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PRISON BINDING TWINE.

The plan of the Kansas State Priso authorities to sell binder-twine direct to the farmers has says, Country Gentleman, been hindered by the dislike of so many farmers to write letters-one said he would rather plow an acre of corn then write letter, while others preferred to pay local dealers a little more on time, especially where they did not know how much they wanted till just before harvest. The twine hae, Country Gentleman asserts, proved very satisfactory where used, especially in South ern Kansas. Large quantities of it are going to Missouri and Nebraska, and a lot will be sent to the Dakotas. The price is 10c in lots of 5,000 lb., and 101 for smaller quantities. Farmers all over Kansas give the prison twine plant credit for bringing down the prince of twine from 15c to 11c and 12c in their state; 800,000 lbs. were made and 500,000 sold.

LET THEM DISMISS HIM IF THEY DARE.

Here is the extract from the letter of Collector of Customs Wood, of St. John's, Quebec., upon which Messrs. Monet, Bourassa, and other Liberal members demand his dismissal from office by the government:

"Living in a community where over half of the citizens at least are Boer sympathisers, who have talked treason every day since the war began, and have gloated over every misfortune that has befallen the British arms, it is not to be wondered at that a man who was born a British subject and has certified to remain so for more than half a century should become enraged at continually hearing disloyal utterances. After hearing one of these Boer sympathizers say that the government had no right to send men to South Africa, that our brave boys had no business there, and that he hoped they would all be shot, and that not one of them would ever return, I made the remark to him that the British hanged several like him in 1837 and that they ought to have hanged

Leaving aside what Conservatives think or can do in the matter, we have sufficient faith in the loyalty and independence of the majority of the Liberals of Canada and especially in those of this province to think that they themselves would turn out the government if it dismissed an official simply for expressing himself as quoted above, and under the circumstances as narrated and admitted to be true by all parties, in the recent discussion on the floor of the House.

AN IMMENSE NATURAL TREAS. URE IF PROPERLY LOOK-ED AFTER.

'An official pamphlet upon the growth, extent, and future of Canada's paper and pulp industries is being distributed at the Paris exhibition. It shows that great progress has been made during the last twenty years. In 1881 there were but five putp mills in Canada, representing an invested capital of \$92,000, employing 68 hands and producing annually an output valued at \$63,000. The pamphlet gives the names of thirty-five mills in the Dominion at present engaged in the production of ground pulp. Their aggregate daily output is 1,100 tons, and the capital represented by them amounts to from \$15,000,000 to \$20,-000,000. Two reasons are given for the great development, first, Canadian spruce is of the very best quality for the purpose, and second, "Canada is the possessor of the largest spruce forests in the world." Another advantage possesded by Canada and enlarged upon is the wide distribution of water. power. As to the area of Canada's spruce belt, Dr. Robert Bell, assistant director of the geological survey, describes it as extending across the contiment from in the vicinity of Belle Isle Straits to near the mouth of the Mackenzie river. The breadth of the spruce belt, taken at ten almost equal intervals in that great stretch varies from 350 to 1,000 miles, averaging 700 miles throughout the whole width of the continent. This means some 2,500,000 square miles of spruce forests. The present rate of consumption of wood pulp by the United Kingdom and the United States is 90,-000,000 tons a year. Spruce reproduces itself in pulpwood size every 30 years, so that Canada's resources in that line could easily supply all that huge demand without fear of exhaustion, There is every prospect of Canada's becoming the great natural centre of the paper manufacture for the world, and the distribution of this pamphlet at Paris will probably do something to attract attention to our · wealth in spruce and the water power facilities for manufacturing pulp and

It seems to have required an earthquake of some kind to show the school board that the ward system had outlived its usefulness, if it ever had any.

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McKinley's majority over all 286,255.

ANOTHER REASON FOR DEVELOP-ING OUR PEAT RESOURCES. Sarnia Canadian.

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VENTRILOQUISM

Must be Natural to the Person Like Singing When it is Easily Cultivated

"A veteran showman" is alleged to have made the assertion the other day that ventriloquism was playing out as av audeville attraction. He also ventures the startling assurance that "of course we know now-a-days that there is no such thing as "throwing the voice," but that it is simply an if'n-sion in which the eye plays a bigger part than the ear, etc. 'The show-man' is also made to say that the illusion is quickly dispelled by standing close to the ventriloquist.

I don't know where "the showman received his impressions, but after reading the interview I am firmly convinced that what "the showman doesn't know about ventriloquism would fill a large volume, and what he does know about it could be printed on an ordinary postage stamp. That ventriloquism is simply an illustion of sounds is no secret, nor is it something that has only been found out "now-a-days," as "the showman" could easily ascertain by looking up the word in any old dictionary or in one of the books which are published on this subject.

It is, however, an art that few acquire, and, like singing or any other special talent, must come naturally to the person, or he can never master it and son, or he can never master it and make much of a success of it. And. like singing, a man has to keep in practice to do it well. Three of my brothers were ventriloquists, and I taught Davis many of his trickeries of voice, so that I know what I am talking about.

If ventriloquism is playing out as a vaudeville attraction it is because there are few good ventriloquists left on the stage. Most of the ventriloquial stars that I have known have died from the effects of consumption, to which this class of artists seem to be succeptible.

Again, I dispute the assertion that the illusion is easily dispelled by being close to the artist. Of course ventriloquists are supposed to be able to do great deal which they cannot do, but it is as difficult to tell where the the sound is coming from when near the ventriloquist as it is to locate that great entymological ventriloquist, the

cricket. The illusions are improved if the operator can beat a little distance from the audience, especially if he is imitating natural voices, but everything depends on the practice and experience of the ventriloquist and the amount of noise about the artist. dence or so, with a trip to the Paris have a brother on the stage at the Exposition thrown in, all they have present time who has stood in the to do is to put a padlock on the door midst of many a circle of friends and of nature's storeroom for a week or started them on a wild goose chase of one kind or another, or has bewildered some friend or stranger on the oppotwenty-five cents a ton, and jingle site side of the street by making voices goes several millions of dollars into appear at his heels, over his head or

Another brother can imitate the cries of birds and animals so perfectly that he has kept neighbors busy many a time trying to locate fowls and animals, by making their cries appear to come from the air, under the barn or some other inaccessible place, and though he would pretend to be one of most diligent searchers it was years before the deception was discovdelicate, backward children; bac ures with movable jaws, but a good ventriloquist does not require any mechanical contrivance to aid him in his work, and these artists use them simply to increase the attractiveness and interest of the entertainment. When ventriloquist is in a large hall he has to raise his voice to such a pitch that he prefers the stage to himself, as then persons standing close by can easily locate the source of the sounds. Charles H. Wentzler.

> Leather From Fish Skins. The United State Fish Commission recently has been getting together a collection of leathers made from the skins of fishes and other aquatic animals. It is not only of interest to the curiosity seeker, but is intended to have a very practical value, showing incidentally what may be done, with the outer coats of many creatures whose hides are commonly esteemed worthless. Already the world's supply of leather derived from land animals does not equal the demand, so that the utmost efforts are being made to discover or manufacture some sort of available substitute, but hitherto nobody seems to have thought of utilizing the material afforded by creat-

> ures that live in the water. Several kinds of fishes have skins that make excellent leather for some purposes. For example, salmon hide serves so well in this way that the Esquimaux of Alaska make waterproof shirts and boots out of it—in fact even whole suits of clothes. They also cut jackets out of codfish skins, which are very serviceable garments. Already frogskins are coming into use for the mounting of books where an exceptionally delicate material for fine bind-

> ings is required. Whaleskin would make an admirable leather for some purposes, and it is a shame to think of the countless thousands of hides of these cataceans that have been thrown away since the fishery for them began. Porpoise leather is even now employed for razor strops, being considered a very superior material. Seal leather, dyed in a number of different colors, is included

in the Fish Commission's collection.

Hair seals are still enormously plentiful in the North Atlantic and other seas, and it is not difficult to kill them, so that they afford a very promising source of leather supply. Another kind of leather now coming into the market is that of the sea elephant. Up to within a few years ago a species of sea elephant was the Pacific coast, ranging as far north as lower California, but it has been entirely exterminated. A related species occurs in Antarctic seas, chiefly on Kerguelen Island, and it was driven likewise almost to the point of extinction a dozen years back. So few of them were left that it became unprofitable to go after them, and so they had a chance to increase again in num. THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Ltd.

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elder, who died on or about the 22nd day of May, A. D., 1900, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to J. B. O'Flynn, Esq., of the city of Chatham, in said County of Kent, solicitor for the administrator on or licitor for the administrator, on or before the 20th day of July, A.D., 1900. their names, addresses and descrip-tions, and a full statement of parti-culars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any)held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice. Dated this 29th day of June, A. D.

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