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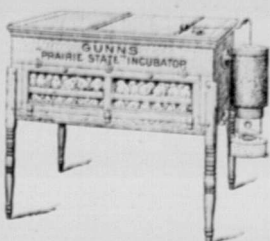
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some lawful recognition of their right to a share of the property which they earn conjointly with their husbands.

Mr. Hobbin agreed to consider the matter, but did not think that a divorce law as maintained in Ontario would pass here, as property in the hands of several millions change hands annually and women would be a hindrance in these deals.

THE MICROBES SERENADE

By George Ade

A loveless microbe met by chance
At a swaggy bacteroidal dance
A proud bacillan belle, and she
Was first of the animalcule.
Of organism saccharine,
She was the protoplasmic queen.
The microscopical pride and pet
Of the biological smartest set,
And so this infinitesimal swain
Evolved a pleading low refrain:
"Oh, lovely metamorphic germ,
What futile scientific term
Can well describe your many charms?
Come to these embryonic arms,
Then his away to my cellular home,
And be my little diatom!"

His epithelium burned with love,
He swore by molecules above
She'd be his own gregarious mate,
Or else he would disintegrate.
This amorous mite of a parasite
Pursued the germ both day and night,
And 'neath her window often played
This Darwin-Huxley serenade—
He'd warble to her every day
This rhinopodial roundelay:

"Oh, most primordial type of spore,
I never met your like before,
And though a microbe has no heart,
From you, sweet germ, I'll never part.
We'll sit beneath some fungus growth
Till dissolution claims us both!"

ST. VALENTINE

How the dear old patron Saint of lovers must sigh as he thinks of the changes that one hundred years has wrought! A century ago he was Erno's chosen henchman. A hundred years ago the fond lover evoked him humbly, the while pondering for months ahead as to the best rhymes to accompany the inevitable bleeding heart (personally drawn and painted). Not to write burning verses to his charmer's eyebrow or lily-white hand would indeed have proved her wooer lacking in the finer arts of love. With quill in hand, and sand box near, every Romeo burned midnight candle and filled words to the measure of his passion.

Circled fifty years. Again the lover sought upon St. Valentine's day some gallant way to prove his preference. Progress was his ally. For a few pence he might buy his heart (sore pierced indeed) and flaming verses, compared with which his own were rustic drivel. To the stationer's he ran, to find in lacy cages (of paper) love hidden, armed with cruel darts and o'er-burning words. From many, Lovelace chose the gem to suit his case, thereafter dropping it in the penny-post most gaily.

To-day at St. Valentine's shrine few lovers go to pray. Rather have they the air of patrons who graciously remember the old saint as do they childish myths to smile or scoff at. Occasionally they make him serve, as when they would offer a dame of high degree or maid of import costly trophies or flowers worth their weight in gold. As St. Valentine knows, lovers still love, but not in the manner of long ago, humbly, doubting their prowess and putting it to the test in simple ways. Modern wooers find their days too short for dalliance, for verse making or gentle wooing.

The present Romeo finds a dozen "beauties" or "corbels" or a jewelled bauble, quite as effective and much more to his taste—and his lady's than bleeding hearts and toil-worn rhymes if he remembers St. Valentine's day at all.

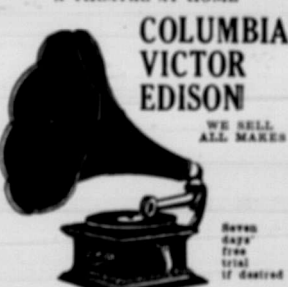
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Editor Fireside.—The policy and purpose of the Grain Growers' Association as explained by a Western writer in the February Canadian Magazine is full of promise for Canada's future.

Everywhere in the old as well as in the so-called new countries all thinking and earnest men and women have realized that we are governed not so much, if at all, by representatives of the people as by political parties in turn whose prevailing aim and object centres in party interests and party expediency. If the farmers of Canada are prepared to acknowledge no party ties and so bring

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