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### A CRISIS AT GREYTOWN.

The alleged despatch from Bluefields, Nicaragua, which appeared in this morning's paper, is a typical Washington product. Not one word of it ever came from Bluefields. It was manufactured to suit the American reading public and handed out as the unofficial opinion of official persons. The whole tone of the article is to convey the impression that Britain is taking sides with an irresponsible usurper against a well established government which has the protection of the United States.

When the revolution broke out in Nicaragua it was directed solely towards the overthrow of President Zelaya, who was very generally regarded as an undesirable. The leader of the revolt is one Estrada. His campaign was successful to the extent that Zelaya gave up office and retired. Thereupon Madriz was chosen as his successor, and has so far conducted Nicaraguan affairs with marked ability, incidentally denouncing Zelaya as a traitor.

But previous to this turnover, the United States having an eye on future concessions, and prompted by the clamorings of exploiters who had found difficulty in protecting their investments against the old government, came out openly in support of the revolutionists. Several warships and transports were, between their frequent stays abroad, hurried south and Secretary Knox even engaged in a heated debate with Zelaya, coming off second best.

After Zelaya retired, and Madriz was made president, the Washington government found its position somewhat difficult. It could scarcely declare against an established government which apparently enjoyed the confidence of the people. But a deal was patched up, Estrada making multitudinous promises, and thereafter the United States hailed Estrada as head of a new government and the rights president of the republic.

Estrada is today nothing more or less than a rebel. He is in open rebellion against the government of the state. Madriz on the other hand is the president in office. Just now the revolutionary army is near to Greytown, and in that city, in which British capital is very heavily interested, there is a government force.

Under these circumstances, Captain Reisdorf of the British warship Scylla has issued orders that there is to be no fighting in Greytown. His position is perfectly sound. Britain is more deeply involved in the well-being of Greytown than either of the opposing parties, and Captain Reisdorf takes the view that if these people want to fight they must do it in some place where they can injure no one but themselves. This action has soured the Washington capitalist-statesmen. They see in it a move which may interfere with their campaign in support of Estrada. As a result, the Tacoma has been ordered to Greytown and the Des Moines is already there. These warships will not be needed. If Capt. Reisdorf was authorized to issue his order, he will stick to it, and the whole American navy will be useless, for not a shot will be fired.

### THE FIRST DAY.

In the first day's polling the Unionists have done well, but not well enough. Still in view of the tremendous fight put up by the government party and of the popularity of the policies advanced by the ministry, it is remarkable that the opposition has made any gains whatever. There are no evidences of a landslide, no indications that the Aquith administration will be retired, nothing very much which to base a hope for tariff reform or the immediate future, and no marked demand for a larger navy. Yet there is apparent a well defined change in popular sentiment, a belief that protection will accomplish what free trade has failed to do, and certainly a general protest against the introduction of Socialism in Britain's methods of taxation. The Liberals on the other hand, anticipating serious losses and finding these losses less than had been expected, read in the results of Saturday's polling a desire on the part of the British public to throw off the yoke of feudalism, to regard energy and ability as of more importance than the accident of birth, to insist on government through representation and not by inheritance, to more equally distribute the burden of empire, and to stand by the more-covered policy of free trade, which was good enough for Britain in the days before competition appeared.

The failure to win Manchester is a disappointment to the tariff reformers, for there was a wide belief that on the result of the struggle in that hotbed of free trade the outcome of the fight elsewhere might be judged. Yet Balfour's supporters, although failing to capture any of the seats previously held by Liberals, have made heavy gains in the aggregate number of ballots cast, and

certainly they have reason to believe that in such a district where the tariff policy of a party is the first consideration, free trade has been heartily condemned by a very large number of electors. There is but little encouragement for either party in Saturday's returns. The Unionists have failed to make sufficient gains to indicate ultimate success, the Liberals have lost so many that they face the prospect of coming under the power of the Nationalists. But the day is still young.

### BRUTALITY.

Two incidents have occurred during the past week which tend, in the public mind at least, to lower the dignity of the law, and which are reflections on the administration of justice in Canada and the United States. In Winnipeg a man who had brutally assaulted a woman was sentenced to fourteen lashes and a salt bath; in Belleville, Illinois, a fend who murdered his child was given imprisonment rather than death, in order as the judge explained, that he might expiate his crime by a lifetime or remorse, haunted by the remembrance of his victim.

In both these cases punishment of the offender was made the principal object of the sentence. Society today endeavors rather to protect itself and to seek the reformation of the defective. In the eyes of the law vengeance on an offender is not the principal end to be attained, nor should it be given undue attention. Yet those judges in Winnipeg and Belleville, impressed no doubt with the brutality of the crimes committed, devised tortures which for intensity of suffering rival the horrors of the inquisition.

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"Your services are no longer needed," said the boss.

"What's the matter?" asked the clerk. "Don't I do my work all right?"

"Yes," answered the employer, "you do your work all right, but I'm sick of having you tell me how I ought to do mine."

### WANT SUNDAY BASEBALL

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—Four big delegations to the Ohio General Assembly have come out openly for Sunday baseball in this state and it is said will support the bill to be introduced this week by Representative Gilligan, of Cincinnati, to make baseball a legal Sunday amusement. The delegation which will support the measure are those from Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo.

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

After about five minutes of heartbroken wallings on the part of the two-year-old across the aisle the two-year-old mother gave in and bought some chocolate for him with which he promptly began to plant the seeds of indigestion and more wallings.

"Cry hard enough and you'll get your way every time," murmured the rather cynical looking lady in the seat in front, "and that rule isn't limited to babies, either."

As the remark wasn't addressed to me I couldn't express my approval, but I mentally dittoed it.

It certainly isn't limited to babies!

I know a great many pretty well grown children, and some as full grown as they'll ever be, who get anything that those about them have it in their power to give, simply by applying that rule.

I know, for instance, a family of four girls, one of whom has three times what the other three have. I heard her just the other day, after one of the others had been denied a certain luxury, boasting that she was sure she could get it.

I don't doubt it.

Because she is the best loved child? Not at all. Because she knows the value of the rule—"Cry hard enough and you'll get your way."

In very many families there is some one member who applies that rule. Usually it is one of the children, but not always by any means. Sometimes it's a father and once in a while a mother.

And always the rest of the family gladly give up anything that one happens to want.

A splendid rule, you see.

Only—well, I'll leave you to supply that "only."

If you know a family where there is such a person you doubtless can do it.

"Believing it was her fate because a fortune teller told her she would marry a Chinaman, Grace W. Miller, twenty-four, married Charles Song."

I read in a Pittsburgh paper the other day.

I wish there could be a law to keep those people who believe in fortune tellers away from them.

I am usually a disbeliever in the saying—

"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise."

But I think that in regard to a knowledge of the future it is extremely true.

And as you never can tell whether ignorance is bliss or not it really isn't safe to risk the folly of being wise.

Fortune tellers are for those who do not believe in their powers.

If you believe a fortune teller can't tell you anything of the future and merely want to waste a dollar or two, by all means waste it. It is a harmless way.

My friends of Arabian Nights' tales to those who know how to rate them as such I believe in fortune tellers, but as to the future of the future of the community, and I advise anyone who believes in them to keep a goodly distance away.

## The Lighter Side of Life

NEEDED THE KNIFE.

Speaking of table etiquette, General E. Burd Grubb told a story about a man who was justified in eating pie with a knife. Smith was standing in a hotel lobby one day, according to the general, talking to Jones, when the conversation turned to a dinner that had been given at the house of a mutual acquaintance named Brown.

You should have seen Barton," remarked Jones, referring to one of the guests. "I thought he had better table manners. When his pie was served he actually ate it with his knife."

"I don't blame him for that," was the startling reply of Smith.

"You don't blame him?" repeated Jones in amazement.

"No," smilingly joined Smith. "I have eaten pie at Brown's myself, and it is a wonder to me that Barton didn't take an axe."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

THE WOMAN WITH THE TRANSFER.

With a transfer ticket punched to expire at 12 o'clock an elderly woman got on a car.

"I can't take this lady," said the conductor. "You see, it's marked for 12, but now it's ten minutes of 2. The ticket's been dead for nearly two hours."

"Well," was the woman's reply, "I took the first car I could get after leaving the bank. I had to wait to have my interest figured up."

"If it took 'em two hours to figure the interest on my money I wouldn't wonder about a transfer. I'd pay my fare to ride in an auto," said the conductor.

The woman made no reply, but flashed a ticket out of her hand bag and gave it to the conductor.—New York Press.

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The first week of the season of Our Own Stock Company closed Saturday with a big matinee audience and a very good Saturday night crowd. Tonight the company presents a big scenic production of As A Man Soweth, a comedy drama dealing with present day life in Scotland and Ireland. The play has scored artistic triumph in both London and New York and in the hands of "Our Own Stock Company" will score a great popular hit. The leading part affords Edith Warren ample opportunity to display her ability and also the wearing of several gowns which will strongly appeal to the feminine eye.

Messrs. Oliver, Hartman, Hopkins, Blayth and Malloy and the Misses Crowe and Revel have parts which fit them to perfection.

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## A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

### Household Hints

To keep linoleum bright, use sweet milk and water to wash it.

To brighten oil lamp burners, boil for fifteen minutes in buttermilk.

Iced water in a pitcher will keep much longer if a paper bag is placed over the top.

Charcoal in pieces the size of a pea, or burnt cork, once a week is good for poultry.

Chit flowers will last well if a piece of salt petre be added to the water in which they stand.

A piece of mosquito wire is an excellent thing to rub a flat iron over to take off the rust.

To save grease when frying doughnuts, put half a teaspoonful of ginger into the grease.

Outside leaves of lettuce, if boiled, chopped, drained and served on toast like spinach are delicious.

A discolored bean-pot may be restored to its original whiteness by letting buttermilk stand in it for a day or so.

To remove spots from light dresses, apply a little fuller's earth made into a paste with spirit, and brush off when dry.

Unbleached calico shrinks very much when washed. When making it up an extra inch a yard should be allowed for this.

One way to remove tea, coffee and fruit stains from linen is to rub butter into them and then soak in hot water and then to season and reheat them after shelling.

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