

men who are constantly on the lookout for a "sucker" as they call him. Oh, yes; they have endless schemes in the West for the unwary youngster just out, who, trusting people as they did at home, fall easy victims to these sharks, who not infrequently are Englishmen themselves, who have been previously victimized.

Perhaps they inveigle the young man into putting his money in a wonderful gold mine, about which he knows nothing, or they induce him to buy a farm or some real estate, or to venture on a business proposition. He has come to make his pile, and he has no true friends to advise him, so he falls easily into the trap; and indeed, smarter than he have fallen before him. It is a game of "bluff," which he does not understand.

On coming out to this country many Englishmen do get badly "bitten," so badly that many never recover, but many, having "made their beds," endeavor to lie there, and make the best of the situation. True, not a few high positions in the country are occupied by Englishmen, and some of them are of the class mentioned above, and more than likely in all cases they have gone "through the mill."

To quote two instances that have come under the writer's notice. One fellow, a Cambridge man, came here at the time of the Klondike rush, and after losing what little money he had in a vain expedition to the North in search of gold, he had to take a job as a builder's "Paddy," to carry bricks and mortar in the building of a church. Another, educated at the same University, drove a milk cart rather than starve, and now, after a few years, both fellows are doing pretty well, one as a commission and insurance agent, and the other filling a rising position on an ocean liner.

Mention might be made of young men coming out to farm. Not infrequently at the start, they are persuaded into buying a ranch whereon they expect to have lots of sport, and probably not much work. It is a fascinating thought to them to be the proud owner of broad acres whereon they can feed their stock or grow their grain, and they imagine themselves riding around to view it all, and to give directions to their men.

Alas! "all is not gold that glitters," and soon they find that a Western rancher must be a man of many resources, for labor is expensive, and if he would succeed he must work very hard and suffer much worry and disappointment. Very probably the place is away from where there is much society, and, as often is the case, the young rancher, being a bachelor, has to keep the house clean himself and cook his own meals, or pay out a big wage for a Chinaman. With such conditions, he soon sinks into indifference, and often ends by becoming careless and untidy, and a martyr to indigestion.

Lots of these young men, brought up among refinement and luxury at home, are to be found in this country, living a life of neglect, whilst their people probably know nothing about it. They are really in need of good female society, and if only their un-

married sisters would do their duty and come out to look after them for a year or so at any rate, it would be a real blessing, and no doubt be the means of much happiness to both.

Now let us turn for a moment to the pleasanter side of the situation. There is something about life here that is fascinating. Probably it is the sense of freedom in the spacious country after the congested districts of the old country. Essentially this is a land of free intercourse, where the hired man is often better by birth and education than his master, and where the postman who delivers your letters may be a University graduate. It is a new country where everybody is for himself, and the devil take the hindmost. Poverty as it is understood in England, is not known here, and a man can be passing rich with a capital of 2000 Pounds.

Wages are high, and money can be made rapidly in some lines, though the cost of living is greater than in England. Too much business is conducted on credit, and consequently a cautious man, with ready money has often a splendid advantage. In fact, for a man with means, who desires a free and healthy life, Western Canada is the country. The people are hard workers and hospitable. It cannot, however, be too emphatically stated that the settler at first should be very careful about investing, and it will be best for him probably, to keep his money securely locked up for a year or more, until he gets accustomed to the people and the different conditions he finds himself amongst. He should be very observant, not over-confiding, and he should have left his prejudices behind.

The best man to emigrate is the one who has a good knowledge of some trade, as in a new land, a man is often called upon to use his hands as much as anything. We have here a magnificent country of wonderful natural resources, and with space sufficient for many thousands from the over-crowded old countries. It only requires capital and labor judiciously applied to develop it.

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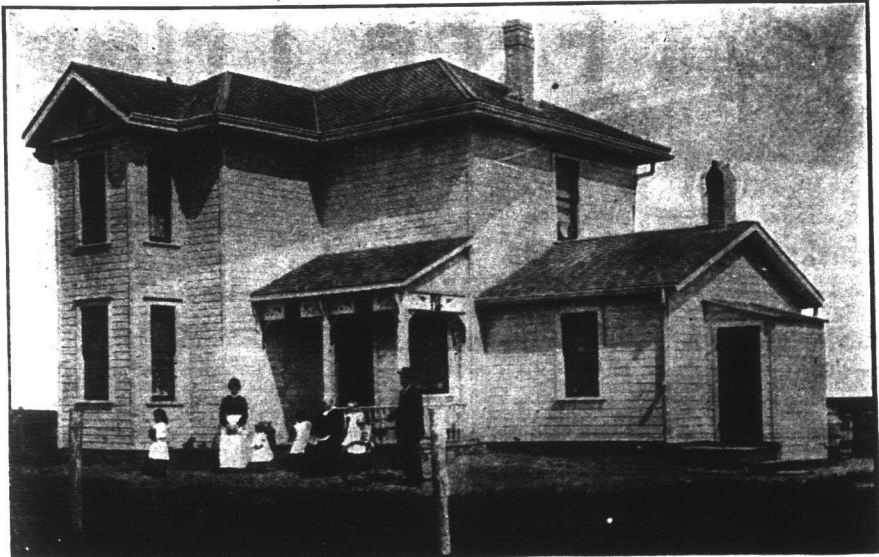
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"What at?"

"Well, pa stepped on a tack and I laughed: then pa caught me laughing and I cried."

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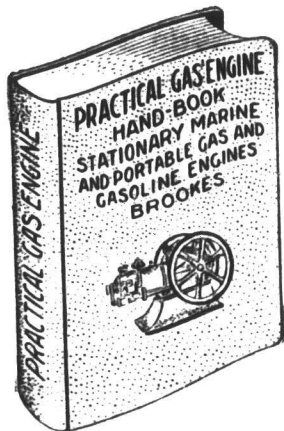
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