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### The Ingle Nook.

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Dear Ingle Nook Friends,-Do you ever find even a short journey to be a revelation of human nature, sometimes in its beautiful phases, sometimes the very opposite?

This question has been suggested by a few observations made during last holiday-time, for never, perhaps, do people reveal themselves as they really are more clearly than during the holiday season, when trains are crowded, and there are all sorts of opportunities for the exercise of selfishness or otherwise.

At one point, on the little trip in question, we had occasion to change cars, and on going on board the second train, found every seat already occupied, and people standing in the aisles. More and more came, until there were perhaps fifteen or more who were unable to find seats, and among them, near the door, a woman with six little childrenyes, six, in these days of small fami-

Three of the smaller ones she managed to range on suit-cases in the aisle; the two eldest stood with her, while she held the youngest, a baby perhaps a year old, in her arms.

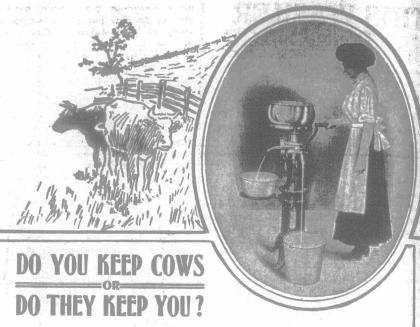
A young man who stood next to me, took out his watch. "They say we shall have to wait here three-quarters of an hour," he remarked, and I glanced to the end of the car where stood the woman with the six children. In double seats at her left sat four men, four fairly young, strong, able-bodied men, who were, apparently, having a hilarious time. Directly at her right sat two others of possibly eighteen and twentytwo, "big, husky fellows," at that. "Surely," I thought, "some of them will sous give up a seat to that woman and her babies."

But don't you ever think that they did! Until the three-quarters of an hour were nearly up, there they sat in a "what-we-have-we-hold attitude," and there the woman stood, looking more and more fagged as the minutes wore "Gentlemen seem plentiful in this country," remarked the young man next to me, sarcastically,-evidently an American, from the fact that he carried Washington time; and could one blame him for his sarcasm Could one do other than wonder where those five 'men" had been brought up, and what sort of training they had had?

To bring my story to an end, when the half-hour had been passed, the husof the woman came in. Taking i the situation at a glance, he whispered something to the two younger men. The light of intelligence at last broke over their faces. Apparently such a thing had never entered their heads before, but they now got up, willingly enough to all appearance, and so the mother and part of her little brood were at last comfortably settled.

Query: Is such callousness, or cadishness, or chumpishness, typical of any considerable proportion of the masses in Canada ?--- I have just loo'ed up that word "chump" in the dictionary, and find that, whether slang at first or not, it has now been accorded a place in reputable English. Isn't it expressive?

4. 4. 4. 4 A little farther down the line, after having secured a seat, I wanted a drink of water, oh, so much. There was still a group of boys standing near the door, and I wondered how I could reach the tank. Deciding at last to request that my drinking-cup might be passed along, I took it out, rather resolutely. Immediately a young man sitting across the aisle, raised his hat and asked if he might be permitted to bring me a drink. Returning, he gave me the cup of water, raised his hat again, and sat down. "A gentleman," was my mental note, "with lady-mother's training." I wish I could say that this young man was a Canadian, but he was not. He was, undoubtedly, English, both in appearance and speech. Of course, I know that



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