

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

The Tercentenary of Quebec.
An event of great interest to our neighbors across the border is the tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain. The occasion will be made notable by the attendance of the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Arthur, only son of the Duke of Connaught, and an imposing suite, representing King Edward of England. An elaborate programme has been prepared for the reception and entertainment of the royal guest, who will arrive on July 21 and remain until the 26th of the month.



EARL GREY.

Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, who will be the host of the prince, is one of the most notable men in the British peerage. He has made himself known to the world in several ways—as financier, philanthropist and industrial reformer. He was associated with Cecil Rhodes in the development of South Africa and is executor of the will under which the Rhodes scholarships are assigned. His English estates comprise 18,000 acres, from which he receives a large revenue. Earl Grey is the fourth of his title, is in his fifty-seventh year and was appointed to his present post about four years ago.

A Good Dodge.

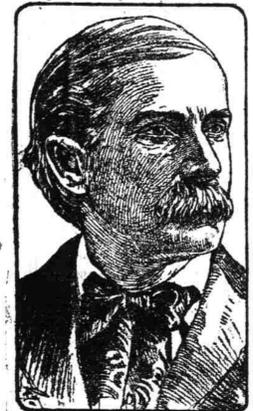
Senator Elkins was congratulated at a Washington dinner on his fine new yacht, the *Maritima*. From yachts to yachting clothes the transition was easy, and Senator Elkins told a story. "An old fellow," he said, "sat in a seaside cafe. He had finished lunch. The sun shone on the white sand, the sea sparkled and every little white the old fellow ordered another cold bottle." "With the third order he said unsteadily to the waiter: 'Waiter, is my nose getting red?'" "Yes, sir," the waiter answered; "it is, sir, I'm sorry to say, sir." "That won't do," said the old fellow. "That won't do at all. Waiter, send out and get me a yachting cap."

Unionism's Spread.

John Mitchell, the miners' famous leader, was talking to a Pittsburg reporter about the spread of unionism. "Why," said Mr. Mitchell, smiling, "I hear that in a Pittsburg school the other day, when the teacher told a little boy that he must stay in after school and rewrite a composition, the youngster flared up and answered stoutly: 'What, and get put out of the school union for workin' overtime? Nit?'"—Pittsburg Times.

Colonel Guffey of Pennsylvania.

Colonel James M. Guffey of Pittsburg, whose recent attack on Mr. Bryan attracted wide attention, has been prominent in politics for many years. In 1897 he succeeded the late W. F. Harry as member of the Democratic national committee from the Keystone State. Mr. Guffey is rated as a multimillionaire. He is sixty-nine years old



JAMES M. GUFFEY.

and began his business career as a railroad and express clerk in the south. In 1872 he returned to Pennsylvania, his native state, and since that time has been in the oil, natural gas and gold mining business. Since he became leader of the Pennsylvania Democracy he has made his influence felt in state politics. He succeeded in keeping Quay out of the senate for two years and refused the nomination for governor and for United States senator.

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Care of Children's Nails.
If a child's finger and toe nails are properly cared for from infancy the danger of ingrowing toe nails and other ailments of the feet will be lessened. The finger nails should always be filed and not cut. Filing the nails will keep them thin and delicate. The nails should be trimmed in an oval shape, and if the fingers are inclined to be blunt this will often make them taper more. It is not wise to make the child nervous and cross by manhandling the nails for half an hour, for all that is necessary is to keep the nails clean and filed and the skin around the nail loose and pushed back.

The toe nails may be cut, although the best method is to file them with a nail file or an emery stick. They should be cut straight across and not curved to the shape of the toe.

Treatment For Burns.
In cases where the burn is not serious enough to require the services of a doctor, alum will be found to bring speedy relief. Dissolve two ounces of alum in one pint of hot water. Saturate cotton cloths in this solution and keep the burn well wrapped in them. The pain will soon cease and the healing process will commence immediately. If alum is not handy, use common baking powder. Sprinkle the burned surface with the baking soda and then cover with a wet cloth. When the burn is only slight the pain will cease immediately and but one application be necessary, but when the injury extends deeper more time and a greater number of the baking soda applications will be necessary. The white of an egg also is excellent for use on burns. Apply it with a soft brush or a wisp of old muslin. As soon as this dries put on another layer of the egg.

Electric Carpet Cleaner.
Electricity is now being used to operate carpet cleaners. A Pittsburg man recently patented the apparatus shown in the accompanying illustration, which is more serviceable than the pneumatic cleaner for small houses. It resembles the familiar carpet cleaner in appearance. A motor operates a turbine and brush, the revolutions of the latter agitating the nap of the carpet and loosening the dirt. The turbine creates a suction, drawing up all dust and dirt and depositing it in a dust receiver provided for the



HYGIENIC DUSTER.

purpose. It is claimed that carpets can be thoroughly cleaned on the floor and every corner can be reached. Nothing need be moved. Attachable appliances are also provided for treating walls, ceilings, cornices, chandeliers, curtains, etc. Mattresses, cushions, upholstered furniture and pillows can also be aerated as well as cleaned by this appliance. The machine works noiselessly and quickly. Power to operate the apparatus can be obtained from the ordinary incandescent socket.

Knife and Fork Etiquette.

There are many people who are careful of their table manners who are often puzzled about certain little points of etiquette. When using both knife and fork the knife is held in the right hand and the fork in the left. When not using the knife it should be laid along the side of the plate with the blade pointing in; the fork is then held in the right hand. In case the plate is passed for a second helping the knife and fork are laid side by side along the side of the plate, with the knife on the outside. Never hold the knife and fork grasped in the hand when passing the plate.

For Brittle Nails.

Brittle nails are often the result of having the hands in water too much or of using too strong soap. If the nails are inclined to be brittle it is well to wear rubber gloves when performing any household duty which necessitates putting the hands in water. Rub olive oil into the nails every night and then pull loose white gloves over the hands, and they will soon regain their normal condition.

Hands That Perspire.

Perspiring hands are caused by a poor circulation sometimes and a physical weakness also. The only permanent way to effect a cure is to remove the cause, but the work may be helped by the use of a few drops of alcohol in the water and a careful powdering of the gloves every time they are worn.

A Word About Mushrooms.

Never warm up a dish containing mushrooms is the caution which physicians give. The process of cooking is in itself proper, but after getting cold mushrooms are liable to develop injurious properties and become harmful. Therefore throw away any that may be left over.

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MY QUICK CHANGE

I am an actor accustomed to coach and act with many amateurs. What is most trying to me in my connection is when I am requested to play a secondary part to some unfortunate gentleman who considers himself qualified by nature to play the first part. For this I need not say I exact a double fee, but the wear and tear of my feelings are more than proportionately severe.

The character that is sometimes affected by these deluded persons is that of Sir Charles Goldstream in "Used Up." Military men in particular who have cultivated an impassive manner and a drawing voice are prone to imagine themselves fitted for this performance, and many a fifty pound note have I had for playing the blacksmith to a very, very sad caricature of that pleasant baronet.

I was asked to do so down at a certain great mansion at Richmond one Easter. At first I positively declined upon the plea that I was drawing large houses as Lord Fribble in my own theater and could not be excused, even for a single night, but the following letter persuaded me to accede to the request:

My Dear Blathers—You must come, for there is no man in England I can trust to play the blacksmith to my Sir Charles except yourself. As for your theater, that is easily managed. Your Lord Fribble is over by 10 o'clock; then jump into a cab and catch the 10:30 to Richmond. "Used Up" will be made our last piece expressly to suit this arrangement, and you can change your costume in the cab or train. I inclose check for £50, lest in my hurry and excitement on the night I should chance to forget it. Yours ever, PLANTAGENET.

As to dressing in the train, that was not to be thought of, for only imagine if there should be no compartment without a lady in it! But to devote the half hour I had to get to the station to dressing seemed feasible enough. It was true that the piece in which I played Lord Fribble was generally concluded by 10, but a few more minutes had to be allowed for in my case, since I always had to come forward to acknowledge the calls from behind the curtain. Of course I might have omitted this, but no earthly considerations, or, at all events, no considerations with respect to an amateur performance at Richmond, would have induced Alphonse Blathers to commit such a discourtesy.

At 10:05, then, on the night in question I hurried from the theater in the splendid attire of Lord Fribble and jumped into the cab that was at the door in readiness for me, while an attendant placed a carpetbag by my side containing the costume of the blacksmith.

"Drive quick, sirrah," were my last words and "I'll make 'em spin, my lord" (in allusion probably to the wheels), was the obsequious reply.

My periwig was still on my head, though my blacksmith's clothes were on my body, when I passed through Waterloo bridge turnpike, and never probably had the tollman betrayed so much astonishment during his official duties as at the moment when he received my toll.

But the next moment I had thrust it into the carpetbag with the rest of my fine attire and became, with the help of a little lamplink, as genuine a son of the anvil as any man whose carriage has broken down on the road would wish to see.

The clock in the Waterloo road showed but five minutes to the half hour, and all my thoughts were concentrated upon the question of whether I should reach the station in time. I did reach it in time, though with a minute or two only to spare, and, jumping out upon the platform, held out my hand with 2 shillings in it to the cabman. It is always my custom to pay such persons liberally, and at first I thought the cabman's astonishment was due to the magnitude of the sum thus offered to his notice. His eyes became the size of saucers, his mouth approached the dimensions of a punch bowl rather than those of a slop basin.

"None of your blood money!" cried he. "Oh, mother of Moses, here's a villain been and murdered a hereditary nobleman! Police, police!"

At that fatal cry the porters, who, I must say, had not shown themselves very alert to take my carpetbag, began to gather around me, and at the same time an inspector showed himself at the ticket office door. "That man is mad," said I, addressing this official. "I have given him his fare and a shilling over, and he won't take it."

But the cabman had by this time swung himself off his perch. "He has murdered a hereditary nobleman!" was that idiot's reiterated cry, which, being taken up by the porters, the passengers and the passerby, presently swelled into a tempest of accusation. It was vain for me in my blacksmith's garb to offer a syllable of denial. My accuser was evidently actuated by a genuine sense of justice, and the fact of my having come in a cab at all seemed doubtless of itself to demand an explanation.

While I was thus in custody the doors were closed, the bell was rung, and my train started off to Richmond. Lord Plantagenet had to play Sir Charles that night without his blacksmith, and I will answer for it, though not a witness to the crime, that on the charge of murdering the baronet he would not before any jury of critics have cleared himself so easily as I did from that of murdering a hereditary nobleman.

The humor of the whole adventure was such that my own annoyance was soon forgotten in it, and I even employed the same driver to take me home who had conveyed me to the station.—London News.

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