

HUMOUROUS.

HIS PEDIGREE.—Englishman (to stranger): Excuse me, sir, but aren't you a foreigner? Stranger: Foreigner? No, sir, I'm an American pure and simple. Englishman: Ah! and what tribe do you belong to, please?

MISS SLYMME: How do you like my new gown, dear? Miss Plombe: Well, it isn't so bad. But it has a rather odd-looking figure in it, I think. About thirty minutes later—I wonder if that hateful thing was referring to me? These goods are perfectly plain.

JIMMY FRESHMAN (stopping in front of the new neighbour, and gazing intently at her): Ain't I a brave boy Mrs. Spinks? Mrs. Spinks: Why? Jimmy: 'Cause mamma said you were a perfect fright, but you don't scare me a bit. The Freshleys and Spinkses are not on speaking terms.

NURSE (rocking the crib and singing): Oh, go to sleep my baby. Voice from within: I think you might as well understand first as last nurse, that I detest those old, vulgar songs. If you care to sing a nice classical cradle song from some opera I don't mind, but I can't stand those cheap things.

WHAT ADAM WORE.—She was a gushing young thing, given to springing curious queries on unsuspecting people. He was a plain, blunt man, who hated gush and gushers. She suddenly flashed her thoughtful eyes upon him, and said:—"Don't you think poor Adam must have had a great deal on his mind when he wandered alone in the Garden of Eden?" He callously replied:—"Well, from the accounts I've read of the party you mention, I should say that whatever he did have on must have been on his mind. That's the naked truth for you." The bare idea was horrible, and she was going to faint when she thought of her new dress, and saw him clutch the pitcher of water. They speak no more.

A GIPSY AND A POLISH JEW HORSE-TRADING.—A gentleman seeing the two sharpers, and wishing to know who made the best bargain, called the gipsy: How much did you sell the horse for, Sam? Five dollars, sir. Oh, Sam, how could you do that? Oh, the horse is lame, sir. The gentleman called Pantronowsky: How could you buy that horse, it is lame and incurable. Never you mind, it is only the bad shoeing that makes it lame, the gentleman called Sam again: Sam, the horse is not lame, only badly shod. No sir, I only had it badly shod to deceive the buyer. The gentleman spoke to Pantronowsky again: Say, the shoe was badly put on to deceive you. You never mind, sir, - hesitating—I paid him with a counterfeit bill.



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Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:

1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent.

Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD

may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A. M. BURGESS,
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Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.