#### AN ENGLISHMAN'S TRIP TO CANADA IN THE STEERAGE

[Arthur E. Copping, in the London Daily News.]

fine vessel is racing across the Atlan- C. P. R. tic: and before the Welsh mountains had faded astern, I realized that emi- bade us join the patient throng that gration, among experiences, is the fel-filled one corridor. There comes an end low of birth and death and marriage. to all ordeals, and at last we moved cessful patent come infringements, and For the crowded steerage of a great with that living river into the saloon liner, if she be bound for Canada, is we saw before. Opportunity favored a world where emotion masters con-our selection of three seats at a side time the demand may change. A very

"Scandinavians first!"

no collars, and ponderous bodies roofed by wideawakes of formidable cir- still a third batch came in to tea. cumference. On the bridge those gentle, untidy aliens were carefully examined, one by one, men, women and phlegmatic youngsters. Their heads were uncovered and tilted, uncompromising thumbs pushed into their brows, and vigilant doctors peered into the sockets of their eyes. For trachoma is a serious disease and Canada wants no more of it.

and I was free to emigrate.

The Empress of Britain was like stories, congested with bewildered inegg, with which he struggled down one many crying children. of the crowded alleys, to secret his precious burden in a niche of safety. To share in that labor was not my immediate impulse. We must first find ir niche of safety

Questions and shoving brought us to a spacious, pillared saloon, with a perspective of fixed chairs and narrow tables. Here, awaiting our turn in a multitude we received from a busy official the number of a cabin, in which we soon were depositing our recovered possessions. Spotlessly clean, corridors and up steps to the open tion of illiteracy

of men, and hundreds of women, and hundreds of children. But in the hu-statutory requirements applying in man maelstrom there was an island of their case. rest. A stout wooden barricade pro- Thus briefly have I reviewed tected a square arena that had a bil-grim commencement of a voyage which lowy basis of silver sand; and in that (as a later letter will show) was soon seven toddling emigrants, to enter a more sunny phase.

Steamer Empress of Britain. equipped with buckets and spades, There are three great crises in hu- were building castles and digging man life—and sometimes a fourth. I caves. To provide seaside facilities on am one of the nine hundred and odd the surface of the sea is a dainty act third-class passengers with whom this of thoughtfulness on the part of the

We wanted our tea, and stewards from an open porthole; and this gave commercial world is given by Mr. al, a heavy rain set in, and so tight-Let me trace happenings from the us the greater satisfaction, since, as Dobbin concerning a company formed ened the cover that it was impossible time this graceful monster drew along- our steward informed us, places taken to exploit a certain electric meter: side the Liverpool quay, and the gang- by chance at that first meal were held ways shot out. We nad early proof that throughout the voyage. It spoke well the Empress of Britain is not only a for an outlying portion of the Atlantic ganism adjusted to absorb two thou- were hungry—a contingency against get on board was a problem that long made provision. A slab of corned beef, baffled the enterprise of myself and say, six inches by four, and substan-

way amid a throng of stricken rela- bread stood within reach, as did fam- ed. Frankly, it said, the meter was the information that they were of no tives, proved fatiguing, especially as ily teapots containing the evening bevthe English climate had lapsed into erage at full strength, and already hot sunshine. The mechanism of em- blended with sugar and milk. Then affirmed it did, the meter was too the conclusion that the tongue was too igration was at this initial stage mov- there were masses of butter and plates large, too heavy, and not neat. The long. Taking a chisel and hammer first victory over circumstances lay in pickles, salt and mustard, so that the right place. The demand for through the hooks with the chief. He finding a gangway available for third- the immaculate table-cloth being set meters was changing, and the larger had given about three blows when class luggage; whereupon we lost with an amply supply of clean, if demand was for the meter to be placed the telephone rang, and an appoint touch with our property, and paid the homely cutlery, it was not the fault in the rooms of office buildings. Hence ment was made calling him away imman with the barrow. Away aft the of the company were the appetite of it must be as light as possible—to mediately to the city. When he reship was slowly swallowing the sec- anyone unappeased. For my own part, stand on a bracket—neat so as not to turned, he was met by his superinond-class passengers, and there, acting I did not know that I approved of be an eyesore and reasonable in cost. tendent, who nonplussed him by on the advice of constables in straw corned beef until I found myself ac- As it stood it was not wanted, except congratulating him on the splendid cepting the steward's offer of a second for domestic use At last came the turn of our own rank, slice. All this while the doors of the The promoters took their meter, terwards transpired that in his hamthough, alas! the order rang out, saloon had been closed, and we learned and set about making changes. At the mering, when trying to cut a piece off

mediate foreground affected the pleasure we took in the prospect. To my mind, the Atlantic was as docile as an ocean well can be, but the affliction of seasickness had broken out in a vio-Each attached himself to a labelled to moaning and the plaintive bleat of while ropes, loops and snaps were not

> brightly from a sky of intermittent clouds, and our ship ran steadily on a eye attachment had been taken to the business.
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> Let a problem that the business the business of the business of the business.
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> H. O. B. sea of gentle billows. But the repellent trouble was still visible in our midst, and many were the vacant and vacated seats at breakfast.

Not yet had the Empress of Britain taken stock of her human cargo. During the morning an order came that we with washing facilities, straw-stuffed must all assemble in the saloon-male beds on springy bunks, and for each, a and female, old and young, well and life-belt bolster, a blanket and a cov- ill. In the dense congregation there erlet-the cabin represented every- was tribulation. We each received a thing that civilization required, and a printed form to fill up in testimony to simple taste could desire. And so, our age, religion, previous employment, own affairs in order, we went along and intended occupation. A combinadeck, where men and women were caused several bewildered girls to seek waving hats and handkerchiefs, and the assistance of my pencil and supertrying not to think. The sobbing and ior scholarship. The chief purpose of the copious tears were less pathetic massing us was revealed when at last than the dry, straining eyes in blanch- we slowly streamed alongside the corridor and came one by one to the table Lancashire was on the horizon when where, under the observation of sevwe returned below, there to renew ac- eral officers, our passage tickets were quaintances with babel and bewilder- surrendered and our individual idenment. The Empress of Britain had tity established. For the majority, who swallowed the population of a good- intended to stay in Canada, the routine not definitely be foretold. If any army have seemingly failed. Let it be supsized village and the process of diges- was now complete, but those bound tion was still in progress. They seem- for the United States had to tarry ed inextricably mixed-those hundreds a while in the smoking room that they

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Accidental Inventions

Stories of Success and Failure

[H. O. B., in T. P.'s Weekly.]

first. He remarked to her that with loose material that was possible, and she suggested that if, in his sewing machine, he had the eye of the needle at the point, she was sure it would at least effect a considerable improvement. Howe worked at the idea, and finally constructed a machine which gave a stitch known as the chainstitch. The machine was not perfect, but the makers of most of the practical modern machines owe at least a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Elias Howe for her suggestion.

The Trials of an Inventor. There can be no disguising the fact that the exploitation of an invention is a risky undertaking. The public is notoriously fickle-minded, and will approve of a thing one month to treat it with indifference the next. With a sucsubsequent protracted legal proceedings with costs galore. During this

tingent filled our places, and after that weight. It was compact, black, glossy, it from coming undone. That was the and comely. A fair number were fin- genesis of the famous hook and eye sea, varied in the southeast by a dis- nice-looking, but it must be absolutely ence, sadder by a serious loss."

A Lucky Accident. was calm. Such was also the case on the wagon with a specimen cover fit- ply the missing link to a problem that the sun shone the wagon with a specimen cover fit- ply the missing link to a problem that play which I was a link to a link to a problem that play which I was a link to a link to

wade from first quality corn by a clean, careful process. Is Nature's own pure product with the sunshine and the rain left

10c A PACKAGE AT ALL GROCERS

vention, and man forgets to wear the table, where the sweet sea air entered good example of this vagary of the Government inspector for his approv- in the foundation of some noble enter-

to unhook it. It would neither stretch

"The company secured from the pat- nor give, and had finally to be cut off. entee the sole right to manufacture The contractor tried again, allowing the meter. It had stood pretty severe plenty of room for contraction, but ship, but an organism—a complex or- Ocean that all the ten at our table tests, and was said to be in a class by when the wagon was in use the hooks itself. A factory was fitted with tools, became unfastened and the cover sand graded human beings. How to which the compilers of the menu had presses, and a fairly costly equipment. flapped off. A number of changes Nine months' time was used in getting were made in the proportions of the two resourceful companions. Standing tially thick, lay before each of us. of the meters were furnished and ofin long queues, and elbowing one's Pyramids of hot rolls and slices of fered to the trade. The trade criticislast of the hooks to the manager with into action, and a fairly large number hook with little, if any success, and, acceptable on its working merits. But use. Some time afterwards the manif the court knew itself, and the court ager, turning over the hooks, came to way he had arranged the hook. It af- Rostand's career, gives Mons. Rosthat two-thirds of the passengers had end of five months the meter had been the hook, he had beaten down the I had already noted the group of been temporarily shut out. When we almost entirely reconstructed. Five tongue, forming a bulge, which allowed foreigners with large, innocent faces, all had finished our meal, a second con- pounds had been shorn from its the eye to slip past and yet prevented Mons. Rostand told me:

Schoolboy vs. Savant. tant purple haze. But an appalling dust-proof and damp-proof as well. Mr. Dobbin relates how Bessemer circumstance that disfigured our imheartened, the company closed that ufacture his now world-famous pro- tered. Noticing the sudden attitude of line of operations, wiser by experi- cess for making steel, was never able the blackbird, I said to myself, 'He to guarantee the product turned out is most certainly poking fun at the from day to day. Walking through the Some inventions are purely the result works one day with his son, just home At last we three stood before the lent and infectious form. It came as of a lucky accident. Nearly a score of from Eton, he explained to the lad what does he think of it?" That was ship's doctor, who waved us on with a crowning calamity to men and wo- years ago the army transport depart- what they were doing. As the huge the origin of 'Chantecler'-comedy the smiling assurance, "You are all men whose nerves were racked by the ment of the United States gave an or- converter was turned over on its trunright." But in my case one of the snapping of home ties. Pictures of in- der for a large number of coverings nions, and the stream of flame and doctors was not so sure. He bared my finite pathos were the mothers who, for ammunition wagons, supply carri- sparks fired out of the mouth, he said head and confronted me with search bending to the care of their suffering ages, and the like. It was stipulated they were blowing air into the pot to first verse of my play than I in-Ing severity. Then he returned my cap children, were themselves overcome, that the coverings were to be so con- burn out the sulphur and carbon in vited Coquelin to Cambo. I wanted Strong men fell victims with the rest, structed that they should stay on un- the ore. It was necessary, however, to him to take the part of the Cock. But and many passengers, fearful of suc- der any condition of service and be leave a certain amount of carbon in I felt a doubt in my mind. Would unto a disturbed ants' nest of several cumbing to environment, fled to their easily removed. The fastening was not the core, and they judged the amount unpolluted cabins. Thus of the hale allowed to have any special machinery, by the color of the flame. It was enhabitants in moving masses of black there remained too few to succor all the essential qualification being effi- tirely a matter of judgment, and often confusion. Hillocks of luggage were who lay helpless; and the stewards and ciency and simplicity. Buttons, at fault. The boy gazed interestedly ling to the impulse of his generous stewardesses knew no rest till a late thumb-screws and patent catches of at the sparks from the furnace for a human insects had gone to the rescue, hour. That night I lay awake listening all kinds were offered and rejected, few moments, and then exclaimed, "Well, father, why don't you blow it took him from us at the moment allowed. Finally, the contractor ap- all out, and then put in as much car-And all this while, as I say, the sea proached a firm making hooks and bon as you want?" It had remained for

O that a man might know The end of this day's business ere it

But it sufficeth that the day will end. And then the end is known. -Julius Caesar, Act V., Sc. 1

his efforts. It is well that the end cana panic from the field at the approach nite day in a given year he was t

cided victory.

coming events is universal. Witches, execution. wizards and astrologers, professing to be able to fortell events, did a

## GOOD HEALTH FOR BABY

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know what is or is not to be the ultiniate outcome of present actions. an open book and the end known? No by the way. Besides, "Chantecler" worse fate could befall mankind. It differs from the comedies of the is a law of nature that many shall Greek author in other respects, as, strive for the success of the few. A for instance, in the essentially rustic Every general has, like Brutus, on thousand acorns struggled to live character of my work." the eye of battle, longed in his heart their lives for every oak that grows to know what success would attend to majestic proportions. The success of any one individual is in a sense product of the efforts of hundreds who were sure of defeat it would rush in posed that a man knew that on a defidie! What would likely be the effect of the opposing force. If it had abso- on him? It he were a peculiarly e assurance of victory it would not strong man he would work with enput forth the effort that would make ergy to complete as many tasks as possible before his death. The mawill end, that is sufficient. Let jority of men would, however, be enenfort be put forth to win a de- ervated by the shadow of the day victory. Brutus is not the only individual imaginations with unbearable heaviwho has longed for definite information with regard to the future. The demned man from whom all hope has desire to have accurate knowledge of been taken counting the hours till his

The great beauty of life is that the flourishing business in the pre- end of each day's business is concealscientific age; and in modern times ed. With rare exceptions all men are palmists and fortune-tellers of various confident of long life and that success kinds still find their dupes. Curiosity will crown their present efforts. If with regard to the fate of one's busi- it were not so effort would cease. The ness or life has induced many to seek the average man, if he knew that he had those who profess to be able to look but a year to live, would fold his The story of invention has many in-, for not progressing faster. One of them into the seeds of time and tell which hands and cease toiling. Yet in that stances that seem contradictory, and replied that if he would grind off the grains would grow and which would year he might accomplish something appear to indicate that brilliancy of corners of the shovels it would be eas- not. This curiosity is a sign of weak- worth the whole of his previous existappear to indicate that brilliancy of corners of the shovels it would be eas- not. This curiosity is a sign of worth the whole of his provided appear to indicate that brilliancy of ier to get them into the earth, and ness and impatience. It marks a ten- ence. Again, if the ultimate fate of the state of conception, patient investigation, plodconsequently they would be able to dency to lean upon others; the wise each individual were known, what up
ding industry, or flagrant plagiarism work more quickly. The idea was ridiman can approximate at his own fuhave the manifer factor. So may have been the moving factor. So culed by the contractor, but the navvy ture. It denotes discontentment; the When incurable disease has taken hold fixed in the calendar as are feast days, hope which "springs eternal in the human breast," would be non-existent;

through life. Suppose, once more, that business success or failure could be accurately Would this knowledge be conducive of energetic action? would be the use of toiling late and the stomach and bowels are kept in early, of studying and planning, if in order there is little danger from the end failure for the individual was Baby's Own Tablets to be the result? It is well that a is the best medicine in the world for knowledge of their business future is bowel troubles. They can be given dent that the end of the day's business with perfect safety to the new-born will be success. It is this confidence baby or the well-grown child. An octahat has made men great inventors ulate the stomach and bowels, and put forth effort but few are successful The from the world's point of view. The mother who keeps these Tablets on wayside is white with the bones of hand may feel assured her little ones those who have failed. And yet they are safe. If you have not got a box have not failed, their efforts have enof the Tablets, get one without de- couraged others. The foundation lay. Do not wait until trouble stones of a cathedral are hidden from comes; it may then be too late. Sold view, they attract no attention, yet they are vastly more important to the

Every worker may be a humble stone

prise. Should he know that his ambitions would never be realized his heart would cease to hope and his hands to work.

Kelloggs

**FOASTE** 

It is a blessing that the future is a closed book; that the end of the day's business is concealed. The end is coming, and there is much to be done The crown of successful achievement may be yours but it will not be won by sitting idly by and awaiting the inevitable doom.

#### **BLACKBIRD GAVE** "CHANTECLER" IDEA

Mons. Rostand, Stopping at Farmhouse, Was Impressed by Actions of Feathered Tribe.

Ange Galdemar, in his account in the September McClure's of Edmond tand's own story of the genesis of "Chantecler" as follows:

"And, indulging his recollections,

"I had gone for a walk. I had We went on deck and gazed at the ished and offered. They now asked for exploited under the advertising occasion to stop at a farmhouse, and, encircling glory of blue sky and bluer a meter that was not only light and caption, 'See that hump?" while I waited in the yard, my eyes while I waited in the yard, my eyes were attracted by a blackbird hopping about in a cage. A cock encock. Does the cock see it? If so, among the animals.

"'No sooner had I jotted down the the actors consent to play in a piece of this description. Coquelin reassured me, encouraged me, and yieldnature, soon became enthusiastic over the new idea. Dear Coquelin! Death when "Chantecler" was to be put in my

But, tell me, what is the idea? comedy among the animals is very asily said. La Fontaine, whom you mentioned just now, did not write his fables for the stage. His characters are animals of course, and they act and talk: but we do not see them. we do not hear them; what I mean to say is, they are set before us through the medium of our thoughts alone. In La Fontaine we do not find the material realization at which you are aiming. There is Aristophanes.' "'Aristophanes,' M. Rostand broke in, made use of birds on the stage to criticize the follies of his contempor-Would it be well if the future were aries. My piece employs satire only

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580 MILES OF CATACOMBS.

The catacombs at Rome were the King George is as fond of Scotland as was his grandmother, Queen Vic- burial places of the early Christians. as was his granding and keen sports- They are about 580 miles in extent, enjoys fishing and shooting nowhere and are said to have contained 6,000. so much as on Deeside. His children, 000 bodies. During the persecutions of too, are all devoted to Scotland, and the Christians under Nero and other it will be a great change for them, af-Roman emperors, the catacombs were ter having always stayed at Abergel-die, to be housed at Balmoral. The late King and Queen did so much for tran the catacombs were crowded with the castle that it needs no putting in those for whom there was no safety order. The brown and yellowish paint in the face of day. The art of the catthat disfigured the passages, yet sat- acombs is unique and most interestisfled Queen Victoria, was made to go, ing. Simple designs are etched in the and Balmoral, all white, and rose, and slabs which seal the tombs. Now and green the colors beloved in juxtapo- then are small chapels where paintsition by Francis Bacon, and adopt- irgs are to be found. All are Bible IIed by Queen Alexandra, in many of lustrations, so that the catacombs her schemes of decoration, hardly may be said to be a pictorial Bible in knew itself.

| may be said to be a pictorial Bible in effect.—Christian Herald.

It is not every inventor, however, ment, and the story of the navvy who suggestion for altering the shape of ufacture of shovels under his patent. shovels is worth recounting. Eightyeight years ago a number of men were at work on the roadbed of a line of Birmingham and Manchester. They America by Elias Howe. were using were known as Irish tical purposes. work progressed slowly, and the sub- pass the yarn through the web of the liame Medicine Company, Brockville, inspires admiration in the multitude. contractor in charge rebuked the men stocking with the eye of the needle Ont

A Navvy's Idea.

of lessening human labor and accom- suaded an ironmonger he knew to plishing more work in less time. Ever make a dozen or so as an experiment. dancing before the eyes of the inventor The tools were offered to a contractor, is the prospect of a tangible reward for who agreed to let some of his men use his labors. "His work," says Mr. F. the shovels and report results. About a H. Dobbin, in the current issue of the week afterwards the contractor re-Busy Man's Magazine (Toronto) par- turned with the information that his allels the eager search of the gold or men were fairly quarrelling as to who silver miner for a pay streak or suc- should have the new tools, some getcessful lead." Too often, however, the ting to work fifteen minutes before

work of the inventor, after months of time in order to be there first when work of the inventor, after months of time in order to be there first when cents a box. A box bought now may success of careful thought and painstaking effort, the tool-box was opened. The navvy's save baby's life. Summer complaints foretold. culminates in loss and disappointsuggestion had proved a good one; a patent was secured, and an agreement sands of little ones every year. If made between the navvy, the manufacturer and the contractor, and, eventwhose efforts meet with disappoint- ually, when the navvy died he left an estate valued at over £65,000, the made a fortune as a direct result of a proceeds from royalties on the man-

A Woman's Wit. Another interesting story told by Mr. Dobbin is that of the invention of the railway being constructed between first practical sewing machine in For years were cutting through a hill, and mov- Howe had patiently labored over the ing the material by loosening it with idea of mechanical sewing, and had picks, shovelling into barrows and devised a machine that made a proper wheeling it away. The shovels they stitch, but worked too slowly for prac-One evening, after

far as their inception is concerned, did not forget it, and when the work strong man is content with the pres- of friend or kindred sorrow presses there is no doubt that the majority of was finished discussed the matter with ent, while building on it for the fu- heavily upon the hearts of companions inventions are devised with the object a friend of his at Sheffield, who per- ture. The day will end; be ready for and relatives. Until the fatal hour ar-Every hour should be lived as rives those in close contact with the though in the next the end would be victim suffer greatly from the mere known. There will then be no over- knowledge of the inevitable. If the anxiety about it, no vain curiosity to death hour of each individual were AT VERY LITTLE COST and hope is the star that guides, the sun that brightens man in his journey

> Look for the "sheep" The C. Tumbull Co