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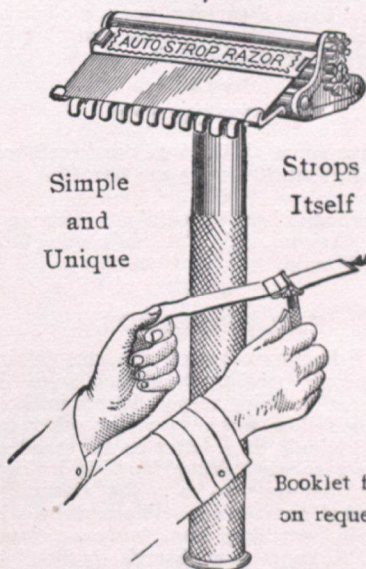
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### A Gentleman Unafraid

**T**HE editor of the St. John "Sun" pays an earnest tribute to the late Minister of Education for Manitoba who, from his deathbed, last week sent a message to the people of Brandon, his constituents and fellow citizens, which, with pride that the city of St. John bred such a man, is published in the columns of his old home journal.

The editor continues: "Dr. McInnis was only forty-two years old. A week before, he stood, full of bodily and mental vigour, just over the threshold of a brilliant and useful public career. He sent this message with the full knowledge that his work was done, that in a few hours he must leave this world and its activities—a world which had been good to him and in which he had taken keen delight. And he never whimpered, never gave a sign of self-pity or fear. With the long shadow creeping over his face, his thought was for the good of his people and of the town he loved. Knowing that all his share of Brandon's future would be six feet of grass mound, he still could calmly advise those who would participate in its progress and partake of its prosperity how best to build—to improve their hospitals, to provide schools for the children of the new peoples, to leave room for beauty and to guard its public utilities.

"No man could make a better end. There is more than courage shining through that message. To many it is given to face death bravely, but to few to show in their supreme moment such clear and splendid unselfishness. The town of Brandon, even in its mourning, is to be envied. The memory of this man should prove for it particularly, and for all Canadians, a high inspiration."

### The Little Blue Bead

**N**OWHERE in all Western Canada do the waters of romance lie deeper than a generation. So that the imagination of the Westerner, be he farmer, rancher, merchant, or real estate dealer, is never athirst. The farmer breaks a patch of virgin prairie, and the plough turns up a creelful of white bones; and hard by he sees the "wallow" or shallow depression in which the mighty dead, a lord of the Northern buffalo herd, took his last dust-bath. The rancher, riding towards the foot-hills on a round-up, chances on a place where stones have been laid in a wide circle. Here was, in olden days, a city of the Black-foot nation; each fragment of rock was once the hearthstone in a tepee thronged with the voices of men, women, and children. These stones are half-sunken in the prairie; in another century they will have sunk out of sight. The rancher's keen sun-bleached eyes, focused in a frown, discern a point of blue gleaming in the grey-green expanse. He dismounts and picks up a little blue bead about one-quarter of an inch in diameter. To-day his three-year-old daughter wears it in her coral necklace—so that the long day's work of the Indian artificer has not been wasted. Who was the first to wear it? And who shall be the last?—Canada.

### Not the Right Kind of Head

An Irishman named Hickey, who was killed by a blow on the head recently was found, on surgical examination, to have had a skull no thicker in some places than blotting-paper. This recalls a story of an altercation between two natives of Dublin at Donnybrook Fair. There was the usual exchange of shillelah compliments, and the skull of one was smashed. At the trial of the victorious youth, a surgeon testified that the victim's temporal bone was as thin almost as an egg-shell. Nevertheless, O'Sullivan was convicted of homicide, and when asked if he had anything to say before sentence, he simply remarked to the judge, "Yer honour, I'm sorry about this thing, but you heard what the doctor said about the unfortunate young man, an' I leave it to yer honour, now, if that was any kind of a head to go to a fair with in Ireland."

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