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THE SUBJECT OF EUGENICS.

The Courier not long ago had an article on the above subject.

Among other papers it was copied in a U. S. publication which makes these additional remarks.

We hear mostly of two classic cases when we hear eugenic enthusiasts. One is that of an English female criminal, whose upwards of a thousand descendants were criminal.

The other is that of the Edwards family of America which had an also prominent succession of ministers, doctors, professors, literary and public men. From this the conclusion is drawn—not by scientists, but by writers of snap-shot articles, and by lecturers whose chief requisite is a subject to talk upon—that the children of criminals are all criminals and the children of the virtuous always virtuous. Life smashes this conclusion to smithereens, as it does so many other ready-made notions.

Abraham Lincoln's parents were eugenically unfit. Nowad's a score of charges could be urged against their union, and especially against their vast presumption in bringing children into the world. But there stands Abraham Lincoln. Eugenically considered, Abraham Lincoln and his wife were in a fair way of founding a noted family.

As a matter of fact who can say anything unusual of Lincoln's descendants, or Beecher's, or Socrates', or Cromwell's, or Wordsworth's, or Burns', or Gladstone's? On the other hand we have Darwin's son, and Henry George's, and old Lyman Beecher's who were worthy sons of worthy sires. The unfit, eugenically considered, rear the fit, and the fit the unfit, and nature seems to play the game to her own liking. Heredity is not the perfect explanation we once thought it; indeed it is rapidly being delimited in its explanatory uses. It is being pretty generally recognized that man is not a physical creation of his parents, but a soul which has sought a body. Though the body may be subject to certain hereditary tendencies, or suffer from certain physical lacks derived from the physical parents, the soul is unbound. But the facts are that parents eugenically unfit have somehow contrived to give the world great souls in their children; which other parents highly fit have failed to do.

Nevertheless, it never does harm, and maybe it does some good, to keep the obvious physical facts before men and women. And this is all that the scientific eugenicist can do as yet. The reduction of eugenics to a mechanical system, a sort of standardization of the human output, is the fancy of those who have caught half the idea and only that. As a serious theory it is non-existent. It has been demonstrated time without number that the modes of breeding practiced by stock raisers are not applicable to the human species. In slavery times slave owners, with an experimental faculty tried to raise a race of superb black people. It failed—failed miserably. Why? Well, the supposition is that in leaving out love; the would-be breeders left out the ingredients with which nature works, and with which she overcomes a host of obstacles, physical, social and economic. Love is the great elevator of the masses, the invincible improver of conditions. The marriage of Robt. Browning and Elizabeth Barrett was, perhaps eugenically indefensible. But because it was a true love marriage, it made enough of difficulties, and the result of that marriage, Robert Barrett Browning, who died the other day was an honor to both his gifted parents. We may trust nature a long way in such matters; it is one of her chief interests to improve the race of men.

Pills for Nervous People—The stomach is the centre of the nervous system, and when the stomach suspends healthy action the result is manifested in disturbances of the nerves. If allowed to persist, nervous debility, a dangerous ailment, may ensue. The first consideration is to restore the stomach to proper action, and there is no readier remedy for this than Parnele's Vegetable Pills. Thousands can attest the virtue of these pills in curing nervous disorders.

ALBERTA.

There is an election to-day in the Province of Alberta.

There are forty-one members in that Legislature who receive a sessional indemnity of \$1,500.

In the House recently dissolved, there were only five Conservatives, and at this distance it looks as if the best they can do is to advance on that number.

The campaign has been very strenuous, and to a large extent personal, for the people of the West are still young enough to take their politics very hard, and to substitute abuse for argument.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

Bad for the Consequences

Winnipeg Tribune: Suffragets who tried to blow up ancient Dudley castle left an inscription, "Votes for Women and Damn the Consequences"

If the consequences are to be damned, who votes for women?

No Accounting for Cranks

Ottawa Journal: A steerage passenger on the ocean liner St. Paul, after reading the bible, decided to walk on the sea. They picked him out again but he died from the shock. And that just after a man up country cut off the right hand that offended. Nevertheless, the bible will still be widely read.

The Best Must Be Paid For

Ottawa Citizen: Ontario teachers are leaving the province because of the better salaries being paid out in the west. Without referring to the likelihood that the corresponding high cost of living there will almost surely mean the return of many of the pilgrims, it is necessary for Ontario to realize that the best has to be paid for. The loss of her teachers cannot be allowed at any cost.

Works Both Ways

Ottawa Citizen: The probable effect of the revised tariff in the United States on Canada is exciting large interest and much confused conjecture. It is beginning to dawn upon many people that a wider market for Canadian produce, without a wider market for Canadian purchase, may benefit the few, and not the many. Work it out.

Give the Children a Chance

Toronto News: Environment counts for more than heredity. Nature is ever striving to eradicate in the children the weaknesses of the parents—if she is only given a chance. If the sins of the father are visited upon the child it is largely because the one grows to maturity in the same surroundings as the other. Ninety-nine percent of children taken from the slums sufficiently early and given a chance for a decent healthy development under proper physical material, real and fantastical, familiar into valuable citizens. This is history.

Britain's Influence for Peace

Victoria, B.C. Times: Nothing has been clearer from the first than that British influence has been steadily exerted for peace. Whatever may be desired by the other powers, it is too plain to be questioned that peace is still the chief British interest. Why fight, says Sir Edward Gray, when there is nothing to fight for? The great minister who controls the foreign policy of Great Britain is striving only to prevent the waste of human life, and to damp down flames that are always dangerous.

Told Story

This Girl Didn't Want to Marry Man and Faked Up Story.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, April 17.—Ages Erhart, aged 19, engaged to marry George Heinickel Saturday, decided at the eleventh hour that she did not really love her affianced, but she was afraid to tell him so. She thought the loss of what money and jewelry she had might chill his intentions. In league with another man friend, she concocted a robbery and turned up at a police station last night with a pitiful tale of how a man had leaped out of a closet in her room, tied a black bag over her head, choked her and bound her and made way with her valuables, including \$125 in cash. When the detectives broke down her story after a late night grilling, the girl admitted that she was not really robbed, but "had to do something to keep from marrying a fad." She signed a long written statement and was finally allowed to go.

Was Scalded.

FORT WILLIAM, April 17.—P. Lamusja, fireman, was scalded and bruised about the head and shoulders and an engine and four coaches left the track yesterday, when C. P. R. No. 2, struck a spread rail, five miles east of Schriber.

It Opens To-day.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Weather conditions were propitious this forenoon for the opening of the International League, postponed yesterday on account of rain. In Newark, where the champion Toronto team opens the season, the mayor has been selected to toss out the first ball. Other scheduled games were: Montreal at Providence; Buffalo at Jersey City, and Rochester at Baltimore.

PRACTICALLY GIVEN UP TO DIE

"Fruit-a-tives" Cured Kidneys and Bladder

WILLIAMSTOWN, ONT., July 27th, 1910

"I have much pleasure in testifying to the almost marvellous benefit I have derived from taking 'Fruit-a-tives'. I was a lifelong sufferer from Chronic Constipation, and the only medicine I ever secured to do me any real good was 'Fruit-a-tives'. This medicine cured me when everything else failed. Also, last spring, I had a severe attack of Bladder Trouble coupled with Kidney Trouble, and 'Fruit-a-tives' cured these complaints for me, when the physicians attending me had practically given me up.

I am now over eighty years of age and I can strongly recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' for Chronic Constipation and Bladder and Kidney Troubles."

JAMES DINGWALL.

"Fruit-a-tives" is the only medicine in the world made of fruit juices—and is the greatest kidney, bladder and liver medicine ever put on the market. It costs a box, 6 for \$2.50 trial size, 50c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

AN INQUIRY IS BEING HELD

Unpleasant Incident Caused By Five Germans in France is Looked Into.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NANCY, France, April 17.—Emile Ogier, representing the French foreign office, is making a thorough investigation of the unpleasant incident on Sunday last when five German visitors, two of the women, are said to have been insulted by a crowd of French students. It is likely that the government official will make his report for another day or two, in order to allow time for the German feeling to subside.

Serious local opinion is that the two policemen on duty in the neighborhood where the incident occurred should have prevented the crowd from following the strangers to the station and from deriding them.

The fantastic descriptions attributed to commercial travellers of the Germans being made to kneel before a French officer are asserted here to be dramatic inventions from the other side of the border.

MUSIC and DRAMA

"Passers By."

Mr. Chambers, in his play, "Passers By," which comes to the Grand on Saturday, April 19, has stretched once or twice the long arm of coincidence, pulled it almost from the shoulder, but he has put on the stage some very human characters. His material, real and fantastical, familiar and novel, is well worked. His dialogue is fluent, almost always to the point and aiding in the presentation of character; it is amusing without being flippant, without the aid of paradox. The sociological views and the position taken by Margaret, who has not the slightest desire to pose as forsaken and repentant, might lead to academic discussion, but the expression of these views does not check the course of the play.

HUNGER STRIKE BY SIXTY MEN

Something New Started in Denver Jail By Industrial Prisoners.

DENVER, Col., April 17.—Sixty Industrial Workers of the World, who yesterday began a hunger strike in the city jail here, refused to eat breakfast to-day. When a trusty was sent to their cells with a supply of bread and water, the meal furnished by the city to the hundred or more uninvited guests from the Pacific coast, the militant sixty steadfastly refused to touch the fare. They announce that they will refuse all food until the city furnishes a better variety or until they become so weak from exhaustion that they will have to be removed to a hospital.

Talk of a compromise between the city and the Industrial Workers was current to-day. It was said that the Denver branch of the organization would agree to observe the rules regarding street speaking laid down by the fire and police board, and that the visitors would then be released on the promise that they would leave the city at once.

50 pairs of lace curtains slightly soiled, at Long's, at half price. This is a snap.

BELGIUM STRIKE MORE GENERAL

Men Quietly Leave Their Work and No Trouble Ensues.

Determined to Win the Right to Vote On National Affairs.

[Canadian Press Despatch] BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 17.—The Belgian workers strike for manhood suffrage continues to extend slowly in every part of the country. Small numbers of men have returned to their work here and there, but these are unimportant as compared with the figures of the fresh recruits who have joined the movement. The men as a rule appear to be settling down to a long test of endurance and are determined to achieve victory in the cause for which they are fighting—that of equality.

The Socialist organizations have opened dining halls in convenient locations for the provision of meals to necessitous workmen. The strikers and their families generally are employing their time in working in their gardens or making walking tours to neighboring places of interest, while the strike managers are organizing concerts, dramatic performances, moving picture shows and magic lantern lectures to amuse and instruct the strikers and to keep them out of mischief, or to prevent them becoming tired of idleness and returning to work.

A few arrests of strikers for interfering with men who remained at work, but investigation of the charges shows that the accused were only standing at the factory gates and shouting: "Hurrah for the strike!" The photo engravers of Brussels have voted to join the strike tomorrow.

Some Rowdysism

SERAING, Belgium, April 17.—Gangs of rowdy youths passed through the workmen's residential district of this city last night breaking windows in the houses of non-strikers on their way. Other parties occupied the roads leading to the city and stopped non-strikers from outlying villages coming in to work. Cavalry patrols have been placed on duty, but the gangs have hitherto always managed to elude them.

Were on Parade

LIEGE, Belgium, April 17.—Strong columns of strikers, with music, flags or banners of any kind, this morning marched along the country roads visiting the towns and villages in this part of Belgium as a demonstration in favor of equal suffrage. The dingy, silent columns of men now and then met detachments of cavalry in glittering uniforms, but no collision took place as the strikers were quite peaceable.

Stopped Socialist Meeting

ANTWERP, April 17.—The mayor of this city has stopped the Socialist meeting arranged to be held tomorrow in the cemetery where are buried seven men shot by soldiers on April 14, 1893 during a riot against revision of the suffrage.

An Idle City

HUY, Belgium, April 17.—This is the most idle city of Belgium to-day. Only 34 men out of a total of 3,082 are working.

Its Hurting

SERAING, April 17.—The officials of the Cockerill works here announce to-day that unless the strike ends quickly the works must refuse orders for several million francs. They say they are unable now to send from the works orders from abroad that already have been finished.

50 pairs of lace curtains slightly soiled, at Long's, at half price. This is a snap.

Arrested for Forgery.

CALGARY, April 17.—Alfred Matheson, a clerk in the city treasurer's department, was arrested on a charge of forging city checks, totalling \$506. The checks lithographed with the municipal coat of arms were abstracted from the treasurer's check-book and the signature of the proper officials forged to them. Matheson received a salary of \$70 a month. He is an invalid wife and two children. He was formerly a member of the famous Scottish regiment, the Black Watch. He is held without bail for the preliminary hearing.

Humors come to the surface in the spring as in no other season. They don't run themselves all off that way however, but mostly remain in the system. Hood's Sarsaparilla removes them, wards off danger, makes good health sure.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH POWDER 25c.

Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the improved flower. Heals the tissues, clears the air passages, stops drops of mucus from the throat. Reduces inflammation. Cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. See a box in every drug store. No subscription. All dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

COMFORT SOAP. IT'S ALL RIGHT. More Soap For Less Money — Less Money For More Soap. POSITIVELY THE LARGEST SALE IN CANADA.

GIVING UP LIVERY BUSINESS. S. P. Pitcher and Son, Auctioneers, have received instructions from F. H. Pitcher to sell by public auction at his livery barn, 18 Clarence street, Saturday, April 19th, at one o'clock sharp, the following: 10 HORSES—Chestnut mare, 9 years old, good in all harness; bay mare 6 years old, good size and good in all harness; bay mare, 8 years old, black horse, rising 5 years old, extra good driver; black mare, 12 years old, good in all harness; bay mare, 9 years old; chestnut colt, rising 2 years old and other horses not described. RIGS—4 top buggies, 1 open rubber tire runabout, 2 phaetons, 1 rubber tire, 2 carriages, 1 single and 1 double, 2 one horse democrats. CUNTERS—6 cutters, 1 glad-

stone sleigh with pole and shafts; 1 large covered hack sleigh. HARNESS—9 sets of single harness; 1 saddle and bridle, and other odd harness and collars, robes, lapspreads, dusters, blankets, whips and bells, 1 horse clipping machine; office desk, chairs, gas stove and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms of Sale—All sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount 4 mos. credit will be given on furnishing approved joint notes, or 6 per cent per annum off for cash on all sums entitled to credit. See hand bills. F. H. Pitcher, S. P. Pitcher and Son, Proprietors. Auctioneers.

Do Not Break Your Back. by pinning your curtains on the floor when you can buy a set of Curtain Stretchers at Turnbull & Cutcliffe's for \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25 or \$2.50. These stretchers are made to square the curtains. No strains, and makes them hang like new ones. Call and see them at the big store on the corner. Turnbull & Cutcliffe, Limited. Hardware and Stove Merchants.

Only Two More Days. Our Remarkable Clearing Shoe Sale Absolutely Closes Saturday, April 19th. SLATER SHOES are arriving every day and this sale must end. For the closing days we are going to break all records in the way of price cutting. TO-MORROW Will Be Ladies' Day! We are going to give our lady friends a chance to buy their Spring Footwear at prices To-morrow that they have never had before and never will again.

Five One Pair Specials at \$1.00. A Lady's Tan Calf Button Shoe, size 2 1/2, sells regularly for 4.00. To-morrow to the first comer... 1.00. A pair of Ladies' Gun Metal Button Shoes, "The American Lady" make, plain toe, with cloth top, size 4, regular 4.00 value. To-morrow... 1.00. A pair of Ladies' Dongola Kid Shoes, with patent toe cap, size 6. To-morrow to the first comer... 1.00. A pair of Ladies' Patent Leather Button Shoes, size 5, regular 4.00 line. Be early, and you can secure this pair for... 1.00. A pair of Ladies' Gun Metal Button Shoes, new toe, size 3, a beautiful shoe. To-morrow one pair only... 1.00.

Other Specials for the Ladies. Ladies' Pumps, dull kid leather, with black Silk bow, all sizes. To-morrow... 48c. Small sizes in Ladies' Tan Calf Pumps and Oxfords, regular 2.50 values. To-morrow... 98c. A mixed lot of Ladies' Low and High Shoes, some Patent Colt, some Dongola Kid, all sizes in the lot. To-morrow... 1.38. A few Pairs left of those beautiful Patent Leather Button Shoes, dull kid tops, the new bull dog toe, all sizes, the kind you pay 4.00 for. To-morrow... 1.98. A splendid line of Dongola Kid Oxfords, blucher cut, patent toe caps, some light, some heavy soles. Just the shoe for the time of your coming. Sizes 2 to 8, widths C.D. & E. To-morrow... 1.38.

Ladies' White Canvas Pumps and Oxfords. To-morrow \$1.38. It Certainly Will Pay the Ladies to Visit Us To-morrow. Try to Come in the Morning. The Roberts & Van-Lane Shoe Co., Ltd. 203 Colborne Street - Facing the Market.

Best section, deep, two storey fitted with electric light, on Son Street at St. James in the

in Elliott. S. C. Read & Son, 47 April, at 8 o'clock. Sellers will please call over to the property office. To Post Dover will monthly interest at 1/2 about 15 minutes' industries. Oakwood Park, and of April, at 8 p.m., LIMITED Auctioneers Brantford

SALE! white brick cottage in Street, containing dining room, kitchen, 3 large lot. A nice red brick house East Ward, contains parlor, dining room, 2 bedrooms, complete electric, cement walks, up-to-date furnace, nicely decorated and throughout. Best loss selling rapidly. Some choice ones. Dewing & Co., 1211-16, 118, 1217 and 1091 ST. BRANTFORD

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