

yet it may be conveniently introduced as a relief from the too frequent tedium of the average class in numbers.

Once upon a time there were two old men who sat in the market early every morning and sold apples. Each one had thirty apples, and one of the old men sold two for a cent, and the other old man sold three for a cent. In that way the first old man got fifteen cents for his basket of apples, while the second old man received ten cents; so that together they made twenty-five cents each day. But one day the old apple-man who sold three for a cent was too sick to go to the market, and he asked his neighbour to take his apples and sell them for him. This, the other old man very kindly consented to do, and when he got to the market with the two baskets of apples, he said to himself, "I will put all the apples into one basket, for it will be easier than picking them out of two baskets." So he put the sixty apples into one basket, and he said to himself, "Now, if I sell two apples for one cent, and my old friend sells three for one cent, that is the same thing as selling five apples for two cents. Therefore I will sell five for two cents." When he had sold the sixty apples he found he had only twenty-four cents, which was right; because there are twelve fives in sixty, and twice twelve are twenty-four. But, if the other old man had been there, and each one had sold his apples separately, they would have received twenty-five cents. Now, how is that explained?—*St. Nicholas.*

Books Received and Reviewed.

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The most important feature in the January number of the *Canadian Magazine* is perhaps the first instalment of a series of articles on "My Contemporaries in Fiction," by David Christie Murray. The *Canadian* is to be congratulated on its enterprise in securing this interesting series of papers, by the celebrated English novelist. "Ontario's Weakness," a criticism of the educational system of that province, by Ernest Heaton, will be of special interest to our readers. Laval University is treated of in an illustrated article, as are also the Selkirk Mountains. The number is an excellent one, and the magazine's appearance is much improved by an entire new dress of type.