

DEMI-TASSE

Courierettes.

A Yorkshire editor has been criticizing Earl Grey. Won't that popular nobleman sigh for the friendly sanctum of the Canadian press!

Mr. George Tate Blackstock has received congratulations from the Imperial Mission of England, on the defeat of Reciprocity; but he has not received any Cobden medal—as yet.

The Nationalists are to continue independent. Aren't they the haughty heroes?

Principal Petersen, of McGill University, has objected to namby-pamby hymns. He must have been listening to the "Glory Song," or "Oh, to be Nothing!"

Hon. Winston Churchill is now First Lord of the Admiralty. In spite of this fact, the Canadian Navy is yet in existence.

In the meantime, the Toronto News continues to insist that The Globe will hand over that twenty-five thousand.

Toronto is becoming so accustomed to ducal visits that a mere Marquis will not count.

Some cannibals in remote Australia have objected to Europeans as "having a salty taste." Perhaps they would find a Chicago man too fresh.

Winnipeg had a vaster banquet than has been for Rogers and Roche, with Roblin presiding. The "three R's" appear to be well studied in Manitoba.

Mural paintings of Justice and Truth will soon be put up in Toronto City Hall. It needs them.

Japan would like to see a neutral strip in China. And Italy would like a slice of Turkey out of Tripoli.

The price of bricks will go up next spring, but the price of the gold brick remains unchanged.

Mr. Borden is now in a position to say to his Cabinet—"Gentlemen, pray be seated."

There may be a fairer clime than Canada in October—but we don't want to go there.

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Not the Proper Noun.—There is a Teutonic citizen of the name of Kloeffer, who went about an Ontario city, on the twenty-second of September, exclaiming on the vastness of the political change.

"Yes, indeed," said one Liberal sympathizer, "it was a regular earthquake."

"Exactly," agreed Mr. Kloeffer, "quite a landscape, quite a landscape!"

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"Flying For a Fall."—That aviators are attempting much more spectacular flying feats than the progress in aviation to date warrants is the opinion of many people.

At a moving picture show in Toronto two men were noting the great "stunts" that an aviator had performed a few days before.

"Has that man been killed?" asked one.

"No—not yet," was the answer.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Mabel: Would you advise me to go on the stage? My elocution teacher says that I have decided talent. I have recited "Lasca" and "Aux Italiens" at our Thanksgiving tea-meetings, and always received an encore.

This is a serious proposition, Mabel, and you ought to think more than twice before leaving home and mother to face the perils of a theatrical career. You do not give us your address, but we are sure that it is a civilized community, capable of great self-restraint, if it allowed you to perpetrate "Lasca" and others with impunity. A career is always doubtful and you had better

marry the young man who leads the choir.

Emmeline: What is good for a red nose? Mine is very distressing and leads to embarrassment.

Have you tried joining the W. C. T. U.? Sometimes it has been known to exert a most beneficial influence on an affliction of that kind. Also, you should avoid late hours and Welsh rarebit. Anything like a nasal flush is always distressing, as it often leads to a little misunderstanding.

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His Opinion.—Contented Conservative—"And what do you think of the Borden Government?"

Disgusted Liberal—"It's nothing but a kitchen cabinet."

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She Was Scotch.—There once was a wife who had a way of keeping the husband in his proper place and making him "mind his manners."

It happened that the husband was seriously injured in an accident and brought home in an unconscious state. The doctor bent over him and said gravely: "I fear that he is dead."

But the man opened his eyes just then, remarking feebly, "I'm not dead."

The wife thought it was high time to interpose, and said gently but firmly: "Be quiet, William. The doctor knows best."

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A Search for a Sign.—They were discussing Hallowe'en pranks and deprecating the wild follies of youth, when a white-haired gentleman uttered a protest.

"The boys of to-day are a great deal milder in their carrying-on than we were as students. Why, we'd fairly terrorize the citizens in the small towns and villages. There was a story in one Canadian college town about a shop-keeper who had suffered many things because of the students, and who protested fiercely when he found that his sign had been carried off. He came up to the university, vowing vengeance on 'those young scamps,' and told his tale of woe to the Chancellor.

"The Chancellor accompanied him on a visit of inspection to the rooms. However, the noisy occupants of a certain apartment were given warning, and when the Doctor opened the door it was to discover a devout group on their knees, holding a prayer-meeting. One of them, who afterwards became a well-known lawyer, was quoting the words: 'For this generation seeketh after a sign, but a sign shall not be given them.' And at the same time, a fire was burning merrily in the stove, consuming the stolen sign. Oh, I tell you, boys are a great deal better than they used to be."

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English Humour.—A recently-arrived Englishman, who has the usual amount of praise to give to England's railways, was talking in jesting fashion about Canada's lines.

"I don't wonder that you have accidents on your railways out here," he said. "Why you fasten your rails down with tacks. I wonder that you don't stick them on with gum."

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Slightly Mixed.—There have been some curious instances of mixed metaphors strewn on the floor of the British House of Commons. Many of these have been the contributions of Irish members, the most famous being that perpetrated by Sir Boyle Roche: "Gentlemen, I smell a rat, I see it floating in the air, and I am determined to yet nip it in the bud."

A member from the North of Ireland became indignant one day during the Home Rule agitation of 1886 and remarked bitterly:

"Mr. Gladstone seems determined to cram this bill down our throats behind our backs."

A Scotch member aroused the members to mirth by declaring with regard to a certain proposition: "I am too old a bird to rise to that fly."

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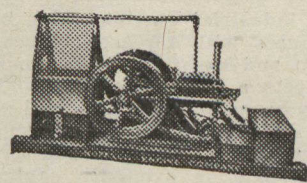
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