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TALES OF THE TOWN.

AMONG all the virtues that are possessed by the men of to-day, virtues which they are forced to acquire and carry about in plain sight, by present circumstances and by our advanced state of civilization, there are none more to be admired than patience and self-control. I saw an example of the incarnation of these two virtues not long ago, and I must tell you of it. A gentleman started out for a sail in his staunch craft, and took with him several friends. His first experience was to find the wind too strong for him, and blowing in such a way that he could not reef his sails. Then, in making a landing, his vessel was blown on the rocks by adverse breezes, and it took time, generalship and strength to get her off. Then, departing, he was blown on a lee shore again, and by the time he had gotten clear of that danger a submerged dock arose from the depths and caressed clingingly his keel. At last he gained the open main, and still he smiled and never an impatient word escaped him. Next he missed a boat to which he was conveying some guests by not more than a minute. And still not a sound except the rustle of a shade of sorrow which slowly fell over his bronzed features. To add to all, when he arrived at his home he found that his man servant and his maid servant and his ox and his ass had deserted him for some neighborhood festivities, and he was alone to brew the icy nectar of his land and to caparison his chargers. But he was patient through it all, and his self-control was so great that it would have impressed a marble statue. Now, a man without these virtues would have brandished the brand of discord and waved the red flag of obsolete rhetoric, but he remained calm, and soothed all others by his contained demeanor and by different appliances otherwise contained.

I observe in the July number of an esteemed contemporary, the *Nineteenth Century*, a lengthy article on "The American Newspaper Press," from the pen of Mr. Edward Delille. If Mr. Delille had not gone a little out of his way to sneer at THE HOME JOURNAL, *Harper's Weekly*, and other periodicals published on this continent, I might suffer his remarks to pass by unnoticed, but I believe that if he were treated with the silent contempt he so justly deserves, readers of this paper in Europe, where I understand the *Nineteenth Century* has a large and constantly increasing circulation also, might accept the criticisms as an acknowledgment of their truth.

In the first place I would inquire, without unbecoming curiosity, who is this Mr. Edward Delille, that he should constitute himself the censor of newspaper ethics?

Have the doctrines taught by this great family newspaper, and I might say indispensable household guide, been too far advanced for Mr. Delille? Has THE HOME JOURNAL made this frog-eating Frenchman (I am told he is a native of France) its quarry, and does he still bleed from the wounds of its talons? I rather think not; this paper has enough to do to straighten out matters pertaining to the conduct of the Victoria municipal board, without crossing the Atlantic.

"The American Press" [THE HOME JOURNAL, of course, included], Mr. Delille says, "is not artistic, not literary, not didactic, not even political, save in the sense of partisanship according to personal interest." If not encroaching too much on Mr. Delille's time, I would ask him what he has ever seen in this paper that was not highly artistic? Its literary work will compare favorably with any papers I have ever read from France, but, of course, it will be said in reply that I read French indifferently. As to the charge of not being didactic, I refer the censor to the instruction which the Victoria city aldermen have received time and time again through the columns of this journal. But the last clause of Mr. Delille's letter is by all means the most misleading. When he says that papers such as THE HOME JOURNAL "are not even political save in the sense of partisanship according to personal interest," he is a prevaricator according to the book. This paper, so far as I am aware, has never bent the suppliant knee that thrift might follow fawning. Its support of political parties has been founded on what it conceived to be a deep sense of duty and justice. As yet it has not gone into the market offering to barter away its political opinions for a mess of porridge. As a matter of fact, never has any politician dared approach the editor with a bribe. So much for personal interest and political bribery. However, there is one consolation in this attempt to belittle the reputation of THE HOME JOURNAL, and that is the well-defined belief that it will be some time before any European writer of note will consider the dry bones of the Victoria daily press of sufficient importance to discuss them in a periodical conducted with the high literary ability of the *Nineteenth Century*.

While I am on the subject of news-papers, I wish to direct the attention of the daily press to the fact that they have not yet apologized for the highly complimentary remarks which appeared in their columns respecting THE HOME JOURNAL. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago I charged the municipal authorities with refusing to pay the men who had been performing quarantine and other duties. This charge has since been

emphasized by two of the daily papers; but nevertheless they have so far overlooked the fact that they called me some pretty hard names in attempting to demonstrate that I had no license to pick up a scoop when it came my way.

Every morning and evening, I wade through the smallpox literature with which the daily papers of this city have been surcharged for the past few weeks; I read the arguments for and against vaccination, and, in truth, as I peruse the latest ukase from the Czar, I shudder contemplating the horrors of Siberian exile; but I must confess withal that I was not just prepared for the attack made upon Mr. Wm. C. Pope by Dr. Watt, in the *Times* Thursday evening. I can understand that the doctor's professional pride would not permit him to pass unnoticed a reflection on the medical fraternity, but why he should have stooped to use such very common language in replying to Mr. Pope is something beyond my powers of comprehension. Certainly Mr. Pope was wrong when he presumed to quote such a plain, common, every-day authority as Dr. Gunn, of New York, to disprove the higher authority of Dr. Watt. And Dr. Watt answers Mr. Pope conclusively when he asks: "Who is this Dr. Gunn of New York anyway?" All I am sorry for is that Dr. Watt did not go even further and crush Mr. Pope by inquiring: "Where is New York, anyway?" But aside from all this, I merely want to say that Dr. Watt has a big contract on hand if he hopes to prove that Mr. Pope is either a crank or one void of understanding. If the doctor, who is doing so much for suffering humanity, would inquire of those intimately acquainted with Mr. Pope, he would learn that that person is a highly intelligent gentleman, who has the courage of his convictions, and retains the respect and friendship of all till the end.

The destruction of the tramway power house has resulted in several theories being advanced to account for the origin of the fire. In this connection, I desire to draw the attention of my readers to a new theory brought out in Belgium to explain otherwise unaccountable conflagrations. These fires are caused by an overflow of electricity from the ground through the medium of prominent points, such as buildings, trees, mountains, etc. These overflows occur quadrennially in Belgium, and are connected with volcanic disturbances in other parts of the world. A Belgium law journal contains an interesting discussion of the theory which is based upon the idea that currents of electricity escape with extraordinary abundance in certain years, called quadrennial years. For the present period, they have been as follows: 1862-63, 1866-67, 1870-71, 1875, 1879-

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80, 1883-84, 1887-88, 1891-92. During these years, the electrical current does not always escape with the same intensity. Abnormal as these quadrennial periods are, as compared with the intervening periods, yet some are distinguished from the others by an extraordinarily large outflow of the current.

The electricity naturally disengages itself through the medium of the most prominent points—the summits of mountains, buildings and trees, etc., all these materials serve as conductors, and in the case of those which are combustible, they become dried up and spontaneously catch fire. The electrical disturbance seems to be either of volcanic origin, or to be intimately associated with volcanic disturbance. Thus the year 1891 was unusually productive of electrical and volcanic disturbances. All the volcanoes of Europe were active in 1891: Etna, Vesuvius, Strombolo, Lipari, Vulcano, etc. Not since 1860-64, had there been such a number of forest fires as in 1891, and so it has been with villages, towns, factories, mines and even explosions in ships. How do these fires occur during the years of excessive outflow of the electrical fluid? Buildings catch fire all over at once: the roofs of farm houses catch fire and instantaneously break out in flames all over: the cattle and sometimes the farmers are burnt alive; in hospitals and hotels exits have to be made through the windows, so rapidly do the flames spread; in the forests, charcoal burners instantly enveloped in flames and smoke, (as at Bordeaux) are suffocated and burnt. The fire catches in locked cupboards, in wardrobes, in places where fire or lights are never used.

It is noticeable that certain buildings have had several fires; this is a fatality of the place, a scientific, not an occult fatality, be it understood. The reason is that some places, owing to the nature of the sub-soil, are more favorable to the outflow of electricity. The places most favorable to the outflow of electricity are in the vicinity of craters, or lines of separation of rivers and, above all, at the point where they meet. Low lying districts are also very much subject to these electrical fires. There are not only particular years when these electrical disturbances take place; there are also particular dates. These dates are generally marked by volcanic disturbances.

"Haven't you noticed that there are men who always have an eye on boys who show signs of promise, which means gentlemanly boys, who try to do their best every time? Well, there are, and boys would be surprised if they knew how they were being watched by men who were on the lookout for brainy, reliable help, and some of them if they knew anything would behave themselves better than they do." These remarks were made within my hearing the other day by a prominent wholesale man and it caused me to think about the matter. Walking along the streets of any of our towns or cities, small or large, the observing man must be impressed with the thought that either there are many boys who do not know they are "being watched by men on the lookout for brainy,

reliable help," or, if knowing this, they must hold strange ideas of what goes to decide an employer of labor in selecting his help. There goes a boy on a message for his employer; what is he doing? He has lost fifteen minutes of his employer's time betwixt staring in a shop window and chattering with an idle companion. There is a young man out on a business commission and with a friend he steps into a corner saloon, and the moisture on his upper lip is the tell-tale of his business in that place. Another indoors gives no thoughtful care to the work in his hand. His heart is not in his work. What employer wants anything to do with any of these boys? THE HOME JOURNAL touches on this matter because it has an interest in the younger generation, as well as those who have climbed successfully over the difficulties of earlier years. We have a strong attachment for the boys, and we want to see them start right.

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Lots 101 and 102, Edward and Catherine streets, Victoria West, block N, 120 feet on Edward street, 132 feet on Catherine, 2 houses, greenhouse, bathroom, stable, etc., \$4,000.

No. of lot, part of C, block V, Victoria City, 8-room house, bathroom, water, gas, etc. stable; \$3,250; terms half cash; balance 3 years at 8 per cent.

NW 1/4 section 33, range 6, 20 acres, \$40 per acre, Port Angeles, W. T.

Lot 220, block 44, Michigan street, James Bay, 60x120, 5-room house; cash price \$1,700.

Lot 5, block 3, Howard and Charles streets, 50x115, 4-room house, bath-room, stable, etc. \$575; terms \$50 cash; \$15 per month.

Section 109 Beechy Bay, Sooke District, good land, some rock, beautiful situation, \$1,600.

Lot 32, Chandler street, Gonzales Farm, half acre, \$1,000; terms, \$400 cash; balance in two years, quarterly payments at 7 per cent.

Lot 26, section 69, Oak Harbor, Mount Baker Avenue, 68ft 7in x 154ft 1in x 122ft 5in; 7-room house, shed, etc, fenced, \$1,600, terms \$650 cash; balance 2 years at 10 per cent.

Lot 5, block 3, sub-div of suburban lots 75 and 76 section 71, 50 x 115, 4-room house, No. 8 Edmonton Road, \$800.

Section 10, range 6, South Saanich, 80 acres good land, 30 acres cleared, 20 acres slashed, 30 acres cultivated, sea shore; \$8,000; terms, \$100 cash, balance 8 per cent.

Lot 81, Lake District, 6 acres good land, not cleared, \$2,100; terms \$1,550 cash, balance 1 year at 8 per cent.

Lot 42 Johnson street and Fernwood Road, 60 x 114, two-story, 8-room house, 24x41, woodshed, chicken-house, \$3,500; terms \$2,000 cash, \$1,500 in 1 year at 8 per cent.

Lot 4, Battery street, 8-room house, bath, pantry, hot and cold water, \$4,200.

Lot 16, block 73, Edmonton Road, 47x146, cleared, not fenced, cash \$475.

Section 100, Lake District, 1/2 of lot 5 and whole of lot 6, \$2,130; 7 1-10 acres of land, 1/2 acre cleared.

Lot 18, subdivision 70, West Fernwood estate, 51 x 135, \$400; terms \$150 cash, balance \$35 quarterly at 8 per cent.

Lots 23 and 24, Cadboro Bay Road and Oak street ea. 40 x 120, two 2-story houses, 6 rooms, bath, closets, etc., \$4,200; terms \$1,000 cash, balance \$30 per month without interest.

Lot on Cadboro Bay Road, corner of Oak st, 40 x 120; \$450.

Lot 63, Whittier avenue, Cloverdale, 1/2 acre, 2-story house, 10 rooms, plastered, good well, \$2,500; terms \$300 cash; \$500 quarterly, or \$500 cash, \$200 quarterly.

Lot 24, Richmond avenue, 40 x 135, \$2,100; 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.

Lot 19, Moss street, 65 x 90, \$700, terms 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.

Lot 21, block 10, Powderly Avenue, \$525; half cash, balance 3 and 6 months.

Lot 16, part of section 38, part of lots 34, 35 and 38, Esquimalt District; \$1,000.

Lots 12 and 13, Springfield estate, 6-room house, \$2,100; terms \$100 cash, balance \$25 per month without interest.

Lot 15, Alberni District, 150 acres, black loam, all crab apple, 2 acres of orchard, 30 acres seeded with Timothy and clover, small house, 12 x 14; \$3,200.

Lot 15, block 31, Springfield estate, 4-room house, bath and pantry, \$1,400; terms \$200 cash, \$15 per month.

Lot 8, section 74, Victoria City, \$20,000. 15-room house and 1/2 acres land.

Lot 30, Oak street, off Cadboro Bay Road, very easy terms, \$450.

N 1/2 of S 1/2 of block 43, Cloverdale estate, \$350, 1/2 cash, balance to suit.

Section 107, Lake District, 10 acres, \$85 per acre.

Part of section 16, S. Saanich, 50 acres, 4 cleared and fenced, at \$60 per acre or \$50 cash.

Lot 20, Springfield estate, No. 20 Front street, Victoria West, 5-room house, pantry and c, \$1,250

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

M. F. Street and wife, of Portland, Ore., are in the city.

Rod. N. Begg, of Kerr & Begg, is at his old home in Orillia.

James Moulds, of Winnipeg, is visiting relatives in Victoria.

Rev. A. E. Price and wife left for Liverpool, Thursday morning.

John McCallum returned, Thursday night, from the mainland.

Miss E. N. Wadsworth was a passenger to San Francisco, Thursday.

F. C. Davidge was a passenger from Vancouver, Thursday night.

Aaron Lewis, of A. Lewis & Co., has returned from San Francisco.

Mrs. Wolfenden returned from the mainland last Thursday night.

Miss K. Merrill, of Victoria, is visiting with friends at Plumper's Pass.

Dr. Herbert and Miss Herbert, of Donald, are visiting friends in Vancouver.

W. C. Carey and wife, Winnipeg, registered at the Driard, Thursday night.

Rev. C. E. Dobbs and family left for Kingston, Ont., Wednesday morning.

C. H. Lugin, editor of the *Seattle Telegraph*, is spending a few days in Victoria.

A large number of Vancouver visitors are in the city to witness the lacrosse match to-day.

Wm. Gill, of the Department of Inland Revenue, returned from Vancouver, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, who was seriously injured by a runaway last Saturday, is recovering.

The Misses White, of Ottawa, daughters of the late Hon. Thomas White, are the guests of Mrs. E. Crowe Baker, Victoria.

The Victoria City Band will play at the Victoria Gardens again this afternoon and evening. Those who enjoyed the performance last Saturday were delighted with the entertainment.

N. La Branche, formerly Lt.-Col. of the 65th Regiment of Montreal, has arrived in Victoria from Australia, having, since his advent here about two years ago, made the circuit of the world.

William Thompson, bandmaster at Kuper Island, and Miss C. Williams, of this city, were married, Monday morning, by Rev. Father Van Nevel. The couple have left for their new home at Kuper Island.

Mr. Alex. Phillips, his many friends will be pleased to learn, has almost com-

pletely recovered his eyesight. His eyes were operated upon at the German Hospital, San Francisco, and the old gentleman is now at Napa Springs.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Sadie Levy and Mr. John S. Holland, wholesale liquor dealer, of Port Townsend, which will take place on Sunday, Sept. 4, at the residence of the bride's parents, 72 Princess avenue.

Monday morning, the Rev. G. R. Maxwell united in marriage Mr. Abraham Aptaker, of the Vancouver Loan Office, and Miss Minnie Goldstein, daughter of Mr. A. Goldstein. The couple left for Victoria, by way of New Westminster, on a short trip.

Mr. J. B. Grimshaw, who resigned the general secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. in Victoria, left, Tuesday morning, by the steamer Yosemite, for the east. The gentleman proceeds direct to Winnipeg, Man., where he is to be united in marriage to Miss E. J. McIntosh, of that city. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Alex. Grant, of the First Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw will return about September 1, making New Westminster their future home.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Archibald McNaughton, the well known lacrosse player, was united in marriage, at Vancouver, to Miss E. M. Bishop, of Montreal. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. R. Maxwell. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Virtue, old time friends of the contracting parties, were witnesses at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton received numerous congratulations from their many friends. They returned to Victoria, Thursday, and will reside here in future.

Mr. Henri G. Menut, of Cherbourg, France, was married to Martha J., the youngest daughter of the late Frank Campbell, in the R. C. Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Nicolaye, last Tuesday morning. The bride is very popular in Victoria, and has a large circle of friends. The groom is a distinguished French scholar, who came here about one year ago from his home in Cherbourg, and whose letters on British Columbia's resources have since been published and republished in all the great journals of the world. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. F. H. Campbell, and attended by two maids, Miss M. Stewart and Miss Rita C. McDonald. The groom was supported by M. Paul Menut. The bride's costume was of ivory silk and lace, perfect in fit, and a miracle of loveliness. The bridesmaids wore dresses of cream satin and nun's veiling, very pretty and very becoming. M. and Mme. Menut will spend the first few days of their wedded life at Sydney, their intention being to depart for their future home in France in a few weeks.

A six story block on Mitchell street, Glasgow, was burned to the ground, one day last week. The building of the *Glasgow Herald* and several commercial firms in the near-by blocks were considerably damaged. The total loss is £160,000.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Seattle's new theatre will seat 1,250 people.

The Victoria Conservatory of Music has been reopened.

Margaret Mather will be at The Victoria, October 19 and 20.

Haverly's minstrels cancelled their dates at The Victoria on account of the quarantine.

A play called "The Cross of Honor" has made a great success in the English provinces.

Manager Goldsmid, of the Vancouver Opera House, has booked Margaret Mather for a short season.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal will begin their tour of the English provinces early in August at Douglas, Isle of Man.

Ben Davies, the remarkable English tenor, had the honor of singing before the Queen and the royal family at Windsor, recently.

Marie Heath's new song, "There's a Game Called Kissing," promises to become as popular as her "Won't You Come Out and Play?"

Fred G. Berger, Sol Smith Russell's manager, is building a handsome residence in Washington, D. C., where he has decided to make his permanent home.

Miss Ellen Terry has not been at all well of late. She has had such a severe cold that she has been obliged to retire temporarily from the cast of "Henry VIII."

An amateur performance of the well known comic opera "Les Cloches des Corneville," will shortly be given at Vancouver by a number of local lady and gentleman vocalists.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has not been in so good health during the last fortnight as his physicians had hoped. He is in excellent spirits, however, and expects to complete his new opera before September, so that it may be produced at the Savoy Theatre in the Fall.

The improvements being made at The Victoria are nearing completion, and when this popular amusement resort reopens, the people will no longer complain of its dinginess. The whole inside has been painted white and finished with gold. The work is under the immediate supervision of Juan Cortez and Juan Bakero, two Spanish artists.

Miss Hurlburt, graduate of Cincinnati School of Music, and of Victoria College, Coburg, Ont., has been appointed principal of the ladies' department of the British Columbia College, Vancouver. Miss Hurlburt comes from Hamilton, where she has held a position in the Hamilton Ladies' College for some years. The college opens on the 1st of September.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

NOT an accident has happened on the Holland railways since women were appointed switch-tenders, it is stated. Women seem to take naturally to the switch.

A READER OF THE HOME JOURNAL wants to know whether Grover Cleveland hired a substitute to go to the war in his place. He did. Grover bared his breast to the foes of his country by proxy.

WHEN the Grand Old Lady gets a peep at the Grand Old Man's cabinet material it is likely to give her a severe case of chills and fever. Mr. Gladstone is talking of peppering the dose up with an Irishman or two.

FOR the information of the *Colonist* we remark that if there are canals in Mars there must be mules to draw the canal boats; if there are canal boats there must be people to run them. Hence, Mars is inhabited. Q. E. D.

PEOPLE who think that the young doctor charges enormous fees forget the awful weight of responsibility that every young doctor palpably carries around with him for a couple of years after he gets out of the medical school.

FAT men are in demand in London as advertising mediums. They wear clothing on which spaces are arranged for various advertisements; and thus arrayed they parade the streets. On their caps they bear this inscription: "Spaces to be let on sixty men."

EXCURSIONS to Alaska are becoming more popular every year. To American tourists, who enjoy traveling by land rather than by sea, Alaska offers unique attractions at this season of the year. Besides, it gives them a chance to appreciate the vastness of their own country.

THE lacrosse match to-day between Victoria and Vancouver clubs, promises to be one of the greatest exhibitions of Canada's national game ever seen in this Province. Both clubs are determined to win, and have been practising with that end in view. Every one should turn out to see the match.

AN African explorer, while still on his travels in the Dark Continent, received the news of the death of his father. Some time afterwards he arrived in Paris, ac-

companied by a black bride. "What on earth," asked a candid friend, "induced you to marry a negress?" To which the explorer made answer, in cavernous tones, "I was in mourning."

THE high sense of honor and pride which prompted a dozen or so of the citizens of Vancouver to charter a steamer specially to convey the Mayor and a couple other citizens of little note to this city to answer a charge of contempt has received a serious set-back now that they refuse to pay for their generosity. The Mayor will now fully realize the truth of the old saying, "Talk is cheap."

JUST because one woman has happened to lame herself permanently by closing a bureau drawer with her knee, newspaper Solons are rising up to say that the use of the knee for the purpose is universal among women, and that they are all likely to be lame if they do not reform. Woman is watched so closely in these progressive days that she has no chance to indulge even in small vices without being caught at it.

A WOMAN'S PAPER is endeavoring to advertise itself by asking all its fair—or plain—readers to send in replies to the poignant question: "Would you rather marry a man whom you entirely love, but whose love for you you are not sure of, or a man who entirely loves you, but whose love you do not feel entirely able to reciprocate?" The question has a curiously sentimental flavor for one asked such a set of readers as are likely to be attached to a strong-minded journal; but doubtless there will be reams of twaddle written about it.

THE *Western World*, this month, which is about double its usual size, is specially devoted to the City of Winnipeg as a souvenir number. The letter press contains some interesting glimpses of the early history of the Red River Settlement and probably the most complete and accurate description of Winnipeg ever published. The issue is profusely illustrated. Of special interest are the early views, such as Fort Douglass in 1817, the first windmill on the Red River, Fort Garry as it appeared in 1860, the first steamer to reach Fort Garry, and a number of others showing the rise of the city.

SPEAKING of the Victoria municipal board, the *Commercial Journal* says:

"Experience has shown them to have been the very worst class of men that the city could have had to control its destinies at a crisis like the present. We want, as the *Commercial Journal* has many a time urged, business men at the head of our concerns, who have sufficient 'savvy' and common sense not only to watch the progress of events, but to look ahead—men, for instance, of the class of Mr. T. B. Hall, who are so well thought of by business men as to be deemed worthy of occupying as mercantile men the highest positions that are within their gift as a class. The fact is, as Alderman Hunter pertinently put it, 'the city is not being attended to,' and if the streets and water-works are neglected, it must fall behind."

THERE is something utterly demoralizing and disgusting in the spreading before the public of all the details of the training

of Sullivan and Corbett for their coming brutal encounter. If one could hope that the contest would result in the permanent disabling of both brutes, so that they would be forever retired from the attention of the public, it would be better possible to bear with some patience the importance which is now given to them; but when one reflects how the victor will be lionized, and how debasing the whole thing is, it is impossible to understand how respectable papers can consent to assist in advertising the fight or the fighters.

AUTOCRATIC law's not confined to the militia in the United States. The Boston board of aldermen apparently are impressed by their own importance as much as the amateur warrior who strung a private up by the thumbs at Homestead the other day. They have decided to cancel the license of every theatre manager who refuses to promise them that no jokes about aldermen will be allowed in his theatre. A habit has developed in Boston of poking fun at the aldermen, and the evil got in the theatres. The actors, however, are handicapped. This should be accepted as a timely warning by the manager of the Victoria theatre.

AMONG the worst "kickers" about the heat in summer are those people who protested only a few weeks ago because there was no summer in sight. There is no valid reason for the wail of the disgruntled at hot weather. What season is more beautiful than the full summertime? The gates of life are wide open. Streams of illimitable air laden with ozone flow in to bathe and strengthen tired lungs. At night Luna comes forth, trailing clouds of glory. Sea shore and forest paths invite weary feet, and the warm greensward is nature's own couch. Fly, ant, worm, and the necessity of daily toil are "sent" that the human animal may keep moving and not allow the delicious hours to pass in one long dream of luxury. Man was made to hustle. We are not "here for our health." So what little pleasures, like hot weather, that we can get on the side, as it were, let us accept with thankful hearts and not kick. Summer is a snap.

CRISP AND CASUAL.

Milan is to have an electrical exhibition in 1894.

Churches built in America in 1891 numbered 8,508.

Arizona is the only State that has a herd of camels.

One pound of Indian tea will make 170 cups of strong tea.

San Francisco has an animal that is part goat and part deer.

The total colored population of the United States is 7,608,360.

A child just born has less chance of living a year than an octogenarian.

The New Testament was first printed in Irish in 1602.

The coffee palaces of Melbourne are the finest in the world.

Every square mile of the sea contains 120,000,000 fish of various kinds.

Five thousand women are engaged in the retail liquor business in Chicago.

ALL SORTS OF GIRLS.

THE BROOM.

"Down by a running little brook,
I first met Maggie May,"
For Maggie owned a dairy, and
She made the business pay.

①

A LITTLE DEBROT.

Irene is fair and tall
And beautiful and young;
Well might her graces all
In poetry be sung;
But then her mouth's so small
It cannot hold her tongue.

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Judge.

IN DESPERATE CASES.

When maids advance along in years
They often grow some bolder—
Display more arm and other charm,
More low neck and more shoulder.
As years advance, to perseverance
They trust far more than to appearance.

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—Chicago Sun.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

I met her in the hallway
And kissed her tender lip,
Then through the rayless darkness
I heard her lightly trip.
And I would give ten dollars
To be sure about the lark;
Was it the mistress or the maid
I kissed there in the dark?

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TAKING IT COOLLY.

The ship of an admiral, who was the Duke of Wellington's near connection, was wrecked. He was placed in command of a second ship, which was also lost and he himself was drowned. Lord Charles communicated the disaster to his father, who merely exclaimed, with Spartan coldness and brevity, "That's the second ship he has lost." The twin anecdote, so to call it, had reference to Lord Charles himself. Being ordered with his regiment abroad, he felt much concern at bidding farewell to his aged father, whom he might never see again. On his making the announcement, the duke, who had been reading, damped his emotion by saying shortly, "Good-bye, Charlie, good-bye!" and, taking a last look before leaving the room, the son was mortified to see that the father appeared to be as intent on his reading as ever.

MOTHER-OF-PEARL.

The most beautiful mother-of-pearl, unless that of the obalone be excepted, is obtained from the nautilus, which is a cephalon and related to the cuttle-fish. Occupying only the mouth of its dwelling, the latter is composed of a series of empty chambers, each of which the animal has successively lived in and vacated as it grew bigger, building up behind it at each move a wall of purest pearl. These vacant rooms of pearl are all connected by a pneumatic tube, which enables the creature to so control the air supply in its house as to make the domicile lighter or heavier at will, in order to ascend or descend in the water. The shell is too thin to bear grinding, and so muriatic acid is used to remove the outer coat and disclose the exquisite nacre beneath. A method of treating such shells consists in drawing upon them with a brush and wax varnish any designs desired, after which they are placed in a

bath of weak acid. The latter eats away the outer coat wherever it is not protected by the varnish, the result being a lovely cameo with raised figures in white on a pearly ground. Nature, however, beats art hollow at this sort of work. In the cretaceous epoch, hundreds of thousands of years ago, there lived certain cephalopods, since extinct, which science calls "ammonites." The pearl they produced was of wonderful beauty, and many fossil ammonites dug up to-day have been so operated upon by the process of decay as to form elaborate patterns on the shells in pearl and white.

BANK CHEQUES.

The bank cheque is the most perfect form of currency known because it is drawn for a particular purpose, and when this purpose has been accomplished, either by presentation and payment of the cheque in cash or by exchange through the Clearing House, the instrument is cancelled and perishes. The nearer a paper currency, whether of bank notes or Government notes, comes to this ideal the better it is. There is an old custom of the Bank of England that seems, without any particular meaning, to be still kept up by the bank. It never issues a note a second time. The notes it pays out are all new, and when they return to the bank, even upon the very day of their issue, they are at once cancelled. In this custom there is the survival of the original and correct idea that the nearer the bank note, like the cheque, could be kept to the exclusive performance of the particular purpose for which it was issued the better it was for currency. Even cheques often travel a long time before they are cancelled in these days of country checks, and bank notes and Government notes frequently are never redeemed at all until they are worn almost to pieces. There is great economy in the re-issue of notes, and within certain limits it is an undeniable advantage.

Any note that continues to circulate without carrying with it a motive for its redemption in the circumstances that put it into circulation in the first place must necessarily become dangerous to the financial system of which it forms a part. This is the disadvantage of legal-tender notes and other forms of Government paper. It was originally intended that a legal-tender note should be cancelled by being made redeemable in United States six per cent. bond, and since 1879 it has been redeemable in gold. The bond redemption was abrogated by law in 1868; and as the gold redemption does not carry cancellation with it, it has no effect whatever in imparting any elasticity to the note. The silver certificate carries even less motive for its redemption, and the Treasury note of 1890 still less. They are put out for the very object of being kept in circulation, and when they are once issued there is no motive for their return as long as confidence in the financial strength of the Treasury is continued. As these notes carry no motive for their redemption so long as circumstances are favorable, and have a tendency to accumulate to a formidable extent in the banks at the money centres, the fact that they are all practically presentable for redemption in gold,

under the terms of present laws, makes them a continued threat to the Treasury in case a great foreign demand for gold arises. The lack of motive for their redemption in ordinary times and their consequent accumulation also causes dangerous speculation, and gives the money centres undue control over enterprise in other parts of the United States. The National bank note as it now exists need not be separately considered, because it too is properly a Government note, with its payment guaranteed by the Government. The only currency that approaches to the ideal of the cheque consists of bank notes issued by each bank in accordance with the demands of the business presented to it. Issued to carry on certain business transactions, as soon as these are completed, instead of accumulating at the money centres to incite fictitious trading or speculation, they are returned to the bank that issued them for redemption in real money, either coin or coin certificates. Such a currency, under appropriate regulations, meets the wants of business, and, with a properly organized banking system, will be always safe.—Rhodes' Journal of Banking.

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- 1 18-carat gold chain, 32 penny-weight \$ 25 00
- 1 Gold Watch with heavy quartz chain and Locket, cost \$275 \$125 00
- 1 Diamond Ring, 2 1/2-carat, cost \$275 \$175 00
- 1 pearl, 8 1/2 grains \$ 35 00
- 1 unset Diamond, blue tint, weight, 2 carat, less \$180 00
- 1 2 1/2 carat do \$225 00
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- 1 Piano \$ 75 00
- 1 Ladies' dressing-case, Rosewood, well fitted up \$ 15 00
- 1 Ladies' dressing-case in walnut \$ 10 00
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Stiggins—Who is that gentleman with whom you were walking a while ago?

Pennybunker—He is an original humorist.

But why did you lift your hat continually while you were talking to him?

He was telling me some original jokes, and whenever I recognize an old acquaintance I always lift my hat.—Winnipeg Mirror.

Dr. Sawyer—I shan't call you "duddy" in public again, my angel."

Young Mrs. Sawyer—But why not, Robert? I do so love to have you affectionate with me.

Dr. Sawyer—No doubt you do, pet; but when the habit to which I have alluded gives a venomous rival like Dr. Allen an opportunity to refer to me as your quack, it is, I think, high time I cast about for some other term of endearment.

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MORRIS MOSS' ABSENCE.

Many theories have been advanced to explain the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Morris Moss, of this city, who was last seen in Colville, in June, but Mr. Robert Stevenson, of Chilliwack, who for many years was Canadian customs officer for the Osooyos district, is able to speak of the matter from a more intimate knowledge of the district surrounding Colville than many. On returning from a trip to Similkameen the other day, among his first inquiries was whether his old friend, Mr. Moss, had been heard from. "I haven't lost hope," he said, "but Morris Moss will turn up all right." He then went on to tell his reasons to a reporter for this opinion.

The Colville Indian reservation will be thrown open for entry by prospectors within a month or two. The Indians of the reservation are very much opposed to the whites going through it, and arrest all who have not the tact and nerve to silence their boasting and frame a good excuse. There are Indian rumors of long standing as to the marvellously rich gold mines. When Mr. Stevenson was in Osooyos, 25 years ago, he heard of one which had been found by an Okanagan Indian four or five years before that, which assayed \$5,000 to the ton. He and a friend several times ventured on the reservation, trying to find the mine, the location of which the Indian had described in a very indefinite way. With a Mr. Leech he felt confident he was once within ten miles of it, but was obliged to return empty-handed. He is still confident he could yet find it. The talk of this rich ore has been silenced for many years, and Mr. Stevenson thought that himself and a Mr. John Ingram, of Kettle River, were the only people who had heard of it, and now that Mr. Ingram is dead he thought himself the only white man who had heard of these untold riches. When Mr. Moss disappeared it at once occurred to Mr. Stevenson that he had heard of this mine and had started to locate it, if possible, before the reservation was lifted.

A long and arduous journey, Mr. Stevenson said, was necessary before the vicinity of the mine is reached. A man could drive in a buckboard from Colville up to the Kettle River to Osooyos Lake, 90 miles, then 80 miles down the Okanagan River to the Fos-

ter Creek ferry, and after that it was 40 miles to where the mine is. That makes 210 miles, or with the return journey 420 miles, and no one is going to take that trip and stay only a week. The Indians, he said, would oppose his progress, but it was hardly likely they would harm him. He believed Mr. Moss was still looking for the mine.

There was an Indian story of another rich mine in the reservation. About 20 years ago, an Indian sold a piece of ore to Marcus Oppenheimer, after whom the town Marcus is named. On being sent to San Francisco, it assayed \$25,000 to the ton, but no intimation could be got of where such ore came from. Morris Moss, Mr. Stevenson concluded, is looking after one or other of these mines, and you will see he will come back some time.

RUNNING QUARANTINE.

Victoria people have hitherto been the acknowledged champions in the pastime known as "running quarantine," which has lately come into favor as a healthful and exciting sport, but the Vancouver Telegram believes that they will have to look to their laurels or the enterprising citizens of the Terminal City will carry off the palm.

Two ladies belonging to that city, Mrs. Cofort and Mrs. Harrison, were very desirous of going to Seattle, but had no mind to spend a long fourteen days en route. They, therefore, cast about for some means by which the lynx-eyed American health officers and guards might be evaded, and as a result of their plotting, a quiet party consisting of the two ladies and three gentlemen, left on Sunday night last in a naphtha launch, owned by a Cordova street real estate firm.

They reached Fairhaven without mishap, and there caught the Premier on her way to Seattle, and the two fair travellers were placed on board the steamer, which safely conveyed them to their destination.

The little craft, with her three hardy mariners, arrived back in the Inlet Wednesday afternoon.

Lady (to nursemaid)—Caroline, see you don't let the children sit on the wet grass; they might catch cold. If they are tired, you can sit on it yourself and take them on your knees.

GREECE STILL LIVES.

Historians of the neo-philosophical school are agreed that if Cleopatra had been adorned with a nose more re-trousse than it was, Antony, who hated snubs of all kinds, would not have fallen into her clutches, and the whole course of subsequent events would consequently have been different. Thus dire events from little causes spring. Who knows what may come of the terrible threat made by a Greek gentleman—who has Agamemnon, Achilles, and the whole of the 300 of Thermopylæ among his ancestors—at the North London Police Court? His landlady regarded him as rather a nuisance, and wished to get rid of him, but he declined to go. The housewife's brother then tackled the lodger, and in the Homeric words of the Greek gave him "bump, bump, bump in the back." The magistrate asked him why he did not leave when the landlady wished his room instead of his company, and the Greek's answer was that he did not want to. He was now, however, determined to make an international question of it, and was resolved to go back to Greece, partly because he could not make a living here, but principally to see that the insult inflicted upon his back is avenged. "And," shouted he as he left the court, "I will tell the King of Greece of the treatment I have received!" What will happen then nobody foresees. In the meantime the person who has most reason to be satisfied is the landlady.

"Johnny, are you teaching that parrot to use naughty words?" "No'm. I'm just telling it what it mustn't say."

The only way the average man can express his disgust with lovely woman's present habit of wearing a trail is by stepping on it every chance he gets.

A New York man was killed in consequence of his politeness. He was on the elevated railroad sitting by a lady, and, thinking it impolite to sneeze in the presence of a lady, poked his head out of the window just in time to be struck by a loose wire and have his skull fractured. There is danger even in being too polite, but politeness is not usually a fault on the street cars.

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