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(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
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**JAPAN UNFURLING HER
FLAG ON THE PACIFIC**

(Adachi Kinnosuke, in Harper's Weekly.)

Japan will soon control the trade of the Pacific. Her merchant fleet is growing with great rapidity, not only in American traffic, but in the commerce of Korea, Formosa, China, India and the Far East generally. Certain American optimists declare that the Pacific will always be dominated by the United States. But it is only the optimists who have this faith. Shipping men, American men actually engaged in commerce with the Far East, know that Japan is fast assuming command in that quarter of the globe.

If any one doubts the accuracy of this proposition, let me ask him to consider the organization of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha (Japan Steamship Company), which is energetically carrying the Sunrise flag half way round the world.

A group of the most noted bankers and steamship men of Nippon met on the second day of February of this year in the Bankers' Assembly Hall in Tokyo. This was the first public meeting of the promoters of a new steamship company. At that meeting it was christened the Nippon Kisen Kaisha. A large name. Yet the company has the consolation of knowing that amid the cheerful summer growth of mushroom enterprises since the war it is bigger than its name.

The company commands the capital—no watered stock, by your leave—an instantly available capital of thirty million yen (15,000,000 dollars gold). Their financial programme sets aside ten million yen for the purchase of about one hundred vessels of 200,000 tons, which are, at this present moment, actually engaged in shipping business under the merchant flag of Nippon. The remainder of the sum, the twenty million yen, is to be spent on the construction of new ships. They will have the speed, the improvements, and other qualifications that would please the subsidy regulations of the country. This sum is also meant to cover the expenditure of establishing new lines of traffic.

From a copy of the company's financial estimate which is before us—a modern book of prophecy penned by scientists—learn that the company expects an income of more than five million eight hundred and twenty thousand yen annually from freight handled by regular and established lines of the company; 1,884,597 yen from the freight carried by their vessels on irregular and special services; 213,211 yen and 25 yen from subsidies and bounties; and 100,000 yen through miscellaneous sources. The total expected income per annum amounts to 8,107,825 yen. Against this the total expenditure of the company is estimated at 4,614,265 yen and seven sen.

You must admit that the showing is not at all bad. The estimate was drawn up by a very cautious set of people who are more than once before drawn up estimates; who have never disappointed their friends, especially in their predictions—not the worst showing, to say the least, for an enterprise which is as far from a get-rich-quick trap of this money-mad age as is the north pole from the equator.

"TWELVE MONTHS HENCE."
A person having behaved very rudely to Mr. Boswell, he went to Dr. Johnson, and talked of it as a serious distress. Dr. Johnson laughed, and said, "Consider, sir, how insignificant this will appear twelve months hence." "Were this consideration," says Mr. Boswell, "applied to most of the little vexations of life, by which our quiet is too often disturbed, it would prevent many painful sensations. I have tried it frequently and with good effect."

MADE IN IRELAND.
A beautiful cope of Irish white silk, with a clasp of Irish gold in Celtic design, are being made in Dublin for presentation to His Holiness Pius X. on the occasion of his coming jubilee. The design of the clasp is purely Irish, as everything about the cope and clasp will be. A jeweled spectacle case is being wrought of Irish material also for the Holy Father.

DUKE ORDERS HANDS OFF.

The Duke of Abruzzi has encountered the American souvenir hunter, and he does not like the species. On his recent visit to the Jamestown exposition his flagship was filled of nearly all the valuable mementos that he spent years in gathering. When the Duke went to Boston he refused to allow any visitors on board lest they should dismantle the ship.

HOWL AND CLAW THE AIR.

Mrs. Scott M. Ladd, wife of Justice Ladd of the Iowa Supreme court, is the Des Moines high priestess of the newest religious cult. At the services which she conducts in Des Moines her devotees writhe on the floor like epileptics, leap in the air, chatter, scream, gnash their teeth, and beat themselves on the head. So great is the public indignation over these exercises that Mrs. Ladd last week was arrested on the charge of disturbing the peace.

**Prince Fushimi Delighted
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Expresses His Gratitude to the Management for The Splendid Arrangements for His Journey.

Before leaving Canada for Japan, His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi of Japan, instructed his Secretary to send the following telegram to the officials of the Intercolonial Railway:

To D. Pottinger,
Moncton, N. B.

His Imperial Highness, Prince Fushimi desires me express to you his warm thanks for the services of all the officials of the Intercolonial Railway on the train from Quebec to Toronto. Everything worked with the greatest smoothness, and His Imperial Highness much appreciated all the arrangements made to insure him comfort.

He is grateful to you for all your services on this occasion.

Signed

NAGASKI.
In discussing the Royal Train which the Intercolonial Railway placed at the disposal of His Highness on his arrival at Quebec, the Toronto World says:

The Royal Train which created so much attention was composed of seven cars, occupied by a party of about forty. It was the first real Government owned train which ever arrived in Toronto, a fact which was remarked by railway officials. Five of the cars on the Intercolonial Railway which never saw Toronto before, returned this morning to the blue nose regions to resume their usual grind as a portion of the regular equipment and service on the Intercolonial Railway, to which it may be said they are a distinct credit. They are the cars that are in ordinary use on the "Ocean Limited," and their general appearance is pleasing. The other two cars were those known as the "Cornwall" and the "York," and were occupied by Prince Fushimi and his suite who were greatly pleased with the attentions to their comfort and expressed themselves accordingly. The Prince through his interpreters lauded the railway service. The observation and dining room on the Cornwall was very handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers as was the Dining Car of the Intercolonial Railway.

HER DEAR FRIEND.

Miss Knock—Ethel is to be married next month, and she says Walter wants to board, as he thinks she needs a rest.

Miss Knock—She does need a rest, considering the way she ran after him, but I didn't know he knew it. —Woman's Home Companion.

CONFESSION BY PHONE.

In a communication to the New York Freeman's Journal last fall the editor of The Catholic Fortnightly Review, quoted theological authorities to the effect that confession by telephone was not valid. In The Casuist (New York: Wagner, p. 94), there is, says the same Review, in its latest issue, discussed an interesting case. The wife of a Free Mason is gravely ill, and the priest, notwithstanding all his efforts, has failed to gain admission. He gets into communication with the sick woman by means of the telephone, obtains from her a confession of sins, and conditionally absolves her. The Casuist condemns him as having acted imprudently since there is not even a slight probability that the absolution is valid.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Harty, of Maynooth, reviewing the book just quoted in the Irish Theological Quarterly (ii. 6), while admitting that there is no solid probability in favor of the validity of the absolution, insists there is a slight probability that a valid absolution can be given by telephone in cases of extreme emergency. He deduces this not merely from the fact that, as the author of The Casuist states there are some theologians who maintain the validity, but also, and indeed principally, from the attitude of the Holy See towards the question. Asked for a solution, the Sacred Penitentiary replied: "Nihil esse respondendum." "Did the Holy See think that the absolution is clearly invalid," says Dr. Harty, "it would never have given this formal reply. Hence, if there is a case of urgent necessity—if, for instance, the above mentioned lady were in serious danger of death—conditional absolution may be given by means of the telephone."

WHEN WE'RE DOWN AND OUT.

To be "resigned to fate," 'tis true
We'd feel less hesitation,
Were fate not always certain to
Accept the resignation.

—Philadelphia Press.

HOW SHOULD A MAN PROPOSE?
(Kurt Stein, in Chicago Journal.)

How should a man propose?
Who knows?
Should he go down upon his knees
And get his trousers out of crease?
Or should he merely up and say:
"Here is your ring, Mag; name the day."

Should he with sighs his love declare,
Or just buy a big solitaire?
And should he, when he comes around
Throw hints about his bank account?
Who knows?

How should a man propose?

Who knows?
Should he use terms that Shakespeare sang,
Or should he talk the latest slang,
Should he be dressed in somber gray
And black or should his clothes be gay?

If by these matters you are vexed,
And feel bewildered and perplexed
Until your head's all in a whirl,
Just simply go and ask your girl—
She knows.

**KIER HARDY WILL
SOON VISIT CANADA**

Mr. Keir Hardy, who is coming to Canada on a visit, is one of the most striking figures in British politics. To him more than to any other it is due that the labor movement in the old country has become a vitalized force, and that there is in the House of Commons to-day a party strong enough to influence the most powerful government of modern times in its legislative efforts. One of the founders of the Independent labor party, Mr. Hardy early realized that the voice of labor to be heard and given effect to must be expressed at the polls and in parliament independently and accordingly he set himself to organize a party with political aims and a definite platform. When he first took his seat in the House of Commons Mr. Hardy was regarded as something of the nature of a political freak. Disregarding all traditions, he shocked the dignity of the "best club in the world" by appearing in a suit of sodden grey, and wearing a billed shirt and a workman's bonnet.

He has learned a good deal since, and now he dresses "more respectably," as the fastidious M. P. would say. Born in a mining village in Ayrshire, Scotland, Keir Hardy was sent to work in the pit when he was seven years old. He taught himself reading and writing, and while still a youth was elected secretary of a large miners' union. He afterwards took to journalism, edited a local newspaper for some years, and then founded The Labor Leader, the organ of the Independent labor party. He entered parliament fifteen years ago. Mr. Hardy is a forceful writer and a fluent and convincing speaker. Like John Burns, he is never happier than when among his books, of which he has a rich store.

QUALIFIED PRAISE.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)
Quoth I to Grace:
"I much admire
May's winsome face."
"She's lots of fire."

And Grace retorted with a sniff
"Oh, yes; she would be pretty, if—"
Quoth I to May:
"Of Grace I'm fond."

She is, I say,
A lovely blonde."
And May her nether lip did jut.
And said: "She would be pretty,
BUT—"

NOT AN IMPRESARIO.
I cannot sing the old songs,
I cannot play the new.
He looked at her in ecstasy.
O, darling, I love you.

—Judge.

TIME'S MUTATIONS.

How times change may be judged from the following excerpt from a recent issue of the London "Tablet":

"The following extract, from the 'Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian' of February 16, 1856, takes us back to the day of little things: 'POPERY. —We regret to state that owing to the increasing Irish population of this town, it has been found necessary to enlarge the Roman Catholic chapel by extending the gallery.' The Catholic population of Cardiff to-day numbers nearly 20,000, and is served by some of the finest churches in Wales."

WANTED HIS MONEY'S WORTH.

Have you any choice as to the wedding march?" asked the church organist.

"The wedding march?" echoed the father of the bride.

"Yes. The march that is played when the bridal possession moves down the aisle. Which one would you prefer—Mendelssohn's or the march from 'Lohengrin'?"

"A y difference in the expense?"

"O, no."

"Then play the one that's the longest."