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He used to have a favorite hymn at family devotions, and we have often heard "Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care."

And when he was called, he did not hesitate.

"Is he sleeping?"

They asked the nurses, and when the doctor called him, there was no answer. He had slept away, turned over, and, with a smile, as one in pleasant dreams, he left the winter's night for a summer's morning.

And here we are tossing on this sea, this sea of life, and there he is safe in the harbor. Here we are subject to the pangs of humanity, and there he is clothed in divinity. Here we are troubled, there he is peaceful. Here we are anxious of the morrow, he has no morrow, there is no night there, it is all today.

So the tears are not for him, for he is far better. They are selfish tears, they are the tears of earth's children, who grieve over this loss, forgetting what it means for him.

We know that he would ask why the tears if he saw them; he would question the drawn curtain, the teared and stained window-pane. He would have none of this. But we are human, and so we mourn to-day for the "touch of the vanished hand, the sound of the voice that is still."

Yet we know we should not mourn. To him life alone was serious and worth while.

And death but a natural graduation to better things.

So we stand by the vacant chair, and hold to life's things loosely, for we saw him slip away even as a child kissing his mother closed its eyes, and fell asleep.

Life to-day has a new meaning, for we are bound by ties that reach from earth to the city that knows no sorrow and needs no sun.—Charles F. Raymond, in Toronto Star.

## History of Canada's Mail.

Although the first land mail in Canada had been established as early as 1721, until the transfer of the Postoffice Department on the 6th April, 1851, the postal arrangements had made but slow progress. On the very day the transfer took place the Canadian Parliament made uniform charge for letters throughout Canada of 3d. This was afterwards, in April, 1869, still further reduced to three cents. The first stamps were issued in 1851; money orders were introduced in 1855, and postcards were first used in 1871. Canada joined the postal union in 1878, though the first bag by parcel post was not sent to England until 1886. The later improvements to the system were the two-cent letter rate between Canada and Great Britain and between the British possessions—since extended to almost all the colonies—which went into operation on Christmas Day, 1893; the rate of two cents per ounce for domestic letters (Jan. 1, 1899), and the new rate on newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada for transmission to the United Kingdom, which went into force on the 7th March, 1903.

## Three Months on the Way.

Hutchinson Bros., grocers, of Bracebridge, bought a cartload of hay at Mariposa that was shipped on January 16 last. Mariposa is a station on the Midland division of the Grand Trunk, probably 60 miles from Bracebridge. Paul Jones, the same day left New York City for a trip around the world. He visited the British Isles, took in the chief points of interest, went to France, to Germany, The Hague, St. Petersburg, over the world-known Trans-Siberian Railroad to Japan, the wonderful little island of the east, saw the Great Wall of China, took a flying trip through the east, in the east called India, went down to sunny Ceylon, across the Indian Ocean to the newly acquired district of South Africa, from thence to Australia, to Honolulu, to San Francisco, and then on the overland limited to New York, landing at that city on March 27, after an absence of two months and nine days, the same day as the car of hay landed at Bracebridge.—Burk's Falls Arrow.

## An Error About Irving's Understudy.

It appears from British mail advices that the cable misled Canadians as to Sir Henry Irving's remarks about people mistaking his understudy for himself. The Daily Chronicle puts it in this way: "Sir Henry's understudy, who had not a single chance in his six months of waiting, might legitimately have nursed a grievance. However, he got his chance in an unexpected way when the company was in Canada. They were there when 'Our Lady of the Snows' was at her best, and many of the members of the company distinguished themselves on the ice. Particularly was this the case with the gentleman who takes Sir Henry's place on the stage in an emergency. And as he bears some facial resemblance to the great actor, the local papers came out with lengthy accounts of Sir Henry Irving's feats on the ice. As a matter of fact, he has never got beyond sliding."

## Photographs Nerve Action.

Dr. Charpentier in a communication before the Paris Academy of Sciences described an interesting discovery as to the possibility of photographing muscular and nervous activity on a plate covered with a layer of platinum cyanure of barium. Nervous sensations and impressions and muscular efforts are flashed on the plate and produce a special fluorescence, showing, for instance, the action of the heart and muscles of the interior of the body.



## Growing Old

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## A Nova Scotian in Newfoundland.

Alfred Bishop Morine, leader of the Opposition in the Newfoundland Legislature, who recently addressed the Canadian Club in Toronto, was born in Port Medway, N. S. He went to St. John's, Nfld., to edit The Newfoundland Mercury, and four years later ran for the Legislature, defeating a Cabinet Minister. He has been a member of the House almost continuously ever since, and has, in successive Cabinets, been Colonial Secretary, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Minister of Finance and Customs. On two occasions he was appointed on colonial delegations which appeared before the Imperial Parliament in connection with the French treaties. Mr. Morine was called to the Bar in 1894, after graduating LL.B. at Dalhousie University, and at once became prominent in legal circles. He is known in the island as the "fighting politician," a title earned as the principal figure in a score of historic Parliamentary "scorches." Mr. Morine has a dominating personality. He is a fluent and incisive speaker, a past master in the use of biting sarcasm, and never so happy as when leading a forlorn hope. Holding a seat on the Board of the Newfoundland Railway, Mr. Morine's political influence in the island at the present time is weak. He has been always an unblinking advocate of the entrance of Newfoundland into the Canadian confederacy.

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## JAP MARRIAGE.

No Lovemaking Before Marriage, Yet Japanese Domestic Life Is Happy—Parents Arrange the Marriages.

To us in Canada it certainly would appear as if more than half the population of the world were lost if society were suddenly deprived of all the parties, picnics, dances, drives and evening calls where bachelor and maid meet, become acquainted and are drawn together by the mutual attraction of youth and life and joy. How would it seem if there were to be no more courting, no hand clasps or meetings on the sly to exchange words that are nothings and yet are all in this golden time of life, which ought to be prolonged forever, only nobody seems able to achieve it as yet.

They do all this differently in Japan, to our taste not half so delightfully. It is odd that the Japs, except perhaps the French, the most sentimental of all people, go about marriage in as businesslike a way as they build a ship. In many cases the bride and groom to be do not even know before betrothal time that they are going to be married.

Parents usually arrange marriages. A father decides that it is time for his son to take a wife. He and the youth's mother look about among their acquaintances for a pretty, sweet tempered girl who will make a pleasant home for their son. Some times a young man himself, who thinks he wants to be married commissions an elderly woman friend to find a wife for him. In either case the method of betrothal is the same. There is always the intermediary who must arrange matters with the girl's father.

If the girl's father is willing the betrothal occurs. This betrothal is the formal introduction to each other of the bride and groom to be, who probably have never spoken to each other previously. They are introduced at the house of some friend of both and exchange gifts. After this exchange of presents they are in for it. There can be no backing out and no "take back your gifts" business. When the parents of the pair arrange a marriage it must take place, no matter whether the young couple are satisfied or not. They have to be satisfied.

The wedding consists merely of ceremonial eating and drinking together by the parents of the pair arranged marriage. There are no religious or state ceremonies. Japanese matrimony is a private matter. On the wedding day the bride, in light or white garments and with a white veil over her face, is taken to the home of the groom's parents. Then comes the wedding feast.

The groom squats or sits upon the floor, Oriental fashion. He, too, is attired in light-colored clothing. The bride, in light-colored clothing, is seated to the left of the groom. The groom's father, grandfather and other relatives sit to the right of the groom. The bride's mother, grandmother and other relatives sit to the left of the bride. The wedding feast is a simple one, consisting of rice, fish, and vegetables. The groom's father, grandfather and other relatives sit to the right of the groom. The bride's mother, grandmother and other relatives sit to the left of the bride. The wedding feast is a simple one, consisting of rice, fish, and vegetables.

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On the left of this gentleman sits in the same fashion the woman mutual friend and on her left, last of the wedding group, the bride.

A table, one of those ridiculous Japanese affairs about four inches high, is in front of the group. It is painted white. There is a wedding feast. After that the bride is conveyed to the home her future husband has prepared for her. There both bride and groom change their costumes. The ceremonial drinking together by the bride and groom of sake (rice wine) completes the wedding observances.

"Three times three" the Japanese bride and groom, now in the "room of honor," take the sake together. On this occasion the man drinks first, the girl afterward. They are now ready to take up housekeeping and home-making. It would be, extremely improper to fall in love before marriage in Japan.

In spite of the lack of acquaintance of bride and groom Jap marriages are as happy as those in Christian countries. The little brown women are so bright and sweet that it would be a very evil-tempered man who could not get on with one of them. Two sentiments pervade perfectly the Jap mind and influence for good all Jap life. These are love of children and love of the beautiful in nature.

In the home of a Japanese family of means is always one room called the "chamber of the inspiring view." It is situated so as to look out upon some beautiful and picturesque natural scenery.

## Stray Petals.

In discussing the question "What Constitutes a Table Plant?" The Menmouth County (N.J.) Horticultural Society arrived at the conclusion that a table plant should not be more than twenty inches high.

Among old time flowers lately returning to fashion, both for cut flowers and as a pot plant, is Epacris paludosa.

The gardenia is the favorite flower of the society folk.

Ideal, a sport from La France, is a beautiful rose. Its fragrance, form and color are charming, and it is well worth a trial.

An extremely attractive hydrangea making its appearance this season is Hortensis rosea, with flower heads of a delightful clear rose color.

He Knew Him When He Saw Him. Old Cashley (as he hands over a cheque)—Now, be careful Charley; remember, "A fool and his money are soon parted." Charley—Yes, father; and thank you for obliging me so promptly.—Melbourne Weekly Times.

## SOMETHING LEFT UNDONE.

Labor with what seal we will, Something still remains undone: Something uncompleted still, Waits the rising of the sun.

By the bedside, on the stair, At the threshold, near the gates, With its mace or its prayer, Like a mendicant it waits;

Wait, and will not go away; Wait, and will not be gained; By the cares of yesterday, Each today is heavier made;

Till at length the burden seems Greater than our strength can bear, Heavy as the weight of dreams, Pressing on us everywhere.

And we stand from day to day, Like the dwarfs of times gone by, Who, as northern legends say, On their shoulders held the sky.

—Longfellow.

## THE PIPES OF PAN.

Bliss Carman's New Volume "From the Book of Myths."

The Canadian poet, who is winning laurels abroad as most clever Canadians do, has issued the first of the series "The Pipes of Pan." The decorations are striking and include an exquisitely designed frontispiece, showing the god with his satyr smile, and an elaborate title page.

Mr. Carman's preface is a study in the plain and mellow things of life and, by implication, myths. There are ten poems in the book, connected in feeling, if not in theme, particular theme, it should be qualified, for there is a general scheme, namely, the praise of beauty in nature. In the book, "The beauty," with Mr. Carman, does not prefigure an invisible world. With him the "light of sense" never appears to go out, and this element in him which responds to beauty, he does not appear in his later work to regard as an inlet of mystic truth. The first poem, "Overlord," expresses an exultant pantheism:

"Lord of the grass and hill,  
Lord of the rain,  
White overlord of will,  
Master of pain."

"I who am dust and air  
Blown through the halls of death,  
Like a pale ghost of prayer—  
I am thy breath."

So read the first two stanzas. The external world has ceased to appear to the poet as a terrible and unfriendly, and in the long poem which follows, "The Pipes of Pan," he sings the cohering and transfiguring power of love. But it appears to be a sort of atomic love:

"We behold in love the ether  
Binding the great world together;  
For without that coil of wonder  
The round world would fall asunder."

It is doubtful if the rhymed couplet which Mr. Carman employs in this poem is a wise choice. It certainly does not leave the impression of melody to be drawn up with a jerk at the end of every line. Far more agreeable is the form of "Marsyas," a new version of the ancient theme of youth fired by imagination and love:

"There he stood a youth, transfigured in the young world's golden glow,  
Made immortal in a moment by the music's melting flow,  
Pattern of the artist's glory for the after years to know."

Then follow "Daphne," "The Lost Dryad," and a very lovely thing, "The Dead Faun"—"fair as a mortal and spiritual as a flower." The finest bit of work in the book, however, is "At Phaedra's Tomb," for who, if not that victim of earth's magnetic attraction, should be sung on the pipes of the earth-god? We know the story, one of the most tragic in classic legend. And what an insufferable prig Euripides makes Hippolytus out to be! Mr. Carman's Phaedra is all a woman, and somehow he makes us respect her passion for beauty, represented by this youth:

"Of orange marsh and lilac shore,  
To brood in Autumn peace once more!  
So there survives the magic flame  
Of her imperishable form—  
Light from a time when love was great,  
And strong hearts had no fear of fate,  
But love and sorrow and wrought and died,  
With beauty for their only guide."

Mr. Carman's philosophy will sustain a superstructure of fine verse, but not examination in the light of history and experience. The pursuit of the human spirit in harmony with the cosmic procession is not the pursuit of beauty, but of righteousness.

A Striking Contrast.

When we consider the representation in Parliament of the Canadians in the Klondike, their public buildings, and mail and telegraph facilities; their wagon roads to the various mining centers; their efficient mounted police system (the most perfect in the world), whose members act the part of humanitarians in the winter to distressed miners on the trail; when we think that since 1897 the same judge has continued on the bench at Dawson, while in Nome, since June, 1900, we have had two judges on the bench, followed by a third party, who now sits where they sat; when all these facts are before us, it surely cannot be wondered at if sometimes there should happen to run through our minds the thought of how good a thing it might have been for us if, during the Alaskan boundary award, the result had been different, and Canada had been given not only the territory which she claimed, but the whole of Alaska as well, for in that case the good results accomplished in the Klondike might perhaps, ere long, have been repeated by her in Alaska.—John T. Reed of Nome, in N. Y. Post.

The Press Avenged.

A teacher in a public school not a thousand miles from Strathroy the other day told her class that "news-papers are not fit to read because of the poor grammar used by the editor," and in less than a moment afterwards the same teacher said: "I don't believe you know nothing over she reprimanded a pupil who was looking about the room by saying 'Don't rubber.'—Strathroy Dispatch.



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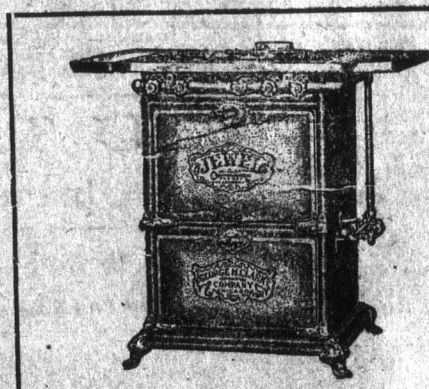
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