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## Editor's Talk

**C**HOOSING a serial story is a harder problem than deciding on the demerits of poetry. We have been frequently asked—What sort of people read your serials? Sometimes we think we know. As a general thing probably most men don't read serials. It seems as though the only kind of people that have faith enough to carry over one week's instalment of a story to the next are the women, who read nine-tenths of the world's fiction anyhow.

But whether women or girls or busy men are the serial readers we expect to have a serial in hand very shortly that will bring in a true bill of unappreciation against any "Courier" readers who are not able at a moment's notice to give a resume of all the foregoing chapters and a theory of probabilities for the remainder. The name of the writer we shall not disclose, for the simple reason that as yet we don't quite know it ourselves—though we have our suspicions.

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In this issue the most important article is by Col. Hugh Clark, who sums up his impressions of what the Borden tour meant to the West and the country at large, and the Conservative party in particular, as none but a trained newspaper man could have done. Hugh Clark was one of the Borden party. He is one of the characters of journalism; as great a character as Adolphus Smiff, of the Bobcaygeon Independent—which in the matter of personal journalism is some tribute. Clark bears some not too remote resemblance to the late Bill Nye. He is a humouristic journalist who never rises to speak outside of the Legislature without having the effect of making some dried-up soul crack his face into a healthy laugh. You will notice that he begins his article with a joke on Bryan. That there are no other jokes in the article is due to the nature of the subject. Reciprocity is no joke.

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