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A NORTH BAY merchant named Frank Dececco received a Black Hand communication calling upon him to choose between death and donating \$1,000 to the gentle society. Dececco made his will and departed for Italy, leaving the letter in the hands of a Crown Attorney. Melodrama is all very well at the ten-cent theatres but Canadians do not care for this anything but Glad Hand stretched out to a peaceful community.

A writer to an Eastern paper complains that he found (only) four lies in three lines of a contribution concerning the Springhill strike. How hard it is to please some people! Now in Toronto or Winnipeg the readers of the press would never think of expecting more than four lies to the aforementioned space.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson has given emphatic contradiction to the report that he intends to retire from public life. When the roll is called, he'll be there, as representative of the people of Westmoreland, whose demand for his services has been long and loud. The country will be comforted to know that, while Mr. Emmerson is to give up the strenuous work of looking after the transcontinental lines, his talents are still to be employed in Ottawa.

A man in Uxbridge, Ontario, who believes in the old saying, "See a pin, pick it up, and all day long you'll have good luck," one day recently saw a pin on the street. As he bent down to get it, his hat tumbled off and rolled in the mud, his eyeglasses fell and broke on the pavement, his braces gave way behind, he burst the button-hole on the back of his shirt, and he lost his new front teeth. But he got the pin.

An enterprising lunatic from Butte, Montana, has created a mild ripple of excitement in towns of Western Canada by professing to be an agent of Mr. J. I. Hill and declaring his intention of buying the Grand Trunk Pacific without delay. When last heard from, he was in charge of the police officials in the city of Edmonton.

We are trying to be a nice, clean nation and devour as few microbes as possible. A Montreal doctor is to bring a proposal before the Hygiene Committee to require bakers to wrap bread in paper bags before delivering it to customers. The proposal is that the loaves shall be put in bags as soon as they are taken from the oven. If Montreal would only clean the streets, the microbes on and about the bread might be trusted to do little harm.

Hon. W. A. Weir made an attack (verbal of course) on Mr. Henri Bourassa at Ormstown two weeks ago and the curiosity of the community was so aroused that they demanded a call from the latter, who went to the town last Wednesday and had one of the times of his life, talking politics in his own delightful way.

Some trouble arose in Ottawa in connection with the employment of the Victoria Venetian Band, by the directors of the Canada Central Fair. The band is on the unfair list of the American Federation of Musicians and because of its employment the city bands refused to play. The trouble affected the orchestra, which on one night was reduced to a piano and one violin, playing under police protection. Pleasant sort of harmony for a musical union!

London, Ontario, seems to have had a serious case of picture-postcarditis. Last year 500,000 of these works of art-of-a-sort were sold in the Forest City. One firm sold 25,000 cards and a local dealer declared that he is going to order them in 10,000 lots. In Canada over 25,000,000 postcards were circulated in the past year and the sale promises to double this year.



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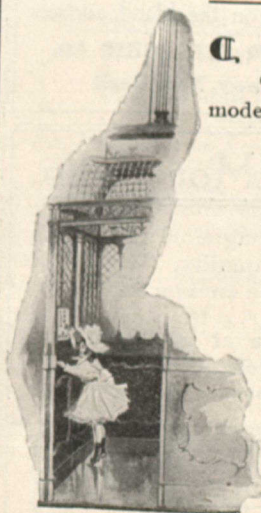
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