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MODERN MAGIC

Just as the International Brotherhood of Magicians convenes in Lima, Ohio, announcement is made that certain chain stores have contracted for the services of robots, or mechanical men. Drop a coin into a slot for what you wish to buy and they will deliver the goods, give you correct change and say "Thank you." They are efficient but the human contact between seller and buyer is lost. Your complaints about service or goods if any, fall upon unhearing ears and stimulate no response. Notwithstanding this deficiency the mechanical method of merchandizing certain standardized goods will be accepted soon as commonplace, but the robot really is more mysterious and complicated, if less amusing, than the business of the Brotherhood of Magicians who procure rabbits from empty hats and swallow swords and who are able to open anything except Pullman car windows.

Not so many years ago the mechanical men were not, never had been and never would be, and all the delegates to a convention such as that in session in Lima, would have been beheaded or burned alive for their exercise of supernatural power unless escape were made possible by the geni of an Aladdin's lamp, or by a magic carpet or the fortunate possession of a charmed bit of chagreen.

MR. BENNETT'S LEADERSHIP

Montreal Gazette: Throughout the session the the Opposition has fulfilled its functions in the House of Commons with signal ability and circumspection, and, under the leadership, and, it may be justly said, through the leadership of the Hon. R. B. Bennett it has appreciably increased in prestige. Mr. Bennett in his first session as leader has fully justified the choice of chieftain that his party made in October last. In observation he has displayed an alert mind; in his criticisms of the Government and Government measures his speeches have been consistently constructive and at no time has his attitude been obstructive. Whilst proving that he merits the confidence and allegiance that his followers have unreservedly given him, Mr. Bennett by his invariable courtesy and fair mindedness, has heightened the respect that his political adversaries in Parliament have always shown towards him.

British Columbia is now in the throes of a provincial general election. Hon. J. D. Maclean, a native of Prince Edward Island heads the Liberal government and has lately strengthened his cabinet by the addition of Hon. Dougald Donaghy, former M. P. for Vancouver North, as Minister of Finance and Industries and Hon. Ian Mackenzie, M. P. P. for Vancouver City as Provincial Secretary. The late John Oliver, a man of rugged honesty who enjoyed great personal popularity, carried British Columbia for the Liberals at the last election, but his majority was small. Hon. S. J. Tolmie is the new Conservative leader and has a good chance of winning out, as the Conservative party is very strong in the Pacific province.

A pen of Barred Plymouth Rock hens, owned by a lady resident of King's County have a safe lead in egg production over eighteen other pens competing in the New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest.

Generally speaking Society is divided into two classes a small one that is forever instituting reforms and a large one that's trying to dodge them.

Determined to have the last word, a Chicago motorist has brought out

against a railroad because one of its locomotives removed his rear spare tire.

In a recent European duel one gentleman discarded his sword and took a bite at the other gentleman's wrist. We presume that if he tasted all right honor was satisfied.

"How can one develop legs" asks a correspondent of a newspaper doc. It strikes us that the question is too indefinite. Has the querist any foundation to work on?

Anyone who has ever been up in an airplane must realize what an ideal place it would be for a game of bridge with a talkative player.

A poet in the current Scribner's performs a rather notable feat: He works the wildflower "pissisew" into a poem and it fits fine.

It is quite often possible to find a comfortable old chair even in the advanced household, if you don't mind attic dust.

Recently there was a period of rejoicing in the American League over the fact that the New York Yankees lost one straight.

Perhaps if the drug store were a couple of miles away the walk would serve the purpose of an aspirin.

When a fat dame eats merely for the sake of eating she establishes the waste line.

The hardy pioneers blazed trails, but not with cigaret butts in the underbrush.

PLEADED GUILTY BEFORE CHARGE HAD BEEN LAID

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Threatens Action.

After a while it was noted abroad that the police had nothing against him and that he had paid his fine needlessly. It can readily be imagined with what chagrin this fact was realized by the person in question. So he engaged a lawyer and Provincial Police headquarters here have been informed that he is making an effort to have his fine refunded to him. Beyond treating the matter as a huge joke in which a sly man was entrapped in a net of his own weaving and richly served thereby the provincial authorities are taking no notice of the matter.

WOMAN BEAT UP HUSBAND ON RAILWAY TRACK

New Ark, N. J., June 14—Minnie Lavarre was beating her husband on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad tracks yesterday when an express came along. She didn't stop, but the train did, and the commuters were jarred out of their seats. Police Judge Albano placed Mrs. Lavarre on probation today and warned her that the use of a hammer on a husband was "unpleasant." Hammer in hand, she had chased Joseph out of their home and unto the tracks, collaring him just before the train caught up to them. Lavarre escaped when a policeman arrived.

556 RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED

Moscow, June 14—Soviet Russia Publishes 556 newspapers with a total circulation of 7,684,000 says Tass, the official news agency, in giving statistics of newspaper growth in connection with the recent celebration of "Press Day."

Moscow itself has forty-eight papers with a circulation of 4,000,000. A feature of soviet journalism is the participation of worker and peasant correspondents who number 335,500, it is stated.

We know a man who trumped his partner's ace and promptly pleaded temporary insanity.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Self-control and mouth-control are practically the same.

If the eccentric man is wealthy he would be crazy if poor.

Few men live long enough to make use of all the gratuitous advice offered them.

Doctors say people don't drink enough water. The logical explanation is that water is inexpensive.

Of course the movie kiss may be too long, but there is some satisfaction in reflecting that you don't hear the smack.

"To be liked by babies and dogs" remarked the Man on the Car "is complimentary but it is something else to look easy to a beggar."

There is the kind of man who reads the forecasts after a rain before deciding whether is it safe to return the borrowed umbrella.

Those ocean liars who start and stop, stall and chatter for publicity, bring to mind the young man who said, quietly that he was going to Paris and went.

We suspect that if the truth were known the Kansas man who boasts of having worn the same pair of pants for forty-five years merely wore them off and on.

About the first thing a woman does after she returns from an extended stay in the hospital is to mobilize her neighbors informally and listen to the gossip that was circulated during her absence.

ICE BLOCK IS BEING SHIFTED BY THE WINDS

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Copenhagen, June 14—Winds and the strong current of the Northeastland are shifting the ice block on which General Umberto Nobile and several of his companions are stranded to the west, late radio advices said today.

WIVES SUCCEED THEIR MATES IN PARLIAMENT

London, June 14 — Three women have succeeded their husbands in the House of Commons and a fourth is seeking to do so. Lady Baldes is the Conservative candidate at Epsom. Her husband, formerly Lord Mayor of London was elevated to the peerage last week. If elected she will follow the example of Lady Astor, Lady Iveagh and Mrs. Hilton Phillipson.

NOTICE

The Home Economics and Manual Training Departments of the City Schools will exhibit work done during the year in the York St. School on Friday, June 15th, from 2 to 4 p. m.

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KILLS MOTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Construction of Rifle Range, Woodstock, N. B.  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS marked on envelope "Tender for Construction of a Rifle Range, Woodstock, N. B." and addressed to the Director of Contracts, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Ont., will be received until 12 o'clock noon, (Daylight Saving Time), Thursday, 21st June, 1928, for the construction of a Rifle Range at Woodstock, N. B.

Specifications, Plans, etc., may be seen and full particulars obtained at the office of the District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 7, St. John, N. B., or at that of Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. Bull, Woodstock, N. B., at which office blank forms of Tender may be procured.

Tenders must be made on the form supplied by the Department and must be accompanied by an Accepted Cheque on a Canadian Chartered Bank, payable to the Honourable the Minister of National Defence, for ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the Tender, which amount will be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into or fail, if he be awarded the Contract, to complete same in accordance with his Tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

G. J. DESBARATS,  
Deputy Minister.

Department of National Defence,  
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