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"CHILDREN HUNDREDS"

BRITISH M.P.'S QUEER WAY OF GIV-
ING UP THEIR SEATS.

None May Resign From the August British
Parliament—How the Children Hundreds
Method Came to Be Employed on Occa-
sion. By Accepting Position of Steward-
ship the Member Forfeits His Place in
the House of Commons.

I would rather write about the
Children Hundreds than accept them,
says J. H. D'Almeida, M.P., writing in
the London Gazette, the editor's re-
quest for this article a hint to re-
sign my seat. Indeed, the British con-
stitution forbids it; at your peril
you pass the guarded gates of West-
minster; the unwritten law of the constitu-
tion is once a member always a member,
until death or a general election
supervenes.

But there are devices, and this ar-
ticle should make clear to some
of my fellow members a method by
which they may conveniently disap-
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It is this which leads to the Chil-
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member of Parliament they seem an
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That is, he accepts the stewardship
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Should a former member who thus
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AFRAID TO EAT MANY THINGS

If you are Udd's Dyspepsia's Ta-
blets—What They did for R. A. Bar-
ton.

Talking of the Christmas season
and its accompaniment of turkey,
plum pudding and other palatable
but rather indigestible dishes it is
of interest to at least seventy-five
per cent. of the general public to
know that the ill-effects that follow
heavy dinners can be avoided. There
are thousands of people in Canada
who once faced a heavy dinner with
fear and trembling who now eat
what they like when they like and
enjoy it too. They have used Udd's
Dyspepsia's Tablets.

One of those is Mr. R. A. Barton
of 23 Tyndal Avenue, Toronto, well
known in Queen City business cir-
cles. "Yes," Mr. Barton says, "there
was a time when I was afraid to
eat many things that would have
served my taste. Now I can eat
whatever is set before me asking no
questions. Udd's Dyspepsia's Ta-
blets did it. After all the doctors I
consulted had failed, it took perhaps
a dozen boxes to fix up my stomach
but it's all right now. If you're
troubled that way try Udd's Dys-
pepsia's Tablets."

Witchcraft.
Three centuries ago the great statue
of James I. came into operation. It
made felons without benefit of clergy
all who "shall use, practice or ex-
ercise any incantation or conjuration
of any evil and wicked spirit, or shall
consult, covenant with, entertain, em-
ploy, feed or reward any evil and
wicked spirit to do for any intent or
purpose, or take up any dead man,
woman or child out of his, her or their
grave or any other place where the
dead body resteth, or the skin, bone or
any part of any dead person, to be
employed or used in any manner of
witchcraft, enchantment, charm or
sorcery, whereby any person shall be
killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed,
plined or lamed in his or her body or
any part thereof." Under this act
witches were executed for more than
a century.

YOUR WORN-OUT STOMACH.
What it needs is the strengthening
influence of Dr. H. H. Hamilton's Pills.
They work marvels where the stom-
ach and digestion are poor. In one
day the appetite increases and the
whole system is rapidly strengthened.
No stomach specialist could write a
better prescription than Dr. H. H. Ham-
ilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butter-
ton. At all dealers in a yellow box,
price 25c., or five boxes for one dol-
lar.

Manure.
The popular view of the relation
of the blood to human character and
conduct is marked in many a fami-
liar expression. "We speak of these
being 'bad blood' between people of
enmity, of 'blue blood' as indicating
aristocracy, of 'black blood' as describ-
ing a treacherous nature, and in
many another phrase mark our be-
lief that in the moral, mental and
physical man, "the blood is the life."
The one basis of a healthy, happy
and useful life is pure blood. With
the blood pure, disease has no per-
manent lodging place in the system.
For this reason the use of Dr.
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery
cures the body of diseases which have
their origin in impurity of the blood.
It absolutely purifies the blood, ear-
rying off the waste and poisonous
matter, increasing the action of the
blood making glands, and building up
the body by supplying the blood in
quantity such as is essential to a
condition of health. It cures ninety-
eight people out of every hundred
who give it a fair trial.

Man seldom speaks of a wife's de-
votion without getting in a good
word for himself.

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.
Gentlemen—Last winter I received
great benefit from the use of MIN-
ARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack
of La Grippe, and I have frequently
proved it to be very effective in
cases of inflammation.

Yours,
W. A. HUTCHINSON.

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her there comes a feeling of the
sweetest contentment.

Lever's Y-Z (Wool Soap) Disinfectant Soap
Powder is a boon to any home. It dis-
infects and cleans at the same time.

We often hear of love at first sight
but after that love is just as blind as
ever.

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The Chicago, Union Pacific and
North Western Line runs through
first class Pullman and Tourist sleep-
ing cars to points in California and
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Are Women Too Restless?
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ate business woman thirsting for fresh
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FEMININE FIDELITY.

Increasing Demand For Women in
Positions of Trust.

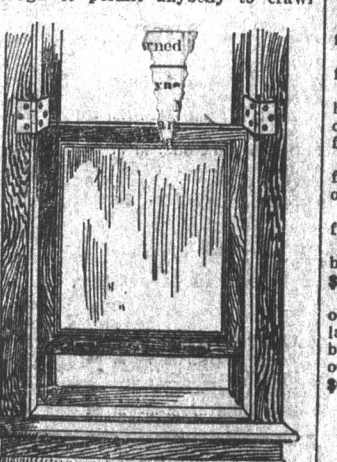
The increasing tendency toward the
employment of women in positions of
trust by financial institutions is thus
explained by the president of one of
the largest banks in the country: "The
feeling is gaining ground that women
are on the whole more honest than
men. A considerable number of wom-
en are now rendering satisfactory serv-
ice as cashiers and tellers, handling
large sums daily without loss or error.
One of the most conspicuous traits in
the feminine nature is fidelity to trust.
Speculation, the chief pitfall of default-
ing employees, does not attract wom-
en as it does men. Curses and drink
also drag down many a male employee,
and these, again, are more particu-
larly masculine vices. Some of the largest
banks in New York are employing
women in positions of heavy responsi-
bility. Banking is an occupation in
which men no longer have a monop-
oly."

As to the question whether women
are by nature more honest than men,
certain masculine critics aver that
women have gained that reputation only
because they are subject to fewer
temptations to steal than are men. But
is this the case? asks Robert Webster
Jones in the Housekeeper. What oc-
cupation offers a more severe test of
honesty than domestic service? It is
impossible for a mistress to lock up
her belongings from her servants, and
opportunities for pilfering are num-
erous, yet stealing is comparatively rare.
The majority of business men are con-
vinced of woman's fidelity in responsi-
ble positions and her ability to dis-
charge important duties. Never were
there such opportunities for capable,
energetic women as at present avail
them in the business world.—Brooklyn
Eagle.

HINGE YOUR WINDOWS.

Then No Thief or Burglar Can Push
Them up at Night.

Here is a simple scheme by which to
prevent thieves entering a house
through the windows at night. Prima-
rily the device is just an ordinary
hinge. Whatever the pattern, this is
the way to use the hinge: Open the
window, say six inches, enough to get
a plentiful supply of air, but not
enough to permit anybody to crawl



CAN'T PUSH THIS WINDOW UP.

through the space under the sash.
When you have done this fasten the
hinge to the window frame (or use
two, putting one on each side of the
window frame), putting the screws,
however, through only one half and
setting the hinge in such a way that
the free half may be so swung about
as to project into the space through
which the sash would have to pass if
it were raised any higher. Could any-
thing be cheaper or simpler? In the
daytime the free half of the hinge may
be folded back against the other half
so that the window may be raised to
any height desired. Of course this is
not the best possible safeguard, but it
certainly serves its purpose pretty well
in the dark.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Asbestos Fireplaces.

If the asbestos of stoves or fire-
places becomes discolored or black-
ened from the gas smoking, as it fre-
quently does, the thing to do is to
sprinkle the feathery fiber with com-
mon table salt, then light the gas and
let it burn the same as usual. The
wooly appearance of the asbestos de-
pends upon the gas, and the salt soon
parts like magic, and the asbestos re-
sumes its natural whiteness again.
It happens, too, that the tiny apertures
through which the gas flows become
gummed and partially filled in. When
such is the case run a hatpin through
the holes or a round toothpick, and it
will readily free them.

Passing of Orange Blossoms.

The orange blossom seems fated to
perish, matrimonially speaking. There
was a time when a nice girl hardly felt
like a bride if she did not face the al-
tar from under a chaplet of orange
blossoms, but that is passed, and now
a wreath of white roses may crown the
bride's veil or a coronet of white or-
chids. Several brides in these latter
days have reverted to the myrtle, with
its classic traditions. The advent of
the seedless orange seems to be syn-
chronous with the passing of the or-
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vant at once at Rev. Dr. Battaly's
Park street.

WANTED—For a family of two, a
reliable servant. Apply Raleigh
street, Oldershaw Terrace, third
house from Cross street.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

TO RENT—A Small New Cottage,
Apply at once to Jennie A. Robb-
inson, 86 Lacroix street.

HOUSE FOR SALE—On Grand street,
For particulars apply to Thomas
Scullard, or at his office.

FENCE FOR SALE—In good state of
preservation. Apply to Thomas
Scullard, Victoria avenue.

HOUSE FOR SALE—A house on
Grand street and house and lot on
Victoria ave. For particulars ap-
ply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria
Block.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Good heating,
near the centre of the city, on
King Street; furnished or unfur-
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phone 269.

FARM FOR SALE—Lot No. 25, Con-
cession 10, on Gravel Road, Raleigh
Township, 113 acres; brick two-
story house; frame barn, stable
and sheds. Apply to J. W. Walker,
Barrister, King St., Chatham, Ont.

HOUSE FOR SALE—A brick house,
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