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THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

If the system of improvement in the Provincial Hospital, adopted under the late government, is continued during the next year or two, New Brunswick will have an institution to which all may point with pride. The superintendent, Dr. J. V. Anglin, modestly asserts that the credit is due to the hospital commission which has so very generously approved his suggestions and provided money wherever his ideas might be carried out. It is gratifying to note that since Hon. Mr. Mendenhall's accession to the premiership no intimation has been given that improvement to the buildings and grounds should stop, this being taken as an indication that the present government wholly approves the sentiment which prompted its predecessor to reasonable expenditure for the comfort of those whose lives are worse than death. As noted elsewhere in this paper, the changes which have been made in the hospital during the past two or three years can be appreciated only on personal examination, and reflect the greatest credit on Dr. Anglin and his assistants. Not only have the wards and rooms been rendered more attractive and homelike, not only have modern fittings and furnishings been introduced, but there is now lacking in the institution that atmosphere of tragedy, that hopeless outlook which in the past made such hospitals places to be avoided by the impressionable. Instead, an air of cheerfulness prevails; no one is ill, but all are "better to-day," and expecting to be "better tomorrow." There is freedom and happiness instead of confinement and suffering; pleasant employment which occupies the mind instead of idle brooding. In fact the old and new names of the institution almost correctly describe the change. It was once the Lunatic Asylum, a place to be avoided. It is now called the Hospital for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases, but might well be known as the Home for Mental Sufferers. It is indeed a home and no families in New Brunswick need feel the least hesitation in sending friends to it for help. Dr. Anglin has succeeded admirably. Mr. Mendenhall would be proud to make it possible for him to continue the excellent work.

THE SUFFRAGE CONGRESS.

Not the least sensible advice tendered the delegates to the Woman Suffrage Congress at Amsterdam came from an enfranchised representative from New Zealand. "You are more likely to gain the right of suffrage by patience and intelligence than by agitating and going to prison." The British delegates promptly challenged this assertion. They reply in the formula which has been so often used in their meetings at home and when addressing politicians. "When we keep quiet and quietly ask for the franchise we are told that the question is an academic one which must be carefully considered at some future time; but when we display a little force we are told that nothing can be gained by a pack of disorderly women." All of this may be very true, but it is not apparent that the British suffragettes ever persisted in their campaign of mildness. They all too quickly turned to the opposite policy and although some slight success has greeted their efforts it has not been equal to that won in New Zealand where persistent effort combined with modern councils has prevailed.

This Amsterdam Congress is probably the most important yet held in the interests of woman suffrage, and being international in character will no doubt lead to the formation of some scheme for united effort. Conditions in one country may not resemble those in another, but the strength which always exists in union will not be found lacking in this movement. Two years ago the congress assembled in Copenhagen, and some few months ago the government of Denmark extended the franchise. The women of Holland hope for a similar result from the meeting at Amsterdam, and as if tempting fate still further the next gathering will take place in England.

Considering that he received one vote out of a total of nine hundred and eighty, Vice President Fairbanks' decision not to again become the Republican candidate that office appears to have been marked by wisdom.

Mr. Henry Lemelin, the "diamond maker," who, in spite of his failure to produce diamonds, has shown himself to be one of the cleverest swindlers alive, has quietly disappeared. He was to have made diamonds to prove in the court his original contentions. Nobody has been fooled excepting the court and those who invested their money in his get-rich-quick scheme.

COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING.

Says I to myself, says I, "Old man, Between you and me and the post, I've sized you up sir, as well as I can"

And you're looking as pale as a ghost.

"Moreover, nobody would ever suppose A complexion as white as a sheet Belonged with that bloom on the tip of your nose, Which I notice is as red as a beet."

"You're old as the hills and look like a friar, And your face is as long as your arm; The frown on your brow is darker than night, And your soul is as broad as a farm."

"You're thin as a rail and gray as a rat, And your features are harder than stone; Your eyes look as if you were blind as a bat, And your voice is as dry as a bone."

"You drink like a fish and eat like a pig, And your form is as crooked as S; All around you're as queer as an old thingumajig— Well, queerer than words can express."

Says myself to me, says he, "Old man, Beware, or you'll get your reward! I've put up with your nonsense as long as I can, Go on—you're as drunk as a lord."

Mrs. Jimmy Beau—My good man, do you ever reflect that our days are numbered. Kindly Vuddle—Yes, mum; sometimes I get 20 an' costs an' sometimes as high as 60.

"You know, dear," cooed the bride, "you promised to let me have all the pin money I wanted."

"Yes, love, and you shall have it," "Oh! you dear thing! Well, I saw a pin today with diamonds and pearls on it, and I do want it so."

"Won't the manufacture of gems hurt our trade?" "I don't think it will in the long run," replied the jeweller. "Think of the rush we'll have when we begin to give out diamonds, rubies and sapphires with every 35-cent watch."

The Bachelor—I wonder why they call the boys about a hotel "bottles?" Do you know? The Bachelorette—I suppose it is because you can never find 'em in the places where they should be.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

MOSQUITOES.

The country is beautiful these days and the air is so sweet and fragrant, that it is a pity there are beautiful pictures—everywhere. I sat on a friend's broad verandah the other evening, and I watched the setting of the sun and the rising of the moon and I saw the shadows of the trees slowly fade away as the sun went down. And then just as the last bit of sunshine went out, the moonbeams shone upon the water and made a path of silver. The birds had been singing their good night songs and then came a cool breeze and a twittering of their last sweet notes—and then quiet and a silence so profound that one fresh from the noise of the city would be oppressed by it. And then there came into this Eden a sound so horrible, that fair women and brave men would before it. It was the bugle blast of the mosquito.

I have seen men (and a few women) who could hear the roar of the thunder and see the lightning flash, and remain quiet and unmoved, but I never saw a man remain quiet when a mosquito began to sing. I saw a woman—once, who was not afraid of a mouse, but I never saw a woman who was not afraid of a "skeeter."

I read a scientific treatise once about the mosquito, its habits, how long he would live if he did a natural death. I did know once—but I have forgotten—which one does the biting, the male or the female, the man or "the woman thou gavest me." I am glad that I have forgotten, for I am afraid that the scientist said that it was the wife and not the husband, but if he did say it was the woman, he must have been an old bachelor and not sympathize with the suffragists and wanted a fling at anything feminine.

Mosquitoes are at home everywhere. They are true cosmopolitans. They know all languages and they are no respecters of persons. They have been known to dine on a king and sip off a tramp. They have sung an archbishop awake, and have (almost) made a season swear.

There are urban and suburban mosquitoes, but the ones that are the most annoying are the ones that are the most common. They are everywhere and they are everywhere.

No person, no matter how much he loves music, like a mosquito's singing. If they would only take their drop of blood without insisting on paying for it in music, they would not be as friendless as they are.

Mosquitoes are here only a short time. It is the short life and a merry one for them.

But the mosquitoes that wear clothes, derby and merry widow hats, are here all the year long and they, too, live in city and country. Who has not heard their buzzing and been stung by them?

You never wrote a book, preached a sermon, sung a song or did anything worth the doing, without being stung by mosquitoes. They are ubiquitous and they are more deadly than vipers. Life would be like a sweet song if it were not for human mosquitoes.

Phaddus

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SCENE OF NAPOLEON'S HAPPY DAYS

Ten years ago two friends were enjoying a walk at Rueil, near Paris, when they noticed on a wall a big poster intimating that Malmesley was about to be sold by auction, and it immediately occurred to one of them that he might profitably become the purchaser of the domain where Bonaparte indulged in tenderest love, and passed the calmest and happiest days of his life.

A BONAPARTE MUSEUM. That intentional purchaser was M. Daniel Ostria, who, having affected the purchase and feeling greatly puzzled as to what he should do with the domain, ultimately decided that the wisest course to follow was to offer it to the Administration des Beaux Arts—fine arts—as state property, with a view of creating a Bonaparte Museum. The generous offer was accepted, but it required a number of years to thoroughly repair this former residence of the First Consul, once so brilliantly attended by generals, statesmen and distinguished artists and men of letters. And now, with the assistance of the catalogue and guide-book, written by M. Jean Alabert, a well informed authority, the visitor is enabled to undertake through its various restored apartments and ornamental grounds an interesting and instructive pilgrimage. For in the sweet perfume of the old rose-trees, now carefully known as "souvenirs de la Malmaison," there lingers an odor of old-time repose and contentment.

SHORT ENGAGEMENTS. Josephine had her own kingdom—a kingdom of flowers. She had them sent from Martinique, while the British Government gallantly forwarded to Malmesley those found among the captures effected by British men-of-war. Among the visitors there to enjoy the perfume emanating from her favorite plants.

Bonaparte, as we all know, married Josephine de Beauharnais in 1796. La Malmaison was purchased in 1788, and it was on his return from Egypt that he took up his residence there with his wife. Among the visitors there were young generals of his creation and charming young girls, friends of Josephine and pupils of Madame de Malmaison. It was in their being betrothed; but the engagements are short, for it is impossible to say where in Europe those generals may not soon have to serve.

NAPOLEON'S GAMES. Having viewed the numerous curios and relics once the property of Bonaparte and collected from all quarters, the idea naturally occurring to the visitor is what might have been the disposal of it if their owner in domestic retirement.

Once a week regularly Bonaparte spent eight or ten hours at his game of hide-and-seek and, possibly for the time forgot his ambitious schemes of conquest. He joined in a game of hide-and-seek and, possibly for the time forgot his ambitious schemes of conquest. He joined in a game of hide-and-seek and, possibly for the time forgot his ambitious schemes of conquest.

When he becomes an Emperor he repudiates Josephine, that "bonne grosse bete," as he sometimes styled the woman whom he had once so passionately loved, and under the influence of his domineering ambition he believes he will never have occasion to return to that home of his early affection. We shall see, by-and-by.

PATIAL NAME. Only too soon, said to say, La Malmaison justifies its fatal name—Malmesley (had she). Josephine, divorced, returns to her former happy home, to endure in solitude her wounded vanity. She remained here for five years, with intermittent absences for she had to travel by order of the Emperor who often visited her out of his way.

She was frequently accompanied by her grandson, little Louis, who, it is said, was passionately fond of sucking sugar-cane and who lived to be Napoleon III. After the abdication, Josephine visited in secret foreign potentates and Louis XVIII. She was taken ill with infectious influenza, of which she died. Her last words were: "Napoleon—land of Elba."

THE LAST VISIT. If the prophecy of the old negress of Saint Domingo who predicted to her that she would live to be more than Queen, but would die in a hospital, was not entirely realized, she at least was nursed on her death-bed by a maid who was not her own lady's maid, while on the day of her burial the crowd which had been attracted to Malmesley by the ceremony

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FINED FOR SHOOTING BOY IN THE LEG

MONCTON, June 19.—On Monday the dog shot young Fred Patterson in the leg recently, was today fined ten dollars and costs in the police court.

Moncton will have another building boom this year, permits having already been issued for twenty-five dwelling houses, all of the better class, costing from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The Bank of Montreal is also putting up a fine new stone structure on Main street. There promises to be an unprecedented boom in Moncton this year, and the western part of the city is expanding with great rapidity.

Large delegations of Moncton Knights of Pythias expect to attend the convention in Boston in August. An enthusiastic meeting was held last evening and many signified their intention of going.

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LEATHS.

RODDEN—in this city, James Rodden, leaving a wife, one son, two daughters and one granddaughter to mourn his loss.

FUNERAL—in this city, on June 18th, at 2:30 p. m., the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Vincent, widow of John Vincent, in the 70th year of her age, leaving four children and eighteen grandchildren.

FUNERAL—at her late residence, 159 Metcalfe street, MAGRIN—in this city, on the 18th inst., Florence Levin, infant child of Harry and Florence Magrin.

FUNERAL—from the residence of John Shipland, 198 Chesley street, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 2:30 o'clock, Joseph in Jesus.

FUNERAL—in this city, on the 19th inst., Miss Rebecca Hogan, in the 70th year of her age.

FUNERAL from residence of H. L. McGowan, 145 Leinster street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

LINCOLN'S SUBMARINE SIGNALS.

BELFAST, June 17.—Submarine signaling apparatus is to be fitted to the new Aberdeen-White Star liner Persicles, which is to leave the builders' yard at Belfast this month. The bells, as the signaling apparatus, will probably be tested at the Royal Sovereign Lighthouse during her maiden voyage up the Channel.

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