

Miscellaneous

HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Ferguson, two of whose down-town friends had just dined with him, had taken them into the library for a smoke.

"I must tell you a good one on my wife" he said. "She's been roasting me because I look at the head-lines in the papers once in awhile to see if anything important is happening in the Thaw trial. Well, the other afternoon, while the girl was away, she put a pan of biscuits in the oven to bake, and while she was waiting she picked up a paper and began to read the stuff herself. She got so interested in it that she let the biscuits"—

At this moment Mrs. Ferguson came into the library for a book.

"And the joke of it was," continued Mr. Ferguson, without a moment's pause, "that they found the cow next morning in a forty-acre lot."

"Ha! ha! ha!" roared the guests, laughing till the tears ran down their cheeks—but not at the story.—Chicago Tribune.

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A MATTER OF SUGGESTION.

H. C. Frick described at a directors' meeting the amalgamation of two railroads.

"At first," he said, "the XYZ people were coy. Yet they were not too coy. They were like Pat and Biddy."

"Biddy," says Pat, timidly, 'did ye iver think o' marryin'?"

"Shure, now," says Biddy, looking demurely at her shoe, 'shure, now, the subject has niver entered me mind at all, at all."

"It's sorry Oi am," says Pat, and he turned away.

"Wan minute, Pat," said Biddy, softly. 'Ye've set me thinkin'."—Rochester Herald.

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IN CONFIDENCE.

In the course of an interesting sketch of the late Sir William Howard Russell, founder of the Army and Navy Gazette, of London, a writer in that journal relates the following: "The story is well remembered of one of his interviews with Bismarck, who resented the publication of some facts which the Crown Prince had given to the Times correspondent. 'I suppose you couldn't resist showing your importance by reporting all that that "dunderhead" confided to you.' To which Doctor Russell replied: 'Your Excellency knows that I always respect confidence; there is much that you have said to me yourself that I have not reported.' 'Pouf!' said Bismarck; 'anything I say to you, you may bawl from the top of St. Paul's.' The answer came aptly: 'I thank your Excellency. I shall use that permission to record your opinion of the Crown Prince.'"

Two Pamphlets

Professor Robertson's address at Lexington on "Education for Rural Life in Canada" has been published in pamphlet form. It is worth a perusal, being full of suggestion and plain vigorous comment.

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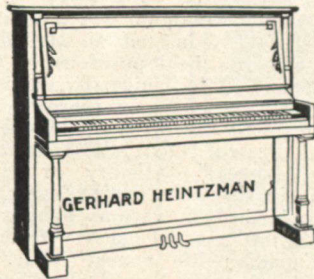
A. E. Ames & Co., brokers, Toronto, have issued an instructive pamphlet entitled "Canadian Bank Shares as Investments." An analysis is made of the Government returns of thirty-four banks in order to lay the position of each before intending investors. The result arrived at is that bank stocks are paying investors a good income. Since 1899, only two banks have failed, the Bank of Yarmouth in 1905 and the Ontario Bank in 1906. Since 1897, four have failed, seven have been absorbed and eight began business.

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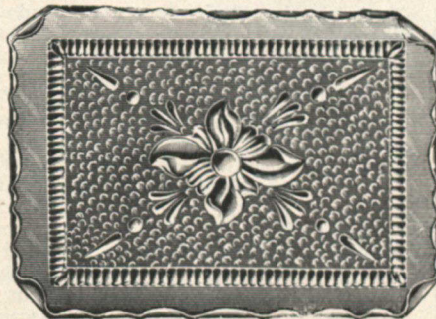
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