

TRADE NOTES

SELF-OPENING GATES

The ordinary gate is inconvenient. Each time they are used they have to be opened and closed. If one is driving a spirited team, he may have difficulty in getting through, getting the gate opened and closed again and handle his horses at the same time. Serious accidents have resulted from the driver being unable to manage his team and the gate at the same time. And all the time we have tolerated this inconvenience without much effort to improve the gate. Self-opening gates of various types have been introduced, but until the appearance of the Russell and Terry patent gates, the problem of the self-opening gate remained unsolved. These convenient and practical gates are now being offered to Western farmers by Messrs. Pollard & Weir, Regina, Sask., and are meeting with marked success wherever used.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

During the past year The Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg have taken charge of over 130 children, boys and girls, who would otherwise have been wandering about the streets forming undesirable habits and companions. Many of those children have been sent to good foster homes on the prairie, and after having a chance to grow up useful men and women, the reports of them are, with few exceptions, very satisfactory. At present there are in The Shelter several young boys from 4 to 8, 9 and 10 years, also two baby boys just 6 months, one baby boy 12 months, and a little baby girl 6 months, dark-eyed and healthy. These children are for adoption. Applications should be sent to the Superintendent of The Shelter, 101 Mayfair Ave., Winnipeg.

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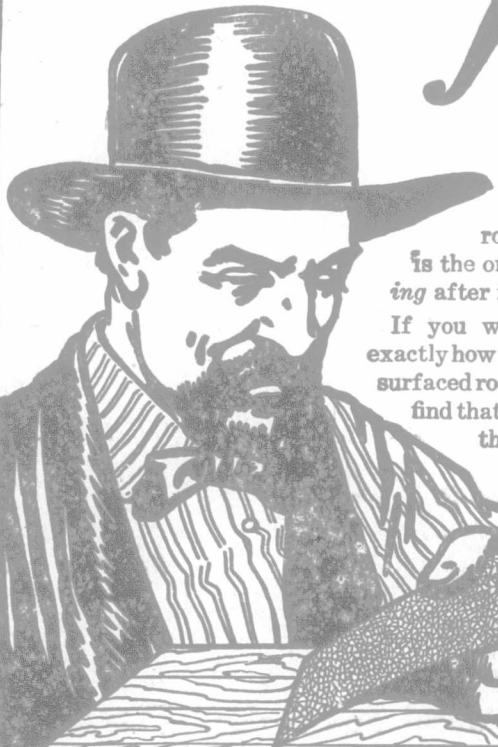
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French aviator, fanciful speculation has been indulged in, as to what possibilities the future holds in store for the human race. It seems safe to prophesy that the value placed on aerial triumphs will, for a considerable time, at least, be purely sentimental. The benefits will first be scientific, but who can foretell what the ultimate achievements will be? Periods of doubt and "knocking" follow nearly every great invention. Some people even laughed at the thought of telephone—the power of electricity to carry speech mile after mile. How foolish to-day those sneers of years ago appear! Not only has the phone become inseparable from the city home, but to the farm it has become a benefaction.

Dwellers in the city find the 'phone a convenience. Farmers find it a necessity. And the difficulties attendant on a farmer having a 'phone, have been so readily overcome, that to-day the place does not exist that need offer to its dwellers business guidance, or tardy methods for locating people. The telephone has "delivered the goods" and won its way to permanency. It has increased its field of usefulness year by year, until to-day statistics are at hand for the farmer who wants to know the cost of installing a 'phone in his place, who wants to live not at a disadvantage, but on a plane equal to his neighbor, or, for that

matter, his brother dweller in the city.

WIT AND HUMOR

When one of Uncle Sam's sailors, a man named Gordon, formerly serving on one of our vessels in a West Indian squadron, was taken to the Naval hospital in Washington, he described with gruesome vividness to his companions there his adventures with a shark off one of the islands in the West Indies.

"I had just fell over the bulwarks," said the able seaman, "when along came a big shark an' grabs me by the leg."

"What did you do then, matey?" asked one of the patients.

"I never disputes none with sharks," said the sailor; "I let him have the leg."

The children were struggling with the word "President."

"Who was George Washington?" asked the teacher by way of a hint. Silence reigned. Again she questioned, "Who was Abraham Lincoln?" More silence.

"Well, who is Theodore Roosevelt?" At once a little hand shot up and waved vigorously.

"I know," cried Johnnie; "I know; he was the first Teddy bear!"

A maid-servant in the employ of a certain woman was left the other day in charge of the children while her mistress went for a long drive.

"Well, Mary," asked the lady, on her return, "how did the children behave during my absence? Nicely, I hope."

"Nicely, ma'am," Mary answered, "but at the end they fought terribly together."

"Fight! Mercy me! why did they fight?"

"To decide," said Mary, "which was behaving the best."

Bishop Shute Barrington, of Durham, was ill, and Pretyman, of Lincoln, who was thought to desire that wealthy See, was diligent in his inquiries. Bishop Barrington recovered, and directed his man-servant to answer on the next occasion:

"I am better, but the Bishop of Winchester has a bad cough."

A Carlisle schoolmaster was one day greatly annoyed by not getting satisfactory answers to the questions he put to one of the schoolboys. At last he called the dunce to the front, and, handing him twopence, said: "Here's some money; away you go and buy some brains."

The master felt rather small when the boy turned round with the query: "And will I tell the shopkeeper they're for you?"