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New York Stocks.

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New York, June 4.

Yesterday's	Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atcheson	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Atcheson Pfd	32¾	32¾	33⅛	32⅞	33⅛
C. B. & Q.	104½	104¾	105½	104¾	104½
C. & N. W.	128	128½	129	128½	129
Bay State Gas	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
Chicago Gas	100¼	101½	101¾	101⅛	101¼
N. Y. Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gen. Electric	36½	37	37⅞	37	37¼
L. & N.	55½	56	56⅝	56	56⅛
Man.	104½	105	106¼	105	106
Mo. P.	35½	35	35½	24⅛	35½
Omaha	78⅛	78½	..	..	78½
P. M.	29	28¾	30	28¾	29⅞
R. I.	105½	106	106⅞	105⅞	106⅛
Reading	19½	19⅝	19⅞	19⅝	19⅞
N. Y. Central	116½	116½	116½	116½	116½
St. Paul	100	100½	101	100½	101
T. C. I.	25¼	25⅞	..	..	25⅞
Wabash	19½	19½	20	19½	20
W. U.	91⅛	91⅜	92⅛	91⅜	92⅛
Union Pac. Pfd	61¼	62½	62⅞	62¼	62⅞
Union Pacific	24¼	25	25⅛	24⅞	25
Leather Trust	65	65	65¼	65	65¼
Lead	35	35½	35½	35½	35½
Sugar	143¼	143¾	144¼	143¾	143⅞
Tobacco	109	109⅞	109⅞	108¾	108¾
Southern Ry. Pfd	31⅞	32	32¼	32	32¼
Jersey Central	36½	..	..	..	..
K. & T. Pfd	35½	35¼	36⅛	35⅛	36⅛
N. P. Pfd	69½	68½	69	68¼	68⅞
Can. Southern	52¼	52¼	..	..	52¼

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, June 4.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	214	220
Ontario	104¾	104
Toronto	235	220
Merchants'	175	170
Commerce	138¾	138½
Imperial	197	196½
Dominion	260	256½
Standard	..	172
Hamilton	..	171
British America	130	128½
Western Assurance	169	168¾
Consumers' Gas	..	216
Montreal Gas	189	188½
Dominion Telegraph	..	131
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref.	50	49½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	85½	85
Commercial Cable Company	180	179½
Commercial Coupon Bonds	106	105
Com. Registered Bonds	106	105¾
Bell Telephone Company	170	169
Richelieu and Ontario	..	..
Montreal Street Railway	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	98¾	97¾
London Street Railway	182	180¼
London Electric	103½	103
G. T. R., Gtd	..	..
G. T. R., Pref	..	..
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	75½
Huron and Erie L. and S	..	170
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	157
London and Canada L. and A	80	..
London Loan	..	105
London and Ontario	80	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	123

SALES—11:30 a.m.—Ontario, 10 at 104¾; Commerce, 10, 20 at 138⅝; Imperial, 1 at 196½; Dominion Tel., 9 at 152; C. P. R. Stock, 25 at 89½, 15, 25 at 85.

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, June 4.—Wheat—The market was weaker today, 98c to 99c for red winter west. Manitoba wheat easy at $1 31 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit. The flour market is dull, owing to the weakness in wheat; cars of straight roller are quoted at $3 80 in wood west. Millfeed—Shorts are scarce and dearer at $15 west and bran is plentiful and weak at $10 50 west. Barley nominal. Buckwheat nominal at 47c to 48c west. Rye steady at 60c west. Corn steady at 36c for Canada yellow west, and 42c for American, Toronto. Oats are easier at 30c to 31c for white west. Peas are dull and lower at 55c to 56c west. Baled hay dull; cars on the track, $8 to $8 50. Baled straw dull; cars on the track, $4 50. Eggs in fair demand; supply is good and the market is steady at 10c. Butter—The receipts are fair, the demand good and the market steady at 11½c to 12c for store-packed tubs, and 12½c for choice dairy; creamery steady at 17c for prints and 16c for tubs.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Closing—Wheat, June, $1 12; July, 92⅞c; Aug., 80⅞c; Sept., 78⅞. Corn, June 32c; July, 32⅝c; Sept., 33½c. Oats, June, 25½; July, 21⅛c; Sept., 21⅝c. Pork, June, $10 67½; July, $10 67½; Sept., $10 87½. Lard, June, $6 05; July, $6 07½; Sept., $6 15. Ribs, June, $5 75; July, $5 75; Sept., $5 82½.

NEW YORK, June 4—Noon.—Flour—Receipts, 25,486 bbls; sales, 3,200 pkgs; quiet but firmly held. Rye flour—Dull. Wheat—Receipts, 291,375 bu; sales, 1,100,000 bu; options quiet but stronger on cables, light receipts and big weekly clearances; July, $1 01⅝ to $1 02½; Sept., 84 5-16c to 85c; Dec., 82¼c to 82⅝c. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 56c to 59c, c.i.f., Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 80,825; sales, 15,000; options dull and easy under further liquidation; Sept., 38 9-16c; Dec., 38⅞c. Oats—Receipts, 146,400; options neglected; track white, 33c to 38c. Butter—Receipts, 8,042 pkgs; state dairy, 12½c; state creamery, 13½c to 16c; western do, 13½c to 16c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,643 pkgs; quiet; large white, 6½c to 6⅝c; small do, 6¾c to 7c; large colored, 6⅝c to 6¾c; small colored, 7c. Eggs—Receipts, 8,789 pkgs; firm. Sugar—Raw and refined firm. Petroleum—Dull. Coffee—Dull. Hops—Strong. Lead—Quiet.

BUFFALO, June 4.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, $1 33¼; No. 2 northern, $1 23¼; winter wheat, No. 2 red, $1 18; No. 1 white, $1 14. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 36¼c; No. 3 yellow, 35¾c; No. 2 corn, 25¼c; No. 3 corn, 34½c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 31c; do clipped, 32c; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 3 mixed, 29½c, asked, on track.

DETROIT, June 4.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, $1 02; No. 2 red, cash, $1 07; June, $1 05; July, 90c.

TOLEDO, June 4.—Wheat — Cash, $1 12; June, $1 13; July, 80c; Sept., 80¼c.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, June 4.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1,278.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—July	94	94½	92½	9 ¾
Sept.	80¼	80¼	78½	7 ¾
Corn—July	33	33⅛	32½	32⅞
Sept.	33⅞	34	33¼	33⅝
Oats—July	24¼	24⅛	24	24⅛
Sept.	21⅛	21¼	21⅛	21⅛
Pork—July	11 00	11 05	10 67	10 67
Sept.	11 17	11 17	10 87	10 87
Lard—July	6 17	6 20	6 07	6 07
Sept.	6 22	6 32	6 15	6 15
Ribs—July	5 82	5 85	5 75	5 75
Sept.	5 90	5 92	5 82	5 82

Puts—76⅞. Calls—79⅞.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 13,000; left over, 2,000; active, 5c to 10c higher; light, $3 85 to $4 25; mixed, $4 05 to $4 32½; heavy, $4 to $4 37½; rough, $4 to $4 10. Cattle—Receipts, 200; steady and unchanged.

Steamship Arrivals.

June 3.	At	From.
Italia	Halifax	Hamburg
Aurania	Queenstown	New York
Montery	Father Point	Shields
Roumanian	Liverpool	Monitreal
Germanic	Liverpool	New York
June 4.	**At**	**From.**
Yorkshire	Father Point	Liverpool

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The New Normal School.

There has been a little delay in choosing the site for the new Normal School, to be erected in this city. This is no new experience in a matter of the kind. Very often municipal and governmental authorities alike find that after it has been thought that all was fair sailing in regard to obtaining the most available site, a temporary hitch has taken place, that has delayed the start of construction.

In the case of the new Normal School, the facts, we believe, are simply these: The Minister of Education some time ago visited the city, and in company with Col. Leys, M.P.P., inspected the various supposedly available sites. The Minister presented his report to the Administration in due course, and made his recommendations that the plans, as exhibited in London last spring, should be changed so as to considerably improve the structure. We are informed that the location for the institution most regarded as in the public interest was that of Mrs. Macbeth, in the vicinity of the Princess avenue public school. It has all along been hoped that the owner might be induced to sell at a fair valuation, but recently it has become known that she was unwilling to dispose of her property for any purpose whatsoever. This has necessitated further consideration of the other sites and the price at which any one of them can be obtained. Naturally enough, there has been some delay, but it is expected that in the near future the site will be finally selected, and the work proceeded with in an energetic manner. The trouble really is that in order to obtain a site in as advantageous a position as is deemed desirable, it has been difficult to find a plot of land large enough for the purpose and for a moderate expenditure.

In view of these facts, it has amused us somewhat to read in a Conservative contemporary a complaint of this necessary and not unusual delay, and a renewal of the insinuations that the Government of Ontario stands ready to break its pledges to the electors of London to have the new Normal School built here within a reasonable time.

When Col. Leys promised that the construction of the building would be under way before he took his seat in the Legislature, he did so with a full knowledge of the definite assurances of the Government of the day, and neither he nor the Ministers have resiled from the position then publicly taken.

The purpose of some of our contemporaries, in questioning the good faith of the Administration at the present time, is well understood. It can neither promote nor retard the preliminary arrangements necessary for the inauguration of the big work. A few months, more or less, in beginning an institution which will be an advantage to London for all time, is neither here nor there. What the public can rest assured of is that the new Normal School will be finished, as the Minister of Education has foreshadowed, in time for use by the embryo teachers up for training at the fall session of next year.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST

Toronto, June 4—10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Light to moderate winds, mostly easterly; fine and warm.

Around the City

—According to the New York Sun, "Schley" is pronounced "Sly."

—Mayor Wilson is in Goderich, and Ald. Winnett is acting mayor.

—The Charities' Society have accommodated 45 people with vacant land.

—The Londons have a new pitcher on the string, and he may be tried here next week.

—Miss Laura Cooper, daughter of Ald. Cooper, is visiting friends in St. Catharines.

—The Sunday school teachers of the city are meeting in the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon.

—The Friday afternoon Bible reading in the Y. M. C. A. was well attended yesterday.

—Mr. W. A. Symonds, of Boston, will conduct the meeting for men in the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow.

—The Y. M. C. A. junior classes were at work in the gymnasium this morning. These classes close this month.

—Work will be begun on Monday on the new hospital. This will be good news to the public, which has awaited it long enough.

—A telephone call was sent to the East London fire hall last evening to attend a fire at Judge Elliot's place, Oxford street east. The company responded, but it was only a harmless bonfire.

—The license commissioners met last night and renewed the licenses of E. Morkin, King street, and Mahon & Patton, of the Hodgins House, both having complied with the conditions imposed. This finishes the commissioners' business this year.

—Lieut.-Col. Guillot, of the Twenty-first Battalion, Essex Fusiliers, has issued orders to the battalion for the London camp. The various companies will concentrate at Windsor, and leave there at 1:17 p.m., via the C. P. R. on June 7.

—It is understood that Mr. John Clark, brother of Rev. W. J. Clark, has also received a call to the Presbyterian Church, Parkdale, so that he has two calls under consideration, the other being from Walkerton. Mr. Clark will probably make no decision until after the general assembly meeting.

—Mr. J. C. Elliott, of Appin, formerly a student in the office of Stuart, Stuart & Ross, city, was one of abdut 60 young men presented to the court by Mr. Irving, Q.C., treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, upon their call to the bar, and sworn in and enrolled as barristers-at-law, at Toronto yesterday.

—Mr. James Drew, of Alfred street, this city, will leave London shortly with his family for Winnipeg, where he has been appointed manager of the branch of the Gurney stove works, to be established there. Mr. Drew has for many years represented the firm on the road, and has a host of friends who will hear with pleasure of his appointment.

—Godfrey's band arrived about 7 o'clock last evening, and were welcomed at the station by Ald. Winnett (acting mayor), and Ald. Graham, on behalf of the city council, and by Messrs. Roselle Pocock and James McCormick, the local promoters of the band's engagement. Lieut. Godfrey and Mr. Harriss, the impressario, were escorted to the Tecumseh House, and the bandsmen to the Grizg.

THE CAMP STAFF.

The following officers will compose the staff of the camp, which will open on Carling's Heights next Tuesday:

Camp Commandant—Lieut.-Col. H. Smith, D.O.C.

Brigade-Major—Lieut.-Col. Buchan, R.R.C.I.

Supply Officer—Lieut.-Col. J. G. Wilson, reserve of officers.

Camp Quartermaster — Lieut.-Col. Irwin, reserve of officers.

Inspector of Musketry—Lieut.-Col. Munro, reserve of officers.

Paymaster—Lieut.-Col. Dawson, superintendent of stores.

The medical health officer has not yet been appointed.

AN IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on May 28, on application of G. T. Fulford & Co., proprietors of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, a perpetual injunction was granted by Chancellor Boyd, restraining Theodore Sweet, druggist, of St. Catharines, from selling a pink colored pill in imitation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It seems necessary to again impress upon the public the fact that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can only be obtained in packages the wrapper around which bears the full, law-protected trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Pills offered in any other form, and notwithstanding anything the dealer may say, are fraudulent imitations, and should always be refused. The Dr. Williams Medicine Company will be glad to obtain (in confidence) the name of any dealer offering for sale any imitation of their pills, as the company is determined to protect the public against this species of fraud.

Charged Him With Bigamy.

George F. Gibson Said To Have Two Wives.

Both Women Confront Him in Court—Left the First One 22 Years Ago.

George F. Gibson, of 802 William street, was charged before Magistrate Parke this morning as a bigamist. The case is a complicated one. The first witness called was wife No. 1, who lives in Detroit, and whom Gibson is alleged to have married in 1872. After the marriage, she told the crown attorney, they lived together for four years, during which time two children were born. One was stillborn, and the other is now a married lady in Detroit. About 22 years ago Gibson went away for three weeks, and as there was no indication of his return she packed up and went to Detroit. She said he left her in April, and on May 24 of the same year he married a Miss Powell. Gibson visited Detroit to see his daughter, and witness treated him as well as she ever did any other stranger.

The defendant's counsel took the witness in hand and ascertained that she originally was a Miss Jones. She married a Mr. Hyde in this city about 30 years ago. They lived together for three months, and at the end of that time he disappeared, and she never saw him again. She made no effort to find him, but heard he was in jail. Four years after Hyde's disappearance she met Gibson in her own house on Grosvenor street, this city. She denied that he ever lived with her before their marriage. She believed Hyde to be dead when she married Gibson, who took her to Detroit and afterwards returned to this city. When Gibson left her she went to Detroit, and has been a resident there for 22 years past. About nine years ago he married Miss Langford, of London township, who left him last December. He is 56 years old. Wife No. 2 is about 26 years old, and has an infant one month old.

At last assizes wife No. 2 brought an action for alimony against her husband, but the case fell through. Yesterday she swore out a warrant charging him with bigamy.

The case was adjourned until Monday, and Gibson bound over in $200 to appear.

Wm. Brown, of West London, created a sensation near the corner of Dundas and Clarence street last night by resisting arrest by P. C. Twohey. Brown was under the influence of liquor, and was stopping women on the street and insisting on talking to them. When P. C. Twohey arrested him a fight ensuded, in which both officer and prisoner rolled over each other. A crowd collected, and Brown was finally hustled into the patrol. This morning his fun cost him $10 or a month.

BASEBALL.

A well contested game of ball was played this morning on the corner of Wellington and Central avenue between the Junior Victors and the Reds, resulting in favor of the former. Score, 5 to 3. Batteries for Victors, Essex and Towe; for Reds, Nash and Reed. The Junior Victors challenge any club, average age under 13. Challengers apply to H. Essex, 558 Colborne street.

Bates, one of London's catchers, will be released tonight by the management.

A game of ball was played on Carling's Heights last night between the Alerts and the Reds, resulting in favor of the Alerts by a score of 6 to 4. Batteries—For Alerts, Turton and Brown; for Reds, Jackson and Clark. The features of the game were Turton's effective pitching, allowing the Reds but one safe hit, and Geo. Wiley's home run for the Alerts.

THE TEACHER'S STANDARD

To Be Raised—Primary Certificates—Will Be Abolished—Only Junior and Senior Leaving Certificates To Be Issued.

Hon. George W. Ross, minister of education, has decided to raise the standard for teachers' certificates. He has issued instructions to inspectors and principals of collegiate institutes, high and model schools. The circular notifies them of several important modifications to the regulations which came into force in October, 1896. The changes apply to the academic year 1898-99.

For the public school leaving examination, physiology and temperance will, as in this year, be substituted for botany. High school pupils will not be eligible to write on this examination, but first form certificates will have the same qualifying value for teachers' certificates as public school leaving certificates.

No certificates giving mere primary standing will be issued after 1898. This means the old third-class examination is to be abolished and only second and first class non-professional certificates will be issued after this year. The abolition of the primary examination will not affect the rights of holders of primary certificates obtained in 1898, or in any previous year to attend county model schools. If a scarcity of teachers should arise in any county after next year, in consequence of the higher requirements, provision will be made to meet the special conditions of the locality.

CANADIANS AND THE FIGHT.

Their "Intention" Must Be Declared Before They Enlist.

Detroit, June 4.—Yesterday Lieutenant Smoke received a communication from United States Consul W. J. Burke, of St. Thomas, Ont., asking if Canadians could enlist in the United States volunteer army. Mr. Burke said he had received numerous requests, and wished to know where such men should be sent in case they should enlist. Lieut. Smoke replied that they must declare their intention of becoming citizens of this country, in which case he would enlist them at Fort Wayne. Lieut. Smoke enlisted six men as the result of his trip to Lansing. They were brought to the post, where they joined the squad of about 30 waiting to be sent to Fort McPherson. Six men were enlisted yesterday. Lieut. Smoke has received assurances that many recruits can be enlisted from the country around Belleville, and he will establish a station there next Thursday.

CANADA GOES AHEAD.

Revenue and Expenditure Up to May 30.

Ottawa, June 4.—The returns of the revenue and expenditure of Canada for the eleven months ending May 30 show the total receipts to have been $35,670,000, an increase over the same period for the previous year of $1,120,000. The expenditure for the same period on account of consolidated fund was $28,906,000, or $366 less than in 1897. The revenue for the eleven months to May 30, 1898, was $19,748,000 from customs, an increase over 1897 of $1,811,000; $7,096,000 from excise, a decrease of $1,965,000; $3,153,000 from postoffices, an increase of $300,000; $3,490,000 from public works, including railways, an increase of about a quarter of a million dollars. The revenue from miscellaneous sources increased to an extent of between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. The expenditure on capital account for the eleven months of 1898 was $4,145,000, an increase of $1,200,000, which is accounted for almost entirely by the subsidies to the Crow's Nest Pass Railway and the Victoria bridge at Montreal, and payments for St. Lawrence Canal improvements. The total net debt of Canada on May 31 was $258,296,000.

RUSSIAN REVERSE.

An Infantry Post Attacked by Natives 20 Soldiers Killed.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—A sensation has been created in official circles here by the news of an unexpected attack by a thousand natives on a Russian post, garrisoned by 300 infantry, at the town of Andijan, Province of Ferghana, Turkestan. It is said that 20 of the soldiers were killed.

NEW YORK'S SCHOOLS.

Education Costs More on Staten Island Than on Manhattan Island.

The average school attendance at the present time in the Greater New York, in schools maintained by the city, is 365,000, a mammoth total when compared with the fact that half a century ago the total population of New York city, men, women and children, was not so large. The average attendance in the two boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx (New York city as it existed prior to the consolidation) is 203,000; in Brooklyn, 126,000; in Queen's, 26,000, and in Richmond, 10,000. The number of schools is 233 in New York (Manhattan and Bronx), 164 in Brooklyn, 69 in Queen's, and 29 in Richmond. The total number of school buildings is 170 in New York, 129 in Brooklyn (a relatively larger number), 69 in Queen's and 29 in Richmond. During the present year arrangements are under way for the opening of 18 additional school buildings in New York, 2 in Brooklyn, 23 in Queen's and 2 in Richmond.

Old New York (Manhattan and Bronx) is paying for the salaries of teachers this year $4,500,000; Brooklyn, $2,600,000; Queen's, $400,000, and Richmond, $160,000. The expense of education per capita in 1897 was: Staten Island, $32 92; New York (Manhattan and Bronx), $31 74; Brooklyn, $26 89, and Queen's, $23 24. It appears that the highest salaries paid are in Manhattan and Brooklyn, some principals receiving $5,000 per annum in each borough. The poorest paid teachers are in Richmond, where $300 only is paid to some.

HOW THE HEROES ESCAPED.

Key West, June 4.—Hobson and the hero crew of the Merrimac were saved in the following manner: Unable after the sinking of their vessel to make their way back through the storm of shot and shell, they rowed into the harbor to the Spanish flagship and were taken on board unharmed.

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Consideration.

A Virtue That Ought To Be Widely Cultivated.

Importance of the Unconsidered Trifles of Social Intercourse.

We are in the habit of dividing virtues into two classes, those which stand at the front, which commend us to the regard of God and man, and those which move in a less conspicuous field, and relate to the little things of life. We raise no objection about the necessity of the first kind, but of the second order we are prone to think that they are luxuries of character with which we may fitly enough dispense in a rough, bustling world like ours. Such a notion strikes at the unity and dignity of the Christian character. For the note of that type of excellence is, that everywhere it displays itself the same, carrying its loftiness, its unselfishness, its unworldly spirit not only into the great crises, but also into the most commonplace details of every-day experience.

It is not "a habit" in the sense of a garment which can be put on or taken off at pleasure, but it is a "habit" in the sense of a tone of mind, a customary attitude of spirit that counts no occasion too small, no duty too mean as a medium of its manifestation. There is, moreover, behind the minor virtues, a solid body of hard spiritual effort, of self-discipline, which surely counts for much in the building up of high character. In the little things of life, the unconsidered trifles of social intercourse, the chance word, the small kindness, the courteous waiving of one's own rights, we may find the test or probe which reveals a serious inward flaw, an unsuspected weakness of soul. Consider as the first of these virtues. Consideration.

Of the many social nuisances that afflict the world, one of the worst is the bully. What is a bully? He is simply an inconsiderate person. In school, the lad who uses his superior strength to coerce and terrify a weaker companion; in the home, a husband who forces his own ideas simply because they are his, upon wife and children; in the wider field of society, the man who seeks to compel you to adopt his opinions or doctrines by bearing down upon you with the brute force of his own personality—these are specimens of the genus, Bully. They are the incarnations of inconsiderateness. Now, in opposition to these people and their ways, St. Paul would say: "Let your consideration be known unto all men." Wherein lies the especial injury of inconsiderateness? Is it not in this that it is a blow at another's self-respect? Without self-respect no worthy work can be achieved, no genuine character can be evolved.

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

Now the sin of the inconsiderate man is that he wounds this sacred center of personal worth, that through his selfish assertiveness he is weakening the sources of spiritual excellence in a brother. He is guilty of desecrating a human soul. But, perhaps, the sphere where even good and well-meaning people are liable to fail into this sin is that of the smaller things of social life. They do a kindness, but being inconsiderate, their kindness hurts the recipient, and robs the beneficence of its blessing; they champion some neglected truth, but having no consideration for the opinions of their opponent, they effect no good. In other words, they lack tact. It is to be feared that there is a spurious kind of tact abroad which needs to be held up to the scorn of all honest men.

In conservative communities, the tactful man is an exhibition as the model of all the virtues. And yet upon investigation, it is painful to reflect that too often he is a model of disguised selfishness, keeping an eye ever upon the safety of his own skin, taking care to echo the popular opinion, throwing himself into no breach, making no bold venture, keeping safe within the fence of conventionalism. A soul of such thin texture does not seem to command much respect. But there is a genuine tact which, as Charles Kingsley says, "is born of love." It implies something of the insight and the discernment which love alone can give. It implies the taking of pains to enter into the mind and point of view of another; and this again implies an unselfish temper, the disposition to make another's desire its own. Hence tact, in this sense, takes rank as a moral virtue. It is a note of what we mean by the

"Grand old name of gentleman,"

and every Christian is or ought to be a gentleman. "The gentleman," says Dr. Munger, "will not talk to the beggar of his rags, nor boast of his health before the sick, nor speak of his wealth among the poor; he will not seem to be fortunate among the helpless, nor make any show of his virtue before the vicious. He will avoid all painful contrasts, always looking at the thing in question from the viewpoint of another person." With reverence may we not say that Jesus is our ideal here as elsewhere? His tenderness toward the magdalens, the social lepers, the outcast and criminal classes, has commanded the admiration of the world. What was the secret of his consideration? One word explains all—Love. Learn what that word means, and all else will come in time.—Samuel McComb, in New York Observer.

SAMPLES OF IRISH WIT.

Pat's Ready Tongue Maintains Its Reputation.

[London Spectator.]

Two laborers set out from Wexford to walk to Dublin. By the time they reached Bray they were very tired with their journey, and the more so when they were told they were still twelve miles from Dublin. "Be me sowl," said one, after a little thought, "sure, it's but six miles apiece! Let us walk on."

During a discussion at a meeting of the Trinity College Historical Society upon the slight consideration attached to life by uncivilized nations, a speaker mentioned the extraordinary circumstance that in China if a man were condemned to death he could easily hire a substitute to die for him. "And, he went on, "I believe many poor fellows get their living by acting as substitutes in that way!"

"Well, Mick," said my friend, "I've heard some queer stories about your doings lately." "Och, don't belave thim, sir," replied Mick. "Sure, half the lies tould about me by the naybors isn't thrue!"

A child went crying to its mother and reported that it had swallowed a button. "Well, well, look at that now!" cried the woman. "Begor, I suppose the next thing you will do is to swallow a buttonhole!" This reminds one of the graphic description by a beggar man of his tattered coat: "Faith, it's nothin' but a parcel of holes sewn together!"

A curious peculiarity of the Irish nature is the wide limits to which relationship is extended. "Do you know Pat Meehan?" a peasant was asked. "Of course I do," was the answer. "Why, he's a near relation of mine. He wance proposed for my sisther Kate."

A clergyman told me that he has a parishioner who is much addicted to drink. Meeting the man one day when, as the people say, "he had a drop in," the priest insisted that he should take the pledge, for it was the only protection against the temptations of the public house. "You've never sen a teetotaler drunk, Tom," said the priest. "Ah, your riverence," replied Tom, "I've seen many a man drunk, but I couldn't tell for the life o' me whether they wor teetotalers or not!"

BRIGDEN.

Brigden, June 3.—At a joint meeting of the trustees of the church and parsonage, and of the leaders and stewards of the Methodist Church, Brigden, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Moved by A. S. Harkness, seconded by F. Parr, that our pastor, Rev. T. R. McNair, having declared his intention of removing from us at the expiration of the conference year, we take this first opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of his labors during the past two years. His earnest and able pulpit ministrations, his godly and devoted life, and his faithful pastoral care have contributed largely to our mental and spiritual culture and to the promotion of vital piety in the church.

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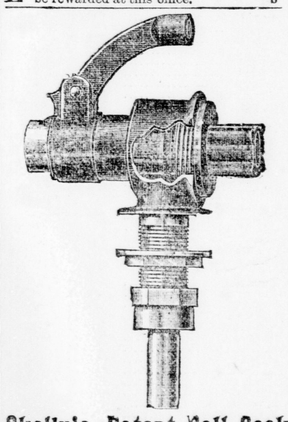
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