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A PECULIAR CASE

The coroner's jury at Glenwood which has been enquiring into the death of Miss Ethel Belyea, whose body was found in the river a few days ago has exonerated Mr. B. Dufferin Richards from blame in connection with the tragedy. The evidence went to show that the girl drowned herself while in a fit of temporary insanity. Richards it seems had been annoyed by a mid-night prowler and on the night Miss Belyea disappeared had discharged a gun loaded with buckshot at a moving object through a window of his home. Even though he had been annoyed there was no justification for his attempting to take the law into his own hands and he should have been severely censured by the coroner's jury. The fact that Miss Belyea was wounded in the arm by buckshot from Richards gun may have caused her to end her life.

HOT WEATHER PHILOSOPHY

As long as the hot weather lasts there will be discussion as to the best ways of enduring it with the smallest measure of discomfort. Advice with regard to such matters as diet and clothing is plentiful. The question remains if it is often accepted or is worth accepting. There is a psychological as well as a physical element to be considered. Mind may triumph over matter to the extent that those who think least about the temperature suffer least from it. The limits to the practical application of this theory are obvious; still, it is not to be discarded altogether.

The intermittent debates over the relative desirability of hot or cold drinks do not lead much of anywhere. It is true that perspiration is nature's way of throwing off the heat of the body. Must we, then, prefer steaming coffee to iced tea? To most persons what is cold seems cooling, whether or not it be in fact. Ice cream is a universal diet, even in winter. That does not precisely convince us that it makes one hotter, despite the fact that sugar is a human fuel. After all, one can judge only by one's feelings. "There's nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so." A dangerous doctrine, perhaps, if generally accepted, but hardly perilous physically.

Hot weather philosophy, in fact, is distinctly personal. We can find by experiment what suits us best. If there are any universal rules, they are few. Dress lightly, eat lightly, avoid needless exertion and don't fret—this is pretty nearly the sum and substance of profitable advice. Even then it may seem inadequate when the thermometer sets out to show how high it can climb.

A HIGH NAME IN ENGLISH LETTERS.

One by one the figures that dominated the Victorian scene are passing. Sir Edmond Gosse, who has just died in London at the age of seventy-eight, leaves behind few of the contemporaries of his prime. He was both critic and poet. It was a volume of verse which won him recognition more than a half century ago. His poetic gift, while not as commanding as that of Matthew Arnold, or even Austin Dobson, was distinct and genuine; but his lyrics were intellectual and meditative and did not touch a high note of passion, like those of Rossetti and Swinburne. The writer with whom it is most natural to compare him is Andrew Lang, though he lacked Lang's amazing versatility.

Fortunate in having a position which left him time for his labors in literature, first as assistant librarian of the British Museum, and then as Librarian of the House of Lords, he gained a place in criticism which en-

abled him to speak with authority. To him and to the late William Archer is largely due English knowledge of Ibsen. He had a happy gift of literary portraiture, and his essays in this kind are among the best in the language.

Few men have been better equipped for the task of really illuminating criticism. He had a wide range of learning, but he was never pedantic, and his style had the sort of charm in which some eighteenth century writers are rich. Indeed, he sometimes seemed to belong as much to that century as his own.

And now the rains we have experienced this year are charged up to sun spots. Those things evidently cover a multitude of weather sins including intense heat, intense cold, aridity, moisture or what have you. Give a sun spot a bad name and you can blame it for almost anything short of bum tonsils and fallen arches.

One of the major surprises of life is the fact that some good may, and often ultimately does, come out of the young son of 13 who is slouching around now for a year or two with his socks down and spitting between his teeth.

The world is full of capable, self-reliant and successful men who have worried along for years saying "response," or something instead of "reaction."

Jim Tully is described in a sketch as "a rare figure, an author who started out as a hobo." We have listened to noteworthy fiction by many hoboes.

Then there is the case of the fellow with no sales resistance, who ran into a lot of dotted lines in a French novel and absent-mindedly signed his name on one.

Some of us who aren't impressed with the idea that trees, grass, etc., have souls, don't believe the lawn really knows that it needs mowing.

It is estimated that 4.6 per cent. of the men who begin wondering in bed, whether the laundry window is unlatched, ever go down and see.

Dr. Krusen has chosen the wrong time to spring his "get-more-sun" idea. Fancy that—with the majority of us doing our best to duck it!

The difference between 80 and 23 is 57, which shows in figures how hopelessly out of date poor old Jules Verne is.

Nothing else dispels the allure of the Good Old Days, so called, like a short journey through the family album.

Quite a number of people who can't find a golf ball under a dandelion think the Arctic relief expeditions are badly managed.

"Well, said the husband of the amateur lacquer expert, as he gazed about at the furniture, "I see your refinish."

ANGLERS FROM YONKERS HAD A FINE TRIP

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anglers in the United States, hooked and landed a fifteen pound salmon in the Hart's Island pool. The fish was a gamey specimen and it took the doctor an hour to bring it to the gaff. The other two members of the party each hooked and landed a six pound grilse at the Hart's Island pool on Saturday. They had their fish packed in ice and took them home with them in order to show their friends the kind of sport that Fredericton has to offer visitors.

Here Last Year
Dr. Holden and Mr. Williams spent several days at the Hart's Island pool last season and while they landed several grilse they did not have the good luck to hook a salmon. Naturally all three members of the party were greatly delighted with the success of their expedition last week and have engaged their guides for next season.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lima Beane thinks what the serpent said to Eve that time was a lot of applesauce.

"A distant relative," remarked the Man on the Car," is one who has more money than you."

If Mr. Ford's airplane is like his well-known automobile it will be good at hopping off.

Alas. The worst of it is that other careless motorists are growing up to take the place of those who destroy themselves.

Maybe it is true there is no fool like an old fool. Just the same you never hear of an old fool-entering a marathon race.

If we understand Miss Earhart and her flying companions they tried to keep the start of their flight a secret, or down to six or eight columns.

Without surrendering our position on the fence, as between fundamentalists and modernists, we feel free, to say there were times when Old Adam acted like a monkey.

There is no way of keeping a popular modern song from wearing out within three or four months. Before radio it was possible to preserve one for that many years.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. G. B. Alexander of Lethbridge, Alta., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jewett.

Miss Greta MacNutt has gone on a trip to California where she will visit her brother Earl R. MacNutt. Mr. Gordon Ferguson of Winnipeg Man., is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ferguson.

Mrs. Don McLeod is leaving this afternoon on a visit to her former home at Napanee, Ont. Upon her return she will occupy with her husband their new home at the Experimental Station.

Crowd in City.
A very large number of farmers and their wives and families are in the city today, mainly for the purpose of seeing the Sparks Circus which is in town today. Numbers were unable to get to the city on account of the haying season, as the farmers are now busily engaged in bringing in their years hay crop.

Havana, July 29.—"Cien por cien," meaning "hundred to hundred," is Cuba's vernacular for the American slang expression "high powered." It is applied to a car, a person or a pretty senorita and is one of the country's few slang phrases.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Frostproof Warehouse, Charlottetown, P. E. I.", will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Friday, August 3, 1928, for the construction of a frostproof warehouse, at Charlottetown, Queen's County, P. E. I.

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Department of Public Works,
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