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NOT WHAT HE MEANT.

DURING the Quebec Tercentenary, a visitor from New Brunswick overheard two well-to-do United States guests discussing the naval representation, as they sat on a bench on Dufferin Terrace.

"There is no doubt," said one, "that America has the best navy."

"Yes," said a British Tar, who caught the remark, "smoking and chewing."

MUST HAVE READ STRINGER.

"Daddy," said Gordon, aged fourteen, "Tommie's a Canada-faker."

"What's that?" asked the startled parent.

"He's a Canada-faker," persisted Gordon. "He says there's bears in Rosedale."

AN ABSENT-MINDED BISHOP.

IN the county of Wicklow, the garden of Ireland, the late Doctor Trench, when Archbishop of Dublin, had a charming villa residence on a height overhanging the village of Ashford, and not far from the Devil's Glen. His grace had latterly become at times slightly absent, and at a banquet in that neighbourhood the archbishop received a nudge from a friend who felt so privileged, to remind him not to let a specially delicious entree pass. Archbishop Trench, mistaking it for a hint to say grace, at once stood up, and, in the solemn deep-toned voice so peculiarly his own, delivered himself of an impressive thanksgiving. More than half of the courses had yet to come! On another occasion, soon after he resigned his archbishopric, Doctor Trench went to dine with his successor; and, the familiar room making him fancy himself at home, he said, during a pause towards the end of the dinner, across the table to his wife: "My dear, I fear we must pronounce this cook another failure!"

ILLUMINATING EVIDENCE.

AN Irish soldier on sentry duty had orders to allow no one to smoke near his post. An officer with a lighted cigar approached, whereupon Pat boldly challenged him and ordered him to put it out at once. The officer, with a gesture of disgust, threw away his cigar, but no sooner was his back turned than Pat picked it up and quietly retired to the sentry box. The officer, happening to look around, observed a beautiful cloud of smoke issuing from the box. He at once challenged Pat for smoking on duty. "Smoking, is it, sorr? Bedad, and I'm only keeping it lit to show to the corporal when he comes, as evidence agin' you."

A HUMANE WRITER.

ARTEMUS WARD called on a friend the night before one of his panorama lectures. There were some three or four large roaches scurrying about the room, and they attracted his attention. "I am very fond of roaches," he said. "Once, in my own home, I found a roach struggling in a bowl of water. I took a half walnut shell and put him in it; it made a good boat; I gave him a couple of toothpicks for oars. Next morning I saw that he had fastened a hair to one of the toothpicks, and had evidently been fishing. Then, overcome with exhaustion, he had fallen asleep. The sight moved me I took him out, washed him, gave him a spoonful of boiled egg, and let

him go. That roach never forgot my kindness, and now my home is full of roaches."

HISTORICAL RELICS.

THE visitors in the historical museum gazed curiously at a small feather pillow which nestled in a glass case.

"I don't see anything unusual about that pillow," remarked one of the visitors, turning to the guide.

"It's a very valuable pillow," replied the guide. "That is Washington's original headquarters." — *Lippincott's.*

WHAT SHE NEEDED.

A POPULAR portrait-painter, noted for his good work and plain speaking, was once asked by an overdressed lady of uncertain age to paint her picture.

"Now, my dear Mr. Vandyke Brown," she exclaimed, with a languishing glance, "I hope you'll do me justice."

"Madam," replied the painter, "you don't want justice, you want mercy."

NO SUCH SIGHTS FOR HIM.

A SIMPLE rustic coming across an enthusiastic lady artist sketching a small landscape with a large sky, took a respectful interest in the picture.

"Ah," said the lady, "perhaps to you, too, Nature opens her sky-pictures, page by page. Have you seen the lambent flame of the dawn leaping across the livid east—the red-stained, sulphurous islets floating in lakes of fire in the west—the ragged cloud at midnight, black as a raven's wing, blotting out the shuddering moon?"

"No, miss," replied the man, "not since I quit drinking."

WILLING TO PAY.

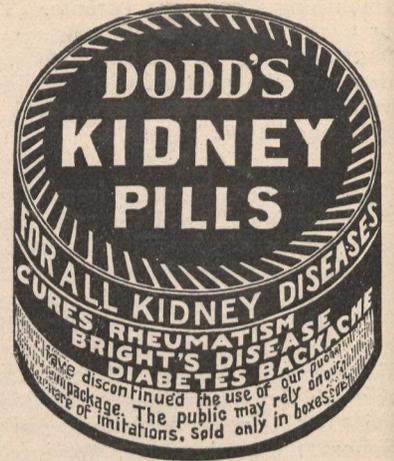
A certain bishop lived all his life unwed. A friend mentioned that one of the States of America was imposing a tax on bachelors, to be increased a certain percentage every ten years of bachelorhood, and added: "Why, Bishop, at your age you would have to pay twenty pounds a year."

"Well," said the bishop quietly, "it's worth it."

Voting Competition

THE following is our voters' list, in "Canada's Ten Biggest Men," giving the twenty-five leaders:

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- Sir Sandford Fleming.
- Sir Gilbert Parker.
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