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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

*"I must have liberty.*

*Withal as large a charter as the wind—  
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WITH respect to the Anglican Church, of which mention is now so frequently made, it is often asked, what is the meaning of the distinctive appellation to this Church, and in what does it differ from the Church of England of time-honored memory? It has been said that the only difference is that the Anglican Church is in reality the Church of England, only differently rigged out, and embellished to make it more attractive. But if this is not a faithful representation, then what are its peculiarities? Doubtless the clergy, or the priests, as they now prefer to designate themselves, know; but why should they have a monopoly of such knowledge and not extend it to the laity? Does this appellation of Anglican mean "Apostolic succession," and that by virtue of it the priesthood enjoy a spiritual superiority, authority and revelations, unbecoming for the laity to enquire into, or to question? Be that as it may, one thing is certain, this modern title of Anglican, which is now cropping into notice, means a new and distinctive something, of which the laity know little or nothing, but of which, nevertheless, they are entitled to be informed. It is believed by many that it would have been a far more appropriate subject for a lecture at this particular time than either Recreation or Astronomy.

A motorman, by name Smith, running on the electric line between New Westminster and

Vancouver, the other day, narrowly escaped being struck by a bullet from a hunter's rifle. A glass window in his car was smashed. This was Mr. Smith's second escape during the short period of two weeks. So reads a newspaper item. It is strange how often the hunter who couldn't hit a deer once in ten times if the deer stood still for him in easy range, can always manage to make a centre shot on human being, very often a companion, who looks no more like a deer in the woods than he does like a hippopotamus, and is a much more difficult mark to hit. But as this is a common occurrence during the hunting season, and as there are so many fatalities caused by dragging unloaded rifles through the bushes by the muzzle, it seems proper at this time to give a few good rules for the conduct of the amateur deer-slayer. The rules have all been tried, and have been approved by the undertakers' union.

I.—In going shooting for deer, always take along a rifle. One of the cheap variety is just as good as an expensive one, for in case it explodes, or the firing pin blows out into your cheek for a depth of four or five inches, thus spoiling the gun, the loss is not so great, and under the above circumstances is not so much felt, except by your family.

II.—In going through heavy underbrush with a companion in single file, always carry your rifle loaded and cocked, as a deer may be started at any moment, and you always want to be prepared. A premature explosion may also occasion the companion a happy surprise.

III.—On seeing anything mov-

ing in the bushes or on hearing the crackling of twigs when separated from your friend, raise your gun instantly and fire at the sound or the movement. If it is a deer, you may hit it, and if it is your friend you are sure to, and he will know that you are in the vicinity.

IV.—In emptying the magazine of your rifle in the evening to clean the weapon, hold it to the light so that the cartridges will be thrown into the camp fire. This sometimes destroys the ammunition, but, if it does, the loss is compensated for by the amusing diversion.

V.—When in camp, shoot freely at all kinds of marks to improve your marksmanship. This attracts the deer and fills any other hunters who may be in the neighborhood with pleasant sensations and sometimes with lead.

By learning the above rules and following them implicitly, you may become a successful hunter and an agreeable and safe companion in the woods, if your life is spared during your novitiate.

I hear that a Court Circular is about to be issued from Carey Castle, publishing the patents of nobility of the Four Hundred of Victoria. My informant, who is interested in such gossip, tells me that the names have already appeared in the official newspaper in the form of a list of invitations to the "Cinderella Ball" held to celebrate the anniversary of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's reign, and he adds that on swell occasions of the future the parlors of Government House are to be open only to the exclusive "society" set and the few other persons whose money or whose po-

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litical influence make it dangerous to put any slight upon them. The Ward McAllister who is the instrument by which the patents are issued is, I am told, the Lieutenant-Governor's private secretary, who came from Ottawa—headquarters for shoddy aristocracy—imbued with the idea, and enlisted the willing services of a representative of the native nobility to obtain the local knowledge to carry the scheme into effect. The respectable citizens outside the "set" are for the future to be invited only to functions of the second class, and to be kept upon the list at all it will be necessary for them to make three "party calls" after each invitation before the next is received. I would be inclined to say that the whole matter was a private one, between the Governor and those with whom he chooses to associate, if only he would refrain from publishing a list of his chosen friends as the elite of society.

I heard the following little story the other day, which I believe possesses a grain of humor. The narrator told me that the circumstances related occurred here in Victoria, but I have a suspicion that the application was localized in order to enhance its interest. A few weeks ago, a lady, in passing through Victoria on the way to San Francisco, thought herself of an eastern acquaintance living at Oak Bay, from whom she had not heard for a long time, and having a few hours at her disposal, determined to pay her friend a call and renew old associations. Accordingly she summoned a carriage and was driven to her destination, the ring at the door being answered by a domestic who bore unmistakable traces of her Celtic origin in face, manners and brogue. The query, "Is Mrs. D—— at home?" was met by a frank stare of astonishment on the part of the handmaiden, and the reply, "She is out at the cimitery, ma'am."

"Indeed," Mrs. A—— responded, innocently, "can you tell me how long she will be gone?" "Shure, ma'am, she's gone for good," was the announcement that caused the inquirer to retire precipitately.

The following, which also may have had a foreign origin, is good enough to be told of a certain young woman who, while not a conspicuous beauty, is by no means as homely as she affects to believe. A young man has been devoting much of his time to her, and she has given him reason to think that his society pleased her. The other evening he said:

"Do you believe that you could learn to care for anybody well enough to marry him?"

She caught her breath, and then answered in a low tone:

"Yes; I am sure I could."

"Have you—have you anybody in your mind now for whom you could care in this way?"

"Yes."

"Tell me; am I that person?"

She opened her lips to speak, and then closed them without speaking. She looked at him narrowly for a moment, and then said:

"First answer me one question."

"What is it?"

"Are you doing this on a bet?"

I read some place the other day that Charles Harris, had made a fortune out of his song—"After The Ball." There is very little in the song, but it appeared to catch public favor, and within three months from publication it was lilted and whistled in every city and town of any importance on the continent. A gentleman who recently returned from Chicago, says he left that city, and went East to his old home—a little village of 100 inhabitants—in the hope that he would no longer be pestered with "After The Ball." Here, he felt, he would be secure from the harrowing story of the old man who suspected a certain female [name

not given for family reasons] faithless after a terpsichorean event which occurred in his neighborhood. The gentleman of whom I speak the second night after his arrival at his old home was invited to spend the evening at the house of a friend, and during the evening, at the request of those present, a handsome young lady favored the company with a solo. The visitor expected to hear some old standard song, but he didn't. The young lady ran her fingers along the keys of the instrument at which she was seated, and then broke out into the strains of Harris' song. Although she sang it really sweetly, the gentleman left there the next day, possibly never to return again. I have taken the liberty of applying the title of the song in a different way from which it was intended, not with the hope, however, that it will become as popular as the original.

#### AFTER THE BALL.

Hon. Robert Beaven will become premier again.

The police will capture the highwaymen.

The *Colonist* and *Times* will write editorials without black-guarding each other.

The society lady's young man will want more money to stay away from Victoria.

Allan Cameron will visit Victoria a little oftener.

Ald. Bragg will be elected mayor of the capital of British Columbia.

Victoria will have a new stone post-office and custom house.

Collector Milne will be knighted for his services in connection with sealing matters.

Many of the would-be elite of Victoria were mad they were not invited.

Victoria is not the only city which has just grounds for complaint at the manner in which it has are duped by barustorming companies. Winnipeg theatre-goers are also up in arms from the same

case. Removed at such distance from the regular theatrical circuits, it is a pretty difficult matter for a manager, no matter how well posted he may be, to judge of the merits of many of the attractions applying to him for dates. A poor company injures a manager's reputation, injures the chances of his succeeding attractions and costs him directly and indirectly hundreds of dollars. It is a fact though that in many instances the only means a manager has of judging of the excellence of a company or play is by the press notices. It is a fact, too, that some of the vilest shows are able to secure the most laudatory mention in many of the American papers. The notices of these papers, as effusive as they are untruthful, are employed by the managers of these vile shows to secure dates in the various cities and towns, and frequently with success even in the larger centres. Manager Jamieson does the best he can to secure first-class attractions, and if he is imposed upon by companies of "The Laughing Girl" stamp it is scarcely his fault.

Victoria is not the only place in which the highwayman is permitted to pursue his avocation unmolested by the police. In Minneapolis the highwayman and burglar both have reaped a rich harvest this autumn from the pedestrian and the suburban resident. So numerous have these hold-ups and burglaries become in Minneapolis, that the Mayor of that city is now urging the police department to secure bloodhounds to track the law-breakers. The idea of the men who have suggested blood hounds to the mayor is that the dogs shall be muzzled and only used in case of emergency, or when the city is infested with petty crooks. The dogs are to be kept at police headquarters, and when there is a call for them the patrol wagon is to take them to the scene of trouble and the drivers put them on the scent.

The dogs may not in all cases succeed, but they will pay for themselves in many ways, and the moral effect upon the community would be startling.

It is believed by many that most of the crimes now being committed in Victoria are the work of young men, residents, who operate quickly and within an hour following the crimes are at home in bed. From the localities that are being visited and the manner in which a great deal of the work is being done, it is thought that professional thieves cannot be at the back of it. They would operate differently and would not display the knowledge of the localities that is displayed by the people who are now operating. As it is the same in Minneapolis, it is suggested that the whole matter could be brought to an end in a very short time. Of course there will be a prejudice against the use of the bloodhound, but that prejudice is largely a matter of sentiment. If it were proposed that a setter dog should be used nobody would say a word against it, and why should anything be said if bloodhounds are suggested? Matters in this city are not improving, and if there should be a few more outbreaks the people will rise up and demand that something be done. They may be even willing to take the bloodhounds. Yet, in the light of all that has been said in favor of the plan, we are not sure that it is the best thing to do in Victoria.

During the course of a conversation with a gentleman from Chicago the other day, it was remarked that Victoria had all the natural advantages to make it a great city. The Chicago man said: "You lack enterprise. Take Chicago," he continued, "from a small hamlet fifty years ago, and being almost erased from the map thirty years later, she has become one of the greatest cities in the world. To-day she has a popu-

lation of 1,600,000 of the most aggressive, enterprising people in the world. Situated on the west bank of a vast unsalted sea, it has the most delightful summer climate in the country, being fanned by the cooling breezes from the great lake, which stretches away for hundreds of miles to the east, north, and south. Its water and railway transportation is not only unexcelled but unequaled by any great city in the world. It is the typical city of America, illustrating the most marvelous growth, phenomenal energy and enterprise of any city, ancient or modern, in all the world, and its growth and achievements are emblematic of American industry, energy, and progress. It is the living example and crowning triumph of the American principle of free unrestricted commerce; and being a central mart for the exchange of the products of our vast country it represents more completely than any other the glory of American civilization." If it had not been for the enterprise of her citizens, Chicago would never have amounted to anything, with all her natural advantages. It is enterprise which makes a city, and Victorians should learn the lesson, and put it into practical effect.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss O. Walder leaves for Vancouver to-night.

Mr. Steve Wooton has returned from a visit to England.

Miss Warren, formerly of this city, is now teaching singing and elocution at Vancouver.

Mr. J. Jolinsky, of San Francisco, is in the city. He intends to locate here permanently.

The Arion Male Voice Glee Club will give the second of their series of concerts next month.

The first of the series of winter dances at St. James' Hall, James Bay, will be given Tuesday evening.

A pleasant social entertainment was given by the young people of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Munroe, Stanley Avenue, gave an enjoyable children's party last Saturday evening in honor of their little daughter, Helma.

The public interest in municipal politics is awakening and already candidates for the Mayoralty are said to be in the field. Erskine is also in the field to let people know that he keeps fine shoes at the Emporium, corner of Government and Johnson streets.

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The Choral Club, which was recently started in this city, has practically been discontinued, and now an effort is being made to organize a musical club on substantial lines. A list for signatures has been circulated and a number of well-known vocalists have signified their intention of associating themselves with the proposed organization.

Although the evening was wet, the attendance at the social and concert under the auspices of the Young People's Society, of Central Church, last Monday night, was satisfactory. The lecture by Rev. Mr. MacLeod was highly amusing and occasioned much laughter.



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Clinton Stewart's comedy of Commodore Cob Sah has been accepted by Nat C. Goodwin.

The most brilliant and fascinating little comedienne, Katie Putnam, will be here on the 22nd.

Douglas Flint and Kirtland Calhoun are receiving much merited praise from Portland musical critics for their fine singing.

Alexander Salvini is at work on a new play which he will produce during his engagement at the Star, New York City. It is entitled Zamar, the Vagabond King. The scene is laid in Spain about the time of Philip II.

Lottie Collin's star of destiny is still in the ascendancy, and she is acquiring more celebrity in her new song, Marguerite, than she gained in Ta-ra-ra-Bcom-de-ay, and her rainbow dance is said to be a triumph of terpsichorean art.

Corinne, in her new opera burlesque, Hendric Hudson, is scoring a brilliant success everywhere. The Minneapolis papers say that it is one of the finest burlesques that has ever been produced in that city, and far superior to many more pretentious and higher priced organizations.

It is quite probable that Chas. L. Davis will occupy the boards at The Victoria, two nights instead of one, as originally announced. The reason for this is Port Townsend does not offer sufficient inducements and is likely to be cut out. Mr. Davis has been a long time before the public in his celebrated impersonation of the New England farmer, and appears to grow more popular each succeeding year. His company is evenly balanced and always gives a good performance.

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For street wear a heavy kid glove of the four or five-button length is very fashionable, and is recommended for its neatness and durability. They are made with lapped seams and are finished with welts and large bone or brass buttons. For these gloves tan and deep gray are the chosen colors; these colors cannot be replaced by any other colors, although dark red and brown are receiving much attention.

COTTON MILLS IN EGYPT.

The negotiations now going on for the establishment by English capital of cotton mills in Egypt, reminds an exchange of the failure of former efforts in the same direction. Some thirty-five years ago, an attempt was made by Said Pasha, but like other enterprises of that government, it came to nothing, and the machinery was broken up and sold for old iron, or stolen by the natives. It had been found impossible to keep the operatives at work all year, as they were, for the most part, small land-holders, and deserted the mill for the farm. Mehemet Ali also made an effort to establish the textile industries, and on a much more extensive scale. He seems to have made a most careful study of the economic and industrial life of the different European countries, and was much impressed by the benefits conferred on England by her extensive manufactures and wide-spreading commercial connection. A large cotton factory was started near Cairo, one hundred mules being imported from Europe. Five different mills were established, and printing was carried on in connection with some of them. Italian operatives were brought over to introduce the silk industry, and finally a huge building was erected in Boulaq for a woolen factory, workmen being brought from France and Belgium. Though it has been estimated that at this time there were 2,459 spinning jennies, and 1,215 looms in use, yet complete failure was the result, and the labor and capital were expended in vain.

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manufacturing in Egypt, many points must be considered. The natural character of the people must be noticed. As a race, they are indolent and cowardly, the lower classes being practically savages, while the wealthier are ignorant, ridiculously vain, and set no good example of industry or thrift to the poor. To such a state has fallen a people whose ancestors were skilled in the weaver's art and cunning in the use of indigo and the purple dyes of the Mediterranean. Now that Egypt is once more what it was in ancient times, the highway from east to west, the people may be expected, perhaps, to rouse themselves from their lethargy. Aside from racial obstacles, there are serious economic difficulties in their way of an efficient supply of labor. The mills, it must be remembered, will be established in an agricultural district where there is no skilled labor; adult female labor is scarce, and the training of the girls is wasted by their early marriages; nor does it follow necessarily; because Egypt is a great cotton producing country, that cotton can be obtained more cheaply there than in Manchester, as is shown, for example, by oil seed, an Egyptian product, which is often higher priced in Cairo than in Liverpool—an illustration of the tendency of traders to concentrate their produce in the largest market. The matter of power, also, is a problem to be faced in a country destitute of fuel for

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steam generation, and also without natural water-power, except to the most limited extent. The old ox treaders on which Mehemet Ali depended for power in the early days of the century, are not sufficiently economical for to-day, and the importation of English coal would be a serious item to the Egyptian manufacturer.

**SCHEMING.**

man, the man of business we mean, is essentially a scheming animal. Probably not more than one in twenty of his schemes are carried to a successful conclusion, but he is nevertheless always hopeful, and not even complete failure daunts nor discourages him. Business nowadays has been reduced to an exact science, and its moves are as varied and innumerable as are those of the chess board. Good fortune may be responsible for the favorable outcome of an enterprise in a very few instances, but it is chiefly upon discreet management, good judgment, and the adaptability of the individual to the exigencies of the situation that satisfying results depend.

Every venture made in the business world is in a certain sense a scheme and, judging by the returns furnished by the mercantile agencies, the great majority never attain a full and complete maturity. Hope is indeed strongly implanted in the human breast for if it were not the business fabric would long ago have been disintegrated. The merchant carefully calculates his chances and opportunities in a certain transaction, and decides that he cannot lose. A sequence of antagonistic elements diverts the plan from its proper course and another scheme "gone wrong" is added to the list, but the merchant, far from being disheartened, again turns his attention to the everlasting problem that few men solve.

All of us are familiar with the fascinations of scheming. To the true man of business there is an exhilaration and stimulus in the ever recurring mercantile game that nothing else can afford. It sustains and buoys him, and aside from its ultimatum its influences are never depressing. Defeat is not to be considered, for he never acknowledges defeat. His life is a conglomeration of schemes whose history must be sought, in their concrete result, in his last will and testament. From the green goods man to the bank president in his office, life as pertains to acquiring a competence, has about it the same glamour and glitter of gold that all scheming implies.

The little boy, who starting upon his school life is filled with hope and expectancy, has his childish schemes that represent the comfort and companionship of his hours. Later on, when the youth enters into active business life, the schemes become less chimerical, and assumes a more definite and practical shape. The idea of reaching eminence by way of the circus route or the burnt cork and bones has been relegated to obscurity, and more serious matters occupy his days. In early manhood, and in middle age, added depth is given to the sombre tinge that does of necessity color the scheming and the planning of the vast majority of men. To look upon a rather grim aspect of the question, the marble mausoleum which had been considered as part and parcel of his

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latter end is displaced by an unassuming slab of marble or slate. The old man finds that schemes as a rule, partake largely of that mutability which belongs to all things mundane.

The past summer has not been characterized by any singular activity in business circles; indeed many of us know by experience that depression has been the distinctive feature of trade happenings for many months. Yet what is the attitude of the business community, and has the evolution of schemes ceased? No, the men who conduct the mercantile affairs, the manufacturers and all who contribute toward the industrial resources look into the future with optimistic hopefulness and a confidence that nothing can lessen or abate.

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