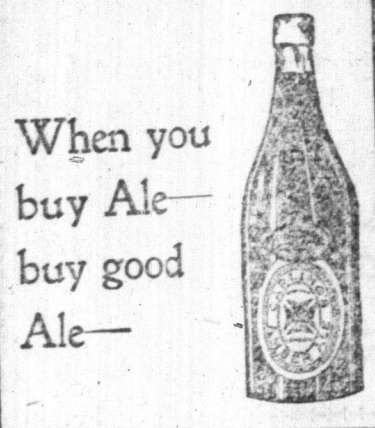


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INTERESTING RESULTS OF A BLOCK-  
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The Bow River's Work—Imperial Limited Brought to a Standstill—Guests of the C.P.R.—A Detourer's Find—Bunches of Mushrooms Daily—Sketch of the Blackfoot—Men Thrifty and Women Marvels of Dexterity.

We were aboard No. 1, the C.P.R. westbound, and it was the 4th of July. We pulled into Medicine Hat long after twilight, and were informed by the porter that there was a washout ahead, and we were to lie in the siding all night. The Americans aboard fired their last bunch of firecrackers, and the porter, after the manner of his kind, bundled us all into our berths, and the following morning the C.P.R. did a great and memorable thing. It pulled us one hundred and twenty-five miles west, then tied us up for forty-eight hours at Gleichen, in the heart of the Blackfoot Indian reserve.

No spot on the entire system of the great transcontinental highway could have been of so intense interest and few more beautiful. We had not halted very long when the pride and delight of the true Canadian's heart—the "Imperial Limited"—roared up abast, and in another twelve hours a second "No. 1" stood in to harbor, and then we learned the truth—two bridges down, one struck at Banff, the Imperial Limited, eastbound, tied up the gods alone knew where. Never in the history of the C.P.R. has traffic been so congested, never has the great Imperial Limited ceased its ninety-seven hour career across continent.

That criminal little Bow River has done what saint nor sultan, nor fairy, could never dare to do: it has brought the great ponting transcontinental flyer to a standstill. Traffic had congested but 24 hours when the C.P.R. took us over as its guests. For a week it has "boarded" thousands of transients at the very best hotels, the dining cars, the cafes. The company spared no pains, no money, so long as their patrons could be royally treated. At Gleichen more than six hundred of us were the guests of the C.P.R. for two days. At Calgary 200, at Banff and at Field another five or six hundred—all treated like Princes at the expense of the road, that is, heavily dropping unestimated thousands. One million dollars will hardly cover the loss, and yet every official smiles through it all, and the public are treated with a consideration open-handed enough to almost border on extravagance, and even the over-exacting American tourist remarked loudly that after "free meals" had been declared to the traveling colony at Gleichen, neither service nor menu in the two dining cars "St. Cloud" and "Frogmore" fell off one jot.

But just here a delightful surprise awaited us all, an indecipherable letter, who wandered up prairie trails, ever searching for information, discovered mushrooms of that large, luscious, shell-pink variety that only comes from wild stretches of field, and that have a flavor far more delicate and appetizing than those found in the city markets. Buckets, baskets and even hats were requisitioned, and we supplied the dining cars for every meal with these delicacies. The detourer gave us impromptu lectures on edible fungi. He was a man of most extensive information, had traveled the world over and kept his eyes open, but he told us he had never seen such quantities of mushrooms together as these. We gathered bushels of them daily. I hardly think the Indians eat these fungi, or else the enormous camp of Blackfoot would have been up by times and secured our breakfasts while we yet dozed in comfortable berths, for their tepes arose, smoke-stipped and conical, not 500 yards from the siding where we lay. The Indians made a good thing out of the Blackfoot, for the tourists hired horses from them at "a dollar a ride," and even the tender-foot would vault into the Mexican saddle and ride away across the prairie. The sturdy, shaggy innapi laying down his ears and loping away with the long, clean rocking motion, never seen except in the prairie-bred animal. Only one lamentable accident occurred, in the evening, when we had breakfast and horse races. In the latter a fine grey pony, the property of a splendidly handsome blanket and buckskin clad Blackfoot, plunged into a badder hole, fell, and instantly expired with a broken neck. It was here it is time to refute an aspersion too frequently laid upon our wilder Indian tribes of the great west. The prejudiced white man will tell you that the Indians will eat anything, animals that die of disease, unclean portions of meat, etc. The detractors of the redman, and there were plenty of them abroad, assured the crowd that "the Indians will have a great post-mortem, and the feast of the dead horse," over the unlucky animal that lay near the track. But the next morning and the next night, and yet another morning came and waned, and the horse lay where it had fallen and the Blackfoot braves shook their heads when asked about a "feast."

A goodly collection was taken up for the owner, which reward he deserved, as his steed had expired in making "a white man's holiday."

This identical brave exhibited great appreciation of class distinctions. A curious Chinaman came forth from his car, and a tourist asked the Blackfoot, "Is this your brother?" indicating the Mongolian. Such scorn and hauteur as the reply "No!" expressed, such a lifting of the red chin, and indignant glance, it amazed some, but I was proud of my color-cousin of the prairie, and of his fine old aristocratic red blood, that has come down through the centuries to pulse in his conservative veins.

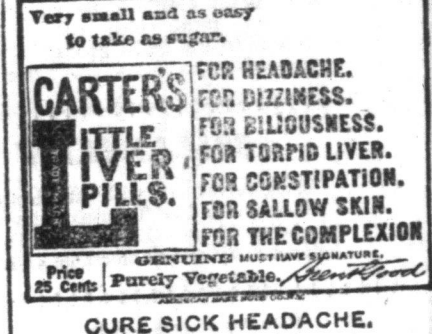
We visited the camp; a group of

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Some dozen tepes, neat, orderly and picturesque, were bunched against the southern rim of the prairie. Great herds of fat cattle and excellent ponies grazed near by, for the Blackfoot is a thrifty person, and his wife is a marvel of dexterity in needlework. Beside every tepes was a travois, the peculiar vehicle that supplies the place of a cart. It is a fixture like two shafts, fastened at the lower end by a horizontal pole, firmly lashed in place by deer sinew. An immense amount of duff can be stowed on this contrivance, and when the band "treks" the clothing, utensils, tepes and the smaller children are all packed atop the travois, a horse or dog is harnessed between the shafts, and the cavalcade starts up the trail.

The interior of the tepes was a delight. A fire burned in the centre, the smoke ascending through the apex of the canvas. Beautiful beadwork, buckskin garments, fringed and ornamented elaborately hung about in profusion. Well-blanketed women cared for tiny children, whose painted cheeks glowed vermilion and yellow in the fire and sunshine. The gay coloring of the tepes, the red felt, the sleek, fat herds, the camp fire, and the glorious carpet of coral colored prairie flowers, the over-hanging blue of the territorial skies, the far-off Rockies, with their snowy coronets, made a picture beyond the limitations of the artist's brush or pen, and always and ever the vivid scarlet of the tunics of the mounted Police. We sighed a keen regret when the engine, sounded a long series of whistles to get us aboard, for word had been flashed from Calgary that the Bow River had been conquered and that our 48-hour blockade was broken. E. Pauline Johnson in the Toronto Globe.

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### Politeness in Mexico.

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They smoke everywhere, even in some theaters. They never carry bundles in the street, but each is attended by a servant, who carries even the smallest packages. They are wonderfully courteous to each other, and two friends will spend a good deal of time in deciding which shall enter a room or carriage first.

Finally, every Mexican gentleman when strolling on a street insists on giving the inside of the walk to his companion as a mark of politeness. This point is quickly decided if there is a difference in station or age, but if there is not, and the two friends go down a street and cross often so that the relative positions are changed, a new discussion as to which shall occupy the inside becomes necessary at every corner.

### A Child Bishop.

A curious custom formerly prevailing on St. Nicholas day was the election of a boy to maintain the state and authority of a bishop, for which purpose he was clothed in rich episcopal robes and wore a mitre. Dean Colet, in the statutes of St. Paul's school, expressly ordains that "his scholars should every Childrens' (Innocents) day come to Paul's church and hear the child bishop's sermon, and after be at the high mass and each of them offer a penny to the child bishop." On Nov. 13, 1754, the bishop of London ordered that all the churches in his diocese should elect boy bishops to take part in processions in the streets of the metropolis. With the rise of Protestantism this election was suppressed, but the Eton Montom was a continuance under another form. The "boy preacher" was known in England before he came from America.—London Chronicle.

### The Quality of Charity.

There probably never was a man or woman who did not occasionally need the charity of those with whom they came in contact, and on hearing a story relating to the silliness or fickleness of some one it is surprising that they do not hope, for the honor of their race, that it is not true, or at least treat it with charitable silence, as they hope to be treated. There never was a great man who paid much attention to gossip; there never was a woman distinguished above her sisters for goodness who was not charitable. You might as well amuse yourself by remarking the ugliness of people as to amuse yourself by remarking their faults and transgressions. We are all faulty enough, heaven knows, and we all have too many faults to warrant us in being surprised at faults in others!

### Rapid Army Mobilization.

The finest example of rapid organization of an army was certainly the mobilization of the German army in 1870. On July 17 in that year the famous telegram, the shortest and most concise ever dispatched, "Krieg. Mobil." went forth from the headquarters at Berlin, and within a fortnight an army of 500,000 men, fully uniformed, equipped and provided with commissariat, was on its way to the French frontier. Of course it must be remembered that all these men had been through their period of military training.—London Answers.

### Playful Monkeys.

Apes and gorillas are usually vicious and resentful and less addicted to playful tricks than the common monkey. Indeed the monkey, as we all know, is a trickster both in his wild and domestic state. In their native forests they spend hours in swinging from the branches of trees, suspended by their tails, and chattering and grinning with evident signs of delight. Humboldt mentions seeing over a hundred so employed in a South American forest.

### Golf to Blame For Her Loneliness.

A fisherman noticed a lonely lady sitting on a rock at North Berwick knitting, and remarked to his companion: "That's a lonesome bodied woman. She sits on that rock a day's eye knitting, she never speaks to a livin' soul; an' auld maid, I suppose."

"Auld maid?" replied the other. "No her; I ken her find. Her man's a gowf!"

### White Animals Among the Japanese.

A white fox is often mentioned in the Japanese fables, and a "big serpent" appears in their pictures of Kintou, the god of fortune. Among the Japanese, as among the ancient Greeks and Scythians, white horses were dedicated to the gods and are still attached to the larger temples of the country. The milk and butter of white cows were formerly prized as a medicine.

### An Interesting Teacher.

The donkey was trying to explain the Darwinian theory to his class when he observed that they were not paying proper attention. "Boys," he said, "when I am trying to explain to you the peculiarities of the monkey I wish you would look right at me."

### Leave It Out.

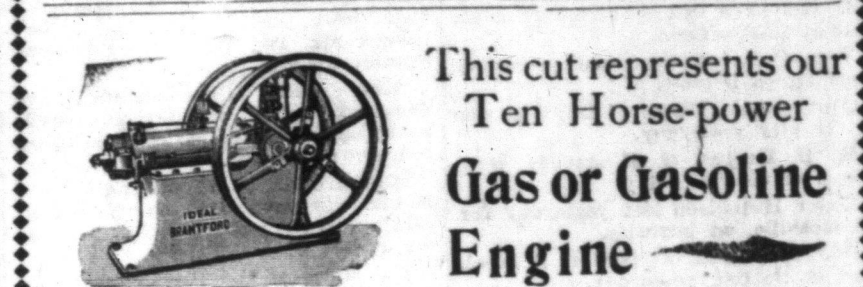
There is but one art—to omit. I would ask no other knowledge. A man who knew how to omit would make an "Omit" of a daily paper.—L. Stevenson.

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