

MORE IMPORTATIONS TO BE MADE TO MEET DEMANDS.

A visit recently to the stables of MacMillan, Colquhoun and Beattie at Brandon disclosed the fact that this firm has had a good trade in stallions and were practically cleaned out, except for a three-year-old Clydesdale which may be seen in the show-yard at Winnipeg. This firm has, what the public are not too ready as a rule to accord to horsemen, viz., a reputation for square dealing. A new shipment of Clydesdales and Percherons will be brought over the coming summer, Mr. Macmillan is going to the Old Country to make selections personally. At the time of our visit we had an opportunity to see Cairnhill whose feet and ankles show that after several years of wear, the capacious criticism of a few was entirely at fault, the horse is wearing like iron.

MARK TWAIN AND SPELLING REFORM.

Mark Twain was a guest at the Associated Press banquet, and made an extremely funny speech on the simplified spelling campaign. He said in part:—"Let us look at this mighty question reasonably, rationally, sanely—yes, and calmly, not excitedly. What is the real function, the essential function, the supreme function of language? Isn't it merely to convey ideas and emotions? Certainly. Then if we can do it with words of fonetic brevity and compactness, why keep the present cumbersome forms? But can we? Yes.

"I hold in my hand the proof of it. Here is a letter written by a woman right out of her heart of hearts. I think she never saw a spelling book in her life. The spelling is her own. There isn't a waste letter in it anywhere. It reduces the fonetics to the last gasp—it squeezes the surplusage out of every word—there's no spelling that can begin to compare with it on this planet outside of the White House. And as far the punctuation, there isn't any. It is all one sentence eagerly and breathlessly uttered, without break or pause in it anywhere. The letter is absolutely genuine—I have the proofs of that in my possession. I can't stop to spell the words for you, but you can take the letter presently and comfort your eyes with it. Here it is:

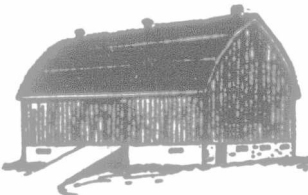
"Miss—dear freind i took some close into the armerry and give them to you to send too the suffrers out to California and i Hate to trouble you but i got to have one of them Back it was a black oll woole Shevyott With a jacket to Mach trimed Kind of Fancy no 38 Burst measure and passy menterry acrost the front And the color i woodent Trubble you but it belonged to my brothers wife and she is Mad about it I thoght she was willin but she want she says she want done with it and she was going to Wear it a spell longer she ant so free harted as what i am and she Has got more to do with Than I have having a Husband to Work and slave For her i gess you remember Me I am shot and stout and light complected i torked with you quite a spell about the suffrars and said it was orful about that earthquake i shooodent wonder if they had another one rite off seeine general Codision of the country is Kind of Explosive i hate to take that Black dress away from the suffrars but i will hunt around And see if i can get get another One if i can i will call to the armerry for it if you will jest lay it asside so no more at present from your True freind, i liked your appearance very much."

"Now you see what simplified spelling can do. It can convey; and it can pour out emotions like a sewer. I beg you, I beseech you, to adopt our spelling, and print all your despatches in it."

Hast thou exercised a gentle, obliging disposition toward those with whom thou hast been associated? Hast thou been careful to keep in subjection all vain thoughts and evil passions? Hast thou spoken no ill of thy neighbor? Hast thou espoused the cause of the injured?—Dorothy Dix.

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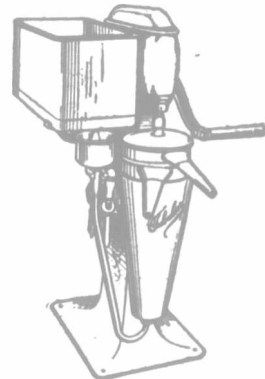
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