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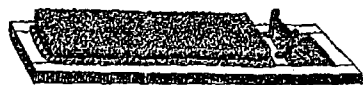
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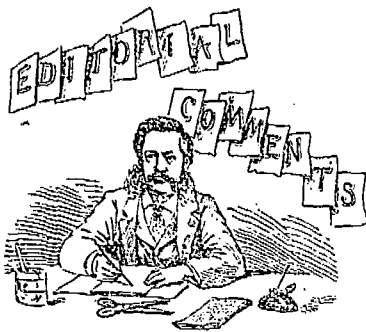
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The tide of immigration has once more set in. Every inward steamer brings its quota. Crowds of them are shipped via the Canadian Pacific Railway to Manitoba and the Northwest. If they are farmers with a little capital, success will undoubtedly crown their efforts, otherwise they may prepare for untold miseries and trouble. But one class of immigrant is needed in Canada; the farmer and farm laborer.

California, which since the gold craze, has retired to the average line, has once more come to the front in securing the attention of the world. This time by a bill in the Legislature to regulate the size of ladies' hats worn at theatres, and like entertainments. The hat must not now exceed three inches in height. The individual in the back row, will now be enabled to ascertain if the curtain is raised or not, without the assistance of the small boy in the "gods." A peculiar feature of the bill, is, that it does not apply to ladies over thirty-five years of age. They will likely all wear the low hat anyway.

A German officer has discovered a new powerful explosive for shells. There seems to be a boom in explosives just at present. How profitably the nations of the earth are enjoying these periods of peace. While America is experimenting with dynamite guns, England converts her Martini into a rapid firing magazine rifle, France is improving her smokeless powder, and Germany has the whole thing in a shell. Austria, Italy and Russia are all at the grind stone, sharpening up, and little Switzerland has bought a bunch of firecrackers. Altogether, as the boy said when the bull charged the picnic party "there

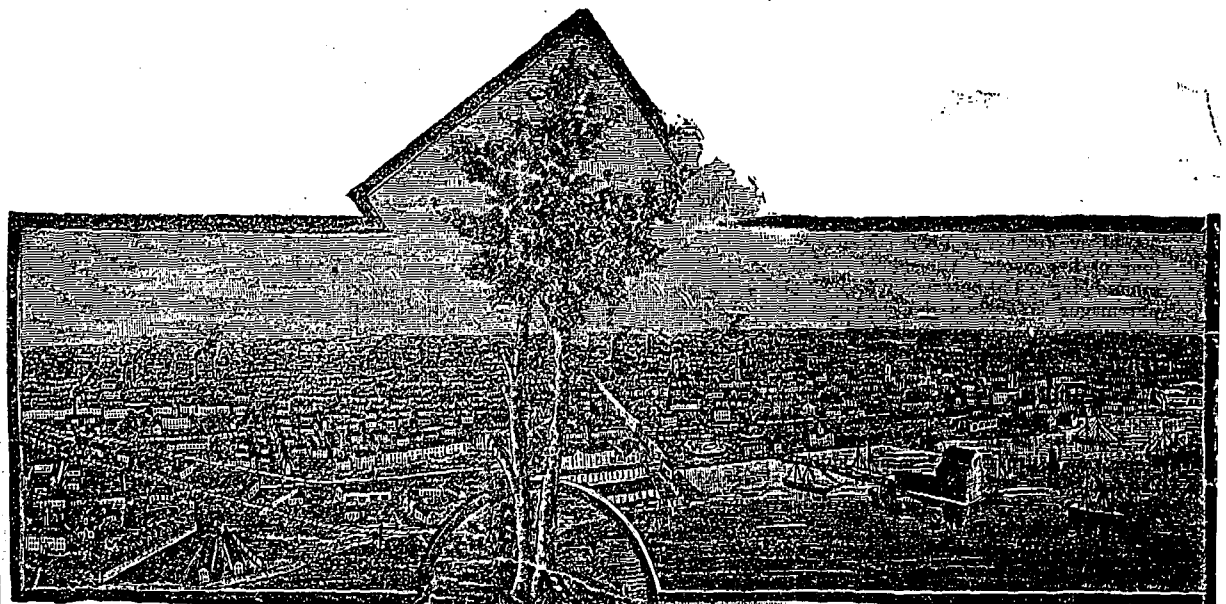
h'aint nuthin' in signs if nobody h'aint hurt."

Mr. Adam Brown's anti-pigeon shooting bill has been shelved for the present. Considerable attention has been paid this particular phase of cruelty to dumb creatures, and the question is doubtless very much open to discussion. The humanitarian insists, that as much sport can be derived in using the clay bird. To the sportsman on the other hand, the pastime is robbed of its existing character if the feathers are not seen to fly. As these birds are, in the first instance, raised for the market, it seems but a minor matter which particular death, they should suffer, before being placed upon our tables. The objection of course is, that the killing on the one hand is done in sport, while the other is but a matter of necessity in connection with the business. In this case consequently, the question is not so much one of actual cruelty to the bird, as that of questionable taste in connection with the nature of the sport. On this point the tender hearted philanthropist and the keen sportsman are very unlikely to agree. For our part we are of opinion that if Mr. Adam Brown could be induced to join some local gun club in his vicinity, the paper upon which his bill is written, would be likely used up in gun wads before the end of the season.

Mr. Cook, M.P., presented a bill before the House at Ottawa, which would have likely filled an aching void in many a traveller's heart. It was to better regulate the handling of baggage by trainmen. The bill was thrown out however in committee, on the ground that the evils it proposed to remedy are already covered by the present law. As a cover, the present law has not proved "all wool, two yards wide," by any means. If there is an act that applies to the handling of baggage, we would infer by experience that it reads something about as follows: "It is hereby enacted that the person or persons in charge of said baggage, commonly called baggagemen, are hereby authorized to throw, 'ear, heave, smash, bruise, fling, hurl, all and any baggage, which he or they may at any time have in his or their charge, to

or from said railway carriage, on to or from any railway station platform whatsoever. Though said baggageman is hereby empowered to act with said baggage, as herein before stated, it is provided always that said train is not moving at a greater rate of speed than forty miles per hour, when said baggage is hurled therefrom. It is also enacted that said baggageman or men are hereby empowered to stow, one and one half cubic feet of baggage per one cubic foot of space, said baggageman being authorized to use for purpose of stowage, one iron hammer not exceeding eighteen pounds in weight, the handle thereof not to exceed four feet in length. Said baggageman also being empowered to use said hammer on any passenger who at any time, place, or hour, may interfere with duties of said baggageman." No, Mr. Cook will please not interfere with the baggageman in his rights.

The trial in Montreal of Benson for wife murder, resulted as was generally expected in a verdict of acquittal. The comments of the press were, with few exceptions, adverse to the decision, some going so far as to see in such verdicts the necessity of remodeling or abolishing entirely, the whole jury system. Several able letters appeared in the *Gazette* of Montreal, on the subject, the writer maintaining that our Judges were as fully capable of judging in criminal cases as in civil suits, that perfect justice could be expected from them, that the decision of a learned man of the law, was preferable to that of twelve ignorant men. This is all very well, but as law is not justice at all times, it is as well that these verdicts should not be at all times based upon the strict letter of the law, if justice is to be expected. In the eye of the law, a man who shoots his wife's betrayer, is equally guilty as the murderer who poisons his unsuspecting victim. It calls but for proof in either case and judges accordingly. Justice however goes further, it considers the circumstances, allows for provocation, and becoming tempered with mercy, frees the one and convicts the other. It must be acknowledged that there is not a judge existing, who, after receiving positive proof of the guilt of a prisoner charged



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