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It may be years before photography in colours give sufficiently accurate reproductions to be entirely satisfactory to editors of periodicals; but a picture of "Still Life," fruits and vegetables, taken by W. Kurtz, and printed in "Wilson's Photographic Magazine," for May, is interesting as a foretaste of what is almost certainly coming before long.

Gentlemen,—I was thoroughly cured of indigestion by using only three bottles of B. B. B., and truthfully recommend it to all suffering from the same malady.
Mrs. Davidson, Winnipeg, Man.

PUBLIC OPINION.

St. John, N. B., Evening Gazette: The enemies of Canada in the United States are deriving great comfort from the fact that Boddler Mercier is in favour of independence first, and then annexation. Mercier, who claims that he had been financially ruined by his Quebec opponents, seems to have been hired by some Yankee annexation, as a figure-head to represent them, and to force a movement in Canada in favour of annexation. In this dirty work he has the assistance of Laurier, and other enlightened Liberals, such as John V. Ellis, on this side of the line, and all of the newspapers which favour the annexation of Canada on the other side.

The Montreal Gazette: In referring to the indictment against the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Chicago Herald says: "The Canadian road is subsidized by the Dominion Government. Two-thirds of the cost of its construction were at public expense. If it has a deficit in earnings, the Government makes up the full sum. Of course it can underbid American roads for all the through traffic." It is really astonishing to find so much ignorance respecting the relations of the Canadian Pacific to the Dominion Government, in the columns of a leading American newspaper. The Government contributes not a cent towards the earnings of the Canadian Pacific, except in so far as that company may be paid for services performed in the transportation of men, material and mails. As for the subsidy towards the construction of the road, it consisted of a grant of money, and lands not excessive in amount, and the railway has been brought to its present commanding position without a single deviation from the original subvention made in 1880, except the repurchase by the Government of between five and six million acres of the land grant earned by the company at \$1.50 an acre.

Morning Chronicle, Quebec: Mr. Mercier is creating quite a good impression among his compatriots in the United States. But one can hardly, at this distance, understand the object of his mission and his pilgrimage. He cannot hope to do much for the cause of repatriation—a cause which he once had very much at heart—since he tells his exiled brethren that they are in a lovely condition of life and happiness, where they are now. He is not altogether right when he says that the Roman Catholic clergy are not opposed to annexation to the United States. We know very well that annexation is the very last thing that the Reverend Fathers would like to see carried. Mr. Mercier will enjoy his visitations, and, as he is a good speaker, the meetings of his friends across the border, will not be devoid of interest. But they can have no practical value, and their effect on Canadian politics will be nil. In the meantime, the Laurier-Tarte wing of the Liberal party of Canada, is distributing itself along the line of the Intercolonial Railway. The gospel according to Laurier is a very different affair from the doctrine which Mr. Mercier is propagating in Yankee land, though the goal to which they are both leading may not have many points of difference between them.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

Mr. Cleveland is the most powerful President since Lincoln, who, though a man could be less prone to the assumption of power, was by force of circumstances towards the close of his Presidency a dictator. . . . There seems to be a personal interest about him such as there has not been about any of his predecessors since Lincoln. All his doings and sayings, however trifling, are recorded with the minuteness of a court journal. The sentiment extends to his family, and one is almost reminded of the feeling towards royal families in monarchial countries. Miniature likenesses of the baby, Ruth, Cleveland's little daughter, were being sold in the streets of Washington. The nation wants reform. It feels that of late it has been going astray. It wants to be led back into the right path, and believing Mr. Cleveland to be strong and patriotic, it is disposed to give him a free hand. Very remarkable was the uprising of the silent vote, that index of the reserve force, in his favour at the election. It baffled the calculations of the politicians, none of whom, I think, expected anything like such a majority for Mr. Cleveland.—Goldwin Smith in the Nineteenth Century.

THE FASCINATION OF PRECIPICES.

Chevreul's well-known experiments with the exploratory pendulum and the divining rod, show that, if we represent to ourselves a motion in any direction the hand will unconsciously realize it and communicate it to the pendulum. The tipping table realizes a motion we are anticipating, though the intuiting hand is a real motion of the hands, of which we are not conscious. Mind-reading by those who divine by taking your hand where you have hidden anything, is a reading of imperceptible motion by which your thought is translated without your being conscious of them. In cases of vertigo and vertigo, which are more visible among children than among adults, a movement is begun, the suspension of which is prevented by a paralysis of the will, and it carries us on to suffering and death. When a child, I was navigating a plank on the river without a thought that I might fall. All at once the idea came like a diverging force, projecting itself across the rectilinear thought which had alone previously directed my action. It was as if an invisible arm seized me and drew me down. I cried out, and continued staggering over the whirling water, till help came to me. The mere thought of vertigo provoked it. The board lying on the ground suggests no thought of a fall when you walk over it; but when it is over a precipice and the eye takes the measure of the distance to the bottom, the representation of a falling motion becomes intense, and the impulse to fall correspondingly so. Even if you are safe, there may still be what is called the attraction of the abyss. The vision of the gulf as a fixed idea having produced an "inhibition" on all your ideas and forces, nothing is left but the figure of the great hole, with the intoxication of the rapid movement that begins on your brain and tends to turn the scales of the mental balance. Temptation, which is continual in children, because everything is new to them, is nothing else than the force of an idea and the motive impulse that accompanies it.—Alfred Fouillee, in The Popular Science Monthly.

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