Peculiarities

R ESIDENTS of a certain block on Slater Street, Ottawa, are exceedingly wrathful on account of the work of a canine chorus which nightly disturbs their rest, and which for volume and discord is said to be for worse these discord is said to be far worse than any German band. Perhaps they are rehearing for the Earl Grey trophy.

A Chinaman in the East had both feet taken off by a trolley, and now goes about wearing cork imitations. The real feet were embalmed and sent back to China to be buried with the remainder of him when he leaves for the golden shore, in accordance with their peculiar religious rites. Wonder what they do when one of them is blown up?

The neighbourhood of Walkerton is said to be one of the best places in Ontario for the buggy business on account of the rough roads and the great quantity of stones on the roads. A feeble agitation is being raised to improve the roads, but if the buggy manufacturers are half alive to their business, they will see that it is promptly stamped out. The idea of trying to kill the buggy business that way!

An Ottawa doctor found a burglar in his house the other night, gave him a sound thrashing and let him go. What an opportunity to have performed a little operation in the interests of science, to try and locate the burglar germ the burglar germ.

It's a long lane that has no turning, and the plain looking man is to have an inning at last. The proprietor of a summer resort in the Thousand Islands has decided to dismiss all the good looking college student waiters he has because, he says, they flirt with the girl guests, pour soup down their backs and smash dishes, instead of attending to business. In their places he has engaged a number of plain but useful Swedes, who are guaranteed to be flirt-proof. That sounds all right, but those plain fellows are very crafty and need to be watched, or they'll "yump the yob" with some of the girls yet.

We can almost imagine we hear the Edmonton "Morning Journal" man saying, "What's the use of trimming and folding it up neatly? They'll only use it for wrapping paper anyway."

Have you had it yet? Sprainedpocket-bookitis—the popular summer malady. It generally catches one about the end of the vacation.

For some time past Con Jones, a well-known sport promoter of Vancouver, has been figuring on taking a team of Oriental athletes from that city on a tour of the East. This team consists of Sikhs, Japanese, Chinese and Siwash Indians, and created a sensation on Empire Day by their intensely laughable football games, wrestling and other contests. By all means bring them East, and let them add to their programme that celebrated Oriental specialty of grow-

ing Christmas trees from the asphalt pave-ment while you wait.

A Western man who has been married A Western man who has been married once, is in search of a second wife, but specifies that she must be dumb. Perhaps if he was to suddenly present one of the talking ones with a trunk full of new dresses and a ticket for Europe it might strike her so dumb with surprise that his end would be gained.

A couple of M. C. R. officials on a tour of inspection the other night were held up by a large tom cat, whose eyes they mistook for a couple of green signal lights. After that we may expect to hear any day of some great big overgrown firefly flagging their train or turning a switch for them.

A Toronto man, who says he has travelled considerably, but who is afraid to make known his identity, says that in his opinion Regina women are the prettiest in the world—prettier on the average than Toronto women, and more daintily dressed. Now, the question is, What is this man doing in the West? He says he is interested in real estate, but it looks as if his business must be suffering badly from lack of attention.

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