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**A TRIP THROUGH ENGLAND.**

FROM THE DIARY OF A YOUNG LADY.

We here in Canada have for years been amused at the accounts in the English papers and divers "Notes of Travels" in this supposed hyperborean clime. We acknowledge that occasionally the weather is refreshingly cool sometimes in Ontario, and that the winters in Quebec sometimes suggest the propriety of blowing one's fingers, and that blizzards are supposed to make their appearance in the west, but they blow themselves out in a short time as no doubt the local politicians will blow themselves out on the disallowance question. We admit that the climate has its faults, as all climates have, but why we should have the commiseration of the natives of islands situated in such high latitudes is one of the things "that a fella" can't understand. The subjoined extracts from a young lady's journal with the above title on the fly leaf, found on one of the lately snowed-up English railway carriages, will give the much pitied Canadian an idea of the climate of "haughty Albion" in winter.

Toronto, Dec. 1st, 1882.—I propose to go to Europe for my health, and to get the benefit of pure English air. Poor dear pa is so anxious about my health, and how highly he praises the delightful climate of England. He is always praising it.

Dec. 2nd.—Weather delightful. Almost too warm. Conclude to start for England. Shall I bring my fur sacque? Yes, it's just possible I may require it on the ocean if not in England. I leave on the evening train.

Portland, Dec. 5th.—Take passage on *Manitobian* for Liverpool. Fine steamship. Noble-looking captain. Handsome 2nd officer. Mem.—Must have flirtation on passage.

Dec. 6th.—At sea. Ship rolling uncomfortably. Noon.—Must be a tempest. Ask 2nd officer. Officer grins, and says "fine weather for this time of year." Mem.—Don't speak to him again. Go on deck. Come down, or "below" as the horrid sailors say.

Dec. 7th.—Dreadfully sick. Take *petit verre* of brandy. Sicker than ever—call steward.

A hiatus appears in the "Journal" until the 20th, when follows—

Dec. 20th.—Arrive in Liverpool, weather extremely stormy and cold, snowing. Glad I brought furs. Am not favorably impressed with first experience of English weather.

Dec. 21st.—Take train for London. Locked up in compartment of coach. Don't like it. Horridly cold. Still snowing.

Dec. 22nd.—Still snowing. Can hardly hold pencil to write. Sigh for my far away Canada! Oh Canada why did I leave thee? Mem.—Won't again in a hurry.

Dec. 22nd.—Snowing harder than ever. Guard says 20 feet deep. Train stuck fast. Shall we freeze? or starve? Horror!! Oh what a country! What a climate! I can almost *hate* poor pa! why did he so deceive me? Oh that I wore back again in dear old Canada. Mem.—

What the young lady intended to do is probably for ever lost, as the memo. was not written in the diary found. Nor has its owner yet turned up. Whether she ultimately escaped her threatened doom and got to London, or whether she perished in the surrounding snow banks is as yet a mystery, but if she be yet alive and lives to come home and interview her paternal relative, we have no doubt the old gentleman will get a lively lecture on the beauties and healthfulness of the English climate.

"What ails the telephone?" yelled the editor to the central office, which he had been vainly calling for ten minutes. "The battery wants to be charged," came the indistinct answer. "Well, charge it," murmured the editor mechanically. It gets to be a second nature with some.—*Rockland Courier Gazette.*

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