

HUMOUROUS.

THE common salutation during the past week has been, "Have you had it?"

WHEN you have a cold you do not know how to cure it. All your friends know how, and they tell you, but that does not affect the cold.

EMPLOYER: William, Mrs. Spriggings complains that she received only one of the bundles she had put up here last night. William: That's funny, sir. I wrote Mrs. Spriggings on one bundle and put ditto on each of the others.

GUEST AT EATING-HOUSE (grumbling): Bring me some reed birds. Seems to me fifty cents is a good price for them, though. Waiter: Yes, sah. Reed birds is expensive. They are hard to get, sah, and we have to bring 'em a long distance. (Behind the screen some minutes later) Lively, now. Hurry up them English sparrows.

"MISTAH JOHNSING, yu heah dat gal ob mine sing at the chairch las night?" "I did." "Bootiful song dat, de one she sung. It am called De Lost Chord." "Huh! dat so? Well, you wa'n't dar." "No, I was to hum, but she tole me she sung it." "Yes she did, and some one got at my woodpile while I was at de chaich. Quess I lost about a cord, too."

A GLASGOW landlady was much exercised regarding the stoppage of her eight day clock, and stating her grievance to one of her lodgers, he at once volunteered to endeavour to put it right. Having set the clock going, he turned to the landlady and said:—"Now put your ear here, Mrs.; I think she's ticking pretty regular." "Jist wait awee," returned the landlady, "till I get my specks."

IT WAS NOT SO IN HER DAYS.—Old Lady (looking admiringly at her grand-daughter's headdress): Amanda, my dear, where did you get that hat? Amanda (severely): Grandma, your acquaintance with the slang of the day surprises me! Old Lady: Slang, my dear? Is "Where did you get that hat" slang? Amanda: Of course it is. Old Lady (gently and sadly): I did not know it. But I am not surprised at your acquaintance with it, my dear.

A DELIGHTFUL story has been told of an old-fashioned English bishop who, on receiving some guests, was horrified to see a precious weather-glass flung down by a servant who was handing one of his visitors a chair. The servant was covered with confusion, and the gentleman to whom he had attended began to express his concern and regret. It was a fine opportunity, and the bishop did not miss it. "Pray, don't let it trouble you," he said. "In fact, it comes in the nick of time. We have had a distressingly dry season, and now we may expect rain; for I have never seen the glass so low before!"



A FAITHFUL WIFE.

AGNES: Oh! Gus! how I wish you would give up that horrid habit!
 GUS: Don't you know, dear, that a glass of whiskey, in the evening, just makes another man of me!
 AGNES: Well, then, please remember that I am not another man's wife, and that I will have nothing to say to him!

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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

All even numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, are open for homestead and pre-emption entry.

ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways: 1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.

2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.

3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.

Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent. Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD

may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.

All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy Minister of the Interior.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.