

the promised letter, bearing a Toronto post mark. And now, after that temporary abandon to ways that are naughty but nice, will come the icy hauteur and uncompromising dignity, that serves so well to mask an aching heart.

The latest journalistic venture in this province is the *Globe Reporter*, a Chinese paper, which was to have made its first appearance at Vancouver last night. It is not yet known which side in provincial politics the Celestial organ will espouse, but I have no doubt that the queueless leader of the Independents will not overlook any opportunity to secure the Chinese influence. It is announced that the paper will be issued from the Ving Wan Bo Printing and Publishing House, Chinatown, Vancouver, and that T. Jung Pentjea is the editor. In the first edition, all topics touching the Chinese question will be dealt with; there will be letters from San Francisco and China, terse editorial notes and in many ways the *Globe Reporter* will be a valuable edition to Canadian newspapers of to-day. Our "steamed" contemporary, as the *Colonist* would say, will fill a long-felt want, and is here to stay.

The Vancouver correspondent of an eastern paper writes as follows on the subject of gambling. I leave it to the public to say whether the correspondent is strictly within the bounds of truth: "The announcement has arrived here that Chief of Police Willis, of Windsor, Ont., has given notice that dice shaking and gambling will not be tolerated in the city, and chance machines must go. Chief Willis would have a picnic if he attempted to enforce such a law in British Columbia. In Vancouver every cigar store has a permanent lottery. Every saloon has its card room, and chance machines are everywhere. Nanaimo is noted for its 'black jack' games throughout the coast. The games are patronized by the miners, with the police as interested spectators. The games run night and day. Victoria boasts of her famous Chinese lottery, and not a stranger comes to the city but what he dabbles a little in 'fan-tan' just out of curiosity. A tough element periodically visits the city by the sea from the sound ports. They behave themselves and leave a great deal of money in town, so they are not interfered with. In Westminster the police sometimes judiciously object. The Westminster Fair is an event in British Columbia. Last year a gang of gamblers from the United States paid a high license to the saloons for the privilege of running their games. For two days the suckers more than raked in the coin. The third day was to be the gamblers day, but the suckers notified the police and the sporting gentlemen were run out of town, after leaving eight or ten thousand dollars in the city."

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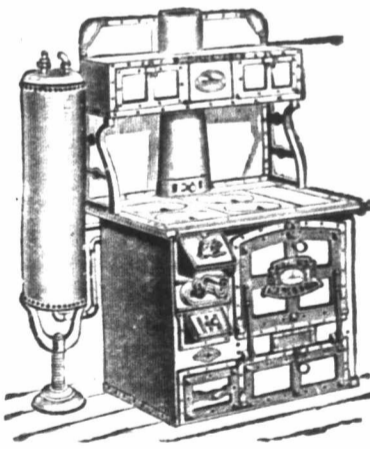
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