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Comments on the Custoons.



A DEGRADING SUPERSTITION.—By direct taxation, and that in the form of a single tax upon ground rent, the Government of Canada or any other country could secure ample revenue for all public purposes, without touching a solitary cent of any citizen's earnings, whether that citizen worked with hand or head. This system of taxation would be fair, equal and economical. It would be simply taking for the use of the community the rental value of land which is created by the community and not by the individual. Instead of going to this natural source for revenue, the Government of Canada prefers to rob labor of a part of its earnings, allowing the fund created by the community to go into the private pockets of

munity to go into the private pockets of landlords. The citizen is now taxed for Dominion purposes upon everything he eats and wears, and nearly everything he needs to use in any way; while for municipal purposes he is fined for building or improving a house, and has a portion of his income—the immediate fruits of his toil—filched from him. In order that the victim may quietly submit to this outrage, he is first educated to believe that there is something very shocking about direct taxation. This teaching has been only too successful; the average citizen trembles at the very thought of the literal tax-gatherer, though *why* it should be so much more dangerous to know what you are paying than to "go it blind," he cannot explain. Next, in order that he monstrous superstition of "Protection" has been invented and imposed upon his credulity. He has swallowed this also. To-day, in this intelligent community, there are thousands of famers and other workingmen who believe in the fetch of the N.P. as absolutely—and just as reasonably—as the pagans of India believe in their "gods." And amongst all the wooden images of the East there is not a more hollow, lying fraud than this Canadian idd. What is the whole sum and substance of the worship? That the consumer shall pay his taxes indirectly (so that he may not be able to keep track of the amount), and that he shall thus pay a great deal more than his fair share. This is the "blessing" the iddl confers upon the consumer. To the protected monopolist it is more beneficent, for of the aggregate sum laid upon the altar a good proportiongoes into his private coffer, the balance going to the Government. Is the consumer a fool? Oh, no ; he says he is looking after his own interests. He wants to see the monopolists made prosperous because then they can afford to pay high wages. Well, do they do so? Are wages in Canada any higher in proportion to living expenses than they were before 1878? No. And why? Because competition in the labor market regulates wages, and there is free entry at all our ports for all the labor that wishes to come. The whole thing is a swindle, but such a clumsy and transparent swindle that we marvel how it could so long have decived the majority of our people. If the consumers of Canada are not fools they will throw off this unworthy and degrading superstition, and smash this empty idol to pieces on the next opportunity. They will repel with indignation the 'mouthy and degrading superstition, and smash this empty idol to appeal to common sense against this idiotic system. May he come to the front soon 1

QUESTION !—In a recent issue we called upon Premier Mowat to explain to the people of Ontario his reasons for proposing to sell out the Asylum land on Queen street, while determining to retain the ownership of the Upper Canada College grounds for the Province and dispose of them only on leasehold. As yet no reply has been forthcoming, but in the meantime it is announced that the sale of a large portion of the Queen street land has been consummated. We trust the leader of the Opposition will see that Mr. Mowat is given an opportunity to defend this action in the approaching session of the Legislature. It will require all his ability, we should suppose, to put forth any reasonable excuse. He certainly cannot plead that the Government received no warning; nor can he say that the Provincial treasury was in immediate need of money. By reserving the ownership of the College lands, the Government have made it clear that they are alive to the benefits of future rental values, and it will be a job for casuistry to show why this policy would not apply to the Queen street property with even greater force. Perhaps—we only throw it out as a suggestion, of course—if Mr. Meredith read out to the country the names of the individuals who have come into possession of this land by the very accommodating action of the Government, a little light might be thrown on a dark subject.

THE editor of the Christian Guardian demolishes the single tax theory once more with a wave of his goose-quill. "We have no disposition to deny," says he, "that the land belongs naturally and originally to the whole people of a nation or country." "The claim that the 'unearned increment' of land values, as Mill calls it (ground rent, in other words), should be given to the people is plausible, and may be admitted to have claims to careful consideration," but—etc., etc. Well, why doesn't the able gentleman examine that claim carefully ? If, as he admits, the land really belongs to the whole people, and its rental value is given to it solely by the fact of population, it is surely more than "plausible" to conclude that the whole people are entitled to the rental value. Who else has any right to it ?

JUST here is where the editor goes astray. He says the Government of a country represents and acts for the people, and if a Government sees fit to sell a portion of the common heritage to an individual, such a course is "not inconsistent with the original common right of the people to the land."

BUT what about the unborn generation ? What Government is authorized to barter away *their* heritage ? The land, like the air and the water, is for the living generation only; dead men have no just title to it, and the living have no power to deal with it to the detriment of those yet to come. This point is also worthy of the *Guardian's* "careful examination."

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IF the Government of Canada, acting on behalf of the people, sold the Province of Ontario to MR. GRIP on the present basis of land tenure, what would be the result? Why, MR. GRIP would make every occupant of it pay him rent for living here. How much rent? As much as the people would pay rather than be driven out to seek equal privileges elsewhere. He could get a good round sum every year, for example, from the *Christian Guardian* people for the privilege of occupying such a desirable spot on King street. Perhaps rather than pay what MR. GRIP thought it (or any other site they might select) worth, they would prefer to move the establishment out of Ontario altogether. That would be their only alternative.

BUT if MR. GRIP came into possession of this fine estate under the single tax system, he would have to hand over to the public till every cent he collected in the shape of ground rent. It wouldn't do him any good to own Ontario for landlord purposes. It would be impressed upon his mind that the Creator made the land of Ontario for the sustenance of human beings, not for the rent that could be got out of it. Doesn't the *Guardian* believe this really was the Creator's design?

IT is the practical question, however, that chiefly bothers the editor's brain. Admitting that all the people "naturally and originally" own the land, and that therefore to claim that the ground rent should be put in the public till is "plausible," he is puzzled by some questions which he declares are "more easily asked than answered."

HOW can it be decided what the 'unearned incre-ment' is?" Private landlords seem to be able to decide this without much difficulty under the present system. Public assessors could do the same. The "unearned increment" is the amount the landlord now takes in rent. "Will not the consciousness that all this natural increase of value shall be taken away from him destroy a man's industry and enterprise?" No, but it will destroy the spirit of speculation which rages in his breast. "Why should the idle tramps that may drift into a community from any distant land . . . have as much right to the 'unearned increment' as the people of the country?" Because they are children of God as are others. But trampism would soon cease under a system which would give every man a fair chance to make a living. It is the present system of artificially restricting the supply of natural opportunities that makes tramps. "Why is not the product of the legitimate exercise of intellectual sagacity and foresight, which some would call an 'unearned increment,' as justly a man's own as the pro-duct of his labor?" It is, unquestionably, and would be so regarded under the single tax system. It matters not what "some" would call it, if the intellectual activity is exercised in a legitimate way, the whole reward should justly go to the man who earned it. At present it doesn't. A professional man who, by sagacity and foresight, earns a good income, has to give up a portion of it in the shape of taxes. The man who labors with his hands is now taxed on his house, his food, his clothing, etc., etc., etc.

"IF the principle is carried out would it not involve the taking from men all other gain and advantage not the direct results of their labor?" No; it would on the other hand secure to every man the full direct and indirect results of his labor. Only the man whose "labor" now consists of appropriating to himself land values created by the community, would go short. But his style of "labor" is only legalized robbery. "Why should wealthy men, whose wealth is in some other form, not be taxed?" They would be, under the single tax system, as all their wealth, whatever its form, is related to land more or less remotely, and would be affected by the tax on land values.

IN conclusion, the editor denies the axiom that "land is necessary to life." He does not claim to have discovered a method of living in the clouds; what he means is that an individual man can live without actually possessing land. This is quite true; it is not necessary that everybody should possess or cultivate land, though it would greatly relieve the pressure of poverty if access to land at present unused within the limits of civilization were made free to the thousands who would gladly go to it for a living. But whether the land itself is needed or not, there can be no question that its rental value in the public till would enable us to abolish all other taxation, and lift untold burdens from society. Would this have no effect on present poverty ? If the land belongs to the whole people "naturally and originally," why shouldn't they get this fund as a matter of simple justice ?

"DEACON or Manager—which?" was a *Globe* article's heading the other day. Just as if everybody didn't know Bro. Cameron was both !



BOAS AND BEAUX.



"DISPLACEMENT."

STREET CAR CONDUCTOR (*policly*, to stout party)—" Would you mind standing up, sir? There's three ladies on the platform as would like your seat."



BENEATH the shade that dusks her face, She coyly peeps across the street, The blush that crimsons lends her grace, Whene'er our glances chance to meet; Her tender smile, her laughing eyes, Her pouting lips just made to kiss, "I' faith," quoth I, "your love I'd prize, Were you my sweetheart, little miss." The crude board fence between us stands, Me:hinks I fain would own the lot Were she to care, with gracious hands, For all belongings of the plot. And so in ecstacy I dream

Her love has answered to my call ; I wonder if she likes ice cream ;

Until my wayward glances fall,



And then my heart sinks low apace, And almost pauses in its beat, For what the beauty of her face When she has such ungodly feet?

W. C. N.

THE UNLEARNED LESSON.

My little boy moaned with the tooth-ache; The pain was prolonged and keen-

And it grieved my heart, though I sat aparl, And never by word or look or sign Showed that his ache was also mine— For I thought of the "might have been."

In the dentist's chair, just the day before, I had coaxingly set the lad; And I told him the truth—that the aching tooth Would never cease it; cruel throb Unless—"If—he—pulls—it"—here a sob-

'' I-kn-n-now-it-w-w-will-hurt-me-b-b-bad !"

At the sight of the hawk-bill forceps, At the thought of prospective pain, The little man's nerve, his whilom verve, Fled and left him a baby mere, So fearsome and tearsome it was clear

We must force him or else abstain.

So I said to the child, with a chiding frown, As I led him adown the stair :

"The pain may be keen, my obstinate wean, But here I have offered the remedy— You would not take it—and now tell me Do you think if you cry I'll care?"

So I sat me and read there unconcerned All outward—But, ah, dear me ! The mother breast was but ill at rest,

And rose and fell at each pitiful moan--The mother heart's unison with "her own "---He knew not her agony !

But a lesson I sought to teach my boy-A lesson of cause and effect.

And I strove to be brave and the way to pave To the understanding of the child, With words soft-spoken and visage mild, And his wilfulness to correct.

I fancied the thought of the spurned relief Would be uppermost in his mind. So I said, as I fondled his curly head : "My little Boy Blue, I've no feeling for you— Can you tell why no pity you find?"

"I know that you suffer, my precious one, But why should I care, forsooth?"
Oh, foolish thought that a work was wrought— That my little one saw Into natural law— He sobbed : "'Cos—m-m-ma—it—i-i-isn't—your—tooth !"

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

SHE-"'You must come to my donkey party next Thursday evening, Mr. Jack. Now I will accept no refusal, for I do so want it to be a perfect success." (And yet he doesn't know whether to feel pleased or not.)

HOW THEY DO IT IN GLENGARRY.

TRAVELLER (to Hotel-keeper)—"I say, boss, how much will you charge me if I stay a week with you? I do not know yet how long I may have to stay."

know yet how long I may have to stay." HOTEL-KEEPER—" Only \$3.50, sir; that is our rates.' TRAVELLER—(after staying three and three-quarter days)

"Well, boss, what is my bill?"

HOTEL KEEPER-"\$4 50, sir."

TRAVELLER-"" I thought you said I could stay a week for \$3.50?"

HOTEL-KEEPER-" So I did, but-"

TRAVELLER-"Well, I guess I will stay three days more and I will get back a dollar."

HOTEL KEEPER—" All right; I won't go back on my rates."

CORRESPONDENT RAFFERTY.

HE CONSIDERS AFTER DUE DELIBERATION THAT THIS COUNTRY IS SAFE.

MISTHER GRIP,-



I'VE been in a stew radin' the *Impire* newspaper, that has been tellin' us all so often lately that there's murdher in the air, that it's blood the Reform payple are schramin' afther, an' that iviry blissid sowl av us who don't be belavin' in the docthrine that Sir John A. is the only thoroughbred patriot in Canady, an' who won't shout for him wid both fishts, is a thraitor an' blackguard !

Say, GRIP, it isn't thru, is it, allana? The sorra a bit av me wants to belave a word av it.

privately to you, is that the *Impire* is crazy—the crathur !

I'm a Reformer, bedad ; but often an' often, what wid slutherin' an' humbuggin' an' botherin' me head about this quistion an' that quistion, this candydate an' that candydate, this policy an' that policy, faix I r'ally couldn't tell you what side I voted agin, or what side I voted for, or whether I didn't shpoil me ballot entirely, an' shwear I'd let the whole gang go to Ballyhooly.

Yit, notwidstandin' this bit av a confession to yoursilf, Misther GRIP, I want to see Reform go on, an', sez Rafferty, more power to the elbow av iviry man Jack in the wide land that votes Reform, whether he's Grit or Tory, Protistant or Prisbytarin', lame or lapin', good, bad, or indifferint.

D'ye hear me, *Impire*? Thin, behave yersilf like a dacint, honest Christian wid a clane conscience, aitin' three meals a day, an' lashins in the shwill barrel for the pair av pigs !

Don't be afther thryin' to make out that there's lots av us hoorooin' for slaughther! That whole armies are marchin' "to haul down the ould flag." That lagions upon lagions are climbin' over aich other's necks to "disthroy confideration," to "sell the counthry to the foreign foe," an' to kick up the divil av a Donnybrook ginirally.

We're none av us for gore.

There's not a mother's son av us that I know who's hidin' in the hedge wid his blundherbuss waitin' a chance at the shkin av a neighbor, bekase that neighbor buys the *Impire*, an' is riddy at any blissed minute to hoot his shtand-up collar aff at the mere mintion av Saint John A.'s name !

> We don't want to fight, An', be jingo, we don't mane to.

So, be aff wid you, *Impire*, omadhaun ! Lave us in pace an' plinty, wid our own arms an' brains to airn a comfortable kape as individuals, an' a kind Providence to guide our distiny as a nation.

The counthry, I belave, is safe. But, begorra, av I was around whin you were in the act av schrawlin' out your murdherin' mush, I don't think you'd be safe from

DENIS RAFFERTY.



OH, SHAW!

MISS Maude de Bloorstreet was rather a pretty girl until she went to hear the Prima Donna whistler, and took a fancy to the art.

THE WAIL OF A GENIUS.

WHEN the great and only Professor Bumpus visited "our town," as the New Brunswickers say, I went to that dignitary to be bumped. He was a fierce-looking man, who turned in his toes, and who wore false teeth, and who fairly made me tremble when he went meandering around my ears and let his long bony fingers griggle in and out of my curls, and punched me gently, and wound up by leaving me two dollars poorer than nothing (as I had borrowed that amount with a vague presentiment I should never be able to return it), and the promising assurance that I should be a writer. So far he spoke the truth-rest his soul-but I feel aggrieved and embittered when I look back over all the years, the pages and subjects I've written, all the stamps and envelopes and paper I have used, all the candles I have burnt writing. Truly I am a writer, but never yet have I seen the color of a greenback, or a dollar, or a dime, for all that writing. One editor-he was a Toronto man, too-sent back an article on which I spent twelve days and nearly as many nights work, with the fiendish remark, "Subject overdone." It was on Temperance, and a real red hot one, too. Well, I then wrote one on Intemperance. and I sent that to Montreal. I never saw that again, nor the stamps I sent with it. I wrote and gave that editor a piece of my mind, thereby wasting another stamp. Then in my despair I married a man who had no more taste for literature than a cat has for cheese. Why, he used to go right asleep and snore while I read my stirring verses to him. I almost gave up. He'd jaw about a hole in his sock, and say the bread was sour, and go mumping around pretending he had to sew on his own buttons, and if ever he was obliged to wash the dishes (at times when I was hurried like with my articles, you know), why, he would be sure to crack my cups or knock bits off the teapot spout, until I declare I saw we were getting poorer and poorer. He used to get mad, too, sometimes, and tear up my manuscripts, positively tear 'em up ; so, seeing we couldn't agree, I just walked off and left him to enjoy his own society, as he didn't seem to appreciate mine.

So it goes on. I can't get any editor so far to fall into the views of that old Bumpus. I've written and written, and, considering I have no other means of subsistence, it looks rather blue. However, I remember how great men, and women, too, were reviled and laughed at all the time their genius was wasting away, but I prefer taking a mild share of praise now to a monument when I am dead.

MARY MARKWELL.



"When I pulled in the cash, What a future I planned ! I'll cut a big dash And I'll buy and sell land ; Who'd work when a fortune awaits him to be made without turning a hand ?

"So I says to the boss As I quitted the store, "Good by enow, old hoss, You'll behold me no more; I'm a land-speculator, you bet ! you can give my back pay to the poor!"

"The very next day I commenced looking round In a business-like way For some cheap lots of ground; About two thousand people quite ready to steer me to fortune I found.

"Yes, where'er I went forth, Though it strange may appear, Whether east, west or north, Whether distant or near, There were bargains quite certain to double in value course of a year.

"But whenever to come To a deal I would try, I must own that the sum Always seemed rather high. No matter, the fellow I sell to's the man that'll suffer, said I.

"When my cash I'd laid out As I thought pretty well, I then looked about And attempted to sell ; "Twas a horse of a different color, I tell you, for prices had fell!

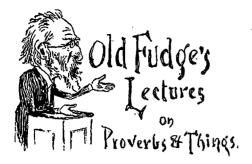
"It will come out all right, Not a bit of a doubt, But just now money's tight And the boom's petered out. Could I hold on a couple of years I might get what I put in, about.

"Now, say, Bob, old friend, Wish I'd met you before, A V will you lend? I won't ask you for more; To morrow, just think, I'm a-going back clerking in Finnerty's store t"

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.



FATHER TIME WILL ARRIVE WITH A FULL SUPPLY ABOUT DECEMBER 1st.



"BETTER TO WEAR OUT THAN RUST OUT."

No philosopher ever understood his subject. In this respect, I am a philosopher. Fools think they know, and are anxious to tell it. I believe the story of Balaam's ass -but now ethnologically some animals do not eat thistles and have not tails—see? Underlying all the superfices of a subject is mystery. In one respect the principle of agnosticism is correct—Socrates said he did not know; this was the great point he made at his celebrated trial. In this respect he was unlike his enemies -he knew his ignorance. But on the banks of a more beautiful Ilyssus and in a new life, the old man of seventy would renew his youth and converse with sympathetic spirits-not pedants. Enough-and to the proverbwhy does iron rust? Mark, it is not in the nature of the iron-it is rather in outside influences. When the old philosopher was young he heard this theory, "There is no inevitable necessity that man should grow old and decay." Is decay inherent in body or mind, or do the destructive forces come from without? I knew a man who drove an engine thousands of miles away-no matter, on second thought, he did not drive it; millions of little rarified titanic forces drove it, shoulder to shoulder microscopic imps seeking to rectify a disturbed law. My friend simply operated and controlled it. That huge upright engine was his pet, his plaything—poking up its solution of copper and slime out of depths and from pathways "which no vulture's eye hath seen." It was an old engine and yet every huge and trifling accessory had been renewed—as physiologists affirm is the case with the human body. If it had rested it would have rusted. The doctor passes his examination, but does he know as much as my engineer? A "bigger man" than Sir Morell says the English knight is ignorant of science; but doctors are paid for experimenting, and sometimes through incompetency the engine goes to smash and is thrown out on a cast-iron heap. But, my philosophical friends, the proverb is true, and yet in some cases the "better" had better be left out. For there is too much wearing out-everything is at high pressure-strained tension. God help the poor people that are wearing out-coughing, stooping, dying, sobbing their life out, to minister to pride and selfishness, and, moreover, decked out in delicate traceries which attenuated fingers have woven. We are very, very good. My friend petted his engine, but who pets the poor seamstress ?--except it be the impish dude, to her ruin? Hear the apostle of labor -the politic apostle-stitch, stitch, stitch !-- under the variegated light of the stained windows-under the shadow of the typical Man of all the ages-amidst the rolling, reverberating music-an obligato in all the choruses,-stitch, stitch, stitch !-- "stitching shrouds."

SCHLEIFENHEIMER'S SAYINGS.

Py der barty, mit der barty, but effery man for himself yen it gomes to der fine ding.

It's mighty easy o find der two pirds to kill mit von shtone, as it vas to get hold auf der shtone und dhrow it putty kwvick und shtraight.

GIF some man an inch, und you find ouid dot he ontly vants der resht auf your whole puilting lot, und a chance to perry you avay off in some gorner auf it vot aind no use.

A FIRD in your hand is petter as anoder von in der push onid ven you don't got a gun, und dot pird is a spring durkey. But a pird in your cage, ven it vokens you ub pefore daylight, let dot pird gone onid into der push.

AUF I vas a pig shtatesman I vouldn't vait until der beebles but me onid pefore I dook a chob dot vas pooty goot, and didn't hurt me to vill.

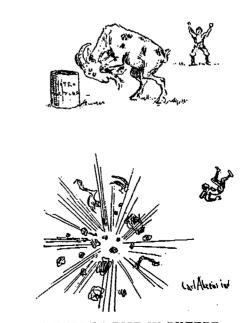
> IN der sphring der young man's vancy Lightly durns to doughts auf lofe, In der fall it's 'bout his oncle, Und der glose he had to shofe.

I vould liken to be a goot man, myself. But it vould be a lonely chob for me drying to schare ub fit und broper gompany to keeb.

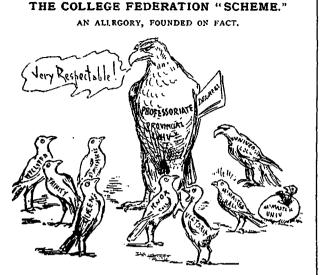
It's a pooty short lane dot don't vant a gall vrom der carpage gart more'n 'bonid vonce a veek.

EFFERVDING goes, eh? But ven a man dries it on too much, dond he sometime shtop—in der shdation houis ofer night, I bade you?

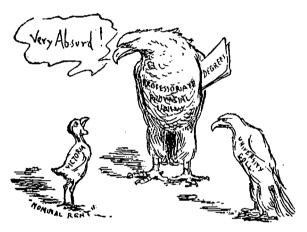
How offen you zomedimes vind a man who shouts "Gif me Liberdy!" really needs der chudge in der bolice court to gif him dree months in chail !



A SUDDEN RISE IN BUTTER.



I.-AS IT WAS TO BE.



2.-AS IT 1S.

PROFESSORIATE-" What has become of all those other birds Looks as though they must have 'flied away.'"



3.-AS IT WILL BE.

UNIV. COLLEGE—"You did, but it has—er—er—Federated, don't you know?"

POLITICS AND MATRIMONY.

WHEN the preacher entered the room into which the couple had been shown, he saw an awkward looking young woman and a wild eyed, restless young man. The former was seated and was the sole proprietor of a big hunk of chewing gum, and a sort of intermittent giggle, each of which were made to do duty alternately throughout the interview.

"Be you the preacher?" asked the young man, promptly.

"I believe so," replied the minister.

"Well I'm a well read man, I am."

"I am glad to hear it."

"Yes ! 'n Suse here an' me want to get married."

"Te he-he ! te-he ! te-he-he !" giggled Suse in assent.

"All right, sir," said the minister, starting for his ritual.

"Hold on preacher, jestaminit."

" Well ? "

"Does this Imperial Featheration bizness 'fect matermony env?"

"Not that I am aware of."

"Te-he-he! te-he! te-he-he!"

"Sh-h-h, Suse ! Well now, parson, how about Commershall Unicorn ?"

"That has nothing to do with the validity of the marriage contract," replied the minister. "It haint ? An' this here Anatomy of the Provinces.

See eny danger in them ?"

"No! you need have no fears upon that score."

"Te-he-he! te-he! te-he-he!"

"Hush, Suze, don' ac' so foolish. Yes an' here's this Fishery Treatee, n' Retaliation. Suppos'n us an' the Yanks fite an' we lick 'em, Suze an' me'll still be man an' wife, will we?"

"Yes !" said the minister, sinking wearily into a chair. "An' if they lick us?"

"Result just the same," gasped the minister.

"So ! Well, I'm glad we cum and glad I axed you. I take an interest in politickels an' it's well to know how these questions 'fect civil contrac's. Come, Suze. Get on your pins an' let the parson cut his caper.

When the ceremony was over he handed the clergyman a bran new five-dollar note, remarking, "There ain't no flies on us, preacher," an assertion which Susan emphatically endorsed by letting off another "Te-he-he! tehe! te he he !"

UNDERSTOOD HIS BUSINESS.

AGENT-" Madam, I have here some prime silk dress goods which I am almost giving away. Same goods cost from \$1.50 to \$2 per yard in the stores."

HOUSEWIFE-"No; I don't want any to-day."

AGENT-" Well, I'm sorry you will not buy, although I had thought you would."

HOUSEWIFE (getting curious)-" And what put that into your head?"

AGENT-" Why, I saw your husband down at the end of the lane, and he said it was no use forme to come, as you had more dresses now than the Queen of Sheba had."

Housewife-" That's just like him. I'll bet if you had been selling men's-

AGENT-" I am. He bought a necktie, a pair of suspenders, some socks and pocket handkerchiefs, a-

HOUSEWIFE-" Look here, man, how much silk have you got ?"

AGENT-" Just ten yards."

HOUSEWIFE-" I'll take it all."



KGRIF.

CANADIAN CONSUMERS WORSHIFPING A HOLLOW FRAUD. WHERE ARE THE MISSIONARIES?

A DEGRADING SUPERSTITION.

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MY INITIATION INTO HOUSE-KEEPING.

WHAT AN UNSOPHISTICATED LITERARY MAN HAS TO CONTEND WITH.

I HAVE not commenced housekeeping yet, and for a very simple reason: I found I had several things to learn before I could commence.

First of all, my furnace puzzled me. Some one asked me whose furnace it was. Now, although I call it mine, I suppose it is really the landlord's, so I said so. My fair questioner (of course it was a woman) smiled rather curiously, I thought, and explained that she meant of what pattern it was. I wish women would not ask these The only kinds of furnaces I know nothing questions. about are those I have read of in Iron, The Engineer, Engineering, and other scientific papers, and I have common sense enough to know that my furnace (which, I believe, does nothing but heat a little air) is anything like those in which they make Bessemer steel, or phosphorbronze, or aluminum. But what I was going to say was that it was ignorance of my furnace that delayed me. I had never seen one before-except in pictures and outside manufacturers' shops, I think-and to this moment I do not know which hole to put the coal into. It is a horrible-looking thing, that furnace, such a frightfully intricate thing. There are what look like complicated trap-doors every here and there, and huge tin pipes like dangerous sea-serpents; and little handles that turn every way; what on earth these are for, and when they are turned "on" and when "off"-on all these matters I decline to express any opinion, for I have none to express.

Then the coal, too; that has puzzled me. Some one told me that that abominable furnace required one kind, the kitchen range ("cook stove," *she* called it—of course it was another she. What a lot of things these women know!) another kind, the grate another kind; and wood was required to light all these different heating and cooking arrangements; and I overheard also some discussion about the "cook stove" (don't they mean "cooking stove"?) burning coal or wood (or coal *and* wood, was it? I hope out of mercy to my purse, not) . . . oh, dcar me, what a lot of problems there are outside books! I had no idea there were so many.

SANCTUM SKETCHES.

THE EDITOR'S KIND FRIEND.

"SAY, Bill," said the editor to the foreman, as he came over to where that functionary was debating how he would fill up four columns of empty space with one column of small locals, "I'm not going on that shooting expedition I had in contemplation three weeks ago. There fare several reasons to account for my change of mind, some of which probably you will want to learn. One is that the man who offered me the freedom of his swamp out in Snodgrass township lied like thunder-and I was lunatic enough to give him a year's subscription receipt in consideration of his kindness, too. But that does not matter. I used a blank of the former proprietor for that receipt, which I can, therefore, readily repudiate, and charge him double rates at the end of the year. The truth of the matter, William, is that his swamp, which he assured me swarmed with game, fairly pining for some man and a gun to come along and fill bag after bag with, is an old bog without a bit of vegetable life in it; where a partridge never was known to seek |

seclusion; where a squirrel was never seen to even reconoitre; and where even a rabbit never contemplated looking for anything but absolute starvation.

"Of course, if I were simply and solely anxious for a hunt, all this would make no particular difference; except I proved a somewhat exacting person, which I never was, I would cheerfully go off and hunt in that swamp, and come home with whole columns of exciting sporting adventure for the *Hooperup*.

"But, to be candid with you, another of the editor's friends has dissuaded him—I mean the man from whom I was to have bought my beautiful, double-barrelled, lightning-action, far-reaching gun. This man makes these elegant and useful implements. He sent me a circular stating he was prepared to forward me one as a sample, if I would advertise it in my paper, and also act as agent for their sale. I agreed, as you can readily understand I could advertise it without putting too much strain on our editorial space, especially as the advertisement was to be stereotyped. And I know at least one splendid customer, a distinguished journalist, editor and proprietor of the Mudge Hollow *Hooperup*, who would gladly take one of the unequalled fowling pieces to begin with.

"I accepted the princely ferms and awaited further instructions. They came, they saw, they conquered. But I didn't concur. The noble manufacturer wanted \$10 to pay cost of boxing, etc., etc. The philanthropic gun maker required me also to pay the duty, another \$10. This was magnanimous on his part, no doubt. But it was a trifle disappointing to me. Twenty dollars in eash and two columns, representing \$50, of advertising, would not have been an enormous price to pay for a gun, if a man only had money to pay for anything. Unfortunately for my munificent shooting-iron dealer, I was building a railway at the time, and also had several millions sunk in a thrivingly deep gold-mine. So, reluctantly, I let the bargain go.

"I may add, William, in conclusion, that only to-day I learned from a brother editor in a distant town that this magnificent gun I so narowly missed becoming the proud exploder of, retails at less than \$20. This intelligence, under the circumstances, is not fatally painful to me, William, but it will bear a little reflection, and serves to add to my large stock of knowledge as to the great number of true friends the good and devoted editor has.

"Not this fall, some other fall, I shall hie me off to the exciting and densely populated bunting-grounds in this county, if I have to take a club in lieu of a cheap and charming gun.

"Meantime, Bill, gimme a chew off that new plug of yours, and don't let the butcher, if he happens along again with that infernal bill of his, know I'm in. Keep the space of the leading article this week for an editorial on the need of more Savings Banks in this village. And, say, don't you forget to mention in your locals that the editor's fall hunting tour has been deferred in order to afford him leisure for a trip to Europe in the spring."

AFTER hearing Mrs. Frank Machelcan's contralto notes at Ottawa lately an enthusiastic lover of song was heard to declare that Hamilton would no longer need the services of the 13th Band to trumpet the attractions of the ambitious city. Mrs. Machelcan, as a vocalist of surpassing excellence and power, would henceforth be quite able to voice the general sentiment. To which GRIP, like the gallant old beau that he is, would simply add, '*Encore*!" THE Trustihunk sat on a Wankupin Bush Singing "Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff !"

Oh, brave was the sound of his melody's gush, Singing "Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff !"

And the Laborwocks struck and the Pinkertons shot

And the Kommerceboats stranded and all went to rot; But the Trustihunk's song with the burden

was fraught

Still of Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff !

The Trustihunk's head was too small for his feet, Singing "Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff !"

And his voice was more loud than his voice it was sweet.

Singing "Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff 1 But the Pauperjimps came like the wolf on

the fold And for Nixwages burnished the fat Calf of

Gold ; Yet the song of the Trustihunk gorgeously

rolled. Oh, the Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff !

With his Logicbox empty, in dollarous pitch, Singing "Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff?" Still he blarneyed the Poorwogs and winkwanked the Rich.

Oh, Tariff, High Tariff, High Tariff ! Then the Ballotbox up and right grumply spoke he,

And he said this darnfoodle no longer shall be ;

And the Trustihunk croaked still a-tonguelling free,

The refrain of "High Tariff, High Tariff !"

THE attraction at the Toronto Opera House this week is "Theodora," which will be produced with Miss Phosee McAllister in the title role and Mr. Wm. F. Cleftan as Fabian. An exchange says :-- "Of its presentation last night it need simply be said that it was excellently staged and acted. The curtain had not been up five minutes when it became evident that those on the stage wero actors and actresses, and as the play progressed it was found that the entire cast was composed of people of the same sort, for the company is a good one through-out."

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OUT in California they wrap fruit trees with cloth to keep them from being sun-burned. The next thing we know they will be putting veils on the oranges to keep off freckles. -Burlington Free Press.

OLD BOY-"Thomas, if my wife asks you where I am, tell her I have gone to the opera." SERVANT-" Certainly, sir, certainly; but where are you really going, in case anybody else should want to know?"— Texas Suftings.

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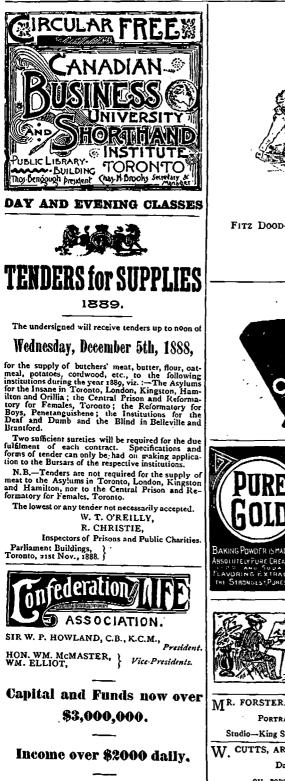
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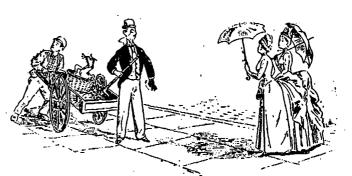
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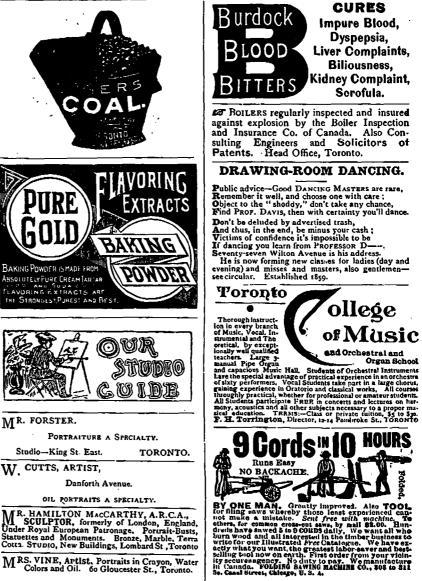


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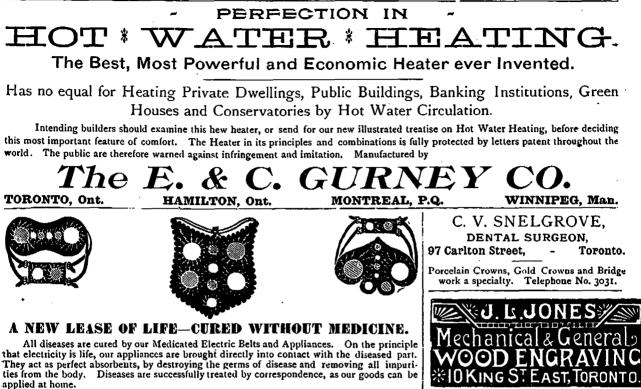
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