

The Planet

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A SCHEME THAT FAILED.

The Danish scheme of state and communal gratuities, or pension, to destitute males who have passed their sixtieth year, and who have led reputable lives, has not resulted in the good anticipated by its advocates and promoters. On the contrary, its workings have been demoralizing. The poor, so called, refuse to make, or even strive to make, provision for old age while it is in their power to do so, on the ground that support from pensions will come without effort. Children in flourishing circumstances refuse to assist their needy parents, money in savings banks has been withdrawn and squandered, and benefit associations to which employers have contributed lapsed into bankruptcy. The scheme, in fact, has become a positive premium upon destitution, an incentive to improvidence and a foe to manly rectitude and self-respect.

SOME EARLY WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

Leaving aside Julius Caesar, says the London Post, who was his "own war correspondent," the "special" craft is of comparatively recent growth. It is certain that the Duke of Wellington was not hampered by any bygone Winston Churchill in the Peninsular War. How his iron visage would have hardened had he been asked to grant a permit to a "special" If Joe Sedley remained in Brussels in preference to showing his frogged surcoat and military cap at Waterloo, it seems to be a fairly well authenticated fact, however, that at least two civilians—a pacific commercial traveler and an agent of the Rothschilds—were witnesses of that historic fight. As far as can be gathered, the first recognized war correspondent to a newspaper was a man (whose name unhappily has sunk into oblivion) at the siege of Antwerp in 1831. Much earlier in the century, though, there was in an informal and unrecognized manner a witness named Peter Finerty—one can make a shrewd guess at his nationality—"who on his return from the Walcheren Expedition, told the British public a good deal more about that unfortunate naval and military blunder than the British Government of the day cared to have published." There was, too, some really admirable pen and ink work about the Carlist war in the London papers, notably by Frederick Hardman and C. L. Gruisen. Mr. Gruisen fell into the hands of the Carlists, and was about to be shot, when he was rescued from his impending fate by the intervention of the late Lord Ranelagh, who had taken service in the cause of Don Carlos de Bourbon.

CANADA, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The Buffalo Express has been studying Canada at long range, and finds itself able to make this statement: "The readiness with which the colonies have gone to the aid of Great Britain would seem all-sufficient to entitle them to promotion from the rank of dependencies to that of Britons with all the rank and privileges obtaining in the old country. The Briton has always regarded his colonial brother as an inferior being—a sort of poor relation to whom he deigns object to speak, but whom he feels impelled to patronize. This patronage the colonial resents, but it has no effect upon the Englishman's subsequent treatment of him. This attitude of social superiority is particularly noticeable in those sections of Canada, where there are large numbers of young Englishmen 'learning farming.' Perhaps it is the English manner of lordling it over all creation that gives him the courage indiscriminately to snub those with whom he comes in contact, but his nationality protects him from assault. The colonial chafes under the feeling of inferiority, and at the same time marvels at the glorious nerve of the Englishman and admires his ways and his clothes to distraction."

We do not think anything could be wider of the mark than this. It is quite possible that the Englishman may think himself superior to the colonial, but if so the failing extends all through the Anglo-Saxon race. The Canadian evidently thinks himself superior in every way to the Britisher. He may or may not be, but he has that idea. Possibly it is inherited. The Canadian also has an exceedingly good opinion of himself beside the American (Yankee). He regards the latter as sharp, tricky, and superficial. He looks on himself beside his Yankee cousin as just as sharp, and a good deal more substantial and reliable. As for our American friends we all know what they think of themselves. So the same ideas seem to possess each branch of the Anglo-Saxon family. And we don't know but what a little national pride is a good thing to encourage.

Somebody will no doubt be mean enough to say now that stealing those Banner cigars was almost like robbing the dead.

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After all, the third contingent would do just as good fighting under the title of Smith's Scouts as Strathcona's Horse. And the former title is what they would have had to go under if this cruel war had happened a little sooner.

A large pork-packing establishment has been opened in Harrison. By special invitation, over 2,000 farmers from the surrounding country visited the place on Wednesday. Some day we may get such an institution in Chatham.

The receipts of the Province of Ontario during the financial year just closed, were \$3,810,000, and the expenditures \$3,700,000. This gives an apparent surplus of \$110,000. That is created by a safe of lumber limits. If this continued sacrifice of Ontario's timber is necessary to make both ends meet now, what is the Province going to do when its forests are all gone?

PROUD OF HIS BROTHER.

Punch.
Dear Old Lady (with a view to a little moral teaching)—Now, do either of you little boys say naughty words? Elder brother—Well, mum, I ain't much of a 'and at it myself, but young Bill here's a treat. Cuss for the lady, Bill.

WHAT A JOKE TWOULD BE.

George Francis Train.
What a joke on politics if voters took party bosses at their own estimation! Why don't someone make text book epigrams, maxims, boiled down epitaphs, of what parties say of each other! It would be eye opener, and collapse political pull on 15,000,000!

BUT WHERE IS DAD?

Exchange.
Frank L. Stanton has discovered for the Atlanta Constitution another letter of a Georgian boy. This one was written by a rural youngster to a friend in Atlanta, and read: "Last Tuesday dad bought a young mule that was not broke. Dad tried to teach the mule how to pull a plow. The mule is still with us."

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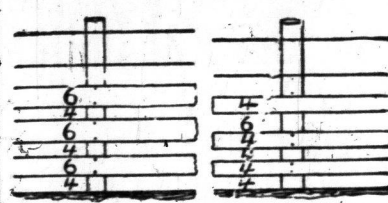
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FARM & GARDEN

FIGURING ON FENCING.

Cracks Cost Less Than Lumber—The More Cracks the Less Lumber.

I was once figuring on building a corn crib, says an Iowa Homestead writer. In figuring the lumber it occurred to me that cracks in a crib were essential and that they did not cost as much as lumber. The more cracks I had the less lumber it required to inclose the crib. I built it out of 3 inch fencing, which was obtained by taking the 6 inch stuff to the planing mill and having it ripped. From a 6 inch board



TWO WAYS OF FENCING.
I got two 2 inch cracks where there was but one before. In making fences, and gates I have also found that 4 inch lumber will do as well for most purposes, if it is of the right quality, as the 6 inch fencing. Your lumber dealer will not like to sell it to you; for obvious reasons but give him to understand that you know what you want and will have no other, and you will get it.

Here are two panels of fence. One is made of 4 inch lumber with two wires, and the other of 6 inch fencing. There are four inches at the bottom for another wire, if needed in each fence. It will be found that there is a saving in lumber in the 4 inch fencing, and it is about the same height and of the same utility. Figure this out and see the saving.

WINE WITHOUT GRAPES.

"Thanks to one of the latest discoveries of science, we are now able to make excellent wines of various kinds without resorting to the grapes," said an expert of the department of agriculture. "Take a sip of this and tell me what you think of it."

"It's sherry, and good stuff, too," murmured your correspondent.

"Apple juice," nothing but apple juice," replied the professor. "Now try this."

"Madera."
"Apple juice again. Now this."
"Sauterne, of course."

"Apple juice once more," said the professor. "These wines, all of them capital, as you will have noticed, are simply apple juice fermented with yeasts of different kinds, but the yeasts are wine yeasts brought from famous grape growing districts in Europe."

"The soil of the district of Xeres certain species of minute fungi exist which, floating about in the air or adhering to the skins of the ripened grapes, get into the vats of the freshly expressed grape juice and multiply in the latter in incalculable numbers, feeding upon it and incidentally giving to it the peculiar sherry flavor. We merely substitute apple juice, which serves equally well as a basis, add to it a small quantity of the same species of germs, procured directly from the Spanish vineyards, and, lo! we have sherry wine, possessing the true flavor and aroma. There are concerns now in France and other parts of Europe that make a business of propagating the yeasts of various kinds of wines and putting them up in hermetically sealed bottles for such uses."—Washington Post.

The Soy Bean.

The soy bean is one of the staple crops of Japan, which attracted little attention in this country until about ten years ago, but is now becoming quite common. The crop is cultivated like corn, the seed being planted in drills at the rate of half a bushel per acre. The stems alone are too coarse to make good hay, but are covered with such a dense growth of leaves and are so prolific in fruit that the hay is prized highly, especially for milk cows and for fattening animals. The yield of



SOY BEAN—LEAVES, FLOWERS AND POD.

green forage is heavy when grown on good ground, and the yield of beans is usually from 20 to 30 bushels per acre. Those who have had most experience with this crop find that the best way to handle it is to cut or pull the plants when the first pods begin to open and thrash as soon as dry enough. In this way the coarse stalks are so broken in pieces and mixed with the leaves and immature fruit that nearly all will be eaten. It is doubtless one of the best of the legumes for the silo, as it can be more easily handled for the cutter than plants like clover or cowpeas. There are a number of varieties, differing mainly in the time of ripening and the coloring of the seeds.

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