

.. The Planet..

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THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

In a former article we showed that a brilliant future was in store for Canadian commerce with China, Japan and Manchuria, if only peace were restored in China. Theoretically there is no war. The powers are professedly there to restore order and put down the Boxers, demanding as an incident, enormous indemnities, not only for the slaughter of the missionaries, which would be a mere bagatelle, but for the cost of the foreign armies and of their transportation to China.

It would be as if Canada were independent, and after foreign missionaries had been killed by the North-west Indians rising in rebellion, all the nations of the world, including the United States, were to occupy Ottawa, slaughter and rob Canadians and demand some hundreds of millions of dollars from the Dominion for the maintenance of their armies and navies.

China, after much higgling bargaining and interchange of diplomatic notes, offers \$10,000,000 annually or the utmost which she can manage to pay and so the matter stands for the present. All the powers are anxious to leave China and France has already withdrawn 2,000 troops. Meanwhile Russia has already secured Manchuria.

To the heathen Chinese, the Chinese puzzle must be hopeless. He says to himself, "these Christian nations send missionaries to convert me. They teach me that it is a sin to commit murder and they spit our infants on their bayonet points as a Cockney picks out a periwinkle with a pin. They tell me 'Thou shalt not steal,' and they rob me of all my best sea-ports so that I have no harbor for my own war ships. They also steal Manchuria. They rob everything in sight in my cities and palaces from spoons to emeralds and bleed me in a huge indemnity. They preach to offer the other cheek of the smitten to the smiter and then force Chinese heads to fall by the 'score in revenge.' So much for the Chinese view of the situation.

Now as to the prospects of peace in which Canada is mainly interested for peace means trade and war the possible slaughter of her sons in battle.

There is a strong party in Japan, favoring war with Russia at once and before she has time to strengthen her fleet in Asiatic waters and to finish the Siberian railway so as to be able to pour in troops by the hundred thousand into Manchuria. Judged by weight of metal, the Japanese navy is nearly if not quite equal to any which Russia is likely to be able to set afloat against her and the Jap sailor is the more nimble and intelligent. The latter soldier is, man for man, superior in all but size, to the stolid Russian. In a defence war, the odds against Japan would be only 3 to 1, counting by national population, and we may remember the eighteen months' defensive fight of the Boers, not yet finished, with odds against them of two millions to one, counting heads in Empire and Republics. In a war of aggression, which would mean the attempted annexation of Korea by Japan, the struggle would be naval, with the advantage to Japan of nearness to her base, both for attack and retreat. In the event of Russia's conquering and preparing to crush Japan, public opinion might force Britain to draw the sword as it did before the Crimean war.

Another shuffle of the cards is possible. Japan might form an alliance with China and organize a Chinese invasion of Russian territory through Manchuria. Even the great Napoleon in the plenitude of his power, when urged to invade China, became spectre-smitten. "No," he said, "we should beat her, but in so doing, teach her to fight." China, if her army were only organized, could defy the world for she could afford to lose 100,000 men without feeling it.

Various causes deter Russia from going to war. Her policy has been rather that of quiet absorption and overflow gradually into neighboring territories, retreating like the tide, only to prepare for a greater advance. Her funds have been sunk in the Siberian Railway, and there is the great Baltic-Black Sea Canal yet to be dug. War costs money. Again in the west district of Russia famine is so grievous that the people huddle in bed to dull the pangs of hunger, and eat ground-up corn stalks and the inner bark of birch. The Emperor is an epileptic. Like a hidden worm in the heart of a mighty oak, the newspaper is sapping his colossal power and awakening the people to demand a constitution. Cossacks may knout and trample on students, but they cannot trample out the fire of liberty fanned by journals, nor stop printing presses in eight millions of square miles of territory. On the whole the probabilities are in favor of a patched-up peace for four years.

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RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS.

Probably not one person in a thousand would dissent from the opinion expressed at the Presbyterian Synod as to the value of religious training in schools, says the Toronto News, but as the public is with respect to the manner in which that training should be given, it is mere waste of time for any body of churchmen to discuss the question. In expounding the Bible it would be impossible for the teacher to avoid tinging the subject with his own particular views, and dissensions which would be extremely hurtful to education, as well as injurious to the peace of society, would be certain to break out. We are getting on quite well as we are. Churchmen who are dissatisfied with the amount of religious training the youth of the Province are receiving have a wide field open to their energies in the Sunday school, which, if annual reports are to be depended upon, might in many cases pay considerable more attention to Bible teaching with advantage. The old practice, too, of reading the Scripture in the home has notably declined in this generation, and a revival in this direction would be most beneficial. With regard to the public schools, however, we believe that it is wisest at the present time to let the subject of religious training alone. We have had enough of denominational quarrels in the past, and it would certainly not be to our interest to place our educational system in a position where it would be likely to become a bone of contention among theological disputants and warring sects.

THEIR FINISH IN SIGHT.

Alexandria Gleaner. A national museum will be established at the Capital. We can now see the finish of the Ottawa city council.

THIS IS A NASTY ONE.

Chicago Journal. However, Gen. Corbin's courage has never been questioned, except by court-martial.

THE LAND OF PROMISE.

London Advertiser. Someone says the United States at present is a land flowing with ink and money.

QUEEN EDWARD VII.

Montreal Star. The Quebec Official Gazette of Saturday last contains a proclamation proroguing the Legislature in the name of "Edward the Seventh, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc."

PREPARATIONS FOR A ROYAL RECEPTION.

Vankleek Hill Review. Clean up your back yard. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York is coming.

THE FIVE CENSUS MAN.

Hamilton Spectator. The government apparently thinks that a census enumerator is a nickel-in-the-slot machine.

DECLINES TO DECLINE.

Hamilton Herald. If the British empire doesn't hurry up and decline, the New York Sun may begin to doubt that it is a true prophet.

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A Girl's Assets and Liabilities.

I can row, play golf and tennis, fence, dance, skate," exclaimed Sarah Miggs, in a recent sketch by Miss Bayler. "I can dress extravagantly. I can play the piano and paint atrociously on china. I can speak French and German, I can ride and drive. 'I cannot even dress myself. I do not even take care of my hands. I cannot cook a thing. I have no idea how to make coffee or fry eggs, nor how much of anything to give out for a meal. I cannot sew on machine or with my fingers. I have no idea what servants ought to do, how they ought to do it, how soon they ought to accomplish it. I cannot take care of children. I faint in a sick room.'"

Facing such assets and liabilities of a fashionable education, no wonder Sarah declared it something terrifying to become the head of a family on a moment's notice! Yet, something in her life, the sudden call to preside over the household of a husband, a father, a son, or another comes to the majority of women. What will she do about it? Will she enter upon her duties boasting of the fact that the kitchen is undiscovered country, and confident that instinct will over-balance her ignorance? Or will she, rather, like Sarah Miggs, acknowledge her deficiencies and arise to meet them?

Sarah made a grand novice. What might have been learned almost unconsciously under a careful mother's eye she sought in training classes and the homes of more practical friends. Roastology, bakology, marketology, patchology, darnology, nurseology became her study and her practice. It was no easy task, and one which her wealth made apparently unnecessary.

"I am not going to be a fraud as a wife," she insisted to all remonstrances, "I am going to keep my share of the contract. I am going to take charge of Dick and his children just as if I were a lawyer taking a case, or a merchant setting up a store, or a captain taking command of a ship."

The whole tenor of her future proved that she was right. To row, to play golf, to dress charmingly, to be conversant with the whole gamut of accomplishments is commendable, but no young woman who has not in some degree mastered the intricacies of domestic science is qualified to become the queen of the home and so arbitrate the destiny of a family.

A Peanut Party.

Peanut jackstraw-group your guests by fours around small tables and give to each group a heap of peanuts and a pair of candy tongs. They play in turn, taking as many from the pile as possible without disturbing the others. Time called at the end of ten minutes.

Test of steadiness-Each is to take from a dish as many nuts as possible on an ordinary table knife and carry to an empty dish at the other side of the room. This trip may be repeated if possible within the two minutes allowance.

Grabbing-Each is to take in turn as many nuts as can be grabbed in the hand, the nuts being then counted and marked down.

Hunting-Use one or two special rooms for this and secret the nuts early in the day. Allow ten or fifteen minutes for the hunt.

Word making-Provide paper and pencil for each and allow fifteen minutes in which to make as many words as possible from the letters composing the word peanuts.

With each of these divisions tally should be kept by the players and hostess of individual scores, and at the close of the supper prizes may be given to the winners of each contest.

These should be inexpensive and as abundant as possible. Japanese stores usually have a variety of cheap goods which are both pretty and suitable.

Animals in Menageries.

It is a common saying among keepers that, averaging one animal with another, a menagerie must be renewed every three years, says a writer in The Century. Yet I know one manager who kept most of his animals, those of Woodward's Gardens, San Francisco, alive healthy and happy from the beginning of the time to the end of sixteen years later, when the establishment was broken up and the animals ordered to be shot in their cages. The great secret of his success, he tells me, was caring for their minds as well as for their bodies.

Why does the elephant swing to and fro forever from his chain picket? Why does he gather from the floor all the straw he can reach, throw it over his back and over the stable, to be regathered later? Why does the squirrel enter and work for hours the aimless treadmill, and the marten leap listlessly half the day from point to point, perch, perch, perch, floor, perch, perch, box - day after day?

To all, the answer is the same as to the similar query about the man prisoner. They are putting in time. They are responding to the natural craving for exercise. They are trying to pass the tedium of their hopeless lives; they are doing anything, everything, their poor brains can suggest to while the weary drag of dull, eventless days.

An Earl by Fifteen Minutes.

Somewhere in the Highlands of Scotland twins were born at the meeting of the centuries, with the odd result that one opened its eyes in the nineteenth century and the other in the twentieth century. There are two men in England, says the St. James Gazette, who will read of the birth of these century twins with special interest-one a peer and the other a member of the House of Commons. The peer is Lord Durham; the M. P. is Hon. F. W. Lambton, member for Southern Durham. Both were born on June 19, 1855, the earl coming into the world fifteen minutes before his brother. Those fifteen minutes were worth an earldom and 80,000 acres to the lucky baby.

Love may not be blind, but it's awfully near-sighted.

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15c

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12 1-2c

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75c

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8c

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15c

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\$1.00

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\$4.50

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\$6.50

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75c

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