

### ONE OF THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Fountain pens are like sewing machines in one respect; you don't seem to see such a great many in use, and yet there is a mysterious disappearance of the supply. Many people are prejudiced against using a fountain pen, although they never consider what a great convenience one is, if it is kept in order. If you let a watch run down it is of no practical use, and you may say the same thing of a fountain pen. I know some people who complained that their stylographic pens were "no good."

"Do you know what caused the idea? Simply because they did not use judgment in the care of their pens, and had filled them with ink almost as thick as mud. Quite naturally the pens clogged, and then they hastily decided that they were of no value. I think the manufacture of fountain pens is in its infancy, and that a heavier demand will in time compel a much larger supply. Unlike most every trade we have not any season that could be designated as a dull season. The demand is just as regular at one time as it is at another."—Ex.

### CITY TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Travelers' Association of Toronto, was held Friday evening. There was a large attendance. President Maxwell occupied the chair, Gus. Piper acting as secretary in the absence of Secretary Owen. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. C. D. Chridley, G. C. Crean, W. D. Fox and D. Bennett, were admitted to full membership, and placed upon the roll. Mr. H. D. Murray was proposed by Secretary Owen, seconded by Mr. Piper. C. A. Calwell was proposed by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Symon, and Joseph French proposed by F. Gallow, seconded by A. Graham, and a committee appointed in each case to make the necessary enquiries and report at next meeting. Mr. Hustwitt reported on behalf of the By-law Committee, that 500 copies of the constitution and by-laws had been received. He asked that a bill for same should be paid and the committee be discharged.

R. J. Wood moved, seconded by T. Nicholson that the By-law Committee be discharged, and that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Hustwitt and the members of the committee for the handsome way in which they had carried out the various work of preparing and completing the by-laws.—Carried.

R. J. Wood reported on behalf of the Seal Committee that the official seal had been completed. The secretary was authorised to pay for it.

In answer to a question, Mr. Gallow stated that the Excursion Committee had made a contract with the Niagara Navigation Co. for the use of their boats on Wednesday, the

22nd of July, for an excursion to Niagara Falls, via Lewiston. The secretary read it. It was accepted as read and sub-committees formed as follows to take charge of further arrangements:—

Steamboat—F. Gallow, M. C. Lynde, A. H. Lawson, F. McDonald, J. Owen, and J. Mortimer.

Printing—S. Hustwitt, R. J. Wood, A. M. Piper, C. G. Graham, B. McCann.

Musical—C. S. Fairbairn, C. G. Graham, M. C. Lynde, A. H. Lawson, F. T. Blackburn

Mr. Wood informed the members that they could expect to get their pins at next meeting.

The President reported that he was pleased to be able to report the recovery of Mr. Crofton, who was now nearly well again.

F. Gallow moved, seconded by Nicholson, that the president and vice-president be appointed a committee to draft a letter of condolence to be sent to Secretary Owen and family, expressing the sincere sympathy of every member of the association in the sad bereavement that had overtaken them in the death of Mr. F. Oxenham by drowning at Hamilton.

The President suggested that the members should, as many as could, attend the funeral in a body, and it was decided to do so.

There being no further business before the meeting the members gathered round the piano, and the rest of the evening was spent in song, conversation and social intercourse.

Mr. Hustwitt opened the programme with a reading, followed by a comic song from Mr. J. Park, which was well received; after which Mr. Spencer favored the "boys" with a piano solo. When the applause had subsided, Mr. A. M. Corrie gave a reading, and upon an encore sang in excellent voice the "Peek-a-boo" song.

To please the Scotchmen present R. W. Beaddie sang a Scotch song or two which brought down the house.

After a chorus or two, a vote of thanks to the members who had contributed, and the singing of the national anthem, the meeting adjourned.

### NOW THEN LAUGH!

Society as He found it.—Mrs. Intrade: Where is your father?

Adult Son—He is at the store, editing his edition of "Society as I have found it."

Mrs. Intrade—What? A book?

Son—Yes, a ledger, full of unpaid and uncollectable bills.—New York Weekly.

Landlord Hooks (of the Tanner House). Can you refer me to a work from which I can learn how the ancients constructed those catapults that would throw stones half-a-mile?

Friend—Don't believe I can. Why do you want such information?

Hooks—Well, you see, I've advertised that the Tanner House is within a stone's throw of the depot, and now I have to rig up some

plan for throwing that stone. I am enterprising, but I am not a liar.—Munsey's Weekly.

Ikey's Lesson.—"Ikey," exclaimed Abram Einstein, as he glanced over his son's copy-book, "Who wrote dot gopy, nothink sugseeds like sugess?"

"Mein teacher," replied Ikey.

"Dot vos wrong Ikey. Nothink sugseeds like failures, und blendy of dem. Don't you forget to remember dot."—Brooklyn Life.

"Look here," growled the advertiser to the country editor; "I ordered my advertisement placed next to reading matter, and you've put it among your editorials!"—Harper's Bazar.

### CULLINGS.

The experience of others adds to our knowledge, but not to our wisdom: that is dearer bought.—Hosea Ballou.

The livery of truth is often stolen for doubtful advertising.—John Wanamaker.

No man is so foolish but he may give another good counsel sometimes; and no man is so wise but he may easily err, if he will take no other's counsel but his own.—Ben. Johnson.

Is there any one so wise as to learn by the experience of others?—Voltaire.

When you pay more for the rent of your business house than for advertising your business you are pursuing a false policy. If you can do business let it be known.—Benjamin Franklin.

You can gain a reputation for wisdom by not speaking a single word. Sit still and look wise—mankind is prone to reverence the solemn ass.—Tom Benton.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.—Andrew Jackson.

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