



HER PRACTICAL MIND.

MR. SCRIMPER—"I tell you, my dear, we must cut down expenses. I have limited myself to five dollars a week pocket-money ever since Christmas."

MRS. S—"How good of you! Why, you must have saved nearly enough to pay for my spring outfit. The bill will come in to-morrow, I expect."

SONNET.

BY A CANADIAN ENTHUSIAST.

I MET a youthful nation of the world
 Out on this western main, and saw it cry
 Against all rules of true philosophy;
 And thus I spake unto the golden-curled
 High-brow'd young people, "Why are thy tears hurled
 Into the deep Atlantic—tell me why?"
 The child-race opened wide one bloodshot eye
 And in its jaw some maple sugar twirled,
 "I have no books to read and have no name;
 Behold, an orphan of the earth am I."
 And then I said—"Poor youngling! forthwith dry
 Your optic blear'd and think not of the shame;
 For I will write a book of things Canadian,
 And then your name and fame will be allowed by men."

LOUISA PRING ON WEDDING PRESENTS.

YES, I've said it before, and I say it again, it's a mean thing, that because a woman doesn't marry, she should get cheated out of the pleasure of all the presents and having a *trousseau*. It isn't for an old maid like me (who needn't have been one, either, if she'd taken the men that *did* offer themselves), to say whether husbands are blessings or not, but I do say that the loneliness of a lone life is added to, when friend after friend gets a wedding present from you, and you know there isn't a chance of getting one in return, and I do believe every living woman would enjoy having entirely new clothes at least once in her life, even if she hadn't a man all her own

property to show them off to. Hard as it may be to get a husband—to your liking—most women could get gowns and bonnets to suit them if they were given the chance. Now, why shouldn't a lady of a certain age—what age that is I suppose she'd better decide for herself—inform her family that she'll take her *trousseau* and issue cards to her friends something like this:

MISS PRING

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE HERSELF
 A SPINSTER.

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RECEPTION AT
 EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Presents received from
 6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

R. S. V. P.

That would give people an opportunity to repay the gifts they get from their unmarried friends, unless, indeed, people are prepared to prove that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" was written exclusively for the benefit of unappropriated maidens, or that they make a strike to do away with this social tax altogether.

WHY cannot an oak tree walk?—Because it has a corn.