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THE THERMOMETER.

Just how much human unhappiness might be traced to the thermometer it would be interesting to know.

To that useful instrument must be laid the disappearance from civilized life of stoicism as a working philosophy, and that is not exactly a matter for general felicitation. The doctrine of Zeno and Cleanthes, whatever its defects as a system, had at least the merit that it steeled men against the hardships and disasters of existence and by teaching them fortitude in the face of misfortune, whether spiritual or physical, enabled them to endure where others succumbed.

All our pioneers were stoics. They were never enervated by excessive indulgence in official weather reports nor did their blood congeal on frigid mornings after a shuddering glance at the mercury shrinking in the tube on the back porch. They had andirons and roasting spits and footwarmers and other quaint devices, but nothing so new-fangled as a thermometer. When a blizzard or a norther struck they knew it was cold and braced themselves to face it as something inevitable, without saying a great deal about it. They wallowed through snowdrifts to feed the cattle and slop the hogs, cut and hauled in firewood and went to sleep in cold bedrooms with feather ticks to keep in the heat. And in the morning they crawled out into ice-cold boots to another day of discomforts the degree of which they were mercifully unable to measure.

They also, like the stoics, and Heraclitus, believe that heat is the principle of life, but they are not willing to wait for the general conflagration in order to get warm. A thermometer and an active imagination bring quicker results. One may suffer the torments of an Eskimo Tophet during a cold snap, but 9 below zero is always more endurable when you know, by the thermometer, that you have faced the greater rigors of 10 below and survived.

A QUESTION OF TITLES.

Victoria Colonist: The use of the title "honorable" as a prefix continues to be violated somewhat widely in this country, and the newspapers are often enough the culprits. The rule regarding the matter is simple enough. The Privy Councillors of Canada are styled honorable for life; Senators of Canada, executive councillors of the Province (that is, Provincial Cabinet Ministers), the president of the Legislative Councils and the Speakers of the Houses of Assembly in the Provinces are to be styled "honorable" but only during office, and the title is not to be used afterwards. Thus the use of the prefix "honorable" by former members of Provincial Cabinets, is forbidden. Sir John Bourinot, the late Mr. Alpheus Todd, author of Parliamentary Government in Canada, Lord Bryce and Sir Robert Borden at one time or another have all pointed out and deprecated the indiscriminate use of the term "honorable."

YOU ARE SOMEBODY.

Never think of yourself as unimportant. You have a unique personality. There is not and never will be anybody quite like you. You can do certain things in a certain way and nobody else can do exactly the same. All people who live to the age of reason and judgment carry a real responsibility—the responsibility for a unique performance.

"I have done," said Roosevelt, "the things that I could do." Few can say that.

The York Municipal Council finished the business of the session at noon on Saturday and adjourned sine die. A number of matters of considerable importance were dealt with and the exception of a brush between the councillors of Kingsclear over patronage matters the best of feeling prevailed. An outstanding feature in connection with the meeting was the burning of

the Municipal Home bonds, signifying that the Municipality is now free from debt. Warden Seymour as presiding officer displayed good judgment and tact and was absolutely fair in his rulings.

The York Municipal Council put through the business of its annual meeting without a word being uttered which savored of political partisanship. Quite different from the old days.

An eastern university has demonstrated that a woman can feed her husband on 51 cents a day, and for a few cents extra she can also give him some good things to eat.

In case the name Emmy von Isacescu is unfamiliar to you, it is that of the first woman who succeeded in failing to swim the English Channel.

The "stormy petrel" is a bird of some kind, but after a few more wars on the subject doubtless the word will have been gradually changed to "petrol."

Oregon surgeons operating on a patient found his stomach above his heart. That isn't unusual. Many a woman has found a way to a man's heart through his stomach.

It is said that Chicago leads all the cities in the world in Y. M. C. A. work, but consider just a moment what a lot of work there is for the Y. M. C. A. in Chicago!

A woman doesn't really need bending exercises until she's thirty, and by that time she's got a husband to pick after.

Some women are just naturally lucky in life while with others the pearl beads usually break in a dark movie.

"When the heel of a woman's shoe runs over, the whole camp loses shape," says the shoemaker. She certainly does.

Count 10 before uttering an angry word. Your antagonist's remarks in the meantime may supply you with ideas.

A European chemist claims to have discovered a cheap synthetic rubber, and it isn't an amateur sponge cake, either.

Another classic coincidence was the fact that rotogravure ink happened to be the exact shade of a Palm Beach beauty's tan.

So far as we can learn it has never been suggested that one had to pursue happiness at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

Still, if you keep the first Ten Commandments the newer ones won't seem so annoying.

It is easy to believe in Providence when you note how people drive and how few wrecks there are.

However, one that ends in Paris is not a non-shop flight.

MONCTON MAN GOT BULLET IN THE BACK

Moncton, Jan. 8—Joseph Babineau, who resides at 4 Princess street, this city, is in the hospital here suffering from the effects of a bullet wound said to have been received early Saturday morning. Babineau is understood to have explained that he was walking along Park st., on his way home when he was mysteriously shot. The missile entered the body just below the right armpit and travelled about six inches under the skin finally lodging in the back. It was successfully extracted and the injured man will recover.

The city police have already taken up the case but on account of no person being allowed to see Babineau for a few days little can be accomplished until they get a statement of the mysterious shooting from him.

THE RAT

It he would live, ah, then the rat must ever watchful be; For if perchance he meets a cat Then it's catastrophe.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

So far this is a year without a summer.

Possibly, with a few exceptions, people might be worse than they are.

We expect 1928 to work smoother after it has run for a short time.

Guess it is going to be normal. The end of the world has been predicted.

New York, with a population of six million people, ought to be a good place to start a bakery.

If the next war is to be with insects, as forecast by a scientist, let us have it in mid-winter.

Pulling at a skirt that won't reach below the knee is heredity. Environment has nothing to do with it.

"Babe Ruth now practices on the saxophone." Probably trying to play "Home, Sweet Home."

Last year we had the "perfect" automobile. This year's, it is naturally assumed, is the "super-perfect."

Our personal taste in religion runs to the kind that doesn't make you hate everybody that doesn't quite agree with you, and, if that's modernism or heresy or anything, make the most of it.—Bob Ryder, Ohio State Journal.

Say, Bob, would you mind us calling you brother?

PUBLIC OPINION.

VIEWS WITH ALARM.

Editor Daily Mail,

Sir,—Ye gawds! Look what we're in for! Three Friday the thirteenths in 1928! And to add to that, it's leap year! If only an epidemic of lockjaw would hit the femmes! Then, and not until then, will I feel completely out of matrimonial danger.

CALVIN.

Able to Be Out Again.

Hamilton G. Kitchen, who has been confined to his home on Woodstock Road for the past some time by illness is able to be out today. Mr. Kitchen was taken ill the day before Christmas and has just recently been able to leave his home.

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