

Two Prize Competitions

The Canadian Courier offers two cash prizes for essay competitions which will close March 1st.



\$25 Cash Prize

for the best thousand word essay on the subject, "Canada's Most Profitable Manufacturing Industry."

Some industries have a high capitalization and pay very little wages. Others have a small capitalization and pay a large sum annually in wages. Some manufacture raw products grown in this country, and others raw products bought abroad. What industry is most suited to this country as regards raw product, capital required and wages paid?

All the information required will be found in Bulletin I., Census 1911, published by The Census Department at Ottawa. A copy can be secured by writing Mr. Archibald Blue, Chief Statistician, Department Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.



\$20 Cash Prize

For the best thousand word essay on the subject "Canada's Greatest Manufacturing City." Here population must be considered. The greatest manufacturing city is the one which will produce the highest value of products and pays the largest amount in wages according to population. Toronto and Montreal, tested in this way, are not the greatest manufacturing cities in this country. They are simply the largest.

This competition will also close on March 1st.

All the information necessary for such an article will be found in Bulletin I., Census 1911. Drop a post card to Mr. Archibald Blue, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, and a copy will be sent you.

The Editor's judgment will be final and the decision will be announced in the Canadian Courier of March 19th. If several good essays are received in either competitions, second and third prizes may be awarded. Unsuccessful essays will be returned if stamps are enclosed for that purpose.

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Dr. Aram Kalfian

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stopped at Strasburg, and the French couple, hastily collecting their belongings, got out. By a stroke of luck no one else entered the compartment, as the train glided out of the station, Ted Alston sank back in his corner with a fervent "Heaven be praised!" which brought a smile to his companion's face.

"Are all your countrymen as gallant as you, my young friend?" he asked, with a sneer.

"I really don't know," replied the latter rather irritably, for he inwardly resented being addressed as "My young friend," by a man whom he knew to be a shady, foreign adventurer. "I don't think," he continued stiffly, "it much matters what a man's nationality is where women are concerned; if you are not an absolute brute, you have to treat them with a certain amount of consideration."

"Then I am of the 'absolute brute' species," remarked the Doctor cynically; "if a woman is pretty and desirable, I understand that one might perhaps inconvenience one's self a little for her sake—it is part of the game which is everlastingly being played out between the two sexes; but when she is old and ugly, she should be taught to be humble and keep herself in the background."

Kalfian's views on women did not interest Ted, who mentally acquiesced in his neighbour's ironical self-classification; and not wishing to be drawn into an argument on the subject, he contented himself with a slight elevation of shoulders and eyebrows. Then, giving a prodigious yawn, and stretching his cramped limbs with a little sigh of satisfaction, he sank back in his corner and ostentatiously closed his eyes.

The demon of unrest which had previously martyred him seemed now to have taken possession of his companion, who during the next hour shifted his position upon an average every two seconds, occasionally muttering a foreign oath under his breath. At last, rising to his feet, he bent forward, and, in his turn, attentively studied his neighbour's face. Acutely conscious of his scrutiny, Ted managed by a strong effort of will to retain the half-parted lips and regular breathing of a sleeper, inwardly chuckling as he heard the other murmur:

"Fast enough now, anyway."

The young man could scarcely credit his good luck when immediately after this he heard Kalfian move down the corridor. For a second he kept his position unchanged, fearing it might be a ruse to discover if he were really asleep, then cautiously hazarded a glance round the corner; his companion was out of sight. With a bound Ted was upon his feet; a wild elation surged within him as he tore out the box from under the opposite seat, replaced it with the one provided by his uncle, and covered the stolen property carefully with his rug; then sank back again into his former position.

In a very short space of time Kalfian re-entered the carriage; he paused again, thoughtfully looking down at the young man; and the latter felt a cold sweat break out upon his forehead, as if Death himself had touched him with icy fingers. It seemed to Ted, that strive as he might against it, his face must inevitably betray him, and that the mad beating of his pulses must be audible.

Kalfian, however, saw nothing, suspected nothing; as he took his seat, he assured himself, by a backward movement of one foot, of the presence of the object he had previously placed there; but the precaution was a purely instinctive one. During the remainder of what is always a wearisome journey, the two men chatted together at intervals in friendly fashion: the Doctor, indeed, seemed to have taken rather a fancy to his young companion. They had their meals together, and Ted Alston, it is hardly needful to say, was particularly careful that Kalfian should never have the chance afforded him of being for a moment alone in the carriage.

They were due at Vienna at 5.50 p.m., and shortly before their arrival the Doctor, drawing a piece of chalk from his pocket, scrawled a hieroglyph across one side of the mysterious black-

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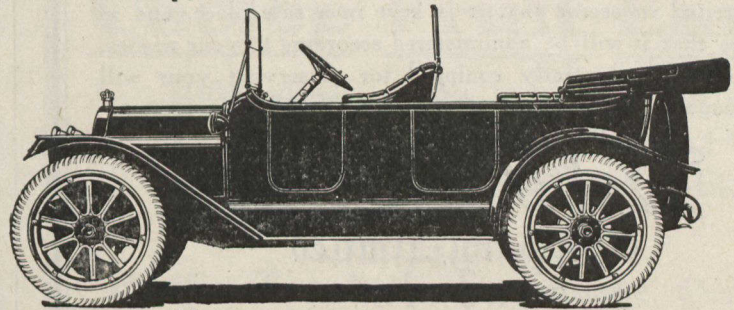
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