

HUMOUROUS.

MR. BANKLURK (at the close of the game): What do you think of me as a ballplayer, Miss Minnie? Miss Minnie: I think you'd make a splendid swimmer. Mr. Banklurk: A swimmer? Why so? Miss Minnie: You strike out so beautifully, you know.

LIKE HIS UNCLE. --Two young swells from Glasgow were recently spending their holidays at a fishing village in the North of Scotland. One of them who counted himself pretty clever resolved to have a joke with an old fisherwoman whom they met one morning coming from the boats. Accordingly he addressed her as follows:—"Ay, that's a fine morning, Janet." "Deed it's a' that, laddie," replied she, "but ye hae the advantage o' me, for I'm sure I dinna ken ye." "Know me," replied he. "Don't you? I'm the devil's sister's son." The old woman peering into his face, replied, "Ay, ay, man, when I tak' a richt look o' ye, losh me, but ye're like yer uncle."

TWO OF A KIND. --A lady was one day driving her husband down a narrow lane in Scotland when, on turning a sharp corner, they encountered a brewer's van. Neither had room to pass. The lady very tartly said, "He must go back, for I shall not; he ought to have seen us before entering the lane." "But how could he," replied the husband, "when there is this sudd'n turn in the lane?" "Never mind, I don't care; here I'll stay till doomsday, if necessary, before I give way to that man." The brewer's man overhearing the colloquy, said, "All right, sir, I'll back out of it," and then significantly added, "I've got just such another one at home!"

MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS. --The exclusiveness of the Scotchman when travelling abroad was never better exemplified than by a case which occurred the other day on the railway station between Boulogne and Paris. A Frenchman and a Scotchman were the sole occupants of a compartment, and both were smoking. The Frenchman's efforts to "make conversation" were of course failures, and his remarks on the weather, the exhibition, etc., only elicited monosyllabic replies. Suddenly he exclaimed:—"Pardon, m'sieur; but zee, you have drop some tabac on your knee; zee, he is burning." The Scotchman brushed off the morsel of the smouldering weed, and again buried himself in silence; but it was no good. "Zere, behold!" exclaimed the Frenchman; "you have drop him again. Mon Dieu! you will be on fire--killed." "Haud yer tongue, mon; haud yer tongue," said the other, angrily; "whit wey, can ye no' min' yer ain business? The pouch o' yer ain coat's been smoulderin' for owre ten meenits, and I've no' said a word." And so it had, too.



ONE BETTER.
SIMPSON: I say! Uncle Jim, you're way behind the age with your old muzzle loading rifle, why here's one that will shoot balls by the dozen without reloading.
UNCLE JIM: Why dat's nuthin', boss, dis yer old gun will shoot 'em by the barrel!

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ENTRY.
Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.
Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:

1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT
may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent. Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD
may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Department of the Interior,
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