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Directions for making hammocks, tennis nets, ball bags, etc., of course, the most reasonable paper in the August Magazine, although women are always interested in Noah's Ark Quilt, artistic bed-spreads, designs for point lace, children's caps, and crocheted edgings, all of which are described in this useful little periodical. An interesting article is the one upon Chinese Ribbon Embroidery, which has lately re-established itself under the title of Kokocoon Embroidery, and many practical hints, philosophical and domestic, are to be found in Mr. Starr's chapter on Home Decoration. The work, so far, accomplished by the Society of Decorative Art, together with other papers on various other interesting topics, make *Dorcas* for August a particularly readable and useful number. A sample copy costs 10 cents. Address *Dorcas* Publishing Co., New York.

To the Editors of THE BOSTON GLOBE AND THE BOSTON HERALD:

Sir, Allow me to trouble you once more, and I trust this will end the discussion, because hereafter I shall take no notice of anything unless it is infallible "Observer" writes over his own signature. "Observer" has made all along statements so ridiculously adverse to the truth that the public would naturally be led astray, and it is with this view that I now make a few plain and honest statements, so that your readers may be convinced who is right and who is wrong in the matter. "Observer" began his opening correspondence with enigmas and riddles; these I frankly confess I did not understand, and they are yet not revealed. "Observer," in his article of the 29th ult., has recourse to Latin terms, and as I have got but a very limited English education, such *jaw-breakers* as "*sacerdotalism*," "*possibles*," "*horrendus*," etc., I must again confess, puzzles me a good deal. However, I am really glad that there is one Latin farmer in this town; but as he is yet unknown to the most of his townfolks, I wish him now to come out over his own signature with all his facts and figures. Mr. Editor, a point or two and I'm done; I promise you to be brief. First, "Observer" has stated that in the years 1883 and '84 the commissioners paid to the Protestant trustee \$182 (one hundred and eighty-two dollars), which is not true, and which I am prepared to prove when called upon. I can also prove that the commissioners are not paying to the trustee the highest figures asked, as stated by "O-

With regard to the donation business that "Observer" has got mixed up so much, allow me to say that the Church Synagogue does not consider itself indebted to any company or firm whatever. The donations were given separately and personally in full instance. "Observer" has more the undoubted "the numerous tax gatherers" is not a very gentlemanly way, and if he has occasion he evidently lacks politeness; but when he comes out of his den, the great den in which he hides are well able to defend themselves.

One more and I'm done. "O'Brien" seems to have made Latin thus brains. He says "Such an idea as 'Home Rule' has a right to compare a great statesman to a hand-organ." I wish to be frank and explicitly understood upon this point, that I never made any such comparison. What I did say is this: It is wrong only to the party single, who has no respect for private life, to compare the great statesman to a hand-organ. It is wrong to work up the passions of the people to the sake of tyranny when certain ends can be secured.

This, Mr. Eitelj, is the only thing I said. I stated and what I said, and in the greatest statesman to a hand-organ, and, would it be hard to say, and you will see. I must, in closing, thank you again for your kindness in the past, and hope that you will give this to the paper, your earliest and your last of life an old subscriber.

PATRICK MASON (Home Rule)

REDACTION, 13th August, 1880.

DR. MOUSSEAU'S VIEWS

AS TO WHY THE TORIES HAVE LOST GROUND IN QUEBEC.

Dr. Mousseau, of St. Polycarpe, Soulanges County, is a brother of the late Judge Mousseau, ex-Premier of Quebec, who was Secretary of State in Sir John Macdonald's cabinet from 1880 until 1882. The doctor, like his late brother, has been in his life a free trader, and an active and influential worker in the cause of his party, but recently he has felt obliged to turn his back upon his political chiefs. In explaining his views to a *Free Press* reporter, Mr. Mousseau declared that he never had a great admiration for Riel, and believed that very few, if any, French Canadians who have left the Tory party, did so simply because of Riel's execution. "That," he said, "was the excuse."

but long before that we had become convinced that the government at Ottawa was unworthy of confidence. You must recollect that the opposition won seats in Megantic, Laval and other places before there was any Riel question. It is several years since we began to look to Mr. Blake as our coming leader. We read his speeches on Provincial rights on the Franchise bill and other ques-

...toms, and though not of his party would not but controvert the principles he advocated as those which should direct the government of this confederation. The franchise bill gave much dissatisfaction in our provinces. We have also read the speeches of Messrs. Blake, Cameron, Laurie, Mills and others on the subject of administration, and do not think with the idea that we are not intelligent enough to understand the whole situation. No sensible man will believe that we could have been induced to rebel if they had not been harshly and unjustly treated. We are the same with the Indians, and the conduct of the Government's officials in the Northwest has been shameful. We believe that the Government of this country at Ottawa is corrupt and dishonest, and therefore we cannot support it any longer.

"What do you think of the political outlook?"

"I am not a Rouer, but I am opposed to the present Ottawa and Quebec governments, and believe that both will be swept away at the next elections some one new. Many Conservatives