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THE ACQUISITION OF RICHES. To get rich at all hazards, and to get rich quick if possible, seems to be the object to which most men are bending their energies nowadays. Even

"The humble man out yonder who is working in the ditch, Has the hope within him hidden that

some day he may be rich; And forgetting all the seasons that so

foolishly were spent, He keeps hoping he may profit by some lucky accident."

If it were not so, many a man who is now able to prey upon the credulity of his fellows would be compelled to seek other employment. The Chief Post-office Inspector of the City of New York, reports that last year "Members of the Suckers' List' lost seventy-seven millions of dollars investing in the get-rich-quick schemes; and it is safe to say that all the "suckers" were not caught on the other side of the line. The man who goes through life "taking a flyer" at this and that under the impression that he will some day "strike it rich," is, in 999 times out of 1,000, only wasting his money and making rapid preparation for an old age of humiliation and penury. The sooner he awakens to the fact that there is no certain short cut to riches, and that the "lucky accident" does not happen to one in one thousand, the better it will be for himself and his family. The only safe plan to adopt, if he hopes to have a competency in his old age, is to live within his income, and to systematically lay up something from his earnings, no matter how small the amount may be. If he is living beyond his means, he should keep in mind Micawber's statement, which was something like this: "Income 20 shillings, expenditure 20 shillings and 6 pence, result misery; income 20 shillings and 6 pence, expenditure 20 shillings, result happiness." If he cannot do more, he should make absolutely certain of an old age of comfort and happiness, which he may do if he will avail himself of the opportunity presented by the Canadian Government Annuities Act, in regard to which information may be obtained at any Post Office or on application to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa. There is no other plan for the purpose which will give him anything like the same returns. So long as his present permanent abode is in Canada, whether he is naturalized or not, he is eligible to make the pur-

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