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FASTING, NOT FEASTING.

A Peculiarity of Thanksgiving Day in Eastern Ontario.

Thanksgiving day as a day of fasting rather than of feasting suggests a mediæval austerity that seems incredible at the end of the nineteenth century, and yet there are places in Canada where the popular holiday is so regarded. Among the descendants of the Scotch settlers of eastern Ontario there are still many who cling to the "letter of the covenant" and keep up the customs brought from Scotland almost a century ago.

Every year there are still many of the older people in the Scottish settlements who observe Thanksgiving day as their forefathers did. To them it is not a day of feasting and merrymaking, but "La an trasgh," or the day of fasting, as it is called in the highland Gaelic, which is still the mother tongue of many in the settlements. With them Thanksgiving day is observed with even more formal solemnity than the Sabbath. All manner of work is suspended, but from no spirit of holidaying. Just as on the Sabbath, it is considered sinful on Thanksgiving day to carry in wood or to draw water or to cook food of any kind. The children who are too young to understand the spiritual value of such rigid observances, as well as any servants that may be in the family, are allowed usually two scanty meals during the day, but those who are of the church and the old faith devote the whole time to fasting and prayer. They do no work and eat no food, even though attending services in their church may entail a wearisome trip, sometimes made the more trying by the fact that some of the stricter brethren consider it wrong to do such weekday



SUCH ONES GO TO CHURCH ON FOOT.

work as harnessing a horse and hitching him to a buggy. Such ones are obliged to go to church on foot, and as the services are sometimes conducted first in the Gaelic for the benefit of the old people who speak no English and then in English afterward for those of the younger generation who speak no Gaelic they not infrequently last from four to five hours.

Though with some of the more devout the fast is kept without question from the rising of the sun until the time of rising on the next day, some of the more lax consider the day as ended with sunset and during the evening relieve themselves from the pangs of hunger by indulging in a slight repast. But in no sense do they relax the more than Sabbatical severity of the day. On that day, as on the Sabbath (they never say Sunday), maidens are not permitted to braid their hair, but must have it fixed on the previous night. All put on their Sabbath clothes as soon as they rise, for their workaday clothes are not supposed to be needed, and to make a change after having once dressed would be to be guilty of a display of vanity.

PETER MCARTHUR.

The Advantage In Gambling.

"In all gambling games," said an old time sport, "there is a percentage in favor of the 'house.' Anybody, except a born fool, knows that a man couldn't afford to equip an establishment, hire help, pay rent and defray all the hundred and one incidental expenses unless he derived a profit that was based on some fixed principle and not dependent on mere luck or chance. Just where the profit comes in, however, is something that very few people understand. Most of them imagine it is derived from some slight advantage in the arrangement of the game, such as the 'zero' numbers in roulette or the 'splits' in faro, but they are very much mistaken. It really depends on a principle that applies to all games alike and might be termed the 'percentage of capital.'

"Strange as it may seem, I could take a capital of $1,000 and begin pitching nickels, in which the chances are perfectly even, letting the players guess either way they wanted to, and I would make a steady profit day in and day out. The secret is this: The average player has only a limited amount of money, and a slight run of bad luck wipes him out. He is obliged to quit, and somebody else takes his place, while the house keeps right on through good luck and bad, continually swelling its reserve with the cash of the broken players. That principle of the percentage of capital is at the bottom of the profits of every gaming house in the world from Monaco to Long Branch."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He Scored on Lincoln.

In 1858 Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas had a joint debate on the college grounds of Knox college, Galesburg. It was a great meeting, and I shall never forget the tremendous enthusiasm that was manifested by the respective partisans of each of these great men. Mr. Douglas had the opening and conclusion, and he got in one shot on Mr. Lincoln that was so pat that even the adherents of that gentleman had to join in the laughter.

Mr. Lincoln, in the course of his remarks, twitted his opponent with making only one speech—a set oration which he delivered to each new audience, the suggestion being that he was incapable of changing his stock address.

In reply Mr. Douglas said that he admitted the charge, and conceded that his rival knew in advance what he was going to say. He wished that he could foretell with the same exactness what Mr. Lincoln was going to say, but alas! that was impossible, since he changed his argument to suit his audiences, making a fierce abolition talk in communities where that sentiment was strongly entertained, as at Galesburg, but in southern Illinois ignoring abolition and standing up squarely as an old time Whig.

A Good Natured Dog.

A very ordinary looking farm horse harnessed to an old wagon stood by the curb, and on the board that served for a seat lay a small dog of such mixed blood that no guess could be made as to his breed.

As a delivery wagon passed on the opposite side of the street a large red apple fell off. Before it stopped rolling the dog bounded across the street, picked it up with his teeth and with tail wagging rushed back to the horse, in front of which he stood up on his hind legs while the apple was taken from his mouth.

As the horse munched the apple he made the peculiar little noise that horses make when petted, and doggie replied with throaty little barks which plainly told what a pleasure it had been to go after that apple. Then he went back to his nap on the wagon seat.—Burlington Free Press.

The willow is one of the most adaptable of plants. A willow switch stuck in the wet will almost invariably take root.

SHE WAS YOUNG.

And There Were Many, Many Things She Did Not Know.

"One thing is certain," an affianced maid announced, with decision, on the eve of her wedding—"my husband shall never call me 'mamma.' He may call me Clara or Mrs. Richards or even 'Say,' but I shall never be called 'mamma.' It is a horrid, impersonal name."

We mammas who heard her only smiled and answered nothing at all, for each of us remembered that she was young and that there were many, many things that she did not know.

She did not know that when the sweetheart had changed to the wife and the wife to the mother there comes a wondrous first time. That first time that she feels the downy head nestling under her chin, that first time that she feels the restless pat, pat of little feet as she vainly tries to prison them in her hand, she learns then that her life has burst into a new and wonderful fullness. In her heart there is kindled the fire of love, and the incense that arises from it glorifies the whole atmosphere, and the warmth envelops her and her baby in an everlasting mantle.

Then in the dim light she sees bending over her the one that she loves best of all, and she reaches out her hand to him to draw him near, that he, too, may come within the enchanted circle; that he, too, may breathe the sacred incense and be warmed by the heavenly fire. Laying his hand in hers, they look together into the new little face, but no word comes to express the strange sweet feelings that are surging through them both until, bending close to her, he softly whispers, "Mamma."

It is a baptism. All the sweet, intangible things that have been filling her being have been caught and held in that word. The world may teem with mammas, but the name to her has a new and sacred meaning. Other names have been given her, other promises have been made in the giving and in the taking, but nothing so tender, so strong, so sweet as this, and her whole being goes out in a silent promise to live up to the sacredness of that name.—Woman's Home Companion.

SEASICK ON SEA LEGS.

Officers and Sailors of the Navy Frequently Distressed.

"The officers and sailors of the navy are frequent sufferers from seasickness, even after they have got their sea legs on," observed a naval surgeon to a reporter. "Indeed I think I can safely say that, young and old, one-third of the entire navy officers as well as men are seasick during storms as well as at other times. In theory naval officers and sailors are entirely free from such so called weakness, but, in fact, they have stomachs and are sufferers at times the same as the rest of humanity.

"The sailor in this respect has many advantages over the naval officers and is less sensitive to seasickness for the reason that he seldom has what is called shore duty to perform, and he is on the ship all the time, barring the days off now and then of liberty. When an officer, it is entirely different, for he seldom has to spend as much time on the ship as he does on shore. The three years' sea duty are generally followed by three years' shore duty, during which time his sea legs and stomach entirely disappear and have to be built up again.

"It is rare that an officer on return to sea duty does not have to go through all the painful and distressing experiences of his first seasickness, and I am not sure but each recurrence of this experience is worse than the original. I have known a dozen officers of from 15 to 25 years' experience in the navy, and I know of at least 50 others who admit that they are as liable to seasickness now as they were when they were middies fresh from the Naval academy."—Washington Star.

Fourteen Mistakes.

An English paper gives a list of what it terms "the 14 mistakes of life." While there are undoubtedly other mistakes than those mentioned, the list is a fairly comprehensive one.

It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong and judge people accordingly; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mold all dispositions alike; to look for perfection in our own actions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied; not to yield in immaterial matters; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand everything.

And the last and greatest mistake of all is to live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity.

What Might Have Been.

"Now, I suppose," remarked Mrs. Snaggs, "that the surgeons of the army are attached to the medical corps."

"Your supposition does you great credit," replied Mr. Snaggs sarcastically. "It's a wonder you didn't imagine that doctors joined the army for the purpose of building bridges or going up in a balloon. Where should army surgeons be except in the medical corps?"

"Well, I thought that they might possibly belong to the lancers."—London Standard.

Not Her Abode.

"My income is small," said a rather dilatory lover, "and perhaps it is cruel of me to take you from your father's roof."

"But I don't live on the roof," was the prompt reply.—Harlem Life.

The Food We Need.

Dr. Pavy, one of the most eminent authorities upon diet, says that the average man in a state of absolute rest can live on 16 ounces of food a day, a man doing ordinary light work can live on 23 ounces and a man doing laborious work needs from 26 to 30 ounces. This is food absolutely free from water, and it must be remembered that everything we eat contains more or less water, so that from 48 to 60 ounces of ordinary food are necessary according to the work in which a man is engaged.

A Lively Game.

Get a large sheet or tablecloth and a small feather. Have the company take hold of the edges of the sheet and form a ring. Then some one blows the feather into the air and all must do their part to keep it in the air and not let it touch any one, and so it is blown from one side to another, while the efforts made to keep it floating are very funny. Sometimes, in the excitement of keeping the feather up, some one will forget all about holding the sheet up, and then more excitement and fun follow.

Announcing a Birth.

In some parts of Holland a birth is announced by fastening a silk pincushion on the doorknob. If the pincushion is red, the baby is a boy, and if white a girl.

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