

..The Planet..

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A BLACK HERO.

The noble quality of heroism knows no distinction of race, color or birth, and it is well that this is so, that now and then acquired prejudices may be corrected by the natural outbursts of native nobility which come to our knowledge from among the despised, says the St. Thomas Times.

But a few days ago, in Indianapolis, two negroes were engaged in cleaning the inside of a large steam boiler. While they were at work steam was unintentionally turned into the boiler through an imperfect stopcock. Their only escape was up a ladder through a narrow manhole at the top of the boiler. Both sprang for the ladder, but the one who reached it first, stepped aside, saying: "You go first, Jim, you are married." He ran up the ladder, pushed through the manhole as quickly as possible, then turned and helped his comrade out. The first man was badly, but not dangerously, scalded, while the man who had stepped aside to give his friend the better chance—because he was a married man—was terribly burned and died within two hours. While he waited for death he made no complaint, only said with heroic simplicity: "It was Jim's right to go first. He is married."

It is not well that only the ignoble deeds of the black man should be given public prominence. A heroic act like this should receive equal publicity, and be commended to the same degree that the other has received disapprobation.

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

It is the unexpected that happens, generally, and nowhere is this truer than in the field of British parliamentary debate, says the Hamilton Post. Probably not twenty people went away from Winston Churchill's more or less well-attended lectures in this country with any idea that he would ever shake a great parliamentarian. True he had the tricks of the English member; he kept his left hand in his pocket, and maintained an air of bored indifference to everything, but that is not sufficient on which to base a powerful attack upon one of the strongest governments of modern times.

In this country Churchill would have been an absolute failure. It is doubtful whether he could have even entered parliament here while family influences count for so little and local popularity for so much. His oratorical ability is not of a kind to appeal to the public, and no Canadian party would covet him as a Cabinet minister. It is even open to question whether he would much impress that somewhat agrarian and loud-talking body in this big chamber on the hill at Ottawa, and he certainly would not exercise through them the enormous influence that a man can exercise who once wins the ear and the respect of Westminster.

But the character of the lower house of the Imperial Parliament is unique. By tradition and by instinct it has grown absolutely indifferent to flowers of rhetoric, yet it answers immediately to any display of real and reasonable feeling. It does not care an iota about the personal character or manner of a man (provided he be not a cad, in an English and rather undemocratic sense); and it is at present simply yearning for a little youth and earnestness and sincerity as a relief from the cynical indifference of Lord Salisbury and the fatigued philosophy of Mr. Balfour. The place and the moment were propitious. It may be that Mr. Churchill will not maintain the position he occupies to-day; but he has shown an enormous aptitude for information about any subject in which he chooses to interest himself, a self-reliance, reckless and almost defiant, that reminds one of the old Randolph days, and an oratorical power that defies all defects of voice and delivery. And he is, in sporting parlance, off to a good start.

NEEDED: A LIE-NAILER.

Whenever a prominent citizen of the United States goes to Europe the New York yellow journals "secure" news about them while abroad that is quite startling, says the Toronto Star. A few weeks ago Clark, of Montana went to Paris, and a story came along telling how he was being robbed, when a cabman came to his rescue, with the result that the cabby and the Montana millionaire were inseparable, and the John was having the time of his life. Andrew Carnegie no sooner reached Switzerland than a story came out in the New York press and thence spread all over the continent to the effect that while a party of ladies were doing some mountain climbing one of them wore out her shoe, whereupon Carnegie gave up his boots to her and walked

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into the hotel at night with bare and bleeding feet.

J. Pierpont Morgan does not seem to have stopped a runaway horse attached to a vehicle in which King Edward was seated, but a yarn about him is due any day. There is need in New York for a newspaper lie nailer, and the Post or the Times should make a practice of going out after the lies of the yellow journals and nailing them up where the general public could not fail to observe them.

APPARENTLY EVIDENT.

London Advertiser. There are 26 crematories in the United States and more are being built. They certainly have people to burn over the border.

PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

Ottawa Free Press. A sure sign of the progress of Ottawa as a first-class city. The number of professional mendicants on the streets appears to be on the increase.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SMIFF.

Bobcaygeon Independent. A Toronto paper in announcing that Premier Ross is going to England and will be away till September, says it will do away with the rumor that the elections will be on this summer. Did our contemporary not observe the statement made last week by this journal, regarding the elections. These city papers seem to be incapable of comprehending the true importance of this great journal.

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Stratford Beacon, Liberal. The Globe might be in better business than apologizing for a man who does not seem to know it is his duty to devote himself to the work he is paid by the country to perform, instead of dabbings in politics.

NOT THE SAME.

London News. For the enlightenment of contemporaries it may be said that the London with the 6,500,000 population mentioned in to-day's papers is not the London in Western Ontario.

GIRLS WANTED.

London Advertiser. Here is something for the girls: Many of the witnesses before the Chinese and Japanese commission, now taking evidence in British Columbia, declared that they did not prefer the orientals as servants, but white girls got married so quickly after they came to the province that they had to look for other servants in self-defence.

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They were almost the only occupants of the swiftly moving suburban trolley which ran from somewhere back in the Jersey hills to the shore of the Hudson, whence the passengers reached the great city by ferryboat. They were husband and wife. You could tell that from the way they talked. One did not have to be a Sherlock Holmes to infer that he was on his way to business and that she was coming in for a day's shopping. Both had been over the same route many times before, so the sameness of the Jersey landscape did not impress them. For some reason or other she turned around in her seat and began to study the other end of the car.

"John, will you look at that?" she exclaimed suddenly.

John looked in the direction indicated, but failed to see anything of startling nature. "Look at what?" he demanded.

"There's a telephone back there," she gasped. "Who ever heard of a telephone in a street car before?"

There was no mistaking it. The telephone was there, securely fastened to the wall beside the rear door. For once John was not ready with an explanation.

"I think it's a fine idea," began the wife. "Just think, if you've forgotten something you can telephone back for it without getting off the car."

There was silence for a moment, then she began again:

"John, I've forgotten something. I meant to tell Mary to give Cecil that cough medicine."

"Cecil hasn't any cough," insisted the husband.

"But I'm afraid he will have. There's so much grip around. I'll telephone to her about it."

John knew there was no need of telephoning, but he said nothing about it. They had been married a long time, and he had learned a thing or two. His wife went to the conductor without delay.

"I am sorry, madam, but it's a private line, only to be used in case we break down and have to telephone for a wrecking car," was the conductor's answer to her request.

She did not quite understand, and John went back to ask more questions. The conductor told him that the idea originated in the brain of the general manager of a line out of St. Louis. He showed him two slender wires which ran along the poles at the side of the road. He pointed out a bamboo fishing pole which had two metal hooks at the upper end. Then he continued:

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