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A DICKENS REVIVAL.

English booksellers say there are signs of a revival of interest in Dickens' novels. The demand for them is increasing, and there is also an increasing interest in the personality of the novelist himself, as is shown by enquiries for biographies of him and books containing Dickensiana.

Although it has been the fashion in literary circles to sneer at Dickens as superficial, theatrical, and wanting in true art, his popularity with the mass of the English-speaking people has suffered hardly any decline since his death. While authors who have sprung into fame since his death have enjoyed their brief period of success and then passed quickly into semi-oblivion, new editions after new editions of Dickens' works come from the press, and the demand for them is perennial. There may be a "Dickens revival" in English literary circles, which will be repeated on this side of the ocean; the magazines will have illustrated articles about the man and his books and the originals of his characters and the places halloved by his genius. But this will be only a passing fad, like the Napoleon fad and the Lincoln fad and the Byron fad. It may stimulate for a time the demand for Dickens' books, but it will soon pass, and that demand will go back to the normal—steady, continuous, not diminishing, but rather increasing gradually, like the demand for Shakespeare or any other classic.

What is the secret of Dickens' perennial popularity? It is not in his art, for the critics are right when they deny him the laurels of a great and finished artist. We believe the secret is in his deep and broad sympathy with humanity, his hearty hatred for wrongdoing and meanness in every phase, his love of the kindlier virtues, and his wonderfully graphic power in depicting vice and virtue and their effects as embodied and manifested in human character. "This great master of tears and laughter has the power to make us feel with him, to share his indignation at wrong, his pity of the unfortunate, his joy in the beauty of goodness. What if he did lack art? The artificial finesse of a Howells or a James would seem like mining impertinence in Dickens' work. One does not think of the art of the writer while reading him; one is too much under the wizard's thrall. There is, in short, in the best of Dickens' work those lasting, elemental literary qualities which appeal to mankind at large, not merely to literary cliques, and which will appeal almost as powerfully to the reader a hundred years hence as they did in the writer's own day.

There is likely to be more than one "Dickens revival," as there have been several "Shakespeare revivals," but the interest in Dickens' books will not depend upon revivals; it will continue, and he will be read, as long as the English language lasts.—Hamilton Herald.

A TRULY GREAT WOMAN.

Exchange.
A carter's wife named Engels, at Karderf, Germany, has just given birth to her thirtieth child. All are alive but five. The eldest is 35. Engels is 65 and his wife 55.

THREE CANADIAN STALWARTS.

Since Reformer.
If Root, Lodge and Turner may pass as "impartial jurists of repute" worthy to represent the United States on the boundary commission, how would it do to have Canada represented by Colonel Denison, of Toronto, Sam Hughes, of Lindsay, and Seymour Gourlay, of Colchester, N. S.? It's the only way for this country to get any kind of a fair show to break even.

THE NEW LEGISLATURE.

St. Thomas Times.
There are more farmers in the legislature of Ontario than of the representatives of any other calling, their number amounting to eighteen. There are fifteen lawyers, twelve doctors, eleven merchants, ten editors, nine manufacturers, four contractors, four lumbermen, two undertakers, two drovers, two insurance agents, and a cheese dealer, a financial agent, a land surveyor, a retired merchant, a forwarder, a mechanical engineer, a general agent, and an auctioneer.

LACK OF REVERENCE FOR THE CLOTH.

Belleville Ontario (Lib.)
Under the control of its new parson-editor, the Globe continues to keep us guessing. Whether it is the strong-toned organ of the party springing forth the notes of party policy, or an old fiddle with amateurs picking at its strings, is the question. About the only thing that it seems sure about is that the world takes

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We cast the Globe's horoscope, and in it we see a new Liberal star arisen, and the whilom chief organ striving for recognition over its rival the Christian Guardian, and debating with the War Cry whether conversion or regeneration is the hinder-end of grace.

TREES IN BRITAIN.

Much Waste Land on Which Woods Could Be Planted.

The Departmental Committee on British Forestry has issued its report. It remarks on the fact that there are some twenty-one million acres of waste land, a large proportion of which might profitably be afforested. It recommends that two areas for practical demonstration, of not under two and not over ten thousand acres, should be acquired by the State; that lectures on forestry be appointed in connection with the universities; and that the agricultural colleges make the subject part of their course. The proposal to set apart experimental areas is interesting, and we are rather of opinion that such an experiment would not make Alice Holt—one of the areas suggested—much less profitable than it is to-day. Some, indeed we may say all, the other recommendations strike us as pious and quite proper. Unhappily we doubt gravely whether this entirely well-meaning report will result in any considerable planting and replanting operations on the part of the owner of land. The fall in the value of timber and underwood has been great during the last quarter of a century. Oak, for instance, to-day is hardly worth the stripping, though the price of the wood itself has been lower in the past. Larch is one of the few timber trees which the landowner finds he can plant on poor land with something like assured profit. The clause in the report referring to the estate duties may remind us of the undoubted fact that Sir William Harcourt's Finance Act must be held responsible for the fall of a great deal of timber in English woods which is not likely to be replaced in the near future. Too often it must be the only way to pay off the duties.—Saturday Review.

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A Low, Studded Effect.

A low, studded effect is the desired appearance for a room these days. The arrangement of the furniture and draperies has much to do with the appearance of a room. Low bookcases lining the walls, pictures placed on a line with the eye and draperies arranged with a regard to horizontal rather than perpendicular lines—these all tend to give a low, studded effect.

Use Kerosene.

Kerosene applied with a flannel cloth is most efficacious in removing discolorations in metal or porcelain tubs. These are often occasioned by the mineral properties contained in the water, but more often by the lack of daily care. In either event a brisk application of kerosene will effectually remove all traces of them.

A Bed Linen Finish.

Here is a good finish for fine sheets and pillowcases. There is the wide deep band of small squares formed by cross lines of drawn work and in each square a round dot of embroidery. The drawnwork is simple, but little more than hemstitching.

Ethel—That Jimson girl lifts her skirt very high.

May—What of it! She has a perfect right.

Jack—A perfect left, too, I might add.

Alas! how great the number of men who have existed without having lived.

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Men are not as good as they ought to be, nor do they want to be.

ELI, THE BEGGAR.

Some Newspaper Moralizing That Is Worth Some Consideration.

The old Jew who died worth \$100,000, although he lived as if he were not worth a cent, merely carried the money-hunting spirit of the times to the extreme limit.

Allowing for certain differences in station and surrounding circumstances, there are plenty of Eli Huggins to be met with wherever way one turns. They do not dress as the old Jew did, for they operate on a higher level than he; they do not sleep in stables for they were reared better than he; and they are compelled by over-ruling laws that they cannot make way against, to maintain more or less expensive homes, and to live rather well as regards creature comforts.

But, like Eli the Jew, they live only for money. It is the one great thought of their lives, and if it is not their only thought, it enters into all others and discolours them. The difference between this beggarly miser and some men of wealth, who heard of him with much surprise and a little aversion, is not as great as they think. Like him, they have saved and schemed for money long after their earthly needs were met. Wealth that he concealed in the lining of his vest they have stowed away in deposit vaults. He, being rich, begged pennies from the poor. They, being rich, and having grown strong and long-armed, reach out and seize wealth they do not need from under the groping hands of those who need it badly. He denied himself the small pleasures that men of his class are usually inclined to, heat, light, a bed, regular nourishment, but he joyed to do it, for the gain he got. They, with their greater intelligence and possibilities, deny themselves also. He lived for money; they live for money. He hid his wealth inside the lining of his clothes; they hide theirs elsewhere, and think that makes a difference.

There should be erected on the lawn before the City Hall a life-size statue of Eli, the Beggar, who represents the extreme to which the age is tending. It would be a timely sermon in stone. It would arrest the attention of ten thousand men who, like him, are grasping after wealth and mere wealth, and figuratively speaking, sewing it into their vests, where it may—like his—be found by chance when strangers strip their disrespected forms. And many of those vests will—as nearly happened to his—be thrown in the fire and consumed, wealth and all, and no one the wiser. This statue would cut quite a figure. Many would pause to consider its meaning.—Toronto Star.

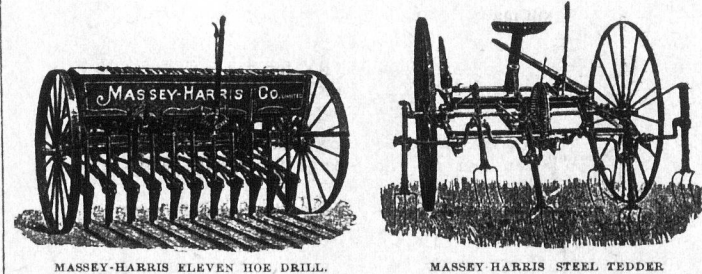
Incense and the Graphophone.

A rather amusing experience in connection with Dominion Superintendent of Forestry Stewart's recent tour in the far north was a half-breed concert in one of the Indian settlements around the Lesser Great Slave Lake. The Indians there are rather up-to-date, know the topical songs of the day, and can sing. On this particular occasion Mr. Stewart was entertained with "Goo-goo Eyes" and similar melodies, and when he asked a half-breed where he had learned the tunes he received the terse reply, "Graphophone."

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