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## AN EXCELLENT MOVEMENT.

Says the Toronto Star, Liberal:—  
On all sides there is hearty concurrence in the proposal that the popular tribute to the late E. F. Clarke, M. P., should take the form of a substantial testimonial for the benefit of his family. A committee composed of the Toronto members of the House of Commons and the Legislature has been formed to look after the fund, with Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., acting as treasurer. Those who started this movement were impressed by the justice of it, and all who hear of it view it in the same light. E. F. Clarke rendered his party long and valuable service, and no man worked more unselfishly. Without a doubt the party will show in a substantial way its appreciation. Altogether apart from politics, however, there is something that may very well be said in connection with this matter. E. F. Clarke gave the city of Toronto excellent service, not only as Mayor, but as a citizen and as a wise and vigilant representative at Ottawa. He was a believer in the people and a reliable advocate of municipal rights, as his earnest work in connection with all bills affecting Toronto abundantly proved. On this ground alone many citizens of Toronto will feel it a privilege to contribute to the testimonial.

There is another class of people who will share heartily in this movement—the labor union men. E. F. Clarke was one of them and never forgot it for an instant. Although he was popularly regarded as, next to Mr. Borden, the best man for the leadership of his party, no rise in his political fortunes altered in the slightest degree his ever-ready concern for the interests of labor. The men whose cause he championed all his days will be anxious to share in the testimonial.

## A GIRL'S GARDEN—HER CHARACTER.

Will you cultivate your garden or neglect it? There is no spot of ground however bare that cannot be tamed into a state of beauty. It cannot be done easily, but many things worth doing are not done easily. We must be willing to take trouble, to be industrious, vigilant in out gardens, and to dig, plant and weed intelligently. In our gardens there must be plants worth growing, the hardy plants—courage, fortitude, diligence, cheerfulness, willingness; and the good old-fashioned plants—simplicity, patience, courtesy, modesty, sympathy. I call these the dear old-fashioned virtues worth cultivating, because in these modern days there is danger that opposite characteristics are being planted in your lives.

Enemies find their way into our gardens. Weeds must be pulled out without delay. They are troublesome faults in character, thrusting themselves where they have no business to be. Weeds are idleness, vanity, envy, carelessness, and many other traits which destroy beauty. Indolence is a great defect in character. Its real name is sloth, and it has its root in self-indulgence, lack of thoroughness, putting ease before effort and pleasure before duty. I think our gardens should not be shut-in, narrow, enclosed places, but from them we should have a broad view where we can look out and beyond and learn largeness of heart, generosity and that there are many other gardens in the world besides our own.—Priscilla Wakefield, in The Delineator for April.

## LIFE AT 40.

Pay no attention to Dr. Osler's thoughtless remark.  
Forty, as a matter of fact, is the age to begin, not the age at which to end.

At 40 a man begins to realize that life is real, that knowledge is the only thing worth while.

The man of 40 should begin his real life, his real study, his real thinking and his real work.

If he has done anything before that and not a good start, so much the better. But let no man think himself mature at 40 or past the age of work and achievement.

At 40 Disraeli, the great Jew, was patiently trying to make the English Parliament listen to him. A generation after that he was bossing England, making the Queen Empress of India, the country that his people came from buying the Suez canal for England, fixing up the trouble at Berlin and grabbing Cyprus out of the scoundrels. Young men, take care of your health. Keep your mind active and sober, that you may begin at 40 to live earnestly and usefully.—New York Journal.

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## HOW DOES HE KNOW?

Ottawa Citizen.  
The only thing a woman can throw straight is a kiss.

## UPSET THE EDITOR.

Hamilton Spectator.  
When the editor of an English paper received a fine chicken, says the Albany Journal, he believed it to be a token from some appreciative reader. After the editor had enjoyed a dinner in which the supposed gift played a part, he received a letter from a man, who said: "I sent you a chicken in order to settle a dispute which has arisen here. Can you tell us what the chicken died of?"

## ROSS TRIED THAT GAME.

Montreal Gazette.  
In order to meet the disclosures of the recent Manitoba election frauds the Laurier government's organs are resurrecting everything that looks like a scandal and which may be fastened upon their opponents. It does not occur to them that the day of resurrection is a trifle late, and that failure to prosecute at the right time implies, if guilt existed, condonation.

## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Somebody near you is struggling alone  
Over life's desert sand;  
Faith, hope and courage together are gone.  
Reach him a helping hand;  
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;  
Kindle, to guide him, a bosom fire bright;  
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his afflict;  
Lovingly help him to stand.

Somebody near you is hungry and cold;  
Send him some aid to-day;  
Somebody near you is feeble and old;  
Left without human stay,  
Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;  
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;  
Haste to do something to help him along  
Over his weary way.  
Dear one, be busy, for the time fleeth fast;  
Soon it will all be gone;  
Soon will our season of service be past;  
Soon will our day be done.  
Somebody near you needs now a kind word;  
Somebody needs help, such as you can afford;  
Haste to assist in the name of the Lord,  
There may be a soul to be won!

## BLESSING OF A FRIEND.

Commend me to the friend that comes  
When I am sad and lone,  
And makes the anguish of my heart  
The suffering of his own;  
Who coldly shuns the glittering throng  
At pleasure's gay levee  
And comes to gild a sombre hour  
And give his heart to me.  
He hears me count my sorrows o'er  
And when the task is done  
He freely gives me all I ask—  
A sigh for every one.  
He cannot wear a smiling face  
When mine is touched with gloom,  
But, like the violet, seeks to cheer  
The midnight with perfume.

Commend me to that generous heart  
Which, like the pine on high,  
Uplifts the same unvarying brow  
To every change of sky;  
Whose friendship does not fade away  
When wintry tempests blow,  
But like the winter's icy crown,  
Looks greener through the snow.  
He flies not with the flitting stork  
That seeks a Southern sky,  
But lingers where the wounded bird  
Hath lain him down to die.  
Oh, such a friend! He is in truth,  
Whatever his lot may be,  
A rainbow on the storm of life,  
An anchor on its sea.  
—Springfield Republican.

The fellow with a poor memory takes chances when he deviates from the truth.  
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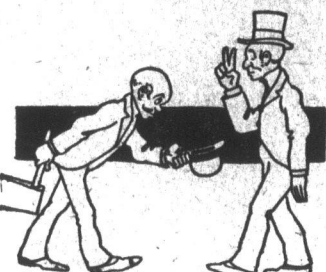
## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The girl who spends her time reading "Musings" before marriage is apt to leave the dishes to wash themselves after marriage.

An old bachelor says that there are some people who can get into difficulty without getting married, but nobody can get married without getting into difficulty.



When people suddenly become very polite to you the chances are either that you have inherited a fortune or that there is trouble brewing.

Often times the only difference between a decent man and a scamp is a clean shirt and a shave.

Any girl who can plan a dinner and cook it can investigate matrimony whenever she chooses.

Alas, there is much difference between knowing a good thing when you see it and seeing a good thing when you know it.

A rich widow has more fun than two unmarried girls would know what to do with.

It is considered unlucky to take a diamond ring out on Friday if the owner sees you.

Trouble is generally twins if it isn't triplets.



Some women tame their husbands so well that they can take them shop ping.

## His First Vote.

Calm your fears.  
Though the future appears  
To be an ominous gray,  
The clouds will roll away  
And the sun will shine once more  
As in the days of yore.  
The crops will grow,  
The reapers will crow,  
And perhaps the streets with dollars will be paved.  
For, lo, the country is saved!  
Yes, the good news is quite  
True, and everything will be all right.  
Have you not seen him in the thick  
Of the mix-up—the man who is going to do the trick?  
Have you seen him? No?  
Then you are missing the best part of the show.  
Battling away, minus hat and coat,  
The fellow who will cast his first vote!  
And he don't propose to stop  
Until he hears something drop.  
And, between you and me,  
He means business with a big B. Say,  
What he don't know about the tariff you could lead on a day.  
But, oh, my,  
What he thinks he don't know you could put in your eye!  
It's the same way  
With all the questions of the day.  
He knows where he's at  
And stands pat.  
Just like old folks,  
And the way he pokes  
The animals is worth going miles to see.  
Particularly as it is all free.  
But there is hope for him.  
Just now he is in the swim,  
And you couldn't touch  
Him with a fish pole, but when he grows older he will not know so much.  
Although  
There's of what he knows will be so.  
But now he's out to save the country, and you can wager seven dollars and a half he is going to do it or rupture his waistband.

## One Annoying Feature.

"Jack married money."  
"The lucky dog!"  
"Yes, but there was one drawback."  
"What's that?"  
"The girl who was thrown in."

## The Modern Kind.

"Nigger, you nigger saw an engagement. You nigger smelled smoke."  
"Yes, I has. I often smell the colonel's cigarette as I pass where he is talking to de ladies."

## Didn't Mind That.

Two lovers sat upon a chair  
That was not built to hold a pair.  
The light went out, but careless Jack  
Did not arise to call it back.

## Only Hope For Silence.

"Why does a man allow a woman to always have the last word?"  
"He knows that if he didn't there would be no last word."

## Confidence.

"What would you do if you had no mother?"  
"Pa would rustle one for me."

## Different School.

"Is the doctor an optimist?"  
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## WHY HE WAS NOT PROMOTED.

He watched the clock.  
He was always grumbling.  
He was always behindhand.  
He had no iron in his blood.  
He was willing but unfitted.  
He didn't believe in himself.  
He asked too many questions.  
He was stung by a bad look.  
His excuse was "I forgot."  
He wasn't ready for the next step.  
He learned nothing from his blunders.  
He felt that he was above his position.  
He chose his friends among his inferiors.  
He was content to be a second-rate man.  
He never dared to act on his own judgment.  
He did not think it worth while to learn how.  
He tried to make his "bluff" take the place of ability.  
He thought he must take amusement every evening.  
Familiarity with slipshod methods paralyzed his ideal.

He thought it very clever to use coarse and profane language.  
He was ashamed of his parents because they were old-fashioned.  
He imitated the habit of men who could stand more than he could.  
He did not learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope.

## SHE MADE A CHANGE

A Charleston Mother Did So With Advantage to Herself and Children.

A mother living in Charleston, Mass., the happy possessor of four children writes: "Every fall and winter I have laid in a stock of cough remedies, croup mixtures and throat medicines for my children, for somehow or other they never seem to be free from colds, coughs or sore throats."

This fall I made a change in the usual program. I had myself been cured of an obstinate catarrh, from which I had suffered for years, by Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and as they were pleasant to take I determined to try them with my children. Our family physician told me he knew them to be perfectly safe and nothing better could be used for catarrh, coughs and colds.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets not only cured me of chronic, nasal and throat catarrh, but they have saved me many an anxious night with my little ones. The children like the taste of them and it is really wonderful how quickly they will break up a croupy cold or an obstinate, deep seated cough."

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## The Man and the Place.

"This John Doe must be a terrible bad feller," mused Maw Hopgood.  
"He's allus in trouble. I see he's been indicted again. I wonder where he lives when he's to home?"  
"I expect he lives in Effigy," chuckled Paw Hopgood, "the place where so many are hung."

## Uplifted.

"Ye honor," protested the seedy prisoner, "dis is jist a case of police persecution. Dey're tryin' ter keep me down, yer honor. You ain't goin' ter let 'em keep me down, are yer?"  
"Certainly not," replied the magistrate. "I'm going to send you up for ninety days."

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## BLESSING THE WATERS.

Unique and Solemn Annual Ceremony on the River Neva.

Midwinter in St. Petersburg each year sees a unique and solemn ceremony called "the blessing of the waters." A chapel of ice, richly decorated with ornaments from the palaces and churches and dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is erected on the frozen surface of the river Neva. The river is then called the Jordan, and religious services are conducted in the temple by the metropolitan or high priest of the national church, attended by the emperor and all his court. The ceremony is in memory of the baptism of Christ and is supposed to be a safeguard against dangers from floods as well as to benefit those who make their living on the sea.

A hole is cut in the ice in the center of the floor of the chapel. From this the people are baptized by sprinkling by the priests, and the faithful members of the Greek church go in vast crowds to get their share, while religious devotees often plunge into the ice cold flood through the hole. If they catch cold and die, as they often do, heaven is secured for them. On the evening before the ceremony devout churchmen make crosses on their thresholds to prevent the evil spirits that are driven from the water from taking refuge in their houses.—Chicago News.

## STORY OF "LAS MENINAS."

How One of Velasquez's Notable Pictures Came to Be Painted.

The story of "La Meninas" is that Velasquez was painting a portrait of the Spanish king and queen (who sat where the spectator is when he looks at the picture). Their little daughter, the Infanta Margarita, came in with her maids of honor, her dog and her dwarfs and accompanied by her dwarfs and a courtier. The little princess asks for a drink of water; a maid of honor hands it to her with the elaborate etiquette prescribed by the formalities of the most rigidly ceremonious court in Europe. The scene presented so charming a picture that the king desired Velasquez to paint it. The artist has included himself in the group at work upon a large canvas on which it is supposed he was painting a portrait of the king and queen when the interruption occurred. The reflection of the king and queen appears in the mirror at the end of the room, and the chamberlain, Don Jose Nieto, stands outside the door drawing the curtain. The scene is, indeed, represented with such wonderful realism that a famous French critic said of it, "So complete is the illusion that, standing in front of 'Las Meninas,' one is tempted to ask, 'Where is the picture?'"—St. Nicholas.

## IRONCLAD VESSELS.

The First Ones Seen to Have Been Built by France in 1855.

The idea of protecting ships by means of armor appears to have originated in the United States, but the French were the first to adopt it. Five floating batteries were constructed in France with oak sides eight inches thick, protected by armor four and three-eighths inches thick. In March, 1855, the first of these, the Tonnante, mounting sixteen guns, was launched at Brest, and the other four were all launched in the same year. These vessels were first used at the bombardment of Kinburn in the Black sea on the 17th October, 1855. Two English vessels—the Erebus and Terror—were at once built on similar lines, but did not arrive at Kinburn till the 24th of October, too late to take part in the bombardment.

The results of this experiment were so satisfactory that the French government fitted a wooden frigate, then building, with armor of the same thickness, and in November, 1859, the first ironclad frigate, La Gloire, of 5,000 tons displacement and 800 horsepower, was launched.—Pearson's Weekly.

## When We Did Not Care For Japan.

When the first embassy from Japan arrived in Washington a member of the senate rose and said: "Mr. President, the first ambassadors from the venerable country of Japan are about to arrive. I move the senate do now adjourn to meet and welcome the Japanese." Immediately another senator was on his feet, not to second the motion, but to say sharply, "Mr. President, I humbly trust the senate of the United States of America will not adjourn for every show that comes along. That settled it.—From Mrs. Roger A. Pryor's 'Reminiscences.'"

## Agreed With Both.

Horace Greeley was the author of a style in editorial writing which had been often imitated, but probably never equaled. During his editorship two newspapers, neither of which was friendly to Greeley, became engaged in a violent altercation. The argument grew warmer until each paper openly called the other a liar. It was the opportunity Greeley had been waiting for. He announced in his paper that "he had the honor to agree with both of his distinguished contemporaries."

## First Hotel Elevator.

In the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, in 1860 the writer first saw and rode in a passenger elevator, or "lift," and in the place where it is situated there is today a notice that in the year 1859 was installed in the space "the first passenger elevator ever used in any hotel or any other building in this country or the world."—Printers' Ink.

## Not His Affairs.

Workman—I've been and got married, sir, and I'd like you to raise my wages. Employer—Very sorry for you, but I'm only responsible for accidents that occur in the works.—London Fun.

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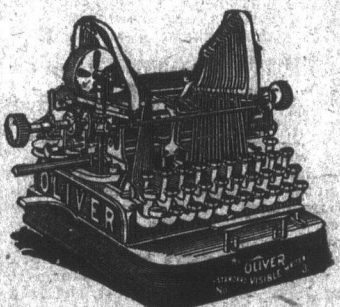
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