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A NOTED CHARACTER.

The original of Huckleberry Finn, one of Mark Twain's immortal characters, passed away some years ago. Now comes word that the original Tom Sawyer, the boon companion of Huck died at Tucson, Arizona on February 7th of this year. The New York World, after calling attention to Tom's claim for a niche in the hall of fame says:

"Mark Twain's memorable tale is at once a classic of boyhood philosophy and a record of old days on the great river in the palmy days of steamboat traffic. It may be the local color, as seen by the eye of a pilot trained to see everything that appeals to adult readers, but what the boys remember best is Tom himself; Tom whitewashing the fence by proxy; Tom and Indian Joe and all the rest in the spooky graveyard in the darkness; Tom joining the temperance society to march in the expected funeral procession which fails to march at all. With whom can we compare this immortal figure? With the Count of Monte Cristo? With Tartarin of Tarascon? With Quentin Durward? He is history and romance.

Very likely Mark Twain's real Tom Sawyer was a composite of many boys he knew in river days; he may have borrowed little from Mr. Sawyer but a name perfect for his purpose. No matter. Everybody who has read the book will prefer to believe there was once a real Tom Sawyer. For that matter, there is one still. He is ageless and immortal.

GOOD BUSINESS

Insurance is a sane, modern, businesslike expression of the responsibilities of human relationships. Nobody who takes out an insurance policy expects to get his money back. He doesn't want to. He is merely paying a little to make sure.

But in this business of making sure, he is doing his bit to help others to be sure. The practicability of insurance rests upon the participation of many. If thousands insure, their small individual fees will pay for the hard luck that is sure to befall the few.

And when the hard luck does come, the insurance is a matter of extraordinary importance. It is assistance that can be accepted freely and without humiliation. It comes just when it is needed and puts no mortgage upon the future. It draws upon a fund that is ready, paid up in advance without constraint of persuasion or pity. It is good sense good provision and good business.

The provincial police have been busy of late investigating the case of Agrippa LeBlanc, a Kent County fishery guardian who was murdered two years ago while in the discharge of his duty. It was thought at first that LeBlanc had been drowned but a post mortem revealed bruises about the head and bird shot in the right side of the face. It is said that the police have discovered evidence that will result in arrests in the near future. With an efficient provincial police force on the job it is not going to be as easy for people to escape from their misdeeds in this province as was the case a few years ago.

Ottawa Journal: In giving credit to the Government for taking another cent off the sales tax, it may be justly kept in mind that it is only removing a tax which is imposed. When Mr. King took office in 1921 the sales tax was three per cent. He increased it to six per cent, and now, after six years, has got it back to where he found it when Mr. Meighen left office. It is well, in such cases, to keep the record straight.

There is more than one kind of speed due to the motor car. The manufacturing business in various lines—the making of things from harvesters to collars—has been speeded up by methods learned from motor car makers. Small motor cars, clicking out like clock-work, have taught manufacturers the world over a new way to speed up production.

A few years ago tramps and flitting toilers, traveling on "blind baggage" and side door Pullmans, outnumbered train crews. Today they are few. Perhaps in this day of softness and luxury tramps have caught the spirit of ease and refuse to travel in the plain old fashioned way.

Education experts say pupils learn art by absorption. Artistic surroundings are exceedingly important. Watch your home—the pictures on the wall, the rugs, and chairs. Bring beauty into your home to the limit of what you can afford. There is where taste in art is learned.

The old fashioned skinflint who always got the best with ease in a horse trade now has a grandson who tries to get the best of everything—with ease.

No doubt long legs are an indication of superior intelligence. Lincoln had them. But so, too, are short legs; Napoleon had them.

Peggy Joyce had just purchased the world's largest diamond and added it to her unmatched collection of solitaires.

Another sign of intelligence is to keep from getting swelled up over the fact that you rated high in an intelligence test.

The active life of an oyster is 10 years, an authority says. After that it begins its career as a public servant.

Time and tide wait for no man, and under the same general heading as leap year.

Certain stock issues are vying with the airplane for new height records.

Domestic science today is the art of getting out of as much housework as possible.

The difference between chickens is that one class is dressed to kill while the other is killed to dress.

China must be less draughty just now, a way having been found to stop the chinks, temporarily at least.

A reader asks if fish gain weight rapidly. This depends entirely upon who catches 'em.

TWO GERMAN AIRMEN OFF ON LONG FLIGHT

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Berlin, March 26—Two German aviators, Hermann Koehl and August Loose left Tempelhof airdrome at noon today on a mysterious flight for an unknown destination. It was reported, without confirmation that that were enroute to Baldonnel, Ireland, whence they would attempt a trans-Atlantic flight to New York.

Large Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie A. Sore, who died at her home at Marysville on Friday took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. After a short service at the home at 2.30 o'clock the body was taken to the United Church where an impressive service was held by the Pythian Sisters, of which the deceased was a member. Four members of the order officiated at the pulpit and scripture passages were read. A duet was sung by two young ladies. Rev. J. M. Rice conducted the services. Following were the pallbearers: Jack Andrews, William Harris, Cecil Daley Arthur Bradley, Harry Moffitt and Henry Estey. Floral tributes were plentiful. Interment took place at the United Church cemetery.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

When to take 'em off is no longer a problem among girls.

You may have imagined that a war could not become lost. But there is China.

Our private tip on the bunion derby is that chilblains will finish in the money.

Rome wasn't built in a day because Mussolini wasn't there to boss the job.

That mechanical man recently exploited is simply an electrical novelty he can't cuss.

Women who go angling for men should remember that the biggest fish always gets away.

One swallow does not make a summer, but one robin is enough with which to start spring.

Science is reported to have invented a helmet that will prevent snoring. That is something the nightcap could never do.

Anybody who makes frequent use of the dictionary knows there are days when the big book is absolutely disagreeable and despotic.

Now and then it is possible to run across the kind of man whose grievances give him a grim sort of content. Take them from him and he would be unhappy.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. F. Gaughan of Lawrence, Mass. is a guest of the Barker House today.

A. V. Finley of St. John is registered at the Barker House this afternoon.

L. LeGrow of Moncton is at the Barker House this afternoon.

Dr. J. A. MacDonald of Halifax is registered at the Barker House today.

Interesting Lecture.

A large crowd attended the interesting lecture given by Rev. Dr. Milligan at the St. Dunstan's Hall on Sunday evening. Father Milligan took as his subject "Impressions of Rome" and gave an instructive address on various phases of life in that place. Having spent two years in Rome some time ago, the speaker was in a position to give his listeners a very impressive view of conditions there. At the conclusion of his address a vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Hachey and seconded by Prof. Lejeune. In the course of the lecture Mrs. Mary Colby rendered a very beautiful solo. James A. Hughes acted in the capacity of chairman.

R. F. Sands of Portland, Me., is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Sparks of Moncton is in the city today.

DIED

PUGH—At his home in Marysville, March 25th. Horace Pugh aged seventy-one years. Funeral Tuesday morning with High Mass of Requiem at St. Anthony's church Devon, at nine o'clock. Interment in Sunny Bank Cemetery.

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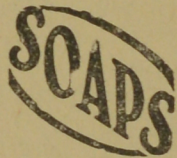
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