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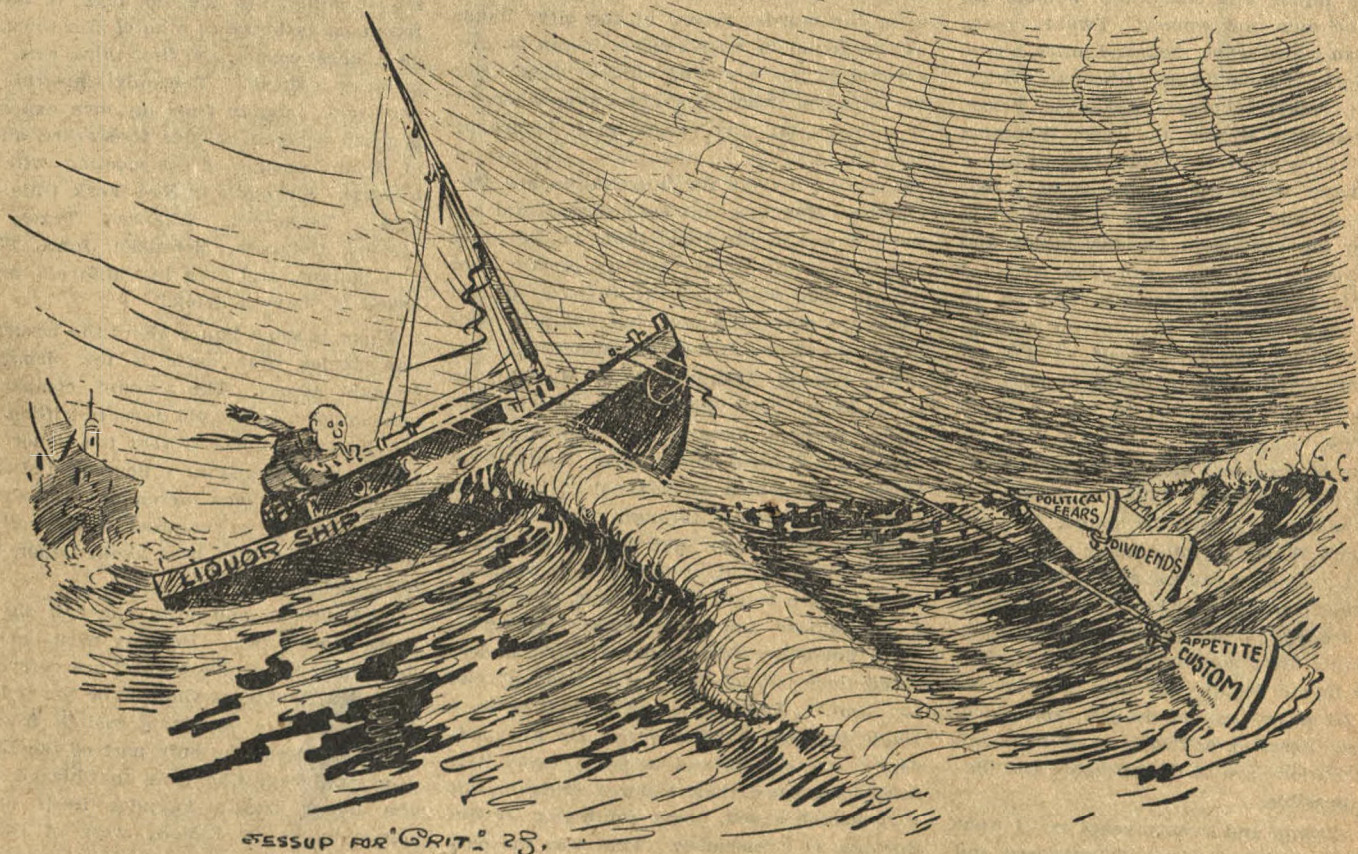
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## THE FURTIVENESS OF LIQUOR?

By RAYMOND S. SPEARS, in "The Outlook," September 5, 1923.

One thing Prohibition has done: Liquor has been removed from the streets and highways of the country to such an extent that in more than twenty-five thousand miles' touring from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to Mexico—hundreds of miles along the south line—I, a roaming stranger, have seen none of the drinking. Before I could discover liquor, whether brewed, distilled, or fermented, I had to search for it; and even the indications, the signs of clandestine liquor traffic, are so indistinct and difficult of recognition that one must become practised in his observations in order to recognise them.

Since Prohibition went into effect I have been through places and across regions that I knew twenty years ago, during years before the idea of Prohibition was anything but a joke and dries "queer birds." Let me say off-hand that a traveller could not then cross the United States or go anywhere in the country and not find himself constantly beset by liquor and constantly witness its effects on men and women. Twenty years ago a man going seven thousand miles across New York, Pennsylvania (through Erie), Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming (through Cheyenne), Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana would see hundreds of places with music and bright lights and pullers-in reaching for customers for the tables and bars. And last autumn and this spring I went this route by automobile, and on all that journey, of more than seven months, liquor nowhere displayed itself. I did not see many men obviously under liquor's influence. I was not asked to take a drink even once.

Liquor is the most elusive game imaginable on the highways. Like elk or deer or mountain sheep, it can be found, but one must know the signs, must know the regions where it hides and ranges, and it is dangerous game, for those who watch its preserves are apt to be surly and suspicious, questioning one's motives in seeking it. Not only is liquor deadly, but one may be regarded as an enforcer of the law, and killed, or at least assailed, or fled from even though one's intentions are as dishonorable and illegal as possible.

Last autumn and twenty years ago I went through moonshine regions of Tennessee, and on the Mississippi at Memphis. In 1902 I went the length of the Ohio River. In Knoxville, Tennessee—well, in no part of the land could a man walk unchallenged, uninvited, even unassailed by the votaries of liquor in those old days. It flaunted itself even in the dry States, if one was white. Now even a rotund old fellow with some geniality of appearance and rather sociable in his ways goes from end to end of the United States, and the only place where anyone ever asks him to witness liquor in its

bottles is in his home town among people who know him.

On my travels twenty years ago, wandering into industrial regions, through feudal lands, from corn belts to cotton bottoms, from timber jobs to mining regions, from hunting camps to trappers' cabins, from fly-fishing brooks to commercial fishing lakes—everywhere was liquor. State laws but slightly veiled its distributors and hardly awakened the doubts of venders or consumers.

And now liquor simply is utterly invisible from the high ways. One must know what illicit liquor does to an automobile, to a building, to a town, or to a locality to see where liquor is "working." Consider Memphis, on the Mississippi. Twenty years ago from the shanty-boat colony on the slough to its busiest street in the cheerfulest corners liquor obtruded itself on men, women, and even children. To-day a man can walk every street in Memphis in the sunshine, and go unchallenged by liquor. The sign of liquor is in the murder record of the city; liquor can be found in road-houses; it can be discovered in its wretched sunless dens. But the stranger who does not know where it is may go far and snoop much before he can put his lips to the glass. Arrests of automobile drivers for intoxication are frequent in Memphis, but let me say I did not see one car in hundreds that, on the great drive or in the streets, seemed erratic from liquor. The wild alcoholic revelries of the highways may exist now, but not with curtains up and visible from the street.

We crossed Arkansas from Memphis to Little Rock. Two villages were dejected and surly, perhaps because of blind-tiger or moonshine-bootleg operations. South from Little Rock, which seemed not to be overly thirsty, we went through the southern Ozarks. Here, down approaching the Texas line, we came at night to a village where at least a dozen men were hilarious. We heard a moonshiner and a bootlegger talking in their lingo, not dreaming we could understand their talk of "pig" and "tied up" and "got out." And we saw two bottles in a single package handed over. By a coincidence, the sheriff and a posse three days later took more than a dozen stills in this very neighborhood, about south-east of Hot Springs, as I remember. That was the only "hilarious" place, visibly so.

Shreveport showed peace and goodwill. There is an atmosphere about a drinking town that is unmistakable. A neighbor of this Louisiana city had the hard and suspicious bearing of unrestrained but covert liquor trade.

Across Texas conditions of illicit liquor traffic did not obtrude themselves. At Houston one is introduced to this or that man, and later the explanation is made that "he's a bootlegger." One sees no drunken men.

He meets men who had a drink last week, or are going after a drink next week. Nobody invites one out to have a drink. It costs too much. In Galveston, which in the old days was a terrific town, three or four outlying resorts "have all kinds," but neither the automobile drivers nor the pedestrians show general consumption of liquor.

In none of the towns of Texas, on a 1200-mile circle segment from Marshall to El Paso, were there any open or flagrant indications of liquor. Two or three small places did show the earmarks of being sapped in vitality by illicit liquor. In one of these several men had the bearing of being "lit up." But even here the blatant, boastful, insolent, and aggressive habit of liquor known so well in the old days was absent. The drinkers had a furtive, rather anxious, and even dreading air. And I may say that of all the violators, I know of only three or four anywhere who even maintain a semblance of carelessness in their bearings.

Liquor has shrunk from the communities of the land. The casual passer-by through Texas, through any New Mexican town, sees no indication of it except in about two out of a hundred communities. Main Street is rid of liquor. In the old days, if three or four men gathered in a hotel in a town, even on a street corner, the first thing was, "Let's go have a drink." The only time this happens now, judging from my own experience, is when personal friends foregather, and one of them, knowing of the meeting, will bring a bottle. Strangers in New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, and even in California, are not asked to "have a drink."

There is some liquor along the border. No one denies that quite a few drinks are brought across. The amount, compared to consumption in the old days, is trifling. The Ku Klux Klan has settled the liquor question as regards selling to negroes, and though one meets ranchers, merchants, and cowboys—all those types supposed to be wallowing in bootleg—he may hear about liquor, but it isn't forthcoming.

In Nebraska and Iowa one can dig up a little bootleg talk. He may even hear how dreadfully "real nice people" are carrying on at Cedar Rapids, or Clinton, or North Platte. But it isn't a spectacle visible from the street. Indeed, the only part of the Lincoln Highway from Cheyenne to Chicago where the liquor traffic intrudes itself on the passer-by is in Illinois, west of Chicago. There the great transcontinental automobile highway is seen to be used in liquor transportation. If one knows the signs, one sees them.

The bootleg expression is plainly marked on all those engaged in it. The mark is as plain as the brand on Cain. All over the United States, and I have been automobile touring in more than twenty-five of them since Prohibition came, the bootleg brand is the same. What is that mark?

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## THE PASSING OF "THE GIANTS" IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT.

The day of "the Giants," those outstanding leaders among the women who brought suffrage and a new view of Feminism to the nation, is passing. A sign of the times, says S. Adele Shaw, a correspondent of the New York "Evening Post," is to be found in the retirement of Mary Garrett Hay from the Chairmanship of the New York League of Women Voters, and in the announcement that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will retire from the presidency of the International Suffrage Alliance at its meeting in Rome next month. The question of new leaders, of "young blood," is troubling those who feel that "the woman movement" still has much work to do. "I don't see any new leaders. All the ones I see have grey hair," remarked one of the pioneers quoted by Miss Shaw. "We can't find leaders. The hardest job I have is to develop county chairmen," agreed the head of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. The question whether the women who stood forth in the past generation really accomplished about all they were fighting for, and so need no successors, is undecided. In the meantime, Miss Shaw casts a backward glance at the outstanding women of the days before suffrage was won. She recalls:

Anna Howard Shaw, pre-eminently the pioneer; Jane Addams, the perfect citizen; Mrs. Florence Kelley, the torch-bearer of justice; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the stateswoman; Lillian Wald, the educator; Julia Lathrop, the imaginative leader.

Anna Howard Shaw used to tell the story of her life in a paragraph: "I studied for the ministry," she said, "but found it was no use to preach to people. I wanted action. I went to live in a slum, but found I couldn't do anything for the women there, for they were always sick. So I studied medicine. But I found it didn't do any good to make people well, for there weren't any laws to keep them well. So I studied law. But I found there was no use being a lawyer, for you couldn't get social laws through legislatures controlled by men. So I had to get women enfranchised."

Dr. Shaw was the pioneer.

Jane Addams is known as the wise citizen of Chicago, of the world. She has shown more insight into the city's affairs than any one of her day. No social idea was ever too large but that it should be applied to her city; none ever too small but that it should be applied to the world. Miss Addams mixes a keen knowledge of the social problems with deep human insight. She has a tender view of girls. She has an inspiring international love which will not admit the necessity of war. Jane Addams is the perfect citizen.

That other perennial, the other youth of the passing generation—Mrs. Kelley—is the gadfly propagandist. She gets under people's skins and makes them feel uncomfortable where she believes they should. She is pre-eminently the interpreter. She thinks of children and of the working people. She is drowned in these interests, not in the tech-

nique but in the inspiration, which in her is a burning fire. Mrs. Kelley is the torch-bearer of justice.

Mrs. Catt has a vision of world peace. She has seen the enfranchisement of women as the most direct means to that end. She has been socially more conservative than the other "Giants," and for that reason has worked with a more conservative group both nationally and internationally than, for ex-

### INTOXICANTS CAUSE CANCER

(Aus. Press Assn. Cable.)

#### IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT BY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Brussels, Nov. 20th.

The International Congress for fighting cancer has made a most important pronouncement on the question of the cause of cancer. After prolonged research work of a very careful and elaborate nature the Congress has issued this statement:

"The known causes of cancer were Intoxicants, Irritants, Parasites, and sometimes X-rays."

#### CANCER IS INCREASING IN N.S.W.

The figures for N.S.W. disclose the disquieting fact that cancer is steadily increasing in N.S.W.

#### DRUNKENNESS IS INCREASING IN N.S.W.

Drunkenness has increased in New South Wales from 19,546 in 1919 to 30,917 in 1922. In the light of those figures the pronouncement by the International Congress that intoxicants are a chief cause of cancer is but another argument that Prohibition is urgent and necessary.

ample, Miss Addams. While Miss Addams has been the idol of the confirmed pacifists, Mrs. Catt has converted those of the middle ground and her work has therefore been in this way more far-reaching. Mrs. Catt is the stateswoman.

And there is Miss Wald, the leader with the capacity for bringing men and women in and making them understand socially; the woman who inspires confidence; the woman who has seemingly unlimited ability for personal contact, from the man or woman up-town to the woman on the East Side block with a new baby. A manager of people but not a politician. A woman who has always used her extraordinary personal influence for big issues. A woman who has seen education as a matter of human relationships rather than learning. Miss Wald is the educator.

Julia Lathrop, with an imaginative and international mind, has shown extraordinary leadership. Her Children's Year, when in the midst of war, she said in effect: "If we are killing the youth of the country we must preserve the children," proved the insight that is the test of leadership.

The Giants, says the writer, stood out be-

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cause of their isolation. "They were the advance guard. They were obliged to force recognition of women's ability." As leaders they required more aggressive courage and more reckless devotion to their cause than the leaders of to-day for whom they obtained opportunity. With their powerful personalities they developed their lieutenants and worked away until finally the war brought women their chance for political victory. Economic necessity then opened up to them the professions and opportunity in the business world. Their special problem was no longer the seeking of opportunity, but the need of serving and serving well.

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**FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2.**

- 7.15 p.m.: Manly Baptist Church;  
Mr. R. J. C. Butler.  
11 a.m.: Liverpool Methodist Church;  
3 p.m.: Smithfield Methodist Church;  
7.15 p.m.: Fairfield Methodist Church;  
Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.  
7.15 p.m.: Dulwich Hill Congregational Church;  
Mr. C. W. Chandler.  
11 a.m.: Sutherland Congregational Church;  
3 p.m.: Menai Congregational Church;  
7 p.m.: Sylvania Congregational Church;  
Mr. Phil. Adler.  
11 a.m.: Waverley Baptist Church;  
7.15 p.m.: Cleveland-street Methodist Church;  
Ex-Senator David Watson.  
11 a.m.: Penshurst Anglican.  
7.15 p.m.: South Hurstville Anglican.  
Mr. Chas. E. Still.

**MR. HERBERT CARROLL'S APPOINTMENTS.—"Australia's 'Dry' Comedian."**

- Monday, December 3: Wallabadah.  
Tuesday, December 4: Murrumbidgee Parish Hall, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 5: Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Gundy.  
Thursday, December 6: Scone.

Yes! We have no dud; we have "Australia's Dry Comedian."

You must hear him when he is in your district.

**PROTEST CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.**

- Thursday, December 6: Wentworthville School of Arts, 8 p.m.;  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
Monday, December 10: Baulkham Hills School of Arts, 7.30 p.m.  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
Tuesday, December 11: Presbyterian School Hall, Crow's Nest, 8 p.m.;  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

You must not miss the opportunity of attending a protest meeting when one is organised in your district.

Hear what Hammond has to say about certain proposals in the amending Liquor Bill.

**CAMPAIGN NOTES.**

Splendid meetings have recently been held by "Australia's 'Dry' Comedian" at Hornsby, Turramurra and Gordon, and the reports from north-west, where he is now touring, are extremely encouraging.

A report came to hand recently from the western district, and it contained the following clause:

"Mr. Carroll has done splendid work in the west, and I am sure that given a fair opportunity he would draw good crowds at each of the centres mentioned."

This report came to hand in the ordinary course, and whilst it is only typical of the many we receive in the same strain, still it is typical, so go to the meeting arranged in your district for Mr. Herbert Carroll and hear the topic.

**OBITUARY.**

Mr. William Allerdice, of Hurstville, passed away very suddenly on Saturday, November 17.

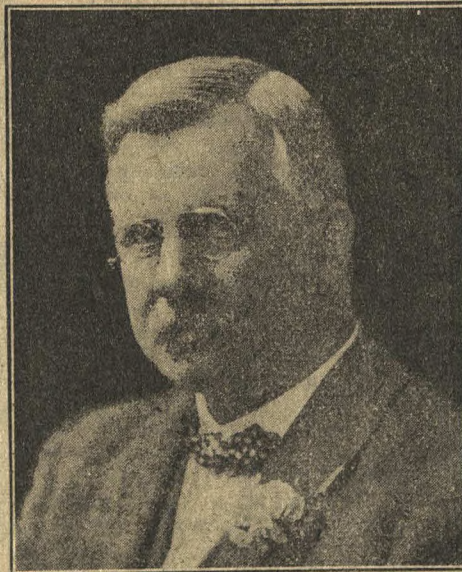
The late Mr. Allerdice had been a consistent and valuable worker for many years in the Prohibition Cause, and the Movement

will feel the loss of such a splendid and reliable worker as Mr. Allerdice had always been.

The useful and constructive life of 70 years came to a sudden termination on Saturday, 17th, when our revered and trusty member passed into the Valley of the Shadows through a sudden heart seizure, and he was interred in "God's Acre," at Woronora Cemetery, on Monday, 19th.

**MR. ALBERT KEELING.****South Australia's General Secretary.**

When the news reached Sydney that Albert Keeling had been appointed General Secretary of the South Australian Alliance I re-

**MR. ALBERT KEELING.**

General Secretary, S.A. Alliance.

A Man Who Knows the Value of a Smile.

called arriving in Adelaide after a through trip from Sydney, feeling tired, irritable and generally in an unpleasant mood, and into my gloom came Albert Keeling. His presence was like the sun breaking through

the clouds after a dull day in Melbourne. If ever anybody writes an Australian edition of "The Philosophy of a Smile," the General Secretary of the South Australian Alliance should provide enough copy for at least half the book. Who is this man?

Mr. Keeling is a Somersetshire man. He came to S.A. ten years ago, a totally unknown man, but to-day he is known, and most favorably known, throughout the length and breadth of the State, and far beyond. For the past six years he has been the Organising Secretary of the Alliance, and in that position has rendered magnificent service to the cause, and it is confidently expected that he will make an equal success of his new duties. He has won great popularity in both city and country with all sections of people, both as a man and a public speaker. He is especially a favorite with the young folk, with whom he is very much at home. He has the rare faculty of making himself at home with all sorts and kinds of people, and of winning their goodwill and esteem. He has also an immense fund of energy and will find full scope for it all in the new position which he has accepted.

The position he has been appointed to is not an easy one to fill. In such a job vexations come thick and fast, and a man must be able to keep a steady balance of values and not lose his sense of proportion. We feel confident that Albert Keeling has all the qualifications for such a position. We congratulate him and shall look forward to another trip to his beautiful city when we shall be able to carry our good wishes in person.

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## The Furtiveness of Liquor.

(Continued from page 2.)

Ask any motor-cycle cop, stand for a time with any town marshal, go into any bootleg thoroughfare and watch the cars going by. Watch the people in the streets. Recognition becomes curiously inevitable. But to put the description down in words is difficult.

No better place for becoming familiar with the bootlegger's appearance can be had than on the main thoroughfares out of great cities. The very best place in the country west of the Hudson is just west of Chicago on any of the several good roads. In one town the motor-cycle cop talked with engaging frankness.

"They drive big cars, and one man sits in the leading car, with the cases loaded around him. Behind him comes another car, loaded down with men, all with their guns—"

"For the police?"

"No-o, not that. But for hijackers—booze robbers, you know."

Fear makes the liquor runners drive fast. They go forty miles an hour, say. They don't slow up when meeting other cars—one sign. They have the hard, set faces of violators. They make quick stops, with screaming brakes. They may have new, beautiful cars, but the cars are apt to be untidy and carelessly driven. They draw up to certain gasoline pumps, where stores, garages, and gloomy soft-drink roadside businesses stand, none of them showing much business activity. None of the outfits are easy under scrutiny. Curtains are apt to be up, caps or hats drawn down to hide features, collars turned up, and the license numbers are generally bedevilled, plastered with mud or spattered with paint, tar, or other veil.

If one watches the automobile traffic for a few hours where there is bootleg traffic, certain outfits stand out prominently. Down the Mohawk Valley, down the highways into New York City, across New Jersey, out of Boston, east and west between Erie, Pennsylvania, and Buffalo, around Sandusky, and between Toledo and Detroit, anyone can soon learn to distinguish the illicit traffic. And the places where the traffic finds its customers, the hotels, the soft-drink places, the drug stores, the restaurants, the tailor shops, the candy stores—they cannot keep from showing the signs of their wretched and clandestine trade. The signs are not all legal evidence. The place of ill-feeling may photograph exactly like an honest business; but the police, the Prohibition agents, the sheriff's appointees, newspaper men, and the drinkers all become familiar with what they know is but a hunch, for they cannot often trace the identification to positive indications.

But liquor, the work of liquor on its drinkers can be found only by hunting for it and watching for it. In hundreds of communities it does not obtrude itself upon any one. That much Prohibition has done for

the country. I drove my two sons and my wife seven thousand miles last winter, and before that eight thousand miles on a round trip from coast to coast, and in all that distance there wasn't any place that would invite any of us in to have a drink.

Tell me the country is wide open? I've seen twenty thousand miles of highways, from San Diego to Portland, Maine, since Prohibition came, and in all that distance I have been invited into just two blind tigers. A lot of my friends are patrons of bootleggers, at that. They can find it. They do find it, but they have to hunt for it.

Tell me conditions are "worse than ever"? I tripped the Mississippi; I rode a bicycle thousands of miles; I drove a motor cycle through a dozen States; I walked and skiffed and railroaded from the St. Lawrence to Alabama, and from New York City to western Dakotas. I was a reporter in New York City and up State, and travelled for magazines and went on my own, gathering data, notes, experiences, for my writing before the country "went dry." I know what conditions used to be. I've had liquor come at me in a dozen States in the old days, where now it is utterly furtive and invisible.

Now, going alone to look towns over, up and down, on back streets and down main streets, of country hamlets and of great cities, I can find the blind tigers. They tell me right in my own town there are from eighty to one hundred bootleg joints or vendors, that our Prohibition enforcers are "making a million." But I can walk the streets of my town and not see ten drunks in six months, when in half an hour before Prohibition came I saw and counted thirty-odd in fifteen minutes. And, with my eyes open, I drive tens of thousands of miles and see no drunken men, and the pitiful dejection or recklessness that is the mark of illicit liquor on property and community and individual appears only at long intervals, and one must know it to recognise the sign.

The boy and girl who "go to town" or away from home do not find the camaraderie of

wide-open saloons waiting for them when they are lonely. The movies, lunch-rooms and churches await them. Let me remark that the chances are nearly ten to one that a stranger will now be asked to go to church rather than to have a drink. And in the automobile camp-grounds, which are found in most of the towns strung along the automobile trails like the Lincoln Highway, the National Old Trail, the Mohawk Trail, the Chicago-New York, and other familiar automobile routes, the tourists ask where restaurants, or groceries, or motion pictures can be found, and rarely seek liquor. A few do sometimes ask caretakers where liquor can be found. But for one such a hundred ask for "sights," churches, good places to eat. Almost no one even thinks of liquor.

And the traveller twenty and ten years ago had trouble finding good places to eat. Many a time I have found in cities that the free-lunch counter was the only or the best meal, with a glass of beer inevitable beside one's plate. In even cross-road hamlets of the land now short-order places are found, and every town has its eating place for the passer-by. They do a thriving business where they couldn't survive the saloon free-lunch competition in liquor States, or even in blind-tiger States. In my own town, of 12,000 inhabitants, there were sixty-seven saloons before Prohibition, and not one restaurant—a hot-dog waggon alone survived free-lunch competition. Now there are three or four excellent lunch-rooms and restaurants, doing a good business, in spite of alleged eighty or ninety bootleggers.

Tell me Prohibition isn't working? If it isn't, why don't we see the liquor game played everywhere, instead of only furtively and at rare intervals? Drive from ocean to ocean, from border to border—ten or twenty thousand miles. The stranger will not see liquor in any form. It has vanished from sight. The stranger takes his life in his hands if he tries to find it, so afraid is liquor of being found out. Compare that with legalised sale!

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## THE BOTTLE. WHERE THE DANGER LIES.

(By W. D. B. CREAGH.)

The Melbourne riots have brought into prominence the danger of the bottle as a weapon of offence.

At the inquest following on the death of a returned soldier this evidence came forward ("Daily Telegraph," 12/11/23):

### MELBOURNE MURDER.

#### THREE MEN AND A BEER BOTTLE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Evidence gathered by the detectives inquiring into the murder of Willis Spain on the Saturday night of the riots establishes that Spain was killed by three men who attacked him with beer bottles.

Four men said they were passing the corner of City-road and Sloss-street when a man, answering the description of deceased, rushed out of the plantation, and said, "They asked me for a cigarette, and tried to rob me." He was followed by three men, one of whom was carrying a bottle in each hand. Eventually the man, supposed to be Spain, walked off. The three men continued after him.

A cook at Wirth's Circus declared that he saw a man attacked by three others near the place where Spain's body was subsequently found.

Judge after judge have complained about the danger of the bottle. The last to do so was Judge Moule, of Victoria, who described it (the bottle) as Australia's national weapon.

The "Evening News" of 16/11/23 prints the following. (Note how quick the "News" is to insult the great nation that has successfully decreased their bottle assaults by Prohibition):

#### "NATIONAL WEAPONS."

Judge Moule, of Melbourne, moved by the fact that thugs in various capitals resort to the beer bottle as a silencer, described it as "Australia's national weapon." Movie-mad, bootlegging America, relies on the gun, and Dago-lands rather fancy the knife; but the home of the Digger puts every trust in the who infest our cities will keep using the fist.

#### DANGEROUS SHAPE.

Doubtless the dingoes—many imported—bottle while our inept legislators permit the present handy bludgeon-shape. But that is no reason for Judge Moule, or anybody else, to misrepresent the facts.

I would like to point out to those that complain about the numerous assaults with the bottle lately, that it is not so much the bottle that is to blame, but the beer, and sometimes other alcoholic beverages, that was in the bottle, but often transferred to the man, or woman, sending them often on the least provocation into raving lunatics.

#### TWO REASONS FOR ASSAULTS.

As Police Court Missioner I know something about these assaults; they are so numerous that notwithstanding the "Evening News" comment, I say with Judge Moule, the bottle assaults are so numerous that it can be said the bottle has supplanted the fist as a means of offence, and I unhesitatingly say that the blame is not so much on the drink-inflamed person using the bottle as it is on the hotelkeeper or others who very often sell many bottles to unfortunate people

who are intoxicated; the chief reason being that they have to push their sales to enable them to get back the large sums of money that they pay for a short lease of some hotel or wine bar, said large sums being nearly always paid to brewers who own the goodwill of at least 88 per cent. of licensed premises.

#### "HURRY UP, GENTS."

I well remember the cry of the Trade during the Six O'clock Campaign—that cry:

If six o'clock is carried the men will take bottled liquor home, and the home would be hurt if that was done.

When six o'clock was carried the Trade that was concerned about the home put up

### SYDNEY'S RECORD OF SHAME.

Last Month—October, 1923.  
Convictions for drunkenness at  
the Central Court were:  
972 Males  
174 Females

Total ... 1146  
Week ending 21st Nov., 1923:  
186 Males  
50 Females  
Total ..... 236  
Previous two weeks, 392.

notices in the bars and on hoardings. This one was the favorite:

"It's 6 o'clock, gents; take a bottle home."

They did not leave it entirely to the sign. By six o'clock many customers had got beyond the reading stage. About 10 minutes to 6 this is the cry one generally heard:

"Hurry up, gents; how about a bottle?"

This case shows the danger innocent people run.

#### CENTRAL POLICE COURT.

Robert Connell, 28, Dallas Luke, 18, and John Joseph Cohen, aged 20, were charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm. A taxi-driver was the victim. The evidence shows that the three prisoners, carrying bottled beer, hired the taxi; the driver was offered a drink, but because of rheumatism he refused. Then he was hit with bottles, punched and kicked. The taxi-driver became unconscious. The result so far is that Connell, Luke and Cohen are committed for trial, bail granted in £50. Luke and Cohen were just bordering on manhood.

Again, let me repeat, it is not the bottle but the drink-maddened men who carry the bottle; the sooner we get this right the better.  
**CENTRAL POLICE COURT YARD—GREAT SALE OF BEER.**

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I wonder what that person would have thought. This is what happened: The two exercise yards held quite 60 men and women who had, while intoxicated, been collected by the police. The yard at the side of the Court was full of people, mostly men; they had met for the auction sale, which was mostly composed of 4-dozen lots of beer, which had been taken during raids on sly-grog shops.

While the magistrates were knocking the drunks down, from 2/6 or the rising to £5 or a month, the booze was being knocked down to various buyers, the auctioneer selling most of it in 4-dozen lots, which averaged about 6d. a bottle. Every bottle of the 3000 odd sold was the product of the well-known brewers; it all came through their agents. Many sly-grog proprietors were there, and no doubt their coffers were enriched by the police agent selling cheap beer to them.

The man from the moon must have thought we were peculiar people when we permitted the police, who collected the drunks, to sell the liquor that made them drunk.

#### A PUBLIC SCANDAL.

In many instances this liquor had been in the Central Court for months. Nearly every lot sold carried the name, address, fine imposed, and date of raid on one of the bottles; one date was 15/12/22, showing that the liquor, often bottled by the sly-grogger, had been in the hands of the police 11 months.

I thought of America—if the 3000 bottles had been auctioned there, why, instead of 6d. a bottle, 5/- a bottle would have been the price, so scarce is it. But it is impossible in U.S.A., because they have wiped the alcohol stain off their national character.



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## TOOTH AND CO.'S RECORD PROFIT.

### DIVIDEND CONDITIONS OF PREFERENCE SHARES SHOULD BE ALTERED.

(By FREDK. W. MARKS, in "Sunday Times," 18/11/23.)

#### TOOTH AND CO., LTD.

Net Profit .....	£293,373
Ordinary Dividend .....	10 p.c.
Preference Dividend .....	10 p.c.

The profits of £293,373 of Tooth and Co., Ltd., Kent Brewery, Sydney, for the year ended September 30 last, are record net earnings for the company, being some £25,000 ahead of 1914, whose disclosed figures previously held pride of place. During the intervening period, however, capital has increased from £1,650,000 to £2,250,000 (£250,000 of the increase being represented by the fully-paid ordinary shares issued as part consideration for purchase of the Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros. and Co., Newcastle, N.S.W., Ltd., in 1921, the balance of shares being issued to shareholders at par).

In addition to providing a 10 per cent. dividend on to-day's capital of 2½ millions, the profits now disclosed add over £68,000 to reserves.

During the last 10 years profits and, consequently, dividends have fluctuated considerably, as shown by the following table:—

Year to Sept. 30.	Profits.	Ord.	Dividends.	Pref.	Surplus
	£	£	%	£	£
1914	268,963	116,875	10	55,000	10 97,088
1915	254,794	123,750	10	55,000	10 76,044
1916	159,924	111,375	9	38,500	7 10,049
1917	138,654	111,375	9	33,000	6 —
1918	150,575	111,375	9	33,000	6 6,200
1919	145,008	111,375	9	33,000	6 633
1920	159,190	117,563	9½	38,500	7 3,127
1921	213,949	160,215	10	49,500	9 4,234
1922	235,176	169,167	10	55,000	10 11,008
1923	293,373	170,000	10	55,000	10 68,373

The fluctuations in dividends referred to are seen to have been mainly in the rate on preference shares. The balance-sheet shows £550,000 of the capital to be represented by 6 per cent. cumulative preference shares, but the conditions of this issue as regards dividend rate are most unusual. The shares carry a cumulative preference dividend of 6 per cent. per annum, but whenever in the opinion of the directors the profits of any year are more than sufficient to pay this preference dividend and a dividend of 10 per cent. on the ordinary shares, the directors may increase the dividend on both classes of shares to such a rate as they may determine.

Very strong objection was taken to the payment of 10 per cent. on the preference shares at last year's meeting, and at the meeting held last week, on the moving of the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, a shareholder submitted the following amendment:—"That the report and balance-sheet be referred back to the directors with instructions to reduce the proposed preference dividend to 6 per cent." In support of the amendment it was stated that the voluntary increase in the preference dividend was unbusinesslike, injurious to the company's business, and unfair to the ordinary shareholders who have to take all the risks of the business.

While the payment of a rate of 10 per cent. on the preference shares may be unfair to ordinary shareholders, a reduction to 6 per cent. would certainly represent an injustice to preference shareholders who have purchased their shares on the market and paid a price based on recent dividend rates.

The present unsatisfactory position will remain while the existing conditions governing the shares are allowed to continue, and it is certainly in the interests of the company and all concerned that the respective rights of the two classes of shares should be more clearly defined and not entirely dependent, as at present, upon the opinions of the directors. A change in the personnel of the directorate might conceivably have a marked effect upon the preference dividend rate.

In commenting on last year's accounts we suggested that probably the most equitable course would be for the company's articles to be altered so that the future rate on the preference shares would be definitely fixed, existing preference shareholders then having the option of continuing their holdings on this basis or else exchanging for ordinary shares. This is not suggested as an ideal solution, but whatever formula be adopted it must fall to entirely meet the exigencies of the present unsatisfactory position.

#### GROWTH IN BUSINESS.

The total revenue of the company is shown in the published Profit and Loss Account under one heading, "Gross Profit on Trading, Rents and Interest, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, depreciation and taxation, £905,467." This description

varies from that adopted in the previous statements, the composite expense item also being worded differently. This being so, the following comparison of gross profits and expenses extracted from the accounts may inadequately indicate the increase in business. It would appear as if certain of the expenditure included as such in previous accounts has in the 1923 statements been deducted from the gross earnings. If this be so the increase in gross profits has probably been very considerably greater than the figures suggest. The actual growth in expenses not being shown in the following comparison for the same reason:—

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
	£	£	£	£
Gross profits..	870,783	794,374	848,723	905,468
Expenses .....	499,593	568,425	613,548	612,095
Net profits ...	171,190	225,949	235,175	293,373

#### BALANCE SHEET FIGURES.

The capital is £2,250,000 in 1,700,000 ordinary and 550,000 cumulative preference shares. This is mainly represented by the item appearing in the balance sheet as breweries, plant and machinery, rolling stock and freehold properties, less depreciation, £2,144,291. Since last balance sheet this has increased by £171,046, suggesting the confidence Tooth's directors have in the future of the trade.

The following table shows the main variations in assets and liabilities during the same period:—

	Sep., 1922.	Sep., 1923.	Movement
	£	£	£
Properties, plant, &c.	1,973,245	2,144,291	171,046*
Stock .....	322,527	278,669	43,858†
Book debts .....	536,129	652,170	116,041*
Liquid items .....	97,018	96,961	57†
Total assets .....	2,928,919	3,172,091	243,172*
Public liabilities ...	297,411	469,988	172,577*
Surplus assets .....	2,631,508	2,702,103	70,595*
Paid-up capital ...	2,247,645	2,250,000	2,355*

\* Increase. † Decrease.

Reserves amount to £241,960, represented by reserve fund (£180,000), dividend equalisation reserve (£40,000), and undivided profits (£21,960). There is, in addition, a depreciation reserve of £20,000. No goodwill appears on the balance sheet, which carries the note under the assets: "Goodwill. The value of this asset, which is estimated at a very substantial figure, has not been included in the above."

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## A CRITICISM.

It is always interesting, even when it is not flattering, to hear a candid criticism of one's efforts.

One reader of "Grit" writes: "Personally I consider 'Grit' Yankee; no doubt the Americans have Prohibition, but it is only because they thought it would pay (financially). If 'Grit' goes on copying their sayings it will be printing that America won the war."

I wonder just in what way "Grit" is Yankee?

I found Americans keen on success, efficiency, idealism, banishing dulness and getting at the heart of things.

If "Grit" is showing any evidence in this direction, why, then, our critic has paid us a compliment. Now America has Prohibition because over one hundred years ago a band of God-fearing men determined to fight the thing that defaced the image of God in man.

Then seventy-five years ago Maine came under Prohibition, and this demonstration of what followed when alcohol was made an outlaw was a constant incentive to other States to adopt Prohibition.

Then some fifty years ago the most devout and truly religious women of the day founded the W.C.T.U., and this quickened the forces working for Prohibition.

So that Prohibition was born in the Church, nursed in the prayer meeting, and in its vigorous young manhood it was finally

Hundreds of newspapers definitely hostile to Prohibition circulate every

adopted by the element that did so little to bring it, namely, the self-interested "because-it-pays" crowd. Our critic thinks we will be printing that "America won the war" next.

I have been three times to America, and I never heard it said, nor did I ever read it in their papers, that America won the war. But who did win the war, anyhow?

This is not a simple question, by any means, and I wonder how many people just know what the responsible leaders have to say about the biggest contributions to winning the war?

## HOW TRULY IMPOSSIBLE.

If the impossible somehow or other happen and Federal Prohibition should be taken out of the Constitution there would still be 46 Prohibition States in the United States, and in the other two States—New York and Maryland—there would be dry areas. Of the 46, all but two have liquor laws which include the one-half of one per cent. standard. The other two permit liquor to be of one per cent. alcohol.

In addition to that, all the Federal territory in the United States would remain dry by Federal enactment and laws forbidding Interstate shipments of intoxicating liquor would still be effective.

U.S.A. will go back on Prohibition the same day that country scraps its 13,000,000 motor cars and goes back to four-horse coaches.

## WHAT THE YOUNG NEED TO KNOW.

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"The other problem, which I wish to lay before you, is that of intoxicating liquors. The Eighteenth Amendment was proposed by the Congress in 1917, and its ratification proclaimed in January, 1919. It prohibits the manufacture, sale, or transportation, and the importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and confers upon the Congress and the several States concurrent power to enact enforcement legislation.

"This power was exercised by the Congress in the national Prohibition Act, which was finally passed on October, 1919, two-thirds of the House of Representatives and Senate present having voted in the affirmative.

"Substantially all of the States have likewise passed enforcing Acts under the authority of the Eighteenth Amendment. In all of the States there had long been laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and in many of the States Prohibition had already been adopted.

"The Constitution and the laws of the nation, and of the several States, are binding alike upon all the inhabitants. It is the Constitution which we have given our oaths to support—the Constitution which requires of the President that he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed and the State constitutions lay a similar obligation upon their Governors.

"The Constitution and the laws are perfectly plain, and the directions which they contain to the President and the Governors are equally plain. The country ought to know all this. It ought to understand just what duties the law has imposed. It ought to comprehend that when laws have been made there is, and can be, no question about the duty of Executives to enforce them with such instruments, and by such means as the law provides for securing enforcement. They have no alternative.

"They cannot be criticised for doing their duty. This is not a political question; it cannot be made a political question. If there be any principle which has been established by time, by common consent, by the unqualified assertion of fundamental and statute law, it is that Executives are the law-enforcing officers of this nation.

If this were not so, there would be no warrant for the present gathering. I can conceive but one opinion on this, in which every responsible element must concur.

"The complementary duty to enforcement of the law is obedience to the law. That rests with the people themselves. The Eighteenth Amendment prohibits manufacture, transportation, sale, export and import. These are the commercial activities. Trade in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is especially denounced. It is in this field that most of the difficulty exists.

"The main problem arises from those who are bent on making money by an illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors. If this could be eliminated, the rest would be easy.

"These problems must be taken directly to the American people. This Government is their Government; these laws are their laws. They have formed their Governments and enacted their laws, with all due solemnity to promote their welfare and protect their liberties. They are not a nation of inebriates; they are not a people who can be charged with being hypocrites.

"They have no patience with anarchy. They are a sober, frank and candid people. They have respect and reverence for duly constituted authority. To them the law is a rule of action. These fundamental conceptions are going to remain permanent.

"The great body of the people are thoroughly law abiding. This great law abiding element of the nation is entitled to support and protection. I propose to give that support and protection to the limit, provided by the Constitution and the law of the land, against every lawless element.

"That machinery must be used to the full extent of its capacity to secure the enforcement of the law. It is certainly my own purpose so to use it. This principle will continue to prevail, whenever the American people shall pass judgment upon it, because it is the foundation of all their institutions.

"The law represents the voice of the people. Behind it, and supporting it, is a divine sanction. Enforcement of law and obedience to law, by the very nature of our institutions, are not matters of choice in this Republic, but the expression of a moral requirement of living in accordance with the truth. They are clothed with a spiritual significance, in which is revealed the life or the death of the American ideal of self-government."

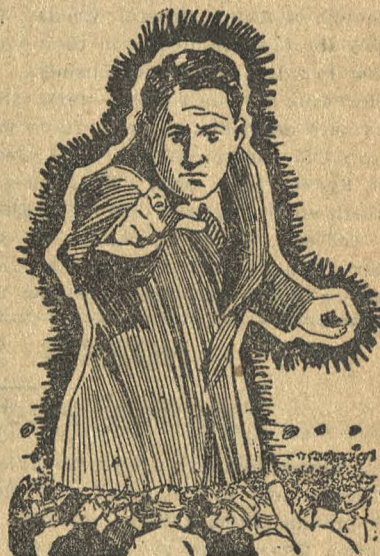
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You who are reading this can put in your own illustration—goodness knows there are enough of them! Waste! Waste! Waste! No one the gainer in the long run—only possibly the brewers, and even they would make as much money if they diverted their energies to a less destructive business.

How long are you going to stand for the drink traffic? Why not help to wipe it out? This wants brain and money. Have you either, and are you willing to help? Surely you can join one or other of these great organisations—The N.S.W. Alliance, 321 Pitt-street, Sydney (City 157); The Business Man's Efficiency League, T. and G. Building, Elizabeth-street, Sydney (Tel. City 6392); The Business Women's Prohibition League, Miss Andrews, Secretary, Room 31, Macdonell House, Sydney; The Representative Women's League, Miss Preston-Stanley, Organising Secretary, Feminist Club, Culwulla Chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney; The Next Step Movement, 264 Pitt-street, Sydney.

## NORTH SHORE FETE.

### POUNDS, PEOPLE, AND PUBLICITY.

In organising Prohibition fetes, the Alliance has steadily held to the belief that these should provide three things—publicity for Prohibition facts, more people actively interested in our work, and an increase in our fighting fund.

The North Shore Prohibition fete, held on November 16 and 17, in Chatswood Town Hall, certainly provided these three essentials. The stall-holders were from many districts. "They were," said Mr. Creswell O'Reilly, who chaired the opening ceremony, "drawn from the trim residences of Artarmon, the lovely slopes of Lane Cove, from Wahroonga's famous avenues and the golden groves of St. Ives. Nearly every district on the North Shore was represented, as the following list indicates:

**General Work Stall, Pymble.**—Convener, Mrs. Creswell O'Reilly.

**Jumble Stall, Longueville.**—Convener, Miss Macourt.

**Fruit and Vegetable Stall, St. Ives.**—Convener, Mr. Dorsmann.

**Ice Cream and Soft Drinks Stall.**—Chatswood Central Young People's League.

**Sweets Stall.**—Chatswood representative, Women's Prohibition League. Convener, Mrs. Kline.

**Cake and Jam Stall.**—Combined Roseville Methodist and Congregational Churches and W.C.T.U. Convener, Miss Purser.

**Refreshments Stall.**—Chatswood Central and Chatswood South Methodist Churches. Convener, Mrs. Dyson.

**Kitchen, Bath and Soap Stall, Wahroonga.**—Convener, Mrs. Rolfe.

**Flower and Dolls Stall.**—Church of Christ Christian Endeavor. Convener, Miss Bull.

**Lucky Dip and Fish Pond.**—Pymble girls.

**Bric-a-Brac Stall, Chatswood.**—Representative Women's Prohibition League. Mrs. Alice Thompson and Mrs. Hordern.

**Grocery Stall, Chatswood.**—Convener, Miss Reid.

**Xmas Novelty Stall, Lindfield.**—Convener, Mrs. Hobbs.

**Eastern Story Teller.**—Mrs. Parker.

**Hoop-la and Side Shows.**—Roseville O.K. boys. Convener, Mr. Tebbutt.

The fete was declared open by Mr. E. J. Loxton, K.C., M.L.A., who was accompanied by Mrs. Loxton, the recipient of a lovely bouquet of carnations. The opening ceremony, on Saturday, was performed by Miss Preston-Stanley. Mrs. Clark gained hearty applause for her rendering of "There's a Land," and the Roseville choir gave selected items during the evening. Just before the taking place of the Queen-crowning ceremony on Saturday night, a short, spirited address on Prohibition was delivered to a large and attentive audience.

The Queen-crowning ceremony, which attracted a great deal of interest, was contested by Miss O. Butters (Chatswood), Miss Edna Harrington (Gordon), Miss Ouita Levy (Lindfield), Miss May McIntyre (Pymble), Miss Ruth Taggart (Roseville) and Miss Violet Davis (Wahroonga). The excitement was high just before nine o'clock, and a battle royal was fought out between the supporters of the Wahroonga and Chatswood candidates. Eventually success went to Miss Violet Davis (3620 votes), and the amusing and instructive Queen-crowning ceremony was successfully carried through.

Over forty-four entries were obtained for the scone competition, the prize being a fine wristlet watch presented by the proprietors of Aunt Mary's Baking Powder.

The auctioneering of some of the articles on Saturday night created plenty of amusement and all the helpers were unanimous in declaring the fete to be a great success.

Although the financial result cannot yet be estimated, the Queen competition gave £50 to the funds.

The fete was a fine effort for Prohibition, and all workers who helped the energetic

Secretary, Mrs. Dyson, are to be congratulated on the result.

**Articles for Fetes.**—Another fine parcel has come to hand, containing "woollies," from Mrs. Bennett, of Waverley, and a frock from Mrs. Saunders. We tender sincere thanks.

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## THE GIRL WHO KEEPS HER HAT ON.

The girl who persistently keeps her hat on when everyone else has doffed theirs has one of two reasons for doing so. Either the hat is an especially becoming one or she has misgivings about her hair. The second reason is by far the more common.

Hair is one of the things that no girl should have misgivings about. Eyes, features, figure—we must put up as best we can with what Nature doles out to us. But hair—any woman from Duchess to dairymaid, who is willing to give a little time and care to the subject, can have a veritable "golden fleece" about her shoulders.

What are the essentials of beautiful hair? Perfect cleanliness, glossiness, and that lovely "living" look. The color matters little; the light and the burnishing are everything.

To obtain this the hair must be brushed twice daily for the spell of ten minutes with stiff perfectly clean brushes. It is hopeless to expect to brush out the dust and dirt, which settles on the head, with a brush which is not spotless. Brushing alone will not suffice to keep the hair in condition. About once every ten days (or more or less according to the individual type of hair) the hair must be thoroughly cleansed with a really good shampoo.

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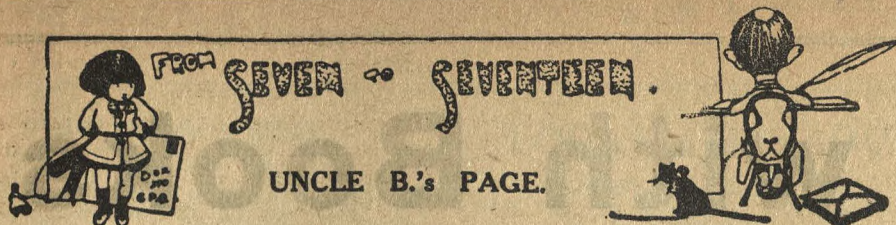
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## UNCLE B.'s PAGE.

## OUR LETTER BAG.

## EGGS WORTH COLLECTING.

Keith Robb, Short-street, Hay, writes: Here I am again, a nice scallywag with a paper of blots. I have turned fourteen since I last wrote; August 9 was my birthday. The river is still very high and unsettled and we could do with some rain. A teacher at our school is starting the Gould League of Bird Lovers. I am thinking of joining. I never saw anything in collecting eggs, except those in the fowl yard. I am going up for the Q.C. exam. on the 31st. Mr. Bryant is getting a new hotel built on fancy, up-to-date lines. I hope Prohibition will soon come. I often see men in a drugged state in the streets. I would like to correspond with a boy cousin of "Grit" from 12 to 13 in the Pacific Isles or Queensland, who is interested in shells, coins or photos of sportsmen, not including boxers. Good luck to cousins of "Grit."

(Dear Keith,—I like your letter very much. I am with you about the eggs that are best worth collecting. I hope someone writes to you. Do you collect stamps?—Uncle B.)

## AN EARLY ARRIVAL.

Dorothy Longmire, c/o. Post Office, Harden, writes: I would like to join your large family of Ne's and N's. I like reading the children's letters most of all in "Grit." We live in the country three miles from town. My father works on the railway station at Cunningham, which is also in the country. He has to ride  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles to work. We walk to the Harden Methodist Sunday school when it is fine. On Sunday it was the Sunday school anniversary. The kindergarten prizes were given out in the evening, but ours were to be given out last night, but we didn't go because a storm came up, and after it passed over we children went outside and the ground was covered with large hailstones. It is drizzling to-day, so I can't go out to play. My sister and brother have gone to school to-day. I can't go as I have been at home for two weeks with a sprained ankle, and it is not quite better yet. I have a sister older than myself, and two brothers and a baby sister younger than myself. Our little sister was born this year on Anzac Day and we call her Elaine. Dada has started a vegetable garden here. We have 23 acres. We have one acre of sedan grass and lucerne, about eight acres of wheat, and the other paddock we let the two horses and the two cows run in. When we were in England my father worked a lace machine. Alice, my sister, and myself came out here a year after Dada, when I was two years old and my sister 15 months older than me. I am now 13 years and four months, and my birthday is on June 25. Mamma joined

Alice and I in the Tiny Tots' Branch, B.W.T.A., in England. It will be our flower show at the end of this week, and I am going in for writing and a map of the world showing trade routes to and from Australia. There is only one prize for each of 5/-. I have never won a prize before in writing because I am always beaten by a girl friend of mine at Cunningham. I told her to keep out this time and give me a chance. I told it to her in fun, and she knew, because she only laughed, as she is going in for it. It is for girls and boys under 16 years, and she will soon be 15 years. I will do my best not to get on that awful scallywag list of yours. My father and mother are both trained singers, and so Dada gave Alice some lessons in singing. She sang a solo in the anniversary, and I was picked, but I could not go to practice because of my foot. I was to sing contralto in a part song. I have no more news this time, so I will say good-bye for the present.

(Dear Dorothy,—Your letter is most interesting. You certainly made an early start when you travelled 13,000 miles before you were three years old. I hope your ankle is quite strong again, though you will need to be careful, as a sprained ankle takes a long time to get quite strong. I had both mine sprained and so I know.—Uncle B.)

## A NEW NI.

Jean Kirton, Comboyne, c/o. Trotter's Mailbag, via Wingham, writes: May I become one of your Ni's? I have three sisters and one brother. We milk thirty-two cows. My birthday is on the 15th of October, and I am nine years of age. I have two dogs; one of them has a pup and I would like you to give it a name. We have a cat we call Jimmy; he is a good cat to catch rats. I go to school and am in third class. I always read the letters in "Grit." We buy the "War Cry" and "Young Soldier." We live near the school. My teacher is Mr. Cavan. We have a lovely garden and fruit trees. I go to church in the morning and Sunday school in the afternoon.

(Dear Jean,—Welcome to my big family. I wonder did you have a birthday cake on October 15? I wonder how you came to take "Grit" in your family?—Uncle B.)

## THE BOOZE SNAKE.

Noel George Weaver, Weavers P.O., Weavers, via Windsor, writes: I hope you and all my "Grit" cousins are well as I am. You said in your last letter that the dance hall was like the long grass—a place for the snake to hide in. I think the long grass is quite alright as long as the snake is kept out, that is, the booze snake. I would like to say that intoxicants are not allowed in our hall. We have had some lovely rain after the dry weather.

(Dear Noel,—You hit the nail on the head when you said booze is a snake. If we can get a chance I believe we are sane enough to keep the booze snake out of N.S.W. and be all the happier when we do so.—Uncle B.)

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Then our best gift and our first gift will be reserved for Him whose birthday we commemorate. Remember He said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of one of these ye do it unto Me." So let us choose an old, poor, lonely person, or a young, sad, neglected one, and do something "real" nice for them, and He will say, "I accept it as though it were Me."

This will have to be sweet with love, fragrant with sacrifice, and bright with the delight of giving to One so wonderful as the Lord.

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He said "even a cup of water" will please Him if given in this way, and we can all do much better than a cup of water.

When we worship in church on Christmas Day we can make a real gift just to Him, and He will surely use it and be pleased.

Then our friends will want some token of our goodwill, and so let us plan to remember them. Make a list and for a whole week say a little prayer each day for each one of them.

Not too much eating, not too much outing, not too much for ourselves—let all that come on Boxing Day; but Christmas Day is the Birthday of the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, so let us plan to give Him the best that is within our power. Whatever it is, let it be better than what we give anyone else.

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"There are dark days in every life, the sun is shrouded in the chambers of our hearts, which aching, seek for comfort, finding none; Joy spreads its wings and for a while departs."

And yet even when thus cast down, we can find a solace in our grief and exclaim: "Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him."

There are many causes for this depression. With many it may arise from physical exhaustion, and the mind suffers with the body. The evil one is so ready at such times to harass the soul and conjure up gloomy phantoms of distrust and fear. With others there is a constitutional tendency to look on the dark side. Very often a fit of indigestion may be at the root, and this causes spiritual indigestion. The things of the spirit appear distorted. Even the weather may affect one's spirits, and then we have

"That eye which through the triumph's hour Beholds the coming woe, And dwells upon the faded flower 'Mid the rich sunset's glow."

But whatever the cause let us flee at once to our sure Refuge. He changes not. Our safety is not dependent on our feelings, but on Him Who ever liveth to make intercession for us. "Hope thou in God." Trust in Him and He will bring the blind by a way they knew not. He has trodden this Valley of Shadows. "His compassions fail not."

### MONDAY.

"Where is God, my Maker, Who giveth songs in the night?"—Job, 35, 10.

Songs in the night He giveth,  
When the nights are weary and long,  
And this is the song He gave me,  
Or rather, a part of the song:  
The longest night must end at last in morning,  
The darkest hour is just before the dawning.  
It was night in my life; no glimmer  
Of sun many days had appeared,  
And the light but seemed to grow dimmer  
When a voice came to hush all my fears:  
The longest night must end at last in morning,  
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And so, though the way may be dreary,  
I know that it cannot be long.  
I've always this message to cheer me,  
The message of this old song:  
The longest night must end at last in morning,  
The darkest hour is just before the dawning.

### TUESDAY.

"Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."—Ps., 112, 4.

Yes, in the blackest night, the stars are still there, though hidden from our gaze by the clouds which intervene. Many a saint has found God nearer in the dark hours of life, than when the sunshine streamed across his path. Paul and Silas sang praises in the dungeon. The darkness could not hide the light of God's countenance from them. Faith is like a beacon light to show the

path to the land where never a shadow falleth. Try a song of praise when the night of adversity sweeps down on you. Lift up thine eyes and see the Sun of Righteousness still smiling upon you. The light of His countenance will dispel the shades of night. Trust in Him, even when there is no light. Remember "we walk by faith, not by sight." He may be testing your faith in this way. Trust in Him until the day break and the shadows flee away.

### WEDNESDAY.

#### GOD'S GUIDANCE.

"I will bring the blind by a way they know not. I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them."—Isa., 42, 16.

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him."—Deut., 32, 11.

"Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth Thy people which Thou hast redeemed. Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation."—Ex., 15, 12.

### THURSDAY.

"Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."—Ps., 73, 24.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel  
Through the days to be.  
Though I know not what they bring me,  
All are known to Thee.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel  
In each step of life.  
Thou shalt show the way to conquer  
In each bitter strife.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel,  
Let me heed Thy voice;  
Let Thy will, and not my pleasure,  
Be my constant choice.

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Thou shalt show the way  
Which these feet of mine must travel  
To the realms of day.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel  
Till this life is o'er,  
Then wilt Thou with joy receive me  
To the heavenly shore.

### FRIDAY.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."—John, 16, 33.

"Be of good cheer, I have overcome," Christ says to each one. Let us remember He has gone this way before us. He was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." That sorrow which has laid its hand on you is an old acquaintance of His. "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." There is not a pang which human heart can feel, but He hath borne the same. Sorrow and pain came with sin into this world, and He took upon Himself the whole penalty of sin. We can never suffer as He suffered, our sorrows are but the shadow of His, and He would willingly spare us these if it were possible, but we know not what we might lose by this. Not a needless stroke is given. "We have not an high Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

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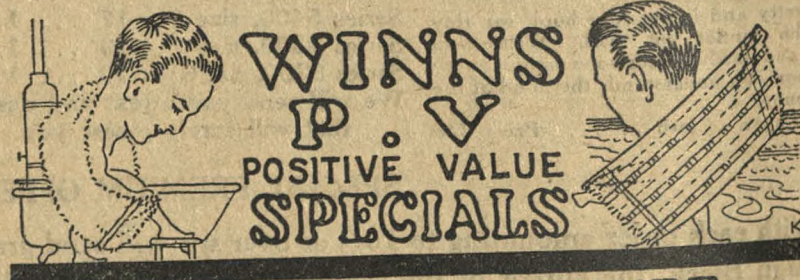
"Tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience."—Rom., 5, 3, 4.

"Every branch in me that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."—John, 15, 2, 4.

"If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."—Rom., 8, 17.

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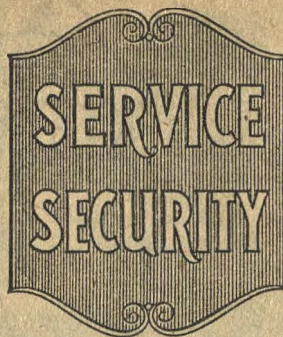
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How have they met it? Where is their leadership?

As an organised group the women who had fought for opportunity recognised that their job was no longer to agitate but to educate and to function. Thus the League of Women Voters, organised to harness the suffrage ranks for training in the best of citizenship, developed under the guidance of the successors to the pioneers.

In Maude Wood Park, head of the National League, one finds the successor to Mrs. Catt, the stateswoman. Economically, Mrs. Park is generations ahead of Mrs. Catt. Her vision is one of the perfect state with everyone in it receiving justice. She is not the propagandist. She is not a burning fire. She is an organiser and director of public opinion. She is a remarkable lobbyist, and a force at the Capitol. Mrs. Park is the technician. She is carrying on. She is the "intermediate" person.

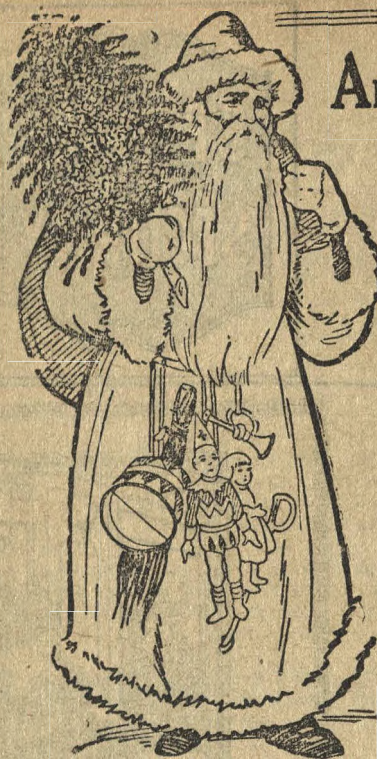
Less identified with the political movement is a large group of other "intermediates," outstanding among whom is Grace Abbott, successor to Miss Lathrop, in the Children's Bureau, who carries the social spirit of the older generation by whom she was considered the youngest child. Hers has been the contact with the immigrant and with children. She has the humanitarian point of view of Miss Addams, as has been recognised in her recent appointment to the committee on traffic in women and children of the League of Nations.

But where, asks the writer, is the "fresh aggressive leadership of youthful women?" She comments:

It was noticeable the other night at the dinner given to pay homage to Miss Hay that the younger element was absent from the gathering of 1000 women working for better government. And when confronted with the question, "Are there many young women in the League of Women Voters?" the newly-elected leader for New York City said: "No; it is not necessarily young blood that we have, though it is ex-suffrage blood."

Why? Is the young woman not sympathetic? If not, through what channels is she working?

The young pioneer to-day is sympathetic with the "intermediates," but is not ready to follow in the pre-suffrage footsteps. She has unconsciously stepped out of the "Women's Movement." She has gone from college to her own law offices, to her editorial rooms, to her banking-house, to her laboratory, to her studio; or, from the grades into the factory. She is fitting herself into the community side by side with men. She intends to make good and to support herself, but she still has the feminine ideal of a life of service. She hopes to give something of value in expert service to the community through her profession. She is working silently with an intellectual and moral devotion. Hers is the quiescent period.



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