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MACHINE AND MAN-POWER

With the increasing use of machinery in industry has arisen a new form of pessimism concerning the future of labor, skilled and unskilled. There has been much talk of the time to come when machinery will do most of the work, do it faster and cheaper and obviate the necessity of man-power. This dismal picture includes the spectacle of a vast army of unemployed men on the verge of starvation.

The fallacy of this theory is slowly but surely being demonstrated. Without going deeply into the cause, it may safely be said that the effect of labor-saving machinery has been beneficial to the economic structure. It has resulted in increased wages and shorter hours, an enormous growth in the number of industries, and in the acquisition by workers of luxuries not even dreamed of a few days before the "machine monster" came.

Machine production has made it possible for man to use and enjoy vast quantities of commodities of many kinds which he would simply not have had without, were it not for the rapidity and comparatively low cost at which mechanical devices can produce them. A new invention may at the moment displace hand laborers and the necessary readjustment may be painful for a time. Taking the modern era of mechanical invention as a whole, however, its total effect has been a steady improvement in the condition of those who make their living by their daily toil.

There is no single great industry using machine production in which it were to drop back to hand labor in all its work, the number of employees would not be greatly reduced. This would follow simply because the cost of production would be so greatly increased that the product could not be sold at a price which would make its extensive sales possible.

REWARDS

It is the habit of our nature to work in the expectation of reward, and it is a law of nature that every deed brings some reward in its train. This reward, to be sure, is not always the one we seek; but since no thought or act can be wholly isolated, it brings consequences that repay it for good or ill.

The final reward sought by all men is happiness. This aim is obscured and confused too often because men set up a lesser object which they believe to be the last key to the happiness they seek. This may be the reward of financial success, of fame, or freedom from responsibility or obligation, but these are no more than formulas out of which they hope to derive happiness. He who has the wit to place happiness somewhere within his reach is most likely to attain it. Fortunately, it is never far away from any human life, unless a man himself chooses a long and devious path to it. It is the universal reward offered to mankind and given according to comprehensible laws.

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clearly as his object and then, from human wisdom and experience, learn the laws of achieving it.

WOMAN THE NEW PHILOSOPHER

Philosophers have spent tedious years mulling over the question of why we are here and with only meager success. The average man has little time for philosophic conjecture. He knows that his family must be fed and that there will be bills to be met at the end of the month and his destiny take care of itself.

But the ladies, as they go about their daily household tasks, have more time for reflection, and it is only natural that they should conclude the perfect life is something more than providing three meals a day and sewing on buttons. They yearn for a cultural outlet, which takes shape in every city and hamlet from coast to coast in literary societies, sewing circles, missionary and aid societies and uplift movements.

It is a fine thing to know that the Canadian woman of today, with all her immediate responsibilities and obligations, can rise above them to devote time and effort to unselfish work outside the home. What profit the scoffers if the ladies, returning home with the plaudits ringing in their ears for their useful masterful labors, are satisfied that they have discovered a real reason for living?

Let man look to his laurels as philosopher, scholar and reformer. It is conceivable that a time may come when Mrs. Socrates will be the philosopher and her husband the scold.

RECORD RAMBLINGS

It is easy to single out the road hog; in his wake follows the litter.

It was the "gang" in the old days, then it became "the ring" and now it's "the bloc."

It's pretty hard to dislike a man who likes you even if he hasn't anything else in his favor.

When the millennium arrives, every man will be a reformer and will work only in his own home.

You can't blame a man for being suspicious if his wife insists that he take a job as night watchman.

Women may not have as much sense as men, but we read somewhere that men are again wearing the stiff collar.

A New York girl claims she can dress in six movements, but it would require three times as many for her to really put on some clothes.

"More times than not," said the Pessimist, "woman is given credit for uncanny intuition when it's nothing but uncanny suspicion."

The one-half U. S. stamp now bears the likeness of Nathan Hale, who regretted he had only one life to give for his country. According to arithmetic, he would be on the two-cent stamp if he had been a quartet.

WINTER COURSES

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which last by heavy presentation of the day.

Mr. J. C. Smith, M.P. and Mr. E. F. Miller, M.L.A., were present on all occasions possible and added much to the discussion.

The Girls' courses were in all cases exceptionally well attended and great deal of credit is due the Women's Institutes of the county for their hearty support and co-operation in securing the large attendance as well as halls and equipment and in generally lending their assistance. Miss G. A. Gray and Mrs. J. Allan, together with Miss Powell at Dunnville were the demonstrators in charge and their work was very highly regarded by all who attended the courses.

On every hand members of the County Council and others rendered very valuable assistance in arranging for halls, advertising courses and in lending their general support.

The following is a summary of the attendance:

ON RILL		
	Boys	Girls
Caledonia	28	40
Dunnville	20	65
Hagersville	40	116
Cayuga	50	76
	138	303

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		
	Boys	Girls
Caledonia	18	32
Dunnville	14	45
Hagersville	28	82
Cayuga	24	46

GRAND SLAMS

Once there was a fellow
Got his face all over jam
And when some people saw it
They said it was a slam!

His teacher praised him up one day
And fed him on some ham
But when those people heard it
They said it was a slam!

It followed him to school one day,
No, not a woolly ram,
But when these people saw it
They said it was a slam!

He saved a dog from drowning once,
Above the old mill dam,
But alas, these people told him
It was an awful slam!

One day he went to Sunday School
And sat by brother Tam,
But again these people told him
'Twas an awful looking slam!

One day he went out rowing
On the water nice and calm,
He'd scarce got back to port again,
Before they shouted "slam!"

And so, no matter what he did,
Or walked, or run, or ran,
The kindly little croakers croaked
Slam! Slam! Slam!

But he went on and did his best,
He didn't give a dam,
And now he's lots of kopeks
With his big rich Uncle Sam.

THE FEBRUARY ROD AND GUN

and Canadian Silver Fox News

Replete with yarns and articles on all topics of outdoor life, the February issue of the national sporting magazine, "Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News" has just appeared. Among the many authoritative contributors in this month's issue are the well known names of Bomgardner, Dale, Robert James, William MacMillan, J. W. Winslow, W. C. Motley, C. S. Landis, G. P. Sladen and M. U.

These winter articles offer splendid pictures of hunting and fishing and are of great value to all who are interested in these sports. They are also a splendid source of information regarding the habits of these valuable fur bearing animals.

The section devoted to the silver fox industry is full of up to date and authoritative material concerning the raising of these valuable fur bearing animals.

"Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News" is published monthly by W. J. Taylor Ltd. Woodstock, Ont.

Here and There

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Large cargoes of wheat are being shipped to Japan and the Orient through Vancouver these days. It seems like sending coals to Newcastle to send flour to "The Floury Kingdoms."

Some foundation for the old nickname "woolly west" is found in the report that Alberta's wool output for 1928 amounted to 3,033,181 pounds. Altogether the Dominion produced over eighteen and a half million pounds.

Steel is replacing wood in freight service on the Canadian Pacific Railway as 7,500 box cars now on order for the company will be of steel construction. They will have a capacity of about 2,000 bushels of grain and a load of 120,000 pounds.

Pur-farming is developing many branches, one of the most recent being the organization in Manitoba of the Manitoba Mink Breeders' Association. The body plans to study muskrat breeding conditions and to investigate all phases of the industry.

In a recent speech at Kitchener, Ontario, E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific pointed out that the average freight rate per ton per mile in Canada is about 5 1/2 per cent lower than in the U.S., and that the average of Canadian grain rates is 40 per cent lower.

The Trans-Canada will cross the continent in an hour and a half less time eastbound, and an hour less westbound than it did last year. This does not mean that Canada has got any smaller, but that the Canadian Pacific Railway is running the famous flyer on an improved schedule.

Penny postage, inaugurated at Christmas, is working well and bringing about a notable increase in letter mails from Canada to the British Isles, according to federal postal officials. It is estimated that the increase in the course of a year would be such as to offset the \$200,000 estimated reduction in revenue by the penny rate.

In Manitoba, there is one tractor for every 4.6 farms; in Saskatchewan, one for every 4.7 farms; and in Alberta, one for every 7.5 farms. If all the tractors were hitched together, how long could it take a garage mechanic to reach the moon.

For the sixth successive year Dean Sinclair Laird of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, will conduct an all expense tour across Canada and back, starting from Toronto on July 22 and lasting for 21 days. The party travels in a special train with a baggage car filled up as a sixty-foot dressing-room.

Equipped with a bow-rudder, a new device that will aid in navigating the harbours of Victoria and Vancouver and the waters of the British Columbia coast, the Princess Norah has arrived on the Pacific seaboard to join the fleet of the B. C. Coastal Services of the Canadian Pacific Railway. She is the eighteenth ship to be built for this work and has just been constructed at the shipbuilding yards on the Clyde in Scotland.

HEALTH SERVICE of the CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSN.

IMMUNITY

All unknown to ourselves, our bodies are being constantly assailed by invisible enemies — disease germs. The war is a continuous one and we are only aware of it when the tissues of our bodies are not successful in their defence, resulting in what we call illness or disease.

The attack of the disease germs calls forth a mobilization of our defensive forces, and, as a result of resisting the attack of certain germs, the defensive forces become trained in defence, sometimes becoming so well trained as to ensure the overcoming of one or other of these enemies. When this action does occur, we say that the individual has acquired a resistance or immunity to the disease which the particular disease germ causes. This happens only in the case of certain germ-caused diseases.

As we have said, this conflict goes on all unknown to us. Unfortunately, it means that as it goes on, many become sick and some die. By the time we reach adult life, most of us have developed an immunity to diphtheria without having suffered from diphtheria; but, at the same time, many do develop diphtheria and some die from the disease. If we could acquire the protection or immunity without being constantly menaced by illness and death it is plain it would be most desirable that we do so. At the present time we can secure immunity from a few diseases by means of certain well-known and accepted measures. Vaccination makes us immune against smallpox. Diphtheria immunization means immunity to diphtheria.

Through vaccination and immunization, we can secure immunity in a perfectly safe and satisfactory way. It means doing in a controlled way what otherwise is done for most of us, in an uncontrolled and, therefore, dangerous way, which results in sickness for many and death for some.

Why not secure immunity from

these diseases from which we can be protected in a safe and satisfactory manner?

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 124 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

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