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*Take 'old o' the wings o' the mornin',
An' flop round the earth till you're dead;
But you won't get away from the tune
that they play
To the bloomin' old rag over'ead.*
—Kipling.

From the Pole to the Tropics, the sons of the Widow at Windsor, were displaying their fervent loyalty and devotion, on Wednesday last, by joining in the national anthem, and in unfurling to the breeze the flag so lovingly characterized by Kipling's soldier as a *bloomin' old rag*. No one could, we presume—at least as loyal citizens of Montreal, we hope he could not—eat his dinner and drink his wine without recalling to his mind the existence of the Queen, and it is quite pardonable for her subjects to believe that the loyal and patriotic toast prompted many to drink a bumper to the health and happiness of the gracious lady whose long reign causes each recurrence of her birthday to be more heartily celebrated, and whose devotion to her high duties and regard for her people warrants the enthusiasm with which her soldiers, sailors and loving subjects send reverberating round the world, the always honoured toast, "The Queen, God bless her."

Twenty-Five Patches Required. In our last week's article upon the National Bankruptcy law of the United States, we stated that some unexpected evils had developed in the working of the new Act, but that, in view of the experience of our neighbours with such a law, it was regrettable that the Fortin insolvency measure seemed likely to be withdrawn from discussion at Ottawa. The chief weakness in the new law now in force in the States seems to be that so many avenues of escape for the honest but unfortunate debtor

were provided that, in the legal confusion created thereby, those guilty of mercantile dishonesty and business fraud have also escaped. However, the friends of the measure have informed dissatisfied business men that they hope to make it an efficient and valuable piece of legislation by the passage of some twenty-five amendments at the next session of Congress.

A law requiring two dozen patches in its first year does not reflect much credit on its makers.

Sacred Information. Conceal nothing from your banker, trust implicitly to your clergyman, and tell the truth to your doctor. They are deserving of confidence, and cannot give you proper advice and assistance unless in possession of absolutely accurate information regarding your purse, soul, and body. These instructions seem sound, although one may naturally wonder at the general imputation conveyed therein that mankind is fond of lying even about his health, religious convictions, and financial standing. Perhaps, it is true that men yield too readily to the temptation to prevaricate in important matters. A schoolboy, being asked by an inspector how lying was denounced in Scripture, replied: "A lie is an abomination to the righteous, but a very present help in time of trouble." However, New York physicians, to whom their patients may confide the nature of bodily ailments, have been relieved by law from any necessity to lie about the condition of dying or dead clients, although the statute recently enacted will give much trouble to life insurance companies in availing themselves of medical testimony to establish facts tending to vitiate the policy. The new law prohibits physicians from divulging any information relating to one of their patients before or after his death.