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FOREIGN SILVER NUISANCE.

The extent to which American silver freely circulates in Canada leads the Montreal Witness to take up cudgels against the conditions which make it possible. In a recent editorial they say:—

"So long as silver coin represents twice its intrinsic value United States silver coin circulating in Canada is a direct contribution to the United States treasury. The returns presented to parliament by Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, shows that the cost of depositing this coin, valued at \$61,700,000, between August, 1898, and January, 1910, was \$3,187,835. This has certainly not proved adequate for ridding the country of foreign silver tokens of fictitious value. The United States is not so hospitable to Canadian coin, its traders being free to accept it on any terms, except in hotels in border towns, where intercourse is intimate between the two countries. Consequently there is no reciprocal circulation of Canadian silver on the other side of the border. The same may be said of our bank bills, with this difference, that a discount is usually charged. The reason why so large an amount of United States paper and silver currency circulates in Canada is that it is brought into the country by travellers and accepted at its face value by hotels and traders generally. Its volume is to a certain extent the measure of the amount of money spent in this country by travellers from the United States. When bank bills are deposited in our banks they are never released, or only to persons who intend going to the United States, who find this an easy means of exchange. Not so with a silver coin; it remains in Canada and to the extent of its circulation drives Canadian silver out of use. Everybody accepts it and gets rid of it as fast as possible, the effect being precisely the same as though it were debased coin. Greenback's law is that poor or debased currency always operates to drive good currency out of circulation. The United States silver is not debased in any sense that does not apply to our own, but being foreign, costs, as we have seen, one per cent. to get rid of. This is what makes it such a 'nimble skinker,' doing twice the work of its Canadian brother. At the time of the American civil war this country was flooded with United States silver, which had been driven out of use in the United States by a depreciated paper currency and came to be known as the 'silver nuisance.' It was not until after Confederation, when Sir Francis Hincks entered the Dominion cabinet as Minister of Finance, that the nuisance was abated. Sir Francis fixed the value of United States silver coin by law at twenty per cent. discount on its face value. The circulation of the imported coin immediately and rapidly declined. The government issued fractional paper currency to take its place and profited almost to the total amount issued, and trade generally was relieved of a vexatious refugee currency. Circumstances are different now, but the recent enormous increase in the circulation of United States silver coin points to the necessity of adopting some more effective means of getting rid of it."

HAPPINESS FOR EVERYONE.

A club whose object is the promotion of universal happiness starts with a field wide enough to give even the most enthusiastic promoter scope for all his abilities. The Mall and Empire of Toronto describes the formation of such a club in the following terms:— "A club is peculiarly an Anglo-Saxon institution. The race has been making clubs for generations; but it has remained for a group of New Yorkers to establish the best club of all. It is called the "Harmony Club" and its aim is to make everybody happy. Never before was a club founded with such a noble purpose; never was a club so sorely needed. The prospective membership embraces all humanity, for we suppose that nowhere on earth outside of an asylum is there to be found a man or woman whose happiness is perfect. Of course, the promoters of the club are not so optimistic as to suppose that they can bring into the world absolute happiness for anybody. They can, however, increase the average store of this precious commodity, and remove many causes of the average man's discontent. Failing that, it is to be hoped they can teach their patients to bear their misery; which, perhaps, is the next best thing. The founder of the Harmony Club is Mr. Edward H. Perkins, whose office is in the Terminal Building, New York. He is the son of Bishop Samuel Fallows, of Chicago, a churchman prominent in the Emmanuel movement. It was this movement that suggested the idea of the Harmony Club to Mr. Fallows, and naturally there is a good strong favoring of New Emmanuelism in the treatment prescribed by the Harmony diagnosticians. There is also something of Christian Science, mental healing and Vedantism. The resulting mixture has been "popular-

ized," and the whole tonic dose sweetened by good cheer and optimism. It is recognized by Mr. Fallows and the other doctors of unhappiness who are co-operating with him that the printed word cannot quite do the work of the spoken word, backed by the personality of a courageous cheerfulness. "I am employed by a firm and the men above me I know are crooked in their dealings with the public," confesses a third. "I am faced by the alternative of losing my position or in my office as auditor covering up their nefarious doings." "I am paralyzed, with a wife and child dependent upon me." "I am a rich woman alone in the world. I take no interest in charitable work at first hands, am morbid and find nothing to amuse, entertain or stimulate in the social set in which I was born and where I must remain. What can you suggest?" "I am a young man about to be married to a girl I have ceased to love who loves me." A woman writes: "I find myself married to a man whose temperament is violently opposed to mine. We do not think alike on any subject whatever, and the charm of natural antipathy is growing every day we live. I shudder to face the future. Is there any part of the great law of happiness which can reach my case?"

Some of these equities of course, need a specific answer; many of them are merely the consequence of morbid brooding. In nearly every case the unhappiness is caused by a lack of harmony within the writer himself. That is to say, other persons and external circumstances do not make us unhappy. Once the unhappy person can be convinced of this truth, half of the cure is effected. If one is of an "unhappy disposition" the base of the trouble is probably physical; and to deal with such cases there is a medical expert attached to the bureau. That there are laws of happiness just as there are laws of music is perhaps not a new discovery, but most unhappy people forget it, if, indeed, they ever learned it. Mr. Fallows showed a grasp of eternal truth when he said that "the modern masters, instead of seeking to find melodious sounding instruments, . . . use any instrument that comes to hand, no matter how direful its fundamental note, and from these dissonant harvests produce the strong harmonious music of the future." The modest sum of 25 cents will make anyone a member of the Harmony Club, and will entitle him to the club literature."

MR. LABILLOIS ATTACKS PUBLIC WORKS POLICY

Insapient Men Appointed as Bridge Superintendents—Budget Debate Continued.

FREDERICTON, March 11.—After several bills and petitions had been introduced Mr. Labillois resumed the debate on the budget. He strongly criticized the government's policy. He attacked the department of public works in the course of a strong address. In Kings County a business man, who was ignorant of building contracts, received the appointment of bridge superintendent while better men could have been secured. The finances of the province remained in a poor state. The accounts had been badly juggled and there had been reckless expenditures. Mr. Murray of Kings, Mr. Tweed-Gale and Mr. Sheridan spoke on the budget, after which the House adjourned.

J. B. PERKINS, OF ROCHESTER, DEAD

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Representative James Brock Perkins, of Rochester, N. Y., died early this morning at Curfield Hospital after an illness of several weeks. James Brock Perkins was one of the well known public men of New York State and was serving his fifth term in Congress. He was chairman of the important foreign affairs committee of the House at the time of his death. He leaves a wife but no children.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Never worry over your ability to do your work unless you want to seriously diminish that ability. That's the advice a big business man gave me the other day. "Six months ago," he went on, "I thought I had a stenographer that would last for years. She was neat and grammatical. She was accurate and quick to understand, and eager to learn. In fact, she was all around fine. That was when I first had her. And then I gave her a good deal of responsibility and she took to worrying. Couldn't drop a thing when she had finished it, but kept going over it in her mind. Was scared to death she would make a mistake and when she did was so fussed that she made three more. To the end she got so up to the air and made so many mistakes that I simply had to let her go. "I've got a girl now that doesn't care and doesn't worry. She isn't half so smart or interested in the business as the first girl, but she doesn't spoil her ability by worrying as to whether she got any. "I don't believe it ever pays to get into a state of mind."

That strikes me as pretty good philosophy. I don't believe it ever pays to get into a state of mind. "I'm going to do as well as I can and trust that will be all right," is a much more satisfactory attitude to take towards your work. Mistakes are inevitable. The wisest men make them occasionally, but the wisest men don't add to the harm the mistakes have done by blushing them to shake their heads. Or, if they do, they lose their right to the title. Nothing saps a man's energy more than fear. And fear of himself and his hands, I am morbid and find nothing to amuse, entertain or stimulate in the social set in which I was born and where I must remain. What can you suggest?" "I am a young man about to be married to a girl I have ceased to love who loves me." A woman writes: "I find myself married to a man whose temperament is violently opposed to mine. We do not think alike on any subject whatever, and the charm of natural antipathy is growing every day we live. I shudder to face the future. Is there any part of the great law of happiness which can reach my case?"

The Lighter Side of Life

EARTH, THE VAMPIRE. She goes upon her way. Our love and trust beguiling. And always fair and gay.

She takes your youth and gladness. She takes your hope and joy. And turns them all to sadness. With grief and pain's alloy.

Our youth and strength she alters. And leaves us worn and old; She piles not, nor fosters, But gives us dress for gold.

She takes your youth's rose leaf blushes, To make the changing flushes Of summer's evening skies.

The gladness from our voices She steals, to give her birds; No more the heart rejoices, No more with solemn words.

And when worn, spent and weary We pass from her vast empire, Her smile is not less cheery, No hour less bright and gay.

IN A GROOVE. No ill at all befalls me; there are no things that fret me, and life flows on from day to day with little incident.

My wife in clubs believes not; gay parties she receives not to play at bridge and cards till her money all is spent.

Her home is her great treasure, her chiefest source of pleasure; her cooking I am sure would put the average cook to shame.

She has no fads or fashions, no social schemes, and treats the servants in a way that's ure to bring her fame.

My daughters show good breeding, are fond of best reading, and do not give up all their time to ornaments and dress.

Late dances ne'er delight them, pet dogs do not excite them, and though they like their fun at times they're not given to excess.

My sons possess few follies, and all the Nells and Mollies that caper in boutiques have little power to enthrall;

Their nights at home suffice them, and cards do not excite them; pet horses and swift motor cars attract them not at all.

And as for me, no falling I have would cause bewailing; I've never striven very much for either fame or pelf. My loved ones all act rightly at morning, noon and night, and though myself I say it, I am pretty good myself.

With envy you look at me and on the back you pat me; you think the greatest blessings come on me in showers thick.

But here I tell you truly I am getting quite unwell—if something doesn't happen soon I'll die off pretty quick!

SHORT AND TO THE POINT. One of the shortest speeches recorded in forensic annals is that of Taunton, afterward a judge. Charles Phillips, an Irish orator, had made a slow speech in an assault case. Taunton, who was for the defendant, said in reply, "My friend's eloquent complaint amounts, in plain English to this—that his client has received a good sound horsewhipping—and my defense is as short—that he richly deserved it."

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SECOND READING OF THE NAVAL BILL

Carried by Vote of 119 to 78—W. F. McLean Disputed With Opposition Policy and Refuses to Vote.

OTTAWA, March 11.—The strength of the government ranks in the Commons was shown yesterday when the House carried the second reading of the naval bill by a vote of 119 to 78. An eleven hour amendment, moved by Mr. Northrup, that the house shelve the bill, was turned down. The Conservative member claimed that Canada had no right to build a navy of her own.

The vote was a straight party one, with the exception that W. F. McLean, a Conservative member, refrained from voting. Mr. McLean was disgusted with the half-way measures of the opposition and would not vote on the question. The result of the division shows harmony in the ranks of the Liberal members.

LIBERAL COMPENSATION FOR INJURED WORKMEN

HALIFAX, N. S., March 11.—A government measure was introduced in the house of assembly yesterday providing for compensation by employers to workmen who lose their lives by accident or are partially or totally incapacitated for work.

In case of death the amount payable, where a workman has been employed for three years, shall be \$1,000, or a sum equal to the earnings of three years, whichever is the larger, but not more than \$2,000. Where total or partial incapacity for work is caused through accident he shall during his capacity be paid weekly fifty per cent of his earnings in the previous twelve months, but the amount shall not be in excess of \$5 per week.

The act provides for arbitration and other machinery for carrying out its provisions.

TO MAKE MARRIAGES LEGAL

An act has been introduced in the local legislature to legalize marriages performed by Rev. F. Polley prior to his ordination. Mr. Polley performed ceremonies in ignorance of the fact that the law requires registration.

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Qui Vive!

Who Goes There? That is the French soldier's challenge—and who to him that does not know the password.

DEATHS

LAW—At New York, March 5, George T. Law, son of the late John Law, aged 24 years, leaving a wife and three children.

BALDWIN—At Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday, March 9th, Mrs. Sarah G. Baldwin.

Funeral from Miss Skinner's, 223 King street east on Friday at 3:30.

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A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Hip-length coats in Irish crocheted princess lace are in evidence as the attire for the winter. They are worn under the opera cloak or street wrap, and are exceedingly pretty model opens a little to the left of the front, the entire front being rich in handwork.

The vogue of the jacket is threatened by the fashion of having coats cut along the line of the Russian blouse, which is so high necked as to make the jacket impossible.

However elaborate a scarf may be to itself or in its trimming, the edge is usually finished with a selvage all around. The selvage varies from a quarter to two inches in width.

White flowers of tulle and other transparent stuffs will be in favor this spring and summer for hat trimmings, those fashioned of braid will be considered especially dressy.

This man's velvet shirtwaist is very popular for the between seasons, being delightfully light in weight and at the same time warm enough for comfort without an interlining.

Household Hints

It is possible to buy remnants of fine carpets very cheap, and these cut into rug lengths and with a fringe added, make excellent and handsome mats.

While the whole eggs are generally used for dipping croquet, the yoke alone, which is removed by rubbing gently with fine sandpaper, and then with a mixture of olive oil and vinegar.

When next making tomato soup, try some of the tomato paste rather than canned tomatoes. It will be found delicious and much more economical to use.

Baby bottles may be cleaned by filling them with hot water and fine ashes or baking soda. Shake well and rinse. The bottles will be perfectly clean.

The simplest of puddings, such as chocolate, bread or rice, can be made much more tasty by adding a little coconut, a few chopped nuts, or some chopped figs.

If a simple brown frame for a photograph seems too dark, it may be greatly lightened by introducing a tiny moulding of gold just inside the inner edge of the frame.

A good disinfectant is made by applying a hot poker to a lump of camphor gum in a saucer. The strong fumes will clear the room of offensive odor in a few minutes.

Don't leave a tin lid on the saucers if you strain the cereal in the evening for breakfast. It will rust and the moisture will drip into the food.

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WELCOME VISITOR.

Prospectors in Alaska who spend the long winters up there sometimes are incredibly lonely, says The Saturday Evening Post. A man named Hartford was left in charge of a mine one winter. He was all alone and at the end of the third month was sighing for companionship. One morning he left his cabin to get some wood and met an enormous black bear that reared on its hind legs and stretched out its front paws as if to hug the miner.

"Good morning, bear," said the miner, holding out his hand. "I'm darned glad to see you."

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