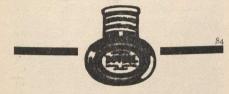
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WHEN NOVELISTS DISAGREE.

• I^T is rather singular that through all the suffragette excitement, the novel, *The Premier and the Painter*, written by Mr. Israel Zang-will some years ago, has not come will some years ago, has not come into renewed prominence. Mr. Zang-will, who could not write a dull book even if he tried, made woman suf-frage the great political issue in the story of the Premier and his curious double.

double. At present, Mrs. Humphry Ward and Mr. Zangwill are engaged in a brisk discussion regarding the dreary subject of feminine votes, Mrs. Ward strongly opposing the "enfranchise-ment" of the sisterhood. Mr. Zang-will finds that the reason for Mrs. Ward's attitude is that as a novelist che has discovered and analysed the she has discovered and analysed the weakness of her sex, and he replies that as a male novelist he has learned the "boundless vanity, selfishness and hysterical emotionalism of men." The Jewish novelist therefore concludes that his sex is utterly unfitted to be entrusted with power. A Boston editor remarks:

A question is raised here which readers of novels may answer for themselves. Do male writers idealise themselves. Do male writers idealise women, and do women fictionists idealise men? Did not Thackeray expound the vanity of woman as well as worship his saints in muslin? And did not George Eliot make Maggie Tulliver more of a hero than Tom?" Like all other questions involving

Like all other questions involving masculine and feminine foibles, this is likely to remain unanswered until the last man and woman linger to write finis in the world's diary. The write *tinis* in the world's diary. The woman's hero is in danger of being a cad like *Rochester* or an impossible scoundrel such as Augusta Evans Wilson of tender memory delighted to portray. And the man's heroine is all too likely to dwindle into a conall too likely to dwildle into a con-sumptive young person, with lovely manners and an infinite supply of white muslin gowns. It is carrying the suffrage debate to the limit to suggest that the warring novelists should decide.

THE GIFT OF HAPPINESS.

THREE Wise Women sat on a verandah overlooking a northern lake and discoursed of Happiness with

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a capital H. "I've just been reading about it," said the youngest, picking up a Sep-tember magazine. "There's a pre-tended palmist in the story and this

tended palmist in the story and this is what she says: "'Oh, what an opportunity my scorned profession gives me for know-ing the human heart. This woman who comes to me cries: "If I had only married I should have known the joy of companionship, of mother-hood and children growing up around hood and children growing up around me." And this one wails: "I have me." And this one wails: "I have made a mistake. If I had not married made a mistake. If I had not married and been condemned to a hum-drum life, what a noise I might have made in the world, with my gifts and my beauty." There is only one good, you know, the good we haven't got. They want a life of romance, of charm, and they never seem to think it must be within them—that life is only a reflec-tion of one's self. Oh, life, life! within them—that life is only a reflec-tion of one's self. Oh, life, life! There has never been a moment that, good or bad, I have not loved it! It is a plant-life, a beautiful plant; and most people are in haste to cull its loveliest blossoms and strip it bare of leaves in the effort to get all it can give, and finally, they even drag

up the roots to see if they cannot extract something more."" "I think that's true enough," re-marked the eldest of the Wise Wo-men: "if one could only realise that happiness is an internal affair! We women spend so much time in worry-ing over triffes and trying to keep up ing over trifles and trying to keep up appearances. The happiest woman I ever knew had only two gowns a

year and wore the same bonnet for five years." "Happiness is a gift," declared the second Wise Woman. "There are some people whom all the trouble in the world cannot depress. My friend, Harriet Morgan is like thet. Here Harriet Morgan, is like that. Harriet Morgan, is like that. Her mother and his mother came to live with them just a year after she was married to Jack Morgan. The old ladies quarrelled furiously every day and I told Harriet that I could not see how she endured it. But she simply smiled in the calmest way and said that it gave the dear old things something to do and, otherwise, they might have moped." Her

might have moped." "Like the man who said, when his feet were cut off, that they were al-ways cold, anyway," said the young-est. "I believe *Mark Tapley* was the finest sort of hero. Was there ever a woman to match him?" "Loads of them," was the duet from the others.

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JOHN O'DREAMS.

BY THEODOSIA GARRISON.

What a world that was you planned us-

Made of Summer and the sea, Where the very wind that fanned us Drifted down from Arcady.

There where never Fate might sunder Rose your castle's shining beams. Are you there to-day, I wonder,

John o'Dreams?

That was but a trick Life played you When this planet knew your birth, When she trapped your soul and made you

One of us on dreary earth.

Since for you what fancies crossed it, Lures of alien stars and streams; Have you found the path or lost it, John o'Dreams?

Just a little day in May-time Once I took the road with you; Just a boy and girl in play-time

With a vision to pursue. but glimpsed the glow around it Ere I turned, and yet it seems Ι Sometimes that you surely found it, John o'Dreams.

-Life.

The New Map of Canada

O^N the outside back cover of this issue will be found the new map of Canada, showing the provincial boundaries and the new new provincial boundaries and the new areas. Those interested in com-paring the size of the provinces will see in both figure and picture how the comparison stands. It will be noted that Manitoba, the postage

stamp province, is now four times as large as the three Maritime Provinces together. It is also slightly larger than either Saskatchewan or Alberta, but smaller than British Columbia.



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