



THE TABLES TURNED.

MISS CANADA—"Really, my dear Mr. Bull, what a shocking climate you must have, to be sure!"

THE GREAT SERAPHINA SPECIFICS

NO. I.

A LONG acquaintance with the terrible ailments to which all flesh is heir, and a noble resolve to be of service to the world at large—has induced the far-famed physician, Doctor Stumpengrinn, to give to the public his wonderful inventions.

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It was at first the learned Doctor's intention to confine his benevolence to the more remote countries—Africa for example,—but, finding that Mr. Henry Stanley had already introduced amongst the too-confiding natives some mysterious concoctions which have for a time won their innocent hearts, he (Dr. Stumpengrinn) abandoned this idea and turned his attention to the cannibalistic regions.

This great Philanthropist, however, is no poetic idealist. He does not aspire to change the verdant naturalness of the poor abused cannibals. No; but he *does* aspire to make their meals wholesome, by the constant use of his marvellous

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any one (from the good old nursery "King of the Cannibal Islands" down to his meanest subject) can make a good, square meal of his nearest and dearest (including his spouses).—His bitterest enemy will have an added sweetness—and even a zealous missionary—if trained sufficiently on the

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will not cause him distress! In short that cannibal's whole internal economy will be invigorated and as the heart and brain are frequently influenced through other channels, the future CIVILIZATION and CONVERSION of the interesting cannibal may be said to rest upon

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Doctor Stumpengrinn could not find it in his conscience to confine his good work to these far-off countries. He is a benefactor *in toto*. We are permitted the extreme privilege of recording his conversation with an eminent scientist friend, Herr Von, Muddelkopf, "Mein freund, vy gonvine myself to zee *remade* zoundries? Nein, Ich bill mein Sbezivics to zee whole zivilized Welt Zeben (Ach! bud I *zlib* indo mein own Deutch sprach a'zo I live in America so long!) Vy brovide for zee *gannibals*

only and leave ourzelves, our own hoor' beable in zee need? Nein. Ve vill leave zat to zee Church! Ach so!"

Large hearted speech! The result of this great and soul-stirring resolve is that we

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are now the authorized agents for the sale of]

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It is almost needless to add that the idea of financial gain is far from us—unlike o'her agents whom we do not mention through motives of generosity!—also it is superfluous to say that Dr. Stumpengrinn only receives a minute percentage on our sales, just sufficient to keep body and soul together—highly necessary is such a world's benefactor!

In a spirit, then, of supreme confidence in our CUSTOMERS—in DR. STUMPENGRINN and in O.U.R. S.E.L.V.E.S.—we give in the form of a few simple "Questions" and "Answers" the keynote to THE Discovery of this Age.

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A NOTE TO THE TEACHER.

"PA," said Johnny, as he was preparing to start for school, "I want you to give me a note to the teacher."

"What for?"

"To excuse my bein' absent yesterday."

"Look here, Johnny, that's about the sixteenth note I've had to give you this term. Why didn't you go to school yesterday?"

"Oh, 'cause I was late starting and couldn't get there in time—you can say I was sick or something, can't you?"

"Well, I suppose I can tell some kind of a lie. Let's see, I've given you colds, coughs, chilblains, measles, sore throat and pretty nigh all those ailments. This note business makes me tired. It's always 'pa, I want a note to the teacher.' I'll give you a note this time, but don't you dare to ask me for another again. I'll put a stop to this note foolishness—see if I don't." And he sat right down and wrote the following extraordinary communication:

TORONTO, March 19, '91.

MISS EUDORA BIGGLESWADE,—

Please excuse Johnny for absence yesterday, to-day, to-morrow, the day after to-morrow, and on any and all future occasions for the rest of his natural life—for the following good and sufficient reasons—cold, cough, sore throat, rheumatism, toothache, earache, corns, chilblains, broken arm, ditto leg, gout, dyspepsia, epilepsy, catarrh, general debility, neuralgia, liver complaint, consumption, cancer, erysipelas or any of them jointly or severally as may be considered necessary or advisable in accordance with the requirements of educational discipline. Very respectfully,

PETER Q. MCGORLICK.

"There, Johnny," he said handing the document to his youthful offspring. "That'll do the business once for all, and if you ever say 'note to me again I'll half kill you.'"