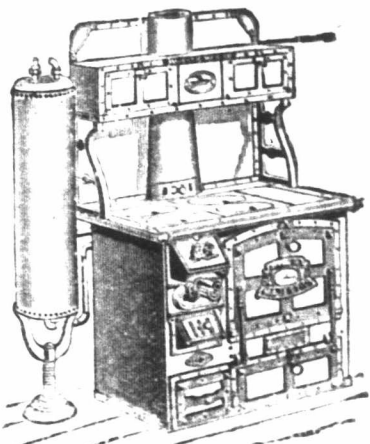


enable him to marry Marie Louise, the Austrian beauty. The great warrior was then in the zenith of his glory, but from that day forth his star declined, and he ultimately died a prisoner in the lonely isle of St. Helena. The mighty emperor had also urged his brother Jerome to repudiate his American Protestant wife, Miss Betsy Patterson, of Baltimore, and sought the good offices of the Pope to consent to his separation, but the Pontiff was inexorable and declared he had no power to dissolve the marriage bond between Prince Jerome and his wife, even though he was a Protestant. The Catholic church upholds the sanctity of the marriage bond and thus preserves and protects civil society by safe-guarding its source, the family and the home. The homes of the people are the safeguards of national stability, and there is no security for the home where the horrified spectre of divorce menaces its happiness.

If anyone imagines that because a young man attends church and takes a prominent part in religious matters that it is a certain guarantee of good behavior, such a one is greatly mistaken. In fact, I have heard of half-a-dozen or so "good living young men who read good books," who are behaving themselves in a most unchristianlike manner. On Sundays they carry huge Bibles under their arms to church and escort decent, respectable girls home; but under the shadow of darkness their conduct is quite the reverse of what might be expected from "good-living young men." In fact, it is alleged that these young men, the sons of respectable parents, are leading a perfect Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence. A few evenings ago they held a carousal in a lodging house and as a result of a fight between them a woman companion sustained a severe fracture of a limb. No amount of lecturing would benefit these young men, so I turn them over to police court officials to do with them as they seem fit.

The interruption of Mr. Daly's speech at the annual Board of Trade dinner in Toronto should be a warning to post-prandial orators all over Canada and more particularly in Victoria. As is remarked by the *Manitoba Free Press*, after-dinner speakers are apt to forget that at the best human endurance is limited, and that men are impatient of being addressed at length on prosaic subjects when gathered together with festive intent. And without meaning the remark to apply to Mr. Daly particularly, the incident will serve as a hint to that numerous body of men who care little about other possible speakers if only they can deliver their own remarks, no matter their length, before the reporters silently rebel or the night editor's basket opens for contributions. It is so hard to persuade a glib-tongued orator that the average audience would gladly boil him down, so to speak, to one-half; that those must be rare occasions when he can find anything new to say, and that the success of an after-dinner speech depends not so much on what is said as the way in which it is said and the shortness of the time occupied in saying it. Concerning the Daly episode, it may be answered that



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he was a minister of the crown and that he was imparting information concerning that portion of the Dominion that comes within his ken, and that everything he said must have been interesting. The Governor-General, it appears, rushed to his relief with some such plea. But admitting that he was a minister of the crown: after dinner every man is a king if he has dined well, and kings, the world over, are very impatient of being talked to at length. Moreover it is not difficult to understand that a body of dining gentlemen assembled in Toronto, having all the world to hear from, would be unlikely to suffer patiently an extended lecture about one part of the Dominion in which the majority of them had only a general interest. But many men, when they rise "to make a few remarks," are seized by a *cacoethes loquendi*, and cannot abandon the position of advantage which courtesy has given them for a limited period, not intending that it should be abused. Mr. Daly may have unwittingly conferred an inestimable boon upon a very great number of his fellow countrymen who suffer at intervals.

A young man in a neighboring city actually advertised recently for a position as second maid or under study in a nursery; claiming to be of good character but unable to find other employment. This is just about the situation our young men are coming to who are anxious to work. Chambermaids, or nurse maids, are the very last callings womankind seek nowadays. In fact, they can scarcely be found for love or money, so great is the demand for such. False pride, and false ambition has led them to despise "working out," even at high wages, but they are all ready to step in to clerical, and even to manual labor more fitted for males, whom they have fairly (or unfairly) crowded out of trades and professions. At the present rate of progress the men will soon not only come under closer petticoat government, but will have to don the petticoats and attend to women's work while the women put on the pants and attend to the men's work. "A fair exchange is no robbery," but we hardly consider this a fair exchange. There are big fields of reform right here, almost as important as the "ballot reform," worthy of all true womanly consideration.

PERE GRINATOR.

The presentation of Strife by an amateur company at The Victoria last evening was too late for a lengthy notice in this issue. The Bantly orchestra furnished the music.

**NOT MUCH ACCOUNT.**

A Canadian preacher says that he attended the funeral of a husband once, and when he returned to the house of mourning to console the wife the first opportunity she had she remarked:

"Well, Brother—, I'll give you a job that will pay you better before long."

And, sure enough, she got married soon after. Truly a man doesn't amount to much when his wife is a widow.

**A FAITHFUL CLERK'S REWARD.**

"James," he began, as the clerk entered the private office, "the new year's close at hand."

"Yes sir."

"How long have you been with us?"

"Twenty years, sir."

"Ah! Twenty years. You came in from the country with all your worldly possessions tied up in a cotton handkerchief?"

"I did, sir."

"You left home determined to achieve success?"

"Yes sir."

"You believed that honesty and integrity would be rewarded, and that faithful service would meet its reward?"

"That's the way I reasoned, sir."

"Ah! I remember the morning you applied for a situation. I liked your look and the way you talked."

"Thanks, sir."

"Now, James, my partner goes out with the new year, I've been thinking of you."

"Y-yes, sir."

"Of your long and faithful service,—"

"Yes, sir."

"And I'm going to reward you. I'm glad it's in my power to do so. I shall commence the new year alone."

"Exactly."

"With limited capital."

"Ah!"

"And it will therefore, be necessary to reduce all salaries. On all the others I shall make a cut of fifteen per cent. Owing to your long and faithful services I shall make the cut in your case only ten. That's all: James, and I hope you will try and get down half an hour earlier in the morning, and also to be a little more economical with the gas and fuel."

How large are some of the hydraulic mining ventures of this Province is exemplified by the fact that the Kootenay Hydraulic Mining Co., in 1893 expended nearly \$80,000 in development work and will this year spend a large additional sum in making a ditch nearly 4 miles long between Salmon River and Sixteen Mile Creek.