

of the two "Anne" books. They are somewhat loosely connected series of incidents in which the same characters take part. But they have none the less a high value when viewed from our standpoint; we are to remember that our Canadian Jane Austen need not invent for us thrilling plots. Other writers can do that, but other writers cannot or at least do not hold before us the mirror of Canadian country life.

"Kilmeny of the Orchard" is in a sense but an expanded short story. It is a prose love idyll and does not, perhaps, bulk very large when compared with the other books. It is really one of the extended "chronicles" of Avonlea.

In characterizing L. M. Montgomery the Jane Austen of Canada, let it be understood that we are not regardless of the difference in the scope of the work of the two writers. Jane Austen's canvas is immensely broader, yet L. M. Montgomery's portrayal of her fellowmen and fellow-women shows a much keener personal sympathy; her work has more heart to it.

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"Tommy," said his teacher, "the words 'circumstantial evidence' occur in the lesson. Do you know what circumstantial evidence is?" According to the Youths Companion, Tommy replied that he did not.

"Well, I will explain it to you by an illustration. You know we have a rule against eating apples in school. Suppose some morning I should see you in your seat with a book held up in front of your face. I say nothing, but presently I go round to where you are sitting. You are busily studying your lesson, but I find that your face is smeared, while under the edge of your slate I see the core of a freshly eaten apple.

"I should know, just as well as if I had caught you at it, that you have been eating an apple, although of course, I did not see you do it. That is a case in which circumstantial evidence convicts you. Do you think you know what it is now?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Tommy. "It's eating apples in school."

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A newspaper story from Illinois tells of the visit of a county superintendent of schools to a school in a neighboring county. After he had spoken to the pupils the teacher said:

"Children, who knows where Cincinnati is?"

"Fourth from the top!" came the instant reply.

It is said the superintendent enjoyed the incident, whether he keeps track of National league baseball or not.