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## A WANDERER FROM THE WOODS

A partridge was captured in the doorway of a building off Church street, in the very business heart of the city, this morning. The bird was tired, probably from a succession of long flights in an effort to get out of town, and so an unfeathered biped, true to the instincts of the human race, easily cornered the partridge and lugged it off presumably to the family stew-pot.

As a matter of fact, this is no way to treat one of our wild feathered friends under such circumstances. Seek the partridge in his native woods, stalk him there in his own country, give him the start that the law of sportsmanship calls for, and shoot him as he flies, and the transaction, while it may be objectionable from some standpoints, is relieved of the sordid features which mark it when a human being engaged in a catch-as-catch-can struggle with one of these birds in the middle of man's brick and mortar agglomeration, and overcomes it by main strength and awkwardness. The man, in the school-yard phrase, ought "to take on somebody of his own size."

How came a partridge at the corner of Church and Canterbury streets? (Let us hasten to say that it was not on the Times-Telegraph corner that the incident occurred.) The partridge is a bird of short flights. He walks and runs, but as a rule he does not fly a great deal, for though strong of wing and having a beautiful speed and the finest of wing control for short distances he is essentially a bird of the ground. Even an old cock which has survived the perils of many seasons, which has evaded the foxes and owls, and kept out of gun range, and which is notoriously a strong flier as partridges go, does not cover any great distance in one flight except under extraordinary circumstances, as for instance, when escaping a forest fire or when slightly wounded and greatly terrified.

So this partridge which came into town probably flew during the night into some street on the outskirts of the city, and then, confused, flew farther into the town, and again farther, instead of heading back toward the wooded country. When finally the bird found itself in Church street, about the time the banks were opening while it was still unwounded, it was so weary and heavy of wing that even for its life it could not fly far.

Being surprised under such circumstances in a city of professed Christians, most of whom have never seen a live partridge, the proper thing to do was to form a guard of honor and escort the stranger back to the forest, to allow it to retreat unhurt, as if the human community understood all the circumstances and would preserve the amenities of an honorable truce.

This ruffed grouse of ours is as fine a game bird as may be found in all the great north country. We have not studied it sufficiently, and we do not know why in a country still so well wooded as ours is the partridge does not increase more rapidly than it does. The New Brunswick birds of prey are not nearly so numerous as they were twenty years ago, but the partridge family has not increased as its enemies have decreased, and we are coming to a time when we ought to study the partridge and take measures looking to increasing the number of such birds in all our wooded counties.

Meantime, the arrival of this bird and the unfair treatment it received is provocative of thoughts that travel far from our streets and our constant struggle for money and preferment. There is much a man may learn by going into the big woods, if he will but think about what is there, and, being there, of what he has left behind.

## WHAT ABOUT COAL?

Ordinarily the people of New Brunswick would welcome the news, given in this morning's despatches, that President Plummer, and the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel and Dominion Coal Companies, have decided soon to begin the operation of twenty new collieries in Nova Scotia. But does anyone suppose that, if these twenty new collieries are opened up, the price of soft coal to the New Brunswick consumer will be less? Or, does anyone believe that with, or without, the new collieries, the price of coal in New Brunswick is reasonable today, or is likely to be made reasonable in the near future?

It was proposed under reciprocity to reduce somewhat the duty on bituminous coal, but even that proposal was nothing but a weak sort of compromise for everyone in Canada knew that the duty should have been taken off soft coal entirely, there is no excuse for it, except the desire of the coal mining interests in Nova Scotia and in British Columbia, and their

allies in the financial world, to retain all the power that they have today to squeeze the consumer.

The price of coal for steam and domestic fuel purposes in New Brunswick is a notoriously unfair price, and that it is notoriously unfair would be established by any form of impartial and intelligent investigation which might be instituted on behalf of the people. Were it not possible to mislead the electors grossly at election time by raising disturbing issues foreign to the matters in hand, the coal operators could not continue for more than a year or two to treat the consumer as they do.

This is one of the things the people of the Maritime Provinces should begin to think about seriously, with the idea of applying a common sense remedy. The very fact that most of the coal mines in Nova Scotia are public property means that competition should rule coal prices in the Maritime Provinces, and that such prices should not give more than a reasonable profit to the operator. The production of all the facts would prove beyond dispute that this is one of the many cases in which the consumer is "fooled to the top of his bent."

Mr. Justice McLeod sustains Judge Carleton's decision in the Carleton county election case. Mr. F. B. Carvell will keep his seat. He is a hard man to beat, says Mr. Carvell.

Speaking of the census if we take another the inquirers should be instructed to enumerate the pessimists and the "knockers." There may be too many. We ought to know the worst.

A citizen suggests to The Times that if the city desires to sell its lands, or to adopt some plan so that the lands will be of greater public utility, a price should be fixed on each lot from year to year, and the list advertised. Then a citizen, or an outsider desiring to buy a city lot, or several for business or residential use, would know what he was doing, and furthermore, the real value of the land would soon proclaim itself. The suggestion is good enough to think about. The present way is not good.

The New York Herald, in withdrawing its staff correspondent from Ottawa in disgust, because Canada voted down reciprocity has displayed rank bad taste in asserting, as falsely as incidentally, that if the United States desired to acquire Canada, neither Canada, "nor its overlord, England," could prevent it. Even so foolish a journal as the Herald must know enough history to realize how little there is to support such bragging. Bitter recollection should have prevented the Herald from talking such nonsense, even in a fit of ill-temper. Commodore Bennett ought to suspend himself for three weeks for inexcusable bad judgment and worse taste.

## WALL STREET NOTES OF TODAY

(By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.)

New York, Oct. 20.—Americans in London irregular with active stocks showing gains.

Paul M. Warburg of Kuhn Loeb & Co.'s succeeds late J. N. Ford as director of B. & O.

Directors of Ann Best Sugar may declare dividend on common stock today.

Independents decide on united action to fight Ann Tobacco plan.

Recent loans by International banking houses to Europe aggregate \$100,000,000.

Cuts in steel prices continue.

International paper for year shows gross income of \$23,000,000, increase of \$3,036,000 over 1910 and largest in history.

J. P. Morgan saves \$4,000 by swearing off \$200,000 in his tax assessment.

Twelve industries declined, 13 per cent; twenty active railroads advanced 38 per cent.

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## THE FLESHPOTS

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To loaf and grow fat, and let everything slide.  
To shun all the sparkle and glitter, and  
For the twitter of birds and the bleat of the lamb,  
Yet, now we are back to the "revel and waste."  
The fleshpots of Egypt are good to the taste.

The first with Dame Nature by mountain and shore  
Is jolly enough for a fortnight or more,  
And who wouldn't cheerfully hit for the camp  
Where you eat like a wolf, and you look like a tramp?  
You gain a new zest for the "world's bitter fight."  
You get a new tan and a new appetite.  
And when to the city your steps are retraced,  
The fleshpots of Egypt are good to the taste.

We leave 'em behind us, we swear we are sick!  
Their savor's too rich, and the sauce is too thick!  
The clangor, and hurry and bustle and din,  
We hate them—them we say—as we ought to hate sin.

And thus we depart for the summer, but soon  
The city pipes up its enticing old tune,  
And we dance as of old, and we come in our haste  
For the fleshpots of Egypt are good to the taste.

—Berton Bracey in *Ainslee's*.

IN LIGHTER VEIN  
HE DESERVED IT.

A certain candidate after tiring his audience with a long, dry speech, wound up as follows:—"I want housing reform. I want land reform. I want educational reform. I want—" "Yes," shouted a bored voice from the audience, "you want chloroform!"

## THE SMALL BOY AGAIN

An old Scottish farmer being elected a member of the local school board, visited the school and tested the intelligence of the class by his questions. His first inquiry was—"Now, boys, can any one of you tell me what nothing is?" After a moment's silence a small boy in a back seat arose and replied, "It's what ye'd get me t'other day for haudin' yer horse."

## EASILY REPAIRED.

Soon after their honeymoon a young couple of Cleveland undertook housekeeping, the bride being especially desirous to put into practice the lessons she had taken in cooking. Returning home one evening the husband found his wife in tears. He inquired the cause, and she replied, "I don't know what the matter is, but I feel as if I should like to have you should be eaten by a cat."

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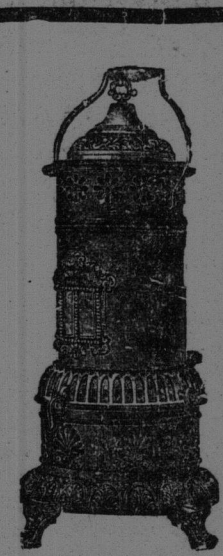
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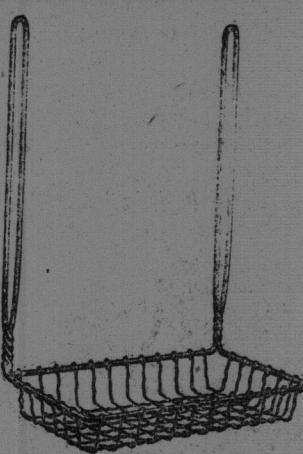
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