

Answers to Correspondents.

A Problem of Behaviour.

Last month the following problem was presented:

Mr. Pitt, a rising and conceited young author, is lunching with the Blacks. Pitt is seated between Mrs. Black and her seventeen year old daughter, Gertrude. Mrs. Black says, "I have just been reading your new novel, 'The Dew,' and I think it charming, positively charming." Gertrude pricks up her ears and says, "Why, mother, you can't mean that; you were only saying this morning that you thought 'The Dew' most dreadfully dull."

A prize was offered for the best answer for Mrs. Black.

The prize has been awarded to J. G. Ashton, Fort Rouge, for the following:

"Yes, I did say so, but I have since changed my mind. On reading the novel through, I found that it was most delightful. What I considered to be a tedious recital was but a necessary introduction."

Here are some other answers:

"True Gertrude! But it was only a comparison. I meant that the book was dull compared with the writer of it. He is like 'The Dew' that gives freshness to the flowers."

"Really, Gertrude, how could you have misunderstood us. Mr. Pitt, have a little more chicken, please."

"Why Gertrude, how could you have so misunderstood me? I meant that it was dull in the morning because one could not get outside for the dew on the grass."

"Why! you misunderstood me darling."

"Why, dearie, you misunderstand me; I meant it would be dull to some people because it is so pure. You know some people never call a book interesting unless it is composed of slangy phrases."

Another Problem.

Mrs. Gray writes Mrs. Bell to visit her in the country for a week. She does not include in the invitation the daughter Lucy who is an only child of ten years and spoiled. Mrs. Bell in accepting the invitation begs that Lucy be allowed to come. She will be no trouble. Yet Mrs. Gray is afraid of Lucy's influence over her own children. What should she do?

License to Sell Goods.

Editor.—"I am a new subscriber, but must say for the price you ask for the Monthly, it is equal to any \$1.00 magazine in Canada or the States. Times are hard in this valley because the C. P. R. did not keep its promise and get an extension in time to build the railway, and it knocked the bottom out of all and many hopes. Now I have to leave my wife at my new settled place and try to make a living by taking an agency for selling articles till I can save enough to keep up improving and planting fruit, for the land is not in shape to live on or farm it, like the prairie. Would you be able and kind enough to let me know what are the laws in B. C. and Alberta about going from house to house to sell goods (patented articles). About licenses; is a person required to get a license in every town or even on the road in the country, or can he get a license for the whole province to go anywhere and sell?"—Frank Voigt, Wilmer, B.C.

Answer:—In some towns of British Columbia there are by-laws which make it necessary for licenses to be taken out by persons selling articles in the manner you refer to. In some of the towns where there are such by-laws, they are not strictly enforced. Possibly your best way would be to go from town to town and make some enquiries on the quiet before starting to work. The chances are that in most towns you would not be interfered with.

A Good Citizen.

Editor.—"Making Canadians" is all right in your May number, but do not go too far in your teachings. I am a Norwegian, born in Norway, came to the United States in my sixteenth year, came to Canada four years ago. The teaching of my childhood days was in this direction. There is no Government without the will of God. I was loyal to the laws of the U. S. and came to this Canadian country only of my free will and I intend to be a good citizen of this country also. The teaching founded on christianity always keeps its hold from childhood to death. Born in a foreign country, given a fair education (as I can boast my native country gave me and thousands of others) you cannot expect us to forget it, can you? The United States did not forbid us Norwegians to celebrate the 17th of May (Norway's 4th of July) and President Roosevelt admitted we were among the best of American citizens. Now I believe that we will never be able to forget Norway; at the same time, I, for one, believe we will be true and loyal to the constitution of Canada." — A. S. Bothum, Midale, Sask.

Getting a Divorce.

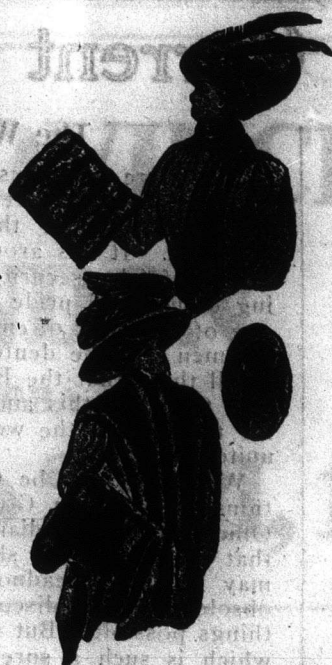
Editor.—"Will you kindly answer the following questions? A couple who have always resided in Canada wish to get a divorce in the United States. 1. How long will they have to reside in the U. S. before they can apply for a divorce? 2. Will both have to live there or only one of them? 3. In which State is it considered easiest to obtain a divorce? 4. I have heard some one say that in either North or South Dakota it was easy to get a divorce and that there was one particular town where those who wished a divorce went. Do you know the name of any such town? I have forgotten it. 5. How would one set about getting the divorce? To whom should they apply. How long would one have to live in either North or South Dakota before applying?"—A. B. Sask.

Answer:—Each State in the United States of America has separate laws regulating divorces. South Dakota has the reputation of being the State in which divorces are most easily obtained. Jos. M. Donovan, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is an attorney who pays particular attention to matters of divorce, and you might open up a correspondence with him. The term of residence required in South Dakota is 7 months and in North Dakota one year and 4 months, and it is only necessary for the plaintiff to be a resident. If the intention of remaining in the State does not exist at the date of commencement of the residence or if proof of intention does not exist as required by the State these fixed periods above mentioned may be greatly exceeded. Residence alone does not constitute or prove domicile.

Homestead and Citizenship.

Can a homesteader become a citizen and receive his patent at the end of three years when he has been in the States about eight months out of the two years on business? Does a man who is born in the States become a Canadian citizen when he is of age, when his parents are citizens of the States, or does he have to stay three full years in Canada before he can take out his papers?—R. D. Dowell, Souris, Man.

Ans.—There must be three full years residence in Canada before naturalization. There is nothing to prevent him from taking occasional visits to the States provided he has a permanent place of residence in Canada. The young man, being the son of aliens, would not be able to take out his naturalization papers until three years after he has attained the age of 21 years.



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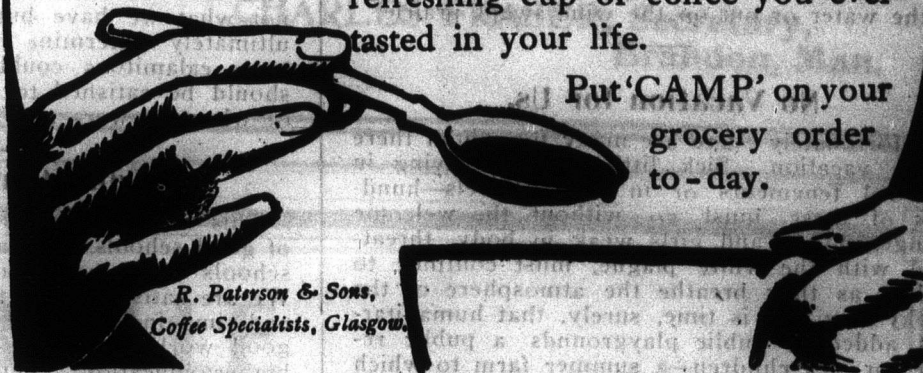
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