

## .. The Planet..

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## WELL-KEPT GARDENS.

Canadians have been fortunate in the wives of their Governor-Generals, says the Toronto Star. Probably Lady Aberdeen endeared herself more to the hearts of Canadians than any previous 'chateleine' of Rideau Hall on account of the active interest taken by her in the forward movement of Canadian women. Certainly that federation of women's societies, the National Council of Women, will prove an imperishable monument to her work in Canada.

Lady Minto, though pursuing to a certain extent the lines laid down by the Countess of Aberdeen, has taken a new departure, which will include men as well as women in its sphere of interest, but in a more circumscribed space, as only Ottawa is to be included. Lady Minto has offered \$100 in prizes for the best kept gardens attached to dwellings in that city. That this will have a good effect on the gardens of Ottawa—a ready well kept—it is needless to say. The altruistic principles pursued of late years by property-holders in beautifying their property not only for the delight of their own eyes but also for those of their neighbors, has gained such headway that a disfiguring and view-obscuring fence is a very exceptional thing. Nothing so adds to the prosperous air of any town or city as well kept, trim gardens. It matters little if the plot of grass be ever so small, that it be close cropped and velvety. These evidences of trimness in our property are the outward signs of our prosperity and good taste, while their value as public educators can hardly be estimated. Lady Minto's scheme deserves to be emulated in Chatham where, though our gardens generally are in good condition, there is still room for improvement.

## HOME WORK.

Many parents object to home work, because it turns parents and relatives into a community of home teachers. This is annoying at best, and sometimes very embarrassing to the parent who is not a travelling encyclopaedia on all sorts of subjects. This question of home study is attracting the attention of physicians, who see children under their care breaking down under it. American Medicine, a Philadelphia publication, voices the opinion of many physicians and parents when it says:

"Home study for school children has most wisely, as we believe, been prohibited by the legislature of California. To test the wisdom of the prohibition, experiments were conducted in three San Francisco schools, and in all cases the teachers were satisfied that the work of the no home study classes and their percentages were equal or superior to those of the classes in which home study was kept up. Improved deportment was also noticed. Upon these observations of the conclusions of her fiftieth year as a teacher in the Philadelphia public schools, Miss Anna Lyle said that nowadays we have too many studies and give too much attention to the higher branches. Is there any physician who has not almost daily little patients brought to him whose health has been injured or positively broken by school studies and over pressure? We do not say it is the teacher's fault, and sometimes it is not directly due to the great grinding system, but to be charged to parental pride or to the pupil's ambition. But it is at least all permitted or made possible by the school system. Before all other things, the health of the child and his normal physical development are to be assured. All education that forgets that is false education, and there can be little doubt that our pedagogues have often come far too near of forgetting it."

## A USEFUL FORMALITY.

The other day at Woodstock a young man sued a farmer, says the Hamilton Post. The reason was that he had worked for the defendant many long months under an expressed verbal understanding that he was to be treated as one of the family, and that one day several good-looking city girls came along and established themselves at the defendant's place; ate their meals with the defendant and the plaintiff and cast their radiant smiles in every direction except one. The one direction was that of the young farmer's sad assistant, and the reason was that they had not been introduced.

We have considerable sympathy for this young man. He showed a delicacy and an appreciation of the usages of polite society which are, alas! all too rare, even in our farming communities. When asked why he did not plunge boldly into the conversation that garnished the meals through which he sat in disgusted silence, he replied that the reason was that he felt he ought to have been introduced. And so he ought. It is true that the judge dismissed the young man's suit, but there were reasons for that. For one thing the contract only stated that he was to be treated as one of the family; and we do not suppose that the defendant would have bothered to intro-

## A PALE-FACE GIRL

may be almost safely set down as wanting red in her blood. If subject to dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath on slight exertion, no doubt remains.

To want red in the blood is to fail of the good of one's food. Her food is not nourishing her. She needs a change.

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duce him, even if he had been one of the family. The man who would deliberately so violate all the principles of hospitality as to allow his guests to sit down at the same table with a member of his family pro tem, and a nice looking young man at that, would not in all probability have bothered about introducing his own mother-in-law. There was no contract broken, and therefore the suit had to fail. What this case really calls for and very urgently, is a society for the protection of bashful young men.

## "THESE BE THE CHRISTIANS!"

Rev. R. G. Macbeth, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver, preached a sermon recently dealing with the social conditions on the Pacific slope, in which he is reported to have said: "We stand against no man because of the color of his skin, but we say that the presence of an alien race, ignorant, uneducated, unsanitary and defiant of the manners of the country where they live is a menace to that country, so great that the subject should engage the serious thoughts of wise men, and especially so if that alien race, whether black, or red, or yellow, is threatening to outnumber the whites in a white man's country." The reference, of course, was to the Chinese. Would not such a discourse, translated into Chinese and ornamented with a few idioms, pass very well for a Boxer sermon against foreign devils? The "foreign devils" are just as alien to China as the Chinese are to Canada, and just as defiant of the manners and prejudices of the Chinese people. Doesn't the Golden Rule require that if Christians want Chinese to keep out of Christian countries, Christians should keep out of China? As you would that the Chinese should do to you do you to the Chinese in like manner, seems to be not an unwarrantable paraphrase of the rule. But that is just what the Chinese want. The one thing they have asked from the rest of the world is to be left alone to live their lives in their own way; and that is just the one thing the rest of the world would not permit.

## AN ATTACK ON THE KING.

The seizure of the "Irish Nation" for maligning His Majesty King Edward VII., is a case in point where the proprietors lacked something more than discretion. The suppression of a newspaper in a land where a man is supposed to be free "to speak the thing he will," without hindrance, except from the courts and then only when he violates the law, may seem a little strange, but freedom is a relative term and when it degenerates into license then its privileges end and severe measures are justifiable. In the case of the "Irish Nation" the measure of suppression was certainly justifiable. The attack on the king was not only untruthful and brutal, but indecent. We give a selection from the article, so that our readers may judge of its nature—it is a censure of Cardinal Vaughan and the English Catholics for presenting a petition to King Edward regarding the coronation oath:—

"Down upon his knees before an old and bald-headed rouge—lover of every woman of fair features who has appeared in English society for forty years, including titled dames and as yet untitled actresses—the English gentleman perjurer of a historic divorce case, the polluted hero of one of the most malicious scenes in Zola's rotten 'Nana,' the centre of a score of the most disgraceful scandals of the most contemptible type, down in front of this English king, whose latest public performance was to stigmatize on his solemn oath the whole Catholic world as superstitious idolaters, knelt the English-born cardinal, prince of the church, with a document that might have been presented to a Legation

in a southern plantation fifty years ago, but not by an Uncle Tom, poor but contented, of Harriet Beecher Stowe's great story, who would have seen his black skin stripped off, inch by inch, rather than put his mark to a document like that signed and presented by Cardinal Vaughan and the Duke of Norfolk on his solemn oath. We do not believe he attached the slightest solemnity to the performance."

"But the fact remains, this old and worn-out descendant of a race of scoundrels and practical professors of hideous immorality asserted that most of the sacred doctrines of the Catholic faith were idolatrous and superstitious. He has not yet recanted. He has not said a word to indicate that he did not thoroughly approve of the terms of the oath framed in the days of Titus. The oath of a perjurer is no less vile than that of the reigning king, but on bended knees the prince of the church knelt before this unutterably abominable person. Let us console ourselves with the fact that the presenters were English Catholics, who are repudiated."

Is Mr. Whitney just an office hunter?—Toronto Globe.

Mr. Whitney is an office hunter, and he is just, responds the Hamilton Spectator. He is an office hunter on a wholesale scale. He is hunting for office, not only for himself, but for half a dozen of colleagues, and a small army of Tories who may be persuaded to be civil servants. He's right in it. And, moreover, he looks like a man who is getting there.

## PERVERTING AN AXIOM.

"First be sure your word and then go ahead," seems to be the Expositor's motto in discussing municipal affairs.—Brantford Courier.

## MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCES.

Hamilton Herald.  
Now that Ottawa has lost its best theater, it might be well to charge an admission fee to the strangers' gallery in parliament.

## WAITING FOR SPRING.

Toronto Star.  
The fact that Mr. James read a paper on Canadian poetry the other night reminds us that we have a silent brooding bunch of birds at Ottawa.

## STILL A-STAGGERING!

Hamilton Spectator.  
Mrs. Roha has gone to pray Oom Paul for peace. Kruger will probably receive her with the ancient song...  
Shoo fly! don't bother me.  
For I'm a-staggering humanitee.

## A COMING CONTEST.

London News.  
We shall see whether the pen is mightier than the sword when Col. Mutrie clashes with Mr. Downey, editor of the Guelph Herald, in South Wellington.

## WARNING TO RAIL-BIRDS.

Bellefonte Intelligencer.  
And a word about those young hoodlums who sit on the fence under the new electric light and make comments on people who pass might be in order. They should be requested to move on. They are no use on the fence. Certainly they are no ornament.

## THE LION ROARS.

The British Lion.  
Is the American African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States losing its senses? What's the meaning of appointing over Canada an American bishop? Of what service will Mr. Grant be to this country? According to the laws of this country he cannot carry any one here. The Dominion laws forbid any American clergyman from performing marriage ceremonies in this country. He must be a Canadian born and reside in Canada. What do those donkeys mean in chance of going to Kingston for violating one of the greatest laws in Canada?

## THE HUGGER.

Toronto Mail and Empire.  
Mr. Sifton does not know what his officer, Mr. W. T. R. Preston, is saying and doing. Mr. Preston first hugged the machine. Then, as a reward, he was allowed to draw a big salary, and now he is hugging the Minister with such violence that Mr. Sifton cannot even look around and see what is going on. The ascendancy of Preston who dictates his own terms as an official, and does what he likes, all the year round, shows that it is better to be a machine hugging than a hard-working private citizen.

## THE MACHINE AGAIN.

Brockville Times.  
It is evident that the Grit machine is to be dragged to the front again and worked in the old style with probably more boldness on account of its immunity from punishment. The Winnipeg Free Press has begun to sound the praises of this machine and says the party cannot do without it, must have it in fact, and the Toronto Globe finds in the chief machinist and hugger, Mr. Preston, a pure patriotic and zealous worker whose defective manner of wording telegrams and dipping into senatorial deals while

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