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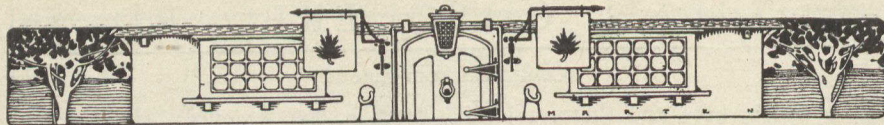
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to either her country or her King. What can you do to help your country? Why, if you women would shut the doors of your houses against the men who corrupt the sources of domestic, civic, and national life, in the same way that you exclude from your drawing-rooms the man who cheats at cards, if you would refuse the approval of your smile to the man who hits below the belt in sport, business or politics, then the star of your city would shine with a brilliancy which would make its radiance felt not only over Canada."

His Excellency also urged the importance of extending a hand to newcomers and helping to switch them on to rails leading to happiness instead of to misery. The concluding part of His Excellency's address was taken up with the part the Club might take in the plans for celebrating the three-hundredth birthday of Canada, next year, by forming the Plains of Abraham into a national park, to be named in honour of King Edward. In this connection His Excellency read a cable message from His Majesty, expressing his approval of the scheme of celebrating the tercentenary and contributing one hundred guineas.

The Editor of the "Manitoba Free Press" concludes an article on the new clubs with generous expression of sympathy: "The Canadian Women's Club of Winnipeg held a highly successful inaugural luncheon at which Hon. Mr. Daly gave expression to sentiments not far removed from those of Earl Grey. These Women's Canadian Clubs, recruited as they will be from the home-builders, the workers in fields of social and domestic reform, and the women who are wage-earners by virtue of intellectual attainments, are certain to have a great influence on our social and political life—an influence which should be entirely for the community's good."

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AT the risk of making a trite interrogation, let us ask why so many women alight from a street-car with their faces religiously turned towards the rear of the car, thereby running the risk of spoiling their features and rolling their gowns ungracefully in the mud. In Toronto each car has recently displayed a huge card with information to the effect that, out of 217 persons injured while alighting in this backward fashion, 216 are women. The reason for this feminine failing is not that woman is more contrary by nature than her brother, but that she is less ambidextrous. It is a big word and it means, as a school-boy explained, "handy with both hands." A woman is very slow in learning that, when she is to alight from a car, parcels should be taken in the right hand, to leave the left free to grasp the car-rail. It is all a matter of dexterity, not of sheer wilfulness. But it is all in vain to warn and exhort by means of glaring cards. The fair shopper will carefully gather skirts with her left hand, grasp the rail firmly with the right and descend into the mire with a small jolt which causes her to wonder what is the matter with that horrid car.

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PERHAPS it is partly a matter of pockets. When, oh, when are we unfortunate daughters of Eve to have our pockets restored to us? They have been out of fashion so long that we have almost forgotten that there was a time when we did not stuff a handkerchief up our sleeve and carry car fare in the cuff of a coat. But there is a crisis in feminine discomfort which will surely lead to a revival of the pocket. It must come back and I suppose when it does that we shall go to ridiculous extremes and have huge bags stitched on sleeves, skirts and petticoats. Pockets probably had a very ancient origin. In fact, Eve may have surveyed the primitive apron of fig-leaves with an uncertain scrutiny and decided that it required two little pockets with feather-stitching and bows of ribbon grass, ere she made the apron-strings to which Adam was firmly attached. There have been all sorts of pockets since those old days in Paradise but we should be quite content to have any kind revived that we might know where to bestow the airy trifles which yet are matters of feminine convenience. A certain enterprising woman recently declared that she carried a small powder-puff and a mite of a handkerchief in her left glove. But we need the pocket of the olden days and may our rulers who make the fashions send a few such blessings for the gowns which bloom in the spring.

MONTREAL and Winnipeg have outdistanced Toronto in the matter of Women's Canadian Clubs. Within the last fortnight, the metropolis of the Dominion and the Central City of Canada have seen the inauguration of such associations under the most favourable conditions. At the inaugural luncheon in Montreal, attended by over three hundred, His Excellency, Earl Grey, delivered the opening address. After referring to the special usefulness of the Montreal Club in increasing the sympathy between the two races, the Governor-General discussed the question of the extent and nature of woman's participation in the conduct of national affairs.

"In every age," said His Excellency, "women have set the social standards. Have the women of Canada the imagination to realise the greatness of their destiny, and the spirit to achieve it? Unless each one takes an interest in both the history and the future of the country, she is not doing her duty



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