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A LETTER FROM BRUSSELS.

The following extracts from a letter-written by a Toronto girl now in Brussels, give some idea of what the famous carnivals on the continent are like. Her letter takes the reader right into the old streets with their throngs of quaintly costumed people, who for the three days of the carnival—Shrove Tuesday, (the great carnival), the Sunday before and the Sunday following—apparently abandon themselves to a full enjoyment of the gay scene. She says: 'I went down the first day and saw everything there was to be seen. Even the little mites were dressed in fancy costume, the poorer ones nearly all as clowns, and the better class in every kind of fancy dress—dudes, Turks, Russians, Arabs—everything imaginable, but the prettiest costumes were to be seen in the shop windows, where the children were playing. Many of the older people were dressed in awfully quaint costumes and wore masks, but old and young alike had large bags of 'confetti,' and 'serpentine.' The 'confetti' is colored paper, cut into little round pieces like the letter O, and the 'serpentine' are neat little rolls of colored paper which you throw, holding on to one end. The people above the shops let them down, and the crowd below tries who can get them. It is immensely amusing to watch the mad scramble for possession. From some windows you see hundreds of these colorful serpentine hanging.

On the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday the better class of people were abroad, and from a favorable place in front of the Opera House we watched the funny figures passing back and forwards. The most sedate (even the English young ladies' schools included) had bags of 'confetti,' and were fighting face to face with people they had never seen before. Young men pelted the girls until you could not see the color of their hats, and then laughingly wound the 'serpentine' around their necks. It was a most exciting scene! When I got home I was just covered with 'confetti,' and had cognac streaming down my neck. The streets were crowded with carriages, too, filled with children in all sorts of funny costumes, some of them wonderfully pretty, and some as ugly as they were fantastic and grotesque.

At the close of her letter she thoughtfully gives for the benefit of any strangers who may be travelling over there the name of a charming lady who, until a year or two ago, had the largest and best finishing school for young ladies in Brussels. She now takes boarders, and anyone wishing a delightful place to stop at will go to Madame Boichot, 23 Rue de la Vanne.

A GREAT deal has been said about the poster, but by no means the final word has been spoken. Exhibition for the prize Horse Show one brings an interest in it again to the fore. Some ingenious and a few crudely faulty ones were exhibited.

Novelty, skill, and simplicity are the three essentials for a poster, to have an

effective suggestiveness executed in the simplest way, the first duty of a poster being to attract attention. It need lose nothing of its grace or dignity of outline by its lack of unnecessary detail. Besides the very interesting ones up for competition, the wall of the inner room of Roberts' gallery was adorned with a collection by some of the best designers of posters in the world. In this age of advertising all encouragement should be given to the effort of pushing this artistic heaven, the poster.

THE DOG SHOW.

ONE of the most interesting events of the year—the Dog Show, is over, leaving behind in the memory of every canine lover the remembrance of a larger and better exhibit than Toronto, perhaps America, has ever seen. Dogs of all kinds were there—big, black Newfoundland and huge, tawny St Bernards; yelping little long-nosed, inquisitive-looking terriers; spaniels, with their soft, curly coats and beautiful eyes; lean, graceful greyhounds, that, like 'Gem of the Season,' must challenge the attention of the most indifferent—every kind, all kinds, down to the unlovely, heavy-jawed old bull dog, that somehow always gives anyone who ventures too near a fit of the 'creeps.'

Of the smooth fox-terriers, Mr. G. A. Gooderham's 'Veracit' was a beauty; while the big, rough St. Bernard, 'Trumpeter,' and Master Tom Seagram's Newfoundland 'Sir Edwin Lanseer,' had a host of admirers around them all the time. 'Koudar,' from the Terra Cotta Kennels, had also many admirers, although it is not everyone who will go into raptures over the questionable beauty of a fierce Russian wolfhound.

The Granite Rink, where the exhibit was held, fairly echoed with the confused noise of many voices, excited exclamations of admiration, and the barks, growls and yelps of over three hundred long-suffering animals, which had been teased, and talked to, laughed at, and admired, until the patient brutes either ignored their tormentors with almost human dignity, or indulged in snaps and growls that won for some of them the reputation of being cross and bad-tempered.

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