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COEDUCATION.

It has been so long since there has been any noticeable commotion about the subject of coeducation that it has been taken for granted, no doubt, that the subject has been filed away in the archives of history and labeled: "Another of the moot questions that have been settled."

But we might have known that nothing is ever settled—not even after it is settled right. The Teachers' Union, of New York, has appealed to the Board of Education to appoint a committee to study the whole question and report. What seems a little surprising is the statement by the Teachers' Union that no scientific examination of the relative value of coeducation and segregated schools has ever been made.

And that is the way with most everything. We take for granted that because this system and that institution and the other formulated process have been in established operation for a long time it is because some one somewhere along the line made the necessary scientific or expert or at least adequate examination and found it to be the best that could be had or done under present circumstances.

But, by and by, it comes out that there never was any such study. The system, institution and process are all empiric, experimental and to a considerable extent purely accidental. The thing works and, therefore, appears to be all right. The education of children was once pretty generally segregated except in the home. Today it is still so in many of the colleges and universities, perhaps in a majority of the private schools, but quite generally coeducational in the public schools; but it is commonly assumed that the principle of coeducation has been universally indorsed and its universal adoption only a matter of time.

The New York teachers express an incidental preference for it in their schools, but say that the time has come to attempt a survey and careful appraisal in the interest of a more scientific and up-to-date system of pedagogy.

Edward M. Skinner, vice president of a great Chicago industrial concern, speaks as an expert. Talking at a conference of more than a thousand merchants from the Middle West, Mr. Skinner said that women are better business men than men. Many folks have been convinced of that for a long time. For example, watch a woman shop. She will not take the first thing offered—or the second. Man buys something quickly, to cover up his embarrassment at not being able to make up his mind. Or he buys the first thing offered because he is confused and unhappy in a crowd of shoppers. Thus he proves he is a poor business man. He lacks courage.

There is a great deal of talk about censorship of motion pictures, books, magazines, etc. As a matter of fact the people at large might be the most effective censors if they would be. Bad pictures are not the product of producers and managers. They are the product of public opinion. Bad books are not the product of authors. They are the product of the public. With more courage, will power and intellectual effort the public would stay away from unworthy pictures, books, etc., and the censorship problem would be forever solved.

The City Council acted wisely in deciding to eliminate a lot of superfluous matter from the city blue book, thus greatly reducing its cost. In the old days before the city possessed daily papers, a blue book was of some value to the ratepayers, but it is so no longer. It is issued late in the spring and few people go to the trouble of procuring a copy. It contains a lot of matter which is of not much use to anybody and is not worth the cost of publication. The action of the City Council will meet with public commendation.

Although the present Parliament is one of the best Canada has had since Confederation it does not seem to be making very satisfactory progress with the business of the nation. It has been in session now for more than a month and is still engaged in debating the Speech from the Throne.

It is now declared women will soon be wearing men's collars, which won't mean so much so far as the collar per se is concerned, but what havoc it's going to raise with our carefully selected stock of ties!

It is predicted that within five years automobiles will be getting fifty miles to the gallon, but that won't make any appreciable change in the morality of the situation. The confirmed liar will merely hunch the figures of his claim.

Then there is the sad case of the young man who did an exhibition Charleston in a pair of these baggy pants, and no one realized he was dancing.

"Our great lack is honest convictions," exclaimed a speaker recently. As a matter of fact, however, our trouble seems to be a deplorable lack of convictions of any kind.

One of the most disconcerting of Mussolini's promises is that in time the lira will regain its full value. What a shock that's going to be for the tourist of the future!

Statement to the effect that dermatologists are "going deeper into the matter of baldness" leads us to wonder whether they now contemplate scalping them.

The manner in which we have run riot over realism these days leaves nothing on which to develop a healthy imagination.

The villain of a play in Russia was killed by the hero and for once in their lives the gallery gods probably got the satisfaction they demanded.

During the soft coal smoke era we would probably all benefit monetarily by becoming Fascisti to the extent of wearing black shirts.

About 22 per cent of the birds who were always hoping to return to the country have got as far as a country club.

Who remembers when 91.5 per cent of those men whose household included girls wished that something could be done about Valentino?

Mussolini, we read, wants to be a second Caesar, but the difference between the two is so much we would hate to mention it.

There are exceptions to all rules, and it isn't illegal for a driver to use alcohol internally if he puts it in the radiator.

Florida was not only discovered before California but afterward.

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THROUGH OUR SIEVE  
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Nature is kind and it is possible that a moron doesn't know he is a moron.

Who can remember when men used to go to a leg show and then lie about it?

Nobody has yet come forward with proof that it doesn't pay to be decent.

"In the old schooner days," remarked the Man on the Car, "the kind of setting-up exercises they had developed only one arm."

Probably, as a matter of fact, the crime news in a newspaper isn't read any more studiously than the church news.

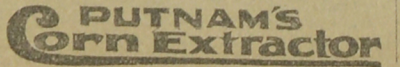
Valentino should love the public. No matter if it was a foolish thing to do, the public made him what he is.

Probably there never was a time in the history of this country when men talked more and said less than they do now.

That man George, the London writer who claimed he knew all about women, is dead at 44. It's a pity he didn't live long enough to find out he was mistaken.

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FORGOT NAME OF CITY WHERE HE BANKED MONEY

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Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 11—A few days ago Daniel Rossignoe, 30 of Fort Kent, Maine, had \$13,000 in cash. It is still his if he can only locate it.

Rossignoe has asked the police here to assist him in finding the bank where he deposited the money, which he obtained through the sale of two farms in Maine.

After receiving the cash, he said he went on a vacation, during which he banked his funds. He said he couldn't remember the name of the city in which the bank was located.

FLAPPER, 75, AND SHEIK, 70, IN A LOVE NEST

Garwood, N. J., Feb. 11—A 75-year-old bobbed-hair flapper and her sheik husband, five years her junior, have settled down in their "love nest" at 228 North avenue here, following their recent wedding.

"Sure, I'm a flapper! Can't you see my hair is bobbed?" says Mrs. Levi McCarty, whose husband, whom she calls "my wonder boy," owns up to being a sheik. The way his brown hair is slicked down proves his statement.

The wedding of the couple was a gala affair. The craftsmen of this little industrial town turned out en masse to do homage. The bride was bedecked with chrysanthemums and wore the customary veil, and the bridal group included a page and a flower girl.

Mrs. McCarthy admits she uses paint, powder and lipstick, but says she does not smoke or drink.

"Oh, yes, we're going to the firemen's ball next Friday, and watch us do the Charleston," the spritely couple said in unison.

FREDERICTON LOST GOOD GAME AT CAMPBELLTON

Campbellton, N. B., February 10—Fredericton lost to Campbellton here tonight in the Northern N. B. League. The score was 5 to 3 and the visiting team as on its previous appearance gave a fine demonstration of hockey. It was in the last period that the league leaders showed superiority scoring three goals to Fredericton's two. The second period ended 2 to 1 in Campbellton's favor. Fredericton holding the home team to a one goal lead. The result further increases Campbellton's lead in the league. If the home team should be defeated here next week by Bathurst it still will be league-winner.

Love isn't blind, it simply shuts its eyes.

TAX ARREARS

All those in arrears for City Taxes are hereby notified that it would be well to arrange a settlement at once, as the undersigned has been instructed to collect same by all available means.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,  
City Treasurer.  
City Hall, February 11, 1926.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held in the City Council Chamber, Thursday evening February 11th, at eight o'clock. All persons contributing one dollar or more to the work of the Society, or members are invited to be present.

NOTICE

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Fredericton in the present year hereby require all persons liable to be rated forthwith to furnish to the assessors true statements of all their Real Estate, Personal Estate and Income, and hereby give notice that blank forms, on which statements may be furnished under the assessment law can be obtained at the office of the assessors and that such statement must be perfected under oath and filed in the office of the assessors, within thirty days of the day of this notice. Dated this 2nd day of February A. D. 1926.

PETER FARRELL,  
Principal Assessor.

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