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## NO BLESSINGS IN FREE TRADE

The Duke of Devonshire presents a very old argument in reply to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's plan for an Imperial preferential trade policy, comments the Toronto World. His warning the workman to beware of a policy which will cause an increase in the price of bread. This warning the Duke of Devonshire advances with a positiveness that seems to admit of no questioning. A duty on wheat he reasons will inevitably lead to an increase in the price of bread.

This positiveness is not supported by Britain's recent experience with a tax on corn. The tax on corn did not increase by a fraction of a farthing the price of the loaf. Some free traders explain this circumstance with the fact that the tax did not remain in force long enough to bring about the increase in the price of the loaf which in time would have followed. This, however, is theory which cannot stand scrutiny beside the bold fact that the price of bread did not rise in obedience to the tax on wheat.

If the issue between Mr. Chamberlain and his enemies were a purely theoretical one there would be little difficulty in pronouncing upon it. The theoretical proposition advanced by the advocates of free trade?

Mr. Chamberlain's figures, which show that the workman has more to gain from a policy of preferential trade than from a policy of free trade, have not yet been shown to be false. He makes it clear enough to the most skeptical that if there should be a slight increase in the price of bread that extra expenditure will be more than met by savings from the removal of the tax on tea and other necessities of life.

There is the other important fact that the wages of the British workman would be increased under a policy of protection. If he were obliged to spend more to live he would likewise earn more. This is the history of high tariff nations. Mr. Chamberlain's enemies have not much to show for the long test of the virtues of free trade. The hard fact remains that after years of trial of the policy of free trade the British workman has a margin of only a few cents a week over the bare cost of living. The loss of those few cents, the free trader argues, would bring the British workman to the verge of starvation. This does not say much for the policy of free trade. It is not surprising that the British workman reflecting on his narrow margin of living should give ready ear to the clear cut proposition enunciated by Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

## THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage  
and all the men and women  
merely players."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:-  
Lycium Course No. 2.-Nov. 30.  
Merchant of Venice.-Dec. 3.  
Monarch Minstrels.-Dec. 10.  
Gibney Stock Co.-Dec. 14 to 19.  
Cecilian Co.-Dec. 25.  
Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra.-Jan. 1.  
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## PIERCE'S SOCIETY ENTERTAINERS.

A company of entertainers that are sure to please hold the boards at the Grand on Monday evening. The Pierce's Society Entertainers have received the best of press criticism wherever they have played. This seems to be a well known fact by the Chatham theatregoers, as the advance sale of tickets has been very large, and it is quite evident that even standing room will be at a premium when the curtain rolls up.

## MERCHANT OF VENICE.

In securing the support to surround Mr. Elmer Buffham in his production of Shakespeare's beautiful comedy, "The Merchant of Venice," Messrs. Fletcher and Stronach have looked the theatrical world over for the right artist in the right place. One of the leading members of "The Merchant of Venice" company will be Mr. Charles Pierson, the veteran actor, who will be remembered by old time attendants of the theatre. Mr. Pierson is one of the few surviving members of the old school of legitimate actors, having been a prominent member of the companies of such artists as Edwin Forrest, Rosa, Edwin Booth, Laura Keane, etc. Time has dealt most kindly with this veteran of the stage, and he retains all the spirit and life of the golden age of the drama. His unobtrusive comedy and pleasing personality will be one of the features when "The Merchant of Venice" is presented in our city on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 3.

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On Friday there arrived in Chatham, addressed to Victor A. Skirving, an interesting souvenir of the South African war. The citizens of Capetown, in 1900, issued very pretty cards, but they have only reached their destination after a period of three years. On the front is a picture of Table Bay, around which is printed in gold letters the names of some of the important battles in which the volunteer forces were engaged, viz., Belmont, Emslin, Modder River, Kimberley, Paardeberg, Bloemfontein, Surrender Hill, Wernersburg, Talaan Hill, Blandlaagte, Pieter's Hill, Ladysmith, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Middelburg, Mafeking. It is addressed to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Her Majesty's volunteer forces of England, Ireland, Wales, Australia, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon, India, Natal, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Tasmania, and readers:

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Monday, Oct. 29, 1900.  
Affixed in the corporate seal.

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both.

Another Word For It.  
"Henry," said Mrs. Smudgers, glancing over the front page of the newspaper, "what do they mean when they say that one train telescoped another?"

"They mean, my dear, that it rushed right into it. It is a bad kind of collision."

"Collision? Then why don't they call it a colliedoscope instead of a telescope?"

The Great Game of Chance.  
"But why," asked the authorities, "are you young women so interested in this anti-gambling crusade?"

"Because," was the reply, "if we succeed marriage will be the only game of chance left open to the men."

No Cajolery About It.  
"Why did you let that girl cajole you into subscribing for her book?"

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"I am told," he said one day to the leader of the choir, "that when I preach to-morrow, I shall have to preach on the note of the building, and that the note of the building is E flat. What is E flat?"

"The organist will play a short interlude ending on E flat," was the answer.

"Yes, yes, I know that. But how am I to transfer the note E flat from the organ to my voice?"

This was a question no choir-leader could answer.

Again Dean Farrar referred, in an early poem, to an amazing boy named Ronald, singing on a lake.

"With exquisite falsetto now and then."

But his own voice, in the reading of majestic passages, was beautiful and, when he launched into invective against schoolboy misdeeds, very dramatic. One day he took some friends on a "surprise" visit to one of the college houses, fully expecting to find his good boys hard at work. But alas! they were enjoying a "brew," an impromptu meal of cocoa and roast potatoes. The next day in class the dean began, in a low and mournful voice, to narrate the story of his disillusion.

"I confidently expected to be able to point with pride to my sixteenth form boys absorbed and immersed in a study of some Attic masterpiece."

"Presenting Thebes, or Polop's Line, or the tale of Troy, or—"

Then, gradually raising his voice, he continued, "But what was my indignation, vexation and shame when I discovered them greedily engaged in ravenously devouring the fragments of a barbaric repast!" The last words, uttered fortissimo with intense vigor, launched him on a speech of long-winded eloquence. For five minutes he was like "a bit of a dictionary," and at the end of that time his good humor was quite restored.

## English Governing Capacity.

Public Opinion republishes from The London Times the following summary of a review of a recent blue book dealing with Indian affairs: The details of ten years of Anglo-Indian administration are of a character which no Englishman can read without pride in the governing capacity of his race, or without satisfaction in the thought that this capacity has been continually exerted in promoting the happiness of subject peoples, in securing to them at once the blessings of liberty and of order, in promoting their industry and their prosperity, and in inducing them to take a constantly increasing part in the management of their own municipal affairs. The increase of population has indeed been seriously checked, but the extension of irrigation has added enormous quantities of new land to the cultivated area, and, especially when taken in conjunction with the extension of railways, affords the best possible security against famines as consequences of dry seasons in future. The difficulties which were brought about by the steady depreciation of the rupee have been successfully encountered, and the adoption of a new monetary system has enabled the Government to conduct its financial transactions without uncertainty and without loss, and to bear the heavy expenditure incidental to famine charges and to little wars. The internal organization of the native or protected States has in the meantime been improved, and there have been many indications of the increasing degree in which the native rulers and the native nobility have come to regard themselves as members of the great British community, and as being interested, equally with ourselves, in all that contributes to its greatness.

The English as conquerors and rulers of India have now culminated in a time at which they could be looked upon as aliens, and may fairly claim to be regarded as the natural representatives of the great dynasty whose place they have taken.

## Thackeray's Irony.

Justin McCarthy says that Thackeray often created quite erroneous impressions of himself by indulging in irony in the presence of people who were incapable of understanding it. One curious instance which he gives is this: Thackeray had been dining at the Garrick, and was talking in the smoking-room after dinner with various club acquaintances. One of them happening to have left his cigar case at home, Thackeray, though disliking the man, who was a notorious soft-boiler, good-naturedly offered him one of his cigars. The man accepted the cigar, but, not finding it to his liking, had the bad taste to say to Thackeray, "I say, Thackeray, you won't mind my saying I don't think much of this cigar." Thackeray, no doubt, irritated at the man's ungraciousness, and bearing in mind his tuft-hunting predilections, quietly responded, "You ought to, my good fellow, for it was given me by a lord. Instead, however, of detecting the irony, the dolt immediately attributed the remark to snobishness on Thackeray's part, and to the end of his days went about declaring that Thackeray had boasted that he had been given a cigar by a lord."

## Lord Salisbury's Stone.

A souvenir of an unpleasant experience the late Lord Salisbury once had is preserved in a Cabinet at Hatfield House. It is an ugly looking stone, of over a pound in weight, with which a window of a carriage containing His Lordship and his two daughters was smashed at Dunstable on the evening of Oct. 21, 1884. The Marquis had delivered the last of a series of political speeches in Scotland, and there was a riot in the streets at the close of the meeting. The occupants of the carriage were fortunately unharmed, and Salisbury's daughters secured the missile and took it with them to Hatfield, to show to the marchioness. A card tied to the stone bears its history in the handwriting of Lady Salisbury.

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## THE WORD MELODRAMA.

It Has Drifted From its Derivation and Original Significance.

Nowadays "melodrama" is in general use as denoting a purely sensational play, with an all but impossible heroine and villain among the characters represented. Formerly the word kept more closely in its significance to actual derivation. "Melodrama" is compounded of the Greek words melos, a song, and drama, an action, a play, and was applied to two sorts of performances when it first came into use.

It signified a play, generally of the romantic school, in which the dialogue was frequently relieved by music, sometimes of an incidental and sometimes of a purely dramatic character. On the strength of his "Pygmalion" J. J. Rousseau is credited with the invention of this style. Some of the so-called English operas of the older school, such as the once famous "Beggar's Opera" and the once popular "No Song, No Supper," are in reality true melodramas.

In the second place "melodrama" was applied to a peculiar kind of theatrical composition, in which the actor recited his part in an ordinary speaking voice, while the orchestra played a more or less elaborate accompaniment appropriate to the situation and calculated to bring its salient features into the highest possible relief. The merit of the invention of this description of melodrama belongs to George Benda, who used it with striking effect in his "Ariadne auf Naxos," produced at Gotha in 1774.—London Globe.

## The Oracles of a Doctor.

It is often claimed by outsiders that having a profession dulls a woman's sympathies, but I cannot believe that this is true in the practice of medicine, where one side of the work is so immeasurably sad. I have seen a baby that came after fifteen years of waiting and hoping and was rejoiced over daily and hourly for a wonderful year suddenly struck down and gasp its little life out in a day with pneumonia. These are the times when it hurts to be a doctor, to find that all the knowledge that you possess, all the skill at your command, is as so much chaff before the wind. To have a woman cling to you, begging you to save her baby, is an ordeal to which no human being can grow callous. You must feel as though the brand of Cain were upon you when, with all your efforts, you cannot save the little life. Not years nor experience can lighten hours such as these.—Everybody's Magazine.

## Storms of Old England.

In the year 944 in London alone 1,500 houses were blown down; in October, 1091, a great number of churches and 500 houses were destroyed; in 1235 it thundered for fifteen days consecutively. The dreadful night during which Cromwell's spirit passed has formed a theme for poet and partisan. And the great storm that "er pale Britanna passed" in November, 1709, the most terrible in British annals, also has its enduring record in poetry. It did damage in London to the amount of £2,000,000; over 8,000 people were drowned in floods in various parts of the country; twelve men-of-war, with over 1,800 men on board, went down in sight of land, and the Eddystone light-house, along with Winstanley's, its inventor, was swept away.

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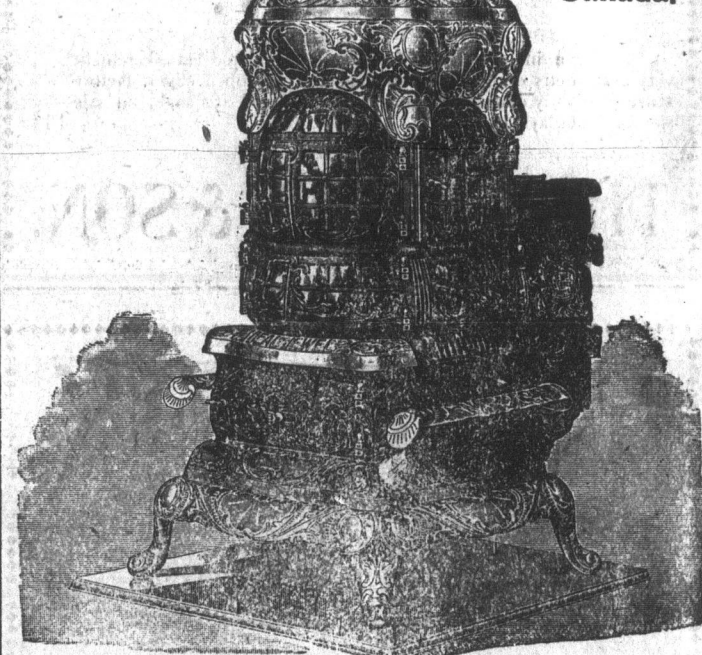
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