

### Retired Farmers.

An unknown "retired" farmer has the following to say for his kind. It hits the nail on the head. The retired farmer has earned everything that he has and deserves much more than he gets. He says:

"When I read in the papers and hear speakers tell that retired farmers are no good I get pretty mad. Maybe we are no good on the farm. The young folks don't want us around in the way. What are you going to do with us? I suppose you think maybe we ought to be 'Oslerized.' Maybe we wouldn't be any good in Heaven and possibly we'd be too green to be any good in the other place. What made your towns? You say your railroads, your factories, your merchants. Let me tell you. First us old fellows (we weren't so old then) came on these prairies, broke up the sod, built houses and barns and school houses, rode in lumber wagons, lived on corn pone pork, worked 16 hours a day and saved our money. Then the railroad came, towns were built up because we needed them. Factories were started. Everything prospered, but we opened the way. Now we are crippled up with rheumatism, mother can't ride six or eight miles to church and we are going to town. We are going to sit in the park and hear the band play and watch the people go by and be just as lazy as we want to be. Maybe we will get fat and die in a few years. A year or two doesn't make much difference with us. Our usefulness anywhere in town or out in the country is about over. We have worked hard, suffered privations, saved up what little we had gotten and we are not very free to let go of it. Rubber plantations, mining stock or automobile factories don't appeal to us. We pay our way and it seems we are safe citizens, if not enterprising ones. Bear with us as you would with a faithful old horse or dog for the good we have done, and remember that old people do not change their ways as readily as younger ones, but are just as sensitive to slights and slurs.

### McCracken Murder Case

There is something about the McCracken trial at Goderich, and the outcome of it that is not very satisfactory.

At the first trial McCracken pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of murder, and he swore that the shooting of his wife was accidental—that he drew the revolver intending to shoot himself and that his wife caught his arm thus turning the gun upon herself and causing it to be discharged. That would imply that he had no intention whatever of shooting his wife either in a fit of passion or as a premeditated act.

Now at the second trial he offers (or his lawyer offers for him) to plead guilty to a charge of manslaughter, which implies that there was no accident about it—that he intended to shoot his wife, but that it was done under some temporary influence and without considering the seriousness of what he was doing nor calculating the consequences.

Evidently the accused and his lawyer thought this a safer course than to risk a trial for murder with its possible outcome of capital punishment, that they preferred to accept a long penitentiary

term instead. And the judge and crown prosecuting attorney evidently concluded that a penitentiary term was as near an approach to justice as might be expected, for it might be that the jury would again disagree, or even acquit the accused.

It is not likely that anybody was anxious to have McCracken hanged, but the effect of the trial upon the public must be to cause it to lose confidence in the courts. They will believe that McCracken escaped the gallows, not be-

cause he was innocent, but because of chance, and because he and his parents were able to pay for the services of one of the cleverest lawyers in the country. —Lucknow Sentinel.

### One Case for the Assizes.

There will be no jury or criminal cases at the Spring Assizes which opens before Mr. Justice Lennox in Walkerton on Monday next, and as the Civil List is

only decorated with one suit, the court promises to be a rather short-lived affair. The item that will occupy the sole attention of the sittings is an interpleader case, Robinson vs. Robinson, which is an action to determine the ownership of certain chattels consisting of farm stock, implements, grain, etc., seized by the Sheriff, under an execution to recover the costs and damages of a suit for seduction tried at the last Fall Assizes in Walkerton, and in which the defendant,

Robert Robinson, a farmer of Bruce township, was ordered to pay \$1250 damages, to his cousin, Annie Robinson, a young girl whom he was adjudged to have seduced. The defendant's wife claims that the chattels seized by the Sheriff to pay these damages, belonged to her; and the suit, which was to have come before a Jury at the Spring Assizes here, will be decided by the presiding Judge, Mr. Justice Lennox. —Herald & Times.

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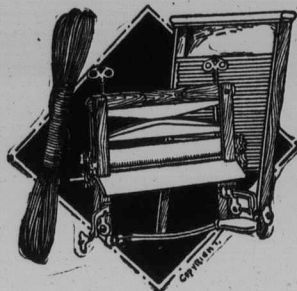
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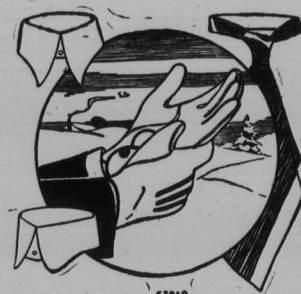
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