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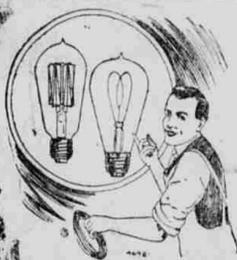
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Study of Synonyms.

Little Dulcie was asked by her teacher to define the word "whimsical." "It means 'odd,'" she replied. "And now," the teacher went on, "please write a sentence containing the word properly used."

Hesitatingly the little ten-year-old took up a pen and after a moment's thought wrote, "There are two kinds of numbers—whimsical and even."

Dog Carts in Holland.

Residents of Bunschoten, Holland, make use of the little carts drawn by dogs, which are to be seen in very many parts of the Netherlands, and have a fine breed of tall, yellow, smooth haired dogs, which they sometimes harness three abreast.

Venice of Brazil.

Pernambuco is called the Venice of Brazil on account of its numerous lakes, rivers, waterways and an immense coral reef with which nature has completely encircled the city and inside of which all but the very largest ocean vessels anchor.

When the light begins within himself a man's worth something.—Brown- ing.

Sad.

"I went joy riding last night," "Did the trip have an unfortunate ending?"

"Very. There wasn't any accident at all, and I was with people that I will probably never have a chance to get my name in the paper with again." —Puck.

Mixed Metaphor.

King Edward VII, when he was Prince of Wales, once made a funny mixture of metaphors. In reply to certain inquiries and admonitions he said, "I will do my best to walk in my father's footsteps, which you have held up for my imitation."

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BUNK ABOUT THE PRIMARY

Opponents Making Silly Effort to Discredit New Law.

The Rutland Herald, generally known and considered the personal organ of wealth, privilege and corporation interests in Vermont, made a valiant attempt to persuade the voters of Vermont to defeat the direct primary at the March election.

The voters refused to be fooled by the Herald bunk and adopted the law by a good majority. Since the law went into effect the Herald has printed every few days something invented by itself or by somebody else seeking to discredit the law before it is even tried. Below are given two of the Herald's recent outbursts on the subject:

Glastenbury, April 12.—The new primary law wipes the democratic party off the slate in Glastenbury so far as having a candidate for representative to the General Assembly unless at least 20 per cent of the republican voters recorded two years ago undergo a change of heart. The law requires that petitions for candidates for office must be signed by members of the same political persuasion as prospective candidates. The classic utterance "It can't be did" applies to conditions in Glastenbury whose voting strength is six.

There is only one democrat in Glastenbury according to the official returns of the last state election and if this lone individual wishes to enter a contest with the five other voters in town, all republicans according to the latest official figures, he would have to sign his own petition for a place on the primary ballot and the law won't permit him to make oath to being the best man for Glastenbury to send away for a winter's sojourn at the state capital.

If one republican should swear allegiance to his party and make oath that the lone democrat was the proper man to represent Glastenbury in the next session of the Legislature the democrat could have his name printed on the primary ballot as a candidate for the suffrage of the six voters of the town, including, of course, his own vote.

This possible action upon the part of a deserter from the republican ranks would save the democrat party in Glastenbury as such republican deserter. If he allies himself with the single democrat, constitutes "three per cent" of the number of men who cast a vote for governor in this town at the last election for town representative.

Such an act of desertion upon the part of a Glastenbury republican would increase the strength of the democratic party in this town 100 per cent and reduce the strength of the republican party here 20 per cent.

All these strange things are possible because Glastenbury has six voters—at least there was that number in 1914.

Montpelier, April 11.—The more one analyzes the recently adopted Vermont primary law the more one becomes convinced that the drafters of the act either attempted to outdo the efforts of the man who evolved the famous Chinese puzzle or else the framers of the measure were working along well-defined lines to disgust the Vermont proletariat with primary law.

Study of the new act discloses the fact that every signer of a petition to have a man's name appear upon a primary ballot as a candidate for office must not only stand as a sponsor for the prospective candidate but he must make oath before a notary public, justice of the peace or town clerk.

It has been suggested that at the usual fee of 25 cents for a notarial witnessing of an oath the primary act will set back each candidate for state offices \$125 simply to get his petition before Secretary of State Bailey.

The petitioners must give their occupation and certify under oath that they believe the man of their choice is especially qualified for the public service.

The petition, which the law says must be signed in the presence of some official authorized to administer oaths, is not designed after the form of a blanket insurance policy. A single petition must be used by each signer as the form is so ingeniously devised that only one voter can sign a petition.

The notary public, town clerk or justice of the peace in attesting the oath of petitioners must personally know the signers or the friend or the prospective candidate won't find his name on the supplication to be made to the secretary of state.

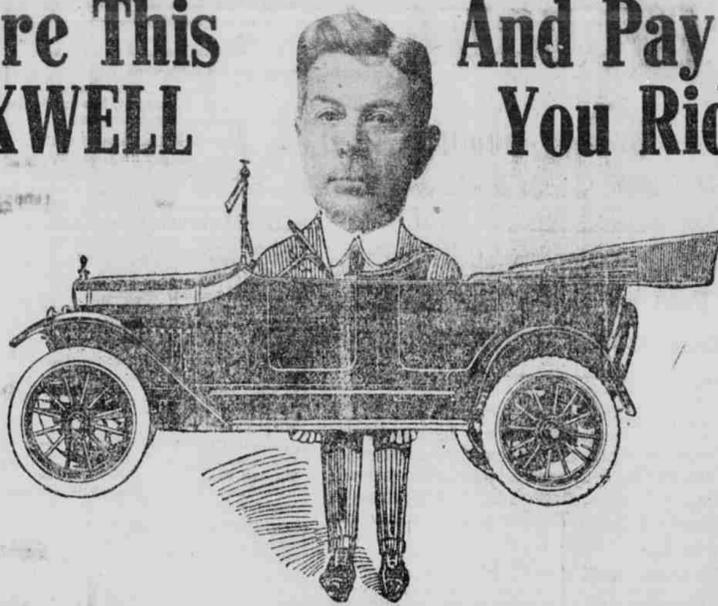
HIGHWAYMAN IN SHARON

Floyd Smith Shot and Robbed of Valuables

Sharon, April 12.—Floyd Smith, 18 years old, while returning from a call at the home of a neighbor about 9:30 o'clock this evening, was attacked by two unidentified men who took his watch and money and shot him in one leg when he attempted to repel the assault. Deputy Sheriff F. O. Billings was notified and started toward Woodstock that being the direction taken by Smith's assailants. Sheriff James H. Kinty of Windsor and State's Attorney B. E. Cole of the same town were notified.

The attack took place in that part of the town where the killing of A. C. Gibson occurred on February 21, last, during an altercation over the ownership of some logs.

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Crooked Straits.

Perhaps the most remarkable and intricate strait in the world is likely to be chucked on the scrap heap. Its day, which began late in history, is almost over. The Panama canal has diverted most of its traffic and will presently divert much more. The famous explorer Magellan was the first man to brave the dangers of this tortuous passage. He did it in a wind-jammer, but as a rule only steamships follow in his train. It is too crooked a strait for the sailing ship.

In the first place, the strait of Magellan is 400 miles long. It is as twisty and bendy as a serpent or an eel, and in places it is flanked with snow capped mountains 7,000 feet high.

It would help matters if ships could anchor, but they cannot. The water is too deep. So this strait has never been popular with sailing skippers, and they prefer the rigors of the Horn and several hundred miles farther around.

The Cheering Wasn't Renewed.

Professor R. W. Lee of McGill university law school was once addressing the Ontario Bar association, and the Osgoode hall students were present. Of course Dean Lee's address had to be punctuated by the usual students' outbursts. Dean Lee touched on ancient and modern law and the methods of lawyers and judges. Taking up one line of legal problems, he said: "Now, if I asked a lawyer of such and such an age this question he would answer so and so or something to that effect. But, coming down to the present day, if I were to ask the same question of an Osgoode hall student—" Instantly the noise began. The students yelled and cheered and applauded and stamped on the floor and pounded their desks. It was some noise, but at last it subsided. Dean Lee, unruffled, went on to say, "If I were to ask an Osgoode hall student he would answer, 'I don't know.'" Silence.

Song of the Marines.

The United States marine corps is unique in all branches of the American services in having a distinctive marching song that is as swingy and catchy as many of the foreign marching songs. True, West Point has its Benary Havens song, and the Seventh cavalry marches to the inspiring tune of Garry Owen, but the "Halls of Montezuma" is sung by all who wear the marine's uniform. One verse of the song, a favorite one, runs: Our flag's unfurled to every breeze From dawn to setting sun. We have fought in every clime and place Where we could take a gun. In the snow of faroff northern lands And in sunny tropic scenes You will find us always on the job, The United States marines.

His Own Fault.

Said the waiter to a noisy card party in a hotel bedroom: "I've been sent to ask you to make less noise, gentlemen. The gentleman in the next room says he can't read."

"Tell him," was the reply of the host, "that he ought to be ashamed of himself. Why, I could read when I was five years old."—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

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