thought and planning, and by the hardihood that took risks rather than suffer delays. They have proved what they set out to prove—that the airplane is a wonderful factor in human transportation.

Of course they did not travel all the way by air. They left New York June 16 by steamship for Cherbourg. But from Paris to Omsk in Russia they went by plane, and again from Harbin to Mukden. The first flight, of 1500 miles over the Ural boundary, they rightly regard as the great feature of the journey, as it was perhaps the greatest factor in breaking the record. And they have made fast time on the last leg by planes across the American Continent. In the words of Mr. Wells, "it has been a great lark," although the strain was enormous; there were "inhumanly prolonged" hours of wakefulness, missed meals, heat, dust and extreme physical exertion.

SYMPTOM HUNTERS.

A man in Warren, Ohio, sleeps every night with all the windows shut, eats everything he likes and drinks coffee three times a day. He is 92. Major George H. Putnam, New York publisher, plays a good game of tennis at 82.

Many men have died suddenly after playing tennis at 45 or 50. The man who spends the most time thinking about his health is likely to become a self-made invalid. Sanitarium rocking chair fleets are full of symptom hunters and finders.

All of which goes to show that as one grows older the more clearly one sees there are no hard and fast rules governing anything. Life is the occasion for the exercise of rare and proportionate judgment.

The appointment of two Nova Scotia men to act as secretaries of the Duncan Royal Commission on Maritime rights has been cancelled by the Federal Government and Mr. F. MacLure Sclanders, Commissioner of the Saint John Board of Trade has been selected for the position. If it was necessary for the Commission to have two secretaries it is difficult to learn why only Nova Scotians were considered eligible for the work. The new government has evidently taken the view that one live wire New Brunswick man is capable of doing as much work as two men from the sister province.

The strong hold which Mr. R. B. Hanson former M. P., has on the Conservative party in York-Sunbury was attested by the large attendance at an executive meeting and luncheon here on Saturday. While the meeting was called at short notice every parish in the two counties was represented with the exception of North Lake. The meeting was called to arrange for the party convention which is to be held here on Saturday next. The renomination of Mr. Hanson as the party standard bearer is a foregone conclusion.

Here is a smart mayor. The mayor has just been elected to preside over the affairs of the city of Richmond, California. It is announced there will be no silly campaign against short skirts, bobbed hair, etc. And the new mayor is a woman. She realizes there has been too much shooting at bugs and not enough elephant hunting.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

July always manages to approach normalcy.

Success comes to most men after their heads have grown too hard to swell.

Much of man's conservatism disappeared when fancy hatbands came in.

Lima Beane thinks the loneliest man anywhere must be the one who is never tempted.

An interesting postscript often makes the letter worth reading.

Of the 200,000 persons who visit Shakespeare's birthplace annually probably half of them have read something about him at one time or another.

If the brains of our statesmen are to be weighed, as suggested, why not have it done during the campaign?

Among life's vexations is the difficulty of remembering things we'd like to remember and forgetting the things we'd rather put out of mind.

Some men exercise their minds by trying to contemplate a method of spending \$1,000,000 if they had that much, when all they would have to do would be to read the magazines and buy what are there advertised as necessities.

* SPECIAL ATTRACTION *
* AT GAIETY THEATRE *

"The Rainmaker" is the photo play at the Gaiety for Monday and Tuesday. A melodrama with Buster Collier Jr., as a jockey and Georgia Hale as a probationary nurse, both playing to good advantage. Ernest Torrence in one of his usual clever characterizations. The story has plenty of action, thrill, suspense and interest, the prayer for rain by the jockey near the finish of the picture being a real kick. Admirably played and presented.

Cars in Collision.

Horgan H. Jones driving a car of Connecticut registry and George Williams of this city also driving a car were in collision Sunday at the intersection of Smythe and King streets. Each car sustained some damage. Two cars also were in collision at the intersection of King and Carleton streets.

INDIAN CLAIMS THE RIGHT TO DIP SALMON

Bridgewater N. S., July 18—Do the treaty rights granted the Micmac tribe of Indians by Governor-in-Council in 1752 which gave them the right to fish and hunt throughout the Province of Nova Scotia make it lawful for them to "dip" salmon from the rivers of the province today?

This was the question brought up in Stipendiary Magistrate J. G. A. Robertson's Court here yesterday when William Labrador, local Micmac Indian appeared on a charge of "dipping" salmon from the LeHave River. Labrador stated that he has no other means of livelihood and that he was under the impression that the rights granted his tribe in 1752 allowed him to fish and hunt. He was, he said, "taking his breakfast" when arrested by the fishery officer.

Pleads for Mercy.

W. G. Ernst, who defended the accused told the magistrate that Labrador had no other possible means of making a living or of paying a fine and that being in a serious tubercular condition he could not stand confinement in jail. If the magistrate would impose a minimum fine, Mr. Ernst said he would pay it himself rather than see the old Indian sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

The case was adjourned in order to allow Mr. Ernst to look into the matter of treaty rights and in the meantime the prisoner was granted his liberty with bail fixed at \$250 on his own recognizances.

Mrs. Joseph Pictou, sister of the accused and great granddaughter of John Baptiste Coop, the chief of the Micmac tribe who signed the treaty with Governor Lawrence sat throughout the proceedings with tears streaming from her eyes over the new laws of the "pale faces."

S. O. E. ATTENDED SERVICE.

Islington Lodge of Fredericton and Marlborough and Portland Lodges of Saint John represented.

Three lodges of the Sons of England Benevolent Society were represented at service at the Parish Church Sunday morning when Rev. W. J. Bate of Newcastle father of Rev. A. F. Bate, rector of Fredericton, preached. The lodges were Islington of Fredericton and Marlborough and Portland of Saint John. The Saint John delegates arrived by motor Saturday evening some sixty members travelling in twelve cars. They returned home on Sunday.

Saturday night a banquet took place at the Orange Hall with President Branscombe of Islington Lodge in the chair. President Thompson of Marlborough and President VanWart of Portland were seated on the right and left of the presiding officer.

Following the banquet an entertainment was held, which consisted of musical and other numbers and speeches.

Upside Down in Ditch

A car with Maine registry left the road on a steep grade west of Springhill some five miles from Fredericton, Saturday night and turned upside down in the ditch. The occupants were spilled out of the seats into the ditch which was spanned by the car. That fact probably prevented serious injuries. One of the party sustained some cuts.

But at that the girl who wears furs in July is not much crazier than the man who drinks whiskey to keep cool in summer and warm in winter.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

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AGENTS FOR PICTORIAL PATTERNS

A Queer Mixup.

True News: And here is a strange thing under the sun. The Halifax Chronicle which has always been the very bulwark of Liberalism in Nova Scotia is owned by two Conservatives and managed by another—a dyed in the wool Pictou Tory. And the Herald is edited by a Grit. Where do we go from here?

Condition Improving

The condition of Irvine Wilson of Tay Creek aged eleven years who met with injuries Friday night by being struck by a car while he was playing in the street, is reported to be improving.

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