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THE REAL QUESTION IS ONE OF GRUB.

W. D. Howells has published a reply to the bitter cry of Miss Lillian Bell, who complained that excessive prudery was crippling art in the United States, preventing novelists from discussing "the great things of life, the problems of existence which are tearing like wolves at your hearts and mine." Mr. Howells says that the wolfish problems of existence are largely economical. "With those who have no money they are the question of a job and the pay they shall get for it. This is of a far more vital significance and heart-rending consequence than the critic or the novelist, even, can often be persuaded to believe. With those who have money it is the question of losing it, and the anguish and squalor of coming down to narrower things; or it is the secret remorse for wasting it, the corroding shame for spending it selfishly while many hunger and freeze in sight of the riot. Then, for a real, wolfish, tearing problem, a mortgage is not a bad thing; and a note falling due at the bank and no money to pay it is very well," The fact is that the novelists have paid too much and not too little attention to the anguish occasioned by the unfulfilled desire of A to marry B, and too little to the far more important question of where A and B are going to get three meals a day whether they get married or not.

A BAD MIX-UP.

The Dominion government, in its usual way of favoring Americans, leased an island abutting on Vancouver's main park, to a Chicago speculator to build a saw mill on. The government in doing this did not even take the trouble, did not know enough, to find out whether it owned the island or not. The result is that now there are four claimants to the island, the Dominion, the Dominion's Yankee lessee, the city of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia. The city of Vancouver first manned it with police to prevent its occupation by the Americans, but the Province has now come to the rescue, and a Provincial Liberal government has declared its defiance of Laurier & Co. The following despatch, dated Vancouver, indicates the state of affairs:

"Deadman's Island has been taken possession of by the Provincial Government. This is the latest sensation in connection with that much-talked-of affair. Timber Inspector R. J. Skinner took charge of the island in obedience to a telegram from Hon. F. C. Cotton, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. He had a special constable sworn in, and together they formally took possession for the Government of the province of the island, that is claimed by the city as well as the Dominion, and also by Mr. Ludgate. The guard was placed in charge at the end of the bridge and has orders not to allow any trespassing and to retain possession of all the timber on the island. The guard carries a notice on his person to this effect, and will strictly enforce its provisions."

A VERY SMALL MATTER.

Is the subject of the city firemen assisting at a border line fire which happens to be on the county side of the road a fit subject for a sensible body of men like the council to discuss? In the case of a fire near the border the duty of the brigade is to be on the line to see that the flames do not spread into the city. The whole brigade cannot go outside simply because their fire apparatus would be of no use, but, while they remain there on guard, to prevent the chief from sending a couple of his men across the road to assist, perhaps in saving life, would be most inhuman. Let him use his own judgment.

As for damages in case of another fire, the brigade in the first place is doing its duty in protecting city property against a possibility. It could not be in two places at once, and its proper place is at the first fire until it has knowledge of the second. The council might properly turn its attention to some more important matter. Suppose it figured out how to get this year's rate down to 18 or 20 mills.

We wonder where the Banner's at on that sidewalk bicycling proposition. It appears to be one way one week and another the next. Nobody should favor the riding of wheels on frequently travelled walks, but there are sidewalks in this city you could ride on for an hour and never meet a pedestrian.

"A Fair Outside Is a Poor Substitute For Inward Worth."

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Loss of Appetite.—"I was in poor health, troubled with dizziness, tired feeling and loss of appetite. I was completely run down. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and after awhile I felt much better. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up." LIZZIE A. RUSSELL, Old Chelsea, near Ottawa, Que.

Biliousness.—"I have been troubled with headache and biliousness and was much run down. Tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and it gave me relief and built me up." A. MORRISON, 89 Duke Street, Toronto, Ont.

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THEY FORBID IT

But the Marriage Went Ahead Just the Same.

Sensational Divorce Cases in England and France—The Late President Involved.

London, May 3.—An unusual scene occurred in Christ church, Piccadilly, to-day, upon the occasion of the marriage of a prominent colonel, well known in society, who was divorced from his first wife. The opponents of the remarriage of divorced persons interrupted the curate in the performance of the ceremony, and read a protest, declaring that the colonel had a canonical wife living. The congregation hissed the objectors, who were forcibly ejected from the church.

PRESIDENT FAURE INVOLVED.

Paris, May 3.—The courts within a few days will hear a sensational divorce case, involving a well-known actress, described as the wife of a painter, whose name was associated with the death of President Faure, to the effect that she was with him when he was stricken with his fatal illness.

A LION'S REVENGE

Returned to Kill a Man Who had Shot at it.

Death of an English Surveyor in the East African Protectorate.

London, May 1.—The last mail from Mombasa contained information of the shocking death of J. F. S. O'Hara, an Englishman employed in surveying the East African Protectorate, who was attacked and killed by a lion.

Mr. O'Hara, who was accompanied by his wife and children, was encamped near the river Voi. He had with him a number of native servants, but was suffering from a severe attack of fever. He retired to sleep with his tent open, but was awakened towards midnight by the shouts and cries of the natives. On rising, he saw a lion a few yards from the tent, and found that all his natives had fled. Notwithstanding the fact that he was so weak as to be hardly able to walk, he seized his gun and attempted to kill the animal. The night was dark however, and the animal succeeded in making off into the bush. A few hours afterwards his wife was roused by the shouts of her husband, and on rising found that the lion had returned, forced its way through the opening of the tent, and was attempting to drag off her husband, camp bed and all. Her shouts and the struggles of her husband roused the servants, and with great difficulty the lion was again beaten off, but Mr. O'Hara had this time suffered such severe injuries that he died soon afterwards.

MARRIED IN WINNIPEG.

The Evening News Bulletin, of Winnipeg, under date of April 26th says: "Holy Trinity church was filled to the doors last evening, when the nuptials of Mr. Herman Joseph von Eberts and Miss Isobel Richmond Hooper, both of this city, were celebrated, Rev. Canon Matheson officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. R. Hooper, barrister, of Carman, and Miss Francis Hooper, sister of the bride, made a charming bridesmaid. The bride was dressed in a very becoming costume of green cloth with white satin trimmings, and white hat to match, and carried a large bouquet of roses. As the wedding party left the church R. Fletcher played the wedding march. Mrs. von Eberts is the eldest daughter of William Hooper, formerly of Brandon, now of Winnipeg. Among the lady graduates of a few years ago from Manitoba university, Miss Hooper finished with high honors, heading the list, and being awarded the medal for modern languages. Mr. von Eberts is one of the most prominent Masons of this city. He is at present on the office staff of the Massey-Harris company branch here. He has a large circle of friends in Winnipeg, who wish him and his charming bride bon voyage on the sea of life."

WEDDED AT CADILLAC.

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. Lenty, Hobrooke street, Cadillac, Mich., last Monday morning, when Minnie, a fair daughter of the household, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to William Walters, a former Chathamite, now of the firm of Slater & Walters, Flint, Mich. Rev. Mr. Laufman performing the ceremony in the presence of the bride's family. The bride has been a Cadillac girl from from early childhood, and the best wishes of her Cadillac friends will follow them to their new home.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The following alarms of fire were given during April: April 4, two false alarms, both sent in. April 6th, one still alarm, no loss. April 13th, one local alarm at W. Nevill's house, loss $18; April 13, from box 31, Jack the box puller sent in an alarm; April 18, box 34; April 20, box 35; April 20, box 15, S. Horn's stable, loss $150; April 21, box 31, John Burns' house, outside the corporation, and April 27, box 12. The total value of the property endangered was $3,500, and the loss was $158. In the corresponding month last year there were seven alarms.

THE JOKE FACTORY.

A Philadelphia Query.

Where are the barons of Runnymede,
Bold of speech and daring of deed,
Who gave King John some dreadful whacks
In the place where the chicken got the ax
And wrung the charter from his nibs
By jabbing him in the royal ribs
With arguments that they happened to state
Were backed by weapons up to date?
Where are the barons? They all are gone,
But their descendants are living on
In houses moderate, but complete,
In the town "where the grass grows in the street."

The case of the barons themselves, 'tis clear,
Is like that of "the snows of yesteryear,"
But the noble Order of the Crown
In Philadelphia and Germantown,
South of Market and north of Pine,
Flourishes in a lordly line,
Embracing names like Smith and Jones,
And even some Murphys and Malones.
Don't ask fool questions or do it alone
Over the long distance telephone,
For on this subject no jests are meet
In the town "where the grass grows in the street."

—New York Sun.

Evidences of Springtime.

"Bill, here comes the book agent, an the lightnin rod man, an the clock peddler, an the wire fence feller, an the guanner distributer chap, an the heathen subscription woman, an the caterpillar exterminator, an the man that cures chills while you shake, an ef spring ain't here now all I've got to say is—signs is mighty deceivin. Turn the key on me an then go look yerself in the barn."—Atlanta Constitution.

On the Other Side.

An English lady, walking with her little girl, saw a lame old beggar bearing on his hat the legend, "I Fought at Waterloo."

"Give him some money, for he helped to save your country," said the lady.

As the child dropped some silver into his hand the ex-soldier bowed and exclaimed, "Merci, mademoiselle!"—Tit-Bits.

Precaution.

"It's very wrong to smoke too much;
The habit surely serves,
Unless 'tis sparingly indulged,
To irritate the nerves.

"It's wrong to overeat yourself,"
The gentle trust exclaimed,
"For this will cause you maladies
Too numerous to be named.

"It's wrong to get too warm—indeed
Most people should be told
About the way that too much heat
May lead to taking cold.

"So listen to my song and heed.
Tobacco, food and coal
Are much less likely to do harm
If left in my control."

—Washington Star.

The Carver Made Enough For All.

There was once a man who labored night and day carving and polishing a bit of ivory so that it might look like a grain of rice. At the end of nine years he deemed his work well nigh perfect. A hungry hen then swallowed his masterpiece. The hen made no complaint nor did the rest of the world.

Being Exact.

"Do you mean to tell me that the members of our legislature will be ruled at the bidding of any one man?"

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "they're getting rather particular. I must say the man's got to bid pretty liberal."—Washington Star.

A Lazy Citizen.

I don't keer much fer springtime
Down whar I raise en ho'n,
Fer w'en dey has a sunny day
Dey sets me drappin co'n.

I knows de fish is bitin
En longin fer de bait,
But den it's "Hitch dat mule up
En plow dat furrow straight!"

I 'bleege ter 'bey my orders
En come up ter de scratch,
But, bless de Lawd, I travelin
Ter de watermillion patch!

Atlanta Constitution.

Confessed It Himself.

Fuddy — Heckle complains that after all his labor in behalf of the public he gets nothing for it.

Duddy—And that's more than he deserves. Nothing is too good for him. I have heard him say so himself.—Boston Transcript.

Rough on Him.

"Oh, I knowed I would get it!" said the man who had been fined for selling tainted butter. "And I guess I can stand it. But it does seem kinder hard to have been fined by a judge with dyed whiskers."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Weary House Hunter.

I would not move in winter,
When the ground is white with snow.
I would not move in springtime,
When the nodding lilacs blow.
I would not move in summer,
When the sun's rays scorch the town,
When the dust is thick wherever
One proposes to sit down.
Oh, I would not move in autumn,
When the leaves begin to fall,
And, in fact, if I could help it,
I would never move at all!

—New York World.

Like Makes Like.

"That last box of perfectos you sold me was very bad," said Puffer.

"Well," replied the dealer blandly, "you know the Havana crop has been poor for the last three years."—Philadelphia North American.

Everything Comes.

"Still writing for the magazines?"
He asked as one who yearns
To learn his neighbor's ways and means.
"Well, what are the returns?"

As one whose voice did lack the ring
Of pure, spontaneous glee
The other said: "Oh, everything!
They all come back to me."

—Richmond Dispatch.

Papa's Idea.

"Pa, what is a hero?"

"A hero is a man who tries to read a newspaper in the same room with a boy about your size."

Romance Shattered.

He kissed her! She neither drew back nor turned red.
And she did not deliver a slap on his ear.
He kissed her! No word by the lady was said.
She had ceased to be thrilled—they'd been married a year.

—Chicago News.

As Usual.

"I understand Gotrox made his fortune out of a simple invention."

"No; out of a simple inventor."—Indianapolis Journal.

Dancing.

She trips the light fantastic
With the grace of one from France
And an ease which quite assures us
She will make her husband dance.

—Philadelphia North American.

1899—LEAGUE SCHEDULE—1899.

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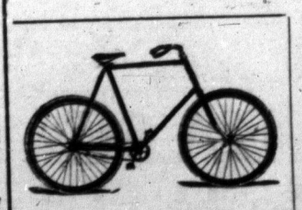

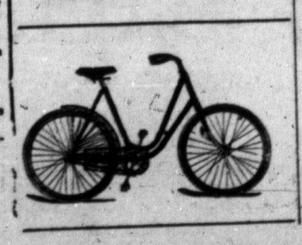

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King, " - -	$35.00
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed, separate tenders only will be received by the undersigned architects, up till 6 p. m., Monday, May 15th, 1899, addressed to O. B. Hulin, Esq., chairman of building committee, for the several trades required in the erection of the proposed new Oddfellows' Temple.

Plans, specifications and forms of tender to be had at the office of the architects on and after Wednesday, April 26th. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES L. WILSON & SON,
Architects.
Chatham, April 24th, 1899. dwtd

TO CONTRACTORS.

Bulk or separate tenders, marked "Tenders," will be received up to Friday, 7. p. m., May 12, next.

Addressed to James McNeilage, Eberts P. O., for the erection of a brick school house to be built on the N. W. corner of lot 10, in the 8th con., Chatham township. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the architect until May 5th, then at Laird Bros. office, Dresden, until May 12th.

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Sealed tenders will be received by and addressed to J. S. Richardson, merchant, Tilbury, up till 7 o'clock Wednesday, May 10th, for brick mason work and plastering, carpenter work, painting and tinsmith work required in the erection of a two-storey brick block to be erected in the village of Tilbury. To plans, specifications prepared therefor by James L. Wilson & Son, Carpenter's tender to be with and without materials.

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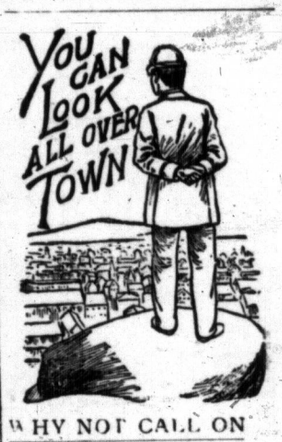

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