



Courierettes.

THE author of "Everybody Works But Father" is to become a matrimonial victim. Poetic justice.

Ontario M. P. P. says the schools are "shams and humbugs." Many pupils concur.

Some Canadian women are wearing hose with mice on the ankles. The mice, we should add, are embroidered ones.

They strewed 5,000 roses on the grave of J. Pierpont Morgan. So be it. When he was alive he had to buy them.

Ontario officials won't allow spectators to chew gum or go to sleep in court. Another blow at the rights of the common people.

Mary Garden, the opera singer, kissed a Denver hotel porter who found and returned her lost brooch. Another eccentricity of genius?

Now that the English militants have burned up a cricket field they will no doubt be attempting to dam the Thames and drain the Irish sea.

A \$15,000,000 heiress has found the ideal man she was looking for. The surprise is that amount of money did not produce a small army of ideal men.

A female python in the Bronx Zoo, New York, has fasted for 22 months and is now being forcibly fed. This suffragette thing is now affecting the animals.

After several years of consideration, Sir James Whitney declines to "do anything hasty" on the matter of workmen's compensation. Sir James is so fast that some day when he's going to the office he'll meet himself coming home again.

Spring Note.—In the spring the maiden's fancy lightly turns to the engagement column.

One Way of Looking at It.—Austrian woman told Toronto magistrate that her husband had sold her to another man for \$500. That's nothing when you reflect that many a father gives his daughter to some young fellow.

Law of Compensation.—Somehow that old law of compensation seems to be always working smoothly.

If the city man goes to the country fields he may be chased by a rude bull.

If the country man ventures on the city streets, he is sure to be pursued by an automobile.

Burden Bearers.—Practical people say debts are great burdens.

Philosophers and poets refer to riches as a burden also.

Most of us, however, are content to be burden bearers of one sort or the other.

Those who are in debt, though, would very gladly obey the scriptural injunction—"Bear ye one another's burdens."

He Got Up, Anyway.—A young married woman in Montreal was telling her friends the other day at a little euchre party of her peculiar dreams.

"But the oddest one of all was just this morning," she said. "I woke just after dreaming that my husband was the ace of spades."

"And I suppose you ordered him up?" was the witty rejoinder of one of her guests.

Taken for a Millionaire.—Dr. A. S. Vogt, conductor of the famous Mendelssohn Choir, very ably entertained members of the National Club last Friday evening as he told the story of his twelve months' musical pilgrimage under fourteen flags. Among the many humorous incidents he related was being taken for a millionaire, which happened at a little country inn outside

Zurich in Switzerland, whither the "Petit Napoleon" of choral music had traveled on foot with his son. They sat down in one of these quaint and merry little inns, had a good dinner and then—

"Just because I was feeling pretty good," said the doctor, "I asked the landlord to produce the cigars—though at home I seldom or never smoke a cigar. He brought a box and I asked the price, which worked out in centimes to about twelve for a quarter."

"Have you any cheaper?" I asked him. "He brought another box. These were about three for a nickel."

"Have you any better than these?" "He produced another, and still another—but still unsatisfied I said:

"Now, what's the best cigar in the house?"

"He went mysteriously to a safe and unlocked a sacred box of most aristocratic cigars."

"These are—four centimes each," he said proudly.

"That was about six for a quarter. As my son and I each lighted one of these Swiss wonders, I heard a party at a nearby table say, 'Americanish—millionaire!'"

Mexico and Her Presidents.—Mexico may have her faults, but there is no danger of her allowing any of her presidents a third term.

If they want to get rid of a man in Mexico he is elected president. Down there a man runs twice—once for President and then for his life.

She Had a Reason.—The modern maiden was being ardently wooed by the modern young man.

Passionately he pressed his suit.

"And if I marry you, Jack, will you stay at home every evening to make me happy?" she inquired.

"Certainly, dearest," said he. "Don't worry about that for a moment."

"But I would worry if you didn't stay home," she replied. "You see, I have many club meetings and social engagements I must keep and I would not like to leave the house alone."

Summed Up.—The trouble in this old world seems to be that dainty dishes disagree with those who can afford them, and the prices disagree with the rest of us.

Generally.—If a barber reduced his prices, could you refer to them as "cut" rates?

An Important Matter.—A Belleville young man who recently went to the West, gave his father something akin to an attack of heart disease when the pater received a letter from his son asking his advice on an important point.

The letter was written in terms something like this:

"Dear Father, I am greatly concerned and agitated in regard to a situation which now faces me, and I am puzzled as to the course I should pursue. I thought I could not do better than consult you in this moment of emergency, and therefore I write for your counsel."

"It is a matter, Dad, when may possibly mean life or death to me. You can readily understand therefore with what fear and trepidation I face the future when I have to make a decision which is fraught with such significance to me. I want to take the correct course, and I think your superior knowledge of the ways of the world should be of material assistance to me in making my decision. I want you to turn the matter over in your mind and let me know what I should do."

This was merely the introduction to the letter. There followed pages of it, written in the same strain of generalities, the specific cause of concern being reserved for the last sentence when the young scamp queried his father as to the proper time for shedding his winter underwear.

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