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### THE HABIT OF THRIFT

Lots of people expect to acquire all their good habits in their second childhood.

And one of the good habits long put off is thrift.

Often this habit does come in second childhood. With appetites and passions, burned out of the decaying mind and body, old men may find themselves freed from temptations and wrongly consider their condition due to ripened virtue.

But thrift, like any other "virtue" forced upon one by nature, is apt to find its environment unhealthy and to curdle into penurious meanness.

If thrift is to be wholesome and sweet and fruitful it must be embraced while the mind and body are healthy and vigorous.

Thrift is a composite quality. It embraces within itself nearly all of the great virtues. It implies, industry, prudence, forethought, self-denial. It certainly has no relation to niggardliness or meanness.

Some men would let their grandmothers starve to death for the sake of a few dollars. That cannot be called thrift.

And virtue carried to excess becomes a vice and is no longer virtue. Thrift that does not take into partnership honesty and charity soon in covetousness and avarice.

True thrift is the opposite of thriftlessness, prodigality, improvidence and waste.

Thrift means better homes and better food, more comfort and enjoyment, less waste and less anxiety.

Out of it grow quickened energies, firmer courage, more stalwart thought and hope, more orderly citizenship, education and a good chance in life for the children, and the independence and self-respect that lift aimless, hopeless drudges up to true manhood.

### THE IDEAL CITIZEN

An ideal citizen is the one who sees clearly and ever something good in the town and never loses the opportunity to spread that good news abroad that others might derive the benefits therefrom, whose selfishness prompts him to want others to share opportunities, health and pleasure which his home town offers.

Loyalty is the first requisite for the ideal citizen. The love for the place and his neighbors which dismisses the thought of self interest or policy and resolves itself into the knowledge of duty when he does all in his power to make the town a better place in which to live.

There are three distinct attitudes which a citizen may assume toward the place in which he lives, which furnishes him food, shelter and association for himself and family, to boost, to remain quiet or to knock. The booster is that ideal citizen who is never forgetful of the obligations which is due the home town. He is ever found at the front when any movement is launched which might tend to the advancement of the interest of the town. While others see darkly, to him good is visible at all times. The quiet citizen is satisfied to let the neighbor do the work and content to lull the town asleep and let it rest. The knocker is the man who is without a country. There is no room for him anywhere, his presence dampens the enthusiasm of every man or group of men who unfortunately come in contact with him. Having no faith in his own ability to go forward, he naturally lacks faith in his home town to do so.

You have the chance to belong to either of the three classes. If you are a booster, your neighbor knows it well and will boost you. If you are aligned with the quiet class, you will not be regarded one way or the other, for the man who selects to steer in the middle of the stream, gets no support from either side. If unfortunately you are a knocker, get ready to be knocked, for eventually it is coming to you. As you give, so will it be meted out to you. Jarvis would be an ideal town if only there were more ideal citizens. Let's have them.

### THE IDLE WORD

The idle word that stings is as old as human speech. Spoken thoughtlessly or spoken in a moment of irritation, it says more than the speaker meant. At least it says more than he would have said if he had taken second thought. Too often in a hasty moment one who really would not for worlds cause lasting hurt does just that because he reaches for the first remark that will register.

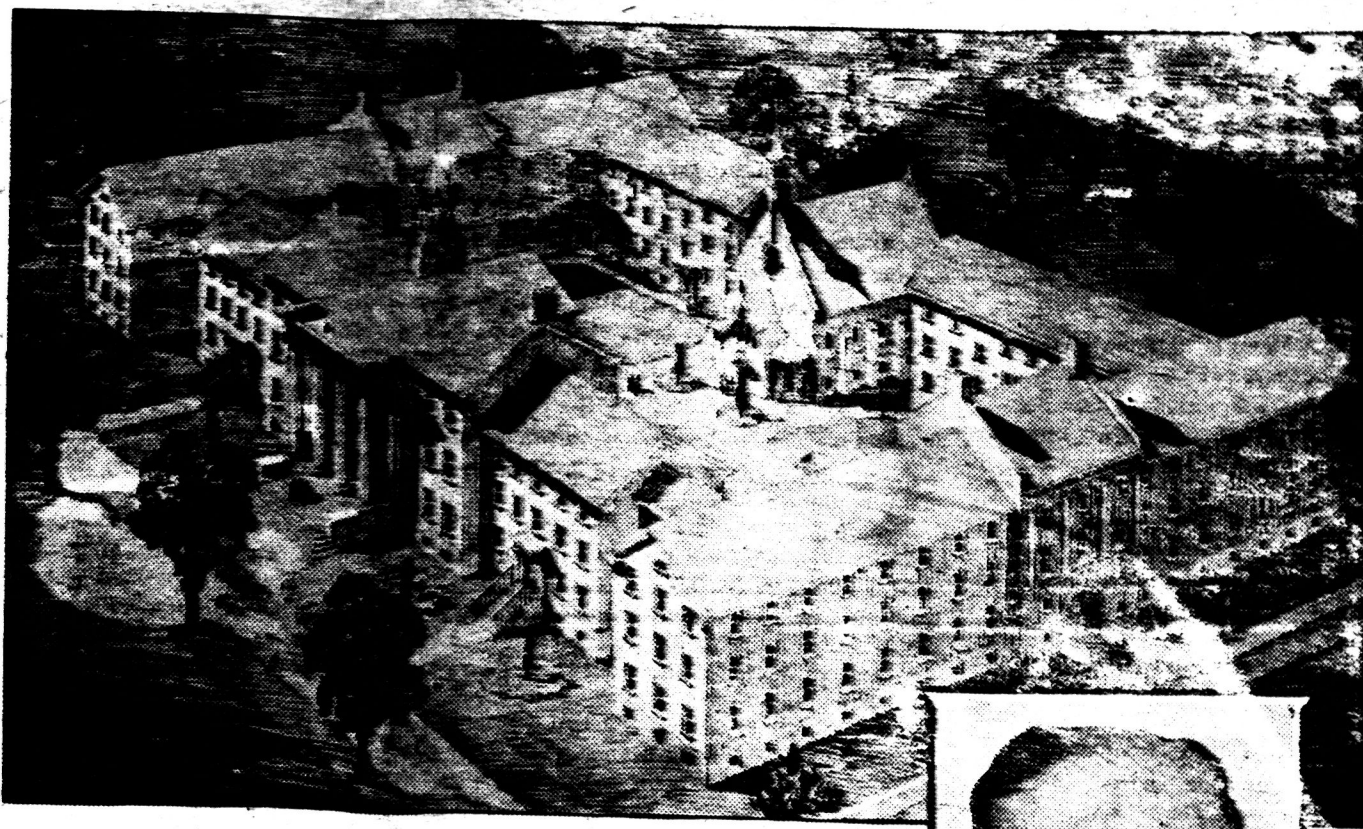
These idle words go deep, deep into the heart and memory of the one to whom they are addressed. There is no way of reaching this harm by laws and courts. There is no way of resolving that one will never say "the thing that causes needless hurt, except by resolving to build up a habit in one's life of saying only kindly things until quiet reflection has shown the need of something else. This is not a text for weaklings, a counsel of meekness to the point of being trodden upon. It was not a weak man who prayed, "Set a watch before the door of my lips," nor a fool who wrote, "She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

### The Melting Pot

Home—Sleeping quarters adjacent to a garage.

The views of the sociologist who contends that a spanking is less harmful to a child than a scolding

## New Home For Canada's Oldest University



Cut Shows Assembly of King's College Buildings. Inset: His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Governor General of Canada.

After 137 years of higher educational work in Nova Scotia, King's College, Canada's oldest university, is to have a new home. The above drawing shows the proposed building, which will resemble in character Oxford University, to be built as soon as the present campaign has attained its desired objective. King's University stands as the only real monument in Nova Scotia to the United Empire Loyalists. In 1789 the U. E. L's who had come to the Dominion from New York planted an "acorn" in the establishment at Windsor, Nova Scotia. of King's College. Full University powers were granted in 1802 by Royal Charter, which was the first one received outside of the British Isles. From a dream in the

souls of those pioneer Loyalists King's has reached a recognized and honored place in the Dominion. Many famous Canadians have been Kingmen. Sir James Cochran, Sir Frederick Borden, Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton (Sam Slick), Basil King, Rev. H. A. Coffin, and Canon Allan P. Sharwood, are a few of King's products. In 1923 King's took the first step towards a confederation of Maritime Colleges; the College was represented in the confederation and became associated with Dalhousie University. A year ago King's launched a campaign for \$500,000, having received a promise from the Government of \$200,000 conditional upon the raising of the first amount. Up to date the total pledged in the



will not be indorsed by those of the banking age.

We can imagine nothing more trivial or unimportant than discussion of who was Cain's wife?

### THE MARCH ROD AND GUN AND CANADIAN SILVER FOX NEWS

The first of a thrilling series of stories based on the early fur trading days in the North West written by Samuel Alexander White is one of the notable features of the April number of "Rod and Gun and Silver Fox News" which is just issued. The story "Blended Brigades," however, is only one item of a table of contents. Bonnycastle Dale has an interesting miscellany of nature notes from the Maritimes. H. Mortimer Batten F. Z. S. writes this month about the porcupine and the skunk. Valuable woodcrafting information is contained in W. C. Motley's "Outdoor Talk" while the angling, gun and kennel specialists have also very good departments. The matter of national conservation of fish and game resources is the subject of considerable discussion in the April issue.

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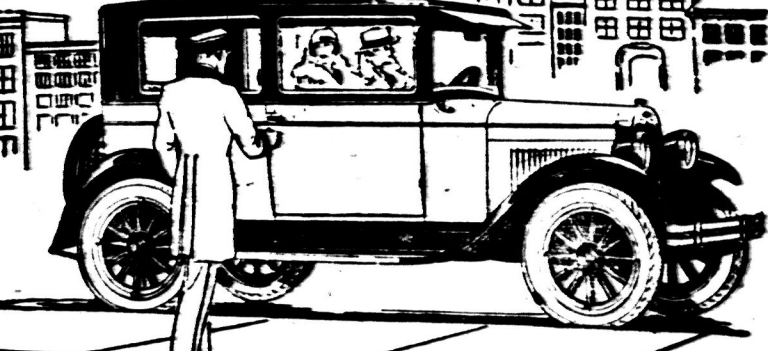
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