



Courierettes.

LIBERALS swept Toronto University at the first party election. As this is the only kind of a Grit victory possible in Toronto, the Tories are not worrying.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson says Canada is owned by 23 money-kings. Ominous number that.

Ottawa man has two wives—one white and one black. Some men are so sadly deficient in a sense of colour harmony.

Montreal is worried about a threatened milk famine. Rather, part of Montreal is worried. Large proportion of that city is not interested in milk.

Only one of Toronto's 48,487 public school pupils was suspended during January. Records don't show it, but chances are that the lone kiddie forgot to address Chief Inspector Hughes, LL.D., as "Colonel."

A Toronto doctor, fined for speeding, said "damn" out loud and Magistrate Kingsford tacked on an extra \$10. Silence is certainly golden in Toronto Police Court.

The Ottawa man who married both a white woman and a negress made the mistake of some pugilistic "phenoms" in failing to draw the colour line.

An electric mannikin made a speech at a Chicago banquet. We have had the human species of mannikin speech-maker for some time on this side of the line.

A Natural Inference.—Toronto Telegram asserts that "no alderman is worth more than \$300 and no controller more than \$2,500 per year under a well-ordered system of civic government." By "well-ordered system" it probably means that it could give their orders to \$300 aldermen and \$2,500 controllers.

A Proverb Amended.—Everything comes to him who waits—except the five spot he lent to the professional borrower.

They All Do.—Annie—"I wouldn't believe any man on earth."
Fannie—"Except he happened to be a fortune teller."

A Good Reason.—"I wish I were a little river," lazy Lillie said.
"And why?" asked mother. "Sure," said Lil, "I'd then stay in my bed."

An Actor Who Saw Himself.—Thomas E. Shea, the well-known melodramatic actor, who has recently been touring the Canadian cities, never puts Hamlet in his repertoire nowadays. And thereby hangs this tale.

Mr. Shea once got a chance to see Johnston Forbes-Robertson play Hamlet. Forbes-Robertson is admitted to be the foremost Hamlet on the English-speaking stage to-day. His performance was a revelation to Mr. Shea. It showed him that he had his limitations. He saw how his own performance of Hamlet suffered by comparison and fell short of what it might be.

Mr. Shea faced the facts and made a resolution that he would never play the role of the Danish prince again. And he hasn't.

Poets and Their Pay.—Doctors are noted for disagreements, lawyers likewise, but the poets eclipse both professions in this respect.

In going over the poetical works of the late Archibald Lampman, and of Charles G. D. Roberts, a careful student will note a wide divergence of views on the topic of poets and their pay—the divine afflatus and its relation to coin of the realm.

Roberts found financial recognition slow in Canada, and went to New York to sell his wares. At the time he wrote a little poem entitled, "The Poet Bid-

den To Manhattan," explaining his removal. This is one verse:

"You've piped for those who will not pay
Till now, I trust, your wits are riper—
Make no delay—come while you may—
And pipe for those who pay the piper."

Then turn to Lampman and list to his answer:

"What do poets want with gold?—
Cringing slaves and cushioned ease?
Are not crusts and garments old
Better for their souls than these?"

Who wins?

Works Versus Words.—Rev. Dr. Rankin, a prominent Methodist minister in Ontario, tells of a rather interesting incident that happened in his church on a recent Sunday.

He was approached by one of the church members after the Sunday morning service.

"Dr. Rankin, I wish that you would preach a sermon on Heaven some of these Sundays. I confess that I have many doubts as to the orthodox doctrine about Heaven, and I would like to hear your views as to just what and where it is."

"All right," said the preacher, "I'll do it."

They conversed for a moment and as they were parting, Dr. Rankin called over another member and said:

"By the way, there is a poor woman living at No. —, — Street, and she is sick, and has little or no food or fuel in her little house. I wish you two men would go down there this afternoon and see that she and her little children get some assistance."

The two members promised to do so.

After the evening service Dr. Rankin was rather surprised to see his questioner of the morning walking rapidly up the aisle to greet him. Smiles chased themselves over the happy fellow's face. He grasped the preacher's hand.

"Say, Doctor," he said, "you needn't preach that sermon about Heaven now. I did what you asked me to do and I've been in Heaven all afternoon."

Effective, Though Mute.

I ASKED her father for her hand,
But he was rude—alas! alack!
And his refusal—understand—
Effective—though behind my back.

Humour from New York.—Mr. Walter Damrosch, lately with his New York Symphony Orchestra in this country, is a very good raconteur. As he has been all his life in New York, and married a lady worth millions, he has every reason to know what constitutes a humorous story in New York.

"A father of two daughters was recently getting married in New York," he said.

"And where is your father getting married?" asked a lady friend of one of the daughters.

"Oh, in the Second Presbyterian Church," was the immediate reply. "I thought you knew that. Where else could it be?"

"Why?"

"Why, don't you know—Father always gets married there?"

"But I think the latest definition of home is one of the most concisely comprehensive I ever heard," continued the conductor as he lighted a cigarette. "Of course home is a very old institution, and has probably been discussed and defined about as often as anything under the sun. But the neatest one comes from New York—where some people say there are no homes."

"Home," he repeated slowly, "is the place where you leave your wife."

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