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GOLF TALK.

Brown heard four men conversing
Not many weeks ago,
Men of high position, all
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He thought it fit and proper
To listen and may be
Exalted words of wisdom
Might fall eventually.
He heard one say, distinctly,
"I took my 'brassie' then,
And handed out a 'screamer'
Two hundred yards and ten;
It landed in the 'bunker'
The one behind the 'gore';
It put me off my game, but I
Came home in 'eighty-four.'"
'Twas Greek to Brown, but patient,
He heard a doctor sigh:
"I don't know what's the reason
But fear I've lost my eye;
It's really most annoying,
I cannot hit a thing.
To one who's played as long as I,
It's simply damaging."

Poor Brown got quite excited
When next the bishop spoke,
And on that face benevolent
He fondly placed his hope,
So eagerly he listened,
His very best, to try
And find his lordship's reason
For that disgusting "lie."
For just two hours precisely
He heard them all declaim
On "hanging lies" and "hazards,"
And thought them all insane;
Then reaching for his hat and coat
Said Brown, as out he flung:
"It must be golf they're talking—
Well, that's where Willie's stung!"
W. H. WEBLING.

THE LATEST COLLIER'S.

THE New York publication, known as *Collier's Weekly*, has recently made a handsome concession to its readers in this country by issuing a Canadian edition, of which Mr. H. F. Gadsby, formerly of the staff of the *Toronto Star*, has been appointed editor. Mr. Gadsby is a native of the town of Stratford, is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has been recognised for some years as a brilliant and capable journalist. Mr. Gadsby's work, as a writer of special features for the *Star*, has been even more remarkable than his unique editorial paragraphs and his



Mr. H. F. Gadsby.

gift for discerning the unusual in the commonplace is more Gallic than Saxon when it finds inevitable phrase for expression.

Collier's Weekly is a national (or should we say international?) publication of high merit, from the literary, journalistic or artistic point of view. Its fiction contests have attracted the attention of all readers and writers on this continent and it has excelled all other journals in the financial rewards offered to the "teller of tales." Under the new editorial management, the Canadian edition will probably be-

come so thoroughly of the Dominion that its readers will believe that it is of native origin and that P. F. Collier was a Maker-of-Montreal or a Moulder-of-Winnipeg.

PITT THE EMPIRE-BUILDER.

UNDER the above title, in the July issue of the *Canadian Magazine*, Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun considers the career and achievements of the Great Commoner. In his opening paragraphs the writer remarks: "The mind naturally connects the name of the first Pitt with the Quebec celebration. The scientific historians, always accurate and usually dull, may correctly trace the origin of the British Empire to a period and to men more remote than he. Popular opinion, however, assigns to Pitt more than to any other statesman the great position attained by England in the middle of the eighteenth century. From that high point her fortunes were soon to recede owing to the blunders of his successors. But never so far as to obliterate the bold outlines of the structure raised by his far-seeing and commanding genius. The results of the capture of Canada alone were to prove a monument to his foresight. Its importance has been increased by the subsequent loss of the United States, and this result was hidden from him. The fusion of French and English under one rule has produced a situation milder and better, perhaps, than any he conceived. But in recalling Quebec's historic past it is impossible to avoid associating Pitt with Wolfe, just as the French rightly honour the illustrious Champlain, the founder of the city, and Montcalm, its gallant defender.

"The career of Pitt awaits full and adequate treatment. Lives of him there are, but none quite equal to the man and his work. It is not the fashion now to glorify a great War minister. To soothe the modern ear you must talk of peace. The nations stagger under vast armaments, but these, we are assured, exist for defence, not for defiance. To-day a Pitt and his grand designs would be voted down by philanthropists, economists and philosophers. *Autres temps, autres moeurs*. The French, almost alone of the nations, frankly avow their admiration of a conqueror like Napoleon. Should another such arise, to him likewise they would pay tribute. When the French admirals visited London not long ago they saluted the statue of Nelson as they passed through Trafalgar Square. The candor and courage of such homage is refreshing. The British are a trifle apologetic of their empire-builders, and are apt to regard Clive and Hastings and Chatham with mournful admiration. They were great, but they were ruthless. Happily the British Empire is a concrete fact which the mild sentimentalist must accept, and we can no more celebrate Quebec without thinking of Pitt than we can preserve freedom without force or expect prowess without physical vigour."

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