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LITERARY COMPETITION.

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By the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. of Brockville, Ont.

The Above Amount Will Be Divided Among the Writers of the Best Five Original Stories—The Competition Open to All Bona Fide Residents of Canada.

With a view to assisting in the development of literary talent in Canada, The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. of Brockville, Ont., will award prizes amounting to \$300 among the writers of the best five short original stories submitted in the competition, as follows:

For the story pronounced the best \$100.

For the second best \$75.

For the third best \$50.

For the fourth best \$25.

For the fifth best \$25.

The competition is open to residents of the Dominion of Canada who have never won a cash prize in a story competition, and is subject to the following regulations:

Each story to contain not more than 3000 words.

The name, initials or motto to his or her manuscript, and shall send with the manuscript a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the pen name, initials or motto attached to the story, and containing inside it the full name and address of the writer thereof.

We impose no limitations whatever as to the nature of the story, but it must be written in English, and must be original, and must be written in English.

Manuscripts to be sent flat or folded—not rolled.

All stories for competition must reach The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. of Brockville, Ont., on or before the first day of July, 1895, and should be marked "For Literary Competition."

Decision will be made as follows: All stories submitted will be referred to a competent committee, who will select the best five stories.

These stories will then be published in pamphlet form, which pamphlets will be distributed throughout the Dominion, and each will contain a voting paper upon which readers will be invited to express their preference.

The highest number of votes will be awarded the first prize, and so on until the five prizes are awarded.

Voting will close on the first day of December, 1895, and the committee will then publish the names of the successful competitors and the order of merit.

Unsuccessful manuscripts will be returned when stamps are sent for postage.

The five stories selected are to become the absolute property of The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., with their copyright in perpetuity.

The decision of the committee and the names of the authors of the five stories, and all persons entering the competition agree, by their participation, to the decision of the committee and the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. as final on all points whatsoever.

Correspondence in regard to unsuccessful MSS. declined, even when stamped envelopes are sent; any stamps so sent for other purposes than the return of the MSS. at the time of first sending will be put in the pocket of the MSS.

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. will take all precautions to safeguard MSS. entrusted to their care, but in no case do they assume any responsibility for fire, accident or loss of unsuccessful MSS. Authors are therefore advised to keep copies.

The stories must be original. Any one sending copied matter will be liable to punishment for fraud, and a prize of \$25 is offered to the first person who points out the fact that any story passed on to the committee is otherwise than original, in the unlikely event of such an oversight occurring.

If any story entered in the competition must be addressed to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and marked on the envelope "For Literary Competition."

Women as Detectives.

"Women are not good detectives," said an experienced secret service man, on being asked his opinion.

"To begin with, there are many places to which a woman cannot go without exciting suspicion, and this defeats her object at the outset; but beyond this a woman is unduly by nature for detective work."

"In the first place, she jumps at a conclusion and acts on it in opposition to all human probabilities, possibilities and reason."

"She looks on a thing as she wants it to be or thinks it ought to be, and will follow that theory."

"She is led by prejudices, favors or sympathies, regardless of facts."

"As a detective she is sometimes a success in entrapping a man, but her work generally ends in a blunder which betrays her."

"She is persevering only when moved by passion."

"She does not look at a case dispassionately."

"She at once decides that he or she is guilty or innocent, and works on that theory."

"A woman enjoys the mysterious, and she is so elated at her position as a detective that she is unable to conceal her identity or her secret investigation of a case."

"Women are ever failures in running down criminals of their own sex."

"A woman criminal will mislead a woman detective by working on her vanity, credulity or sympathy, and worst of all, if the detective be attractive and the man criminal handsome—well, a man is better for detective work."—Tid Bits.

Pure materials are half the battle in the struggle for good housekeeping. No kitchen agent can compare with Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

Necessary Solitude.

A Poet boy attended the recent fire at the orphan asylum in that city. Soon after it was extinguished, he was asked "Where was the fire, Harold?" "At the orphan asylum," was the reply.

"That so?" said the enquirer, in excitement. "Why, it must have been awful!"

"Oh, no," said Harold, "it wasn't very bad. The building wasn't damaged much, and as soon as the fire was discovered they sent the orphans home to their parents, so none of them was hurt."—Kenselce Journal.

IT CONQUERS THE FLAME.

How a Secret of Nature Was Discovered.

It was in August that Charles V. Pollock, a resident of Des Moines, Ia., while experimenting with an ordinary lawn sprinkler, discovered a secret of nature which promises far-reaching results in our domestic economy.

Mr. Pollock found that a ball placed loosely in a bell-shaped nozzle, without anything to hold it in position, would resist all pressure of water and create a spray, and that no possible pressure would dislodge the ball. Following it up and searching out the practical uses to which his discovery might be applied, Mr. Pollock has found that it will serve many purposes of human necessity, most important of which is that of adding to the present fire equipment a spray of such powerful effect that it is doubtless not claiming too much for it to say that in every case where fire departments are prompt in reaching fires there will be no longer any danger of life either from suffocation or fire.

It was found that by using a large ball and ball and applying such a nozzle to fire hose it would create a solid sheet of water and give out the same quantity of water as given out through the straight nozzle without creating any back pressure on the hose. Careful study was given to developing the ball nozzle for this purpose, and after experiments extending over a period of several months the best form of ball was found and a new appliance was given to fire departments which is certain to increase to a very large extent their efficiency. The ball nozzle was immediately adopted by the fire department in Des Moines, the home of the inventor, and since its adoption the record of the Des Moines Fire Department has been a marvellous one; not a single serious loss has occurred, and the chief of the fire department testifies that he has by the use of the ball nozzle saved many lives and thousands of dollars' worth of property. In one particular instance, when one of the largest lumber yards in that city took fire, and for a few minutes threatened a valuable portion of the city, the timely arrival of the department and the use of the ball nozzle averted a most disastrous conflagration. As is generally known, the most difficult thing to contend with in the early stage of fires is the smoke, which quickly fills the entire structure, making it impossible for firemen to enter, and for this reason it may be said that thousands of lives have perished and millions of dollars' worth of property have been destroyed. Efforts have constantly been made to produce an effective spray with sufficient power to drive smoke and quench flames, but up to the time of the discovery of the ball nozzle this important result had not been accomplished. The difficulty has been to secure a spraying device that would permit the flow of a sufficient amount of water to give it driving power and at the same time to overcome the back pressure of the hose, but the ball nozzle accomplishes these important results in the ordinary straight stream. Indeed, while it takes two or more men to handle a straight stream, one man can easily handle the ball nozzle, which creates a solid wall of water between the fire and the jobber, and enables him to pursue the fire to its source, no matter where it is in a structure, cover a large area quickly and resist any wind that may blow, or otherwise perish. Where a powerful straight stream is used it is often the case that as much damage results from water as from fire. The ball nozzle obviates this to a very large extent, as the force, while great enough to quench flames, is sufficient to cause unnecessary destruction of fragile interior property.

Dining-Room Girls.

I have made a discovery. In a very large number of towns in New York State, New England and the north-west the meals in hotel dining-rooms are served by girls—a fact that has helped the digestion of numerous drummers and other itinerant travellers. I discovered this as far as facial and all that is otherwise apparent of physical control is concerned, there are some Tribbys among this class of femininity than any others that I know of. In the past few months, especially in New England, I have made mental note of hundreds of waiting-maids whom dollar-seeking managers and aspiring artists could pose the much talked of heroine. They all had that peculiar face which Du Maurier loved to draw, and which to me has always seemed an evidence of starvation or midwinter high breeding. What is the explanation in this instance? Perhaps the poor girls on the salaries they receive, can not afford to look any better.

Eggliness of a Great Princess.

The Metternichs in Paris during the Second Empire made their mark at once by the style of their equipages, their astounding mode of expending money, the elegant figure of the Princess, her wondrous chick, her air of breeding, her wild spirits, cleverness in repartee, independent ways and intemperance. Her striking, but not disagreeable ugliness was also in her favor. It gave one an agreeable shock the first time one saw her. The face hardly seemed human. The flat nose, wide mouth, extending literally from ear to ear, poor forehead and curious eyes, a survival of far-back Hunnish ancestors on the Sander side. The figure was slender and flexible as a willow rod, and everything she wore suited her. She said and did exactly as she pleased; laid down the social law by going in for social lawlessness to the Empire Eugenic, and made Theresa the fashion by taking lessons from her. Theresa went to the Embassy to give them. The Princess expressed astonishment at finding that famous singer of the Alcazar trees comme il faut, and Theresa, at finding the Ambassador's "auz" canaille que moi."—London Truth.

Intellectual Conversation.

A beautiful young lady was walking round a suburban garden one evening, arm-in-arm with a young man, into whose eyes she sweetly smiled.

"It's a lovely evening," said the fair one.

"Yes," replied her attendant.

They were silent and walked on.

"It was a lovely evening yesterday," said the beautiful girl, as they came round again.

"Yes," meekly answered the young man, evidently at a loss what to say.

"He came round a third time, and it was his turn now."

"I hope it will be a lovely evening tomorrow," said he.

"So do I," said she.

Not in His Line.

Mrs. Hicks—Your teacher says she saw you fighting with Tommy Higgins, a boy much younger than yourself.

Dick Hicks—Well, if she expects to see me plugging any one left.

swatters, she's going to get left.

RUSSIA'S NEW RULER.

SOME NOTABLE TRAITS OF CZAR NICHOLAS II.

He is likely to be a Reformer—carefully Educated and Disposed to be Lively—Has a splendid Wife Who May Exert Her Influence for the Good of the Nation.

One ground for hope that Nicholas II. will turn out to be a reformer as then judged from Russian history of the last one hundred years, it is now the turn of a liberal Czar, says The New York Times. Reactionary and Liberal reformers have alternated in Russia. The mad despot Paul, was succeeded by the enlightened and sentimental Alexander I. Nicholas II. and his son, who lately expired at Livadia, and whose reign was marked by the persecution of the Jews and Stundists, by a determined resistance to reform and by the reassertion of the principle of autocracy. The pendulum should now swing in the other direction.

Nicholas II. The world is therefore grateful for any information regarding him. Charles Lowe, in his life of Alexander III., has a chapter upon his successor which gives what is known of the young man.

In physique he is, of course, a marked contrast to his gigantic father. He is short, slight and frail, and has never shown any of the exuberant vitality of youth. His eyes are fine, but he has a nervous twitch in them, in which he resembles Paul I., who was also short.

He has been very carefully educated, and, unlike his father, with a special view to the requirements of the place he now holds. It is said also that his education has not been such as to engender prejudices. Although it is true that one of his preceptors was Katkof, the famous Moscow editor and Pan-Slavist leader, his education has been mainly under the charge of Gen. Danilovitch, who has discharged his duty conscientiously. Even when the anti-German feeling was at its height in Russia he was not taught to hate the Germans. His scientific instruction was excellent. His father's wish was that he should give more attention to modern sciences than to the classics. Strange to say he appears to know no Greek or Latin at all, but he well grounds in the literature of his own country and of Germany, France and England. He knows the necessary mathematics, and has a very thorough knowledge of geography. The prince was well instructed in constitutional law, finance and history, although a good deal of Muscovite history, and much that pertains to the rise of his own family has been kept back from him. It is said by Russians who know him well that he is all respects the son of his amiable mother. Like her, he is extremely fond of music and dancing, has a lively disposition and is easily amused.

One of his fokes as a youth was that, if he ever had to join the kings in exile, he should be in request for his musical talents and tenor voice. He does not care for sculpture or painting. To a French author who recently visited Russia he showed himself a great reader of French novels, speaking of Daudet as "exquisite," but remarking that Zola "overdid description." He reads and writes English, French and German fluently. In athletic matters his taste is for shooting, riding, and fishing, all of which he is said to do very well.

With an impressive character, such as the Czar seems to have, the qualities of his wife become a special importance. It was the boast of the late Czar that he never told anything to women nor asked advice of them. But Nicholas is probably not that kind of a man, and there is every reason to hope that the influence of his wife will be beneficial. Princess Alice is the daughter of Princess Alice, the most beloved of the daughters of the Queen of England. That she refused to comply with the requirements of the place she occupies in the orthodox faith in Russia to abjure and curse the faith of her fathers is an evidence of the strength of will and principle. Little is known of what the political opinions of the Princess are, or of what are the qualities of mind and will which he will bring to their support.

How it Worked.

When the landlord had settled himself comfortably and got his cigar lit, he looked at the newspaper man and remarked:

"I don't see why you don't take more interest in the affairs of this suburb."

"Nothing in it," replied the newspaper man.

"Oh, yes, there is," protested the landlord. "Besides I should think it would be a matter of pride with you."

"Pride is expensive," interjected the newspaper man.

"I don't believe I quite follow you."

"Well, last year, I was so proud of this place, that my pride just bubbled over."

"Yes, I remember you were quite enthusiastic."

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Makes all the Difference.

Mother-in-law (severely)—I'll have you to understand that my daughter was raised with some regard to religion and morality! It is better you should separate now, if the pleasures of the gaming table appeal more to you than your home.

Jack Potts—Well, mother, the ninety I won last night puts me some three hundred ahead of the game.

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