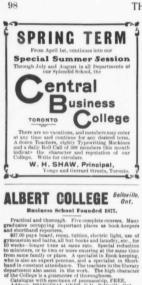
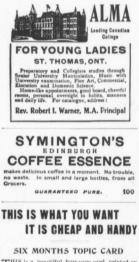
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Slightly Astray.

The late Dr. Bucke, of London, was quite a literary character. Among other valuable works he left behind him a philosophic volume on "Cosmic Conphilosophic volume sciousness." One sciousness." One of the London doc-tors was rather startled the other day by one of his patients asking him if he had read Dr. Bucke's book on "Comic Consciousness."

Complimentary to the Preacher.

A minister in the Hamilton Confer-A minister in the Hamilton Confer-ence tells of having preached one Sunday evening on "The Rich Fool." The ser-mon was followed by a prayer-meeting, in which a very earnest brother opened his prayer in this fashion, "O Lord, we thank thee for what we are, and where we are, We rejoice that we are not like this rich fool that we have been listening to tonight."

Not in Command.

During General White's sortie from Ladysmith, the British battery mules on the left were stampeded. The captain of one of the batteries, seeing his first sergeant flying by with the first gun,

shouted angrily : "Hi, sir! Where are you going ?" To which the gunner curtly replied : "How do I know! Ask the mules!"

He Had His Reasons.

An officer in one of the English volunteer regiments, who had made himself exceedingly unpopular with the men, was coming home one evening when he slipped and fell into deep water. He was rescued with great difficulty by a private in his own regiment.

The officer was profuse in his expres-The officer was profuse in his expres-sions of gratitude, and asked his pre-server how he could reward him. "The best way," said the soldier, " is to say nothing about it." "But why?" asked the officer in amaze-

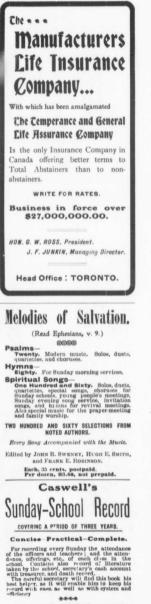
ment "Because," was the blunt reply, " if the

other fellows knew I'd pulled you out they'd chuck me in."

Knew He Would Feel Better.

Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, used Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, used to tell the following story of the late Dr. Ducachet: "One Sunday morning Dr. Ducachet arose feeling wretched. After a futile attempt to eat breakfast, he called an old and favorite colored servant to him and said : 'Sam, go around and tell Simmons (the sexton) to post a notice on the church door sayto post a notice on the enurch door say-ing I am too ill to preach to-day.' 'Now, massa,' said Sam: 'don't you gib up dat way. Just gib Him a trial; you get long all right.' The argument went on, and resulted in the minister starting Service over, he returned to his e, looking much brighter. 'How off. house. house, looking much brighter. 'How you feel, massa ?' said Sam, as he opened the dbor. 'Better, much bstter, Sam. I am glad I took your advice.' 'I knew it; I knew it,' said the darky, grinning until every tooth was in evi-dence. 'I knew you'd feel better when you git dat sermon out of your sestem !' you git dat sermon out o' your system.

She is a cute little Detroit girl of seven She is a cute little Detroit girl of seven, and the proprietor of the store at which she called is a friend of the family. "How much for one of these picture books?" she inquired of him. "Just two kisses," for he wanted to make her a present. "I'll take it," she said, in a prod burdragelike way as she troiced it cool, businesslike way, as she tucked it under her arm and started for the door. Papa will call and settle.



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