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Robbed Travelers."I was once for some weeks at a
sugar plantation, near a small provin-
cial town in Mexico," wrote the late
Mr. Labouchere in 1879. "In the town
lived a brigand. He was highly es-
teemed by his neighbors, and I passed
many a pleasant evening with him and
his family. His daughter was a 'beau-
ty,' and this estimable parent was
amassing a little fortune for her."His habit was to ride at night to
the road between Mexico and Vera
Cruz with two or three associates and
to levy contributions on the diligence.
When I left the town I wanted to
strike this road, and I went with him
and his friends. We reached it at
about 6 in the morning. Having part-
aken of chocolate, the brigands post-
ed themselves behind some rocks, and
I looked on. Soon the diligence was
seen approaching. The brigands emerg-
ed, the coachman stopped, the passen-
gers were requested to descend and
were politely eased of their money."The passengers then took their
places again in the coach, and it drove
off, while the brigands courteously
bowed to them. So honest were they
in their peculiar way that they wished
me to take my share in the spoil, but
this, of course, my standard of moral-
ity being different from theirs, I de-
clined, and I wished them goodbye."Riding on to Puebla I dined at a
table d'hôte that evening with the de-
spatched travelers and was greatly
amused to hear them recount the val-
orous manner in which they had de-
fended themselves and how they at
last had to succumb to numbers."

QUEER BURIAL SERVICE.

Hew Adamian Islanders Protect Their
Dead From Evil Spirits.Strange is the burial service among
the Adamian Islanders. It is the cus-
tom of the islanders to drop the bodies
of their parents into the sea at the end
of ropes and leave them there until
nothing remains but the bones, which
they then gather and hang from the
roofs of their huts.It is a common custom for a relative
to sit by the hour and watch the bones
of some relative. This is the way they
have of showing their love and respect.
The bodies are treated in this fash-
ion so that the evil spirits cannot tease
and pinch them. All that is left are
the dried bones, and these are placed
high so that if the evil spirits wander
into the huts they will have a hard
time to find them. If a bone is carried
away it means some bad spirit has
seized it, and this means that some
terrible calamity will befall the fam-
ily.In the Katanga district of central
Africa when a chief and his wife dies
there is great feasting and celebrating.
Some of these festivals last three or
four days. After the bodies are laid
to rest with dancing and rejoicing,
because they are going to rule over
a higher sphere their relatives and
friends do not depart until they leave
one or more chairs and a supply of
clothes. This is done because the souls
are expected to come out and wander
about their graves.—Chicago Tribune.

Whale Sharks.

While whales are the largest of ma-
rine animals, yet certain fish grow to
almost as gigantic size. The largest
of true fishes are found among the
sharks and the largest of these for-
midable fishes are the whale sharks.
These huge fish occur in the waters of
India, Japan, South America, Panama,
California and the West Indies. The
nose is very broad and blunt and the
mouth, although very wide, is armed
only with minute teeth. It is a dark
colored creature, marked with small,
whitish spots and is perfectly harmless
to man, feeding exclusively on small
fish. Its huge bulk makes it dan-
gerous when wounded. This great fish
reaches a maximum length of seventy
feet.

White Robed Blacksmiths.

Extraordinary precautions are taken
by the Korean blacksmith before he
attempts to shoe any Korean horse
which is noted for its bad temper and
likely to flourish its heels if not se-
curely tied up first. Sight of one of
the small ponies trussed up to the
heavy timber framework is ludicrous,
however, and in a way may be termed
"horseshoeing on the safety plan." White
costumes would look out of place for a
blacksmith's use almost anywhere else,
but in Korea all men wear white gar-
ments. Young men also wear their
hair screwed up in hard knots on the
top of their heads as a sign they are
married.

Marriages in Burma.

A curious idea among the Burmese is
that people born on the same day of
the week must not marry and that if
they defy the fates their union will be
marked by much ill luck. To prevent
these disastrous marriages every girl
carries a record of her birthday in her
name, each day of the week having a
letter belonging to it, and all children
are called by a name which begins
with that letter.

Still Worried.

"It used to worry me when the bar-
ber informed me that my hair was get-
ting a little thin on top."
"But you got used to it, eh?"
"No. Now it worries me because he
doesn't mention it. I must be getting
old."—Philadelphia Press.

Just the Contrary.

"People in very cold climates need a
heavy diet."
"No. They don't. They have to live
light and don't the Eskimos eat car-
dies?"—Baltimore American.

THE LITERARY TASTER

HOW BIG PUBLISHERS SIFT THE
CHAFF FROM THE WHEAT.It is Estimated 300,000 Manuscripts
Reach the British Houses Every
Year and Only 9,000 Are Accepted
—One Page Often Suffices to Con-
demn the Book — Mistakes That
Readers Have Made."Do I read the entire manuscript
of every book before passing judgment
on it?" said one of the most experi-
enced of readers for a London publish-
ing house. Not always, by any
means. For one thing, it is impos-
sible; for another, it is unnecessary.Some time ago Mr. Othello, of the
well-known firm of Messrs. Chatto &
Windus, stated that, of every 500 books
submitted, his firm on an average ac-
cepted only thirteen—scarcely one in
thirty-eight. Now, when you consider
that something like 9,000 books are
published in Great Britain every year,
if we are to accept this ratio of suc-
cesses to failures, it is evident that
considerably over 300,000 must be sub-
mitted.But, apart from the physical im-
possibility of such a feat for the exist-
ing staffs of readers, it is quite un-
necessary to read every word of a
work before judging whether or not
it is suitable for acceptance. With
many, as with the curate's egg, the
first taste is sufficient. The book, also
like the egg, may be "good in parts";
it may have redeeming qualities; but
from the first page it fails to satisfy
the "reader's" palate, and that is
quite enough for him. It goes, with-
out further exploration, to swell the
army of the rejected.Many a "reader" has had good rea-
son to be sorry for some such blunder
he has made. At least half-a-dozen
would have nothing to say to Edna
Lyall's "We Two," which brought a
small fortune to the publishers who
ultimately accepted it. "Lorna
Doone," refused by Smith, Elder &
Co., and accepted by Low, ran into
its fourth edition within a very
short time.Not one of Mr. Bentley's "readers,"
including Mr. Hall Caine, had a good
word to say for Miss Correll's "Ro-
mance of Two Worlds"; all the chief
publishers of London turned scorn-
ful backs on Carlyle's "Sartor Resar-
tus"; and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had
to face at least a dozen rejections be-
fore, to Mrs. Stowe's delight, Messrs.
Jewett & Co. undertook to produce it
at their own risk, whereupon Prof.
Stowe, the author's husband, remark-
ed, "I shall be well pleased if Har-
riet gets a good black silk dress out
of it." You may picture the amaze-
ment of the simple-minded pair when,
a few months later, a check for \$10,000
arrived—the first fruits of a rich har-
vest to follow.But one can easily recall scores of
cases in which world-famous books
have thus belied the judgment of
"readers," from "Vanity Fair" and
"The Professor," which wandered for
months among publishing houses,
vainly seeking hospitality, to King-
lake's "Eothen," which its author at
last in disgust presented to a Fall
Hall bookseller, and Kipling's "Plain
Tales," in which several "readers"
saw nothing but vulgarity. Thus you
see how easy it is even for the pro-
fessional sampler to make egregious
blunders, and how important it is for
him to exercise the utmost care.It is the greatest possible mistake
to imagine that the "reader" is the
known author has little chance of
justice being done to it. It is, as a
matter of fact, as carefully considered
as that of the writer whose name is a
household word—even more so, for
publishers are always on the look-out
for new authors of merit and promise,
and for a "reader" to miss one would
be a serious matter. Any publisher
who much rather produces a good
novel from an unknown hand than a
mediocre one from a well-known pen,
for the reason that his margin of pro-
fit is so much greater in the former
case than in the latter, and in rare
cases he may thus exploit a veritable
gold mine.But, of course, thousands of vol-
umes are declined every year, not
through any lack of merit. They may
be excellent books, but they don't
suit the particular publisher's list.
Thus, some firms do not care to touch
historical novels; others fight shy of
stories dealing with theatrical life; a
biography, which one publisher would
eagerly accept, another wouldn't even
look at, and so on. Each publisher
has his own well-defined requirements,
and won't go outside them. Thus, re-
jection in hundreds of cases is no
reflection on the merits of a work;
it simply means that the author has
taken it to the wrong market.Again, publishers are wary of any
book that breaks fresh ground. The
reading public is very conservative,
and does not take kindly to any great
departure from its normal dishes. The
book may be brilliantly clever; it
may achieve a big success; but it is
an experiment, and as such dangerous to
handle. Two striking
examples of this are "Vice Versa"
and "Booth's Baby," both admirable
stories, and destined to great popular-
ity, but each was coldly received by
one house after another, simply be-
cause it was something quite out of
the beaten track, and thus full of
risk.In fiction, it should be remembered,
it is the telling of the story that
counts principally. Of two novels,
one of which contains fresh material
and an original plot, but lacks bright-
ness and style, and the other runs on
familiar lines, but is told in a clever,
familiar manner, the latter has a great
chance of acceptance; for, as I
have said, the reading public is very
conservative, and so long as a story
holds them fascinated to the end, the
mere fact that they have read the
"same kind of thing" a dozen times
does not seem to matter at all.Terms offered may not be accept-
ed, the negotiations fall through,
and the manuscript continues its
round until it finds a home.This label has
no "second grade"THERE'S only one quality of Canada Cement. It is the
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pert chemists.The Canada Cement you buy for a garden walk is the same
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sky, exposed to view all our back
yards lie; behind our backs do they
lie and yell—to the neighbors round
what a tale they tell! We'll hear
them shout past the high board fence
but our wits are dull and our minds
are dense, so we pay no heed, yet
each backyard plot can talk, talk, talk,
such a lot, lot, lot: Our chests bulge
out as we view with pride our loved
abodes from the sidewalk side; the
paint is fresh and the windows bright
—oh, the sidewalk side is a gladsome
sight! Our doorknobs shine and our
front steps glow; our walks are cleared
of the ice and snow; when springtime
comes and the roses bloom, their fragrant
scent will our porch perfume.
In the summer's prime all our grass is
green, and our whole front view is a
lovely scene.But let folks once at our backyards
peep and they'll there see sights
to make angels weep. If they put
their eyes to our side gate slats they
might watch the curs and the half-
starved cats as they skirmished round
through the rags and bones, like the
deep-sea fish about Davy Jones. On
life's long road we may take our stand
and show a front that will beat the
band; as the strangers pass they may
stop to gaze, they may think we're it
and may chant our praise. We may
look O. K. to their glancing eyes—
they may hold us up as the Just Right
guys. Though 'tis often so, yet the
fact remains that we're also viewed
from our own back lanes. The stran-
gers pass, but our neighbors know the
kind of crops that our backyards grow.
—Sherwood Hart.

CASTORIA

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The Whitney Government has re-
solved to take away from hot-its the
right to sell intoxicants by the bottle
to be consumed off of the premises,
which is designed to make local option
by laws of greater service; it has also
decided that the morning opening
hour shall be eight o'clock instead of
six, a move calculated to affect the
John Collins trade. But inasmuch as
wholesale houses will still be per-
mitted to sell by the bottle, cask or barrel
to anybody from near or far many of
the evils sought to be removed by one
part of the new law will still remain.
A much better solution of the long-
standing problem is that put forward
by Mr. N. W. Rowell. It is true that
his policy contemplates only the
abolition of hotel licenses, but it ad-
mits of the others being wiped out by
a majority vote.

A Woman of Few Words

Mrs Harry E. Bye, Main street
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have ever tried." At all dealers, 25
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Thomas, Ont.

AN EGG MARKS ACT

That legislation should be passed
which would prevent the selling of
stale and bad eggs on the markets of
the Province, was the opinion of the
egg dealers of Ontario, who met a
short time ago in the Board of Trade
Building, Toronto, and considered the
best means whereby the people and
merchants could be protected against
the purchase of these products when
unfit for use. On special invitation,
the officials of the Provincial and Dom-
inion Governments were also present.
The advisability of adopting a new
system whereby due discrimination
could be made, according to the quality
of the product, was also considered and
the following resolutions passed:—"Resolved, that it is the consensus
of opinion of those assembled in this
meeting that, that which the Canadian
Egg Trade needs most at the present
time is the passage of an Egg Marks
Act along similar lines to the Fruit
Marks Act."This to deal with the forbidding of
the buying, selling or trading in rotten
eggs and any other legislation and
penalties thought advisable to promote
the best interests of all concerned."Resolved, that these egg dealers
assembled here unanimously approve
of changing the present system of buy-
ing eggs to strictly one of buying on
quality basis, after June 1st, 1913,
and further approve of not paying for
any rotten eggs in our receipts after
that date, as it is unlawful."By the passing of an "Egg Marks
Act" the meeting hoped to eliminate
the present system which prevails, and
which means that when the bad eggs
are found in the cases, there is no re-
course for the dealer to take. This
system is known as the "case count"
and has prevailed for some years. It
provides no discrimination whatever.
A flat rate is quoted and stale and bad
eggs command just as large a price as
the highest grade. In such an ar-
rangement, the producer receives no
encouragement to market an article of
high quality. Moreover, it was
pointed out that country storekeepers
receive no premium even when particu-
lar care is taken to place their ship-
ments upon the final market in the best
possible condition. As a matter of
fact, the "case count" or flat rate sys-
tem is equivalent to placing a premium
on careless and dilatory methods in the
production and care of this product.
It was further pointed out by certain
members present that it would certain-
ly be unwise not to take advantage of
the experience gained by a number of
the States of the American Union,
notably Kansas and Michigan. What
was proposed at the meeting has been
worked out in a practical way in these
States, and with the result of very
greatly conserving the valuable pro-
duct by eliminating needless loss and
thus making the poultry enterprise
more remunerative for the producer
and the price of the product cheaper,
and its quality more dependable for
the consumer.

B.W. & N. W.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

GOING WEST			
	No. 1	No. 8	
Brockville (leave)	9.35 a.m.	3.45 p.m.	
Lyn	10.05 "	4.00 "	
Seeleys	*10.15 "	*4.07 "	
Forthton	*10.35 "	*4.18 "	
Elbe	*10.42 "	*4.28 "	
Athens	11.00 "	4.30 "	
Soperton	*11.20 "	*4.46 "	
Lyndhurst	*11.27 "	*4.52 "	
Delta	11.37 "	4.58 "	
Elgin	11.57 "	5.12 "	
Forfar	*12.05 "	*5.18 "	
Crosby	*12.18 "	*5.23 "	
Newboro	12.28 "	5.38 "	
Westport (arrive)	12.40 p.m.	5.45 "	

GOING EAST

	No. 2	No. 4	
Westport (leave)	7.30 a.m.	2.30 p.m.	
Newboro	7.50 "	2.47 "	
Crosby	*7.40 "	*3.00 "	
Forfar	*7.45 "	*3.06 "	
Elgin	7.51 "	3.18 "	
Delta	8.05 "	3.40 "	
Lyndhurst	*8.11 "	*3.50 "	
Soperton	*8.18 "	*3.59 "	
Athens	8.35 "	4.30 "	
Elbe	*8.42 "	*4.36 "	
Forthton	*8.47 "	*4.43 "	
Seeleys	*8.58 "	*4.54 "	
Lyn	9.05 "	5.15 "	
Brockville (arrive)	9.20 "	5.40 "	

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