



HIS CONSIDERATION.

SWIGSON (*with evident emotion*)—"Yesh, (*hic*) I never shpeak to my (*hic*) mo'-in-law, withou' firsh't (*hic*) eating a clove. I r'spect (*hic*) the ol' lady so (*hic*) mush."

with their own passions, ambitions and aspirations, like the rest of us. Let us view them in turn.

A is a full blooded blustering fellow, of energetic temperament, hot-headed and strong-willed. It is he who proposes everything, challenges B to work, makes the bets and bends the others to his will. He is a man of great physical strength and phenomenal endurance. He has been known to walk 48 hours at a stretch and to pump 96. His life is arduous and full of peril. A mistake in the working of a sum may keep him digging a fortnight without sleep. A repeating decimal in the answer might kill him.

B is a quiet, easy-going fellow, afraid of A and bullied by him, but very gentle and brotherly to little C; the weakling. He is quite in A's power, having lost all his money in bets.

Poor C is an undersized, frail man with a plaintive face. Constant walking, digging and pumping has broken his health and ruined his nervous cistern. His joyless life has driven him to drink and smoke more than is good for him, and his hand often shakes as he digs ditches. He has not the strength to work as the others can; in fact, as Hamblin Smith has said, "A can do more work in one hour than C in four."

The first time that ever I saw these men was one evening after a regatta. They had all been rowing in it, and it had transpired that A could row as much in one hour as B in two or C in four. B and C had come home dead fagged, and C was coughing badly. "Never mind, old fellow," I heard B say, "I'll fix you up on the sofa and get you some hot tea." Just then A came blustering in and shouted, "I say, you fellows, Hamblin Smith has showed me three cisterns in his garden and he says we can pump at them till tomorrow night. I bet I can beat you both. Come on. You can pump in your rowing things, you know. Your cistern leaks a little, I think, C." I heard B growl that it was a dirty shame and that C was used up now, but they

went, and presently I could tell from the sound of the water that A was pumping four times as fast as C.

For years after that I used to see them constantly about town and always busy; I never heard of any of them eating or sleeping. Then, owing to a long absence from home I lost sight of them. On my return I was surprised to no longer find A, B and C at their accustomed tasks; on inquiry I heard that work in this line was now done by N, M and O, and that some people were employing for Algebraical jobs four foreigners called Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta. Of A, B and C I could learn nothing, until—

(Conclusion next week.)

HYGENIC INFORMATION I

A SCHOOL teacher in the city forwards us the following examination paper of a small boy in one of the lower classes of a Toronto public school. It is printed *verb. et lit.*

HYGINE.

3. Food is any substance that can be taken into the body and used for its life health and growth.
3. Digestion is the process which our food goes through to make it fit to nurish and build up the body.
3. (a) Too rapid eating causes Intidegestion.
(b) " " " the stomich to do the work of the saliva.
(c) " " " " " to keep the food in it longer than it should because we don't chew it fine.
6. The teeth are soft inside, and we could not eat if we didn't have something over them, and the stuff that is over them is crisp and hard and it is called enamel. There are too parts to the teeth, the crown and the root the root is the part sunk in the gum that we cannot see and the crown is the white part that we can see.
5. The first thing that takes place in the mouth is the teeth chews it and mixes it with the seliva and then the tung rooles it into a little ball and sends it on.
3. The gastic juce is the juce made up of the waist things of the body. It is kept in a little stumich. The action is it pours a little out to mix with the food every time it goes in it.
10. The stomich is shaped somewhat like a pail and the food has to go there there is some kind of a fluid that makes our food digest and at the end is a gate-keeper who will let the food that is digested past and keep the rest till it is digested.



A PROMISING CANDIDATE.

LULU—"We girls are getting up a secret society of our own.

GEORGE—"Indeed? What's the object?"

LULU—"I don't know yet, but I'll tell you all about it after I'm initiated."