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—A large number from here are taking in Delta fair to-day.

—Pressure of work compels us to hold over a number of valuable and interesting communications.

—Miss Boyce, Miss Fair, Athens, Mr. Lockwood and Thompson, Smith's Falls, were among the guests at Cedar Park, on Sunday.

—A letter from Wm. Gossage in reply to the Hutchinson & Fisher letter of last week, as well as the Editor's comments on the matter, are unavoidably held over until next week.

—"A two day's cruise on the Lab-n-o-tah" being the sketch of a trip around Charleston lake on the houseboat, by the Scribner of the Reporter and his friend, Marsh Ripley of Elgin, will appear next week.

—Rev. Reynolds preached at Soper town Methodist church anniversary services last Sabbath morning, and at Athens church in the evening, on lessons from the life of the late President of the Republic.

—Rev. G. S. Reynolds, brother of Rev. W. E. Reynolds, Athens, a former pastor at Elgin and Mallorytown was visiting his brother last week and preached in the Methodist church on Sunday morning last.

—Everett Blanchard and wife of Friend, Nebraska, who have been visiting relatives and friends in this section left for home on Monday last accompanied by his father, Daniel Blanchard of Addison, who goes out to look after his property in the West.

—The following was posted up in J. P. Lamb & Son's window last week:—
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After a week's stay in this town the Dr. Turner Concert and Medicine Co. have gone to McIntosh Mills, where they stay a week after which they go to Brockville.

Their object here was to advertise their remedies, which they did, but the sales were not up to their expectations, owing, no doubt, to healthiness of our residents. The shows they gave attracted large crowds, especially on the "free" nights, and were of the vaudeville type. The La Belle brothers on the wire and the magic and sleight of tricks were creditably performed. Mr. Herne delighted his auditors with his character and humorous sketches, and also by his clog dancing and singing. Mrs. Herne ably assisted by rendering latest music on the organ.

Probably the most interest in connection with the show centered in the baby contest, for which a first class set of dishes was to be given to the baby holding the majority of votes during

the week. At the conclusion of the contest Baby Fowler held the largest number of votes and was awarded the prize.

WOMEN BEE-KEEPERS.

Mrs. Ed. Westlake, and Miss Jessie, have been trying their hand at bee-keeping. They succeeded in doing what not one in ten prominent apiarists did. They kept their number of colonies good during those two long-to-be-remembered disastrous years, 1899 and 1900.

They took off 800 lbs. of light honey 600 lbs. of dark, and increased their 18 colonies to 41 this season. Their strawberries and red and black berries, and other garden products proved profitable, with a little orchard crushed under its load of beautiful apples. I imagine these two acres are laying up a little money annually, while ad to save many a hundred acres is gradually depreciating.

Miss Jessie, amiable, prudent, industrious, has well earned a ticket to the Pan-American and will most likely go there with her father.

Mrs. Westlake also has six of the finest Yorkshire pigs, of their age, I have ever seen, weighing 140 lbs. each.

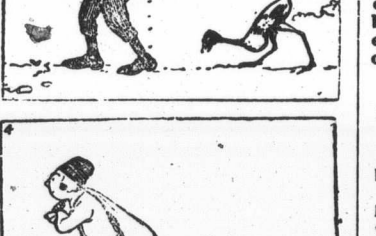
DIVORCE LAWS.

The Provincial Synod held at Montreal last week discussed the liquor and divorce laws at considerable length. Speaking on the subject, Judge McDonald of Brockville, held that in these days, when the standard of morality seemed to be getting lower and lower, the synod should declare unswervingly upon the question, and declare emphatically that in this ecclesiastical province there should be no marriage of divorced persons.

The synod recommended that the following paragraph be added to Canon 16 within the prohibited degrees:—"No clergymen of this ecclesiastical province shall knowingly solemnize a marriage between persons, either or both of whom have been previously married, and have been divorced, during the lifetime of the other party to the first marriage, without reference to the ordinary, except where such persons desire to be reunited to each other."

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BUTTON OR BUTTONHOLE

A Question Similar to That of Precedence of Men or Eggs.

Once upon a time a case was brought before a learned judge in which the question at issue was as to whether the button was made for the buttonhole or the buttonhole for the button.

Counsel for the button held that it was so plain as to render argument superfluous that the buttonhole was made for the use and behoof of the button; still, for form's sake, he would give a few reasons why his contention was the correct one. It was apparent, he said, that without the buttonhole the button would be unable to perform its function, and hence it was plain that the button preceded the buttonhole and that the latter was invented in order that the button might be of service to mankind. It should be clear to everybody that had it not been for the button the buttonhole never would have been thought of. Its existence necessarily presupposed the existence of the button.

The lawyer for the other side was equally positive in the stand he had been employed to take. He averred that in fact, the button was merely an afterthought. He said that, as every one knew, the buttonhole can be employed without the button, as witness Farmer Jones, who invariably uses a nail or silver of wood instead of the conventional button, whereas it was impossible to make an effective use of the button without the aid and assistance of the buttonhole. Hence it was shown beyond peradventure that the buttonhole was of greater importance than the button, and it was natural to infer that the buttonhole was first invented and that the button came later simply as an ornament or at best as an improvement upon the nail, silver or other instrumentality wherewith the buttonhole was made to perform its duty. To show the relative value of the buttonhole and the button, he said, take this simple example: When a button comes off, the buttonhole can still be made serviceable, but if the buttonhole is slit open the button of no use whatever. With this the learned counsel rested his case, although he claimed that he had not exhausted the subject.

When the court came in after recess, the learned judge promptly decided the case in favor of the buttonhole, clearly a just decision, although it was whispered about the courthouse that the decision might have been different but for the fact that while changing his linen between adjournment and reassembling of the court his honor had dropped his collar button and hunted for it without success for half an hour and perhaps might never have found it had he not stepped upon it. But of course this suggestion came from the partisans of the button and may fairly be imputed to their disappointment and chagrin.

Easy Lessons in City Life.

When Moses K. Armstrong was elected delegate to congress from the territory of Dakota, he made an experimental trip to Washington to accustom himself to metropolitan ways. In "The Early Empire Builders of the Great West" he humorously describes some of his first day's experiences in an eastern city:

Down at the corner of the next block I heard an auctioneer crying out, "Going for 50 cents!" I struck straight for his voice, and as I entered the room he caught my eye and nodded his head. I returned the compliment. At that moment he cried out, "Sold and gone!" To my surprise, I found that by nodding my head I had bought a woman's head-dress for 50 cents. I paid the money and left the price on the counter. I skipped out and walked slowly down the street, muttering to myself, "Sold and gone!" and I have not nodded my head at a man since I made that bargain.

Being a single man, I felt a little blue over the purchase, so I pushed on through the rain up the avenue and soon met a bootblack who offered me a shine for 10 cents. I poked my foot out to him. He pulled his artist brush, looked at me and said:

"Boss, you looks like one o' dem congressmen. Chuck down de cash befo' I spit on your boots. We don't trust dem M. C. fellers."

I paid him the dime, and he blacked one boot, and then asked if I wanted the other polished, saying that his price was 10 cents a foot.

By this time I began to get mad, and I turned from Sambo and walked rapidly with one foot black and the other brindle. My brindle foot at last attracted so much attention that I stepped the other into the mud to make a match.

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