

CIVIL SERVICE COMMANDMENTS.

—
By *Charlie.*

I.
Thou shalt to the office come
Every day in the week but one.

II.
Thou shalt daily write a lot,
Whether it is read or not.

III.
Thou shalt not "loaf" except by
stealth,—

Work is better for thy health.
IV.

Sharp upon the stroke of noon
Thou mayst lunch,—but get back
soon.

V.
Simple and cheap must be thy fare,
A sup of Ottawa, a breath of air.

VI.
Thou mayst snooze,—but incident'ly,
And do thy snoring *very* gently.

VII.
Hasten thou at four o'clock,—
But do it slowly without shock.

VIII.
At four-forty brush the clothes,
Wash the hands and blow the nose.

IX.
At five thou mayst steal away
Without warning or delay.

X.
Thou mayst draw thy modest wage
When the month half turns its page.

XI.
Thy Minister thou shalt not kill,
Nor curse the Civil Service Bill.

XII.
When old and dull as any post
Gladly give thou up the ghost.

XIII.
Then to Heaven thou'll surely go,
Having worked and suffered so.

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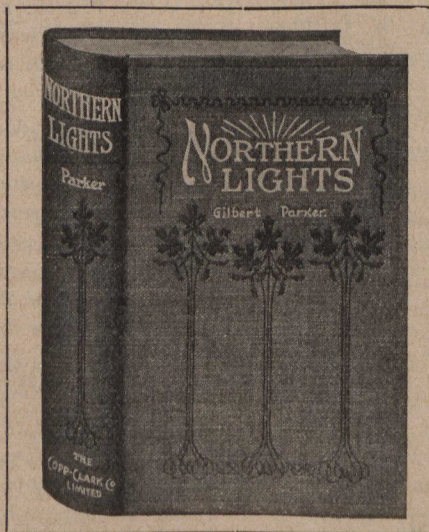
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