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True Freedom—How to Gain it.

BY CHARLES MACKAY.
We want no flag—no flaunting flag
For liberty to fight;
We want no blaze of murderous guns
To struggle for the right.
Our spears and swords are printed words,
The mind our fighting plain;
We've won such victories before,
And so we shall again.

We love no triumphs sprung of force—
They stain her brightest cause—
'Tis not in blood that liberty
Inscribes her civil laws;
She writes them in the peoples' hearts
In language clear and plain;
True thoughts have moved the world before,
And so they shall again.

We yield to none, in earnest love,
Of Freedom's cause sublime;
We join the cry "Fraternity!"
We keep the march of time.
And yet we grasp no pike or spear
Our victories to obtain;
We've won without their aid before,
And so we shall again.

We want no aid of barricade
To show a front of wrong.
The ignorant may err,
More durable and strong.
Calm words, great thoughts, unflinching faith
Must never strive in vain;
They've won our battle many a time,
And so they shall again.

Peace, progress, knowledge, brotherhood—
The ignorant may err,
The bad they'll see us try
To see their triumph near.
No blood's groan shall lead our cause,
No word of brethren slain;
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How to Keep the Feet Dry.

We take the following suggestions from Hall's Journal of Health:
Various expedients have been devised to keep the dampness from the soles of the feet. Some advise that a piece of salt cloth or other woven material, should be cut in the shape of the sole, dipped in melted tallow or pitch, and when cooled, placed between the layers of the shoe's sole and well sewed. If this be done it is impossible for any dampness to penetrate to the soles of the feet by simply walking on damp ground; but in walking in wet grass or the slush of snow deep enough to reach the upper leather, this device is no protection.

Another means of rendering the soles of shoes impervious to dampness, and so prevent their soaking, is to set them in melted tallow deep enough to merely cover the soles, and let them remain a week; if it is in a mixture of equal parts of beeswax and tallow, it is still the better.

A gentleman avers that from six years of experience and trial, the soles of shoes are not only made water-proof but will last three times as long if a coat of gum copal varnish is applied to the soles and repeated as it dries, until the pores of the leather are filled, and the surface shines like polished mahogany.

The soles of shoes may be made impervious to water by rubbing the following mixture into the leather, until it is perfectly saturated: one pint of boiled linseed oil; half a pound of mutton suet; six ounces of pure beeswax; four ounces of rosin. Melt these over a slow fire, stirring well, and when the shoes are new, warm them and rub the mixture on, and use.

Or put a pound each, of rosin and tallow in a pot on the fire, and when melted and mixed apply white hot, with a painter's brush to both soles and upper leather. If it is desired that the boots should take a polish immediately, dissolve an ounce of beeswax in a teaspoonful each of turpentine and lampblack a day or two after the boots have been treated with the rosin and tallow, rub over them this wax and turpentine, away from the fire. Thus the exterior will have a coat of wax alone, and will have a bright polish. Tallow and grease become rancid and rot the stitching, and the leather also; while the rosin mixture preserves both.

One pint of linseed oil, a quarter of a pint of turpentine or camphor, a quarter of a pound of beeswax, and a quarter of a pound of Burgundy pitch—Melt together with a gentle heat; warm it when it is used, and rub it into the leather before the fire or in the sun.

Or, melt together beeswax and mutton suet half and half, and rub it in where the stitches are.

VARNISH FOR SHOES.
It is a bad plan, to grease the upper leather of shoes for the purpose of keeping them soft; it rots the leather and admits the dampness more readily. It is better to make a varnish thus: Put half a pound of gum shells, broken up in small pieces, in a bottle or jug, cover it with alcohol, cork it tight and put on a shelf in a warm place, shake it well several times a day, then add a piece of gum camphor as large as a hen's egg; shake it well, and in a few hours shake it again and add one ounce of lamp black; if the alcohol is good, it will be dissolved in three days; then shake and use. If it gets too thick, add alcohol—pour out two or three teaspoonfuls in a saucer, and apply it with a small paint brush. If the materials were all good, it will dry in about five minutes, and will be removed only by wearing it off, giving a gloss almost equal to patent leather.

The advantage of this preparation above other

Reciprocity.

The American press and people seem to be gradually opening their eyes to the folly of their proceedings in abrogating the Reciprocity Treaty, and we meet with many intimations in the columns of the various United States journals as giving us to understand that a renewal of the Treaty upon the old basis would be acceptable to a majority of our neighbors on the other side of the lines. By the time, however, that they will have made up their minds to ask the people of British America for a renewal of the Treaty our position will have been in all probability, very considerably changed. Not only will a large intercontinental trade have sprung up between the confederate provinces, but wide spread commercial relations of a satisfactory character, will have come into existence between us and the West India Islands and the countries of South America. These new channels of trade would never have been opened had it not been for the unreasonable temper into which our neighbors chose to put themselves about nothing; and the result has been to place us in an independent position, no longer to be subject to the caprices of American politicians. Still there is no reason why we should not be ready to trade with the people of the States whenever they feel disposed to do business with us on fair and equitable terms. It is not only natural but in the highest degree desirable for the prosperity of Canada and the States, that our trade relations should be of the most intimate character. The people of this country have always been able to see this, and were only when the ordinary good sense of the Americans was blinded and obscured by passion, and distorted by