

A STORY MR. HAMMOND USED TO TELL.

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

The late H. C. Hammond during his lifetime used to delight in the following story, which he told at his own expense. As is well known, he was one of the physicians generally called in when a financial institution was in extremis, because of his shrewd and honest business sense, and the confidence and esteem in which the general public held him. For that reason he was appointed president of the boards of both the Federal Bank and the Ontario Bank, when these institutions were forced to go into liquidation, and he took a hand in straightening out the affairs of many another institution.

It will be remembered that on the evening that the Ontario Bank went to the wall there was every reason to fear a run on the many branches of that institution when the doors opened next morning. In the panicky condition of financial affairs at that time there was no knowing where such a craze would end. Therefore, the other banks came to the rescue and it was arranged that the branches should be taken over by the Bank of Montreal immediately. This sudden transfer of interests within less than four hours, together with the provision of the necessary funds to meet heavy withdrawals, entailed an immense amount of labor on the part of all the leading financiers of the city. Mr. Hammond was one of those who were up almost all night and down town again early in the morning to see that matters went well and that a panic was averted.

It so happened that an investment company, in the management of which Mr. Hammond played a prominent part, held a mortgage on the property of an old negro woman who held considerable real estate in the central part of the city. The old woman read the morning papers and called her daughter. From her hand she took out a considerable roll of bills and extracted a number bearing the name of the Ontario Bank.

"Mandy, you take these down and pay an instalment on that mortgage," she commanded. "That bank's busted, and we got to get rid of these here bills just as fast as we can."

The girl took the money down town, and as the instalment was not yet due the matter was laid before Mr. Hammond. As soon as he saw the signature of the bills the latter discerned the reason for this undue haste in meeting payments in advance.

"Why, didn't you know that the Ontario Bank had failed?" he queried, with a twinkle in his eye.

"Yes, but ma she says, 'Praps Mr. Hammond, he ain't found it out yet.'"

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women. I have been discouraged, too; but I learned how to cure myself. I do not want to cure myself. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

All you need to do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If it will, I will be happy and you will be cured for 20¢ (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write today for my free treatment. MRS. F. E. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

Peculiar Floating Dock.

The Nova Scotia "Lumber King" says: "I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the BEST liniment in use. I got my foot badly jammed lately. I bled it well with MINARD'S LINIMENT and it was as well as ever next day."

Yours very truly,
T. G. McMULLEN.

Masquerade.

I know her by the violet veil
That softly doth enfold her
That she is by the roses pale
That lie against her shoulder
I know her by the song she sings
Sings once, then softly over:
To us, what memories it brings
And O! I love her.

I know her by the hand she lays
An instant in my keeping;
I know her by the form that sways
Against my heart's desire;
I know her by the crimson cheek
That none but I discover;
I know her by her breathes or speaks,
And O! I love her.

I know her by the purity
That floods the air around her;
And by the way she turns to me
When I have sought and found her;
I know her by love's second sight,
Nor ask aught else to prove her;
For she has whispered "I love thee,"
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PLACING THE BLAME.
Seedie—So the moths caused the loss of your spring overcoat?
Hardup—Yes. They ate a hole through the ticket.

FEASTS THAT LASTED HOURS.

Long Drawn Chinese Dinners—When an Esquimaux is Hungry.

Sir Robert Hart, the veteran inspector-general of the Chinese customs, speaking at a dinner in London the other day, said that he once in Peking sat out a banquet that lasted seventeen consecutive hours. There were 125 courses, and he tasted them all. Mr. Ward, the American envoy to China, who tried to secure an interview with the Emperor Heng-Fung in 1899, tells how he was entertained at a dinner that lasted from noon one day until 6 o'clock on the evening of the day following. The total number of courses is not given, but Ward mentions that he had to give in after partaking of 133 different dishes, "whereupon his hosts wondered greatly."

Probably, however, the Esquimaux banquets last longer than any other and the quantity of food swallowed is also proportionately greater. Ross records that seven of his party of natives once ate continuously for thirty-three hours, during which time they consumed 200 pounds of seal meat. Europeans exposed to the same climatic conditions act in much the same way. Capt. Scott, of the Discovery, on his return from his long sledge journey over the inland ice of the Antarctic continent, did nothing but eat and sleep for the space of three days and nights, and even then he was still hungry.

Commander Peary and his party, returning famished from their futile dash for the pole in 1906, slaughtered a herd of seven musk oxen on Hazen Island, off the extreme north of Greenland. For two days and nights thereafter they crunched inside their snow huts, eating continuously, and when they had finished the pile of bones outside was "as high as a tall man's chin."—Chicago Daily News.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.



Dix—From whom does she get her lovely complexion?
Nix—Her father, I believe.
Dix—Is he a dandy?
Nix—Yes, but ma she says, "Praps Mr. Hammond, he ain't found it out yet."

Sea Water as a Curative.

Sea water as a curative for certain kinds of disorders of the skin is one of the late methods of treatment that has come to this country from France. It is hoped that it may supplant the use of arsenic as a remedy for such disorders. The water is taken at a distance of forty or fifty miles at sea and is from a depth of thirty or forty feet below the surface. These precautions are taken to insure a supply free from possible contamination and the water is further subjected to a process of sterilization. It is injected into the tissues of the patient.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

THE DAY AT HOME.

Started by Mile. De Scudery in Paris in the Eighteenth Century.

The feminine custom of having a day at home originated in France in the beginning of the eighteenth century with Mile. de Scudery, an authoress and a woman whom all the great personages of old Paris delighted to honor.

Mile. de Scudery was as busy as any modern American woman, and for that reason, being also a wise woman, she organized her activities. She had two days a week at home. Her Saturdays became historic, for it was then she received the brilliant men and beautiful women who made famous the salon of the Hotel Rambouillet. On Tuesdays she received her intimate friends.

Many French women of the great world of the present time have two days at home a week, says Harper's Bazar; others receive certain hours, say, until 3 in the afternoon, every day in the week, while women of the middle class who have many serious occupations permit themselves the pleasure of seeing their friends "at home" but one day in two weeks.

In any case French women essentially preserve the charm of the custom established by Mile. de Scudery, who achieved her success by simple means which are quite within the reach of every American woman. Her small house in Paris stood in a garden full of fruit-bearing trees surrounded by tall shrubs and bushes. Conversation—that finest of all the fine arts—was "litteraire et galante," gay and gossip, according to the character of those present, and if the weather was fine they took a turn in the garden gathering and eating cherries when the fruit was in season. In short, the day was truly and in simplicity a day at home.

The average American woman lives always under the oppressive shadow of the unexpected guest; whether she is making preserves, writing books, shampooing her hair or spanking the baby she is always under the strain of the fear that somebody will drop in; and such is the open door policy of American hospitality, particularly in small towns, to be in the house and not to receive the unexpected guest is to convert a friend into an enemy. What woman in what small American town cannot provide as much for herself and her friends? Let her try it and see what benefit she will reap from thus ordering her relations with the world.

It's the disgruntled old maid who claims that all men are alike. They probably all look alike to her.

GRIP IS PREVALENT AGAIN. A prompt remedy is what every one is looking for.

The efficiency of Peruna is so well known that its value as a grip remedy need not be questioned. The grip yields more quickly if taken in hand promptly. If you feel grippy get a bottle of Peruna at once. Delay is almost certain to aggravate your case.

For a free illustrated booklet, entitled "The Truth About Peruna," address The Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio. Mailed postpaid.

An Awful Jolt.

It was 11 p. m. and the conversation had begun to lag. Finally the spirit moved young Statelate and he said: "Those Kentucky night riders are a bad lot, aren't they?" "Oh, I don't know," rejoined Miss Vearn, as she tried in vain to strangle a yawn, "they might be worse."

"Why, how could they?" he asked.

"They might be night sitters," she replied.

Whereupon the young man in the parlor scene suddenly remembered that his mother might be uneasy about him and proceeded to fade away.—Chicago News.

FREE GOWGANDA DIAMOND GOLD SHELL RING

For selling only 212 dozen Gold Point Inkless Pens at 50¢ each. These pens write a beautiful color by simply dipping in water. Write today and we will send pens and big premium list. In a short time you can win this "Electric Sparkler" and also an elegant chain.

QUEEN CITY SUPPLY CO., Dept. 201, Toronto, Ont.

A Clerical Ambiguity.

Capt. Foretop tells a story of a certain noted divine who was on his steamer when a great gale overtook them off the Oregon coast. "It looks pretty bad," said the bishop to the captain.

"Couldn't be much worse, bishop," replied Foretop.

Half an hour later the steamer was diving under the waves as if she were a submarine and leaking like an old door.

"Looks worse, I think, captain," said the bishop.

"We must trust in Providence now, bishop," answered Foretop.

"Oh, I hope it has not come to that," gasped the bishop.—The Wasp.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

A Sharp Retort.

"My dear," said a thin little Brighton man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman down in Devonshire who goes out and chops wood with her husband."

"Well, what of it? I think she could easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."

The thin man laid down his paper with a sigh that sounded like the squeak of a penny whistle.—Tit-Bits.

Safety in Flight.

"I understand you have invented an airship that won't tip over."

"That is my belief," replied the cautious inventor. "At least it won't tip over while on the ground, and it hasn't been anywhere else yet."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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DISMISSED SC.100L.

Essex School Teacher Wouldn't Work in Dirty Room.

Essex, Feb. 8.—Miss Cunningham, who has been school teacher in School Section No. 5, Maidstone township, about a mile from this town, for some time, is a determined young woman, when she gets her temper up. She thoroughly demonstrated this to the trustees of her school, with the outcome that she was asked to resign, but not before she quit of her own account. This school, now has no teacher, and owing to the scarcity of available pedagogues there will undoubtedly be trouble in finding another teacher.

The trouble arose out of the recent municipal election. The schoolhouse was used for a voting poll. After the election the school was left in a somewhat dirty condition. The plucky schoolmarm asked that the trustees have the school cleaned up on the Saturday after the elections. She says this was not done. She told them to do it next Saturday. Again it was not cleaned up.

On Monday, Jan. 25, all the pupils assembled, and when Miss Cunningham arrived she found that the school room had not been cleaned up as she had ordered, and as is required by law after an election.

Right then and there she dismissed all the pupils, and said she would not teach in the school until the trustees cleaned it up. Then the trustees got together, and asked her to resign. The resignation will take effect in 30 days.

\$11 Washington, D. C. and Return, via Philadelphia.

From Suspension Bridge, Friday, February 19th, via Lehigh Valley R. R. Tickets good ten days. Particulars, 54 King street east, Toronto, Ont.

Expected Pacification.

Major Henry Farman, the wife of the noted aeronaut, said in an interview in New York:

"What I particularly like about you Americans is your naivete. This naivete often makes selfish traits seem quite charming. For instance:

"I landed the other day with a Brooklyn woman. After luncheon, as we took our coffee in the drawing room, my hostess' son, a little lad in white, came in.

"He talked to me politely for a while, then he crossed the room to his mother. 'Ma,' he said, in his little hard, nasal voice, 'did you buy Harold a birthday present when you were out this morning?'

"Yes, dear," said his mother.

"And, ma,' he went on, 'what did you buy to pacify me 'cause it ain't my birthday?'

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