

velously fertile, is ice-bound half the year. Farm hands are paid \$40 a month in the summer, but have to idle all winter and keep taxinslives on what they have saved—or starve. There is no opening for clerks or mechanics. But if there was, a man is better off with 30s. a week in Australia than with much more in Canada. Nothing could tempt me to leave this country again. By comparison with Canada, Australia is a paradise.

The story is told of a doctor who owns The story is told of a doctor who owns a motor, but is not very expert as a driver. He was traveling down a city street when he ran into and capsized a pedestrian. He glanced behind him, and seeing the man still prone, he made a circuit and ran back, intending to stop beside and help his unfortunate victim. But the motor shot a yard or two beyond the mark and hit the man again, just as he was rising. The docagain, just as he was rising. The doc-tor turned his car once more, and was cautiously stealing near to the prostrate sufferer, when an excited specta-tor rushed from the sidewalk, and shaking the victim, exclaimed: "Look out! He is coming at you again Whereupon the man scrambled up and started to run. In this world it is not sufficient to have good intentions. You must also be able to drive a motor.

Two women were arrested in New York the other day for violating the speed law, and, as in charge of a policeman on the way to the station, they passed Reginald Vanderbilt, they yelled to him that they had been "pinch ed." The New York Sun makes this reconstruction. or six of equipages cannot make gentl-women, and it is not necessary to go to New York to find women among what is called "the smart set," who are equally capable of using the language of the street, yes, and of the brothel.

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f the loe be-Says The Sydney, N.S.W., Bulletin: "Altho the sculling championship match is still in the 'wrangle' stage, Stanbury plugs away twice a day on the Parramatta River, moving in something like hire a matta River, moving in something like by res-his old style. Towns does practically decent no rowing, but goes on making beats 3s-for and ears, principally for English carsilife in men. Stated on reliable authority that h. In Stanbury is testing his dash, and if it private is found that he can be got to his old labor tep-notch form, he will agree to the hours, terms demanded by Towns. Stanbury's No un-backers (who include most of those who clause the standard of the s riaws, lost money over Tressifer) are anxious decomes that the match should be a ce ta:ty-om it But Towns doesn't want a match yet: o mar, and even should Stanbury agree to

terms, the race isn't likely to come off before the spring, or perhaps later."

Sunday Morning

Motoring is being made responsible for a lot of disappointing things. One day it is said the craze is ruining the hotels: that former rich patrons prefer traveling home nights forty miles by automobile to being transients in the finest; that a society cannot be inveigled into sitting in stuffy drawingigled into sitting in stuffy drawing-oms to hear unknown singers; there e no more private concerts, and art-sare in despair; that even country tates, in England especially, are be-g sold to enable their owners to trav-by motor cars, and, furthermore, it now deemed a mark of "smartness" be injured in automobile smash-ups! eed madness could hardly go further on this

than this.

In "A Modern Utopia" H. G. Wells has been telling the world how women will dress in the ideal state. This is the way: "The dress is varied and graceful; that of the women reminds one most of the Italian fifteenth century; they have an abundance of soft and beautifully-colored stuffs, and the clothes even of the poorest fit admirably." Oh, happy land! They have an abundance of clothes, all fitting admirably—such lucky souls must dwell not in Utopia, but in heaven. Mr. Wells continues: "Their hair is very simply, but very carefully and beautifully dressed, and, except in very sunny weather, they do not wear hats or bonnets." From which you gather that it never rains in Utopia. "They all are graceful, and bear themselves with quiet dignity, and among a group of them a European woman of fashion, in her lace and feathers, her hat and metal ornaments, her mixed accumulations of 'trimmings,' would look like a barbarian tricked out with the miscellaneous plunder of a museum." This is rather truculent, but, as for the truth of it, consider how absurd your grand-mother's fasions look to you, and regraceful; that of the women reminds one most of the Italian fifteenth century; they have an abundance of soft and beautifully colored stuffs, and the clothes even of the poorest fit admirably." Oh, happy land! They have an abundance of clothes, all fitting admirably—such lucky souls must dwell not in Utopia, but in heaven. Mr. Wells continues: "Their hair is very simply, but very carefully and beautifully and beautifully but very carefully and beautifully and

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SUNDAY IN LONDON

The Way the Giddy Throng spend the Day of All Days the Best.

of the retarded traffic, but other precauions are taken to give the parson an easy Strand is very quiet; the pigeons of the law courts are in undisputed possession of the roadway by Temple Bar; in Deanstreet some youngsters in newly washed and threadbare clothes, play under their reath. One of them, a thin-legged child of seven, tries to be happy, but is handi-

ments these diners seemed weary. They have profusion always.

At a table close to mine sat a very fat man, who looked good-humored, and talked so. His vis-a-vis was a fragile, violet-eyed, golden-haired woman, always pleading with her eyes, always looking helplessly as if to say, "If I must die, would you please not behead me with a saw! You don't mind! Oh thanks, awfully."

The good-humored fat man pursued the wines thru the list, looking at the Appealing One every two minutes; smiling at her, playing the berevolent dragon; kindly even in his illicit pursuit of her.

Her violet eyes seemed to grow larger. She looked pathetically at the fat man, who made energetic fork-play.

could he, dear? Let me give you some mere wine."

Her violet eyes saucered again—she sipped the wine and sighed, glad to be able to prove that she was unhappy.

So Frank was the misunderstood and misunderstanding husband. I suppose there were more misunderstood wives with the misunderstood husbands of other women there; and they were certain to continue misunderstanding and being misunderstood while they stayed in that hothouse restaurant, eating as exotically as they were breathing their food seasoned with condiments and sauces so plquant that they might be said to be trimmed with real lace, and almost as intoxicating as wine; and the revolving, draught-baffling doors shutting out the darkness, and giving to the place the atmosphere of a congested scraglio.

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On any Sunday, with the slightest pretensions to fine weather, the roads to Richmond and Hampton and many other upriver resorts are crowded with all forms of wheeled vehicles. The energy of Sunday is rapid to feverishness, as if the pleasare-seekers knew the day to be all too short and were hurrying like children to a picnic to make the most of the daylight-startled for 12 hours out of the national stolidity, and almost unhappy if one minute were left empty.

One Sunday morning on the Richmond-road, which is very full of churches there was a tidal wave of energy in all its expressions—electricity, petrol, steam and humah leg; a maze of motor-ears, motor and ordinary cycles, coaches and herses. But here on Sunday more than anywhere else at any time you recognize that the horse is being deposed and widely disused, and that machine traveling will be the general transport of the early future.

The church bells were ringing while the motors tooted and shrieked. A clergyman stood by the gate of the yard of his empty church and gazed sorrowfully at the laughing holiday-makers. Here again is the beginning of the cnd.

Sunday afternoons at Hampton are as at Richmond, but there are more people at Hampton, and thousands of punts and skiffs, and not one parson to look mournfully at a congregation breaking the mile record for hieyeles.

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Between dusk and 11 o'clock on Sunday night the English Sabbath by the river is seen at its best. In every hotel there are crowds of well-dressed men and women. all observing the sanctity of the holy day. There are great, well-decorated rooms, each with a bar at its entrance-end, brilliantly lighted, filled with tobacco smoke and a label of chatter. Music is not allowed, Sunday music being immoral, as by statute made and provided; so the people sit there and smoke, and take whiskies in an endless chain. We went back to London by the last train, and it was Pandemonium all the way to town; and two ladles, who had been regarding fermented and spirituous liquors with wanton eyes, sat on me from Hampton to Victoria. on to Victoria.

Randolph Bedford. DIVORCE IN THE HOUSE.

Ottawa, May 20 .- (Special-) The house of commons Friday night had the quite unusual experience of seeing a divorce bill opposed. The committee of the whole considered the bill for the release of Clara Bidwell McDermott. Mr. Lancaster of Lincoln claimed that no judge or jury would find the respondent guilty on the evidence of two dissolute women. The bill should be held over until the minister of justice could give his views.

Archie Campbell, who had the bill in the Toronto Junction pool-room case. bill opposed. The committee of the whole

Archie Campbell, who had the bill in charge, opposed this proposition and ex-plained that McDermott had left his wife and family fourteen years ago to shift for themselves and sent them no money until the divorce proceedings were instituted.

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ACTIVITY IN CHURCHES.

At the Toronto Western District meeting held in Wesley Church Friday R. J. D. Simpson was elected journal secretary, A. P. Addison disjournal secretary, A. P. Addison district secretary, Rev. Thomas Dunlop and Rev. C.,O. Johnston stationing committee. Among the improvements undertaken were a new parsonage for Trinity Church to cost \$6000; new Euclid-avenue Church; a new pipe organ in Parkdale Methodist Church, the erection of a new church on St. Clarens-avenue to cost \$30,000, and extensions to Westmoreland-avenue Church, which will double the seating capacity. which will double the seating capacity. In addition to this Annette-street Methodist Church will add a new parsonage and furnishings; Davenport Methodist Church additions to the parsonage, and Wesley Church a new school room at a cost of \$15,000, while Zion, Perth-avenue and Epworth

RING OF TAX SCALPERS.

Methodist' West | District to See Public Fleeced Out of Million and Half by Officials.

> San Francisco, May 20,-A scheme which has been in operation in the tax collector's office for many months has just been uncovered, by which nearly a million and a half dollars worth of a million and a half dollars worth of property has been secured for little more than \$100,000. The victims are the city's taxpayers, who are charged, in some instances, it appears, wrongly, with delinquencies. The profits have gone to a ring of tax scalpers, who were assisted in every possible way by the alleged defaulting Tax Coffector Smith and his subordinates in office. Records have been manipulated to keep the truth from coming out, and many poor people have had-the title to their homes placed in jeopardy without so much as knowing that a shortage is charged against them.

London, May 20 .- Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was the guest of the Imperial Industries Club to-night. He was deeply convinced that the growing expenditure which was due chiefly to the army and navy would soon become intolerable. The colonies having be-come nations it was right they should bear the burden of self defence.

A party of 300 British immigrants arrived in the city at noon yesterday.

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