

A BIGAMIST'S ROMANCE

Strange story brought to light by the daughter of a Canadian Railway Engine Driver.

A Halifax, N. S., despatch says: The recent death of an engine driver on the Intercolonial Railway, known as Joseph McLellan, has led to the discovery of a romance connected with his life. He came to Halifax from Edinburgh, Scotland, thirty-five years ago. His real name was Joseph McGill. He deserted his wife and seven children there. On his arrival here he assumed the name of Joseph McLellan. Shortly afterwards he obtained a position on the Intercolonial as driver, and was engaged on the road for the third of a century. His deserted wife and family never heard any trace of him. Twenty-five years ago he was married again, to a Halifax girl named Sarah Tobin, by whom he had four children, who survive. Last year the aged bigamist, apparently struck by remorse in his old age, revisited Edinburgh and sought out his first wife and children. They were all dead except two, a daughter, now Mrs Jane Fraser, and her sister Sarah. These he told the story of his shame and crime, and promised to make provisions for them out of property he had accumulated. He returned again to Halifax, but never revealed his romance to his second wife and family. Recently, while riding his engine, he fell off the step of the locomotive and struck the sharp point of the oil car, which entered his head above the ear and killed him instantly. A few days ago his daughter, Mrs Jane Fraser, arrived here from Scotland, made affidavit of the facts of the case to Judge Shannon and has obtained administration of the estate of her late father. Thus she and her sister will secure his life insurance and all his property, and the second wife and her family are left out in the cold.

Canada First

From the Toronto Evening News, of Saturday we clip the following, which we think, voices the sentiments of many Canadians, and is well worth reproducing, coming as it does from an independent standpoint, and is one of the most sensible editorials we have noticed for a long time. "When will Canada have its own General- one of her own sons? Are there no children of this soil fit for the position? Certainly we could live in peace with either Sir John or Edward Blake as the dinner-giver, social star and figure-head of Canada's affairs. At worst our quarrels would then be our own, and imported feuds would not rend the social and political life of this young nation. Why not cease the vain strivings and name-calling which make the word "Canadian" a sneer and reproach? There is not in the whole of English-speaking Canada an impulse of disloyalty to our native or adopted land. Our quarrels are largely of foreign birth, our seeds those of centuries ago our ambitions those which are neither local nor noble; and this will not be changed till we live within ourselves and for the good of the land that nourishes us. We want no annexation to the United States, no separation in sentiment from the English-speaking world, no wars, no battles save those of peace, no alliance save those of mutual consideration and interest; but we want, and will yet have, Canada for the Canadians.

As Absorbents

Among farmers maxims should be one having especial prominence, and that "Neatness is a desirable condition." What might result from a lack of this it is difficult to state. In some sense it enters into many farm operations, but in no place is it more essential than in stables. As soon as animals are brought to the stables without proper care they grow filthy from their frequent evacuations of solid and liquid matter, and the only way to prevent this is by the use of absorbents. About stables where a proper quality of fodder is used there is usually more or less litter found. The orb left by the animals fed—this, while serving the purpose of bedding, also serves as an absorbent of the liquid portions of the evacuations. Dry leaves also serve a good purpose and improve the manure by being mixed with it. Sawdust and sand are also used to good advantage. It makes little difference what the material is if it only serves the desired purpose, and the more material that is saturated with urine, or the moisture of the manure, that is mixed with it, the better it is for the manure. Sometimes swampsy wet places in pastures furnish a mass of coarse grass that animals will not eat that can be cut to advantage for bedding and absorbent purpose. The importance of neatness about stables is more keenly felt where darning is carried on than under any other circumstances. Manufacturers of butter very well know the effect that foul stables have upon their products. By the use of cream coming from cows that are filthy their butter may be as tainted with the odors of the stable as to be offensive to the taste. This may be remedied by a proper and careful use of absorbents.

The Farmer's Fruit Garden

The fact that farmers are longer lived than men of other occupations is largely due to their life in the open air. They ought to have fresher and better supplies of vegetables and fruit than any other class. It would be money in their pocket in saving doctor bills if they lived up to the advantages they might easily enjoy in this respect. If the farmer will get the trees and protect them by fences, his family will generally see that they have the care requisite to make them productive. A good supply of fruit of various kinds is the very best means of making home and farm life attractive to the younger members of the farmer's family.

Mrs Shoddy, of Boston.

A Mrs Shoddy, of Boston, for even in Boston specimens of this class exist, was discoursing the other evening upon the sale of the Stewart pictures in New York. "I thought of going on," she said, "to buy some of the paintings, but I really have more pictures than I know what to do with. Of course there were fine things in the Stewart sale, but my own paintings, I may say, are remarkably meretricious—at least I bought them for such—and so I concluded not to compete with New York collectors." The dear old dowager would be astonished if she knew how true her remark was, little as she understood the true significance of her epithet. A good story is told of the way in which she bought some of her "meretricious" pictures. Several years ago she went abroad and took with her a specimen of the paper of her drawing room, in order that she might get pictures to harmonize—or as she said, "to match." An American artist in Paris wrote home an account of her visit to the studio of a French artist of distinction. The lady arrived one morning by appointment armed with her specimen of wall paper and stated that the architect of her house had told her to purchase a picture of a given size for a certain space in her drawing room. The artist had no picture of these dimensions, but he was clever enough to understand the sort of woman he was dealing with and unscrupulous enough to take advantage of her. "This canvas," he said, showing her a painting he wished to sell, "isn't the same measure you want, because we have the metric system in France, and of course that is different; but it is that measure translated into our system. It is the nearest thing you can get in this country." The picture was half as large again as she asked for, but she received this explanation in perfect good faith, and proceeded to investigate the harmony of paper and picture. The obliging painter arranged the wall paper behind the canvas, walked away from the easel and clasped his hands in admiration: "Ah, madame," he said, with a dramatic sigh, "you Americans are such a nation! I have searched Paris for a proper background for this picture and here you bring me precisely the paper of which I had dreamed. If I had that paper I would not sell you the picture at all, but now you must have it if I give it to you!" And he did give it to her—in exchange for \$7,000.

At another studio she was less successful. She had been told whose pictures she ought to buy, and applied boldly to the leading painter of Paris. She saw, however, treated her with what she feelingly describes as outrageous brutality. When she produced her specimens of wall paper, the old man brusquely interrupted her in setting forth of her wishes. "It is of no use, madame," he said, "I never sell a picture on so slight grounds as merely harmony with the paper-hangings. So much depends upon the light that I never risk my reputation without examining the room in which the painting is to hang. Did you bring your house with you? If you didn't, I fear it is impossible for us to come to an arrangement."

All in the Spelling

It Moses Taylor was peculiar about writing his own name it may be surmised that he had his own methods of spelling the words of the English language. His system was simply phonetic. Apropos of this idiosyncrasy, the same gentleman told another anecdote which I have never seen in print, although it has a familiar sound. Mr Taylor in the earlier days of his business career, was careful to close the safe every evening and take the key up home with him. One morning he was too sick to come down town. He sent for the bookkeeper, gave him the key, and told him the safe had been locked on the combination. "Asia." The bookkeeper went to the office and tried to open the safe, but the door refused to budge. In vain were the turns made over and over on the letters of the Oriental Continent. The bookkeeper began to fancy that he had misunderstood the talismanic word given him by the sick man suddenly it flashed on him that Mr Taylor's conception of the orthography was not as orthodox as that laid down in the gazetteer. Accordingly he hastened up town again and inquired if he had understood the word aright. "Certainly, A-shew of course." The bookkeeper saw that he had to practice a little diplomacy now to get at his employer's combination of letters. "But, Mr Taylor, there are several ways of spelling Asia. How do you spell it?" "Why, A-S-H-E, to be sure. And if A-S-H-E don't spell A-shew what thunder does it spell?" The bookkeeper politely concealed with him, retired, and rushed down to the office, where business had been suspended during his absence. A few turns of the wrist soon opened the obstinate door, and the great house of Moses Taylor & Co. once more resumed the lively tenor of its way Brooklyn Eagle.

Mrs. Robert Blotson, of Arthur, has become the fortunate heiress of \$70,000 through the death of an uncle, in Yorkshire, England. Old country uncles and aunts are not always to be despised.

Ten Things a Baby Can Do.

It can beat any alarm clock ever invented, waking a family up in the morning. Give it a fair show and it can smash more dishes than the most industrious servant girl in the country. It can fall down oftener and with less provocation than the most expert tumbler in the circus ring. It can make more genuine fuss over a simple brass pin than its mother would over a broken back. It can choke itself black in the face with greater ease than the most accomplished wretch that ever was executed. It can keep a family in a constant turmoil from morning till night and night till morning without once varying its tune. It can be relied upon to sleep peacefully all day when its father is down town and cry persistently at night when he is particularly sleepy. It may be the naughtiest, dirtiest, ugliest, most fretful baby in all the world, but you can never make its mother believe it, and you had better not try it. It can be a charming and model infant when one is around, but when visitors are present it can exhibit more bad temper than both of its parents together. It can brighten up a house better than all the furniture ever made; make sweet music than the finest orchestra organized; fill a larger place in its parents' breasts than they knew they had, and when it goes away it can cause a greater vacancy and leave a greater blank than all the rest of the world put together.

Guelph is having a good deal of diphtheria. Hon. E. Blake has purchased a summer residence at Murray Bay. The Boston Transcript, commenting on the O'Brien trouble, tells Lord Salisbury that "the people most desperately in need of a tonic" bill seem to be the Canadian Orangemen. During the past week 1531 emigrants left Queenstown for America. This is 400 more than during the corresponding week in 1886. The Camberwell Radical Club is making arrangements to give Mr. O'Brien a banquet on behalf of the Radicals and Irishmen of London.

MONTREAL, June 1.—The June term of the Court of Queen's Bench opened today, Judge Church presiding. The Grand Jury brought in a number of true bills, among them being two true bills against Edmund E. Sheppard of the Toronto News, on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Captains Ethier and Bauset of the 65th, when that battalion was at the Northwest rebellion. High Constable Biseonette left for Toronto this morning to arrest Mr Sheppard. The phunny man of Burford village perpetrated a joke on a managing committee of church tea-meeting at that place a couple of weeks ago, by sending in a tea-cake nicely turned to have the appearance of a fine three-story specimen of the real article. The ladies are now after him with a sharp stick. An unusual wedding took place in Toronto last Monday night, when a Church street laundryman of the pig tail persuasion, named Fong Tang, was married to Sada McFarber, a young English girl, the ceremony being performed by a west end Methodist clergyman. 'Tis thus the "Heathen Chinese" gives evidence of rapidly becoming adapted to the usages and customs of civilized society. Says an Ohio farmer—Those farmers who scrape their barnyards and poultry houses on rainy days, instead of going to town and talking of politics, and mix these scrapings, with leached ashes to use on their corn and wheat, get better crops than those who buy and use commercial fertilizers.

Mr Good, druggist, is not a book agent, but has the agency in Goderich for Johnston's Tonic Bitters, which he can heartily recommend for any complaint to which a tonic medicine is applicable. This valuable medicine has been with most astonishingly good results in cases of general debility, weakness, irregularities peculiar to females, extreme paleness, impoverishment of the blood, stomach and liver troubles, loss of appetite, and for that general worn out feeling that nearly every one is troubled with at some part of the year. Don't forget the name Johnston's Tonic Bitters 50c and \$1 per bottle at Godde's drug store, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

Never allow a child to use a short slate pen or lead pencil. It spoils the hand writing. More Remarkable Still. Found at last, what the true public has been looking for these many years and that is a medicine which although but lately introduced, has made for itself a reputation second to none, the medicine is Johnston's Tonic Bitters which in conjunction with Johnston's Tonic Liver Pills has performed some most wonderful cures impure or impoverished blood soon becomes purified and enriched. Biliousness, indigestion, sick headache, liver complaint, languor, weakness, etc., soon disappear when treated by these excellent tonic medicines. For sale by Good, druggist, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent. [d]

Scene—Cambridge avenue, Edinburgh. The Tonic Scotch-American—"No, we don't go to church in America. We stay at home and read the papers." Young sister—"Aye, and we gang tae kirk tae hear a paper read." Mothers' If your daughters are in ill health, or troubled with a paleness that seems incurable, or if they suffer general debility, nervousness, languor, weakness, or loss of appetite, procure at once a bottle of Johnston's Tonic Bitters and you will not regret regret the outlay. The Tonic is a generally strengthening effect of this medicine is truly marvellous. 50 cts. and \$1 per bottle, at Good's drug store, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent. [d]

Cabbage Insects.

The cabbage is one of the most important vegetables, and its insect enemies are numerous and destructive. The following are probably the most prevalent and mischievous of them. Cut-worms, or larvae of several insects, are often very troublesome when plants are first set out. They work at night and eat through the stem of the plants at the surface of the ground. Prof. Riley has lured these creatures to their death, and it can be done every time. The method is to bait with poisoned leaves, laying them over the surface of the soil about ten or fifteen feet apart, covering the whole plot or field a few days before planting. The leaves to be employed are those of cabbage, turnip, lettuce or clover; a tablespoonful of Paris green is mixed with a pint of water and kept well stirred. In this the leaves are dipped and then distributed over the ground, or the leaves can be moistened and then dusted with Paris green and mixed with flour, in the proportion of one part of the poison to twenty of flour. Two such applications, three or four days apart, will clear the field of cut-worms. The cabbage worm, *Pieris rapae*, the common green worm that feeds on the leaves of the growing plants, can be easily destroyed, and at little cost, by the use of buch, or Persian insect powder, or a particular preparation of it which is sold in the trade under the name of insect exterminator. This is applied in the dry form, blown on with a bellows adapted to the purpose. The cabbage fly, *Anthomyia brassicae*, which deposits its eggs on the stems of the young cabbage plants, is very often troublesome. The maggots, when hatched out, work into and downwards in the soil, and lay their eggs. These plants the flies will seek out and leave the others untouched. The plants that have been visited will soon show the effects of the insects, and can then be pulled up and burned.—Vick's Magazine.

A Man in a Bathing Suit.

Let no unthinking man smile the smile of superiority at retails of women's toilet facilities. If there is a delusion and snare, it is in the broad breast of a man. What a chapter of revelations is a man in a bathing suit. You may dance with him all winter; you may be close pressed to his beating heart in the wild toboggan flight; you may watch his shoulders vis-a-vis at whist or progressive euchre; but, girls, you will be as ignorant as bears till you meet him bare-legged in the sand some summer morning. The fatness of undershirts, the three ply starch of a "biled" shirt front, the linings and padding and material of a vest, the linings and padding and material of an under vest—the quilting and linings and padding and material of an outside garment (and perhaps a liver pad and a porous plaster buried beneath the whole) will be gone. Then you will find Augustus John pure and simple, well, simple, you may be sure. Where be then the anatomical charms that erstwhile woke an envious thrill in your "pericardium"? Echo will not answer, "Where?" If it's a half-witted echo it will say, "In the bath house." Hang on nails are the brave impulses, the manly intrepidity, the masculine virility that have attracted you. The plain unvarnished John is outside the whole business splashing around in the water. So wait till the summer, girls, before you fret over your scrutinings. The warm July days will show you companions in misfortune.—"Uncle Bill" in Chicago Herald.

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Household Hints.

JOHNNY CAKE.—Two cups of Indian meal, one cup sifted flour, two eggs, one and one-half cupfuls of sweet milk, one cup of sugar, shortening to the size of an egg. Two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a little salt. To cleanse a bottle which has contained milk or any prepared food for infants, cut up raw potatoes in long, narrow slices, and put in a bottle with a very little water; shake round and the bottle will be cleansed instantly. PORK CAKES.—One pint of molasses, one cup of sugar, pinch of salt, one cup of chopped pork, two cups of raisins, chopped fine, one large spoonful soda, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one of cloves, one nutmeg, flour to stiffen. Will keep for weeks. PARSNIP FATTENERS.—Boil six parsnips tender, then skin and mash them; mix with them one or two eggs well beaten, and two teaspoonfuls of wheat flour. Make them in small cakes; fry them in little lard, make boiling hot before the cakes are put in. A little salt should be added to the lard. Celicoh may be improved in appearance by rubbing it with a mixture of half ounce of seaweed in a saucery of capers. Set this in a warm place until they can be thoroughly mixed. Apply with a flannel cloth, and then rub with a dry flannel.

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