

Mrs Champaigne of Cincinnati, has not known where her father was for years. The other day an old gentleman called and said he was her long lost parent. He showed such a surprising knowledge of the family that she believed him. He told her he had made a fortune of \$8,000,000 in the far west, and now that he had found his heir he would die happy. It was a touching meeting, and the only drawback to the old man's happiness was the fact that it was after banking hours, and he was out of cash. Then his dutiful daughter loaned him \$15, and pretty soon he stepped out. Mrs. Champaigne has not seen him since, neither has she seen her son's beaver overcoat nor his gold watch and chain.

It isn't the man who makes the most money who saves the most, as was shown in the case of the Boston salesman who once received a salary of \$6,000 per year and was recently sent to the poorhouse. Two brothers worked in the same store. One was the head porter with a salary of \$1000 and the other salesman who received \$6000 per annum. The last mentioned has only himself and wife to support, yet he was always poor, owing to expensive habits, while the first with a family of eight or nine children, grew gradually rich, and lent his extravagant brother \$1,000, which he found hard to get back. This is a practical illustration of the old fable of the hare and the tortoise.—*Boston Budget.*

In Canada telegraphic and railway progress go hand-in-hand, and it is for the most part enough for a certain railway line to be surveyed to find telegraphic communication speedily established along its route. This has proved the case with the eastern extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Montreal to the Atlantic shores of Canada. The Short Line Railway is still under construction, but the completion of direct railway connection with the commercial centres of Ontario, Quebec, and Western Canada, which it will speedily bring about, has been forestalled by the inauguration of telegraphic communication. According to a telegram from Montreal on the 20th inst., Canada, Nova Scotia, was, on the afternoon of the 18th inst., put in direct circuit with New Westminster, British Columbia, an unbroken land line of 4,600 miles, over the wires of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Other telegraphic advices confirm this announcement, and add that, by means of the new connection, British Columbians have been able to secure a reply to messages despatched to London in less than five minutes. This is surely an unparalleled feat in telegraphic records—the passage of a message over 4,600 miles of land and under 2,400 miles of ocean, its reception in London, and the despatch of a reply over the same 7,000 miles of land and ocean, and all in less than five minutes! New Westminster is not, after all, so very distant a reminder of the Westminster that is under our own eyes.—*Canadian Gazette.*

Politeness in Dunning.

An old gentleman for years owed a retail dry goods merchant who did business not a thousand miles from New York; at last, after the merchant's patience and that of the clerks whom he had sent to the man, was absolutely exhausted, a new salesman named Jones, undertook to collect the money. Jones called upon the old gentleman and met with a polite reception, and the usual answer, with the addition: "You need not trouble yourself, young man, about he matter, I will make it all right."

"Oh no!" said Jones, "I could not think for a moment of compelling you to call at the store for a few dollars. It will not be the slightest inconvenience for me to stop in as I pass your place of business six times a day, to and from my meals, and can call every time I go by." "Here," said the old fellow to his bookkeeper alarmed at being dunned six times a day for the next six months, "pay this impertinent rascal. He can beat me in politeness, and if he wants a situation I will give him \$2,000 a year."—*Ex.*

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