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Cupid Flags the Train

IN the columns of that reliable journal, the London "Advertiser," is told a story good enough to be true. There is a Detroit young man who has occasion to visit Buffalo frequently and who has a sweetheart at one of the intervening stations in Canada. This youth has a scheme whereby he can see and kiss the fair lady without losing any time. The particular station at which the young lady in the case resides is a flag station between St. Thomas and Buffalo, and only when there are passengers to get on or off there do the fast express trains on the Wabash stop. Passengers for that station are few and far between, and the young man has many times had to be satisfied to get a glimpse of his sweetheart as the train hustled past.

He worked the scheme for the first time recently, to the great amusement of the train crew and other passengers. He first notifies the girl what day and on what train he expects to pass through, and then instead of buying a through ticket, he buys a ticket for the station at which he knows his sweetheart will be waiting for him. Having a ticket for that station, the conductor must stop to let him off. He has just a long enough wait to enable him to imprint two or three kisses on the girl's rosy cheek, and jump aboard the train again and proceed on his way to his destination. When the train pulls out from the flag station everybody is happy but the engineer and conductor, who do not like the idea of stopping their train just to allow a couple of lovers to do a little cooing on the station platform.

In the Golden East

THERE is no part of picturesque Canada more attractive to the sportsman or the tourist than the scenes in the East. The followers of Izaak Walton's gentle sport find in the rivers, lakes and bays of the Maritime Provinces an unsurpassed opportunity for proving their proficiency in the finest of the summer arts. For those more strenuously inclined, game is plentiful, the moose and caribou tales of New Brunswick being told in many lands. Every season, in these happy hunting grounds, brings its peculiar joy to those who believe in liberal doses of "God's own outdoors."

Canada has been called "the land of lakes." In these provinces of the sea the traveller discovers that while he is always near the salt breezes, he is also within easy distance of exquisite bits of inland scenery, in which a dark setting of spruce or pine only renders more brilliant the gem-like lakes that mirror as clear a sky as ever made glad the heart of a holiday-maker. To the artist these regions are a veritable land of unspoiled loveliness waiting to be interpreted. The historian and the poet long ago discovered the romance of these eastern shores and fields. Grand Pre is known wherever Longfellow's verse is read—and who that has read Bliss Carman's songs can forget the scarlet maple or the warm blue heart of the hills?

Those who are in the plight of the "man from Missouri" and want to be shown, must learn from the Intercolonial Railway, in such a seasonable library as "Tours to Summer Haunts," "A Week in the Canaan Woods," and "The Hunting Grounds of the Micmacs," just how to reach these delectable districts. It may also be necessary to obtain the booklet on the game laws of the different provinces, for complications resulting from the innocent fracture of these enactments are to be avoided. There is plenty of information about where to find fish and game, and all that is left for the sportsman is to pack his rod and gun and pray for favouring skies and breezes.

A Strange Story

If we hadn't seen it in a Canadian paper, we would not have believed it. This is the way it reads: "The Ontario Government has given the name of Vogt to one of the new townships in Northern Ontario, naming it after the great musician, Dr. A. S. Vogt, of Chicago."



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