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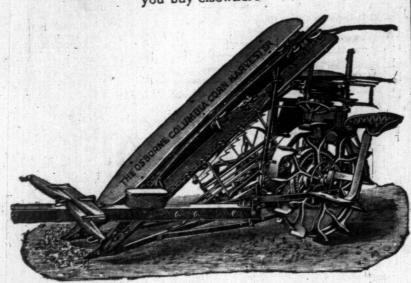
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FROM AN OLD FRIEND. To the Planet,-I will send you in day or two, a copy of one of my books, Roger's Travels, I now enclose a notice about it, which you may like to use. When I was in Chatham, the Planet published a full report of the meetings, and thus did much good. I still take an interest in the paper, and especially in the dear people of Chatham, who I learned to love. When I returned there after 19 years' absence, I found on every hand the permanent good that the meetings had done. Children converted at that time, were among the leading people in the churches. I have just received a letter from my old friend J. Warren Martin. It cheered my heart to hear from him, and to be thus reminded of those remarkable times, when people came from 10 to 20 miles to attend those services, which the Lord blessed in the conversion of so many souls.

Yours most truly, E. P. HAMMOND. Hartford, Conn.

Note-Mr. Hammond's book has bee received and already noticed. Roger's Travels can be read by old and young alike, with profit and pleasure.—Edi-

or Planet. THE ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

To the Editor,-The city council i every year called upon to contribute towards demonstrations, which are certainly conducive to the good of the certainty conductive tions bring a large concourse of people to our town, help advertise it and also keep our money circulating among ourselves, but there must be some convenient place to cen-tralize attractions, where some revenue can be obtained for the necessary outlay. Why would it not be a very profitable investment and also a direct return for money spent for the city to purchase the athletic grounds and hold them for the benefit of just much activation and the context of the co and hold them for the benefit of just and hold them for the benefit of just such entertainments, instead of contributing every year large sums of money to carry them on. By the use of the enclosed grounds, etc., to a celebration committee, they put in the way of making each celebration finance itself through, and at the same time secure to the city one of the prettiest little athletic parks in the country, which will always be the means of encouraging all societies or citizens to have their festivities at home. I would like very much to hear the opmions of others on this subject. If you will kindly submit this to the public through your paper, Yours, etc.

THE NEW LIBERALISM AND THE

OLD TORYISM. To The Planet:-I make bold to take To The Planet:—I make bold to take up my quill in answer to your courteous invitation for the farmers to express their convictions on public matters. In beginning, let me introduce myself. I was once a Liberal, but I am becoming more radical with maturing years. I am the most bitter and irreconcilable adversary of old Toryism that I know of—not the Toryism of George III., that brought about the American war of Independence of 1776, nor the Toryism of the old Bourbons of France, that infuriated the people of that country in 1790 old Bourbons of France, that infuriated the people of that country in 1790 and deauged France in blood for 25 years, nor yet the Toryism of the family compact in our own land that brought our fathers into rebellion with Mackenzie in 1837; but the Toryism of Sir John A. Macdonald, that dedeveloped the Canadian Pacific R. R. and the National Policy, i. e., protection and the iniquitous tax system of to-day. Still, I see signs of a new Toryism coming to birth; I want to see what it may be like.

The first sign I saw was in the Ottawa house within a couple of months, reported in your paper, in re

months, reported in your paper, in re tobacco tax. It was urged in the tobacco tax. It was urged in the House by Tories that the Government House by Nories that the Government had no right to pick out a class of citizens to bear an extortion tax which others did not bear. (Wording mine.) My second sign is from Winnipeg. Hugh John Macdonald "having seen all his father's sins, which he had done, and considered and doeth not such like"—Ezekiel 18, 14—even lays a plank in his platform for government ownership of railroads. His father thought railroads should own the government, country and all. My third sign that a new Toryism is coming is in, your last week's paper. You invite us (farmers) to open discussion and promise us courteous treatment. You also acknowledge the discrimination of the protective tariff against us. I hope as the old Grits have gone us. I hope as the old Grits have gone to the position of the old Tories that the new Toryism may be the hope of

the new Toryism may be the hope of the country.
You seem, Mr. Editor, to imagine that the farmers only suffer from protection and that it is a good thing for everybody else. Truly, the farmers are fleeced, and fleeced thoroughly, but I think it fleeces very many who are not farmers at all. Let us look. The people of all towns and cities are fleeced in the matter of paying bonuses to factories. What about Chatham? Look at the mayor trotting the globe hunting for some capitalist who globe hunting for some capitalist who will condescend to be so kind as come will condescend to be so kind as come and fleece the poor people of Chatham for a bonus. A while ago he found a dozen impecunious sharpers from some country in Europe who could make glass. He made Chatham an offer to get them to come here. Chatham must furnish capital to start; Chatham must obtain from the Ottawa Covernment an import duty on glass ham must obtain from the Ottawa Government an import duty on glass equal to from 2 to fc, per pane on all imported glass, thus fleecing every farmer, every builder and every property owner from Vancouver Island to Cape Breton. Why all this fleecing of the public? So that the people of Chatham could be fleeced for a bonus. But Chatham resulid get a factory that But Chatham could be fleeced for a bonus. But Chatham would get a factory that would give employment to her poor! Yes, employment for her poor. There would be one man wanted to shovel in sand, one to shovel in coal and one to shovel out smoke. I, for one, consider the bonused factory an unmitigated

curse to any country, and more so to our country than to any other. My next article will be on tax ex-

LAWYERS AND DOCTORS. To The Planet.-There are two classes of To The Planet.—There are two classes or representatives that the farmers, are dead against for to legislate for them, the doctor and the lawyer, for they only protect their own interests and not those of the farmer. Hereafter doctors and lawyers, chances will be nit. [When the former looks at them it's \$5, and if they should do or month's work for the farmer just deed then your farm and then the account will be balanced. I hope the delegates will oper their eyes on the day of the convention I will be there.

S, A. DAWSON. Renwick, July 9, 1900 Note-The complaint that lawyers pre derate in parliament is true enough but the same charge does not apply to doctors. Did Mr. Dawson ever look at the matter in this way? If we must have lawyers, isn't it better to elect them direct and make them responsible to their con-stituents than to elect lay automatons who are simply tools in the hands of law yers and do only what they are told to do by them. Has Kent done any better by electing laymen than lawyers!—Editor

CAMEO CARVING.

rools and Methods Employed In the

All the tools used by the cameo carve would make but a handful. The worker sits before a wheel turned by a pedal. Tools occupy a small corner of the table surface on which the worker's hands rest while he holds the shaped stene or shell beneath the needlelike drill. The little pointed instruments which are used to drill resemble those employed by a dentist, and indeed it was from the cameo carver's kit that the dentists got many of their ideas when the tools now in use by them came to be manufactured, 80 years ago. The drills vary in thickness according to the portion of the figure or design to be executed. Some are as fine as the point of a cambric needle. A small china receptacle also stands near, filled with oil and diamond dust, and into this th

workman frequently dips the tool waring the progress of his work.

The cameo cutter's occupation is very exacting. He can put in only a few hours' work at a time as a usual thing because of the tension on his nerves. A quavering hand may be responsible for the single stroke which will spail a week's work. He must have an eye almost like a microscope and a very delicate touch, he must be an artist in soul and as skilled a craftsman as is a watchmaker he must know how to model and draw and he must have a knowledge of chemistry, so as to remove offending spots. The work is executed in relief on many kinds of hard or precious stones, but es-sentially the chalcedonic variety of quartz and on shells. The cameo cutter himself prefers onyx because of its dark and light layers, which throw out in bold re lief a white head, say, against a black background. He evolves his picture by removing all that portion of the white stratum remaining after the head has been completed. Sapphire blocks are used, carnelian, turquoise, amethyst and

merous other stones. It takes about one month to execute ortrait on onyx, while much less time is consumed if the work is done on shell. There is always great danger of the lat ter breaking, and its durability, too, is not great, so that shell, as a rule, is not as desirable as the harder materials. A portrait on onyx will cost \$200, while one in shell may be had for \$50. The inquiries for these are rare, and building up a patronage is slow and is accomplish ed mainly by satisfied customers influence

ing others.

Unknown Birthdays. Cardinal Manning did not even know the precise year of his birth, let alone the exact day. Francois Sarcey, the cele-brated French critic, never did know either the year, month or day of his birth. Lord Beaconsfield has somewhat added to the uncertainty regarding his birthday by telling Lord Barrington of his having been born in a library. Many people contend that he meant his father's place in John street, Bloomsbury, and others point to a private house in Adelphi ter-race. The exact day, however, has not been settled. One account says Dec. 21,

another Dec. 31. Mystery and uncertainty surrounded the true birthday of Arthur Wellesley, afterward Duke of Wellington. Most people will imagine, and rightly so, that it is difficult for a countess—his mother was the Countess of Mornington—to give birth to a son in her own castle without knowing it, and yet neither she, her husband nor others know exactly on what day it was that the boy was born! Yet this is what occurred on the birthday of the famous duke, and to this day the only really reliable statement about it is that he was born in 1769 in Ireland .-New York World.

Didn't Enjoy the Joke, The late Duke of Westminster once re ceived when at Stack, in West Sutherland, a telegram from a friend, in which the hope was expressed that the duke's horse would win a certain big race. The duke had 30 shillings to pay for the carduke had 30 shillings to pay for the carriage of the telegram from the nearest office. He instantly wrote his thanks for the attention, adding, however, that his friend need not trouble to wire again if the horse won. The friend at once telegraphed in reply, "All right," which cost the duke 30 shillings more. The horse did win the race, and his grace patted. did win the race, and his grace netted £10,000, but it is doubtful if he ever for gave his friend the little joke which cost him 60 shillings,-Tit-Bits.

BOSTON BOY.

By Mrs. Jean Blewett. Made bimself at home as soon as he landed here last spring, Full of airs as he could be, nose turned up at everything.
Told us twenty times a day that Canucks was awful slow,
Thought he owned the world and all,
liked to strut around and blow.

"He's a visitor," said ma, "see that he is kept amused,
Don't forget your manners now, use him as he should be used."
So I kept my temper down just as long as ever I could,
But one day it mastered me—felt right in my bones it would.

"Fourth July I'm going home," so he started up the fun, "Licked the British, don't you know,



Some men seem to defy old age. They walk erect. Their eyes are bright. Their laugh is hearty. They are men of to-day-not men of yesterday. They are also men who have kept themselves in good physical condition in the past. As we grow older waste matter accumulates in the system. The body cannot throw it off without assistance. So, little by little the machinery of the body is clogged, vitality is lowered, and enjoyment of life ceases. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, cannot make old men young, but it does make them strong and healthy. By removing the waste accumulations, by increasing the blood supply, by strengthening the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition, and thus increasing the assimilative and nutritive powers, "Golden Medical Discovery" makes grand old men. "I suffered for six years with constipation and indigestion, during which time I employed several physicians, but they could not reach my case." writes Mr. G. Popplewell, of Eureka Springs, Carroll Co., Ark. "I felt that there was no help for me, could not retain food on my stomach; had vertigo and would fall helpless to the floor. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and little 'Pellets.' I am now in good health for one of my age—60 years. I lowe it all to Dr. Pierce's medicines."

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made the lion turn and run. He remembers it, you bet, stars and stripes can make him quail, Lion dassen't growl," said he, "if he did we'd pull his tail."

That boy needed to be trounced, needed it most awful bad, Naturally the job was mine, 'cause I was the preacher's lad.
"Use him as he should be used," that was what my ma had said.

Wasn't I obeying her when I up and punched his head?

He could fight as well as blow, had to wee him pretty rough,
Wool him round considerably, 'fore
he'd holler out "enough."

I was 'most a week as olow, nad to was 'most a wreck myself, didn't know just what to do, Buttons off and braces broke, gingham shirt tore 'most in two.

Couldn't cover up my teeth 'cause my upper lip was cut, upper up was cut,
And you trust my ma to see that one
eye was swelled up shut.
She felt bad. How could I fight, and

ms pa a minister,
Teachin people peace and love? "Never mind," pa sait to her.

"When a boy comes visiting—pretty boy from Boston town—' Nose turned up at our Union Jack, some one's got to turn it down." Ma she lectured for an hour, then I hunted cousin Jake, we went by our two selves through the woods down to the

That chap lied to-day," said Jake, as "That chap lied to-day, said Jake, as we sprawled out in the sun, "Bout that, oh you know, that yarn how they made the lion run. I'd have heard it sure from you"— Jake ain't much on history, Doesn't know a blessed thing, 'ceptin what he learns from me.

had told him heaps an' heaps 'bout the wars old England's fought, Bout her soldiers, foot an' horse, and her ships, O, such a lot! Waterloo and Omdurman, battles won

just everywhere, It had slipped my mind, somehow 'bout that fourth July affair.

"It was this way, Jake," said I, and went on to make things clear.

Drew a map out on the sand, took me half an hour, near.

"Then there was a little fuss?" Jake said in his solemn way, Yes," said I, "but 'twasn't like that boy said it was to-day.

When the lion quits a fight 'tain't because he doesn't dare, ce," said I, "you bet your boots, 'tis because he doesn't care!" ," he growied at last, and gave my

black eye an easy touch,
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