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COMPLIMENTARY TO CANADA.

Disgraced comment by ourselves and others on the new two-cent stamp has inspired one of our readers to send us for comparison a United States and a Canadian postal card, with a request for an expression of opinion as to their respective merits. Compliance with this request involves pain and humiliation, but it may be profitable. The Canadian card worthily represents in its humble way a prosperous and self-respecting people. The paper is firm, accurately and smoothly cut, well colored, and agreeably tinted. The designation of its origin and purpose is clearly printed with good ink, and in the upper right-hand corner is a hand-somely engraved reproduction of the Canadian penny stamp, properly colored, in accordance with the international regulations. It is a postal card in every way satisfactory. And what a difference when one turns to the other card. The material is but little better than blotting paper, the edges look as if they had been bent over and torn off, the printing of the inscription is that of the job office in a backwoods village, and the two vignettes are not much removed from criminal labels, the one upon President McKinley and the other upon the national escutcheon. In every detail the United States postal card is as bad as the Canadian card is good, and in every detail it speaks either mean economy on the Government's part or insolent greed on the part of the contractor. It is a disgrace to the country, and convicting evidence of incompetency, or worse, in the Post Office Department.—New York Times.

THE SAW-OFF IN ENGLAND.

The Montreal Star points out that the "Saw-off" is a criminal offense in England. The Star says:

The corrupt and illegal practices prevention act, 1883, of the imperial parliament, affords a good model for imitation by those Canadian statesmen who desire to get some legislation enacted to minimize corrupt and illegal practices in our federal and provincial elections. One of the best provisions in the act is section 41, which makes what is known in Canada as a "saw-off" a crime punishable by both imprisonment and fine for all directly or indirectly concerned. The high court may at its discretion grant leave for the withdrawal of an election petition, but only after all the parties and all their solicitors have filed affidavits setting forth that to the best of deponents' knowledge and belief no agreement or terms of any kind has or have been made. Sub-section 4 provides as follows:

"If any person makes an agreement or terms, or enters into any undertaking in relation to the withdrawal of an election petition, and such agreement, terms or undertaking, is or are for the withdrawal of the election petition in consideration of any payment, or in consideration that the seat shall at any time be vacated, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other election petition, or is or are (whether lawful or unlawful) not mentioned in the aforesaid affidavits, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months and to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds."

The sooner similar legislation is adopted in Canada the better.

A GOOD DEFINITION.

New Denver (B. C.) Ledger.
A knocker is an individual who condemns what you approve.

THEY WANT THE EARTH.

Halifax Chronicle.
They have the Sun, the Moon, the Star, the Globe, the World, in the Toronto journalistic sky. All that they want to complete their contentment and add truly a Torontoesque touch to the whole is—"the Earth."

CANADA'S GRAND OLD MEN.

London Chronicle.
Canada is the country of grand old men. Besides Senator Wark, who will be a centenarian a few days hence, there is Senator R. B. Dickey, K. C., who is ninety-two. He was called to the bar in 1834—a date at which very few judges and barristers of to-day were born. Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, is such an active and energetic personality that we are apt to forget that he is eighty-three. His predecessor, Sir Charles Tupper, is a year older, but looked scarcely sixty when he was here six months ago participating in the coronation festivities. Sir Charles is now the sole survivor of the conferences of Canadian statesmen who welded the scattered British colonies of North America into a powerful and comprehensive Dominion.

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Stratford Herald.
This last British army scandal is another illustration of the fact that British regiments are in many cases dominated by cad. Returned Canadians from South Africa related so many instances of the same kind, that the outrage inflicted on Admiral Cochrane's nephew, culminating in compelling his resignation, creates little surprise in this country.

BATH MONEY.

New York Tribune.
The wives of the Turks enjoy certain prerogatives. Here is one of the rights of the proud beauties: Bath money forms an item in every marriage contract, the husband engaging to allow his wife a certain sum for bathing purposes. Should it be withheld, she has only to go before the cad and turn her slipper upside down, and if the complaint be not then redressed it is a ground of divorce. The want of a bathtub as pretext for divorce would be laughed out of the courts in our most enlightened and advanced states.

THE CANADIAN GIRL.

Ottawa Citizen.
There is something mysterious about the Canadian girl who used the now celebrated words, "You lie!" in the United States Congress. How is it that she has not been interviewed, and her picture put in the papers?—Toronto Star.
The chances are that an American girl would have been pleased with the notoriety which such an incident would have afforded, while in the case of the Canadian girl her interruption of the senatorial misrepresentation was the result of an "irresistible impulse" to resent on behalf of her country what she regarded as a slander, and, having yielded to it, both the girl and her relatives probably shrank instinctively from the publicity it involved. While the expression she used was not strictly parliamentary, there are a lot of Canadians who would be tempted to use similar language on hearing for the first time an American senator "go" in discussing Canadian affairs, and can sympathize with the resort to succinct and graphic language into which Miss Grant was tempted on the spur of the moment as the only prompt and adequate way to resent the outraged feelings of a self-respecting people.

Some people only look for work through a telescope.

His Occupation.

"What have you ever done for your country?" asked the indignant citizen.
"Never started to count up," answered the practical politician. "Too busy finding out what my country can do for me."

Assumed at the Altar.

Tees—She's travelling under an assumed name now.
Jess—You don't say! What is it?
Tees—Her husband's. She was married yesterday.—Exchange.

For the Good of the Service.

Clara—He gave me an army and navy kiss.
Maud—What kind is that?
Clara—Oh, rapid fire! Sixty a minute!—Smart Set.

It doesn't follow that the man who boasts of his rural origin will enjoy being told that he looks like a farmer.—Ohio State Journal

A new baby in a home soon makes the rest of the furniture look shabby.

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General Grant Laid Down the Law to President Johnson.

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"One morning soon after the surrender at Appomattox I was one of a group of gentlemen standing on Pennsylvania avenue, discussing the momentous questions of the day. As we talked General Grant rode toward us, smoking his usual cigar. Recognizing several of us, he dismounted and joined us.

"What's the news?" he asked.
"I answered, 'We are discussing a piece of news which comes to us directly from the White House and which gives me no little concern.'"
"What is it?" asked the general.
"I understand that President Andrew Johnson intends to revoke the parole of General Lee and other generals of the late Southern Confederacy."

"Who was your informant?" asked General Grant.
"I gave him the name of the gentleman who had given the information."

"General Grant quietly said, 'Thank you, gentlemen,' remounted his horse and rode rapidly away toward the White House.

"We leisurely turned our steps in the same direction, and as we entered the portico we saw Grant coming down the steps looking more excited than I had ever seen him before. I went up stairs and met a friend who had been in conference that morning with Mr. Johnson on the subject above mentioned. He said to me: 'If you have any request to make of the president this morning, keep it until some other time. He is angrier than I have ever seen him. A moment ago General Grant strode into his presence and peremptorily demanded, "Do you intend to revoke the parole of General Robert E. Lee and other officers of the late Confederacy?"

"I am considering the subject," Johnson replied. "You need not consider it. Those paroles were signed by me as general commanding the army of the United States. My promise to them shall be kept in good faith if it takes the army of the United States, plus the army of the late Confederacy, to enforce it."

"Saying this, Grant retired and left Johnson white with rage."
"We never heard any more of the revocation of the paroles."

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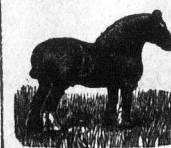
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