



FROM THE SHOULDER.

"Mr. Wiman says the result in Victoria is a blow between the eyes for the Reciprocity movement."—*Telegram*.

if any, rental value. By reclaiming the marsh it will be made profitable. Let the people do it then, if they have any real kindness of heart.

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SIR JOHN THOMPSON is using his muscle on the question of Canadian Copyright. He has formally represented to the Imperial Government that we want to have our Act of 1889 allowed, or to be granted express powers to deal with the matter "fully and effectually." Good for Sir John! His Lordship, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, will find it hard to get over the arguments submitted to him; and in view of the liberal spirit in which we are usually dealt with by the Home authorities, there is a good hope that we may shortly see this troublesome question set at rest.

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THIS is what an American Baptist, Dr. Phillips, thinks of intemperance in England: "The drink demon stares at one so on the streets of these big English cities. What shocks me most is how women, and among them fresh young girls, walk up to the bars of public-houses, and drink off their beer, or something stronger, just like the men, and come out wiping their lips with satisfaction."—*Ex.*

Yes, this conveys a lamentable idea of the degradation of the English masses, especially the latter clause of the sentence. It is terrible that these young girls should have no pocket-handkerchiefs—an indispensable portion of the civilized female's outfit—so that they are reduced to the painful alternative of using satisfaction as a substitute, and a very poor and inefficient substitute it must be. One wonders how they manage to blow their noses—probably with enthusiasm or exasperation or some miserable makeshift of that kind.

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THE *Detroit Tribune* tells of a man in that city who goes about with a hen's egg carefully bandaged in his armpit as a cure for a pain in the chest. The dis-

covery was made accidentally by a doctor whom he was consulting on the subject of the pain. If the real truth could be known it would probably turn out that the alleged patient is a base smuggler, who has been carrying on the nefarious business of importing Canadian hen fruit in this way without paying the McKinley tariff tax upon it.

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"T. C." is a fellow who knows so much about political economy that he feels it incumbent upon him to enlighten the readers of the *Telegram*. He is down on the single tax. He settles the question out of hand by the following lucid illustration:

Suppose A is a workingman and does as every workingman should, viz., save up his earnings while he can, and buy a small lot whereon to build his home. With the present tax and interest of borrowed money he has all he can do for the present and cannot build until he clears off the mortgage, but in the struggle there swoops down on him the single tax iniquity and he loses all. His rich neighbor, who, by the way, has fed at the city stall, owns the same amount of land and has a good house on it worth \$5,000 or \$6,000, but only pays the same tax as his poorer neighbor. Shortly the struggle ends in poor A having nothing and B having both lots and two costly houses. A becomes a pauper and B becomes an over-fed oppressor. That there are evils in the present system of land-grabbing is too plain to deny, but the single tax would be far worse.

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THIS intelligent critic is evidently laboring under the impression that the "single tax" simply means an addition to the present tax on land. He doesn't seem to know that it presupposes the abolition of all other taxation. This supposititious workingman, having selected a place suitable for a home, under the single tax system, have no mortgage to pay off. He would pay to the city each year an amount equivalent to the rent of the bare ground, and the whole of his earnings, including the large share which now goes for "present taxes and interest on borrowed money" could be applied to the building and furnishing of his house. His rich neighbor would in the same way pay a tax representing the annual value of the land *he* held. Neither would be taxed on their houses or other property. The public revenue from land values alone would be so great that it wouldn't



ITS INNER MEANING.

HUGH AIRLIE—"There, man! Whatt d'ye think o' ma new coat, wi' plaid linin' intill't, like yon o' Frazer's, o' the *Mail*?"

WAGGE—"Very fine; and meant to indicate in both cases, I suppose, that you're Scotchmen to the back-bone, hey?"