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## MITCHELL'S MERRY MOOD

MAY MIGHTY MEN MAKE MORE MILD, MEDICINAL MIRTH!

Mr. Mitchell Makes "Miramichi" Men Manipulate Melody—Magical, Mellifluous, Mirthful, Modulated, Meritorious, Melting Music—Maidens Make Merry.

Who has not enjoyed a summer holiday coasting along the shores of the great bay, into which pour the waters of the noble Miramichi River, should take the steamer "Miramichi" at Chatham on a fine morning and give himself up during the trip to pleasure unalloyed and sights unequalled for beauty. When the Hon. Peter Mitchell left one morning last week on board the steamer for a trip along the shores of his beloved Northumberland Co., it was not altogether for the purpose of viewing the results of the labors in that locality when minister of marine, for he had been the case he would have been more than gratified with the numerous wharves, harbor improvements, light ships and light-houses, dotting the coast as far as the eye could see, or the steamer reach. But the Hon. Peter simply took advantage of the superb weather of last week to pursue the floating phantom, health, as indefatigably, and with the same order, as he ever followed an opponent through the political meshes of an all night's sitting. Seated on the top deck, his legs crossed, with a bundle of papers on his knee, reading the very latest news, and unconsciously inhaling the fragrant Atlantic ozone, he formed a most interesting picture of a hale, hearty, well-preserved gentleman of 70 summers whose eye had not lost its lustre and whose mind, whether in politics or business, is as vigorous today as when he made the Dominion Parliament quake in its boots for its treatment of the widow Murphy's cow.

Looking at him one could not help conjuring up some of the transactions which have associated his name with Canadian history. Here was the man who found the marine department of Canada in an embryonic condition, but whose gigantic labors in connection therewith established it on a basis, the routine of which is still adhered to by his successors. Visions of the two beautiful iron bridges spanning the Miramichi river and the north shore route of the I. C. R. were directly connected with his achievements, and in the successful result of the fishery award his labors were never fully appreciated.

Reminiscences of his plucky political battles in his native and other counties, loom up before me as I view this hero of a thousand fights. Nor can I forget the Gloucester election, when a mob of infuriated voters, armed with sticks and stones, undertook to drive the Hon. Peter and his friends from the polls, where he was stationed for the day. In the wild rush of the mob one of his friends was stricken down, and lay to all appearances, dead.

The leader of the crowd advanced towards him, and advised him to retire or his life would be sacrificed. Quick as a flash the Hon. Peter levelled a revolver at the leader's head, and addressing the crowd told them that if any further advance was made by them, he would put a bullet through the leader's brain. Then turning to the leader he compelled him to advise the mob to retire, which they did, and the Hon. Peter held his post until the poll closed.

On board the boat, among the general cargo consisting of boxed salmon, barreled codfish, etc., was an organ, consigned to a lady at Escuminac. It chanced to catch the steward's eye, and awaiting his opportunity when Captain Gooddell would have charge of the wheel, he "broke cargo" and removing the wrapping from the organ commenced to play and sing. The second steward, fireman, purser and engineer, joined in the singing and in a few moments all on board the boat congregated around the organ, charmed with the music. The Hon. Peter among the rest applauded loudly, and taking charge of the whole performance, arranged a programme embracing the popular songs of the day, Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay, Daisy Bell, After the Ball, Scotland, Yet, The Harp that Once, and last of all came "John Brown's Body" adapted to the words "We'll send Peter Mitchell to the Commons once again," which brought out a thundering chorus from the crowd.

That it was a musical crew was only too evident from the fact that the part singing was most accurate and the range of voices nearly inexhaustible. But the singers had other duties to perform. In the midst of a chorus, the fireman would dodge down the coal hole and fire up, and the engineer would fly to the engine and oil up while the two stewards took about making dinner. But dinner was "out of sight" while the music lasted, and was delayed for over two hours. A young lady among the passengers was asked by the Hon. Peter to sing and play and after considerable solicitation on his part she consented and surprised everybody with her accomplishment in that line. The Hon. Peter ordered liquid refreshments of a very mild nature for all on

## THE DANGER OF DELAY.

THE GIRL WHO PUTS OFF UNTIL TO-MORROW.

"Astra" Tells of the Various Stages of Procrastination—How the Girl Thinks That she Will Wait Till She Gets Married—The Old Woman's Remorse.

The poor widow who once dropped her little all of two mites into the alms box of the temple and then turned humbly away, only anxious that her poverty should not be observed, little dreamed that she was furnishing an example for future generations to profit by, that her act of self-sacrifice would serve as a text for numberless sermons on self-abnegation and faith, and that eighteen centuries after her day was done and the grass growing on her humble grave, the name of the little coin she gave so cheerfully would be a household word everywhere, and form the title of countless societies formed for charitable and religious purposes.

Multum in parvo seems to be a recognized principle in these days, and there is no lesson more laboriously taught by the whole scheme of existence than the importance of small things. Science has opened our eyes to the depredations of the insidious microbe and the deadly bacteria, and at the same time, to the value of many things which were formerly considered worthless. Anyone who has ever visited either a glue factory or a sugar refinery cannot fail to have been impressed with the manner in which the smallest particles of material were utilized, and atoms which the uninitiated would have thrown aside as worthless, carefully preserved.

Of course the visitor to either of these important industries would be surprised at some of the economies practiced, and it is more than likely that after he had once witnessed the ceremony of washing the bags in which the raw sugar is imported, after the said bags have been emptied, and noted how carefully the filthy water they are washed in, is saved and poured into the great vats in which all the sugar is melted, he will go home, firmly resolved never to touch sugar, or anything that contains it again; quite forgetting that once the sugar has passed through the purifying blackness of the charcoal troughs, it is pure as the falling snow.

One half hour spent in the atmosphere of a glue factory would probably be sufficient to convince any ordinary mortal that a thing which smelt so horribly while it was being manufactured must be dangerous to human life and health, and that it was not a safe thing to have in the house. But yet the process of making both these articles is very wonderful and speaks volumes for the inventive genius of man.

Year by year the human race is learning the value of the mites not only of material but of time, and this brings me to the subject I started upon—the value of the odd minutes which we think of so little importance that we never even try to catch them as they fly past, and make use of them.

"I haven't time!" the schoolgirl says impatiently. "What can I do, when I have every moment of my day taken up either with lesson studying or practising? I shall have to wait till I have left school, and am grown up before I will have a moment for anything!"

By-and-bye that same girl grows up, and "comes out," but still she has the same complaint to make, if asked to do anything out of the ordinary routine. "I really cannot, I haven't time! What can a girl, who pretends to keep up her social obligations at all, find time for? I used to think it hard enough when I went to school to make time even for walking and practising, and I fancied when I was grown up and would be different, but now it is worse than ever, for I have to keep up my music and painting just the same, and now I have calls to make, shopping to do, church work to look after, dressmakers to see, visitors to receive, and a hundred and one things to attend to which take up more time than school ever did! Perhaps when I marry and settle down I shall have a little worse time to myself, because so much will not be expected of me?"

A few more years flit past, and the young matron engrossed in the thousand and one cares which marriage and maternity bring, finds her time more limited than ever, and realizes that sweet as her responsibilities are, and dear as even the cares have become, marriage is not the way to win more leisure after all, and that the woman with a husband and children to look after has her life filled too full of happy duties to have much spare time. As the years glide by the cares seem to multiply instead of decreasing, and now there is some reason in the complaint, which is scarcely so much a complaint now, as a simple statement of fact, "I haven't time, I would be only too glad to undertake it, if I could, but really every moment of my day seems to be so fully taken up that I often wish the day could be stretched out one hour longer!"

And at last an old woman sits quietly in the sunshine knitting, and living her life over again in fancy, as old people will— "I see so many ways in which I might have

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NEW NAUTICAL TERMS.

Which Young Ladies From Inland Towns are Responsible For.

The yachtsman's vocabulary is a language in itself, and the landlubber who had

afoul of it. He doesn't see why one rope should be called a sheet, another a halyard, a third a downhaul and a fourth a clewline. One boat-owner, whose hospitable deck is trodden by many of his friends, has modified his terms to conform with the suggestions or mistakes of his guests who are not expert sailors.

For instance, one landlubber who had gone below for a drink of water, was asked what he had done with the cup.

"I hung it on the post," he said innocently.

Every one roared at the idea that he could be so "green" as not to know what the mast was called, but on that yacht the mast is now known as "the post."

A pretty girl from a "fresh water" district was responsible for another nautical word. The strips of canvas used in tying up the sails are called stops. Some one wanted the stops and could not find them for the instant. "What are you looking for?" asked the young woman.

"I am looking for the stops. They were here a little while ago."

"The stops? Oh, you mean the tapes. They're under the rug."

And now the sails are bound with "tapes."

Another young lady from an interior state had read some nautical stories to have caught a few phrases here and there. For one thing, she had heard of "hard tack," that staple article of diet at sea. On a visit to the East this damsel went sailing. She was anxious to learn, and when she heard the man at the wheel say "hard a lee," she asked some questions, and found out what it meant.

A little later the steersman said the yacht was going about. Some of the guests were paying no attention, and seemed in danger of being struck by the boom as it swept over to the other side of the vessel.

"Hard tack! hard tack!" cried out the young woman, excitedly.

All managed to duck their heads in time to escape the spar, if they didn't know what the maiden meant by "hard tack," and another joke was added to the yacht's store of them.

Willing To Oblige.

"Let me have six three-cent stamps, please," said a lady to the polite young man behind the counter in the post-office the other day.

"Yesam," he said, handing them out. "Can't you let me have them in one piece?" she asked.

"Certainly, ma'am," said the young man. "Can I send them home for you?"

"Oh, no; I don't live far away, and I am going straight home. I wouldn't put you to trouble."

"No trouble at all," said the polite official. "I haven't very much to do to-day, and I could easily spare an hour."

"Very much obliged," said the lady, smiling sweetly. "Dear me," she added putting on a stamp, "what a bother it is to stamp letters! Why can't we send letters and let the post-office send in their bill once a month?"

"They might just as well," said the obliging young man, sympathizingly. "I'll mention the fact in my next message to Parliament."

"Will you? How nice! But you mustn't mention my name. Say the idea was suggested by a lady."

He Wanted Fair Play.

A few years ago a forgerman in the Midlands came into a small fortune. Having bought a neat little house in the suburbs of Birmingham, he prepared to enjoy himself for the rest of his life. Finding time to hang heavily on his hands, however, he decided to commence poultry rearing.

A friend supplied him with the necessary hen and eggs for sitting, and, by way of a joke, included a duck's egg in the number. When the friend happened to call, a month or so later, he found the ex-forgerman in the yard with a duckling in one hand and a file in the other.

"What on earth are you going to do?" asked the visitor.

"I'm going to sharpen his beak a bit," was the reply. "This 'ere cove shovels the grub up; he don't peck fair. If they've all got sharp beaks they'll have to go peck for peck."

Couldn't Stand That.

Minks—What lad is your wife following now?

Winks—She is organizing anti-suffrage associations.

"Humph! I thought she was in favor of woman suffrage."

"She was, but I told her one day, as a joke, that congress was going to compel all women to vote."

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