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MELCHERS
Red Cross
Canadian Gin
The Only Pure Gin
 that is matured for years under
 Government supervision.
Finer
 than any imported Gin
Because its Old.
 Boivin, Wilson & Co.,
 MONTREAL
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A CHANGE FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

It should be easy for people who drink delicious Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea to say something that will induce their friends to try it.

\$545.00 in Cash Prizes

Twenty-five cash prizes will be awarded in order of merit to those sending in the best advertisements for Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea.

First Prize	\$200.00
Second Prize	100.00
Third Prize	40.00
4th to 13th Prizes, \$10.00 each	100.00
14th to 25th, \$5.00 each	60.00
	\$500.00

In addition, beginning with the week ending April 4, a special weekly prize of \$5.00 will be given to the one sending in the best advertisement during that week, making for the nine weeks \$45.00 in special prizes, or a grand total of thirty-four cash prizes, \$545.

CONDITIONS

- 1st. No professional ad. writer, nor anyone connected directly or indirectly with the Blue Ribbon Tea Company may compete.
- 2nd. Advertisements must not contain more than 50 words, and shorter ones are preferable.
- 3rd. One of the cards used in packing Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea—there are two in each package—must be enclosed with each batch of advertisements sent.
- 4th. The competition closes June 1, 1903, and all competing advertisements must reach one of the following addresses on or before that date.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Winnipeg, Man.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Toronto, Ont.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Vancouver, B.C.

- 5th. No person shall be awarded more than one of the main prizes, but may also take one or more weekly prizes.
- 6th. In case of a tie, decision will be based on all the advertisements submitted by the competitors in question.

Mr. H. M. E. Evans, of the Winnipeg Telegram, has kindly consented to judge the advertisements and award prizes.

All advertisements that fail to win a prize, but which are good enough to be accepted for publication will be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 each.

Unless expressly requested to the contrary, we will consider ourselves at liberty to publish the names of prize winners.
 A good advertisement should be truthful and contain an idea brightly and forcibly expressed. A bona fide signed letter with address and date from one who has tested the tea, is a good form. An advertisement for an article of food should not associate with it, even by contrast, any unpleasant idea. The best advertisement is the one that will induce the most people to try the article advertised.

Seek your Inspiration in a Cup of Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea and the Money is yours.

Horses Wanted.

Until further notice, HAROLD W. SMITH of Toronto, will be at Wm. Gray & Co. Factory EVERY SATURDAY to purchase horses. The highest cash prices will be paid.

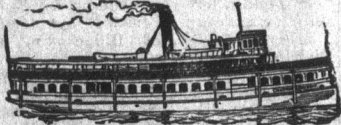
BANK OF MONTREAL
 ESTABLISHED 1817.
 Capital (all paid up) \$12,000,000
 Real Estate Fund \$8,000,000
 Drafts bought and sold. Collections made on favorable terms. Interest allowed on deposits at current rates in Savings Bank department, or on deposit receipts.

DOUGLAS GLASS,
 Manager Chatham Branch.

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 HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.
 Branches and agents at all principal points in Canada, U.S. and Great Britain. Drafts issued and notes discounted. Savings Bank Department deposits (which may be withdrawn without delay) received and interest allowed thereon at the highest current rates.

G. P. SCHOLFIELD,
 Manager Chatham Branch.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.



THE STEAMER
City of Chatham

will commence her regular trips on Monday, May 11th, and will make a round trip from CHATHAM to DETROIT every

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday,
 Leaving Crow's dock, North Chatham, at 7:30 a.m., and returning leaves Detroit (foot of Randolph St.) at 3:30 p.m. Detroit time, or 4 o'clock Chatham time.

ONE WAY TRIPS
 Leaves Chatham for Detroit on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and leaves Detroit for Chatham on Friday morning at 8:30 Detroit city time or 9 o'clock Chatham time.

FARES.
 ROUND TRIP, 60c
 SINGLE TRIP, 50c

Children under 12 years, half fare. Tickets good for day of issue only. Agents—Stringer & Co., Chatham, Odette & Wherry, Windsor; John Stevenson, Detroit.

JOHN ROURKE, Captain.
WM. CORNISH, Purser.

Invitation Cards, Programmes, Pencils, etc., can always be obtained at THE PLANET Office.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Mainly About People.

The late Dr. Joseph Parker was once arguing with a man on the problem of continued existence, and at the door the friend declared finally: "The fact is, I am an annihilationist. I believe that when I die that will be the end of me." "Thank God for that!" exclaimed the doctor, and banged the door.

The following effusion was addressed to the editor of a Southern paper: "Sur an Friend—Do the Carnegie library lend Books teachin' Mathewmaties, to Outside your Citie? I want Onile Books on Mathewmaties, as I am all right on spellin' and am a purty good Grammaritian if I do say it. I miss. I kin spell and Grammarize but Mathewmaties is one too Much for Me."

A country vicar discovered not long ago that one of his male servants was in the habit of stealing his potatoes. He mentioned the fact to his curate, and asked advice. "Well," replied the curate, "of course you must remember what the Bible says: 'If any man take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.'"

"I see," mused the vicar. "Well, in this case, as the man takes my potatoes, I'd better give him the sack!"
 When Dr. Lorenz, the distinguished surgeon, received the degree of doctor of laws from Northwestern University he said, in acknowledging the compliment: "I had the degree of imperial royal counselor of the Government from the Emperor Francis Joseph. I think I am the worst counselor of government to be found. In receiving this degree of doctor of laws, I am not a bit wiser than I was before. But it seems now, however, that the less a man knows the greater is his degree."

A Pittsburg physician was visited the other day by a very nervous man, who had dropped in to secure medical advice. After a brief examination, the doctor said there was nothing much the matter with his visitor. "Take a tonic and dismiss from your mind all that tends to worry you," concluded the physician. Several months later the patient received a bill for eighteen dollars, together with a polite request to "please remit." This is the reply the nervous man made: "Dear Doctor—I have taken a tonic and your advice. Your bill tends to worry me, and so I dismiss it from my mind."

E. S. Willard administered a well-deserved rebuke to some theater-goers of Hartford, Conn., at a matinee the other day, when, just before the last act, many of these ocean-going men made front seats decided that they had divined the climax and rose to leave. The disturbance was marked. Willard stopped suddenly, and holding up his hand for silence, said: "I have stopped the play in order that those who are desirous of leaving may do so with more ease, and that which is their right—undisturbed attention." Those who were seated applauded, and the disturbers sank into their seats abashed.

Oliver Wendell Phillips, the abolitionist, never permitted a negro slave to wait on him. It is related that one day while in Charleston, S.C., he came to a dinner-table at his hotel, and when a negro attempted to serve him, he asked: "How long have you been a slave?" "I ain't got no time to talk about dem foolish questions," the slave replied, "wid only five minutes for dinner." Mr. Phillips told the slave to leave the table, and he would not let him serve him at the table; that he would wait on himself. "I can't do dat, suh," said the waiter, "cause I is 'sponsible for de silber on de table, suh!"

The thriftiness of a London shopkeeper is illustrated in a story told of a dry-goods dealer. The merchant was of an excitable temperament, and on hearing his assistant say to a customer, "No, we have not had any for a long time," was unable to containance such an admission. He fixed his eye on the assistant, and said to him: "You have plenty in reserve, me'um, plenty upstairs." The customer looked dazed for a moment, and the shopkeeper did not seem happy when his assistant informed him that the customer was speaking about the weather, and had remarked, "We haven't had any rain lately."

There is a story of a man of seventy who, when he was asked if his father lived to be an old man, replied that his father was upstairs putting his grandfather to bed. There is another setting of this old story—old enough to be new—which is told by the New York "Times" as coming from the mouth of a senator, who was explaining how healthy his part of the State is. A mountaineer, ninety-two years old, and his wife of ninety were returning from the funeral of their eldest child, who had died at the age of seventy-one. As they discussed their loss in deep grief, the wife said: "I always told you, John, that we should never raise that child."

At a Maine educational convention Rev. Nathaniel Butler, formerly president of Colby College, but at present professor of English literature in the University of Chicago, was down for an address. As he was about to speak, Hon. W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of schools, said to him: "Doctor, is your address like a cat's tail?" "How is that?" asked Dr. Butler. "Why, fur to the end," replied Mr. Stetson. Dr. Butler smiled appreciatively, but kept silence. He opened his address by saying, "Your superintendent just asked me if my address was to be like a cat's tail—fur to the end. I assure him that it is like a dog's tail—bound to occur."

He Sat Down.

The curtain had gone down on the first act, when a bullet-headed man, who had come in ten minutes late and disturbed a dozen people to get to a seat, got up. It was thus five refreshments. He had been in there twenty-two minutes by the watch, and was suffering under started agonies for a glass of bitter. He started to put on his overcoat, when the strange lady at his side enquired: "Going out?"

"Yes, madam."

"Coming back after you've had a drink?"

"Ye-yes, madam."

"Well, I came prepared. I have two bottles, one containing Scotch and the other beer. Which will you take?"

"W-w-hat?" he stammered, as he looked down upon her with bulging eyes; and gradually his arms fell, and he dropped into his seat with a thud that jarred everybody in the row. "Pick-Me-Up."

Lumley—He's very fond of mosaic and all sorts of antiques. He has in his collection several tiles from the tomb of Rameses the Great. Lumley—Go on! They didn't wear tiles in those days.

Mrs. Langtry's Gowns.

A professional modiste thus describes Mrs. Langtry's gowns in "The Crossways."

All the Langtry skirts are full, gathered on the belt at the waist, and all are of clinging materials. The sapphire blue in the third act is a wonder. Its curious shade is produced by the draping of an odd colored bluish-green set over a changeable blue and green taffeta silk. The effect stimulates the richest sapphire velvet, without having its bulkiness or weight. The net is full and plain from the waist line to the hips, where it is latticed with rows of large black sequins to the bottom of the skirt. At the various points where this lattice intersects, black silk roses, with glittering black sequins as centers, appear, and lend a wonderful richness to the dress. The bodice is slightly full into the belt, which is a regulation girder of soft silk, pointed top and bottom in front and narrow and straight in the back, where it fastens. The top is low in cut, showing the actress's fine back, and is finished with pointed capes, two in front and two in the back, which fall free quite to the waist. These are trimmed with the roses and black sequins. The sleeves are short in front and fall long in the back in exquisite bits of scintillating drapery, through which the pink flesh gleams. No neck jewels are worn with this costume, and only a few rings—sapphires and diamonds.

The cloak which completes this wonderful toilet is of black shirred chiffon and net, made over a sapphire blue satin lining of the exact shade of the gown. The collar is a fluffy mass of black ruffles and plaitings, and the entire bottom of its long skirt is made up of row after row of double ruchings and shirings.

A delicate blue negligee, matching the color of Mrs. Langtry's eyes, is perhaps the most becoming of her toilets. The bodice of this creation falls quite straight from the bust, with a long bias seam up the front. A wide blue satin ribbon is passed directly around the bust and tied in a huge bow at the left front side, leaving wide ends falling to the feet. The neck is medium low in cut, and perfectly round, finished by three alternating rows of satin pipings and white chiffon shirring. The white chiffon is also let in in sections to trim the very wide "angel" top sleeves, which fall gracefully over the smaller puffs of white net that form the elaborate undersleeves. The latter have deep cuffs buttoning to the wrist, and made entirely of pipings, a dozen or more in number, applied on white net. Turquoise and diamonds are worn with this costume.

The white water-lily gown, made of white net, showing green graduated rays at intervals up and down the skirt, is exquisite. The bottom fullness of the skirt is a mass of white and black, heated water-lilies, with green-colored petals, outlined in silver spangles of a full finish. The leaves of the lilies are made of white chenille, and stand out in exquisite relief. The bodice shows the same capelle effect back and front, already described, with only slight modifications. The capes are made of rare lace, on which lilies and leaves are embroidered. The graduated flounces which form the sleeves are also of this material. The most charming and novel feature of the bodice, however, is the soft, sheer fringes which are united in one mysterious way with the lace and falls over the arms and in stunning festoons over the bust to the waist line.

With this Mrs. Langtry, who is not at all partial to hats, wears three clusters of scarlet berries in her hair and a handkerchief of white chiffon, with pink rose petals trimmed in the form of a huge bow about the collar and down the front. The cloak shows the most curious shirring about the sleeves and across the back at irregular intervals. The only hat in which she appears is a pink chiffon affair, trimmed with a wreath of a dozen or more deep pink-hearted full-blown roses. It is of medium size, and droops slightly in front, while a pink satin choker raises it slightly from her hair at the side.

The gown with which she wears this is of pink chiffon over silk. The skirt is trimmed with three ruffles of pink lace, headed by ruffles made of tiny pink chiffon roses, and the bodice is trimmed in the same manner. This pink lace is also an innovation with which New York is not yet familiar. It is not so very pretty, but it has the charm of novelty.

The handsomest jewel Mrs. Langtry wears is a pendant attached to a slender gold chain which just encircles her fine throat. This has one large yellow center diamond of wonderful brilliancy, surrounded by many others, the entire pendant being about the size of a silver dollar. Her rings are magnificent, particularly those of emeralds and diamonds; but she wears only one brooch—a huge fleur-de-lis of diamonds. The necklace and chains and butterflies and pins, which formed so conspicuous a feature of her adornment on her last American trip, are left in her jewel box.

Rather Have the Money.

The business methods of insurance companies are not at all to the liking of a shrewd old German farmer with whom a certain agent had some dealings. The house of the farmer, insured for a thousand dollars, had burned down, says the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The privilege of replacing a burned house is reserved by insurance companies, and the agent, having this in mind, said to the farmer:

"We'll put you up a better house than the one you had for six hundred dollars."

"Nein!" said the farmer, emphatically. "I will have my one thousand dollar or nothing! Dot house could not be built again for even a thousand."

"Oh, yes, it could," said the insurance man. "It was an old house. It doesn't cost so much to build houses nowadays. A six-hundred-dollar new house would be a lot bigger and better than the old one."

Some months later, when the insurance man was out for a day's shooting, he rode up again to the farmer's place. "Just thought I'd stop while I was up here," he said, "to see if you wanted to take out a little insurance."

"I got nothings to insure," said the farmer, "notings but my wife."

"Well, then," said the insurance man, cheerfully, "insure her."

"Nein!" said the farmer, with determination. "If she die, you come out und say, 'I not get you one thousand dollar. I get you a bigger und a better wife for six hundred.' No, sir, I dakes no more insurance end!"

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I guarantee my Latest Method Treatment to be a permanent and positive cure for Varicose and Stricture, without cutting, stretching or loss of time. In Varicose it absorbs the bagging, or wormy condition, equalizes circulation, stops pains in the crura, also all drains, thereby giving the organs their proper nutrition, vitalizes the parts and restores lost power; in Stricture it absorbs the Stricture tissue, stops smarting sensation, nervousness, weakness, backache, etc., while in all prostatic troubles it is the treatment par excellence. So positive am I that my treatment will cure you, you can

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 You need pay nothing until you are convinced that thorough and complete cure has been established. This should convince you that I have confidence in my Latest Method Treatment, otherwise I could not make you this proposition. It makes no difference who has failed to cure you, call or write me.

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Gossip.
 "Isn't that merely idle gossip?"
 "Gossip, my dear," answered Miss Cayenne, "is never idle. It is the most industrious thing on earth."—Washington Star.

As We Talk.
 Hoax—I just heard some news that seems too good to be true.
 Joax—That's too bad.—Philadelphia Record.

Results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE
 Ask for the Octagon Bar

1. Premature Monument.

Last spring with much ceremony the city of Armagh erected a fine \$625 monument on the most commanding site in the cemetery in honor of the memory of Hugh Carberry, who was killed in South Africa fighting against the tyrannous British. He was supposed to have been killed at Modderspruit in 1899. Michael Davitt unveiled the monument. Now Mr. Carberry has written to his friends in Armagh asking them if they cannot turn the monument into money and send it to him, as he is very badly in need of cash.

LADIES!

CURED ME
 —when—
 All Else Had Failed
 It will do the same for you, and that you may be convinced I will send ten days' treatment free to any lady who is suffering from troubles peculiar to our sex. Address, with stamp, MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

FREE!
IS NO EXPERIMENT
 —but—
 A Positive Cure
 That you may be assured of the merits of this wonderful medical triumph, I will send ten days' trial treatment free of charge. Address, with stamp, MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

FREE!
IS WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND.
 It cured me of painful periods, leucorrhoea, displacement and other irregularities, after I had been given up to die. I will send a free trial package of this Wonderful Home Treatment to suffering ladies who address, with stamp, MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

FREE!
Will Make Your Wife Well
 Many a husband is held down and life robbed of much happiness because his wife is an invalid. I will send a free sample of this Wonderful Remedy, which has brought happiness into so many homes. Address, enclosing stamp, MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

FREE!
Is Your Wife an Invalid?
 If you will send for a free trial of this Wonderful Remedy you can be convinced that in a few months she may be strong and well again. Hundreds of women have been cured and made happy. Send to-day, enclosing stamp, Address MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

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Is Invaluable TO SUFFERING WOMEN.
 It is a Grand Remedy, having brought health and happiness to thousands of ladies all over the world. It will cure you, too. A free sample will be sent by address, with stamp, MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

FREE!
Cures Permanently
 all the following complaints, viz.: Female weakness, leucorrhoea, painful periods, backache, pains in side and abdomen, tumors, cancers in their earlier stages, and all female troubles. Write to-day for 10 days' treatment and cure yourself before it is too late. Enclose stamp and address MRS. F. D. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

When writing, mention The Planet.

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VICTORIA DAY, 1903,

Will Issue Return Tickets at

SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE

Going May 23rd, 24th and 25th, returning until May 26th, 1903.

Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Detroit, Mich., and East and TO but NOT FROM Buffalo, N. Y.

For rates, tickets and full particulars apply to your nearest Canadian Pacific Agent.

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W. H. HARPER, City Pass. Agent.

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VICTORIA DAY, May 24th, 1903.

Return tickets will be issued at

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Valid returning from destination on or before May 26th, 1903, from Chatham to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cal., and return for \$37.75. Good going May 11th to 18th inclusive, valid to return, arriving at original starting point on or before July 15th, 1903. For tickets, and all information as to routes, stage trips, etc., apply to

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