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MAJOR VELVET-FOOT.

A Tin-type Taken With A Pen.

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Major Velvet-foot was by far the finest specimen of his kind I have ever met; and my opportunities of judging have not been at all limited. His long silken whiskers seemed especially adapted by nature to brush the proffered cheeks and chins of beautiful and accomplished ladies. His strong yet mystic eyes resembled stars of sapphire shining through wafers of glue. His cheekbones were high and rounding, and his chin's chief charm consisted in compressing his mouth closed in a gingerly "a la militaire" manner. Not a button was loose or unpolished upon his perfectly fitting uniform, for when he was not smoothing his whiskers he was attending to his wardrobe, which was always in keeping with his position.

His athletic powers were marvellous. Where he could not clamber, cling, and

perform, mortal man need never venture. Music he had not wholly ignored, for his vocal efforts in the evening were at once the wonder and despair of whole neighborhoods. The Major was, also, exemplary in very many respects. Tobacco he did not use in any form; and as for spirituous liquors, he preferred a refreshing draught of new milk to the best concoction known to man. In short, he was so thoroughly genteel that Miss Ringlets, who had been a leading spirit in Curate Slumberdrone's church for many, many unmentionable years, deemed it quite within the strictest proprieties to allow the Major to remain in her house alone with her night and day on many occasions.

But even the sun has his darker spots. Once when Curate Slumberdrone called collecting for Foreign Missions he observed Major Velvet-foot lovingly seated in the lap of Miss Ringlets, and receiving caresses from her right hand while her left hand contained a wellworn copy of Bunyan's "Holy War." However, the divine excused the lady on the grounds that her right hand knew not what her left was doing.

It may be that the reader's curiosity craves to ascertain whether Miss Ringlets or the Major ever anticipated matrimony. Well, although lovers could not have been more devoted to each other, it is my candid opinion that marriage they did not look forward to. Still, until the gallant old Major joined the grim regiments of Death, these affectionate creatures remained the fairest of friends. Indeed, the Major's funeral received an infinitely greater elaboration at the hands of the distracted Miss Ringlets than any mere husband's ever did. But, alas, after every detail had been beautifully accomplished, even to the sinking of a special vault, the crusty old curate refused the last rites of the church to (as he said) "an individual who seemed more at home in a lady's lap than in a church pew."

This piece of ecclesiastical severity

drove Miss Ringlets to her wit's end, where she, fortunately, found the brilliant idea of placing in the curate's hand a large donation for the poor, to be secretly distributed at his own discretion. It is needless to say that this had the desired effect; and, if you have any wish to visit the Major's last resting place, for a small tip the sexton of Verdant Valley Cemetery will smilingly show you where Miss Ringlets buried with many honors her old tom cat.

DALHOUSIE NOTES.

The present year will be one of the most prosperous in the history of old Dalhousie. The registration up to date is 23 ahead of the same date a year ago. This will be somewhat increased before the close of the session. Of the total registration at present, 129 are newcomers, who are divided among the faculties as follows:—

Arts	79
Science	7
Law	14
Medicine	29

Among the new students Nova Scotia has 109 representatives; Prince Edward Island, 10; New Brunswick, 7; Newfoundland, 1; Trinidad, 1, and Jamaica, 1. The proportion of men and women in these numbers is as follows:—

Arts	20 women and 51 men.
Science	1 woman and 6 men.
Law	1 woman and 13 men.
Medicine	6 women and 23 men.

The law freshman class is the smallest for years. This result may probably be the outcome of the increase of fees by the Provincial Bar Society. The largest increase is in the Arts and Medical faculties.

The work of the Law School, which was suspended during the progress of the elections, is resumed, with Drs. Weldon and Russell and Mr. Cahan in their old places.

Mr. Murray McNeil is giving excellent satisfaction as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He conducts the class in Senior Mathematics and some of the Honor classes also.