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THE DIME NOVEL

It is perfectly natural that a man who by his own unworthy conduct in past years attained certain notoriety, should now in his life of honest endeavor to avoid in so far as possible any attention on the part of the public. Thus the fact that the writer of an article which appears on the first page of this paper is reticent about permitting the publication of his name should not detract from the value and importance of the statements he makes. This correspondent deals with the dime novel habit from the standpoint of one who has suffered by experience, and the personal evidence which he furnishes should open the eyes of St. John people to the extent to which this evil is prevalent. Yet there is more in this article than is apparent at first glance. Readings between the lines some idea is given of prison life, and of the very unfavorable conditions to which grateful offenders are exposed. This man in his earlier days went astray—he was not truly one who made a single mistake, but lived in crime for years. That he is now, and has been, since before his release, an honest, upright man, is due wholly to the workings of his own mind, and not to any effort put forth by society toward his reformation. And this is the more to be remarked because of the fact that the influences by which, under our present penal system, he was surrounded, were such as tend "strongly" against reform. As a matter of fact, from the standpoint of the prisoner, it is evident the punishment is the first and most important and sought in our system, and that the efforts to reclaim those who have fallen are secondary to the efforts to punish. One who manages to become an honest man does not so only by overcoming his own tendencies but by surmounting the obstacles placed in his way by society. However, reverting to the dime novel question, it will surprise many self-satisfied parents, teachers and employers, to be told that the habit is general among young boys. The prevailing opinion has been that only a few lads, those in whose intellects there may be a twist, devote themselves to this class of reading.

Such ignorance of true conditions is due solely to the lack of observation, but now that the matter has been brought to attention it may be expected that some little notice will be taken of a condition which involves such serious results. Without going into statistics, it may be stated that, as is generally known, there are a fairly large number of lad boys in St. John. How many of these lads, it would be interesting to know, clean their desks, or even their faces, after reading a dime novel. These first suggestions or suggestions by perusing the sensational trash shipped here from the United States. Perhaps the police magistrate, before whom most youths are brought, make their first appearance, could ascertain as each young culprit appears whether or not he is addicted to the dime novel habit. The information thus secured would be of value in dealing with the subject in the future. Yet without such detail of individual cases, it may readily be believed that this class of reading, which has done harm in the past, is not improving the morals of the young lads of today. The suggestion that the regulation by which the Police Gazette is kept out of Canada should be extended to include the prohibition of dime novels, even though such a plan might involve literary censorship, is a most sensible one.

Dr. Hay's letter in today's Star on the subject of a forest park for New Brunswick recalls a movement which, following a suggestion made by Prof. Channing, aroused considerable interest a few years ago. Dr. Hay and Prof. Channing are among the foremost naturalists of the Eastern Provinces; they know New Brunswick thoroughly and their suggestions as to the peculiar qualifications of the district proposed as a park are based on close personal observation. Some few of the arguments in favor of the establishment of such a park are set forth in Dr. Hay's letter, and there are many others which might be used. The federal government realizes the value of such institutions, and the other Provinces have set apart large tracts of land for the same purpose, and New Brunswick with its large amount of vacant territory is well able to adopt a similar course.

A correspondent expresses the hope that the Star, after printing a long series of talks with prominent citizens, is not going to drop the agitation for divine reform. Will this correspondent kindly suggest what can be done. Every effort to arouse active interest on the part of citizens has met with absolute failure. So far there are not in sight any really prominent men as candidates. Very few of those who

have signified their intention of nominating can be regarded as any improvement on present members of the council. It is impossible to take a man by the throat and tell him he must run.

HIS BANK ACCOUNT
McDermid had a bank account. In far off Dinkysville. And though it's not the same amount, McDermid has it still. He brought his wife to New York town. And leased a pretty flat. When in the bank they wrote it down, His balance looked like this:
\$0.00.

The city was a splendid place on this day both agreed. As in a happy, glad some pace they gratified each need. But as the years came in sight, A shadow marred their bliss. The bank account—oh, woeful sight—Stared forth at them like this:
\$11.

Another year went swiftly by. And in a cheaper street They live and watch the money fly. And try both ends to meet. Sometimes they drag the bank book out. Wherein wealth used to grow. And ponder o'er the past in doubt. For now it mocks them so:
\$0.00.

Duty to your children requires that they be given the advantage of living in a good neighborhood. If the place where you are living is not to your liking, advertise for a home elsewhere.

PEDIGREE OF THE SHIRT.
Why does the being we call a "gentleman" wear around his neck a band of spotted whiteness and unbearable stiffness, at his wrists similar instrument of torture, and before his chest a rigidly starched linen piece? No one outside of a madhouse would call these articles of apparel agreeable. There is for the custom reason at all drawn from comfort, hygiene, or usefulness. There is, however, the ghost of a dead person. Once upon a time "gentleman" was presumed to do no work, and he dressed to show this by putting on these visible signs that he never soiled his hands, sweated his neck or bent his noble back. It matters not that we no longer believe in this definition of a gentleman. We did believe it once; its ghost rules on. No man is bold enough to appear in society without this impossible harness. Only a professional humorist, like Mark Twain, or some one who wishes to pose as a "sailor" dare rebel. Addition said that the man who would clothe himself according to common sense would find himself in jail within a week.

CONCEIT BIT.
Mr. Serpillet had finished his holiday in England and paid the exorbitant bill. His heart was sad, yet his native courtesy was as perfect as ever. "Send me a postcard to me," he said to the waiter, and presently mine host entered. Immediately Serpillet was all beaming smiles. "Ah, let me embrace you! Let me see you!" he cried in an ecstasy of welcome. "But why do you want to embrace me?" I don't understand." "Ah, sailor, but look at your beard." "Your bill? Yes, but what of it?" "You bit it off, it means you will never, never see me again, dear sailor."

PETROSINO REMAINS SHIPPED TO NEW YORK
PALMERO, Mar. 19.—Draped with the stars and stripes and covered with flowers, the coffin containing the body of Joseph Petrosino, head of the Italian branch of the New York city detective service was placed on board the Cunard line steamer Elanora this evening for conveyance to New York. Mr. Blago, the American consul, the civil and military authorities and all classes of the citizens of Palermo joined in the procession which started from the church in which the casket had lain for a time today and wended its way through the streets of the city to the steamship dock.

BARK LADYSMITH FLOATED LAST NIGHT
NEW LONDON, Conn., March 19.—The British bark Ladysmith, which went on shore off Fisher's Island March 10, was hauled off tonight by tugs and towed to this port. The bark is not damaged to any great extent and will be immediately repaired. She was bound from St. John, N. B., for New York.

THE MYRLE HARDER CO.
The American Gentleman, as produced last night, proved to be one of the most enjoyable performances that the popular Myrle Harder Company has thus far given.

When the curtain rose on the first act the stage resembled fairy land with Chinese lanterns gaily festooned in a way that formed a very pleasing picture. Taken in conjunction with the pretty costumes, the gay colored Gypsy garments, it made a sight long to be remembered.

Never in the history of the Opera House has the climax of an act been reached with such a dramatic and such spontaneous applause as was the climax of act two of the play last night.

The second week of the engagement will open with what is conceded to be the prettiest play of the large repertory of Mother Seigl's Troupe. She has now taken the contents of two bottles and to-day she is in perfect health.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE
SPENDING MONEY BEFORE YOU GET IT.
I knew a farmer once who thought he could be a lumberman without learning the trade, just as I have known men about town who thought they could be farmers without learning the trade. "But that is another story."

This particular farmer that I knew had a good farm, well stocked with cows, horses and sheep, and if he had no money in the bank, was not in debt.

To get supplies for his lumbering he had, for security, to give a bill of sale of all his stock and movable goods.

When he went to the large general store for his supplies, his wife and grown up daughters went with him; and they bought dresses and furs and carpets, and while he had his doubts about dresses and carpets being lumber supplies, he was easily persuaded to let them buy what they pleased, for the bills were not to be paid until spring when the lumber was in the boats.

As the farmer-lumberman had to pay two prices for his supplies, and his lumbering would have to be more successful than lumbering ever been, the chances of keeping his stock after the bills were paid, were just about as bright as the financier's who count their chickens before they are hatched.

The winter that the new lumberman was getting rich(?) was one of the hardest winters they have ever known. There was too much snow, then there was not enough, and the driving had never been known to be as bad. Many drivers were "hung up" and logs that were to pay for carpets and furs and dresses were left many miles in the woods.

But the cows were at home, and they were driven away to help pay the bills. All that happened many years ago, but it is, with variations, happening all the time.

I have known young men to buy a horse, and they have never paid for it. They intended to pay for them as soon as they earned the money, but as they lost their jobs they have never had the money.

I have known men who have been in the habit of buying furniture and dresses they knew they ought not to buy for they had to go into debt for it.

I knew a young fellow who got drunk to celebrate his getting a good position. He knew more than Solomon, for he did not know whether a wise man or a fool was to come after him, but he let his children grow up waiting for dead men's shoes, only to know that wisdom will never stand in his shoes.

Boxing
NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 19.—Johnny Glover, of Boston, easily defeated Yankee Schwartz, of Philadelphia, in the round bout at the Olympic Club here tonight. The boys fought at 15 pounds.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 19.—Jim Flynn got the decision over Bill Pappas in a ten round fight tonight.

SAMPLED BOTH, PERHAPS.
After a party a night or two ago at Brentwood.

The Dear Girl—He had the impudence to ask me for "Friend-Ship." The idea! What cheek!

The Dear Girl (flushing)—He wasn't particular which.

GIRL GETS ONE MONTH FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER
Judge Expresses Sympathy With Her Action in Stabbing at Man Who Used Her Body

TORONTO, Mar. 20.—Eighteen year old Agatha Johnson, a colored woman from Jamaica, was sentenced to one month in jail by Judge Winchester, in sessions, for shooting at Edmund Jackson, with intent to kill, on the 7th of last month.

Strength From Food
COMES But it must be well digested.

The power to think well, work well, sleep well, and enjoy life depends mainly upon the ability of your digestive organs to extract strength and nourishment from food. When digestion fails, as in dyspepsia and indigestion, the body is starved, no matter how much food is eaten. It also becomes poisoned. Food remaining in the stomach ferments, producing poisonous gases, which being absorbed into the blood, shatter the nerves, dull the brain, create disease, and give rise to headaches, languor, loss of appetite, palpitation, flatulence, and other disorders of the blood and nerves.

When the stomach, liver and kidneys fail to perform their functions perfectly, there is no remedy that will so soon restore them to health and vigor as Mother Seigl's Bypur. As a digestive tonic and stomachic remedy it has no equal. This is the testimony of thousands.

Mr. Peter Brennan, Petrolville, P.E.I., writing on August 10th, 1908, says:—

"Our little daughter, Annie May, suffered from stomachic malady and headaches for nearly three years. We tried numerous remedies but nothing seemed to do her any good until we gave her a trial of Mother Seigl's Bypur. She has now taken the contents of two bottles and to-day she is in perfect health."

CANADIAN POSED AS PERSIAN SHAH
Dominion Commissioner Found Way to Pass Street Barriers

Misaken for the Royal Guest, Soldiers and Civilians Vied in Paying Him High Honors.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 20.—Two hundred thousand persons lined the streets and stared, handkerchiefs and hats waved in the cheer-shattered air, as the Canadian government's commissioner on the exhibition branch of the Department of Agriculture, drove through the streets of Lige during the Lige exposition.

The story of how the Canadian commissioner came to play the part of an Eastern potentate for a few brief minutes is one of a set of reminiscences M. Girardot brought back with him when he returned a few days ago for a short visit to his home in the county of Essex. It happened like this:

One day during the Lige exposition, Mr. Girardot undertook to act as escort for two young women who were to get down through a school where lace making is taught, and it happened that the visit was timed for an afternoon on which the Shah of Persia, then a guest of the city, was expected to pass along the streets.

After spending some time in the lace making institution, the Canadian commissioner started to drive back in his carriage to a railway station. He found himself hemmed in an immense crowd, which had gathered to see the Shah of Persia. He was roped off and guarded by soldiers. His return to the exposition was effectively blocked, and the matter was a source of some embarrassment.

In his dilemma he appealed to a soldier, and the soldier had an inspiration. There was an ordinance, he recalled, requiring barriers in such cases to be lifted for travelers who were on their way to railway stations. It was a happy suggestion and Mr. Girardot took to the command of an officer of soldiers, mounted as a guard of honor, ordered to let him pass over the barriers where more lines of soldiers, backed by great crowds of civilians, were waiting to see the Shah of Persia, and next moment the tumult broke loose.

The Canadian shrunk back from the ovation. Not so. He was in a hurry to meet an engagement, and even his native shyness was not sufficient to afford opportunities too rich to be missed.

Assuming the most imperial air at his command he pursued his triumphal way across the square, bowing right and left, throwing kisses into the crowd and generally making the bluff good.

When the real Shah appeared a short time later the Canadian was well on his way back to the exhibition building, and some of the good people were left to gaze over the identity of the mysterious stranger who acknowledged their applause so gracefully.

Although he never, before or since, received such an ovation, Mr. Girardot retains vivid memories of his trip to the exhibition, and he is enthusiastic over the success of the Canadian exhibition in Lige, Milan, Dublin and London.

SHAKERELDER FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT
PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 19.—Elder Ernest Pick, the head of one of the families of Shakers in Mount Lebanon, N. Y., six miles from here, has been dismissed and under charges of indiscretion. It is said to be the first instance in a century of the undoing of an officer of a Shaker community, although members have been dismissed from the communities at Mount Lebanon and Watervliet, N. Y., Hancock, Mass., and Enfield, Conn., and in addition have been guilty of indiscretions in respect to an edict of the community and in the rites of undress and disarming were immediately carried out.

Elder Pick is an Austrian by birth, and is said to have joined the Shakers before he was 20 years old. He is now nearly 60 years old.

An address from Canterbury, N. H., where there is a Shaker community, has been called to take the place of the one implicated in the charges against Elder Pick.

The Shaker community at Mount Lebanon is one of the best of the sect in the United States, owing not only to rich farming lands in that village but also a considerable amount of real estate in New York City, including valuable hotel property. At present the membership in the community which has dwindled greatly in the last decade has about seventy. The community is divided into two families of one of which Elder Pick was the leader.

Men wants a whole lot here below And wants it all his days Should all his wants be filled we know He'd have new wants always; For man ne'er is, 'tis undeniable, But always to be satisfied.

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BALFOUR WANTS EIGHT INSTEAD OF FOUR WARSHIPS
Will Move Vote of Censure on Grounds That Provisions for New Dreadnoughts are Not Sufficient

LONDON, Mar. 19.—A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons has decided to take the sense of the House as to whether four or eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme. He has given notice to move a vote of censure of the government provision for ships of the newest type is not sufficient to secure the safety of the Empire.

USING PURGATIVES INJURES THE HEALTH
In the Spring a Tonic is Needed—But Not Harsh, Drastic Medicines

A spring medicine is an actual necessity to most people. Nature demands it as an aid in carrying off the impurities that have accumulated in the blood during the indoor life of winter months. But unfortunately thousands of people who recognize the necessity for a spring medicine do not know what is best to take and dose themselves with harsh, gripping purgatives. This is a serious mistake. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the use of a purgative medicine weakens the system but does not cure disease. In the spring the system needs building up—purgatives cannot do this; they weaken you still more. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—no purgative can do this. What is needed in the spring is a tonic, and the tonic medical science has yet discovered is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine actually makes new, rich blood. This new blood strengthens every organ, every nerve, and every part of the body. This is why they cure headaches and back-ache, a host of other troubles that come from poor watery blood. This is why men and women who take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills eat well, sleep well, and feel bright, active and strong.

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SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST SIR ROBERT BOND
Morris Administration Accuses Him of Using Government Funds to Pay for Private Telegrams.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., March 19.—Charges that Sir Robert Bond had his personal telegraph messages which he sent and received during the last election campaign paid for out of the government funds, were made today by the ministry of Sir Edward Morris. The Morris administration published a series of deciphered political messages dated last October and addressed to or signed by Premier Bond. The messages relate to the conduct of the government's campaign.

The Bond leaders claim that the messages were private property and should not have been published. The Morris ministry decided that they were public property as they had been paid for out of the public funds.

MODEST DEMANDS OF A BASEBALL MANAGER
CHICAGO, Ill., March 19.—A special despatch to the Daily News from Los Angeles today stated that President Jones would offer Fielder Jones a salary "larger than that given any member of President Taft's cabinet." Jones, who is manager of the Chicago American League Club this season, is heavily interested in lumber lands on the Pacific Coast and named \$100,000 as the price of his services.

The despatch stated that the offer would be made to Jones when the club started on its return trip by way of Portland, Oregon, where Jones makes his headquarters.

VEGETARIANISM CURES APPETITE FOR ALCOHOL
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—"If you have a strong appetite for King Alcohol and tobacco and want to be cured of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months."

This was the advice given today by Dr. D. H. Kress, of this city, in an address entitled "Dyspepsia and Its Relation to Intemperance," before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and other Drug Narcotics. He discussed the evil effects of an excessive diet and declared that over-eating leads to drunkenness. "If you would not become a drunkard," said Dr. Kress, "then quit eating meat."

Other speakers were W. S. Spratling, of Baltimore, on "Alcohol as a Cause of Epilepsy," and G. O. Webster, of Chicago, on "Alcohol and Public Health."

FREIGHT PIER BURNED; LOSS REACHES \$200,000
NEW YORK, March 19.—Fire, which started late today at the land end of a 60-foot Lehigh Valley freight pier in Jersey City, destroyed the pier, storehouses and sheds and nearly \$200,000 worth of merchandise before it was flooded out by the combined forces of the Hoboken and Jersey City fire departments and a large fleet of tugs and fireboats which poured in water from the river side. The total loss will reach \$200,000.

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NIGHT OF MEETINGS CITY COURTS
COURT ST. JOHN, No. 470—Orange Hall, German street, 1st Friday in month.
COURT UNION JACK, No. 640—Orange Hall, German street, 4th Wednesday.
COURT NORTH END, No. 667—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.
COURT TUKON, No. 730—Orange Hall, Simonds street, Third Wednesday.

COURT HIAWATHA, No. 735—Temperance Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.
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MARRIAGES
SHAW-SHAW—At the Baptist parsonage, on the 17th March, by Rev. C. W. Phillips, D. D., Millard D. Shaw of Essex Brightling Car. Co., and Miss Lavinia I. Shaw of Brighton, Car. Co.

DEATHS
STAPLES—On the 19th inst., at Pleasant Point, Robert Staples, aged 76 years and 10 months.
Funeral Sunday, at 2.30 p. m., from the residence of his son-in-law William H. Codner. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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