

HUMOUROUS.

WHEN an Englishman wants office he "stands" for it and then "sits." Americans run and lie.

"My son, which would you rather be, Shakespeare or Edison?" Little son (after meditation): "I'd rather be Edison." "Yes? Why?" "'Cause he ain't dead."

HE HAD PROSPECTS.—Little sister: Ma wants you, Sammy. Where've you been? Sammy: Fishin'. Little sister: Did you catch anything? Sammy (sadly): Nothin' 't all. Little sister (reassuringly): Oh, but you will when you get home.

FIRST QUARTER: "Please brush my hair, Carissima; your dimpled, darling fingers know the dearest way." Full moon: "Sadie, dear, I wish you would brush off my coat. You are more expert with the whisk than I am." Last quarter: "Sarah, brush the mud off my trousers there, will you? I got all splashed last night." New moon: "Say, do be a little quicker with those shoes. I'm in a deuce of a hurry."

A young lady who has recently finished her studies in Paris, and who is very proficient in French, was writing to a Boston friend one day. She was describing the progress of an affaire du coeur of a gentleman friend, the object of whose affections was not very responsive. The gentleman's mode of expressing his devotion had proved very interesting to the writer and in referring to the subject, she casually remarked: "L'amour et la fumée ne peuvent se cacher"—ordinarily translated as meaning "Love and smoke are unable to conceal themselves." Her Boston friend, on receipt of the letter, got out her French grammar, and by its friendly aid succeeded in rendering the quotation as follow "Honesty is the best policy."

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ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:

- 1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry. 2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year. 3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent, any homesteader inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent.

Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD

may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy Minister of the Interior. Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.