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THE Burlington Free Press remarks that it makes a young man feel rather cheap to hear his sweet-heart singing: "Nobody loves me," as he approaches the house. There is some truth in this, for I know that, in my own experience, it made me feel most uncommonly worse than cheap to hear some of my girls sing at all, and my love for them went out from me when I found that I had been so duped as to fall in love with girls whose singing resembled the warbling of a rusty buck-saw as it is drawn back and forth over a knot of *lignum vitae*. I lived in Peterboro' in those days.

I SOMETIMES think that the poet who wrote the lines "The saddest words of tongue or pen are these, etc., etc." When I read the newspapers and see the phrases: "Mr. Mowat promised to give the matter his most serious consideration," and "The detectives have the case in hand" I think that there is far more sorrow hinted at than can be got out of the poet's oft-quoted lines. "Abandon hope all ye who enter here," could not cause more sadness to anyone than the words: "The detectives have a theory," must bring to a man who has been robbed and has left his case in those officers' hands.

I NOTICE that Sir David McPherson has graciously permitted the portrait of Sir Allan McNab to be replaced in its old position in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. I should like to know why Sir Allan's picture was ever allowed to be removed. Sir Allan did something for Canada, and was, I believe, an upright and honest man. Sir David may be upright enough, physically, and he may be honest, morally, but it's very hard to settle such things definitely nowadays. The main question is what did he ever do for Canada that entitled him to stick up his own counterfeit presentment in place of Sir Allan's?

THE British government had a magnificent double-screw war vessel built the other day at a cost of some millions of dollars, but when the vessel was launched it was discovered that, when her screws were working, her rudder was perfectly useless, and that she would not answer her helm at all; so they had to go to work and have their costly ship re-constructed and converted into a single-screw vessel at the cost of £500,000, in order that she might be enabled to go in the required direction. This brilliant blunder is in keeping with the usual method adopted by the admiralty board and others of doing things over there. What seems to be required, that is, judging from recent disasters to vessels of H. M.'s navy, such as the wreck of the *Wasp* and many more, is not so much a vessel that will steer, as some inven-

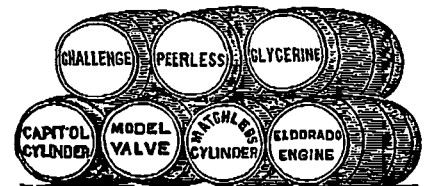
tion whereby islands and rocks will be compelled to get out of the way when they see a British man-o'-war bearing down on them.

STRANGERS in Canada who glance over our newspapers must imagine that we are an exceedingly military nation, judging from the number of names that appears with military titles prefixed. Captains and lieutenants in Canada are as common as colonels in Kentucky, and anyone who didn't know that the holders of these ranks were captains of stone-hookers and mud-scows and lieutenants in the Salvation Army must think we are a race of warriors indeed. Of course we Canadians, like our cousins across the line, despise titles of all sorts, but I imagine a law-clerk must feel a little thrill of pride when he sees his name in print with the abbreviation "Capt." or "Lieut." before it. That Canadians abhor titles is proved by the manner in which they invariably decline the honor of knighthood. Our "Honorable," too, are very retiring, and the fact that one of them daily prints his title in full at the head of the editorial columns of his paper must only be looked upon as a gentleman who is anxious to let the world know that a man may be "honorable" and yet be an editor-in-chief.

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