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## ANOTHER PUZZLE

Gold Hill, near the southern boundary of Oregon, is a rival to Monticello's famous Magnetic Hill and while the people of this part of the country readily admit that our hill furnishes an optical illusion, the people of southern still claim theirs is a magnetic mystery.

As far back as 1864, it is related, prospectors on the trail from Crescent City noticed their pack mules, as they passed this spot, leaned sharply towards the magnetic pole. So did the prospectors and so does the visitor today. Trees within the charmed area assume the same inclination. The theory is not that people are drawn towards the pole but repelled from it and all animated things seek to counteract this force, leaning to the north as one would do in bucking a stiff gale blowing from that direction.

If a ball is thrown in the air, it will not fall straight downwards but at an angle away from the magnetic pole. Put a golf ball on a board that is perfectly horizontal, and the ball will roll away from the magnetic north. Stand on one end of the board while a friend stands on the other and your line of vision is opposite, say, his eyes. Then change places and find your line of vision is opposite, say, his mouth. Has the friend grown taller suddenly or has the observer grown shorter?

Thousands of visitors have observed these and other phenomena and the scientists among them, we are told, have not explained it. Perhaps they did not wish to spoil a good mystery. To those who have seen water run up instead of down on Magnetic Hill, it would seem apparent that Oregon, too, has an optical illusion. The first thing to grasp is that the effect on animate and inanimate things is the same and not different, as the western observers came to believe. Instead of thinking of the tree as bending its top to the north, think of the tree as apparently bending to the south as it reaches the ground, in other words falling like the ball thrown in the air at an angle away from the magnetic pole.

## CHILDREN MUST BE SHOWN

The modern child takes nothing on the mere saying so of its elders, declares the New York Times. Consequently, we may expect a healthy skepticism among the young as the first response to Dr. Howard W. Haggard's statement before the National Confectioners' Association. Professor Haggard, who teaches physiological chemistry at Yale, said that when a child is irritable or restless after school he should not be scolded but given a piece of candy. Ill temper is a sign of sugar deficiency in the system, and candy is a "prime dietary requirement."

Once upon a time when children took their opinions from their elders this statement by Professor Haggard would have been received with thunders of juvenile cheers. The modern child, as we have said, has to be shown. But when Professor Haggard of Yale is followed by Professor Walter H. Eddy of Columbia, who declares that candy is a wholesome food and should be a part of everybody's diet; and when Professor Eddy is followed by Dr. Malvin Stevens of New York University, who praises candy as a valuable source of energy for athletes, it would be idle to resist. The modern child is forced to admit that a good case has been made out for candy. He will consent to take a piece.

Such is the difference between regimenting the child as we used to do and treating him as a free and rational individual, the way people do now.

## FOR EASIER GROWTH

Tree-planting is well recognized as an important phase of forest management and preservation, in Canada as in other countries of the world, although the fact that different conditions in different parts of the Dominion exist must be taken into consideration. In many wide and important areas, it is of the soil conservation and possibly flood prevention angles that most attention attaches to tree-planting.

In Western Canada, and particularly the Prairie areas, tree-planting has been urged as a check to soil-drifting and other drought results. Some of the advice would seem to be oversimplified, particularly that coming from a distance, but the matter is certainly one in which the Dominion as a whole has a direct or indirect interest.

The Edmonton Journal draws attention to one phase when it states: "Given a fast-growing drought-resistant tree and the face of the prairie might be changed in a generation. Nor would the alternation for the better be confined to appearance; with sufficient shelter belts conserving moisture the whole life of the west might see some remarkable changes in a thirty-year period."

This challenge is not passing unnoticed, the Alberta newspaper continues, stating that the Canadian forestry service, taking up one phase of it, has within only two years of effort produced some 2,000 new hybrid varieties of poplar. Reference is also made to work on the Pacific coast, where research has produced a hormone that enables evergreens to be grown from cuttings instead of from seeds.

## AN ANCIENT CANAL

The four-mile stretch of the Corinth Canal, which connects the gulf of Corinth with the Saronic and links the Adriatic with the Aegean, is to be modernized to provide a two-way passage for vessels. The waterway is of historic and perhaps of local interest. In very ancient times there was a sort of tramway, or diolkos, by means of which ships were dragged across the isthmus. It is possible that H. G. C. Ketchum, the Fredericton-born engineer, got the idea for the seventeen-mile Chignecto ship railway in the classics.

After the Romans conquered Greece, Julius Caesar and others planned a canal, but a canal was not opened until August, 1893, under plans of French engineers and after eleven years work, incidentally contemporaneously with the work on the Chignecto ship railway.

Actually, the Emperor Nero got so far as to begin the canal. The most famous fiddler in history came over from Rome for the inauguration ceremonies. He removed the first sod with a golden spade presented to him by the local Governor, in quite the modern fashion except for lack of candid cameras and broadcasting.

Curiously, when the French engineers with modern instruments had completed their plans in 1882 for the best route, it was found that they agreed exactly with the plans of Nero's engineers. Nero had drafted six thousand prisoners from captured Judaea for the heavy work but digging ceased when he hastened back to Rome because of revolt there. Remains of the ancient "tramway" are still to be seen near the present cutting.

## RECONSTRUCTION OF CHINA

Reconstruction activities are already under way in China although hostilities are still in progress and recovery is thereby greatly impeded. In a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, M. T. Stewart, Acting Canadian Trade Commissioner at Shanghai, states that "Looking forward, there will be a considerable demand from the interior of China for imported timber, but advantage cannot be taken of this demand until peaceful conditions are restored in the interior and railways and water routes again opened to commercial transportation."

Imported softwoods, more than any other item, states Mr. Stewart, will be in strong demand, and it is a simple matter to visualize a tremendous volume of timber business being done from the Pacific Coast of North America to this market, provided financial arrangements satisfactory to the seller can be made.

## STICKING AROUND

(Scanlan in Buffalo Evening News) The newest fabricated houses are put together with glue. In warm weather you stick around home whether you want to or not.

## Just in Jest

### Snubbed

"I don't know how you will get on without me," said Mr. Dobson, one bitterly cold morning. "Here I get up every morning and light the kitchen fire, boil the kettle, and bring you a cup of tea in bed. If anything happened to me, what would you do?" "I'd get a gas ring," replied his wife.

### Lasting

"The man I like declares a business man, 'is the one who is not afraid to laugh loud and long.' In his opinion, evidently, he laughs best who laughs last,

### Locker-Room Quips

New Caddie: "I thought golf courses were eighteen holes."

Caddie Master: "So they are." Caddie: "Well, the man I'm to carry for is two clubs short."

In a Cheshire Club a very handsome "pot" had been put up for a competition open to those members who had never won a prize before. At the presentation of the prize the winner, a very popular player, returned thanks.

"I think it is an excellent idea," he said, "this prize for players who have never won a prize before, and to celebrate my winning of it in a fitting way, I want to stand drinks to everybody here who has never had a drink before!"

When a player gives his caddie too big a tip, he encourages the suspicion that it is really paid as hush money.

Member of the "Auld Kirk": "Caddie Master, ye'll need to find me another caddie. I'm not going out for a second round with a laddie that whistles on the Sabbath!"

### Tactless

A certain man was telling of His brother's want of tact. "Three times," said he, "I've set him up. In business, for a fact. The last time 'twas a butcher's shop. In Barking that he tried. But soon his customers dropped off. Not one would come inside. The reason? Well, I lay it to His very tactless sign: 'Twas, 'Try Our Barking Sausages. They Certainly Are Fine.'"

## Durham Bridge

DURHAM BRIDGE, April 10.—The W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada held their annual Easter Tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bradley on Thursday afternoon and despite the bad roads about fifty guests attended. The president, Mrs. Geo. Bradley had charge of the meeting. The Easter Leaflet Service was carried out. Mrs. H. Cowperthwaite was at the piano. Miss Helen McLean gave an Easter reading in her usual attractive way which was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Mrs. Ernest McLean ushered the guests to the dining room where the table was bright with spring flowers and a cafeteria tea was served. Mrs. W. L. Estey and Mrs. R. Cowperthwaite poured. Mrs. Wm. Shields cut the ices, Mrs. H. Cowperthwaite and Mrs. Warren Smith and others helped. After the tea was over a sing song was enjoyed. Over fifty guests were present and the offering amounted to over sixteen dollars.

Mrs. Marian Wordworth is spending Easter with her friend, Miss Chase at North Devon.

Mrs. Malcolm Turner of Fortune is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stewart.

Miss Mavis Cameron of Fredericton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLean.

Miss Fredda Estey who is a student at P. N. S. is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Estey.

Miss Isabel Mersereau who has charge of the school here is spending Easter at her home in Ladlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Smith spent a few days recently at Royalton, Carleton County.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF AGE

(Commentator)

Between the ages of 70 and 83 Commodore Vanderbilt added about \$100,000,000 to fortune. Kant at 73 wrote his Metaphysics of Ethics, at 74 his Anthropology. Tintoretto at 74 completed painting the vast Paradise, a canvas 74 by 80 feet; while Verdi at 73 produced his masterpiece, Otello, at 70 staff and at 85 the famous Ave Maria. Cato at 80 began the study of Greek; Goethe at 80 completed Faust. At the early age of 80 Tennyson wrote Crossing the Bar, while Titan topped all the boys by painting his historic picture of the Battle of Lepanto as a youngster of 98.



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"You always smoke the same kind of tobacco, I notice," continued Les.

"You bet I do," rejoined the Barley philosopher. "I smoke Picobac, the pick of Canada's Barley Crop, grown in Sunny Southern Ontario. I like a mild... cool... sweet smoke. The more I smoke it, the better I like it. But I'm open-minded. You show me anything better and I'll try it; but you can't do it."

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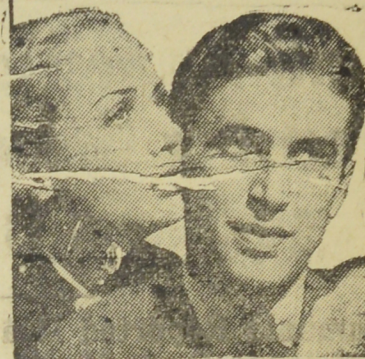
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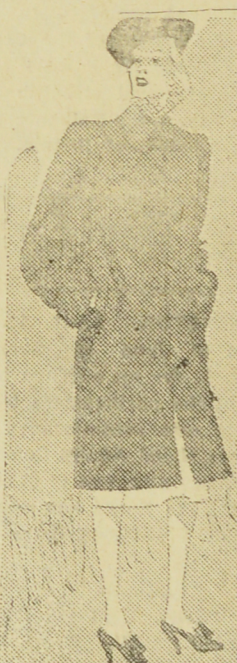
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