

# DEMI-TASSE

**The Difference.**—The seriousness of Mr. Gladstone prevented him from introducing into social converse any of those lighter touches for which the flamboyant Disraeli was famous. The difference between the two was, perhaps, never more finely indicated than by the lady who said:

"After I had talked with Mr. Gladstone for a while, I thought he was the greatest man I had ever met; but after Lord Beaconsfield had been talking to me for ten minutes, I was sure I was the most wonderful woman he had ever known."

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**His Modest Claim.**—Curious are the ways of modern advertising. Perhaps one of the most striking announcements is that by a famous chirpologist, who declares that he has removed corns from most of the crowned heads of Europe.

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**Fooling Him.**—The season of fall fairs has opened, and once more we hear stories of unhappy householders in the big cities sleeping in the bath-tub, in the dog's kennel, or on the dining-room table.

Certainly some houses in the larger cities do become badly crowded with country cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends. The city people would have a hard time proving that the country people, whom they have visited during the summer holidays, haven't the right to expect to be given lodgings while the fair is on. A certain Toronto man, whose house could scarcely accommodate all the country people whom he was to entertain during the time of the Exhibition, put off, in a funny way, a country man with whom he had become but slightly acquainted.

"I won't give you my street number," said W—, the city man, "because you would probably forget it, but I live on the east side of — street, and if you walk up the street you'll easily find my house because my initials—T. W. W.—are on a metal plate in the sidewalk."

If the country man tried to find the other, he discovered that such a metal plate was in front of every house, and probably somebody explained to him that the metal plate marked the spot where water is turned on and off, and that T. W. W. stood for Toronto Water Works.

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## Courierettes.

Admiral Togo spent ten minutes in Toronto on his way to Vancouver. It may be inferred that he is a supporter of the Laurier administration.

According to the Toronto News, business is terribly bad in the United States. In fact, Uncle Sam is wringing his hands lest the ends should not meet.

If we only had a W. T. Stead in the realm of Canadian politics, he would be able to find out from the spirit world just what Sir John Macdonald and Hon. George Brown really did say about Reciprocity.

John D. Rockefeller has given another million dollars to the Institute for Medical Research. It was not our National Policy which made John rich.

The United Methodist Church of Indianapolis will have two contests by professional boxers, which will be

features of a carnival in behalf of the church funds. Doubtless, this is regarded as muscular Christianity.

The Black Hand should be "shaken" by our civilization.

Speaking of the Oliver charges, the Toronto Evening Telegram says: "It was them which drove the Government to dissolution." Such English is enough to drive Dr. John Seath, of the "High School Grammar," to distraction.

That amiable gentleman, Hon. Mackenzie King, is now accused of stirring up strife among the Germans. Next thing we know Hon. Adam Beck will be beating the Dutch.

The Toronto Globe must be ever so afraid of Hon. G. E. Foster. It puts him in a border nearly every morning, and declares he has misdirected cleverness. So, he must be a really smart man.

Mr. Harry Thaw has once more expressed a desire for release. It



In the near future when half the world is up in the air the pedestrian will have to wear some newly invented reflectograph or else develop a real rubber neck.

Drawn by Will Frost.

seems really inhuman to keep a multi-millionaire in an asylum, when so many poor people are allowed to visit the recreation parks and the moving picture shows.

Hon. David Lloyd George is a soother of strikes—and, just to get even with him, the Unionists should insist on his becoming an earl.

Mr. Henri Bourassa is now happy. He has induced Sir Wilfrid to shake his white plume in disapproval.

Barnum and Bailey created a welcome diversion, and peanuts took precedence of politics for one brief day.

Mr. Arthur Hawkes thinks the British are born, not made.

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## Song by Uncle Sam.

Over the tariff wall  
For the prettiest prize of all!  
There never were seen  
Such fields of green,  
And you may bet  
I'll never forget  
The night we softly, swiftly crept  
Over the tariff wall.

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**The Brute.**—There is a young mother in a small Canadian town who shows the usual maternal concern over the doings of her infant son, and

is constantly worrying about his extraordinary antics. She met her husband the other day, with an anxious frown.

"What has Teddy been doing now?" he asked cheerfully.

"I'm so afraid he's been swallowing some mucilage. I found something like glue on his lips."

"Well, don't let him get stuck up about it," was the unfeeling reply.

He had to buy her a willow plume ere peace was restored.

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**A Great Man.**—A young man who used to live in an Ontario town, was given considerable joshing by his friends because of the way a poem which he had written was handled by a religious weekly in Toronto to which he had sent it.

Save that, in the following, the ambitious young author's name is changed, the heading put on the poem by the editor was as follows:

## THE LAST WAR

By John Smith.

(He maketh wars to cease in the ends of the earth.)

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**Out and Not Out.**—It has been said that one can prove from the Bible both sides of any case of religious controversy. And one can prove from political speeches and newspaper articles both sides of most statements concerning politics.

For instance, the Toronto Globe, in a recent issue, had, in a short article, two statements that are amusingly contradictory. The article was a hopeful one concerning the Liberals' chances in British Columbia. It was stated that Judge McInnes had been approached concerning his running in New Westminster. But "Judge McInnes declined on the ground that he is not at present in politics." A few lines farther on it was stated that Mr. William Sloan's name might be put up at Nanaimo in connection with the Comox-Atlin constituency. "If so," said the article, "Mr. Sloan will have the active support of Judge McInnes, whose influence in the constituency is strong."

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## Sir Wilfrid as a Financier.

A speaker at a recent meeting in Montreal quoted the statement which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported to have made at a dinner to him in Boston in 1891, when Sir Wilfrid was leader of the Liberal Opposition—"I prefer the Yankee dollar to the British shilling."

There has been a great attempt recently to make political capital out of that statement. No one used to accuse Sir Wilfrid of being a financier, but, judging by the importance now being attached to that statement, he is at last coming into his own.

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**Trying to Please.**—The Young Lady was watching the Young Incurable worshipping My Lady Nicotine.

"You'll kill yourself with cigarettes," said the Young Lady. "You just smoke one after another."

"Yes," said the Young Incurable. "But I'll try to smoke two or three at a time if you would like me to."

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**A Puzzler.**—A prominent Toronto citizen is being asked many questions by his boy who is at that age when a boy thirsts for information on such simple puzzles as "Where does a snake's tail begin?"

The other day, as the youngster got up from the dinner table he asked his father this new one—"Say, daddy, where do my knees go when I stand up?"



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G. O. Anderson, Superintendent.  
Ottawa, 15th August, 1911.