

### REASONABLE FUN.

Stardling Figures—Ghats.  
A painstaking man—A dentist.  
A confidence game—Matrimony.  
A happy medium—A wealthy chairovank.

The only way to get a hen out of the garden is to go slow but shoot.

'Tis bad to be cut by old friends, but it's worse to be dropped by the sheriff.

"Er—lemmy see. Who was it that was clothed in a little brief article?" "Adam, I guess."

"Lost your house out West?" "Yes." "It must have been a great blow." "It was. I lost it in a hurricane."

"There's a great art," says Mickey Lenson, "in knowing what not to know which you don't want to know it."

What is the difference between a boy and a very pretty bonnet? One becomes a man and the other becomes a woman.

Leary—"Still waiting for your ship to come in, eh?" Weary—"Oh, they've come. Whole fleet of 'em. All hardalips."

She—"Since my return from the South of France I'm another woman." Sarcastic Friend—"How delighted your husband must be."

"Your bill," said the tailor, "is overdue." "That's bad English," replied the customer; "you should say over due am I'll believe you."

Judge—"If I let you off this time will you promise not to come back here again?" Prisoner—"Yes, sir. The fact is, I didn't come voluntarily this time."

Doctor—"My dear madame, there is nothing the matter with you—you only need rest." "But, doctor, just look at my tongue!" "Needs rest, too, madame."

A dress reform wall.  
"Bifurcation" is vexation.  
"Suspenders" are bad;  
"Trunks to the knee" discomfort me,  
And "bloomers" drive me mad.

"Jennie," said the young woman fiercely, "I'm never going to have anything to do with another church fair." "Why not?" "All the young men are over at the dining-table betting on who will get the oyster. Isn't it scandalous?"

### Everybody has Enemies.

Men are continually heard talking of their enemies. It seems to be universally understood that everybody has enemies. We hear of such and such a person being ill-spoken of; but then he has many enemies. We hear of some one having been extremely unfortunate—he has made himself many enemies. I believe there is a great many enemies in all this, and that scarcely any one has enemies worthy of the name, much less that any one is ever seriously injured by them. People are in general too much engrossed, each by his own affairs, to make any very active war against each other. Jealous, envious, rancorous they often are, but to wage positive hostilities, they are for the most part too indolent. Though it were otherwise, society is not now constituted in such a way as to admit of one man being to any serious extent hurtful to another. When I hear, therefore, of any man attributing his non-success in business, the invariably severe treatment of his books in the reviews, or the rejection of his pictures at the exhibition, to enemies, I feel that a cause inadequate to the effect has been cited and, while listening politely, do not believe, though I darsay *de* does.

The fact is, this proneness to attribute our mischances to enemies is merely one of the reflexes of our self-love. Admitting possible exceptions, it may be said emphatically that we are none of us anybody's enemy but our own. We are all, however, our own enemies. The same is true of corporations and institutions. Hence it is the merchant who effects his own ruin; it is the author who writes himself down. Dynasties, ministries, parties, die not by suicide. And it is the friends of great causes and venerable systems who are most apt to be the obstructors of the one and the destroyers of the other.

The laboring people have a notion that the rest of the community are their enemies. Any one who mingles with the rest of the community must see that these are full of good-feeling towards the laborers, are constantly speculating about the means of benefiting them, and in reality spend largely in their behalf. They are not the enemies of the working-classes; but it is not difficult to see who are. It is the working-classes themselves, who arrogating the privilege of dispensing with forethought and self-denial, and throwing on others the blame of all mischances, subject themselves to such bitter woes in consequence, that if one-tenth of it were really visited on any one set of people by another, the world would ring with it forever. What should we think, for instance, of a Government which should force its industrious millions to spend each a large portion of his gains on indulgences alike injurious to health and morals? Yet such a thing is done by the working-classes themselves. What should we think of a master who permitted no new entrant into his work without a sum of money being paid to make a feast with, however difficult it might be to raise such a sum? Yet exclusions of this kind are common among the men themselves.

Some men are said to have a turn for making enemies, while to others is awarded the praise of having none. But though there is such a thing as enemy-making, it amounts to little, such enemies being seldom able to do any harm. The more narrowly we examine our position, and the things which affect us in the world, the more we shall be convinced that our only formidable enemies are ourselves. The tongue that truly detracts from our credit and glory is our own tongue; the hand that most mercilessly spoils us of our property is our own hand.

All the real murders in this world, that is, apart from the mere commonplace killing of men and women are self-murders. Conceit tells us a different tale, and we are too ready to lay on the flattering illusion. But all great successes, all the grander triumphs, will be in proportion to the number of the truest and the most real dangers, lie in the perverse impulses of our own nature.

### To Protect Game and Fish.

The Ontario Game and Fish Commission, appointed in November, 1890, has finished its labors, and its report was submitted to the provincial legislature last week. The province was divided by the commissioners into districts, and a large number of witnesses were examined in each district. The commissioners report as follows:

The answers received by the commissioners to the questions sent out by them, and the evidence heard from witnesses who appeared before them to give evidence, point to a state of affairs which, as far as the game and fish of the province is concerned, is most alarming. It would have been well if the commission, which is now making its report had been issued years ago. On all sides, from every quarter, has been heard the same sickening tale of merciless and remorseless slaughter. Where but a few years ago game was plentiful it is hardly now to be found, and there is great danger that, as in the case of the buffalo, even those animals which have been so numerous as to be looked upon with contempt will soon become extinct.

In many places where game animals formerly abounded large cities stand to-day; the clearing up of the land, the cutting down of the forests, the introduction of railways, the ravages of the wolves, the indiscriminate hunting of the human assassin and the use of dynamite and not have all contributed to the general decrease of the game and fish of the land. This is to be regretted, and is indeed a deplorable state of affairs, not only from the sportsman's but from an economic point of view.

The good which would undoubtedly accrue to the masses from a liberal supply of cheap game and fish food is now minimized to such an extent as to be almost unobtainable. What game is left now goes, either to grace the table of the rich, or to the neighboring republic, where larger prices are obtained for it than can possibly be had in Canada.

The amount of money put in circulation annually by sportsmen is enormous, although your commissioners regret that they have been quite unable to form even an approximate estimate of the amount so spent in the legitimate pursuit of the game and fish. It will be readily seen that the money paid out for powder, shot, firearms, fishing-rods and tackle, transport, hotel accommodation, camp supplies and hire of guides and the many incidentals necessary to the sportsman, amounts yearly to a sum which is not easily guessed at, and there are many localities and many families in the province who depend chiefly on this source of revenue for their livelihood.

As the game and fish supply decreases year by year, the money put into circulation also decreases proportionately, and in inverse ratio, if the game were protected, the province re-stocked as far as possible and pains taken to preserve and propagate the supply, the community would benefit materially thereby.

Your commissioners having therefore given the most careful attention to the matters presented for their consideration, and having weighed most carefully the evidence presented to them, keeping ever in mind that their duty was to recommend such measures as would conduce towards the preservation and protection of game and fish, even although such recommendations might give offence to some selfish men who call themselves sportsmen, beg to make several recommendations.

It was recommended that the killing of deer be entirely stopped for 5 years in the counties of Bruce, Grey and Simcoe as far north as the Severn river and the eastern boundary of Ontario's sportsmen to be allowed to kill only two deer per season and no more; That foreign sportsmen must obtain a permit to kill deer and pay a fee for the same; That a force of game wardens be appointed to protect the deer; That moose, elk and caribou be more closely protected; That all exportations of game birds be prohibited; That no quail, snipe, woodcock, wild turkey or partridge be allowed to be sold for 3 years; That the shooting of wild ducks in the spring be prohibited. In regard to the preservation of fish the commissioners advise that pond nets be entirely abolished and that gill netting only allowed by permission of a game and fish commissioner and that such a commission be at once established, and that a bounty of \$1 per head be paid for wolves.

There is no vice that doth so cover a man with shame as to be doted in a lie.

If a young lady has that discretion and modesty without which all knowledge is of little worth, she will never make an ostentatious display of it, because she will rather be intent on acquiring more, than in displaying what she has.

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Chicago is not the only place that offers a moral for Canadians to dwell on. New Jersey has recently developed some extraordinary symptoms of boodling. Those gigantic corporations the Reading Jersey Central, Lehigh Valley and Sackawanna railroads, who, with the Pennsylvania road, control all the vast output of coal in the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania, sought to get a combination bill through the legislature without criticism and granting them certain rights of monopoly in perpetuity. To effect the object in view no less a sum than three million dollars—think of that for one bill—was laid aside for corruption purposes. There were nineteen state senators to be worked, after whom the state assemblymen had to be looked. Eleven previously antagonistic senators had been duly lassoed, and only one remained to be hauled in to secure the passage of the bill. This was Senator Rogers, who, honest as the rest, spurred the tempo when he approached the bill, his massive brow, Senator Rogers, who was naturally proud of his fortitude and his knowledge, talked and the whole matter leaked out, but not before the bill had been passed in the Senate by a majority of 15.

It is in proportion to the number of the truest and the most real dangers, lie in the perverse impulses of our own nature. The short girl has many advantages over the tall one. She has to go through life looking up, and nothing is so becoming to eyes as that. Her lashes show more, and so does her hair. There are curves of cheek, chin and throat that look their prettiest to a man who must glance down to them.

A small girl is more easily held and more easily kissed. It is nicer to have to lift her face up by the chin, and it is more epicurean and satisfactory to reach down to the upturned lips, says the Kansas City Star.

It is comfortable when you hold a girl on your knee to have her head just come to your shoulder, instead of having it sort of hang over—surplus, as it were.

Everything about a small girl is likely to be a provocation—the unexpectedly tiny hands, the distracting morsels of feet, the little head, the little nose.

A small girl can be fascinating even in a temper, she can be delicious when she cries, she can even be lovely when she pouts, and none of these moods set well on a big woman.

Then, too, the man in love is inclined to pet names, and he wants to call his girl "Birdy," whether she weighs 200 or not, yet he is not insensible to the appropriateness of the title when given to a real little thing.

A man likes to feel big, by comparison at least. A really large man does not object to seeming almost a giant beside the girl of his heart, and it is almost necessary to his short man's vanity that he shall seem big to the little creature he is going to marry. It is very fetching to have one's girl say: "Please, dear, my neck gets so tired—you're so tall." Don't you know what that means? Well, get a bit of a girl and you'll find out. On the whole, the small girl has the best of it.

### THE O.P.R. ROUTE.

The British Admiralty Will Send Another Batch of Men from Halifax to Vancouver.

A telegram from London, announces that the Admiralty has notified the Canadian Pacific railway of an intention to send two hundred and three men in charge of three officers from Halifax to Vancouver about the middle of May. H. S. Daphne and the Nympha and the flagship Wapaga are in commission at Esquimalt, B.C. Heretofore all cruisers and sloops in that part of the Pacific have been transferred to the China station at Hong Kong to recommission, and this present action of the Admiralty indicates that a great deal of the work will in future be done over the Canadian Pacific. The Admiralty officials speak in the highest terms of the efficiency of the Canadian Pacific service, and say the route will prove of great utility to the Empire. This action of the Admiralty will probably arouse misconception in some quarters, and to prevent this it is clearly stated that the course was decided upon before the Behring Sea dispute assumed a critical stage.

The first consignment of tea from Natal has been sold in London.

Not many months ago the Chicago papers were regarding with every symptom of justifiable horror the boodling revelations which were being made in Canada; and now we learn that an investigation has been started by the Chicago grand jury which is expected to elicit revelations of widespread corruption, exceeding even the Tweed infamy and the notorious boodling cases of New York city. This inquiry was prompted by the recent passage through the late city council of an ordinance granting permission to the Chicago Power Supply and Compressed Air Company to use the streets and alleys of that city in about any manner it sees fit. It is alleged that boodling has been going on to such an extent that it is generally admitted, money must be planked down to secure the passage of an ordinance through the Chicago council. The proof, it is said, entangles four or five aldermen. The alderman "divy" varied from \$500 to \$5000. It is well to have these disgraceful proceedings probed to the bottom, before the World's Fair begins, or foreigners might be prejudiced against American city government. City administration ought to be confined to so few hands that the people could readily get at boodling culprits. In the meantime the revelations that have already been made, amply prove the justice of the position we took last year, that in their manifestations of disgust against our neighborly states, the newspapers of our neighborly states to the last degree hypocritical. As we really said then, we say now, that for every corrupt act perpetrated by officials in Canada, there are fifty in the United States, with the difference that whereas the reprehensible thefts here amount to hundreds of dollars, theirs reach up to the thousands.

### De Jure and De Facto.

Mr. Topody is no lawyer, but his wife is an able woman. He was stumped in his reading the other evening and appealed to her. "Are you up in Latin, my dear?" he asked. "What do you want to know?" she inquired with proper caution. "I want to know the difference between de jure and de facto." Mrs. T. studied a moment and then she said, "you are at the head of this family de jure." "And," she concluded, with some vigour, "I am at the head of it de facto."

He whom the gods favor dies young, while he in his health, has his senses and his judgment sound. (Pianissimo)

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.

### Thereby Hangs a Tale.

And so, from hour to hour, we wipe and rot. And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot.

And thereby hangs a tale. And truly, "tis a tale of woe," of one who had Caruly in the Head, for many years, and who really had been "rotting," from hour to hour, until Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy came to his notice. He used it at first with slight signs of relief, but he persisted until a permanent cure was effected, and the world was again pleasant to live in. From his awful suffering he was set free by the expenditure of a few dollars in that incomparable remedy.

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Every man has his chain and his clog, only it is looser and tighter at one man than to another. And he is more at ease who takes up than he who drags it.

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