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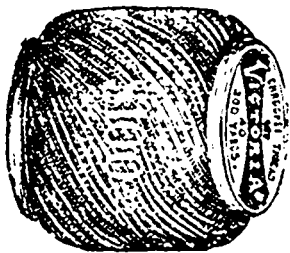
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FRESH FUN.

It was a Toronto mother and two bright Toronto youngsters. The young mother had been telling her little ones the sorrowful tale of the sufferings of the Christian Armenians with the laudable purpose of inspiring them with moral heroism and sympathy. The little five-year-old maid listened quietly, save for the widening of the big brown eyes and the deepening of the colour in her cheeks.

Suddenly her small foot came down with a stamp, and shaking the little head she exclaimed: "Oh Mother, I'm so glad I'm not a Christian!"

The young mother felt that in some way her laudable purpose had failed.

"It isn't," began the thin man, "that my children ask so many questions that make me mad."

"No?" insinuated the man with the spring cough.

"No," returned the thin man.

"What then?" the man with the spring cough wanted to know.

"It's because," the thin man explained, "they ask so many things that I don't know."

The man with the spring cough murmured that it was apt to be that way.

A PREFERENCE.

When it comes for selectin' a summer resort

I somehow don't keer fur the prominent sort,

Whur the bills is so long an' the dresses so short,

Though they seem ter be liked, ez a rule.

But whenever I'm restin' from work on the farm

An' the clouds seems ter melt 'cause the sun is so warm,

I puts fur the place thet'll ne'er lose its charm,

Whur the shadows dip deep in the pool.

Thur ain't no plazzy; thur ain't no brass band,

Ner nobody out promenadin' the sand; Ner people a-grabbin' the cash from yer hand

Ez ye try ter keep up with the style.

But the smooth velvet mo' whur the branches bend low

Invites ye ter rest while the lazy hours go.

An' ye says ter yerself that ye're lucky ter know

Of a summer resort thet's wuth while.

"I see you don't know how to take a joke," said the contributor, with facetious bitterness, as the editor handed back his witticism.

"Try me with one and see," replied the editor.

"Give me a straw!" shrieked a desperate voice.

At first you took it to be somebody with a mint julep, but later you saw it was the drowning man.

When the straw was brought to him he clutched at it fiercely, then sank from sight.

"Alas!" cried he, as the

waves closed above his head, "why did I not call for a deal plank?"

This shows us how futile it is to follow the copy books.

"I hear Curry is a finished blacksmith."

"Yez, he finished day before yesterday."

"Eh—don't understand?"

"He tried to shoe a mule."

Mr. Gummey (reading from the morning paper). "Several hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine went off in the oil regions last night."

Mrs. Gummey—"When do they expect it back?"

ABOUT THE YOUNG DUCHESS.

There was some commotion in London newspaper circles over the report that the young Duchess of Marlborough had lost her pearls while going to or returning from the drawing-room at her presentation at court. The fact is her string of pearls broke while she was at the drawing-room, but, fortunately, only two were lost, and these were very small ones.

All the Vanderbilt jewels have been reset. The long rope, which Mrs. Vanderbilt used to wear looped around her neck and caught up with brooches on her dress, has been altered to a necklace with several rows. The Duke himself suggested that some other pearls should be set with diamond clasps as a tight-fitting collar for the throat.

The largest pearls of all, which are as large as marbles, have now flat diamonds set in between them. These also were worn at the drawing-room. In fact, the Duchess's neck was entirely covered with pearls. Not an inch of her neck was to be seen, which perhaps was intended, as she is still very thin.

She wore the diamond tiara which her father gave her as a wedding present.

She carried no flowers, although some were sent from Blenheim for the occasion, carrying only a large fan of pale grey and white ostrich feathers.

The Duchess had not "the entrée," and the state carriage, which is being built for her, is not yet completed, so she went to the drawing-room in rather an ordinary-looking carriage. She was fairly mobbed by people staring into her window.

The Duke went with her to the drawing-room, a rather unusual thing. As his mother, Lady Blandford, and his sisters went with them, they were quite a large family party.

At Lady Blandford's drawing-room tea afterwards, the Duchess looked very white indeed, but that was probably reaction after excitement, as she said she was very warm and nervous just before her presentation.

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