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On Christmas Literature of a Dirty Kind.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—As in the crop of our Christmas Magazine literature there may be a certain quantity of weeds, and even a few ulcerous plants, we should use some discrimination in our Christmas reading. Bad, low literature can be nearly as great an evil as good rum. What's the use of so much fulsome flattery for any nationality—Scotch, Irish, English or Dutch? Judicious praise for all good peoples by all means, but why wallow in the swinish troughs of mere adulation, and then minister to the vanity of sometimes very inferior people? I have no prejudice in this matter, but I do not believe in spurious nationalism or in flattering the race-pride of any clan or country or shire. That sort of patrictism is truly the last refuge of literary scoundrelism, or at least of imbecility. And the same literary gutter-snipes are as ready to insult nations as to praise them. "Hold the bone and the dog will follow," seems to apply to a certain class of writers, and when they get a pen in their hand it is like the gold "ring in the hog's snout," especially when they are looking for a political position.

"Uncle Walt Mason" and "Mike Dooley" are good humorists, just as good as Brett Harte or Mark Twain. Their exaggerations and dialect speech are never low or vulgar, and from time to time our Newfoundland Horace Greelies have mistaken vulgarity and mendacity for humor and wit. The plea that they base their writings on Dickens and Dooley, is extremely rough both on Dooley and Dickens. Dickens indeed! What Dickenses they are? Beautiful contributors indeed to the "Eat and Swill" Gazette. Still there is an improvement of late years, but there is some survival even yet of the old clown writer class—that regarded Christmas holidays as a Punch and Judy Circus, and sold their "pens" (?) for a glass of rum.

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The Praries.

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Siwash."

Much of the United States is grand and peculiar, sticking up as far as three miles into the climate in spots. Still more of our much beloved country, however, is flat and unexciting except at harvest time. A section of the United States which has only two dimensions, length and breadth, is called a prairie.

The great prairies begin at the Missouri River and roll gently westward towards the setting sun almost far enough to scare said sun out of its nest. When discovered, these prairies were profusely equipped with air, climate, sunshine and horizon, but were otherwise as empty as a new flat before the van from the installment furniture house gets around. The eye could wander in all directions without stumbling over any object more prominent than a prairie dog mound, and a man might travel a week without finding enough timber to cut a fish pole. However this lack is thoughtfully palliated by the great scarcity of streams in which to fish.

Originally the prairie was upholstered with long waving grass and had to be navigated with the aid of a compass and a sextant. Many a strong man with no sense of direction has gone rashly out on the great American prairie and has wandered several hundred miles in irregular circles without finding a lunch counter, or, in the end, a competent undertaker. Grass, wind and dimensions were the great possessions of the prairie, and it was luxuriantly provided with all three. More wind passed a given point on the prairie in twenty-four hours than a near-actor from New York could emit concerning Broadway in a month.

When a man came rudely westward, elbowing his way through the primeval solitude, he took the prairies in hand and altered them a good deal. First, he cleared off the justly celebrated American bison and the equally famous Indian, both of which were highly inimical to agriculture. Then he broke up the hard, tough rind of prairie sod with 20 oxen power ploughs. Then he planted windbrakes, sod houses, windmills, cyclone cellars, grain elevators, district schools, political machines, and other necessities of modern life. Now, the prairies have quit loafing and blowing, and have gone to work. They raise the wheat and corn for half a nation, raise forests and statesmen, and bear the automobiles of a hundred thousand farmers on their smooth, flat backs.

The prairie is no longer a wild, free thing. Even its climate has been changed and its supply of wind cut down 75 per cent. It is bound up in barbed wire, railroads and telephones and man has begun to stick skyscrapers into its quivering flanks. No one mourns for the old-fashioned prairie, however. It was as grand as the boundless ocean; as inconvenient to have in the middle of one's business.

Healthy and Unhealthy Lighting

Gas, it may be said, vitiates the atmosphere. True. But it also helps to purify it. Its purifying power is greater than its vitiating power Electricity does not vitiate, nor does it purify. Hear what three eminent men have said:—

Much evidence has lately been adduced to show that gas is more useful than the electric light in promoting efficient ventilation of air. It is for this amongst other reasons, that gas is being frequently substituted for the electric light. The latest example is, perhaps, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which has recently installed gas on its premises, after experience with the electric light.—Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry.

He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that had taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Dudfield, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days, was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort, sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three hours' dinner, but which with the march of civilization, had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter been employed with all the latest refinements to effect the lighting under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a state little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Lewes, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—nov8,tf

The Old Fashioned Christmas.

A number of firemen of the Manchester Commerce have been celebrating Christmas in the old fashioned way. During the past few days several of them have paraded the streets in quaint costumes to the strains of an accordeon supplemented by drums, kettles and other well known instruments. The small boys were very much in evidence, and the procession had quite a number of followers, who seemed highly amused with the improvised band.

In Memoriam.

SAD DEATH OF STEPHEN WHITE.

'Tis Christmas Eve, the stars above
Shine bright in Heaven's dome,
A woman waits with fondest love
Her husband's coming home.
No sorrow pales her cheeks, and tears
To her are unknown, now,
Dispelled are all her doubts and fears
No wrinkle marks her brow.

The thrill, she feels, is like unto
A summer's night in June
When fields are green and skies are blue,
Beneath the silvery moon;
Her children play about the place
Or nestles near her side,
She smiles upon each angel face
With a mother's love and pride.

Till sleep o'ercomes their little eyes
Then with a mother's care
They're placed in bed where dreams arise
Of Christmas toys so fair;
Maybe of him they're dreaming now
Who loved them from their birtu,
Perchance they see him kiss each brow
As he did when last on earth.

Ah, darlings sleep, you little reek
You're yet to young to know,
The coming years will pale your cheek
When told of that sad blow,
When told that night your father dear
Had lost his noble life,
And you were left three orphans here
With a poor heartbroken wife.

'Twas sad the way that father went,
Cut down in manhood's bloom,
That crushing blow which Heaven dealt
Which sent him to the tomb.
Oh, let us pray that he may be
With God in the next life
Happy in eternity,
'Twill comfort his poor wife.

To-day her cheeks are pale and wan
And listless looks her eye,
The gladsome way she had is gone,
Departed is her joy.
That blow which Heaven sent her here
Has caused her heart to grieve,
May Heaven send her strength to bear
Her loss on Christmas Eve.

JAMES MURPHY.
December 27th, 1913.

Caught Again.

In response to many demands it has been decided to reproduce "Miss Elizabeth's Prisoner" in the T. A. Hall on New Year's Day, at both matinee and evening performance. Bearing the fact in mind that St. John's people appreciate good acting, there should certainly be crowded houses. Never have we seen a better amateur performance. The players are perfectly at home in their parts and speak easily and naturally, having no trace of the overeagerness that very often mars amateur plays. The costumes and stage effects are very pretty and are the finishing touch to an excellent play.

Start the New Year well. The proceeds go to Charity, so do good and at the same time enjoy yourself. Send your children in the afternoon; they will be charmed, as well be borne out by the frequent quotations from Mr. Valentine, Cuff and Black Sam. Then go yourself in the evening and enjoy seeing real acting.

The Pantomime.

Everybody is showering congratulations on Rossleys for their splendid production Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It is a wonderful piece of work and one can not think when they look upon the beautiful costumes and splendid scenery the gorgeous electrical effects,the wonderful work of the children, some of them were babies. That this show is in St. John's because it looks like a Londoh or N. Y. show it could not be any better anywhere; and since the stage has been made larger every one can see splendidly. The cost of the whole thing must have run up into big figures, before the doors were open and Rossleys deserve great praise. Everything for the great show was bought in town They spend their money where they make it.

The "Mummers."

Although some of the time honoured customs of the Christmas season are now obsolete or time worn yet this year's celebration of St. Stephen's Night appeared to have lost none of its old-fashionedness in the city. In numerous sections of the town the younger folks indulged in mummering and some quaint costumes were witnessed as the mummers were on parade. They visited various houses for their cup of good cheer and discoursed some lively airs wich different kinds of musical instruments during their line of march. The whole demonstration reminded the old folks of old-time Christmas and St. Stephen's Nights in the old days.

Trip Cancelled.

The first trip of the Red Cross Liner Stephano which was expected to leave New York on her annual southern cruise has been cancelled. The ship leaves New York to-day for Halifax and this port and will make two more round trips here before returning to New York, which port she will leave on February 3rd for West Indian ports, going as far as the Panama Canal.

SHIPWRECKED CREW EXPECTED.—The shipwrecked crew of the ill-fated vessel Frances which was abandoned in mid-ocean, are expected to arrive home by the Allan Liner Sardinian, due to-morrow from Liverpool.

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