

Peculiarities

A MR. ANGUS, of Victoria, B.C., does not appear to regard trains as a necessity. Recently he walked from that city to Nanaimo, a distance of about ninety miles, though in what time is not mentioned. We would like to remind Mr. Angus that while this sort of thing is good business for the chiropodists, it is very unhealthy for the railroads.

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They must grow fine, husky, substantial girls in Truro. A few days ago the girls' team at the Academy there defeated the boys' team by the disgraceful score of 39 to 9. Perhaps the boys will be good now, and confine their attention to the exciting game of marbles.

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Statistics have recently been issued showing the previous religious beliefs of 2,732 persons who professed conversion at Dr. Torrey's mission in Montreal this spring. From these figures it appears that the Presbyterians have the questionable honour of leading all the denominations, with a total of 830 persons won over to Torreyism. Of all denominations, we thought the Presbyterians were hardest to shake loose from their moorings. Looking at it this way, the Reformed Episcopalians made the best showing, as the mission was only able to shake down three of them.

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A battle of the circulation managers is on in Vancouver between "The World" and "The Province," and the daily results make good, strenuous, spicy reading, beside which the average editorial seems very tame. There's nothing like a contest of this kind to shake things up in a town every now and then.

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It's all very well for Miss Flora Shaw to have launched that marriage bureau by which lonely settlers on the western plains are to be provided with eligible wives from the British Isles, but what do the unmarried ladies in Canada think about it? A good strong union with a paid organiser might help some, and would also help those "lonelies" out on the prairie from being gobbled up by the invader.

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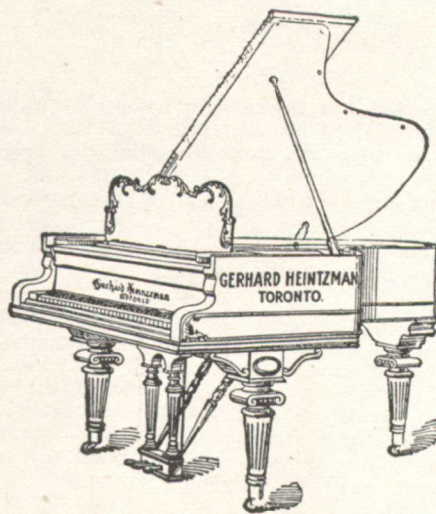
In obedience to orders of State from Ottawa, Mayor Bethune, of Vancouver, is reported to have gone through a trying ordeal in endeavouring to sing the Japanese national hymn, "Kimigayma," which must be played wherever Prince Fushimi goes. It's hard to say where this Oriental drift may take us. Perhaps when the next visitor comes we may be required to train for the event by lying on our backs and tossing barrels about in the air with our feet. Who can tell?

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From Edmonton to the Gulf of Mexico by rowboat is the very unusual voyage that Robert Hoerschgen, a German, and W. Sparke, an Englishman, are to undertake some time this month. The distance is nearly four thousand miles, and they expect to reach the Gulf in November or December. Their object is said to be to make a study of the great water route of this continent. On the way down Lake Winnipeg they will visit the Icelandic settlement, as well as other foreign settlements farther south.

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Politics, as conducted by the newspapers of St. John and Fredericton, appears to be a strenuous game. Here is what the "St. John Sun" hands out in a recent issue: "Our yellow contemporary in Fredericton, apparently considering that it might as well be hanged for a full-grown scavenger as an amateur at the business, has a front page panel containing further insinuations against an ex-Minister of the Crown, which it intimates 'will create a terrible sensation when given to the press.' This, on the whole, is a safer sort of character-assassination than it has been practicing, and being no less vile, should commend itself to the managers of the muckraking campaign. The poisoned arrow shot from concealment by the African dwarf is quite as



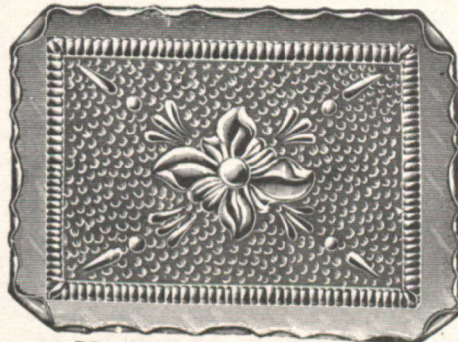
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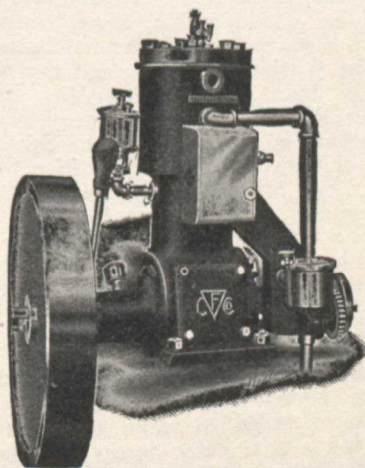
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