

make them for button-holes?" Mr. Chamberlain asked.

"Oh, they're too expensive for that sir, and, besides, my customers wouldn't care to set a new fashion like that."

Nothing more was said. Lord Beaconsfield had just died, and mention was generally made of his partiality for primroses. Sir George Birdwood wrote a letter to the "Times," suggesting a Primrose Day. Two or three days afterwards, the young assistant received an order from a gentleman for all the orchids in the shop-window—not to be removed.

"I will call and you can give me a fresh flower when I want it. I will take one now. Perhaps you will pin it on. Thank you. Good morning." The gentleman was Joseph Chamberlain, M.P. Before the Easter prorogation of Parliament some orchids sent to Highbury, Birmingham, laid the foundations of his orchid-growing career. The girl in the florist's shop is now a successful London actress.

The Ways of Blair

There once was a statesman called Blair,

Who often went up in the air.

He shunted and switched,

As if quite bewitched,

But now he's a Liberal for fair.

A Tribute to Canada

A great deal has been written lately about the attitude of the average English immigrant towards the land of his adoption. Recently an Englishman who has lived in Ontario for two years was praising his new home so highly that a friend asked in curiosity:

"What is it about Canada that you like so much?"

"There's not much to be said for the climate," said the Englishman promptly, "But what I like about Canada is that a chap can look after his own furnace and still be considered a gentleman."

Gentle Gertrude

The London "Times" has lost its breath,

In fact, it's shocked almost to death;

For Mrs. Gertrude Atherton

Who many slushy books has "done,"

Just told the Editor—ah, well!

No wonder that her stories sell.

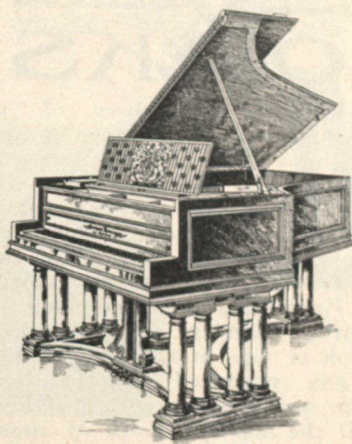
Exam. Humour

Only those who have read the answers which school-children pen are aware of how much absurdity is set down for sober fact. A recent article on "howlers" shows that many English youngsters are ingenious blunders. One of them, answering the question: "What is the origin of the word cabal?" stated:

"The word cabal was invented as a short name for the English Prime Minister, because his name is so long. 'Ca' is short for Campbell, 'Ba' is short for Bannerman, and the last letter L was added to show that he was the leader of the Liberal party."

The reply to the question, "Who is Tolstoy?" showed a valiant desire to show an acquaintance with current events.

"The leader of the Passive Resisters; he had his goods sold at auction sooner than be vaccinated."



Gerhard Heintzman

Art Grand

Made from special designs for one of Canada's Finest Hotels.

Gerhard Heintzman
Limited
97 YONGE ST. - - TORONTO

Q Everybody likes pure and good confections that can be relied upon.

COWAN'S Milk Chocolate Cream Bars and Maple Buds

are the purest and best that can be made, and are winning golden opinions from those who have tried them.

THE COWAN COMPANY, Limited, TORONTO

TABLE CUTLERY OF THE LEADING ENGLISH MAKE

CARVERS IN CASES, DESSERT SETS,
KNIVES AND FORKS, FISH SLICERS,
ROAST HOLDERS

ASK TO SEE OUR STERLING SILVER SPOONS and FORKS

RICE LEWIS & SON
LIMITED

Corner King and Victoria Streets, Toronto

W. S. CALVERT, M.P., President

T. H. HAMILTON, General Manager

Canadian Oil Company LIMITED

Refiners of Canadian and American PETROLEUM and
Manufacturers of Lubricating Oils, Paints and
Varnish of the Celebrated STERLING
BRAND

ALL GOODS GUARANTEED

SAMPLES ON APPLICATION

BRANCHES

Vancouver, B.C. Winnipeg, Man.
Toronto, Ont. Ottawa, Ont.
Montreal, Que. Halifax, N.S.
St. John, N.B.

HEAD OFFICE

123 BAY STREET - TORONTO, Canada

REFINERIES

Petrolia, Ont. Marietta, Ohio