

## FRIENDSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

A late issue of the Youth's Companion is always preaching friendliness between the United States and Canada. It says in a recent issue:

The recent visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier to Washington, accomplished several highly desirable objects. In the first place it gave our government and people an opportunity to express the cordial good-will and sincere respect we entertain toward the leading statesman of Canada and the country which he represents.

It must also have dispelled from Sir Wilfrid's mind the idea—if it ever had a lodgement there—that the United States is hostile to Canada, jealous of Canada, or covetous of Canada. Too many Canadians have fancied that certain laws which were intended solely for our own reasonable benefit, were aimed at the Dominion, and had their origin in spite. All Americans know the falsity of that proposition. Sir Wilfrid can now assure his countrymen that we have nothing but friendliness toward them.

Politicians may think that the third result which we shall mention is the greatest. We are not so sure of that. An agreement has been reached, unanimously, by the seal experts of Canada and the United States, as to the effect of the slaughter of seals in the open ocean. Moreover, it has been agreed that an effort shall be made to negotiate a treaty between this country and Great Britain which shall cover and settle all points in dispute between Canada and this republic: the sealing question, the fishery question, the immigration question, alien labor laws, the Alaska boundary matter, access to the Klondike region, and all the rest.

There will be an attempt, at the same time, to discover some way of improving the trade relations between the two countries, by reciprocity agreement or otherwise.

All this is strictly in the line of peace and friendship, and of living as good neighbors with a country which—no less than the United States—has a great part to play in this great world of ours.

## A USEFUL INVENTION.

A combined sash balance and lock is a recent invention of a Fort Fairfield gentleman. It is a substitute for all other window fixtures. The pressing of a button in the window case causes the sash to raise to any desired height; releasing the button locks it, and then it cannot be moved up or down without again pressing the button. The device consists of a sprocket wheel, actuated by a spring, the whole set into the window jamb, similar to the manner in which a lock is set in a door. The sprocket meshes into cogs on the inner side of the sash. Pressing the button sets the device in operation by releasing the spring. To close the window a light downward pull on the sash is all that is necessary. The invention is so far ahead of anything else in the way of a window fastening that it is of special note.

Geo. M. Shaw, of this town, has a working model, which is worth looking at.

## HUXLEY AND ARNOLD.

Dean Farrar records in his "Men I have known" an amusing and perfectly good-natured retort which Mr. Matthew Arnold provoked from Professor Huxley, for the better appreciation of which it may be added that the "sweetness and light," of which Mr. Arnold wrote, were exemplified in his own very airy and charming manners:

I sometimes met Huxley in company with Matthew Arnold, and nothing could be more delightful than the conversation elicited by their contrasted individualities.

I remember a walk which I once took with them both through the pleasant grounds of Paris Hill, where Mr. Arnold's cottage was. He was asking Huxley whether he liked going out to dinner parties, and the professor answered that as a rule he did not like it at all.

"Ah," said Mr. Arnold, "I rather like it. It is rather nice to meet people."

"Oh yes," replied Huxley, "but we are not at all such everlasting cupids as you are!"

## OSTRICH'S ODD TRAP

The oddest predicament in which an ostrich ever found itself lately befell one of the huge birds belonging to a South African farmer. This ostrich stole and bolted while steaming hot, a big dumpling. The bird's regret was immediate and visible. In his struggle to get rid of the fiery thing within him, Mr. Ostrich twisted his supple neck around one of his legs and succeeded in tying it in a knot. It required three men and half an hour's time to extricate the bird from its self-made trap.

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