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A COMPLETE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN SHORT-HAND, from plates purchased of Isaac Pitman & Sons. An intelligent and diligent student can master it without a teacher. The whole world is drifting in the direction of Shorthand. It ought to be taught in every school. At great expense we are supplying it to our readers. Outfit may be had from our office for fifty cents.

While I have so many nice prizes for my young people, here is another—but, this time, it is for our big brothers and sisters, and so, of course, it is a big prize.

\$500.00.

We have no History of our country for our young Canadians—not a book that we can put into their hands, or pick up to read to them, about the land they love so well, and about the wonderful and romantic things that happened before our country was what it is.

THE YOUNG CANADIAN wants to get one for its little favourites, and offers \$500.00 for the MS. that will suit. I have only four instructions, namely:

1. The History must be from a Dominion and not a Provincial standpoint.

2. In interest, it must rivet the attention, and take a front seat among the most fascinating reading of the day.

3. The judges will be chosen from Professors in our Colleges.

4. MSS. will be received till November, 1892. That is all. The rest lies with the author.

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LONG AND SHORT SERIALS, SHORT STORIES, ADVENTURES, unsurpassed by any Magazine for the young in the world.

THE EDITOR.

Quite recently we gave our readers some idea of the value of the refuse of the streets of New York. Here is an interesting item respecting Paris:—

### PARIS STREETS.

The rag-pickers discharge a duty of primary importance. Working at night, busy under the gas-lights with hook and panier, the value of what they collect is estimated at \$10,000 each day. Population is very close; the tall houses are crammed with inhabitants; there are no gardens, as with us—there are but the houses and the streets. The Parisians have a way of emptying all kinds of lumber and refuse into the streets and then the rag-pickers gather in their harvest. A use is found for everything, and metamorphosis never ceases. All the details are interesting, though some are rather disturbing. Rags, of course, go to make paper; broken glass is pounded, and serves as the coating for sand and emery paper; bones, after the process of cleaning and cutting down, serve to make nail-brushes, tooth-brushes, and fancy buttons; little wisps of women's hair are carefully unravelled, and do duty for false hair by-and-by. Men's hair collected outside the barbers' serves for filters through which syrups are strained; bits of sponge are cut up and used for spirit lamps; bits of bread if dirty are toasted and grated, and sold to the restaurants for spreading on hams or cutlets; sometimes they are carbonized and made into tooth powder. Sardine boxes are cut up into tin soldiers or into sockets for candle-sticks. A silk hat has a whole chapter of adventures in store for it. All this work employs a regiment of rag-pickers numbering close on 20,000 and each earning from twenty pence to half a crown a day.

The most charitable thing that can be done for some people is to lie about them when you are asked to tell the truth.