In Thackeray's "Pendennis" there is a famous and most interesting passage. It tells us of two men who came to different conclusions in life but who start. "Well, I should say they had." "Well, I should say they had." "Well, they can be unselfish." Indeed!" ferent conclusions in life, but who started from the same parent knee.

One of them after years of study, doubt, discussioin, and agitation, joined the Roman Catholic Church, because,

him. There was a great pathos in this parting of the ways. And there is much in everyday life to parallel it. What is truth and where to find it is a problem that perplexes serious minds, and the contrasted solutions are in every way saddening.

cardinal. The other began as a Catho-lic and ended as what in a general way may be termed an agnostic. The indica-tions of change began, however, early in each case.

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Newman found himself, even as a child, he says, early influenced by certain Catholic forms and emblems. Reman began to doubt before he was out of college. The one progressed in believing more and more, and being more and more confident. The other progressed in believing less and less, till in the end there was nothing left to believe. A beautiful theory of Christ as a half-mythical personage of unusual human wisdom is the best he could offer.

Curiously enough, the influence of character was with Benan as with Newman. No one can accuse the sad-souled corrosive critic of unworthiness in life. Self-denial, poverty, industry, urbanity, exouisite taste in controversies, and the highest skill in literary accomplishments—all were Renan's. But the same result of national reverence has not followed. France has not recognized Renan as its child and champion. The new regime is too coarse to find solace in this refined scholarly recluse, even though he smoothed the way for their new war on Christian civilization. French critics contend, with a high degree of personal kindness, that at least Renan has suparseded Voltaire The connection is as values it is kind. He has only supplemented him.

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When the true national spirit of France applies itself to Renan and his theories, it finds itself face to face with denial of all the truths which permeated its history and made it glorious. Its ages of faith were a delusion. Its crusades were fanaticism. Its doctors, saints and sages were credulous impostors. When the national spirit of England applies itself to Newman and his views, it finds itself elevated into a finer air. Its ages of faith were truly English. Its crusades were chivalrous. Its doctors, saints and sages were enlightened and enlightening. The doctrines of the one make for despair. The doctrines of the other make for national glory. Who can doubt that the influence of the one will decay in due time—"no error can last very long," he confesses. Who can doubt that the influence of the other will increase with time, since all his countrymen ("securus judicat orbis terrarum") recognize in him the chief champion against the enemies of them all?

M. J. G.

Two friends started out in life, each world, and the other became a hermi After many years they met again.
And the hermit said: "There is only
one thing that I am very curious about
—women. Have you met any?"
"Have I met any!" exclaimed the
other, smiling. "Why, women have

been my specialty."

"Are they vain?"

"Very."

"Are they selfish?" "Are they inquisitive?"
"Dear me, yes!"
"Is it true they talk continuously?"

"Oh, yes."
"Are they extravagant?"
"Yes, enough to suit any "Yes, enough to suit any taste."
"Yes, enough to suit any taste."

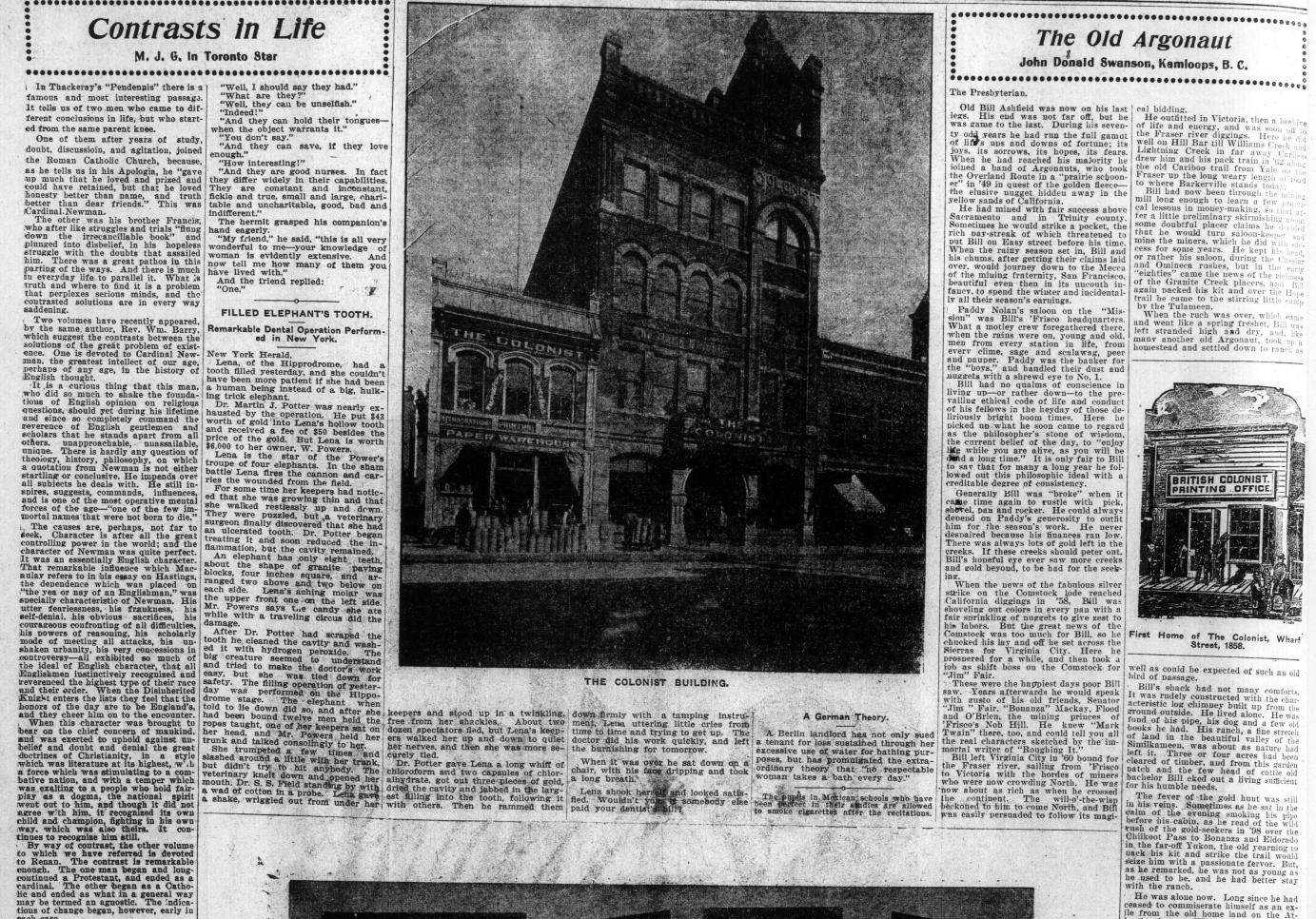
"And they can hold their tongueswhen the object warrants it."
"You don't say."
"And they can save, if they love enough.' "How interesting!"

as he tells us in his Apologia, he "gave up much that he loved and prized and could have retained, but that he loved honesty better than name, and truth better than dear friends." This was Cardinal.Newman.

The other was his brother Francis, who after like struggles and trials "flung down the irrecancillable book" and plunged into disbellef, in his hopeless struggle with the doubts that assailed him. There was a great pathos in this loop tell me how many of them your larger than the graph of the words.

And the friend replied:

wonderful to me—your knowledge of woman is evidently extensive. And now tell me how many of them you have lived with."



The Old Argonaut John Donald Swanson, Kamloops, B. C.

ly all their season's earnings.

Paddy Nolan's saloon on the "Mission" was Bill's 'Frisco headquarters. What a motley crew foregathered there, when the rains were on, young and old, men from every station in life, from every clime, sage and scalawag, peer and pauper. Paddy was the banker for the "boys," and handled their dust and nuggets with a shrewd eye to No. 1.

Bill had no qualms of conscience in living up—or rather down—to the prevailing ethical code of life and conduct of his fellows in the heyday of those de-

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come with me, O you haunts of thrush to the cedar's dim palace of pine; Let the soul within yo of the wild wood something of the e harmony divine! Down the pathway le the hemlocks to to the woven, vin the twilight vag while the streamlet trail of silver it and the boughs about melodies they he trail of silver it and the forest, n way our feet ar We shall hear the windsyrinth of Trand on mossy carpets cool and airy, Hung with silence ber tapestry of Leave the hard hear' poverty of pity tages the folly and the following the follow

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And with childhood's
the face of God
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Old Bill Ashfield was now on his last legs. His end was not far off, but he was game to the last. During his seventy odd years he had run the full gamut of life's ups and downs of fortune; its joys, its sorrows, its hopes, its fears. When he had reached his majority he ioined a band of Argonauts, who took the Overland Route in a "prairie schooner" in '49 in quest of the golden fleece—the elusive nugget hidden away in the yellow sands of California.

He had mined with fair success above Sacramento and in Trinity county. Sometimes he would strike a pocket, the rich pay-streak of which threatened to but Bill on Easy street before his time. When the rainy season set in, Bill and his chums, after getting their claims laid over, would journey down to the Mecca of the mining fraternity, San Francisco, beautiful even then in its uncount infancy, to spend the winter and incidentally all their season's earnings.

Paddy Nolan's saloon on the "Mission" was Bill's 'Frisco headquarters.

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He was alone now. Long since he had ceased to commiserate himself as an exile from the old home land on the Atlantic shores. When he was a "chechaco" in the West in the "fifties." young Bill's mind would often revert with longing to the old home in the East. Sometimes as he lay in camp he fancied he could hear again the song of the sea as it tumbled and beat upon his rock-bound native shores. How often would the sea, that he loved so well, keep piping and calling to him to return, like a mother's crooning voice.

He had never crossed the Rockies since '49. And now again, when the wandering breezes bearing the balm of one and fir tree whispered of a summer evening about the old man's shack, they made him think of the loved ones He was alone now. Long since he had

they made him think of the loved ones he had left so long ago on the far-off Eastern shores, and he would sometimes ask himself in his loneliness if he hadn't made a dreary fizzle of his life. But his cheery outpinism soon discalled these discovering the soon discoveri

lark in the hearts ever young of these lonely Argonauts, the flotsam and jetsam of capricious fate?

And now old Bill Ashfield, after his long chequered career, is nearing the Great Divide. He realizes that he must soon ioin the silent majority. The first snows of winter have fallen in the vallev. Already up the mountain sides the snow is clinging to the firs and the pine trees, and the peaks of the hills have donned their snowy white nightcaps for the long winter sleep.

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Old Bill is aloue in his shack. Smith, his nearest neighbor, two miles down the valley. left him an hour ago feeling a trifle easier. The moonlight is streaming through the little bit of window overlooking Bill's bunk. Its calm and spiritualizing rays remind him of his mother's face, white and beautiful and sorrowful as he saw it last, years ago, when he left forever his loved ones back yonder in the East.

He raises himself on his bunk, and

smooth, and will not shirk his part now.

Through the night, by a sudden change peculiar to the mountain country a storm breaks out in its driving fury. The pine trees overhanging his cabin groan and writhe with their long trailing fingers in the agony of the storm. As the old man listens to the wild music of the tempest reverberating like the deep diapason notes of some grand cathedral organ, he feels that these giants of the forest, the companions of his solitude, like fellowbeings, are agonizing in sympathy with him in his last pain.

In the calm of the morning as the bright sunlight floods the air and the soft breeze whispers through the pine tops the neighbors enter the cabin and find the calm, cheery face of the old Argonthe eignbors enter the cabin and find the calm, cheery face of the old Argonaut unturned as if in peaceful sleep, but the spirit has set sail on that shadowy stream that flows unceasing without fret or tumult to the unknown sea. Let us charitably hope that the old dreamer will "strike it rich" at length in that Eternal City whose walls are of jasper and

City whose walls are of jasper and whose streets are of shining gold.

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cheery optimism soon dispelled those dismal clouds of depression, which to most men in such sheer loneliness would have been insufferable.

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in the East.

He raises himself on his bunk and looks out over the ground white with its coverlet of snow, all-embracing like the mantle of God's charity. His flushed brain recalls his early wayward boyhood, his impulsive home-leaving, his prodigal youth and restless manhood. He has now about come to the end of his tether. He will not now complain. He has always taken the rough with the smooth, and will not shirk his part now.

Through the night, by a sudden change

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