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THE ISSUE CLEARED UP. The letters of Secretary Blaine, of the United States Government, published in another column of to-day's ADVERTISER, must set at rest all question as to the attitude of our United States neighbors on the reciprocity question.

Interested parties, doubtless with the view of influencing the coming Dominion elections, have been circulating the idea that a treaty of unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States was on the cards, and that the Canadian, British and United States Governments have it under consideration.

There is no solid foundation for this

The British Minister, it appears, recently informally approached Secretary Blaine on the trade question. He got an answer, and it was that so soon as he was ready the United States Government would be ready to discuss the question of unrestricted trade between Canada and the States. Sir Julian made no further approaches. Secretary Blaine now authorizes the contradiction of the report that reciprocity negotiations of any kind are under way, and further asserts that no proposition looking to reciprocity in natural products only will be entertained by the United States Government. This is the Republican attitude in regard to reciprocity with Canada. It is, we believe, the So does the movement in Canada for the attitude of the Democrats also. There is, indeed, no party in the States in favor of one-sided and unrestricted reciprocity. The Canadian restrictionists may as well

HOW TO GET OUT THE VOTE. What, on the eve of a general election, do he political leaders in both parties detest? Is it not the time, expense and trouble incident to getting out the vote?

From the moment that dissolution is announced down to 5 o'clock on polling day hundreds of the best men in every community will be harassed and worried in their endeavors to secure what they believe to be the triumph of right principles.

All this turmoil is undertaken in a coun try where everyone is supposed to be educated to think and to act for himself, and to be able to exercise his franchise when opportunity is presented.

This canvassing, negotiating, importun ing is all wrong. Every voter should be obliged to poll his own vote. Why should he not?

Is it not a sacred trust, reposed in him by the community collectively, to be exercised

for its benefit? What a world of trouble, of temptation to ask for and to give bribes, of canvassing, of holding back till sent for, the system of

obligatory voting would abolish ! Assuredly it is in the best interests of the country, of the individual, and of the political parties to bring about a system which shall have for its object the making of every man responsible for the polling of his own vote. We have not heard of one valid reason why this reform should not

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By this term is certainly not meant merely rich families. Some rich families are physically and morally superior, by the source of the state of the source of the so capsized and three salors, which are the stardy, and other soft-handed people who live in cities are also often lacking in the physical vigor which is essential to a good family stock. Our best families are the sturdy, hard-working, capable and trustworthy people who are generally in comfortable circumstances, simply because their qualities are those which command reasonable material as well as moral success. The industrious and respected, though seldom rich or highly educated, who work with their hands, hold town and county offices, lead in village enterprises, are independent, upright and robust—these are the best families in the country. The one kind of family which ought especially to be multiplied and perpetuated is the family in which gentle manners, cultivated tastes and honorable sentiments are hereditary. Our government should show that it cannot only ameliorate the average lot, but also produce as the generations pass a

arger proportion of highly-cultivated peo ple than any other form of government.

This is the object. What are the means

The first is country life. The aristocratic and noble families of modern Europe still have their principal seats in the country, and go to town only for a few months of the year. These customs maintain vigor of body and equability of mind. Study the family history of the actual leaders, for the time being, in business and the professions in any city, and it will be found that a large proportion of them were country-bred. Country breeding gives a vigor and an en-durance which in the long run outweigh all city advantages, and enable well-endowed country boys to outstrip their city-bred

A very practical question is how to resist n the interest of the family the tendency to live in cities and towns. During the pas 30 years there has been a great increase in the number of well-to-do families using two ouses, and the tendency in such families as been to spend a longer and longer time in the country or by the seaside. There must also be noticed the adoption of suburban life by great numbers of families both poor and well-to-do, the heads of which must do their daily work in cities. It can hardly be too often repeated that to off-set the evil effects of in-door occupations, every city family which aspires to vigor and permanence should assiduously seek fresh air and out-of-door pleasures or occupations. European nobilities have always been an agricultural class, loving good land and good crops, rejoicing in horses, dogs and cattle, and delighting in hunting fishing, shooting, racing and all other forms of open-air sport. Our best families are not to be found in large and

Another means of producing whatsoever things are good in a nation's best products its families—is a permanent abiding place. The identification of a family with a place is comparatively rare, and to this must be attributed the loss of social dignity and repose and the diminution of local pride and public spirit. In any village or rural town permanent family dwelling is always an object of interest and satisfaction; and to ocure, keep and transmit such a hometead is a laudable family ambition. The madic habits of our population robs family life of its dignity and worth. Still, n many cases a wholesome love of home prevails, and instances are increasing where prosperous men who have made money in business or by their professions return to the places where their ancestors lived and repossess themselves of ancestral farms which had passed into other hands.

costly houses built on parrow lots.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. -General Booth's scheme for the amelioration of the condition of the masses in old world cities thrives by opposition.

-Leading merchants say that a general election this spring would demoralize business, but the Ottawa Conservative man-

come very scarce and dear, and a substitute for it is being made from starch, which is subjected under pressure and at a high temperature to the action of sulphurous acid. The product, after neutralization, is soluble and extremely adhesive.

a grant of from \$3,000 to \$6,000 to provide work for the large number of workmen now out of employment in that city. ADVERTISER is truly sorry to learn that even in Hamilton, despite the protestations of the Spectator, the high tax policy fails to perform the contract entered into by its projectors to provide plenty of work at good wages to everyone willing to work.

GONE DOWN.

A Missionary Schooner Lost — Three Sailors Drowned—Serious Charges Against a Captain.

Against a Captain.

San Francisco, Jan 30.—Advices from Tahiti, Society Islands, report that wreckage has been discovered, supposed to be from the missionary schooner Pheebe Chapman, which left Honolulu a year ago in charge of Elder J. H. Cudeny, of Nebraska, a Second Advent missionary. The Chapman was bound for Pitcairn Island. She carried a crew of six men. All hands are now given up for lost.

NEW BOOKS.

Name and Fame. By Adeline Sergeant. (Montreal: John Lovell & Son.) This is rather more readable than the average paper-covered novel, though it compels the reader to associate with a famous woman (who gives no evidence in her conversation of the qualities which win fame), and with at least two men who have loss their good name. Is such a result worth the trouble of reading 380 pages?

Wormwood. By Marie Corelli. (Monreal: John Lovell & Son.) Perfidy, weak ness, delirium, incoherent outbursts, rage, despair, nightmare—these are the chief ingredients of this book; but probably other unpleasantnesses are in store for those who read it through.

Inspirations of the School Teacher. By Eva H. Walker. (Chicago: W. W. Knowles & Co.) A thoughtful and helpful essay, of benefit to others besides teacl. An idea of the little pamphlet may be sined from this extract: "I state no sethish principle when I say that looking for inspiration should be the first business of our lives. It is only setting our sails to eath the favoring breeze. We can do that or row, just as we please. Spiritually as well as physically, the heaviest burdens are not best borne by bending one's back beneath them, and applying 50 pounds of strength to 50 pounds of weight. There is psychic as well as physical machinery, and when a heavy load is to be moved, that workman is not wisest who spends his strength by the proper adjustment of weights and pulleys. Inspirations of the School Teacher. By MAGAZINES.

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Harper's Magazine. (Harper & Bros.,
New York.) The February number opens
with a portrait of Edwin Booth, accompanied by a poem on it by T. B. Aldrich. "That face which no man ever saw and from his memory banished quite" is a fine characterization of the "Prince of Players." from his memory banished quite" is a nne characterization of the "Prince of Players." Twenty-four pages of attention are bestowed upon Finland—"the land of a thousand lakes." The St. Petersburg snobs say that the Finn women are horribly ugly. Of the peasants it is said "their faces are gray, their hair is gray and their clothes are gray, and there is nothing striking in their physiognomy." In "The Heart of the Desert" C. D. Warner describes the beauty of Monteray, the wonder of the Yosemite, the infinite and picturesque desert of New Mexico and Arizona, and the unique sublimity of the Grand Canon. The editorial departments are unusually good. The occupant of the "Easy Chair" registers his opposition to the system of pillorving as a pharise, and "unco guid" the citizen who objects to supporting dishonest courses or disreputable men in politics. The "Drawer" contains this sensible observation: "An underbred book—that is a book in which the underbred characters are the natural outcome of the author's own mind and apprehension of life—is worse than any

natural outcome of the author's own mind and apprehension of life—is worse than any possible epidemic; for while the epidemic may kill a number of useless or valgar people, the book will make a great num-ber."

The Atlantic Monthly. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) Chief among its attractions are "Some Unpublished Letters of Charles and Mary Lamb." Here is a The Canadian restrictionists may as well cry for the moon as advocate it. They must see that reciprocity on that line is an issue as dead as a door nail. It has been dead for many years, but it has been hard to convince some people. All-round reciprocity is practicable and we believe obtainable.

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—It is wonderful how soon, in these progressive days, science comes to the aid of man when nature fails him. Gum arabic, which was once universally used, has bewatch over the youths of disorderly carriage, and see that they behave them selves comelie, and use such raps and blows as in his discretion meet."

Lippincott's Magazine. (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.) R. H. Stoddard, in his essay on Thomas Buchanan Read, voices the thought of very many when he voices the thought of very many when he says: "A reader of books all my life long, beginning, I may say, almost before I knew what books were, I have always wondered how the majority of the people continue to exist, as they do, without them." Julian Hawthorne makes his description of the Kew Gardens in England a plea for the establishment of "An American Kew." Joaquin Miller tells in picturesque language of "The Mountain-Mirage." He has the art of putting things vividly. "Now, this Salmon River," he says, "was, is, and will be to the end of all rivers, one of the roughest, swiftest and ruggedest in all the mountains of Idaho, and that is saying a heap. Everything had to be carried into the new mines on the backs of either men or mules. The trail twisted and curved and corkscrewed and clung and writhed like a serpent in torment on the rocky and almost perpendicular bluff. It hung in the air along the shelving and sliding banks hundreds of feet above the foaming waters. If a mule lost his foothold, good-bye mule, good-bye man!"

The American Bookmaker, published by Howard Lockwood & Co., New York, now among the very best periodicals of its class. The January number, just received class. The January number, just received, is full of information relating to printing, bookbinding and kindred occupations. The various subjects are treated in a common sense, practical way, and hints can be gained from its columns every month worth many times the price of subscription. We cordially recommend it to the craft.



LATEST ENGLISH NEWS.

The Times has reported an extraordinary capture of cels at Stutterton, Linconshire. It says: "Upon making holes in the ice on some pits which were frozen over, a shoal of cels came to the holes to get air, and several men succeeded in taking no less than 12 stone in this manner."

Mr. George Talbot the well-known Eton swimming master, is dead. He taught swimming to most of the members of the royal family, including the Prince of Walss, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Connaught. He was swimming master at Eton and Marlborough Colleges.

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At a private meeting of Yorkshire medical men at Bradford recently to discuss the Koch cure, Dr. Cadman, of Bradford, stated that a consumptive patient who was taken by him to Berlin from Bradford was now perfectly well and able to take outdoor exercise, which he had not done for years.

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A singular scene was enacted in the cemetery at Wolverhampton on Monday week. A coffin containing the body of a woman was being lowered into a rather deep grave, and on reaching the bottom a peculiar noise was heard. The noise was really caused by the crunching of the hard frozen earth beneath the weight of the coffin, but the relatives of the deceased maintained that the noise came from inside the coffin, and the sexton and manager of the cemetery had to descend into the grave and rap several times on the lid without receiving any reply before the sorrowing friends were satisfied.

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were satisfied.

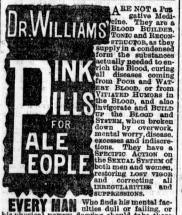
During the past few days a large number of most daring burgiaries, have been perpetrated in South London, in which the thieves have in every instance succeeded in getting clear away with their booty. Early on Sunday morning the premises of Measrs. Cohen & Co., tailors, Westminster Bridge road, were entered, and three suits of clothes, several other articles and a small sum of money stolen. The police found on the floor pieces of a half-smoked cigar, an empty whisky bottle and several sandwiches, the thieves having evidently enjoyed themselves. They, however, left the following note behind:

Your clothes, Mr. Cohen, are good and fit well— Your clothes, Mr. Cohen, are good and fit well— As well as the money we've sneaked from your till:

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