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As this number of the Manitoban will meet the eye of a good many thousand readers we would have their attention to the many interesting articles in this number all of which are original contributions from Northwest writers. To visitors at the World's Fair we would say come to Manitoba and see us. See our country and spy out the land. Manitoba possesses superior advantages for young men to earn a livelihood and acquire a competency for the future. To the Capitalist seeking for an investment Manitoba and the West offers a rich field.

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A company has been formed to find natural gas near Winnipeg and tenders for well boring are being advertised for. What next? With electric railways, electric lights and natural gas Winnipeg will hold her own with other cities in the march of progress. While there may be plenty of gas in Winnipeg and vicinity we are of the opinion that the same effort expended in deepening the Red River at St. Andrews Rapids or in improving our system of waterworks would confer greater benefits on the city. As a general rule there is too much gas around and not enough practical work.

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That the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition promises to be a success this year is largely due to the efforts of the Association. We hope every citizen will aid them in their efforts.



"Transportation the Problem for Canada," is the title of a recently gotten up pamphlet laid on our table. The author is James B. Campbell, a Montreal grain dealer, who endeavors to make a good deal out of his subject. Space will not permit us to review at length, but from a cursory examination, we should judge the author knows how to handle his subject. Like a true Canadian, he is loyal in the extreme and believes that the day is not far distant when Canada will hold her own with other nations of the earth. The following subjects treated in show the extent of Mr. Campbell's remarks. The Dominion of Canada, a sketch; The feeling of the United States with regard to Canada; The feeling in Canada with regard to the United States; The Church of Rome; The Republican Party in the United States; The Canadian Pacific Railroad; Notes from a car window; Transportation the Problem for Canada; Our Destiny. In addition to this, statistics, etc., are published, which complete a book well worth perusing.

How a marriage proposal is made and how it is worded always arouses the interest of girls, and to them the charming revelation made in "The Story of Five Proposals," which is told with delightful frankness by a Western society girl, in the July *Ladies' Home Journal*, will have an unusual attractiveness. A B. Weizell, the artist, adds to the article with five of his exquisite illustrations. A full page, very well done, is that giving descriptions of various ways of "Entertaining in the Country." Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox asks and answers "Can a Woman Reform a Man?" A page of illustrations from original designs, entitled "Dressing Without the Corset," by May Root Kern, will be read with profit, as will Mrs. Mallon's "The Ideal Summer Blouse" and "Odds and Ends of a Wardrobe." Palmer Cox has his inimitable "Brownies" this month climbing the pyramids of Egypt, while John Kendrick Bangs contributes one of his delightful poems. The editors all have something bright to say in this July number, which, with its attractive summer cover, specially designed by Frank O Small, and its admirable table of contents, is worth many times its price of ten cents.

The July number of the *Eclectic* opens with J. Russell Endean's discussion "Will Socialism be a Remedy for Present Social Ills?" "The Cambridge Apostles," a semi-biographical sketch by the Hon. Roden Noel; Sir Herbert Maxwell's "Craving for Fiction," an anonymous sketch of the life and times of "Lady Mary Wortley Montagu," and a touching tribute to the "Memory of J. A. Symonds," by one of his pupils, form a valuable list of special literary articles. Prof. Max Muller's paper on "Esoteric Buddhism," as reprinted in the *Eclectic*, has already roused antagonistic replies from the disciples of Mme. Blavatsky. Dr. Roose's article on "The Prevention and Propagation of Cholera," is clear and practical, and Sir Robert Ball's "Is the Universe Infinite?" is a thoroughly scientific discussion of a scientific subject. A stirring and indignant protest against "Middlemen and Parasites," by the Rev. Henry Arthur Jones, will at once win respect and consideration. Frederic Harrison's "Home Revisited," compares that former Paradise of students with the home of the modern tourist. There is an unusual number of short stories and sketches of great merit in this issue, of which we can only mention Mary Hargrave's pathetic study of the faded little prima Donna staking her little all at the Italian lottery on "The Fatal Number," which names the story; Mary Negrepointe's "Parisian Vignettes," and the well-known writer H. D.