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New York Streets Better
Lighted Than London's

Surprised at Art and Literature
Collections — Some
Humorous Contrasts of the
Two Countries.

(Toronto Mail and Empire).
E. V. Lucas, English critic and gentle
humorist, and one of the editors of
Punch, but perhaps most highly regarded
as an authority upon the life and
works of Charles Lamb, has spent the
last few weeks in the United States,
and has shown no un-English bias,
without about passing his opinion on
it. Interviewed by Russell B. Porter,
for the New York World, he had first
to declare himself on the prohibition
issue before the American and English
people. It is only fair to say that any-
one who has a knock for prohibition can
be sure of a sympathetic and respectful
hearing in the New York World. Mr. Porter
calls the burning question are only
slightly less judicial than those of the
Wine and Spirit Gazette. It makes no
secret of its belief that prohibition is the
greatest outrage ever perpetrated on the
American public. Mr. Lucas is less pas-
sionate, but observed that he had no
trouble in getting a drink. In Chicago
a policeman, an utter stranger, directed
him to a hotel where he could get a "shot
of booze." He did not believe that Eng-
land or Scotland ever would go dry, and
remarked that when Sir Walter Raleigh,
professor of English literature at Ox-
ford, was asked to sign a round robin
presented by certain clerics, asking that
during the war and after it, students
should be forbidden to attend what are
called "wines," he refused on the ground
that young men were not sent to Ox-
ford to be protected, but to make a
choice, which is the most important part
of education.

Art Treasures in United States.
Mr. Lucas naturally was struck by the
great White Way, and said that in En-
land such a display of light would be
considered an act of national or social
treachery. He thought there were fewer

night prowlers in New York than in
London, partly because the streets were
so much better lighted. He continued,
"I like travelling in America, and
understand the language. I do not
say Americans are the kindest and
most generously hospitable people,
but I have not been everywhere,
and I can't imagine any that are more
so." One thing that deeply impressed
him was the treasures of culture that
are preserved in the United States and
which are being added to daily. He
saw collections of pictures, books and
manuscripts that bewildered him by their
range and richness. "It has come to
this," he said, "that no exhaustive critical
monograph could be written by an Eng-
lishman or Frenchman about any of his
country's greatest authors or painters
without crossing the Atlantic."

Art and Literature.


He continued—
"Kipling's line, 'What do they know
of England that only England knows?'
has been continually in my mind as I
have wandered through your cities. I
thought, for example, that Dr. Johnson
was a typically English hero. I find both
the finest collection of Johnsoniana in St.
Buffalo; and Philadelphia contains a
Johnson 'fan' who leaves the devotees of
the Cheshire Cheese in Fleet street miles
behind, both in zeal and knowledge.
The manuscripts and first editions of Charles
Lamb are coming to America. I spent
some years of my life in studying Lamb
and writing his life, but I now know—
after visiting certain collections and
hearing of others in this country—that
I ought to do the work all over again.
I used to think that to see the work of
Claude Monet at its best it was neces-
sary to go to France. Not a bit of it!
The most exquisite Monets are here.
The world has such treasures, such
manuscripts and first editions of Charles
Lamb at Philadelphia. And so on. I should
like to say that either in literature or in
art, America is doing better work today
than England and Europe. I think it
probable that, some day soon, when
she can forget Wall Street a little, she
can forget the world is so much en-
thusiasm being displayed in the assem-
blage of the best work of England and
Europe and in giving it honorable and
fitting house-room."

Whimsically Contrasted.
Mr. Lucas said that living expenses
were much higher in the United States
than in England. He said that the Amer-
ican fourth rate coffee was better than
the English first rate, not an original ob-
servation, but he refrained from observing
that the exact opposite might as
trustfully have been said of the tea pro-



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vided in the two countries. Just to prove
that his reputation as a humorist was
not wholly unfounded, he made some
other observations, as per samples en-
closed—
"In England on the Day of rest we are
still able to see some of the furniture
of our sitting rooms. In America it is
covered by the Sunday editions of the
papers."
"In England they say 'yes,' and in
America they gulp."
"In England the railway cars are dis-
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"In England if you ask a man how he
is, he gives you an account of his more
recent maladies and this morning's tem-
perature. In America he says, 'Fine.'"
"In England a series of comic pictures
in a paper." He failed to add that in
America they must end in a pair of
feet sticking up in the air.

No Class Distinctions.

He noted, too, that in England a wait-
er would bring a dinner something to go
on with, but in the United States it all
comes at once just as the guest is about
to swoon with hunger. He also observed
the lack of class distinctions in the United
States, and said it was nice to be
called "Mr. Lucas" immediately by
everyone, which rather puzzles us to
know what else he would be called in
England. If he remained much longer,
he might find himself publicly referred
to as "Old Doc Lucas." On the whole
Mr. Lucas's observations seem to have
been of the sort that can be worked up
into a couple of light books of travel,
they will not tend further to estrange the
two countries.

SOME FEATURES OF THE
LONDON "SEASON" WHICH
NOW IS AT ITS HEIGHT

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about a mile square out there, and there
the family is going to settle down, liv-
ing on the natural products of the is-
land, fruit and fish, supplemented by
supplies brought by occasional coasting
steamers. It is a remarkable adventure
in the circumstances, implied, I under-
stand, by no such health reasons as
drove R. L. S. to Samoa. But one can-
not help wondering how the two daugh-
ters, aged respectively twenty-one and
sixteen, will like it. The complete ab-
sence of society of the sort they have
been accustomed to must surely
prove somewhat trying after a while.

Reforming the Stage.

The Actors' Association is determined
to fight with every weapon it can bring
into the fray the admission into the
profession of unqualified men and wo-
men. Within the next ten days a state-
ment of an entirely new policy may be
expected, making some kind of educa-
tion and examination compulsory for all
stage aspirants. Alfred Lugg, active and
enthusiastic secretary of the A. A.,
tells me that it is proposed to make at-
tendance at one of the schools of dra-
matic art for at least three terms com-
pulsory. At the end of this period an
examination would take place and diplo-
mas be granted without which no one
would be admitted to membership of
the association. By the time 15,000
members of the A. A. had been en-
rolled, which was hoped would be done
by the end of this year, it would be
possible to exclude from the stage every-
one who was not a member. Mr. Lugg
declared that the profession was great-
ly overcrowded by persons who had no
right to the name of artists, and the
A. A. was the only body that could
remedy this. As things are at present,
the stage is the only profession into
which a man or a woman can step re-
gardless of qualification, and entirely
without training, merely by "influence."
This influence is too often of an en-
tirely pernicious character. Behind it
lurks a very ugly scandal.

GIFT OF A THIRD THUMB.

Gulford, Eng., June 12.—A curious gift
has been made to Gulford Museum. It is
a third thumb which a local resident had
amputated from his left hand to enable
him to pass the medical test for the
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To "Mother" Harvesters.
Kansas City, Mo., June 12.—The farm-
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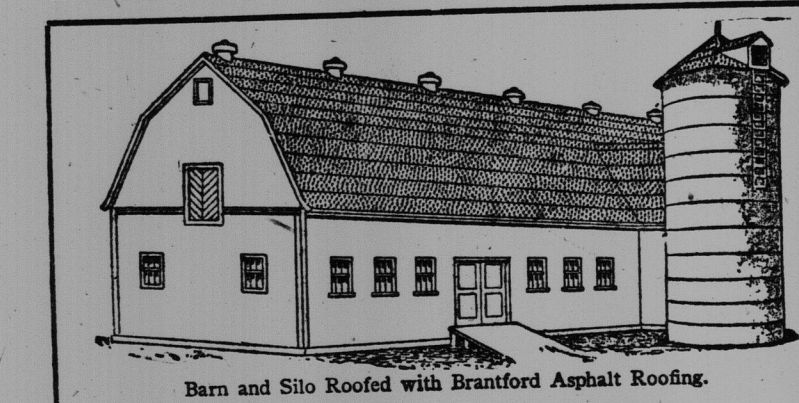
the task of placing harvest field labor
on a "kid glove" basis.
The 1920 harvest field laborers will be
not only the highest paid, but also the
best fed, housed and "mothered" in his-
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An English Custom Becoming Quite Common in Canada

Every country has its national customs
and habits.

For instance, England has the custom
of serving afternoon tea.

English homes, stores, offices, factories,
work shops, hotels and tea rooms serve
afternoon tea. It is part of the national life
of England.

Our soldiers poked fun at it, but were
not long in acquiring the habit.

And they are not giving it up now that
they are back home.

They are influencing a more general
adoption of afternoon tea in Canada.

To-day this English custom is quite
common in Canadian homes.

It is spreading. New tea rooms are
opening all over Canada. Hotels are mak-
ing a specialty of afternoon tea. The habit
is invading offices, stores and work
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