

HUMOUROUS.

LITTLE ELSIE: Oh, take me up, mamma: it's so muddy. **Mamma:** Walk across, that's a good girl. Mamma has all she can do to carry poor Fido.

MISTRESS (to applicant for cook's position): Why did you leave your last place? **Applicant:** You are very inquisitive, marm. I didn't ax yer what for yer last cook left you.

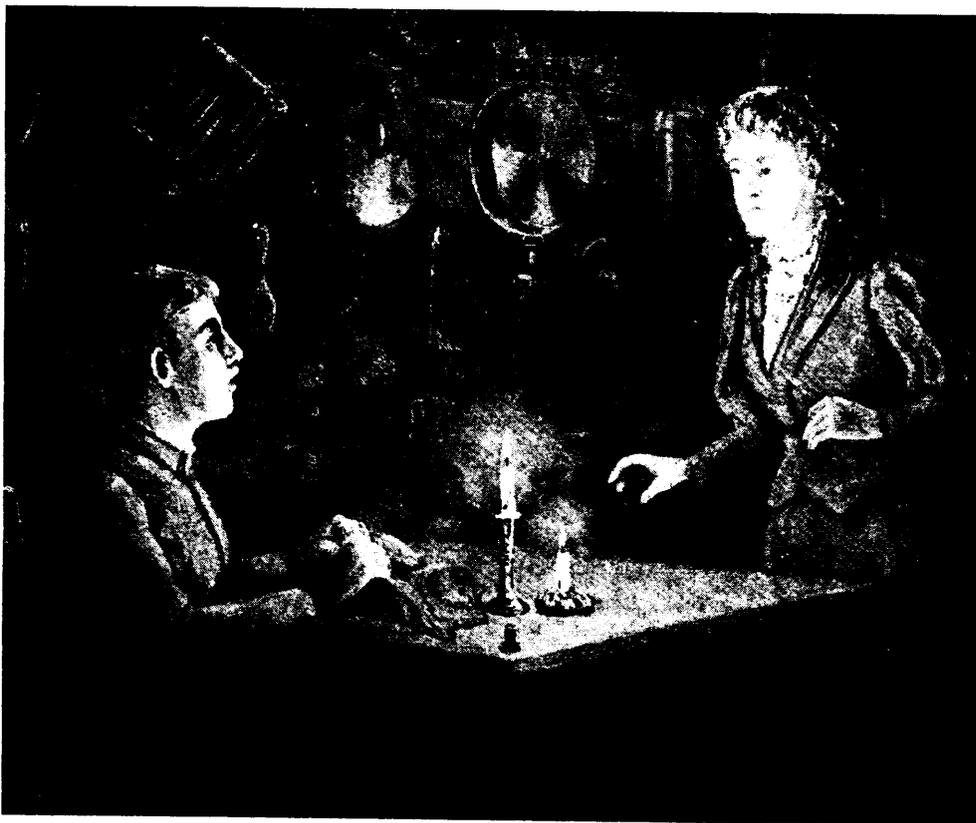
DOG FANCIER: Yes, madame, we have all kinds of dogs here. Is there any particular breed you wish? **Old lady** (who reads the papers): Oh, anything that's fashionable. Lemme see an ocean greyhound.

FRESHLY (rising to go): I'm sorry to break up your hand at whist, Miss Rosalie, but really I can't stay any later. **Miss Rosalie:** Oh, never mind, Mr. Freshly, I am sure we will get on with a dummy just as well.

IRISH GUIDE TO AMERICAN TOURIST: And there is no king nor quane naythur in America, they're tellin me, sur? **Indifferent tourist:** No. We've a president there. **Irish guide:** And how long have you been havin' a president, moight I ax, sur? **Indifferent tourist:** Oh, something over a hundred years. **Irish guide** (stopping, paralyzed with astonishment): Howly saints! And do they live that long beyant there?

A **STORY** is told of a good o'd homespun lady, who had attended for some time an Episcopal church in which the service was intoned. Meeting the rector on the street one day, she said to him: "Mr. Pasture, I have a little favour to ask of ye; I've been a-sayin' my prayers in F now for nigh on to five years, and I would reely like to say them in G for a while. I'm gettin' so husky in F now that I can't jine in as I used to do." To please the old lady, the rector at once gave directions to have the prayers said in G.

"If that's a tramp," said Mrs. Slick, "I dont want to see another around here again. Why he ain't got common manners, and that's a fact. He came abeggin' and atellin' me that he hadn't seen bread for a week, and I got all worked up to think of anyone bein' so hungry right here in Nova Scotia, and so I just bustled around to the pantry and brought him out a whole half loaf of good bread, and says he, 'Marm, I've heard say that half a loaf's better than no bread, and I reckon it's true.' Says I, 'just look here, I can't stand ungratitude, and if half a loaf's not enough you'll have to get more elsewhere, and now,' says I, 'just leave my house, and next time you're starvin' find a few manners afore acceptin' favours from folks as is strangers to you.' The fellow went off all crest-fallin' as if he was dazed-like, and didn't know what he'd done, but I guess it'll be a lesson to him."



KITCHEN PHILOSOPHY.

"But Bridget, how is this! two candles burning!"

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DUTIES.
Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:
1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT
may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.
Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent.
Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD
may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.
All communications having reference to lands under control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.