

A Little Nonsense

'TIS AND 'TAINT.

Soap-box orator—An' I tell yer that all them millionaires' money is tainted—all of it.

Unconvinced persons—'Od d'ye mean, tainted?

Soap-box orator—Well 'taint your and 'taint mine, is it?

A HEAD FOR DETAIL.

Mistress—"Have you made all arrangements for your marriage, Bridget?"

Bridget—"Well, not quite, mum. I've got to buy a trooso, an' rent a house, an' get my husband a job, an' buy him a good suit o' clothes, an' get some reg'lar washin' work to do. An' when that's done I can name the happy day."

SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Thelma, age four, was the one and only child and made much of by her mother who one day taking her into her arms called her "Mother's little comfort." However, when callers were there Thelma was very much neglected. At length unable to stand her mother's indifference to her, Thelma cried out woefully, "Now, mother ain't I your little blanket?"

BACK TO THE EASIER JOB.

A professor of history met one of his class who had returned from fighting on the western front, and asked if he had learned any particular lesson from the war.

"Yes, I have, professor," replied the young man. "I discovered that it is a great deal easier studying history than it is making it."

OTHERWISE VERY QUIET.

A great many changes have been ascribed with more or less truth to the influence of the war. The following passage, extracted from the letter of a correspondent at Hastings, suggests that a new standard of quietness may be among them. Describing the reception of the news of the signing of peace, the writer says:—"Everything was very quiet here; there was nothing but the ringing of church bells and the firing of guns."

HIS FATE.

The young man brought some verses to his father.

"Father, I have written poems."

"What! Let me see them instantly."

The father read them over carefully, the tears slowly welling to his eyes as he did so. Finishing the last one, he threw down the manuscript, folded the boy to his breast and sobbed:

"Oh, my poor, poor son!"

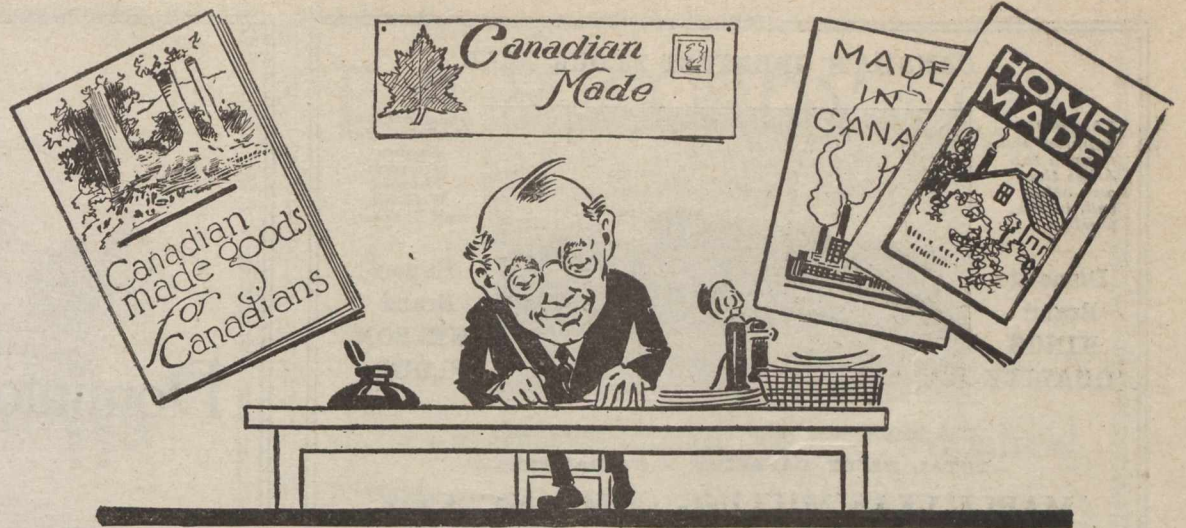
"Are they so bad as that, father?"

"Bad! They are excellent. They are real poetry. My boy, my boy, you will starve to death!"

WHEN MIKE WAS PAT.

Pat and Mike were twins and in great financial difficulty. The problem of paying a year's rent was under discussion and Pat trudged over to the landlord for a month's grace. The landlord belatedly that he would give him that time to guess this riddle. If they got the correct answer they could have the house. The riddle was: How many pounds does the moon weigh? How many stars are there in the sky? What was he thinking of? Sad of heart Pat returned home to tell his twin brother Mike and Mike said "leave it to me."

When the appointed day came Mike went on over to the landlord with these answers "The moon is 1,000,000,000, etc., and if you don't believe that, go and weigh it. There are 1,000,000,000, etc., stars in the skies and if you don't believe that go and count them. And you are thinking that I'm Pat and I'm Mike. They won."



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