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The "yoke of Rome" is generally her indissoluble conjugal relation, and those who throw it off almost invariably look for an unpermissible substitute.

Lord Rosmore, in an open letter to the lodges of Great Britain, renounces his membership in the Orange Society and calls on all patriots to follow his example. We never could believe in the banishment of the snakes from Ireland while one Orangeman remained on the soil.

Kuroki is dead. He died on the 6th of October, but the Japs said nothing about it. They lost a battleship four months ago, and the news leaked out about that only the other day. These little yellow rascals can keep their mouth shut, a military accomplishment in which they might give a useful lesson to the valiant and blatant sons of our Yankee Mars.

It is customary for Protestants to ascribe to our converts motives of the most flimsy and personal sort, and to declare that when their ardor cooled they all would be gladly back in their old church. These stories were told time and again of Cardinal Newman, and he had more than once to refute them. The late Father De Costa, who died last week, said on his death bed: "Tell everybody that my conversion and my priesthood have been the greatest joys of my life, and since the day I entered the Church I never had either a doubt or a regret."

Miss Caldwell, who in a letter to which she desires the widest publicity given, "throws off the yoke of Rome," and returns to the faith of her childhood, is a woman more to be pitied than blamed. We met her in Paris, and can honestly say that she is irresponsible. She escaped from her husband last fall and was in a cheap lodging-house in New York three months without communicating with her friends; and when she was discovered she was in a most pitiable state, nerves gone to pieces and almost totally blind. The poor woman should have been protected from the reporters.

The Catholic papers did not attack Mr. Roosevelt during the last campaign, but they unmercifully castigated his Secretary of State. It seems Mr. Hay when a young man, wrote a book called Castilian Days, being the result of a short visit to Spain. In it he worked up all the ignorant fables about the Catholic Church and her institutions that were so current in the middle of the nineteenth century. Young Hay did not know much then, and we doubt if he could tell just how he could have made such a donkey of himself as to write that trash. He could pray with another great sinner, "O Lord, remember not the ignorances of my youth."

Gen. Andre, French Minister of War, has resigned. A few days ago his face was slapped in the Chamber of Deputies, and even the followers of the government expressed neither pity nor indignation at the act. He had introduced a system of spying on the officers of the army, and reports were handed in daily from the Grand Masonic Lodge notifying the Minister of War what officers went to Mass, and what officer's families practised their religion. Andre stoutly denied the truth of the allegation, and only after his telegrams were read and offered in evidence did he drop his bravado and confess himself a liar. It was then that Deputy Syveton slapped his face.

The "Independent" would like to see a few women cardinals. The religious Protestant has few wants in the spiritual order, but he would have them picturesque. Theodore Tilton thought many beautiful facets of Our Lord's character were hidden from view by the fact that he had never married. Beecher thought the life of the Trinity would be rendered less monotonous if one of the blessed Three were of the female sex. These Protestants may not be blasphemous, but they are certainly extremely irreverent. At the Reformation women grabbed their skirts and vaulted over the altar railing, and there has been the Devil to pay among the tailors ever since.

The Canadians are to be credited with the best bon-mot of the last campaign. Referring to the habit of the Grits to forget all the promises of their platform after they were elected a Tory said a Grit platform was simply a vote-catcher and illustrated his meaning by a story told of a Pullman porter. A passenger insisted on standing on the platform when the train was in motion, the porter remonstrated with him several times, pointing out the danger. "Is not a

platform to stand on?" said the passenger. "No, sir," said the colored man: "this here platform, sir, is to get in on." As both our great parties in this country stood on practically the same platform at the late election, we presume it will do to get in on, to get out on and to stand on.

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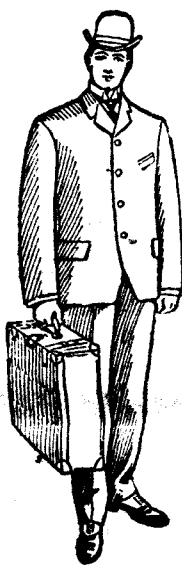
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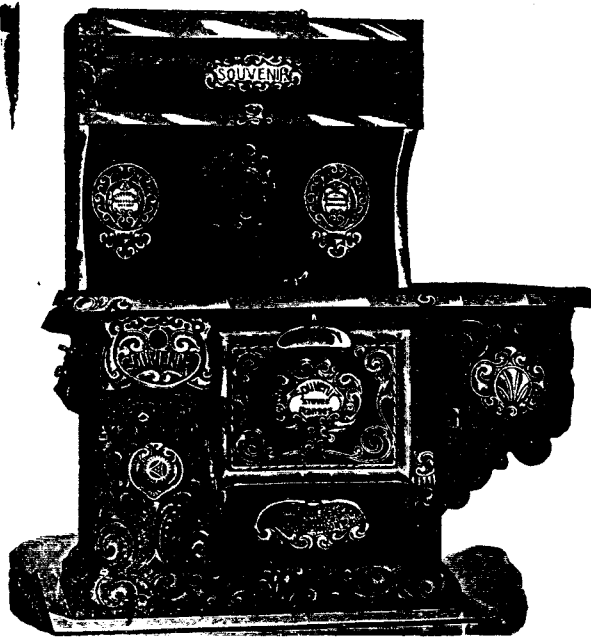
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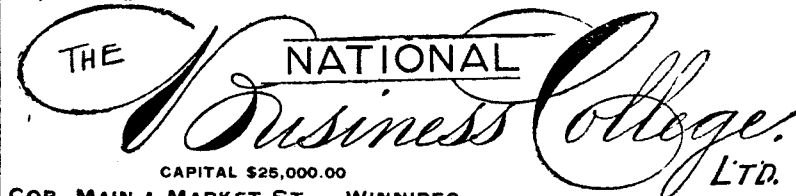
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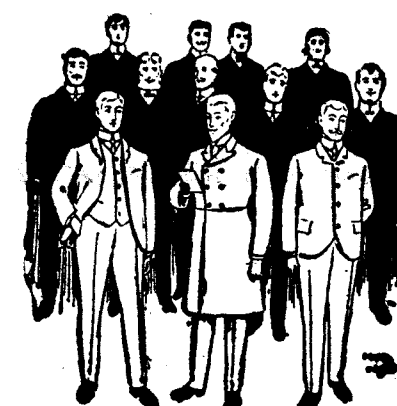
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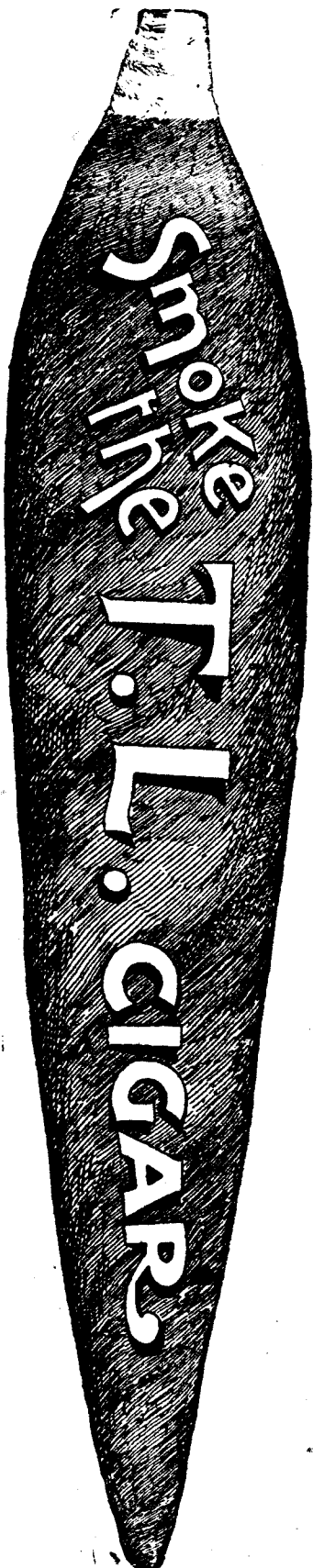
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