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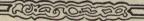
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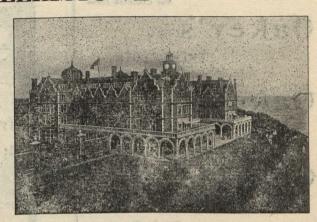
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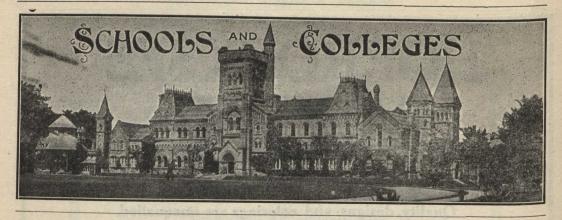
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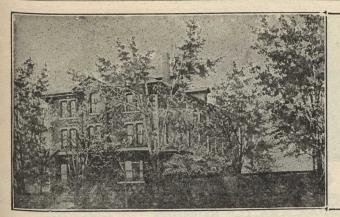
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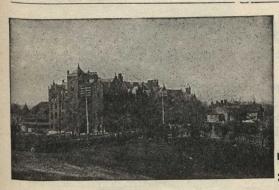
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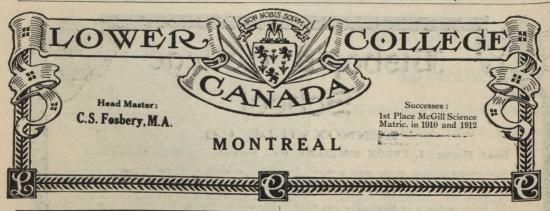
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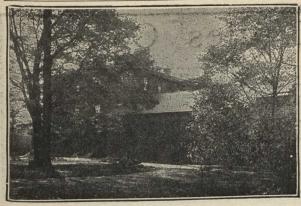
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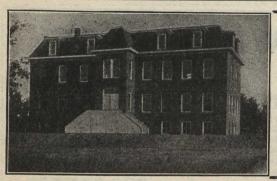
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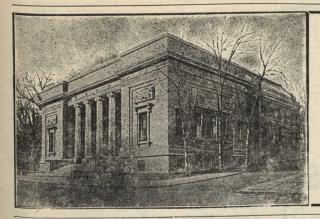
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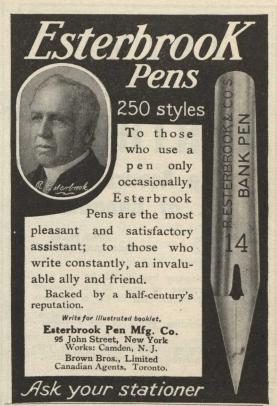
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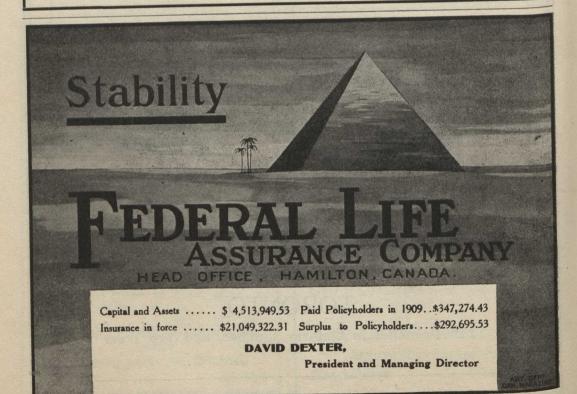
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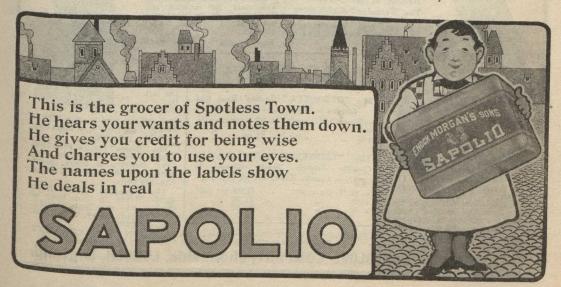
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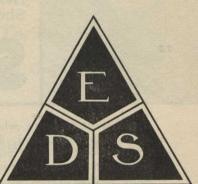
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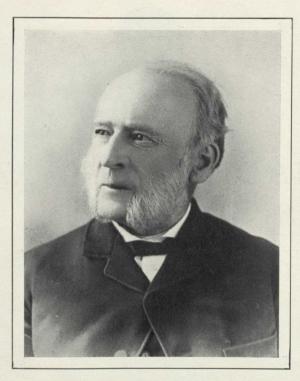
THE GRAPE FESTIVALS AT SPENCER GRANGE

BY BERNARD MUDDIMAN

ON the death of Sir James Macpherson LeMoine, February 24th, 1912, there pased away the only author in Canada who has ever attained the distinction of a knighthood for his literary services. And on no one, indeed, in this connection could the honour have been more worthily For more than half a century the story-tellers, the historians and the poets of our Dominion have been under a debt of gratitude to the owner of Spencer Grange, the veritable "Nestor," as the author of the "Chien d'Or" calls him, of our literature. He was their guide to the romantic in Canadian history and life. The "Chien d'Or" itself, our best historical novel, owes its very existence to him. For, if the Niagara novelist, William Kirby, while he watched the progress of a bill introduced in the legislature, then at Quebec, in 1863, had not purchased by chance a modest volume entitled "Maple Leaves": a budget of historical, legendary and sporting lore by J. M. LeMoine, he never would have written the "Chien d'Or's"

highly-coloured but vivid pages. The motive, indeed, of his romance he found in two little sketches, in this quaint and modest volume of Le-Moine's, concerning the history of Chateau-Bigot and the legend of the Golden Dog. Their picturesqueness so delighted Kirby that he vowed he would make them the ground-work of a Canadian novel Thus the "Chien d'Or" was inspired by Sir James LeMoine. And his, too, was the spirit that quickened most of the great Canadian books from 1860 to 1910. And it is from this standpoint I purpose in this article to evaluate Sir James's place in our native literature. But it must not be forgotten that there were many other sides to his long and active life. For years he was at first a busy barrister and subsequently a servant of the Crown.

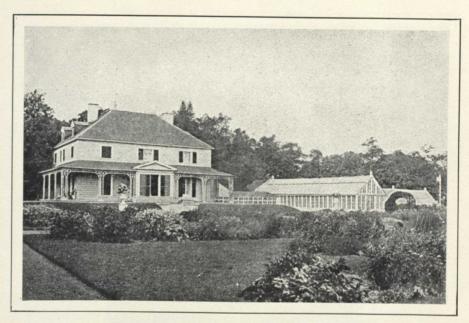
Since, however, his literary activity extends from his early manhood to his latest years, it is necessary to recapitulate some thing of the man's own life, in order that we may arrive at a better understanding of his work.



SIR JAMES LEMOINE

LeMoine was born at Quebec in 1825. His father came of one of the few French noble families that ever settled in Canada, for, according to the historian Freland, they were connected with the Baron de Longueuil. His parental ancestor landed at Quebec about 1665, and the subsequent deeds of the Lemoines in Canada are too well known to every student of history to mention here. On his mother's side he was descended from a Scotch race of Loyalists, the MacPhersons of Inverness, Scotland, and later of Philadelphia. Daniel MacPherson, his grandfather, who thus sacrificed comfort and ease to follow the old flag, unlike the majority of the unfortunate Loyalists, succeeded in amassing considerable wealth in his new northern home at the United Empire Loyalist settlement at Douglastown, Gaspé. He subsequently purchased the Seignorial manor of

the turbulent de Beaujeu family of the Isle aux Grues and Isle aux Oies. opposite Montmagny in 1829. When Sir James's own father, a partner in the exporting house of Stuart & Le-Moine, died after financial difficulties, the Scotch grandfather adopted three of the youngest boys, of which Sir James was one. Consequently from the very first Sir James had in his veins the two best tinctures of blood that have gone to the making of the Canadian—French and Scotch. And this no doubt gave him from the very first that pure Canadian outlook and pride which runs like a thread of gold through all his writings. was a blend of the Canadian Seigneur. the Scotch Highlander and United Empire Loyalist. These are the best essences in our Canadian aroma. Out of gratitude to his kind old grandfather he added "Macpherson" to his name. He was adopted when only three years old and his early educa-



SPENCER GRANGE. FROM THE FLOWER GARDEN

tion at the village school of St. Thomas was French, though at home his mother tongue was always English

The death of Sir James was indeed the passing of one of the links that bound us to our past. For as a boy on St. Jean Baptiste Day, June 24th, 1837, as the biggest boy of the local school, Sir James made his only political speech to Papineau on his way to Kamouraska on his electioneering tour before the insurrection of Lower Canada in 1837-8. The scholars lined up while Sir James cried. under the direction of his Master, a fiery patriot: "Honneur et Gloire au brave et généreux défenseur de nos droits!" And shrill bovish cheers "The Canadian Demosthrang out. enes," Sir James, describing the scene, wrote, "stopped his carriage, bowed gracefully and smilingly; and on rolled the soft-cushioned old-style carriage—on the highway to sedition."

It was in the woods of St Thomas, where old Macpherson subsequently moved, that Sir James imbibed as a boy that taste for birds and natural history which became one of his lifelong studies. Here he conceived the idea of studying their lives minutely. Here he fished for trout in the tiny Rivière des Perdrix, or shot birds on the vast mud flats that line the St. Lawrence, or ransacked, in the woods of the Seignorial manor, birds' nests and squirrels' hoards.

In August, 1813, he went to Quebec to attend the Petit Séminaire for his collegiate course. Here, no doubt, in the ancient city, he acquired his second great love—Canadian History. In 1845, he was indentured for five years to the Honourable Joseph Noel Bossé, one of the leading barristers of the time of the Quebec Bar. The first literary project, in which he took a prominent part, as one of its eight founders, was the creation of the Institut Canadien, in 1847. establishing this, he showed his great love for the vast folk-lore of Quebec and began the golden work he achieved for Lower Canada. In 1854 he became a partner in the Law Firm of Kerr & LeMoine. In 1856, he mar-



SIR JAMES LEMOINE, (about 1900)

ried Miss Harriet M. Atkinson, a niece of Henry Atkinson of Spencer Wood. He himself soon after acquired the smaller house, Spencer Grange, which he made so famous. It is situated just outside Quebec, on the St. Louis Road, and adjoins the residence of the Lieutenant-Governors of Quebec. Embowered in pine, beach and maple, the house with its graperies and lawn stretches away to the St. Lawrence on the south. The gardens in season are full of summer flowers and the walks bird-haunted, as befits the home of its old master.

Sir James turned the place into a veritable museum. Here he gathered one of the rarest libraries of Canadiana and a collection of birds that Audubon came to see. On the southern lawn is a monument made out of the corner stone and inscriptions of three of the old city gates of Quebec. Old cannons belonging to Admiral

Sir Hovenden Walker's ill-fated expedition in 1711 stand not far from a row of shot gathered up around Wolfe's camp at Montmorency in But there were numberless 1759. curiosities of Indian, French and English interest, such as a collection of walking sticks, including General Brock's bludgeon when he commanded the 49th at Quebec in 1806. There was another staff wrought from the timbers of the old Original (a vessel launched from the Royal Shipyard under the French Regime in 1750, at Diamond Harbour, Quebec). Other historical ships, too, were represented by carved canes. I understand Sir James bequeathed his museum to Bishops College School, Lennoxville. In the house were some remnants of the old social life of France, that, for a decade, at the end of the French regime in Canada, lived so gaily in Parloir street. And then there were



SIR JAMES LEMOINE, (about 1908)

In the grounds at Spencer Grange

plates, maps and manuscripts—the bones of our national history.

In 1867 Sir James became a Lieut. Colonel in the Sedentary Militia. Subsequently he was Collector and then Inspector of Inland Revenue for Quebec District. All his life he battled for the preservation of our national monuments. As early as 1867 he was President of the Committee entrusted with the erection of a monument to the historian F. X. Garneau. He always advocated the erection of a monument to Samuel de Champlain, and in 1897 became Vice-President of the committee formed for that object. In 1893 he rendered timely service against the vandalism of Quebec walls. In the same year he urged the formation of a national historical museum at Quebec. Why should not his own house be taken over for such an object? Surely there could be no more fitting shrine. Of his services

to our archives and our sport, I have no space to expatiate here. My object is rather to write of his literary work, which continued right up to his final volume of "Maple Leaves," issued in 1906, when he took farewell of his readers. But up to the last "he retained his clear bright mind." He was only ill a month. An attack of pneumonia, from which he never regained his strength, carried him off at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

In this long life Sir James published over thirty books, pamphlets and brochures. Some twelve of these are in the French language, while the remainder are English. Sir James also delivered, either in French or English, some eighteen studies before the Royal Society of Canada.

It will be remembered that when the Marquis of Lorne founded the Royal Society he called upon Sir

James and Faucher de St. Maurice to prepare a list of suitable candidates for the French section. Faucher de St. Maurice made out a list of the French poets, while LeMoine took charge of the historians. And it is necessary to bear in mind that so important and voluminous a writer in English should have been so closely connected with the French section. He was absolutely bilingual. gave him exceptional facilities for dealing with Canada's past. No one who is not bilingual can essay the task. And this was the delight of his life. And in that he was bilingual, he was also released from all those puerile feelings of pettiness which wreck so many writers in Canada, on the reef of national prejudices. The French without English are poor figures; but in Eastern Canada, at any rate, the English without the French are equally sorry minds Sir James has succeeded in writing of French or English things without jarring the feelings or religions of the respective races, for his ideal Canada was a land where men are neither French nor British, but simply Canadian. His knowledge of both idioms has steered him clear of all heartburnings in either direction. There is not a blemish of sectional prejudice in any of his writings. He is a Canadian whether his pen describes the triumph of the beautiful flag of white silk with its golden lilies in the wooded gorges of Carillon or the victorious roll of the British drums around Quebec's citadel. Indeed, one might even go so far as to say it was not for nothing his first grape festival germinated at the time of Confederation. He was one who carried on the work of Confederation. In himself he united the best features of the best elements that have gone to the making of our national character.

To name the various English works of Sir John published in all kinds of formats, would be as tedious as to enumerate the numberless learned

societies to which he belonged. For the general reader, however, the most interesting bulk of his English writing will be found in the seven volumes of miscellaneous Canadian themes he issued under the national title of "Maple Leaves." It was in 1859 at a gathering of friends he first conceived the idea. From that day on-wards he carried it on as a labour of love to his death. His scheme was to issue from time to time, in volumes written in light and popular style, "the brightest as well as the darkest pages in Canadian annals with their various accompaniments." The first volume appeared in 1863, and is a valuable mass of historical material and folklore, which, as we have seen. stirred Kirby to write his novel. It awoke, indeed, a widespread interest and popular enthusiasm among Canadians for their picturesque past. Encouraged by the welcome this first essay received, he went on delving deeper in the mine of Canadian history. And musty old letters, illegible M.S. accumulated on his library shelves. To them he would resort during the many long, but pleasant, winter evenings, forgetting the hours. whilst the northern blast was howling amidst the leafless oaks and old pines of Spencer Grange. The result of these hours is hardly history in the strict sense of the word. pages have a scattered diffuseness which demands a certain inkling into the common facts of our history and they would be a bewildering labyrinth to anyone who had just heard of Canada. The result, indeed, is rather a quaint olla podrida into which he has poured anything and everything. Historical data, archaeology and legends are jumbled in delightful medlev. He wanders with us through Canadian scenes. As he remarks in one of his volumes, he had a fancy for historical contrasts. The last of Maple Leaves appeared in 1906. But it is not all history and none of it is musty records, whether he writes of dear dull Mrs. Francis Brooke or

jolly Peter Kalm. One volume gives a very full account of the great Canadian homes. Another is devoted to Quebec, the city he loved and knew better than any one. Sometimes he takes us for a ramble on the St. Lawrence or through what he calls "eastern latitudes." He has always a legend to relate or a wonder of nature to disclose. Often he stops us and his narrative to listen to some one of the birds he loves, like the whitethroated sparrow with its call "sowthe-wheat! sow-the-wheat!! sow-thewheat!!!" At Portneuf he remembers that it was there Abbé Provencher wrote his great work "La Flore Canadienne," and wandering in the neighbouring roads he wonders whether Herr Peter Kalm also botanised there in 1749. "How I should have enjoyed botanising through the neighbouring fields and woods with him!"

Sir James knew the plumage and habits of every bird. Every woodland, valley or hillside flower gave up its secret to him. Every stream, running or still, with its shoal of fish was a delightful place. Moreover, he writes with something of old Izaak Walton's gusto of the sweet air and good sport. Then the folklore of his books is perhaps the richest gift of them all. When Sir James comes to "Trois Pistoles," for instance, he has a tale here as everywhere. How did it acquire its quaint name? Trois Rivières, one can understand; but, Trois Pistoles? hunter, it would seem, one day came to a river and hailed across to the ferryman to fetch him over. trois pistoles," shouted back the mercenary Charon of a habitant. When they landed, the hunter asked, while paying his exhorbitant fare: "What's the river's name?" "It has none as yet," replied the ferryman. "Well, call it Trois Pistoles!" chaffed the

If you look at the map of Quebec, you will find a "Ruisseau de l'Ours." Hear Sir James on it: "What gave it

its sporting name? I have a faint remembrance of a bear story, more than 200 years old, in which the local Nimrod, Seigneur Gifford, while lying perdu for wild geese-one springon the sedgy banks of this river, is stated to have spied a huge bear roaming in the neighbourhood, mayhap in quest of Seignorial mutton. Gaunt, tired, possibly unconscious of evil intent. Bruin was lapping the crystal draught of the Ruisseau. To substitute in his long gun slugs for goose shot was the affair of an instant for this sporting Laird, and, lo! bruin's brave spirit was wafted to where all good bears go."

In all his work Sir James never wrote in technical terms as a specialist. He wished rather to popularise a science, to stimulate interest in it. to awake a cultivated love, to stir the people, possessed with a proper sense of national pride, to a lively idea of the beauties of their own land. This was the motive of his little works on Canadian birds and Canadian flowers and Canadian His object was to evoke a fishes. national feeling about these heritages. He spoke not as a scientist to scientists, but as a charmer who would pipe us into paying heed to these things. And in this we see the whole spirit of his life and work. Nothing could be more admirable or more appropriate. In our search for riches as a nation to-day, we are too apt to forgo these pleasures. We somewhat too overbusy getting and spending to care much whether our maples are leafless or nct.

In the same way, in his historical studies, Sir James was not a codifier, but merely a voyager wandering entranced in the land of dear dead men and women, culling any flowers that took his fancy. He never essayed to write history like a college professor or a Gibbon. In his dressing gown and slippers, over the walnuts and wine, he tells, as simply as he can, the little things that go to make up history. For what colour a man's

waistcoat was, and all the other materials the novelist has appropriated, belong just as much to fact as to fiction. Sir James never intended to be scientific in his method, like Professor Seeley, or even to subordinate details and group the thousand and one clusters of facts that encircle each movement in the world of statesmen. The common hodman's task was rather his aim. He would bring us some of the bricks with which the palace of the history of Canada could be built. How richly he gave Parkman of these their life-long friendship testi-He relates everything that struck his fancy in the charming illogical way of the chronicler. In fact that was what he was-a chronicler with a talent for history. And like all chroniclers, he was born not made. Scholastic historians abuse chroniclers, but they would be in a bad way without them. For history is written with a thousand things-with wampum belts, earth mounds, names, stone-heaps, documents, etc. chronicler and the archivist prepare the way of the prim professorial pratler who evolves a succession of theoretical studies on mankind, living between two eternities perpetually warring against oblivion. And how often in their learned treatises is the human touch lost. This the chronicler always has and can never lose. And for this reason I would sooner read Sir James's tangle of ideas than the most scientific book on Canada.

But it is not so much by his works on Canadian flora, ornithology and fisheries that Sir James LeMoine will always be remembered in Canadian literature or even by those charming studies of his in Quebec folklore or again as an antiquarian of wide knowledge. I doubt not but that when the history of Canadian Literature comes to be written, it will rather recall far more vividly those literary Zusammenkunfts held by this gracious old man in his picturesque home at Sillery. The writer will have one of the most fascinating chapters

of our early literature to paint and its title will be the "Grape Festivals of Spencer Grange." For, hither, to Spencer Grange, came, at one time or another, to sit in the bow-windowed library, sheltering so much that was precious even to the old world, all the men of distinction whom love, whim or caprice brought as pilgrims to the venerable town of Quebec, enthroned, with its thousand and one memories of sad unhappy things and battles long ago, above the proud flood of its wondrous river. As to the origin of these gatherings and their influence during half a century over our literature, I cannot do better than, in a bald way, recapitulate the facts given in this connection by the veteran himself scattered through many a charming page of Maple Leaves. But for those who wish to know in full how literature was fostered by this latter-day kindly, Colonial Macenas, how he nourished and watered some of its sweetest blossoms. they cannot do better than turn to the pages of the delightfully garrulous original.

When the Fathers of Confederation were discussing on Mountain Hill, at Quebec, during September. 1864, the amalgamation of the various provinces into a Dominion, the Mr. LeMoine of those days quietly entertained George Augustus Sala, one of the Napoleons of English Victorian journalism. In order that Sala might meet the Quebec littérateurs, a party was arranged for a Saturday afternoon. It so happened that the Spencer Grange grapery was at this season at its best and the festival was held under its green arches. The guests were Francois X. Garneau, historian; Abbé Ferland, Professor Hubert La Rue of Laval, Dr. J. C. Taché, busily engaged on Confederation work; the Hon. Joseph Cauchon, editor of Le Journal de Quebec, together with the guest of honour. Everyone had his joke, including, Sir James adds slily, the grave Garneau. Taché in his usual style contradicted everyone;

while Sala, a thickset figure, darkhaired, ruddy complexioned, with sparkling eyes, flashed away repartee in French. It was such a success that the festivals continued annually, lasting indeed to the end of their host's genial life. What a sweet pagan idea it was, with the clusters of black hamburgs and chasselas doré hanging overhead, the table in the largest compartment bedecked with the gayest flowers and the richest varieties of the cultivated grape. Are there such men now in the hour of our larger prosperity and wider sphere? With its touch of Attic Salt it always rises to my mind, as a companion picture to old Lescarbot's "Order of the Good Times." But lest fancy lead us from the actual facts, it should be said, that, though the grape-festivals continued, as stated, the majority were not held in the vinery itself. "As," writes Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Sir James's daughter, to whom I am indebted for many things, "these festivals were held early in the autumn, when there is still great heat under the glass, it was found oppressively hot, so the festivals were as a rule held in the dining room."

Among the other celebrities this hospitable knight entertained was Charles Kingsley, whom, however, he does not seem to have found congenial. Dean Stanley came in 1878, and we have a quaint picture of the two driving down from the citadel to Louis street, Stanley's historical mind all interrogation point as to why the streets were called d'Auteuil, Anne and Richelieu while LeMoine anxiously wondered whether he could answer what his learned guest would ask next.

The late Justin McCarthy, author of the well-known "History of Our Own Time," no doubt tasted the Spencer Grange vintage in 1886. The present Lord Morley called on the genial soul in October, 1904, and they had a quiet chat on Canadian history, which ended in LeMoine singing the praises of one whose name is inseparably bound up with Canadian history and literature and life as the Homer of our heroic age-Francis Parkman. He finished his laudation with "The chair you are occupying now, Mr. Parkman has more than once sat in;" and then he chronicles, with charming naïvety, "Morley be-

came thoughtful."

As a matter of fact LeMoine knew Parkman for upwards of thirty years, and they had two great loves in common-Canadian history and horticulture. Parkman the horticulturist, as the "Lilium Parkmani" and his "Book of Roses" testify, rivalled Parkman the historian of New France. They visited each other; the walks of Spencer Grange or of Parkman's retreat at Jamaica Pond often found them pacing up and down in deep discussion. Often they wandered through the quaint old streets of Quebec, which to them were still the legend haunted forest paths of Champlain's infant town. The famous battlefield, the land from Cap Rouge on the west to the Falls of Montmorenci on the east was sacred ground to them. LeMoine had history in the rough, the ore in the quartz stage, which, when it had gone through the crucible of Parkman's mind, came out pure molten metal purged of all dross. LeMoine knew where the treasures of the past were, but it was Parkman who came back with them in his hands

But in 1892 there was a visitant at Spencer Grange of even greater interest to Canadians than Parkman. He was a black-bearded young man, a few years past thirty, slender, quiet, with an urban, well-bred manner of his own. This was none other than the novelist we now know as Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., of the Imperial Parliament. "Through Dr. (later Sir) John Bourinot's good offices," Parker himself writes, "I came to know Mr. LeMoine of Quebec, the gifted antiquarian." He adds: "Mr. LeMoine placed in my hands

certain historical facts suggestive of romance." For when Sir James asked him "What brings you to Quebec at this inclement season of year?" He replied, "I have come here to write a novel on Quebec I want a hero. Can you supply one?" After a moment's thought Sir James remembered a sketch he had written nearly nineteen years before of the adventures of one Major Robert Stobo, a hostage from Fort Necessity imprisoned in Quebec from 1755 to 1759. Years ago he had said: "What a subject for a Canadian novel?" Therefore calling the next day at the Florence Hotel he brought with him "Maple Leaves" for 1873 and read his young visitor the sketch of Stobo. Four years later Messrs. Copp, Clark Company of Toronto issued the result of this gift to the world in the shape of the famous romance of "The Seats of the Mighty," wherein Robert Stobo as Robert Moray lives his life half in history, half in fancy. The history was LeMoine's work, the fancy Parker's work. It is interesting to note that the Duvarneys of the novel are the Duchesnays, still one of the oldest families of the Province of Quebec. Strangely enough in giving these details, Sir James notes that Stobo was also probably the original of Captain Lemahago in Smollet's classic novel "Humphrey Clinker." Sir James's own remarks on the merits of Parker's novel must be at least quoted direct: "There is assuredly much to admire in "The Seats of the Mighty;" it is a scathing exposé of the tainted social atmosphere which polluted the colony under the Bigot régime. 'Tis a theme which will never be lost sight of by Canadian historians. Some passages, however, I should like to be altered; some might with propriety be removed without weakening the original plot of the romance. Sir Gilbert has had his fair share of popular applause. He has been styled by one critic "a new Kipling," another calls him "a second Robert Louis Stevenson." Time will tell how much of this taffy will survive. One thing is certain, the novelist in 1892, when he was gathering the materials for his Quebec book, his residence in our midst had not been sufficiently long to acquire what his eminent confrére Henry Van Dyke, possessed in such a high degree, that real, but indescrible aroma of the soil; la senteur du terre, as the French express it."

Perhaps it is not altogether a coincidence that as I write now, a striking condemnation of Sir Gilbert Parker's latest novel "The Judgment House" should begin: "Its author had better have somebody who is familiar with South Africa go over the proofs with him." It is clear, indeed, that Sir James never conceded "The Seats of the Mighty" the place he gave to that other offspring of his, Kirby's "Chien D'Or." As a matter of fact Sir Gilbert's novel is about as valuable as a work of art as Miss Agnes Laut's "Lords of the North," and no more. Kirby's old-fashioned, stilted "Chien d'Or" and Roberts's dainty fancy "A Sister to Evangeline" stand out beyond them all in point of accuracy and fidelity to local colour. Historical novels of Canada, as of other climes and times, are often too lightly undertaken. Why even Sir Arthur Conan Dovle in his novel "The Refugees" finds it necessary to rescue Hugue-nots at Quebec from imprisonment for their faith! But any schoolboy knows that New France is the only region where there has never been persecution for the sake of religion. The only law that concerned Hugenots in the French régime was to the effect that they could not winter in the country without permission or assemble for the sake of religion.*

But I have by no means mentioned all who came to see Sir James, with whom he gossiped literature, history, birds or flowers. Governors-general, poets, divines, naturalists, historians, journalists and men of action are on the roll. Sir Erasmus Om-

^{*&}quot; Prose Writers of Canada," by S. E. Dawson-P. 37.

maney, the Arctic explorer, scientist and Admiral of the British Navy, when a septuagenarian, paid him a visit. W. D. Howells the American Novelist came. Roberts, our national poet, stayed with him. He met Joaquim Miller, the singer of "Songs of the Sierras," whom Swinburne hailed as a brother, and who for a space sat cross-legged in Rossetti's own magic circle at Chelsea smoking cigarettes. There were others. For instance Audubon Avenue in the garden at Spencer Grange commemorates the visit of the great John James Audubon who came to present Sir James with a copy of his famous "Ornithological Biography."

Then, too, a band of young French-Canadians thronged to him. such as Joseph Marmette, the historical novelist, Faucher de St. Maurice, one of the best of French Canada's story-tellers, Achille Frechette, Benjamin Sulte, the historian of Three Rivers, etc. In fact he knew everybody who was anybody. There was no trend of Canadian history: there was nothing about our birds or our wild flowers or the St. Lawrence fish or the habitant legends he did not eagerly throughout his long life seek out. On all he gossiped in the same charming way, as I have

said before, in dressing gown and slippers. His books and brochures, his leaflets and scattered letters are a bountiful treasure without which no one can really know much about the early days of our country. Whether he give us old Château St. Louis memories of Guy Carleton's nose freezing or of Jean Baptiste and General Prescott; whether he wander with rod and gun as Jonathan Oldbuck through his beloved province; whether he give us a nut for antiquaries to crack in locating Champlain's tomb, a learned foot-note on horses in the French régime, or an exposition on French - Canadian oaths; whether he has a legend to relate or a scientific fact to attain concerning our flora, he is never tiresome, never dull. As a bedside book for Canadians young and old, as a haggis of antiquarian lore for novelists and others there is nothing in our literature like his work for interest and value. Historians of the future will bless his name, antiquaries will desire to canonise him, and we, the average readers, will long to have the time to read him as he ought to be read, leisurely, in the good oldfashioned way. For he was of the old school and there will be no more Le-Moines



PROVINCE OR NATION?

BY JOHN LEWIS

NEARLY every advocate of selfgovernment says that he is also an imperialist, if you will let him define imperialism; and so nearly every imperialist says that he is for selfgovernment. It would be easy for the two classes to come together and pass a resolution to this effect: "Resolved that we favour the largest measure of self-government that is compatible with imperial unity," or "Resolved that we favour the largest measure of imperial unity that is compatible with self-government." But the agreement would be a sham. It would leave the question unsettled. There is a difference. The interest, the anxiety, the earnestness, sometimes the anger with which the subject is discussed shows that the difference is felt, even where it cannot be exactly defined.

The difference is that one party seeks to make Canada a nation; the other seeks to make Canada a pro-

vince.

This definition is compatible with the sincerity of the statements of both parties Imperial federations may be sincere when they say they are not seeking to abridge the liberties of Canada. They are not doing so consciously. They believe that under imperial federation we could enjoy the same liberty as the Province of Alberta enjoys within the Dominion of Canada. They declare that the British Empire has now reached a stage resembling that of British North America in the early sixties, and that the next step, now as then, is federation.

The other side of the case may be

stated thus: The analogy is by no means complete. To the extent that there is an analogy, it furnishes an argument not for but against the proposed constitutional change. The degradation of Canada from a national to a provincial status would be reactionary, revolutionary and dangerous.

The various communities of the British Empire are absolutely unlike the provinces which were united at confederation or have since joined Canada. Australia, New Zealeand. Canada, probably South Africa, may be compared with the Provinces of Canada, and they might be federated on something like equal terms, if federation were necessary. The United Kingdom, which is at present more populous and wealthy than all the rest combined, is unlike all of them. notably in social structure. India, which contains three-fourths of the population of the Empire, is not selfgoverning, and the strongest imperialists declare most vehemently that it never can be self-governing. remain Egypt and various Crown colonies and dependencies, governed in divers ways, but most of them governed paternally, and incapable of forming parts of a self-governing

One of the chief objects of the federation of Canada was a customs union—free trade between the Provinces and a common tariff against the rest of the world. Such a customs union would be absolutely impossible in the British Empire. Canadian manufacturers would not for a moment entertain the proposal to ad-

mit British manufactures free. The people of Great Britain will not consent to have their food taxed. The abandonment of food tax as proposed by the Unionists is significant.

Since the establishment of selfgovernment some seventy years ago, the progress of Canada has been as satisfactory as that of any country in the world; satisfactory whether you consider it from the Canadian or from the British point of view. The Empire can grow strong only as its parts grow strong. Nevertheless, there has always been a timid and reactionary class which feared and resisted the growth of Canada, and regarded every step in self-reliance as a movement toward separation. It opposed responsible government bitterly until the logic of facts showed that the country could be governed in no other way. It was fearful of confederation. It is to-day opposing the formation of a Canadian navy. The avowed reasons are strategic; but beneath this there is a fear that if Canada loses the sense of dependence on the protection of Great Britain she will break away. All history is against the belief; but for some men history is written in vain. The same errors are repeated from age to age.

Nationality has been a powerful force in the progress of Canada. It supplied one of the strongest arguments for confederation. British connection and British sentiment the Provinces had before confederation. Yet it was undoubtedly felt by the statesmen of that time that British sentiment required the aid of Canadian sentiment as a unifying force. Wherever, after confederation, there was a real or imaginary danger of annexation, the opponents of annexation made their appeal to Canadian as well as to British sentiment. They appealed to the pride of Canadians, reminding them that they had a country larger than the United States to develop, and that they might hope to establish here a nation which would

vie in greatness with the Republic.

They argued that Canadians could enjoy within the British Empire an autonomy and an identity which they must surrender if they became part of the United States. In those days it was not the fashion of imperialists to sneer at autonomy. They were wise. Their appeal to national pride was not made in vain. Some of their successors are not so wise. A Canadian member of Parliament tells us that the progress of self-government has now gone far enough, and if carried farther must result in separation. His ideal is that Canada should have a place in the Empire similar to that of a Province of Canada. Carried to its logical conclusion that means that the identity of Canada will be lost, and that the name of Canada will no longer stand for citizenship or be an incentive to patriotism. The powerful national sentiment to which the opponents of annexation appealed is to be thrown away. Surely that is a dangerous experiment. Surely it is better to pursue the old and welltried policy of letting British sentiment and Canadian sentiment grow together.

National spirit prevented Canada from accepting the position of a group of States in the American Union. National spirit was the impulse of the Canada First movement, which powerfully influenced the public life of Canada. National spirit inspired Canadians to undertake the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a tremendous enterprise when you consider the available resources of the country in the early eighties. Now consider the result of making Canada a Province of the Empire. It would place Canada in a position of permanent inferiority to the United States. To-day we can compare the two-nation with nation. But under the altered arrangement, the position of Canada would be like that, say, of Texas in the Union. The Texan is doubtless proud of his State, as the Ontario man is proud of his Province. But that is not the same as national citizenship.

Should Canada be reduced to a Province, and should there be in future any danger of annexation-and the Imperialists have that danger constantly before their minds—the opponents of annexation could no longer appeal to Canadian national sentiment, to the desire to build up on this continent a nation which may rival the United States. The policy of consolidation and absorption tends to destroy that sentiment. They would find that in belittling and jeering at autonomy, they had destroyed one of the most powerful forces on their own side.

Some of the advocates of centralisation comfort themselves with the notion that provincial autonomy is the same thing as the autonomy which Canada now enjoys. It is a delusion. A Province of Canada does not control its own tariff. It has only a very limited control over taxation; for the Dominion Parliament levies taxation not only for Dominion purposes, but to provide large subsidies for the Provinces. A glance at the British North America Act shows that the Provinces surrender to the Dominion powers at least as great as those which they retain.

Advocates of centralisation may plead that they do not intend to go that far, or to surrender that much to their new Imperial Legislature or Council. Do they know how far they intend to go? Do they realise how far they may be drawn by the progress of events, even against their own intention? If not, they may study with profit the development of the idea of Canadian confederation.

In 1859 a convention of Upper Canada Reformers resolved in favour of recasting the constitution of Canada, giving each Province local freedom, and allowing matters of common interest to be controlled by a central body. One of the delegates, Mr. George Sheppard, warned them that the central government would

overshadow the Provinces. He told them that there was an inherent tendency in central bodies to acquire increased power. In the United States, he said, a Federal party had advocated a strong central government and excuses were always being sought to add to its glory and influence.

The convention was deeply impressed by this speech, and in deference to it, the proposed resolution was amended, so as to provide for "some joint authority" for federal purposes, instead of a general gov-

ernment

Yet, in spite of this precaution, when the scheme of Confederation was worked out a few years later, it did provide, not for a league, with "some joint authority" for common action, but for a powerful central government and Parliament, and for limited Provincial powers. There is no guarantee that the rage for centralised Imperial government will not earry is that far, or at least farther than those who are now playing with

centralising schemes expect.

The British Empire has grown through recognition of national sentiment and national autonomy. It is a successful concern. The Roman Empire and the Spanish Empire, and the Empire of the first Napoleon may have been more symmetrical and more centralised. But they had two great faults. First, they were not free. Second, they died. The British Empire is free, at least as to its self-governing communities. It is alive. It is growing. If you have a family in that happy condition, will you dose it with a quack medicine about which you know nothing except that it has produced a crop of funerals in your neighbour's household?

What motive except a restless desire for change is there for substituting a revolution for the evolution which constitutes the history of Canada and of the Empire? Why leave the path along which we have travelled in cafety from strength to strength, and plunge into the jungle?

THE LOST SHIPMATE

By THEODORE GOODRIDGE ROBERTS

SOMEWHERE he failed me, somewhere he slipped away—Youth, in his ignorant faith and his bright array.

The tides go out; the tides come flooding in;
Still the old years die and the new begin;
But Youth?—

Somewhere we lost each other, last year or yesterday.

Somewhere he failed me. Down at the harbour-side

I waited for him a little, where the anchored argosies ride.

I thought he came—the steady "trade" blew free—

I thought he came; 'twas but the shadow of me!

And Youth?—

Somewhere he turned and left me, about the turn of the tide.

Perhaps I shall find him. It may be he waits for me, Sipping those wines we knew, beside some tropic sea. The tides still serve, and I am out and away To search the spicy harbours of yesterday,

For Youth,

Where the lamps of the town are yellow beyond the lamps on the quay.

Somewhere he failed me, somewhere he slipped away—Youth, with his ignorant heart and his bright array.

Was it in Bados? God, I would pay to know!

Was it on Spanish Hill, where the roses blow?

Ah, Youth!

Shall I hear your laughter to-morrow, in painted Olivio?

Somewhere I failed him. Somehow I let him depart—Youth, who would only sleep for the morn's fresh start.

The tides slipped out, the tides washed out and in,
And Youth and I rejoiced in their wastrel din.

Ah, Youth!

Shall I find you south of the Gulf ?- or are you dead in my heart?



THE MARTIAL VERSE OF CANADIAN POETESSES

BY J. D. LOGAN

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THE literary history of Canada contains several phenomena which are extraordinary, peculiar, anomalous, paradoxical, or unique. It contains one to which all these epithets or qualifications may be applied, namely, the priority, facility, and popularity of Canadian poetesses as martial lyrists—as the first "voices" -first in time and first in power and honour-of the Canadian people's

militant patriotism.

The relative strength of Canada's "lady singers" (as Mr. W. D. Lighthall finically phrases his nomenclature), I should signalise as an extraordinary and peculiar literary phenomenon. The quickness with which the men of Canada have perennially, from early nineteenth century days to the present, perceived and acknowledged the gift of literary speech in the women of Canada, and the respect and admiration with which the men have regarded the prose and verse of Canadian women-this I should signalise as an anomalous literary phenomenon. Neither of these phenomena, however, may be regard-

ed as paradoxical or as unique. It is conceivable that one or both might have obtained in the literary history of any other country, and may obtain in more notable degree in some later civilisation, when, as it appears must eventually happen, women will attain full spiritual and social enfranchisement-their indubitable natural right to complete freedom in

self-expression.

On the other hand, the fact that the "lady singers"—the gentle poetesses-of Canada should have been the first and most potent "voices" of the patriotic military spirit of their country or countrymen, the first and readiest and best in producing, for immediate need, popular martial verse—this seems to me a unique paradox, a literary phenomenon in itself.* For the paradox does not lie in the fact that in Canada during the Civil War of the Rebellion of 1837-8, the Fenian Raids, the Metis rebellions, under Louis Riel, and the South African War, the women, rather than the men, of the country, produced the first and most popular-the best-

^{*}Mr. Eric S. Robertson in the Preface to his excellent "English Poetesses" needlessly worries himself over the fact that, as he says, "Ladies who write verse nowadays do not care to be called 'Poetesses.' Just as "man' is a generic term, bracing both sexes, and "woman' a specific term, connoting no loss of spiritual dignity, so 'poet' is a generic term for all singers en masse, and 'poetess' is a specific term to be used when sex as such is required for exact distinction, the ending 'ess' having the function neither of a diminutive nor of endearing innuendo." As for Mr. Lighthall's 'lady singers,'—that phrase is vulgar and abortive. It suggests the prudish origin of the terms which some "nice" people apply to domestic animals—"lady dog" or "gentleman cat," for instance.

patriotic martial verse. The paradox lies in the fact that the most gentle, sensitive, and refined sex, to whom war, above all other social evils, is most saddening, ruthlessly ruinous, and abhorrent, should, as it were, have "sprung" to the occasion, as if it were providentially created for their sole privilege and glory, of singing the martial lyrics which either inspired, inflamed, and sustained the patriotic military spirit of their husbands, sons, and brothers, or commemorated that spirit and heroic deed and event in times of war, and that Canadian poetesses should have excelled extraordinarily in martial verse. This is a genre which seldom rises to the dignity of pure poetry, and which, under the craftsmanship of Canadian poetesses did not attain to such dignity, but which, nevertheless, was always popularly received, proved effective of its purpose, and not infrequently was so inspired and well wrought as to win the notice and public appreciation of eminent foreign poets and literary critics.

Further: the phenomenon seems the more paradoxical and unique when we reflect on the nature and culture of the chief Canadian poetesses-Canadian by residence or by birthwho essayed martial verse. Mrs. Susanna Moodie, first and supreme lyrist of the Civil War of 1837-8, was married to a veteran soldier. Besides, she and her husband, Colonal Moodie, had spent several years, preceding this war, in Canada, daily fighting for mere sustenance and against destruction from nature, wild beasts, and mishap by water and fire. Continually thus "roughing it in the bush" (to use her own apt phrase), and ever battling against death, the "fighting spirit" was naturally engendered in her by her intimate companionship with a soldier-husband, and by her constant battle with her environment. And having natural literary gifts, which she had frequently exercised with success, both in prose and verse, inevitably-for

she was left alone in the wilderness during the Papineau-MacKenzie fracas, and, in her abject loneliness, thoughts of the war and its possible dire results to herself and Canada, as well as Great Britain, must have been uppermost in her mind—Mrs. Moodie turned for diverting mental occupation and solace to writing, and, to use Aristotle's famous medical metaphor, purged out her surcharged emotions by expressing her fighting spirit and militant patriotism in ringing, rousing, popular martial verse.

No psychological subtleties are required to explain Mrs Moodie's essays in patriotic martial verse. The Law of Parsimony compels us to find a sufficient explanation of the fact in Mrs. Moodie's innate literary genius and in the stress of her social and political environment. But when we observe such an innocent, naive, philanthropic, and suffering creature as Harriet Annie Wilkins, or such a rare, tender, delicate spirit as Isabella V. Crawford, or such domestic, cultured, and retiring women as Mrs. Sarah Curzon, Mrs. Annie Rothwell-Christie, and Miss Agnes Maule Machar, celebrating the patriotic militarism of their countrymen or Canadian valour. commemorating heroic deed or event, we are face to face with something which is no mere jeu de joie (possibly caused by some accidental pathological conditions of patriotic ecstasy), but which is a literary phenomenon in itself.

Finally: I have been careful to observe that the martial verse of Canadian poetesses is to be regarded strictly as verse, but that, though the genre seldom attains, even in the most highly cultivated countries, to the dignity of poetry, the chief Canadian poetesses who essayed this species of verse excelled in it. Also I must be understood to be dealing strictly with, first, martial verse as such, and, secondly, Canadian martial verse, that is to say, verse which was inspired by local Canadian conditions, or

which, if British or Imperial event is involved in it, coloured the cause or circumstance with references to Canadian manhood, valour, civilisation, or ideals, and which was composed by resident or native-born Canadian poetesses. I am forced to call attention to this limitation, because the mart al verse of Canadian poctesses, by reason of its social origin, its practical and ephemeral purpose, its required popular appeal to the heart and elementary emotions, rather than to the æsthetic sensibilities and the imagination, the necessity of its matter counting for more than its form and artistry, and the forthright method of its composition, must not be compared with that finer species of patriotic verse which sublimates sentiments of homeland, of national characteristics, virtues, exploits, institutions, and ideals, and which, though composed under patriotic fire of heart and imagination, is written with patient craftsmanship and an eye single to lyrical eloquence and to beauty of diction, imagery, and verbal music.

I am not thus derogating from the excellence of the martial verse by Canadian poetesses. I wish merely to make it plain, at the outset, that other forms of patriotic verse by Canadian poetesses and poets are nearer the standard of pure poetry; that, for instance, Mrs. Moodie's "Address to the Freemen of Canada," while a ringing, rousing, warlyric, is hardly poetry, or not so superior as poetry as is her "Quebec"; that Isabella Crawford's "The Rose of a Nation's Thanks," while vigorous and rhythmic, is merely good verse as compared with the beauty and dignified eloquence of her fine poem, "Canada to England"; that Miss Machar's "Our Lads to the Front," while inspiriting, is neither so winning nor so satisfying as her "Canada's Birthday"; or that the war-lyrics of the Canadian poetesses, save the extraordinarily fine martial verse or poetry of Mrs Annie Rothwell-Christie, inherently are not as

excellent as the best patriotic verse of the other species by themselves or by George Murray, John Reade, William Wye Smith, or the grandiloquent patriot-singer, Charles G. D. Roberts.

Still, when this distinction in species and artistry is kept in view. my original proposition stands. The fact that the first and readiest and best, that is, most popularly received. singers of martial verse in Canada were Canadian poetesses, is a literary phenomenon in itself. And since so eminent a poet as the late Sir Edwin Arnold and other poets and critics remarked the phenomenon, without adding any detailed appreciation or explanation of its causes or qualities, it is worth while for us to attempt a critical appreciation of the martial verse of Canadian poetesses. To these pleasant occupations I now turn. I shall begin with matters of literary history and æsthetics.

Patriotic martial verse in Canada began with the Civil War of the Rebellion of 1837-8. At least, I have been unable to find any published samples of martial verse, either by Canadian poets or poetesses, contemporary with the War of 1812-14. There were, of course, before that war poems whose themes were connected with the history of war in Canada, as, for instance, Valentine Neville's "The Reduction of Louisborough," (1759), and Middleton Howard's "The Conquest of Quebec." The latter, which I have in my collection of Canadiana, appears in a volume of collected Oxford Prize Poems, the volume bearing the date of 1807, but the poem itself bearing the date 1768. All such verse, however, was wholly British in spirit. On the other hand. the sentiment of a country not long enough dwelt in, though inherited "to have and to hold," could not have developed sufficiently to cause it to burst forth into martial song. The required poetry at the time of the War of 1812-14 was, to use a hackneyed phrase, the poetry of

splendid deeds. But if that war produced no poets or poetesses who sang inspirational martial verse for the occasion, it must have increased the sense of solidarity amongst the people inhabiting Canada, which would still more increase as the years went on up to the time when not a foreign foe but internal civil strife drew the Canadians together for the preservation of their inherited homeland within its own borders and within the possessions of the British Crown. All that was further necessary to make possible the appearance of martial songs in Canada was the presence of someone who possessed natural lyrical gifts, the surcharge of patriotic and militant emotion which would compel lyrical utterance, and the leisure to "turn off" ready verse which had the rhythm that trips naturally along the tongue and that also sings its way into the heart and memory.

All these conditions were fulfilled in the genius and solitary "bush" life of Mrs. Susanna Moodie. And she became the first Canadian singer of inspirational, as distinguished from commemorative, martial verse. She must have been a woman of extraordinary good sense, and certainly gifted with a saving sense of humour. At any rate, she had a very modest and half-humorous estimate of the value of her martial verses, and, from the critical point of view, her own modest estimate of them is sound and admirably phrased in the plain varnacular. For while the writer of "The Advertisement" (which is a sort of Preface inserted by the publishers) to her "Roughing It in The Bush," states that "during the rebellion in Canada, her loyal lyrics, prompted by strong affection for her native country, were circulated and sung throughout the colony, and produced a great effect in rousing an enthusiastic feeling in favour of public order," Mrs. Moodie herself modestly remarks (op. cit. sup., vol. ii., p. 191):

"I must own that my British spirit was fairly aroused, and as I could not aid in subduing the enemies of my beloved country with my arm, I did what little I could to serve the good cause with my pen. It may probably amuse my readers, to give them a few specimens of these loyal staves, which were widely circulated through the colony at the time."

I should be a myopic critic if I did not respect the beginnings of things, and so, before I deal with the æsthetics of martial verse, I will quote a few lines of Mrs. Moodie's "loyal staves," as she calls them, which, fifteen years after they were composed ("Roughing It in the Bush" was published in 1852), might, in her opinion, serve to "amuse" readers of her book in which her martial lyrics were reprinted. I will quote the third and last stanzas of her "Address to the Freemen of Canada," (op. cit. sup. p. 191):

"Canadians will you see the flag
Beneath whose folds your fathers bled,
Supplanted by the vilest rag
That ever host to rapine led?
Thou emblem of a tyrant's sway,
Thy triple hues are dyed in gore;
Like his, thy power has passed away,
Like his, thy short-lived triumph's o'er.'

In a footnote Mrs. Moodie explains that "the vilest rag" is "the tricoloured flag assumed by the rebels." The use of the phrase has, of course, both psychological and æsthetic warrant. The thought of the tri-coloured flag, of its bloody history in the French Revolution disgusted her sense of nobility and righteousness, and like Homer's, her diction and imagery sank in correspondence with the fall in spiritual dignity of her subject. I observe this in order to forestall the criticism that this specimen of her martial verse is hardly martial and not worthy verse. Aesthetically, she is quite justified in sinking and rising with the emotional dignity of her subject. She sinks in the third stanza, but she rises magniloquently in the fifth (final) stanza. Thus:

"By all the blood for Britain shed
On many a glorious battlefield,
To the free winds her standard spread,
Nor to these base insurgents yield,
With loyal bosoms beating high,
In your good cause securely trust;
'God and Victoria' be your cry,
And crush the traitors to the dust.''

Compared with standard martial songs, such as Burns's "Scots Wha Hae wi' Wallace Bled," or "The March of the Men of Harlech," or "Die Wacht am Rhein," the first three lines of the foregoing stanza are really excellent. The vocables are mouth-filling, the rhythm moves rapidly and carries one with it, and though the third line might be improved by the use of the word "fling" for the word "spread" in the text, still "To the free winds her stan-dard spread" increases respiration, and stimulates ideated sensations of free movement and expanding personality. Altogether, it is a vigorousa "breezy" line. No Canadian need feel ashamed of it. And what magnificent energy is in the last two lines of the stanza! The reader no sooner reaches this line, "God and Victoria" than he shifts back the accent to the word "God," emphasises it with a full burst of breath and with a change in pitch, and then impulsively spurts out the utterance of the remaining syllables in the same changed pitch until he attacks the word "cry," which is both oxytoned and emphasised. Thus the line becomes a veritable battle-shout and inspiriting slogan. After this ringing, rousing, energising oxytone line comes the barytone cadence, "And crush the traitors to the dust." The reader braces himself for action—takes in a full breath, fronts his eyes, sets his jaws, and all his muscles, and lunges forward to the fray. Both are brave lines; both are energising, impelling; and the whole stanza is a magnificent sample of inspiriting martial verse. No Canadian need feel ashamed to recite it before the admirers of Robert Burns, William Duthie, or Karl Wilhelm.

Though historically and æsthetically the third and fourth stanzas of Mrs. Moodie's first martial lyric are justifiable, poetically viewed they are not. They are too much like the quality and inspiration of Alexander Muir's "The Maple Leaf Forever." The fifth stanza alone is worth a hundred martial songs of that ilk. And if the third and fourth stanzas were eliminated from Mrs. Moodie's lyric, the remaining stanzas would form a genuine martial poem worthy to be preserved as an excellent sample of its genre in Canadian literature and quite worthy to stand beside the specimens in other literatures. I disagree, therefore, with Mrs. Moodie's modest estimate of her martial lyrics. They are better than mere "loyal staves," fitted solely to "amuse" casual readers. That they were widely circulated and sung throughout Canada at the time when they were needed. is proof that they possessed lyrical eloquence and the inspirational power which stirs the heart and impels the will to honourable action. They are good verse, but they are not genuine poetry. And this conclusion leads me, before passing, to consider some samples of martial verse, which happen to be also fine poetry, by Canadian poetesses, to remark the æsthetic standards by which we must judge martial verse as such.

When verse of this species is meant to be inspirational, and not commemorative, when it is designed to move the will, and not to delight the imagination, the matter must count for more than the formal structure, the direct appeal of conative ideas must take precedence over considerations of the diction and imagery in which they are expressed, and sensual rhythm-lilt-must be given greater sway than vowel-melody and verbal harmonies. Now, this is a practical exigency, not an intrinsic æsthetic necessity. For the inspirational martial lyric or song is a forthright, immediate meeting of a crisis in national life and affairs. As such

the materials come from beyond the lyrist; they are furnished by the nature of the crisis. What is paramount is a medium to express an idea or a system of ideas, and the very readiest lyrical expression of these ideas. The last thought on the part of an inspirational martial lyrist must be his craftsmanship or artistry, so long as his verses have a carrying rhythm and lilt. Bayard Taylor's famous lyric, "A Song of the Camp," though its origin and structure were literary, expresses the immediate necessity to which the martial lyrist responds as best he can. The soldier must have a song-a means of expression of emotion-at all hazards. Let the words or thoughts be crude, but so long as they are real and have la simple and "catching" rhythm they suffice for the purpose and are welcomed.

The danger, then, in the case of an inspirational martial lyric is two-fold. The fact that the occasion or exigency is patriotic or moral, leads the ungifted, as well as the gifted, to attempt martial lyrics, and, in any case, both respond to an outside influence and not to a personal necessity for self-expression. The result is that what is produced as martial verse is either rhythm without ideas or sense, that is, doggerel, or ideas without rhythm, that is, metrical prose. So that while it is true that a crisis creates the demand for martial verse, and that this species of verse needs no fine artistry, to compose a warlyric which is neither doggerel nor metrical prose, and to compose it immediately on demand, is an extraordinarily difficult task. It must come warm from the heart and hand, it must be human, manly, direct in thought, and it must be ringing in lilt and swinging in rhythm.

When, then, we observe the necessity for all these qualities in inspirational martial verse, we can truly say that Mrs. Moodie excelled in this species of lyrism. It is true that Harriet A. Wilkins, Mrs. Curzon, Mrs.

Annie Rothwell-Christie, Miss Crawford and Agnes Machar surpassed her, but this was due to the fact that their martial verse was commemorative, and was written after the deeds or events celebrated by them, and at a time when they could compose in peace and at leisure.

Of these later Canadian martial poetesses the supreme artist was Mrs. Annie Rothwell-Christie. The verse of the others, even Miss Crawford's novel, "The Rose of a Nation's Thanks," and Miss Machar's swinging "Our Lads to the Front," though choicer in diction and imagery than Mrs. Moodie's, hardly rises above the quality of good verse. Mrs. Annie Rothwell-Christie's martial verse, on the other hand, attains to the dignity and beauty of pure poetry. We do not need the statement of Sir Edwin Arnold that "the best war songs of the Half-breed Rebellion were written by Annie Rothwell." Dignity, and beauty, and compelling pathos are in every line she wrote and we shall see this for ourselves in the samples I shall quote. I choose, first, two stanzas from "After the Battle":

"Ay, lay them to rest on the prairie, on the spot where they fell, The shout of the savage their requiem,

The shout of the savage their requiem the hiss of the rifle their knell."

"As the blood of the martyr enfruitens his creed, so the hero sows peace, And the reaping of war's deadly harvest is the earnest his havoc shall cease."

The extraordinary imagery of the last line of the first stanza (couplet) and the novel beauty of the comparison in the first line of the second stanza are enough to raise these verses to the dignity of pure poetry. Besides, there is a hymn-like music in the rhythm that soothes or solaces, while it solemnises, the soul, begetting resignation to the Will of the Universe. Or listen to the triumphant, sonorous verbal music of these lines from "Welcome Home:"

"War-worn, sun-scorched, stained with the dust of toil,

And battle-scarred they come—victorious. Exultantly we greet them; cleave the sky With cheers, and fling our banners to the winds;

We raise triumphant songs, and strew their path

To do them homage—bid them 'Welcome Home.','

We hear drum beats, bugle calls, and the tread of armed men on the march in those first two lines-"warworn, sun-scorched" and so on. A new emotional experience comes to us with the quicker moving syallables in the next two lines; the rhythm is fitted to exultation. Also we are treated to a new but brilliant metaphor-"cleave the sky with cheers." We are in the realm of poetry. Here I might close. But fine as the preceding samples of Mrs. Annie Rothwell-Christie's martial verse have been, the pathos of the following, from "The Woman's Part," is overwhelmingly human and moving and ennobling. The inspiration is derived from reflecting whether to those who, fired by love of adventure or country, have gone to the war, the mothers, sisters, and sweethearts shall give regrets, words, prayers, or tears. The poet disparages all these, and turns to solace the mother or wife whose son or husband has died on the battlefield:

"O, woman-heart be strong,

Too full for words—too humble for a prayer—

Too faithful to be fearful—offer here Your sacrifice of patience. Not for long The darkness. When the dawn of peace breaks bright

Blessed she who welcomes whom her God shall save.

But honored in her God's and country's sight

She who lifts empty arms to cry, 'I Gave.''

After reading that noble poem of love and pathos, and being moved to emotions too deep for tears, one knows that all distinctions of sex are man-made and ephemeral and abortive—that only "soul," whatever be its form of earthly tenement, is real. For Anne Rothwell-Christie who wrote that poem was altogether soulsuperman, superwoman—gifted with the speech of angels. In my view her martial verse is absolutely unique amongst all literature, and a distinct contribution, sui generis, to worldliterature. We raise monuments to heroes and heroines, to soldiers and statesmen. If ever we reach the stage in civilisation when we shall see that some poets are as worthy of such memorials as are heroes, at least one Canadian poetess will deserve the honour, namely, she who made immortal this long unrecognised truth

"As the blood of the martyr enfruitens his creed, so the hero sows peace."



MANY LONDONS

BY BRITTON B. COOKE

ETCHINGS BY JOSEPH PENNELL

THERE are many Londons. Each of us knows one. Those who have not seen London have their preconception of it. Those who have been there and have returned retain recollections, for it is not a city that is ignored nor forgotten. It has its peculiar appeal to the imagination

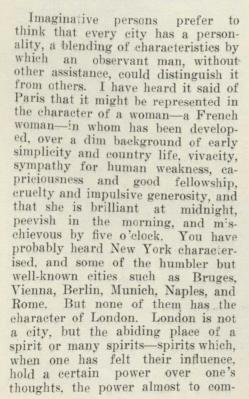
and will not be denied.

It is well known, but no less curious to observe, that London makes no effort to gain the reputation it holds. It is by its very indifference, its very self-sufficiency, that it piques the curiosity of mankind and draws to it, year by year, hordes of men and women anxious to see it York is systematically advertised. It makes a business of attracting visitors and causing them to stare at its prodigies when they come. Each year it has new wonders to show, each year fresh advertising. London has no designed wonders, no prodigies except the prodigy of so much humanity in one place. It makes no effort to be friendly, has no desire to be known or to be admired. It is like a man whose quiet poise suggests immeasurable reserves of information and interest.

Of course, it would be presumptuous to undertake, or to pretend to undertake, to describe London. It would be as though someone volunteered an essay on Truth in an after-dinner speech. No man knows London, not even those who have passed their lives in the city, nor those who pass back and forth once, even twice and three times a year, on business excursions. No one would agree with any one conception of London other than his own. There is commercial London and financial London, "society" London, and political London; that London which smacks of the For eign Service, of ambassadors, special missions, great appointments and heroic services in far lands; and that other London, the city of the mediocre, the city of crime, poverty and corruption. For us, who have little better than a militia, whose experience with kings and ambassadors is meagre to say the least, and whose greatest financial affairs are petty compared to the financial transactions and the financiers of London, Financial, Social. Political and Imperial London command our imagination at once, but it is poorer London, the City of the Mediocre, the city of crime, poverty and corruption, that makes the deeper and wider appeal. Generation after generation of men have left their habits and their names written in the pavemnts of London. London streets are centuries deep in the lore of humanity, which has been accumulating there since the days of the Hegemony. The Strand and the distorted streets of the city are beaten hard by the feet of countless men, by the countless caravans that have left their litter in book and story, in old court-yard and alleyway, in hall and attic. It is Human London that matters. It is the reek of humanity that makes it fascinating.







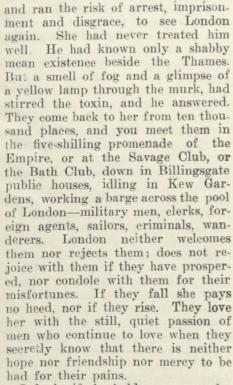


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pel one's steps back from anywhere. That phrase "stony-hearted stepmother" was well-made. But London might better be referred to as a much-loved woman than as a stepmother. Men do not call London beautiful; it would be maukish she has a fascination for men which is not the fascination of a stepmother. It is a sort of binding spell which draws them back to the gloom, the filth, the misery, the monotony, the brilliance and the stupidity of the Inscrutable City. Every rusted tramp hanging in the dirty water off the Limehouse docks has brought at least one man back this trip to her strange Every liner carries, mixed with the mere pleasure-hunters and money spenders, some man returning to London, not for relatives. nor friends, nor business, but for London! I heard of a man who had escaped Scotland Yard and was on the way to re-making his life as a bookkeeper in a Montreal dry goods house, who threw away position, opportunity, and almost assured safety,



THE HALL DOOR, LINCOLN INN



I doubt if she holds any more for



THE LAST OF OLD LONDON

a victorious general returning from Egypt or India than she holds for the outcast from society. Indeed, it would be inconsistent with her indifference if she did. Men may light the city with gay colours and send regiments and brass bands marching from Marble Arch to the Bank, but these things do not make London gay. Kaisers may arrive and depart, great artists shake the foundations of the artistic world, but the Inscrutable City goes on about its own business.

So many men and women mistake London's monuments for London, that it might be said that few out of the millions who yearly visit that city have really seen even part of the great cosmopolis proper. The beauties of London architecture, softened by years of London weather, and enhanced by the atmosphere of historic importance which hovers over almost all of them, are not to be overlooked. The man who makes the journey across the Atlantic and who does not see Westminster and the Houses of Parliament, who does not pause before the entrance to the Henry VIII.

Chapel, in reverence—not to the man whose name is thus commemorated. but to the man who designed the commemoration — has indeed been travelling blindfolded. The Horse Guards, Whitehall, Lincoln's Inn, and Lincoln's Inn Fields—these are items in a catalogue of indispensables. One must not overlook even the Old Curiosity Shop, which is part of another London-the City of Dickens—and the dozen and one corners of the great city which have had their place in standard fiction. But these things, the monuments and the sanctified localities, are no more London than the city hall tower in Toronto is Toronto.

But take, for instance, what we might choose to call "The Jollies" Theatre. Some night your evil genius may lead you to that famous home of alleged humour. It is worth



WESTMINSTER ABBEY, WEST FRONT

purchasing a ticket, and even enduring the unpleasant sensation of being shut in an absolutely air-tight cellar —for the ventilation of the theatre is not at all—to see what passes for an evening's entertainment on the part of the lower middle-class Londoner. The strumming of two double-concert grand pianos in unison takes the place of an orchestra. An alleged humourist dominates the stage. The doings are frightfully "funny," but nothing more. Slapstick trick fellows clumsy joke until it is time for the clerk and his wife or the little broker's assistant and his fiancee to escape from the mausoleum in time for the suburban tube. The place is filled with clerks—row after row of bad complexions and misfitting English collars, sandwiched in between fresh-faced young women with jarring colours in their dresses. and poor teeth. These are the people of one London, a depressing London. In a year of two you may meet some of these clerks in Canada, revived with the freer air of the New World. earning better salaries, eating better food, sleeping in more wholesome quarters, and dreaming bigger dreams than they ever dreamed in England. But their places "at home" are always filled.

Close by the Billingsgate Fish Market is a public house called the Bell. Visit it. Sit in the little room at the far end of the bar from the door, and observe the men who enter-particularly at noon. The proprietor of the Bell is a short, rotund man with a red beard and kindly blue eyes. Besides owning the Bell, he does an enormous business in the fish market. His wife, a heavy woman with a shrewd eve but a kindly mouth, looks after the house while the husband is absent in the market. The daughter, a pretty, fresh-faced girl of nineteen, with far more refinement of manner than the average ribbon-counter girl in a Canadian departmental store, waits on the bar. For some reason

or another—probably due to the girl herself—it is an orderly bar. There is rough talk among the horde of fish-porters passing through for their "penn'orth" of bread and cheese and their "penn'orth" of beer; there are jokes with the bar-maid, but all of them good-natured and innocent of offence.

I met the father on a Sunday excursion boat running from London Bridge to the Nore lighthouse and return. It was dark when the boat came in at the dock and I had asked his assistance in finding the proper 'bus. From a casual conversation came an invitation to see the market

the following morning.

"I 'ad a bad morning," confided the fish-merchant the next day, while the newspaper camera was in operation on the market-place, "I bought Norwegian salmon, thinkin' the price was goin' up owin' to short supply, and lo and be'old a big consignment comes in from Nova Scotia and knocks the price 'way down! I 'ad to sell out quick!"

Back in the *Bell* the bar-maid was handling the noon rush. During a lull she returned to that part of the polished counter which was intended for the more leisurely custom-

ers.

"What do you do," asked the newspaperman, "if there is any trouble or disturbance among all those

fish-porters out there?"

"Wot do I do? Oh!" with a laugh, "I just says, 'Ere you, stop your fi-i-ghting or else I sh'll 'ave to come out and thr-ow y'owt!" Then they all laughs and that gen'rilly stops 'em. If it don't, I calls up the lift (a miniature affair for lowering sandwiches from the kitchen upstairs) for ma'"

Presently the more select patrons of the *Bell* begin to drop in for their noon-day refreshment. First a large gentleman of rubicund countenance and large waistline, to whom the girl behind the beer-pumps ap-



THE CHOIR, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

plies the term "uncle." Uncle is. it appears, a coal broker from the near-by coal exchange. He has brought with him his papers and a small lunch, which has been secreted by some means or another in his tall, silk hat. Having removed the lunch, he dusts the hat carefully, places it on a chair, spreads his handkerchief on his fat knees and calls for his ale. The girl is at pains to be pleasant to uncle. There is something Dickensian about him, as though perhaps he has a few hundred pounds saved from the business in coals and as though it may be the duty of the maid to mind her p's and q's with an eye to a wedding present—she was engaged to a young fish-broker-and a legacy some day.

Bachelor apartments for a man of fair means are another feature of London. Of course, there are ex-Canadians in the metropolis who live in richly-furnished flats and work be-



THE CLOCK TOWER, LONDON
From the Surrey Side

tween a butler—who is also valet—and a cook-and-house-maid. But take some Oxford or Cambridge man practising law and enjoying an occasional journey to the Continent. He has much more comfortable quarters and much simpler. Probably he lives high up in an old building somewhere between Temple Bar and the River. It is a long climb up an old worn stone stairs to his room. There is a knocker on his door, or else a shabby electric button. The door itself is of heavy material and badly in need of varnish.

His secretary—if he is at all a successful man—opens the door for you, a lean man with weak eyes and a courteous manner. If you have an appointment you are ushered into a sitting-room, which may also be the lawyer's dining-room, and there you receive the papers while you await your host.

One might multiply little patches of real London for a year and a day.

There are those which are very pleasant, those that are brilliant, and others that are mostly a dull gray. I think the real London is gray. Even its most splendid spectacles are merely the glint of gold through a gray mist. In one of the silent conniving streets that run out off Leicester Square figures of the half world people-to talk of them is trite. But among them are even sadder figures and faces-those of the waiting chorus girls, the girls who have made the pilgrimage to London from Scotland. from Ireland, from the North Country and the South Country-from everywhere—waiting and starving and praying for a chance to go on the stage at the Alhambra, at the Empire! They live in attics in strange, evil old buildings; even in cupboards built into the shoulders of chimneys. Sometimes they win the goal. The pleasure-hunters at the Alhambra are electrified by the dancing of some new beauty-a "Femina!" or a "Lueille!" As they pass out to their taxi-cabs, many that hope and will



TEMPLE BAR



CHELSEA (LONDON)

die hoping some day to wear the gorgeous clothing and hear the quick, furious applause of stage life, are passing by in the rabble of shamed ones. One or two of them may tomorrow get a place in the ballet, the next day make an influential friend and fame! And the next perhaps, having wasted opportunity, be out once more in Piccadilly.

Ask the porter in your pension, if you are staying there and not at an hotel, for the key to the garden It is a great iron affair, related to the creaking iron gate which lets one into the green haven in the centre of the square. Sit under the trees, at the side of a gravel path; watch the quiet men and women coming out after dinner. This is a more pleasant London. Down by the docks night falls like an ominous cloud, shutting out all but the yellow glow of the lamps. By the Parliament Buildings it falls slowly, with dignity, swallowing the filthy river and its barges gradually. In the Strand it comes leisurely; by St. Paul's, solemnly. But in the garden of the square it drops tenderly down, slowly, tenderly, to the noise of twittering birds. One would think, sitting there, that London knew no evil. It may not. Personally, as I said before, I think there is no London. It is a region inhabited by a score of ghosts and a fairy or two.



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

THE STRATEGY OF HSU

BY ASHBY FORD

"NO, I wont," said Yu Hsien, closing her wilful thirteen-year-

old mouth with a snap.

"Indeed," I gravely answered: "remember what may be the result of disobedience. A parent may send an unfilial child to the magistrate for decapitation. I suppose that I, as your legal guardian, could do the same to you."

"You can, but you won't," she said, looking up at me with a broad smile from her favourite seat on the rug at my feet. "Even when I'm really bad, you never so much as beat me. I saw a woman once who tried to have her son executed."

"Tell me about it," I said.

"I was with my mother then; she used to do sewing and embroidery for Mrs Hsu, whose husband was district magistrate of Yin Cheng, so we lived in the Yamen there. Mrs Hsu was fond of me and often had me in her own rooms to play with her daughter. She wanted to buy me from my mother, but my mother would not sell me.

"I was playing there one day when Mr. Hsu came in, carrying a folded

red paper.

"'I am exceedingly worried,' he said to his wife, 'I want your advice about this petition. It is from a woman called Fang; she says she is a widow, living in the Nan Hotung ('South Alley'); she asserts that her son, twelve years old, is incorrigibly disobedient and that she wishes me to behead him. Such a case is most distressing. Of course, the law is

the law, and if he were a grown man I should not hesitate

"'I told the clerk to send the woman away, with a promise that the matter should be attended to. The boy—he is a nice-looking child—has been put in the prison meanwhile."

"'That is good—and not good,' Mrs. Hsu said. "You did well in coming to me about this If that boy is really so unfilial at twelve as to deserve decapitation, be sure it is his mother's fault. A good parent makes a good child. You must inquire carefully into the case. Fetch that boy from the prison; you were wrong to send him these. I will take charge of him and we may find out something that way."

"Such doings are not usual are they?" I interrupted Yu Hsien.

"What, for an o/cial to consult his wife about business? It happens every day."

"Taking a boy from prison, that

way," I explained.

"No, most people would not, but both Mrs. Hsu and her husband were very clever and very good. He used to disguise himself very often and go about the city at night, finding out what people thought, and who were bad and who were not. Everybody said he was the best magistrate Yin Cheng had ever had. I know he took no bribes and his servants only dared take very little ones. There are few officials like him.

When the boy was brought to Mrs. Hsu, she gave him very good words and told him not to be afraid. She ordered my mother to look after him and let him play with me if he would. I was to take careful notice of any-

thing he might say.

"We never got much from him; he was a good boy, seeming to respect his mother exceedingly. When asked why she had sent him to the Yamen, he said he didn't know, but later that she had done it 'because a man Chou told her to.' Chou was a poor neighbour whom he evidently disliked very much, saying that he never did any honest work, but had been hanging round his mother ever since his father's death and was always getting money from her. This-and that his mother was rather well off-was all he would tell, though he stayed with us in the Yamen nearly a month and seeined quite happy there.

"At the end of that time one morning the magistrate came into Mrs. Hsu's room, where I chanced to be with her. He always spoke quite freely before children or servants-Chinese officials are like that, you know, not like you foreigners.

"4" I have the whole story now, he said, 'about that woman Fang and her son. I have confirmed every dedetail of it. The boy's father was quite well off when he died; he owned several shops and houses, besides land outside the city walls. was five years ago. Now there is a man called Chou who lives near the widow and who has become much too intimate with her. I think she wants him to marry her, but he isn't willing to have her without the property and that will be claimed by the boy, as soon as he is big, if his mother marries again. This couple made a fine scheme. If they had starved or beaten young Fang to death, nobody could well have interfered, but the neighbours would have talked and there would have been a bigger scandal than they dared face. So the mother has accused her son to me, thinking I would act without inquiry. I don't know how to manage, but I must try to save that boy.'

"'Yes,' assented Mrs. Hsu, 'he is a good child and, from what you say, his mother is all bad. I have an idea. Send for the woman to-day; she will come, thinking you are going to sentence the boy. What you must then do is this,-' and she outlined her plan.

"But the law,' objected Mr. Hsu

when he heard her out.

"You a district magistrate and think about the law!' his wife answered. 'You know well that this will be justice; and who would object? Not a soul that hears of it but will praise you, and you know it. Do exactly what I have told you.'

"As soon as I understood what was to happen I got away and kept out of sight so that I should be free to run down the street and see the fun when

the time came.

'Two of the magistrate's 'runners' were sent to Mrs. Fang, with word that she was to go along to the Yamen at once. Of course, they talked to people on the way, so that there was soon quite a crowd outside the Yamen, waiting to see what was in the wind.

"When Mrs. Fang arrived she was detained for a time in an outer court and then, to her astonishment, was ordered into a sedan chair. As she got into it, the magistrate was carried out in his own official four-bearer chair, with his regular retinue of guards, servants and gong-beaters. Mrs. Fang's bearers followed, closing the procession, so she had to sit still, evidently much frightened and wondering what would be next.

"The crowd outside followed as a matter of course, and it soon grew when it was seen that the magistrate was not out to make a social call on one of the local gentry, but was bound for a part of the city where nobody of any importance lived. inside the East Gate was the largest butcher's shop in the city. It was opposite this that Mr. Hsu stopped and, descending from his chair, motioned Mrs. Fang to do likewise and come to him, which she did, fearfully. "When she was by his side, he called to the owner of the shop:

"'Mr. Butcher, what are you pay-

ing for pork to-day?'

"'One hundred and fifty cash per chin,* your honour,' replied the astonished butcher, making an awkward saluation.

"'I have here," said the magistrate, as he pushed forward Mrs. Fang, 'a hog for sale. I judge she

weighs ninety chin.**

"Send the money to the Yamen and keep her. As you see, she has the form of a woman, but that is only accidental. She is really an old hog and a very mischievous and dangerous one. You can do as you please with her, but I should advise you to cut her throat at once, before she does

any more harm.' Whereupon he got again into his sedan chair and returned with his following to the Yamen.''

"What did the butcher do?" I asked Yu Hsien. "Did he pay for

her and keep her?"

"No, of course, he could have done so, but who would want such a woman as that? She ran away the same night and it was supposed Chou went with her. Neither was ever

seen in Yin Cheng again.

"Nobody was sorry for that, and all said how wisely and justly the magistrate had managed things. He found that one of the boy's uncles was a good man, so he was allowed to act as the boy's guardian, but Mr. Hsu kept an eye on him as long as he remained in office at Yin Cheng, and made sure that all went well."

^{*}This would mean about ten cents a pound.
**120 pounds.



NÉE CORRIGAN

BY ROBERT BARR

THE interview with her father left Mrs. Godfrey Wentworth somewhat depressed. For the first time in her life, Peter Corrigan had definitely refused to accede to a request of hers; an occurrence so unexpected that at first the girl failed to grasp its significance. Even when her marriage was in question, much as Peter disliked his prospective son-in-law, he had not withheld his consent. In point of fact Dorothea had quite ignored the trifling formality of requesting it, being well accustomed to dispense with premission when she made up her mind to any particular course of action. Therefore Dorothea Corrigan became Mrs. Godfrey Wentworth, and then gradually arrived at the conclusion that it was easier to get along without her father's consent than his chequebook. Dorothea had given no thought to settlements; the young man would have scorned to ask for them, even had it occurred to his unsophisticated mind that the income enabling him to enjoy a comfortable bachelor's life, following no more serious pursuit than the writing of dainty belles lettres, would be insufficient for two people. Yet the amount which kept Wentworth in comparative luxury, and paid for the publication of little books in elegant bindings, represented Dorothea's idea of abject poverty, and although she was willing to endure martyrdom for her husband's sake, if needs be, she had inherited too much of her father's

capability to admit the necessity. Until the critical conversation with Peter Corrigan, she had never given the idea a second thought. She was still her father's daughter, and he had no other child on whom to lavish the wealth he continued to accumulate.

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When Dorothea set out to visit her father, her anxiety was solely lest Godfrey Wentworth's sensitiveness should be hurt by the idea of his wife contributing so largely to their household exchequer, and her mind was busy with a scheme for avoiding any injury to his pride. She knew that Peter Corrigan's financial standing gave him considerable influence: many offices which her husband might fill would be offered to him instantly if his father-in-law but said the word, and this word she resolved to request on Godfrey's behalf. Dorothea foresaw some difficulty in overcoming her husband's scruples as to his fitness for a responsible post, but this obstacle, not insuperable, was the most serious she expected to encounter.

At first she treated her father's refusal as a joke, but by degrees she came to realise its uncompromising decision. Peter Corrigan expressed his opinion of his son-in-law in brief, but pithy phrases that left little room for doubt as to his meaning. For a few moments Dorothea's impulse was to walk away in hot indignation, but her upbringing had imbued her with the belief that emotions and sentiment should never be allowed to in-

terfere with things of material value, and now the result of that training re-asserted itself. She snapped her fingers at her father's objections to placing in any important position a man so totally unfitted to undertake it as he believed his son-in-law to be.

"That's nonsense, papa," said Dorothea calmly. "I'm not asking you to make Godfrey a bank manager, or even a book-keeper; I admit Godfrey is an infant in financial matters. If he were not, he would never have dared to marry an extravagant luxury like me. But surely, among all the companies you have floated or financied, you have had something to do with publishers of one kind or another. Indeed, you told me yourself that it was you who stood sponsor for Fraser and Foote, when they started some years ago. Now, if you only mentioned that Godfrey was your son-in-law, hinting at your high opinion of his literary judgment, just think how easy it would be for Godfrey to become one of their literary advisers '

"You overlook the fact, my child, that I wish the firm of Fraser and Foote to prosper, since I have invested in it so largley. You can hardly expect me to place any obstacle in the way of their success, and incidentally of my own. He might even advise them to publish one of his own books, you know."

"They are going to do that in any case," said Dorothy proudly. "They are to publish his new volume of es-

says."

"H-mm!" growled the millionaire, without enthusiasm. "How much are they giving him?"

For the first time Dorothea hesitat-

ed.

"Godfrey is not selling his book," she said reprovingly. "I said Fraser and Foote are publishing it."

"H-mm!" commented the financi-

er again.

"And he is paying them for doing so? Exactly. Well, Dorothea, that should show you what your husband's scribble is worth, which is less than nothing. Now, my intellect isn't the sort that runs to poetry, but when I was much younger than your husband, and tramped up to London from the country, having scarcely a penny to bless myself with, my intellect was good enough to—"

Dorothea's hands were pressed over her ears, and she gave a little

protesting shiver.

"Please don't, papa," she begged.
"Remember, you trained me up on that story, so now that I'm old, I'd like to depart from it. I'm quite ready to admit it showed great ability on your part to persuade your wealthy employer to support your scheme to the extent of a thousand

pounds, but-"

"That's not the point at all," said the financier bluntly. "What matters is that when I asked for a thousand pounds I showed a very good reason for my demand, and though I occupied almost the humblest position in his firm, I convinced my employer that the plan I outlined was worth at least that amount to his business. I proved it, too, for I more than made good, and not only did I repay the money advanced with interest, but I netted a profit that laid the foundation of my present financial position. Now, let your husband do the same. If he thinks he is competent to fill such a post as you suggest, I want more tangible proof of his ability than his mere word-or yours. I made the head of my firm believe my idea was worth a thousand pounds not just by saying it was, but by showing it conclusively. You want to advance your husband on the strength of high-faluting essays that publishers need to be paid for printing. It won't do, Dorothea. If he can write something worth a thousand pounds, or even half that amount in actual cash, I'll find the place for him you want. Otherwise-"

Peter Corrigan swung round to face his desk with a gesture that ex-

pressed finality.

"That's a bargain, papa," said Dorothea so clamly that Peter Corrigan suddenly turned again, looking at his daughter in astonishment as she rose. "You know the kind of position I want for Godfrey, so have it ready when I come to see you again."

"Do you mean to pretend that

your husband can-"

"I know it," said Mrs. Wentworth confidently. "Good-bye, papa, and please be in a nicer mood next time I

visit you."

Dorothea's good spirits were less real than apparent as she returned She appreciated the homeward. truth of her father's indictment of Godfrey Wentworth, yet was secretly proud of it. The practical atmosphere of her girlhood had not smothered an instinct for less sorid things. and that instinct developed rapidly in the companionship of such an artist as her husband undoubtedly was. His indifference to money appealed to her as a desirable trait that she herself could never succeed in cultivating. A daughter of Peter Corrigan must be forever practical. looked up to Godfrey, adored him as completely as he did her; nevertheless, she was not blind to the fact that left to himself he would never in a lifetime, make a thousand pounds by his own efforts.

Peter Corrigan overlooked an important factor in the case, forgetting that in challenging Godfrey Wentworth, he challenged two people, the second being that very clear-headed young person, his own daughter, who had never failed to achieve her own way, and possessed an ample share of her father's fighting spirit. Dorothea made Godfrey's troubles her own and combatted them with an enthusiasm that no one could have appreciated better than Peter. Therefore, she resolved to take a hand at the present crisis, and identifying herself with her husband, bring about thereby the end she held so tenaciously in view.

Not until the following morning,

however, did the girl see a possible solution of her problem. She had not spoken to her husband regarding her visit, and as she came into his study with the morning's letters, she appeared quite untroubled. the carelessness of his temperament. Wentworth's custom had been merely to skim over his letters, and fling them to one side, to be answered at leisure, if ever at all, and this habit Dorothea, with her love of method, set herself to correct. She instituted herself private secretary, and each morning went thoroughly through his correspondence, waiting while he wrote replies to those needing his personal attention, and taking away the remainder to answer herself.

"There's not much to bother about this morning," said Godfrey, with relief. "Just one letter I need answer. Fraser and Foot have sent an estimate for producing the new book, but I must go into the figures a little before I settle anything. These circulars may feed the waste-basket."

Dorothea rescued a long envelope from the debris, pulled out a company's prospectus, and with her practised eye quickly took in its import.

"Perhaps you had better reply to this, dear," she suggested mildly.

Wentworth laughed a little.

"Oh, Dorothea, surely your zeal is a little too far-reaching," he remonstrated. "It isn't necessary to bother about a circular. No one ever answers them."

"But you see, this is a new company papa's putting through," explained his wife sweetly, "and perhaps if you took the trouble to reply, he might be rather pleased. You know, dear," she went on persuasively, "I do want him to have a high opinion of you, and if he finds how promptly you attend to even unimportant matters of business, why—"

Had Wentworth been anything but the most impractical of men, he might have pointed out that the great business man would be apt to bestow very little respect on anyone who devoted valuable time to trivialities; as it was, he yielded to Dorothea's seem-

ingly good logic.

"That being the case," he said, "let's get it done at once." He took paper, and brought out a fountain pen. "What shall I say?"

Dorothea was studying the pros-

pectus.

"I think you'd better address it to

J. R. Harris," she said.

"But I understood that the object of this communication was to impress your father?" suggested Wentworth. "Why not send it to him direct? I suppose Harris is only the manager, isn't he?"

"Not exactly," said Dorothea, "but he and father are working together in this flotation—here's his name on the prospectus, you see—and perhaps it would be more business-like to send it to him. Don't you

think so?"

"My dear Dorothea, to be frank with you, I don't see any reason for doing so. But the ways of business are past my comprehension, and I rely implicitly on your invariably correct judgment. Whatever course you direct, I follow."

"That's right," said Dorothea approvingly. "Go on with the letter. Make it quite brief and formal, some-

thing like this:

"Dear Sir,—Referring to your communication of September 17. I regret that after going into the matter of the Redwings Runabout Company, I do not feel disposed to invest in that flotation."

Guilelessly the young man inscribed the letter, signed his name, addressed an envelope, and slipped the sheet inside. Dorothea held out her hand.

"I'll post it," she said. "I'm going out presently."

Godfrey looked at her admiringly

as he gave up the envelope.

"What a capable little girl you are!" he said, but Dorothea only laughed, and blew him a kiss from her finger tips as she went out. Went-

worth, however, was very much in earnest, and left alone, began to wonder, as often before, what he had done to deserve such good fortune as had befallen him, and what was more to the point, how he could prove his His marriage had appreciation. brought him for the first time from his student's seclusion, and contact with a commercial world was beginning to teach him what great material sacrifices Dorothea had made in becoming his wife. Now he picked up his publishers' letter, glancing at the estimate therein, and it seemed to bring to a point resolutions that had lately been forming in his mind. With a decision Dorothea would have approved, he wrote a brief but comprehensive note saying he had definitely decided not to go on with the production of the book, and when this was sealed and stamped, Wentworth felt he had taken an important step. In future he would earn money. not spend it. Dorothea had made uncomplaining sacrifice for him, and this chivalry demanded that he do no less for her. He must put aside his shrinking from the commerce in everyday life and endeavour to serve his lady as faithful in deeds as he had done hitherto in beautiful words. Where exactly lay the field of labour Wentworth was uncertain, but a resolution to discover it was a step in the right direction.

In the meanwhile, Dorothea burst cheerfully into the private office of Peter Corrigan, kissed his brow dutifully and seated herself in a comfortable chair near her father's desk. She took from her handbag the letter she had dictated to Godfrey, and without any explanation handed it to Mr. Corrigan, who glanced over it, and tossed it contemptuously to one side.

"Really, Dorothea," he said urbanely, "disheartening though such a communication must be to an anxious company promoter, I fancy the company will be floated even without the assistance of your husband."

"I'm delighted to hear that," said Mrs. Wentworth. "Then you don't think it will make any difference to Mr. Harris?"

Peter Corrigan sat up suddenly, and picked up the letter again. He had not noticed to whom it was addressed. He re-read the communication, then glanced at his daughter through half-closed eyes.

"Why should it?" he asked sharply. "Has Harris been trying to get information out of your husband?"

His ever-suspicious mind was at work. Harris was the man on whom he depended for the successful flotation of his company; he had not committed himself finally, it was true, and though Corrigan felt confident of his support, he knew only too well that only a completed bargain is effective. Had Harris been seeking further information than that furnished through the usual channels? The letter Dorothea showed him was obviously an answer to some communication. What would be the effect on Harris as he learned that Corrigan's son-in-law, who might reasonably be expected to have inside knowledge, refused to invest in the company? that there was but one answer. how should Harris imagine that Godfrev Wentworth would testify against his father-in-law, even if he could? By the simple process of making it worth his while to do so, of course, and a poor man might be dazzled by a moderate inducement. Dorothea's next question confirmed this suspic-

"Would Godfrey's opinion be worth anything to a clever man like Mr. Harris?" she ventured.

"My dear Dorothea, it is absurd for you to ask such elementary questions," said her father, impatiently. "You know perfectly well the value of such a letter as this to a man in Harris's position, and are shrewd enough to understand it would pay him handsomely to get what he thinks is reliable inside information that might prevent his losing thousands in a bad or even worthless speculation."
"Would it be worth five hundred

pounds?"

"H-mm! So that's the price, is it? It's worth it if he thinks so. Come, Dorothea, we may as well be frank with one another. What do you want? You didn't show me the letter merely to get my opinion, did you? I'll give you a cheque for five hundred pounds to cancel that note to Harris. I suppose that's what you're after."

"Is it worth five hundred to you?"
"If Harris is ready to pay that

much for it; yes."

Dorothea tore the letter in two, placed the fragments in the envelope, and passed it to Peter Corrigan, who drew out and opened his cheque book. Dorothea placed a restraining hand on his arm.

"I don't want a cheque," she said. "That wasn't in the bargain. I want you to write a nice letter to the influential person in the Fraser and Foote's publishing office, to say how admirably fitted your son-in-law is for a post on their staff. You won't express it baldly like that, of course, but that is the meaning you will convey."

'What!' roared Peter Corrigan, gazing in angry astonishment at his daughter, who burst suddenly into

merry laughter.

"Papa, dear," she said. "I'm afraid you ignored the fact that although I am now Mrs. Godfrey Wentworth, I am also 'née Corrigan,' as the newspapers put it. As I reminded you at our last interview, I was brought up on the story of how you came to the city almost penniless, and so won your employer's confidence that he advanced you a thousand pounds, yet it seems to cause surprise when I try to follow your example. I know that Godfrey can win distinction is his own line of work, just as you have done in yours, and he will do it, too, ultimately, even if you go back on your word now, and refuse to help me. For you did make a promise, you know, and Godfrey has carried out the condition you laid down. Here's writing of his that you yourself admit is worth five hundred pounds, and you must own I never even hinted you should pay for it; only asked your opinion of its value."

"You overlook the fact that I stipulated your husband should make the money," said Corrigan, drily, "while you evidently are at the bottom of this little plot, for I suspect it is a plot, and that letter was never intended to go to Harris. I consider your victory wholly fraudulent."

"Nonsense, papa; it is merely an example of that bluff you have so aften boasted about working off on other people. But your proviso was carried out to the letter. Although the poor boy hadn't any suspicion what I meant to do with it, he wrote that letter in all good faith, and would have posted it but for my intervention. "If he can write something worth a thousand pounds, or even half that amount, in actual cash,' were your words. That's Godfrey's writing, and you yourself were prepared to pay five hundred pounds for it. No; you're beaten this time, papa, and you'd better give in graciously. You know you will have to, sooner or later."

Peter Corrigan, having recognised that fact some time ago, yielded with a sigh, which was caused less by resignation than a feeling of relief that he need keep up the estrangement no longer. But when he wanted to give Dorothea the cheque for five hundred pounds, she would have none of it.

"No," she said, "I don't want the money, but if you like, I'll tell you what you may do. Send that cheque, or part of it, to Godfrey's publishers, and order in advance a number of copies of his new book, which you can give away to people you know. That will be of mutual benefit, for it will help Godfrey with Fraser and Foote, when they know he is your son-in-law, and your friends will have a new point of interest in you when

they learn that the author of those clever critical essays is a relative of yours."

Peter Corrigan appeared doubtful about the latter part of this argument; nevertheless, when Dorothea had gone blithely home to her unsuspecting husband, Peter Corrigan followed her advice. Thus it happened that affairs seemed to be working out smoothly for everyone except the publishers, who were in a quandary when by next morning's post they received Wentworth's withdrawal of his book ,and the millionaire's handsome subscription to the same work. Peter Corrigan's offer was one they did not wish to refuse, and they came to the conclusion it would probably pay them to publish Wentworth's book at their own expense. But a further surprise awaited them in Godfrey's answer. His first impulse had been to accept their offer with gratitude, but the stimulus of his new resolution emboldened him to demand for his work not only publication. but payment on a reasonably adequate scale, and to this the publishers were compelled to agree, rather than turn away the handsome order from Peter Corrigan.

A day or two later, Godfrey, with modest but unmistakable pride, showed the signed contract to his wife.

"You were right, Dorothea, as always," he said, complacently, "in saying that a man should insist on his own worth. See how completely I have proved that in bringing these people to terms."

Dorothea replied smilingly: "They could not help recognising it,dear, and I am glad they are learning to estimate your business acumen, also. Haven't I always told you you were bound to be successful when you tried? I can't tell you how proud I am, Godfrey."

"I owe it all to your help and encouragement," said Wentworth, with most becoming humility, but he never knew how closely that statement coincided with the truth.

THE SPECTRE OF RUDALL PLACE

BY EDWIN PUGH

THERE is a ghost, of course, Mr. Bondam?" said the Sugar Girl. (She was American: the only daughter of Jan Van Poortz, the

mighty Saccharine King.)

"Oh, yes," answered young Bondam. "The governor took the whole place just as it stands. Castle and grounds and everything. And the ghost was included in the fixtures, naturally. A movable fixture you might call it, since it only exists once a year, I believe."

"On Easter Sunday?"

"Right on the threshold of it, Miss Poortz. Between twelve and one, to be exact. It's rather a hackneyed sort of bogey though, I'm afraid. In life it was a rightful Heir who returned from some Holy War, to find a dastardly Usurper in possession of its rights. Unfortunately it elected to come home in the silly clandestine way of a midnight spy upon the premises; and the dastardly Usurper—who was also its cousin—stabbed it, just to find out if it were alive, out there in the terrace behind you."

Several of the company started and half-turned in their seats as Tommy Bondam pointed over their shoulders towards the row of long, narrow windows where the frosty gloaming made latticed patches of pale blue light in the glossy blackness of the wall. There were two fires burning in the spacious, dim hall. The smouldering red glow of the embers struck prismatic flashes, as of precious gems, out of the mullioned panes, and touched the carved oak and the age-dimmed

oil portraits in their heavy, moulded frames, drawing fitful, mysterious gleams out of shining yellow gilt and wine-coloured wood.

"Don't scoff, Mr. Bondam," the Sugar Girl adjured him. "It's pro-

fane."

"You believe in ghosts?" asked the

Honourable Paul Tracey.

"Of course!" said she. "Every good American does. It's the one drop of gall in our full cup that ghosts won't emigrate; and so we haven't a solitary unquiet spirit of our own that will bear being looked at—even with the eyes of faith."

"And that is curious, too," remarked the Professor; "since—or as I understand—many of the professional spiritualistic mediums who flourish in England were born in your delightful

country."

"That is because, as I say, they were simply wasted where they were," replied the Sugar Girl. "And so they just had to come over here to find suitable material to operate on." She turned to the Explorer. "You believe in ghosts, Mr. Clowes, I feel sure," she said. And every man of the party writhed as he marked how she smiled on the lazy, blonde Esau, who lolled on the high-backed settle beside her. And every girl there ached to think that somehow she could never quite acquire just the Sugar Girl's knack of compelling all menat least, for the time being—to appear wholly and undividedly absorbed in her.

"I'm sorry, drawled Jack Clowes.

"But I've seen too many unaccountable things in my time to believe in a single one of 'em."

"How do you mean?" asked Miss

Poortz.

"Well" he said, slowly, "there are all sorts of witch doctors and sorcerers and devil-worshippers and divers other kinds of unclean carrion in back-of-the-world places in Africa and the East, you know, where I've been; and they go in for all manner of picturesque beastliness. And, moreover, some of them do perform the most amazing tricks at times. And if these ignorant savages can exploit these mysteries, why not we? But there is something draughty and thin and colourless and quiet about our home-bred ghost-shows, I think, that isn't half so taking as the supernatural orgies of those poor half-baked pagan priests. Our English products leave you in a too coldly critical and severely analytical frame of They don't frighten you enough. Whereas, I do assure you, those witch doctors-"

He paused expressively.

There followed a brief spell of silence, and then the Honourable Paul Tracey said softly: "I think we ought to have the usual bet. Eh, people? Really, I do think we ought. For here we have all the appropriate accessories, you know. The dininghall of a real ancient castle, eight hundred years old, at least. And a real ancient ghost, due in a few hours."

"Well?" prompted young Bon-

"Well," repeated the Honourabia Paul; "I'll bet Clowes he doesn't sit up and face the ghost. I'll bet him . . . What shall I bet him? Miss Poortz, perhaps you would be good enough to name the stakes?"

"I'll name the stakes with pleasure," said the Sugar Girl, "after the wager is won and lost. But not until

then."

"Do you take me?" asked the Honourable Paul. "Don't be an ass," said Clowes.

"And, anyway, the idea is utterly absurd," Clowes's sister rejoined, sharply. "The ghost walks on the terrace. You are not, I hope, going to ask Jack to sit out there all night in the frost and snow?"

"He wouldn't need to, Miss Clowes," said young Bondam. "There are plenty of rooms he could occupy that open out on to the terrace. He could be made quite warm and snug

in one of those."

"Thanks, old chap," murmured Clowes. "But I am quite content with the palatial apartment you have already allotted me. And, then I'm

not a betting man."

"Besides which," smiled the Honourable Paul; "it is a bit of an ordeal, you must remember. I don't believe in ghosts myself, of course—no sane man could; but all the same, I fancy I shouldn't sleep too well in a room that was said to be haunted. My nerves and my liver might join forces and get to work together and make me see things, or give me nightmare."

And he laughed constrainedly. "By Gum, though, now I come to think of it!" cried young Bondam. "The window of the guest-chamber that we have put you in, Clowes, does open on the terrace. So that there would be no occasion for you to be

shifted about, after all,"

"So!" said Clowes, indifferently. "That being the case then, the matter is out of my hands, I imagine. Only, mind you, I don't promise to keep awake to oblige any mere unsubstantial spectre, if I feel like dropping off before the appointed time arrives. And this I tell you that you may understand that I am not in the least interested in this nocturnal foolishness, one way or the other.

"You don't take my bet, then?"

queried the Honourable Paul.

"I never bet," said Clowes definite-

ly.
"What a pity!" cried Miss Poortz.
"And I was looking forward dreadfully to handing over the stakes to

the winner. It seemed so—so sporting," she concluded ruefully.

As she spoke, Clowes turned and looked at her intently. He sat upright and his fibres seemed suddenly to stiffen and grow tense. His habitual languor fell away from him like a discarded disguise, giving place to a quickened expectancy.

"I should be very sorry to deprive you of any innocent pleasure, Miss Poortz," he said gravely. "Tracey, I

take you, after all."

"Good man!" exclaimed the Honourable Paul. "But you must promise to watch out, you know, and not go to sleep."

"My word for it, I won't," replied

Clowes.

"Joy!" the Sugar Girl ejaculated.

"And I reckon it will be a real unknightly ghost if it does not walk for you now, Mr. Clowes!"

II.

It was drawing on toward eleven o'clock. There had been dancing, There had been round romping. games. There had been riding on a muffled broom-head up and down the polished floors, and tobogganing on tea-trays down the wide staircases. There had been blind man's buff; and a little-but not too much-music. Finally, there had been supper, and a speech by old Joe Bondam into which -despite the boisterous attempts of his son and daughters to cry him down-he had successfully contrived to introduce mention of the Rubber Ring that had floated him to affluence. Now it was all over and the young people were bidding one another good-night.

Jack Clowes and the Sugar Girl stood side by side in a deep embrasure, looking out through one of the windows at the moonlit wilderness of hill-slope and tree and star-dusted sky that lay sleeping before them.

"You will keep awake?" said the

Sugar Girl.

"You mean—? Oh, yes. The ghost. I had forgotten," said Clowes. "Well,

anyway, I don't fell drowsy now."
"I should guess not," she cried indignantly.

"But the — stakes?" he hinted.

"What-"

"I am to name the stakes, and hand them over afterwards, you know," she reminded him.

"Do you think I shall win them, Lilith—I mean, Miss Poortz?" he in-

quired.

"I think you will, Jack—I mean Mr. Clowes," she answered, demurely.

"Then I will, for sure," said he.

"Now, people all, bed—bed—bed!" bawled out young Bondam. "We don't allow yawning over breakfast at Rudall Place, you know. Only person allowed to yawn is . . . I say, where is Clowes, by the bye?" Then as the Sugar Girl and Clowes moved out of the embrasure into the candlelight. "Look here, no squaring the stake-holder, old chap," he said.

"You ought to know, Tommy," said Miss Portz, with an ethereal sniff, "that I am incorruptible."

"Ah, but is Clowes? And . . . oh, there you are Tracey. Shall we escort the brave man to the place of his vigil?"

"I think we should be in order if we did," said the Honourable Paul.

"And I'll give you a view halloo at one to prove that I'm still awake," said Clowes.

"No, pray don't do that," the Professor implored him, nervously. "The ghost I myself should not have the slightest objection to meeting. In fact I have always wanted to meet and interview a genuine ghost. But any noise in the night—!" he shuddered.

After the young men had escorted Clowes ceremoniously to the door of his bedroom, and chaffed him, and expressed a proper mocking solicitude for his safety, they dispersed to their own rooms, one by one; and darkness and silence fell abruptly, like a pall on the corpse of mirth, upon the weather-scarred old castle.

The Honourable Paul sat on the edge of his bed, with his chin in the palm of his hand, and his elbow propped on his knee, ruminating. To him came young Bondam, knocking gently at the door of his chamber, and asking, "Can you sleep yet, Tracey?"

"Come in," the Honourable Paul called out. And Tommy entered.

"I say," he began; "what's the

idea, old chap?"

"What's which idea?" asked the

other.

"This wager of yours with Clowes. I don't quite grasp it. You don't really suppose Jack Clowes is the sort of slack-back to frighten himself into seeing things, do you?"

"I don't know. He got my hair off, rather. He's got such a confoundedly supercilious go-and-behanged-to-you way with him. But I daresay I was a fool. What does it matter?"

"I wondered—you don't mind my saying so, old man?—I wondered whether you thought you might be able to give him a fright in some way."

"You don't believe in your own

family ghost, then, Tommy?"

"Well, hardly!" was the frank response. "Nor do you, I'm sure. Who could?"

"Maybe there never was a ghost?" suggested the Honourable Paul.

"There's a legend right enough, if that's what you mean," replied Bondam. "But I say, you haven't even started undressing yet!" He regarded his distinguished guest with a quizzical frown. "It isn't as if Clowes were the sort of fellow to play tricks with, either, is it?" he went on, irrelevantly, and laughed, with an assumption of carelessness that sat very ill upon his guileless personality. "I believe he'd think less than nothing of potting the ghost—if it did appear—with that great nigger persuader of his."

"But isn't it generally understood that ghosts are not to be hurt in that

way?"

"Ghosts, of course, are invulner-

able," Tommy assented, dubiously, with a heavy accent on the word "ghosts."

"Very well, then," said the Hon-

ourable Paul.

"You won't—" faltered Tommy.
"I won't get much beauty-sleep if
I stay chin-wagging with you any

longer," his guest replied.

"Don't be rude to your host: it isn't manners," said Tommy, smiling but still looking troubled. "Well, good-night, old man. Hope you'll sleep." And he went slowly out, and closed the door with a lingering hand.

After he had gone the Honourable Paul continued to sit on the edge of the bed, all bunched up like a human note of interrogation, still brooding

deeply.

III.

A clock in the hall below chimed the hour of twelve. The sound of its booming came, faint and muffled, to the listening ears of the Honourable Paul Tracey as he sat alone in his bedroom.

He had not once changed his attitude since the departure of Tommy. Now, at last, he rose—stiffly, for his ungainly posture had cramped his limbs—and began to bestir himself feverishly. First, he sloughed off his dinner-jacket and waistcoat, his collar and his boots. For these last, he substituted a pair of white canvas tennis-shoes with rubber soles.

Then he opened his case of toilet-requisites, took out the usual box of pearl-powder, that he was in the habit of using after shaving, and dabbed his face over with the puff till it was as white as chalk from the roots of his hair to the place where his stiff shirt-collar rimmed his neck with a scarlet line. Gazing at his reflection in the mirror he was bound to confess that he looked a sufficiently ghastly object already. He looked, indeed, like some horrible variety of clown.

"Perhaps I had better not do it after all," he said to himself. "If he isn't frightened I'll look about the most foolish knid of fool that's extant, I reckon. . . I don't see why I should, though. I could explain that it was all a joke. And if I did frighten him . . Well, then, I guess, as she would say, it will do his business with her, pretty effectually. Women cannot stand a man who not only plays the craven but is made ridiculous into the bargain. At the same time . . . Oh, pickles!"

He sighed. Still inwardly debating with himself he turned his back on his reflection and crossed the big room to the bed. He dragged off a sheet and he had considerable trouble with the adjustment of his draperies. "I don't want to trip over my cere-

ments," he muttered.

Then he turned again to the dressing-table and again gazed at his transmogrified self in the glass. Such a hideous apparition was mirrored there that in his own despite he felt a sudden poignant chilliness between his shoulder blades and his lower jaw dropped till the round black hole of his mouth showing just below the tip of his pendulous nose looked like a note of exclamation in the mask of a deadly whiteness that stared back at him.

"Holy Smoke! if I startle my-self!" he breathed.

Then he observed that his well-kept soft hands appeared, on a sudden, grossly coarse and red against his snowy draperies.

"Much too human!" was his ver-

dict.

He rummaged in his bag for a pair of dress-gloves. An inspiration prompted him to allow the fingers of the gloves to dangle limply. Their suggestion of bonelessness, then, was horrifying and nasty enough to satisfy even his exigent desires. He chuckled. Then the chuckle was abruptly strangled in his throat as he saw the hideous transformation which has caused that involuntary outbreak of mirth to take place in the awful visage leering back at him out of the depths of the looking-glass.

"'Pon my gracious! I'm more than half afraid of myself," he muttered.

IV.

He was out on the terrace at last. It had been a long and tiresome journey from his bedroom and he had lost his way once or twice, and tripped over his draperies, despite his precautions, half a score of times at least. He had some difficulty in getting out of the house, too, though he had been at pains to take his bearings beforehand, realising that it would not do for a poor flimsy spirit to draw bolts, loose chains, turn heavy iron keys, and unhasp spring-bars. So he had made his inglorious exit by way of a newly-fitted French window in Tommy Bondam's private and particular smoking-den. In getting out, however, he had had the misfortune to tear and generally to disarrange his voluminous draperies; moreover he had scraped a few inches of bark off his shin, and now his leg was bleeding into his sock and smarting badly.

He paused outside the castle, in the shadow of the high, frowning wall, to adjust his disordered, tattered attire, and to reconnoitre. To add to the material discomforts of his condition he was beginning to realise that he was making a most stupendous idiot of himself. He wished from his heart that he had never embarked on this most silly and fatuous escapade. But there was a certain quality of stubbornness in the Honourable Paul; and having come so far and suffered so much he was not one to turn back now. So, he set his teeth, and swore to go through with the business to the end, fraught with whatever danger that end might prove to be

Clinging closely to the ivy-mantled wall he cautiously groped his way past numerous darkened windows in the direction of the haunted terrace, the sheet snapping and fluttering and billowing about him tempestuously, as he went. But when he had successfully rounded the last flying buttress that interposed between him

and his goal, that the wind did not blow upon him quite so shrewdly or unkindly on the terrace itself as it had heretofore delighted in doing. He paused, in a welter of conflicting emotions, to take breath and consid-

er his next proceeding.

The moon still suffused the surrounding landscape with a tender pale effulgence, casting dark shadows that shifted and wavered mystriously as the trees and bushes swayed in the sea-borne breeze. The whole visible world seemed to breathe softly in sleep under that mystic veil of pallid radiance. There was not a sound save the far-off, hollow roar of the surf on a distant, cavernous shore. Now and again a fox barked shrilly or a night-bird called, discordantly. But the universal stillness and peace seemed only the more profound and infinite for these occasional disturbances.

The straight, broad path of the terrace, bordered with dark shrubbery, seemed to stretch away illimitably before his view, and finally to merge into the ultimate gloom of the plantation beyond. He had lost all selfconsciousness now, and realised not at all the grotesque figure that he must cut in that austere solitude. He was beginning to shiver, as the virtues of the food and wine of which he had plentifully partaken an hour before gradually evaporated. He was quite sure, now, that he did not want to carry his folly to any further extreme. He wondered what insane deviltry could have possessed him to engage in it at all, and cursed himself, roundly and comprehensively, for the greatest dolt in the whole, wide world.

"I'll go back at once," he resolved, laughing at himself, contemptuously; and he gathered up his sheet about his knees, and prepared to retrace his steps.

But, even as he was about to turn, he fancied that he saw an amorphous something forming in that ultimate gloom at the farther end of the ter-

For assuredly there was something forming in that patch of fathomless blackness beyond the long, level vista of the empty terrace-path. It was imperceptibly assuming the proportions of a shrouded human figure. Out of the impalpable air it formed itself, and began to approach him on noiseless feet. He saw it bearing swiftly toward the spot where he stood, helpless. He saw it—monstrously tall and erect—swooping down upon him, mercilessly, unswervingly, threateningly. He almost felt the wind of its irresistible approach.

Nearer it came until he fancied he could hear the faint hiss and rustle of its grave-clothes, trailing in the night-wind. He uttered a low wail of terror . . . collapsed about the ankles, weakly . . . fell forward.

Kneeling abjectly before the spectre he battered on the ground with his hands in a frenzy. Then all proximate matters coalesced into one white star of dazzling brilliancy and he

toppled down.

Out of a rolling, red, nauseating fog he seemed to emerge in a new, strenuous world of violence and riot. His weakness had, after all, been only momentary, and though the sickly spell of his overmastering terror still hung upon his senses heavily, he was not so far gone that he could not pull himself together again by a prodigious effort of will. And the effort was forthcoming. He rallied his truant faculties to his aid and was instantly aware of

such eminently mundane and prosaic elements in his immediate vicinity as a sound of human voices, cursing heartily, and a palpable, tangible commotion of solid bodies hurtling confusedly about him. With a final effort he shook off the last, clogging aftermath of his partial swoon and peered about him in the darkness, fearfully. He was still grovelling in the turf. But, otherwise, the aspect of his surroundings was miraculously changed. The scene was no longer eloquent of calm and peace; but of bitter strife and fury. A handspell away two figures of men fought and struck blindly at each other. A turn in the conflict showed him the face of Jack Clowes, grim and terrible and fierce in the stress of the struggle. Then he heard him

"Bear a hand-quick!" he gasp-

ed out.

A moment later, the Honourable Paul had fully recovered all his wits; and in a trice was assisting to secure a badly-mauled and breathless stranger who heaved convulsively and floundered like a landed trout, sobbing and quivering, in the clutches of the imperturbable and victorious Clowes. Still in a state of dazed bewilderment, in which all thought seemed temporarily suspended, the Honourable Paul further helped Clowes to tie up his captive in a sort of bag made out of some sheets that were strewn about untidily over the ground.

"Rub that muck off your face, Tracey," whispered Clowes. "Quick! All the people in the house will be

down in a minute."

"Thanks," muttered the Honourable Paul, and did as he was bidden—as he would have done anything just them that Clowes commanded.

And then he perceived that every window in the front of the Castle was ablaze with lights. Many of the casements were flung open, inquiries eddied down from them. Then, a dishevelled rabble of men

streamed out upon the terrace, requesting to know with one accord what was the matter.

"I think thievery is the matter," said Clowes. "Ah, would you!...
Here, Tommy!" he called out to young Bondam, who had just appeared, clad diaphanously in cherry-hued pyjamas and a pea-green dressing-gown. "Do you know this gentleman we have here?"

Tommy stepped forward and stooped over the prostrate man, who moaned faintly as he was scrutinised. "It's Scotti—my own valet!" he cried. "The best valet I ever had,

too."

"A gentleman with misdirected talents in other directions, also, I should say," remarked Clowes. "Look at this make-up. Lucky Tracey here and I are not troubled with nerves, eh, Tracey? He looked ugly and spectral enough in that rig to put fear into any man."

V.

"One can't withhold a certain admiration for the fellow, though," said the Sugar Girl.

It was the afternoon of Easter Sunday, and she and Clowes had again come together mysteriously in the window-embrasure.

"He's confessed, hasn't he?" she

pursued.

"Yes. And the rogue seems to have some humour in him of a sort. He says he heard the legend from the maids and thought that if he made up as the spectre it might possibly help him through in his nefariousness. He calculated, you see, on frightening anybody he might be unlucky enough to meet, in such a way that they would lose their wits, and so give him time to escape. A most excellent make-up it was, too."

"And he was unlucky enough to

meet you," she remarked.

"No, I merely saw him creep past my window, and stole out and followed him. It was the Honourable Paul he met." "But what was Mr. Tracey doing

there, I want to know?"

"Behaving like a little man. I expect he followed the burglar, too. Oh, there is stuff in Tracey," he assured her, lying nobly out of the generosity of his youth,

"Well, I'm glad to hear you say that of a sprig of your nobility, anyway," said the Sugar Girl. "But," she added, "I do wish they would

let the poor thing off."

"Perhaps Tommy Bondam will if you ask him prettily. It's his likes, I suppose. But why?"

"Oh, because he helped the vigil to be dramatically effective, I suppose. And, anyway, I consider I

ought to have a voice in the matter, since I am given to understand it was my trinklets he was after."

A somewhat lengthy pause ensued. At last Clowes ventured to say ten-

tatively:

"You have a voice in another matter."

"Yes?" she queried.

"About those stakes, you know. Are you ready to deliver them?"

"Now?"

"Yes, please," said he.

She sighed, laughed, then put her small, capable hand in his with the nearest approach to shyness that a properly-constituted American heiress is capable of.

SPRING IN THE FOOTHILLS

By PEREGRINE ACLAND

RIDE! Ride!
For the Winter snows have run
From their foe, the April sun,
And the roses rise in pride on the grassy mountain side,
(Then ride!)
Where the echo of my shout
Comes a-rolling round about,
As if winding on his horn had young Spring himself replied.

Ride! Ride!
For the timid calves are bawling,
And the antelopes are calling,
And each buck to each doe has cried that Winter at last has died.
(Then ride!)
When the scented winds blow strong,
And the old Earth-love calls long,
Swiftly leap into your saddle and westward, westward ride!

JAMAICA

BY LEWIS W. CLEMENS

WITH the approaching completion of the Panama Canal and the probable change of traffic routes caused thereby, it is interesting to note the present conditions prevailing in certain West Indian Islands. From being in a comparative side-street of commerce, they will shortly be facing one of the main highways.

A new commercial era is apparently dawning on these fertile tropical islands, and it is in this that Canadian business men are most interested. The trade agreement, with its preferential tariff, will be in operation for ten years, which should be a satisfactory test period, at the end of which time the advantages or disadvantages of the agreement will be quite apparent.

Although Jamaica is one of the islands which has not, as yet, passed the bill, it is probable that Jamaica will be the largest gainer in both trade with Canada and increased importance of position consequent upon the opening of the Panama Canal, Jamaica being in a straight line with the traffic between Colon and the eastern coast of North America.

In twenty years Jamaica's trade with Canada has risen from \$210,000 to \$1,265,000 per annum, an increase due for the most part to the large quantities of sugar shipped to Canada. In 1911, Canada took 8½ per cent. of the total exports of the island, according to official returns, but this does not include the shipments which find their way to the Dominion

through United States ports. Mr. E. J. Wortley, of the Jamaica Agricultural Department, in his report to the Jamaica Government on the Toronto Exhibition says: "Speaking generally, far more interest was shown by Canadian business men in the Jamaica exhibits this year, and there was evidence of greater desire on the part of the brokers and others to handle Jamaica products."

Canadian business men have already sought this field for investment to some extent, and two Canadian banks have extensive connections there. The Bank of Nova Scotia has a number of branches in various parts of the island, and the Royal Bank of Canada has an office in Kingston. The only other bank doing business is the Colonial Bank (of London). The West India Electric Company, with capital of \$800,000 and bond issue of \$600,000, is a Canadian company. They acquired property and right for development of water-power on the Rio Cobre, and they transmit the power twenty-one miles to Kingston, where they operate twenty-five miles of electric railway, covering all parts of the city of Kingston, and extending six miles, in two directions, into the suburbs. This company is also the lessee of the property and business of the Jamaica Light and Power Company, Limited, of Canada, operating the electric lighting and power busines of Kingston.

After increased steamship service has been established between Canada and Jamaica, it is understood that



BANANA TREES, SHOWING AVENUES AND AN IRRIGATION DITCH

another large hotel, backed by Canadian capital, will be erected on one of the finest sites in Jamaica.

A number of Canadian insurance companies have offices in Kingston and there are many Canadians owning and managing properties and plantations throughout the island. It is usually surprising to the casual visitor to find so strong a bond already existing between this tropical land and our own northern Canada.

Lascelles Hasbouck, a New England writer, says: "Kingston, the capital of the island, is a bright and pleasing city; its thoroughfares are bordered with trees, broad sidewalks and handsome white buildings, and have a general air of prosperity and alertness. There are many flower beauty spots, and in a park filled with gorgeous flowering shrubs and trees is a fine specimen of the banyan, with whipcord roots, descending from lofty branches, which if permit-

ted to take root, soon form an impenetrable jungle. Two large covered markets filled with native products and tropical fruits of exquisite quality and vegetables in endless variety are a never failing source of interest and pleasure to the tourist." In their market accommodation we in Canada could very well take a few pointers. Shelters have been erected for those who come over-night, whose inmates, with the early morning arrivals, form a dense crowd of laughing, chattering, good-tempered humanity of various shades, which it would be difficult to duplicate.

Since the British occupation in 1665 Jamaica has known little disturbance, except of an economic character. The abolition of slavery caused considerable disorganisation, succeeded by a long period of financial depression, as the great sugar industry steadily declined. Changed labour conditions, equalisation of



THE SEA ROAD, NEAR MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

sugar duties, and finally the European bounty system, brought the once wealthy island to the verge of Being possessed, howbankruptev. ever, of boundless natural resources, several products were cultivated in succession which temporarily staved off the evil day, but were eventually killed by a variety of causes, natural and artificial. An American tariff destroyed the export of oranges and pineapples on a large scale, although their qualities are superior to the California product, particularly their flavour, and still sell in limited quantities in the best fruit stores in New York; logwood and indigo fell before analine dyes, and quinine when vast forests of chinchona were discovered in South America. Bananas brought the much needed relief, as Jamaica's especial adaptability to their growth was soon made apparent by the superior quality of the fruits. Abandoned sugar estates, long classed as "ruinate," emerged as productive banana plantations, and new life flowed in the stagnating veins of the island. Jamaica now stands at the head of banana-producing countries, especially as to quality, but also as to quantity. Her exports for 1909 were 16,712,210 bunches of the value of \$1,403,829, which rose \$2,000,000 in the following year, and is still increasing at a nearly proportionate rate.

The banana tree attains about twenty feet in height, and with its long broad, gracefully drooping leaves is execeedingly beautiful. It is not difficult of cultivation and bears fruit, one bunch in twelve months, when it gives way to its successor, springing from the same roots; which process may continue for several years. Bananas are set in avenues, sometimes irrigated, according to the character of the district, and run from 250 to 350 plants an acre, with a gross yield of

from \$50 to \$75 under favourable conditions. With its variant, the plantain, it forms a large part of the food of the inhabitants. Fruit is never allowed to become ripe on the

deep red, heart-shaped bud crowning the end.

The standard "bunch" of commerce has nine "hands," twelve bananas each Sometimes they rise to



KING STREET, KINGSTON, JAMAICA

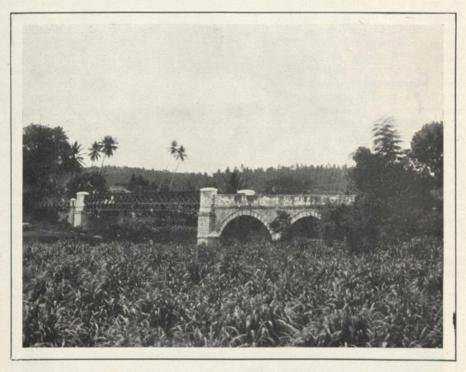
stalks, its degree of ripeness when cut, depending on the time for transmission. The banana is of the indigenous order of plants, and its fruitbearing is curious. A large bud formed of innumerable layers of fruit and fleshy leaves, rises from the centre of the stalk, like a gigantic tulip of delicately blended hues, drooping over its stem. As each layer of fruit swells, a leaf turns back, deepens to crimson and falls; which process continues on the quickly growing stem until the number of "hands" which the plant is able to nourish is set, the fruit standing upward. The stem continues to unfold successive rounds, which fall, until it extends a yard below the closely set bunch, the heavy,

fourteen hands, but are graded down in price from nine to six, below which they cannot be sold for export. Prices are advertised each week by buyers, ranging from twelve to sixteen cents a bunch of six hands (seventy-two bananas) up to twenty-four or thirty cents, according to the season, for a nine-hand bunch or larger delivered to the ship's side.

As only one day is allowed between cutting and shipping, the greatest activity prevails on the days when ships are receiving cargo. The highways are alive with horse, ox and mule teams, and panniered donkeys, bringing in fruit through the day and night, while the long procession of head-carriers, chiefly peasant culti-

vators, gives a strange picturesqueness to the whole scene. Many of these are women, who have walked through the night probably a distance of twenty-five miles, carrying bunches

For some time under increasing demand and unfettered competition, prices were sufficiently remunerative to justify the opinion that the longsuffering island was about to enjoy



SUGAR CANE GROWING IN JAMAICA

weighing sixty pounds. When a fruit steamer can load from her dock, a line of head-carriers, like a bucket brigade at a fire, is formed, up a sloping stage and down ladders to a lower deck, as the fruit requires the greatest care in handling. All night the work goes on; and when the "fruiter" lies off shore, lighters of whale-boat shape, loaded to the gunwale, are ready to go out as soon as she drops anchor. Additional picturesqueness is often given to the scene by the refulgent light of a tropical moon; and at others by the gleam of lanterns through the darkness, showing the moving figures and the snowy line of foam that marks the coral reef within which the vessel lies.

its old-time prosperity. Growers. however, soon awoke to the fact that their market was controlled by a powerful trust, which cut down prices to the lowest point compatible with production, leaving no margin to planter to tide him over a year when his crop is destroyed by storm. Banana growing still continues a great and increasing industry, but the large part of the golden harvest is reaped by the Some idea of this may be gained from the fact that for a bunch of 100 bananas the planter in Jamaica receives only an average of twenty cents, (or one cent for five), from the trust after his labour of cultivating and hauling the fruit to the ship's side; even then his fruit may be refused, in which case it is entirely lost.

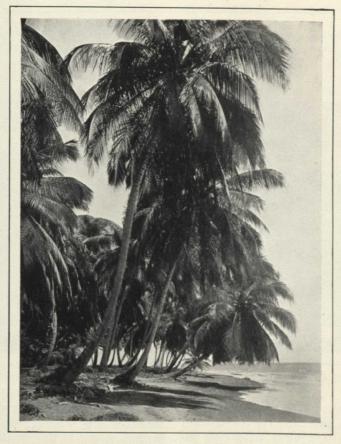
The firm attitude taken by Mr. Chamberlain in regard to the European bounties, though too long delayed, had a most beneficial influence on Jamaica's old industry, and in consequence the dethroned King Sugar has begun to show signs of returning vitality Although it is improbable that cane growing will approach its former importance, there is unquestionably a feeling amongst conservative planters, that if not so tempting as to immediate returns, it is a safer Though at industry than bananas. present it does not loom so largely in the public eye as its youngster rival, its extension means more for the island; it calls for a greater amount of capital, and per acre gives more employment than any other industry, especially in the field of skilled labour.

Sugar cane matures in fourteen months and ratoon (all later canes from the same roots) may be harvested for several years. Harvest continues from December to June; the cane about ten feet in height, is cut close to the ground, denuded of its leaves, and transported to the mill for grinding, in long waggons drawn by a dozen oxen. The cane is drawn through a chute by an endless chain. under successive sets of rollers, which press from it the last drop of juice. The fibre, known as "trash" is used as furnace fuel. After the juice has passed through successive stages of boiling and granulation, it is rapidly rotated by centrifugal force, which drives out the molasses, leaving the sugar perfectly dry, in the form of crystals ready for shipment.

Great advantage has accrued to the cane grower through the studies and experiments pursued at the government sugar experimental station. Several new varieties of cane have been introduced and successfully grown, yielding from twelve to twenty-five per cent. more sugar than the



ON THE WAY TO MARKET IN JAMAICA

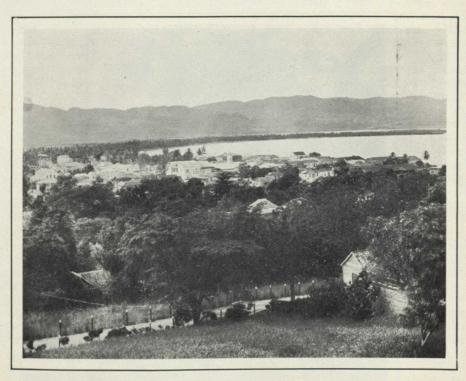


COCOANUT TREES IN JAMAICA

old. Jamaica's exports of rum and sugar last year exceeded \$2,500,000, and increases steadily, but the industry will not enjoy a successful future until the old, elementary methods are abandoned Success obtains only on large estates, where first-class machinery having been installed, sugar is put on the market in the finished state. It is interesting to note that Canada takes the bulk of Jamaica's sugar.

In addition to the banana and sugar industries, Jamaica has several other industries of rapidly growing importance. Cocoa, one of the most beautiful of crops, is remunerative, and coffee of the finest quality is grown in elevated regions; while an extensive experiment in tea growing

on the Ramble estate has resulted in the production of a tea of a delicate flavour and highly abundant yield. Sea island cotton of the finest quality. which brings the highest price, is raised; while the growing of cocoanuts, and also bee-keeping can be very profitably combined with other industries. Yams, which form a large part of the food of the people, grow to an enormous size, a single tuber often weighing 100 pounds. Fruits are abundant and perpetual in succession and offer a promising field for export in preserved form. The number of plants from which medicines and essential oils can be extracted also is large, as well as those which are spice producing, not forgetting the famous ginger.



MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, A PALM-EMBOWERED TOWN

As a result of investigations pursued at the government experimental farm, and its system of giving instruction through the island, great improvements and economy have been introduced in agricultural methods generally. Similar attention directed to the breeding of live stock, with judicious importation, has resulted in the production of fine animals. Especially is this noted in cattle, particularly the cross between English Devon and Indian Mysore, which is large, gentle, handsome, and almost impervious to attack from insects and disease. Ordinary farming, known as "pen" keeping, is both pleasant and profitable; indeed to the man with capital, Jamaica presents an infinite variety of opportunities. The climate is healthy, the heat is tempered by sea breezes, and the attitude of residents to the stranger is exceedingly cordial.

Although Jamaica possesses a sup-

erabundance of unskilled labour, she suffers at busy seasons from uncertain supply, owing to the impossibility of controlling it. The advantages to be derived from continuous work the coloured man cheerfully and persistently ignores. The importation of indentured coolies, however, has relieved the situation considerably. East Indian coolies are a handsome race, and as the women are adorned with every description of silver jewelry, including heavy anklets, they are striking figures amid a picturesque population. The coolies are under the direct supervision and protection of the Government, and when their four years of service is ended. they are given the price of their return passage, but are free to go or stay. The majority remain, some to renew their service, others to become traders. In no case do they enter into any association with the coloured natives, whose notorious disregard

of the marriage tie is in marked contrast with the strictness with which

it is held by the coolies.

The governmental organisation of Jamaica consists of the Governor, Privy Council and Legislative Council. The Privy Council, appointed for five years, includes the senior military officers of the island, Colonial Secretary, Attorney-general and other leading persons, not exceeding eight. These constitute the advisory body of the Governor, who may, if he deem fit, act in opposition to their wishes, in which case he must report his reasons to the Imperial Secretary of State for the Colonies. The Legislative Council consists of the Governor, five ex-officio, ten nominated members (by the crown) and fourteen elected members. Members are unpaid, and a small property qualification or salary is required in order to vote.

The Present Governor, Sir Sydney Olivier, is a scholarly man with democratic tendencies; he is possessed of unusual urbanity, which stands him in good stead in occasional trying

situations.

There is little serious crime in the island, predial larceny being the chief offence, against which, it may be added, authority wages strenuous but well-nigh hopeless struggle. With this exception, general respect is paid to the law, a fact largely due doubtless, to the absolute confidence felt in its strictly impartial administration. The question of colour is not a disturbing element; most happily in a

country where, in a population of a million about 25,000 only are white. The business of the island is chiefly carried on by the brown men, and social status depends largely on character, culture and wealth. Among the pleasant features of social life are the entertainments given by Sir Sydney and Lady Olivier, at their official residence, King's House, which possesses, among other attractions, a splendid collection of orchids, for the growth of which the island is famous.

To the beauty lover, Jamaica calls with a thousand voices. The traveller speeds along the excellent roads of this enchanting land; in upland and pastoral plain, cascade and winding river, steep declivity and fernclad gorge, plantation of the stately sugar cane and graceful banana, the abundant orange and grapefruit, everywhere is the intoxication of novelty and contrast. Lofty trees with blossoms of scarlet, graceful palms, giant cacti, arcades of feathery bamboo, with ferns air-plants and mistletoe, orchids and clinging vines are everywhere. Nature indeed turns a smiling face with wealth of leafage and bloom. It is a wonderful island, this pearl of the Antilles, rich in the glory of perpetual summer, joyous with riotous overflow of eternal youth. This is the island which is being drawn closer to us in Canada and to which we are extending our hand in the warm clasp of friendship and trade.



THE POSTMISTRESS AT ST. MONIQUE DE GONZAGUE

BY BEN DEACON

LYING on my desk were dozens of letters, every one of them postmarked "St. Monique de Gonzague." Why had the entire population of that little village suddenly aroused to such an unaccountable interest in my welfare? St. Monique de Gonzague! The name clung in the back of my memory—so far back that I pondered long over it before I could recollect where and when I had heard it before

Mme. F. X. Dubeau! Who was Madame Dubeau? Why did she hope that I "retained excellently my very good health"? Ah, yes! It was with the good Monsieur and Madame Dubeau that I had boarded during that three weeks of assult upon the Latin tongue. But who was Pierre G. Letourneau? Who Jules Bazin, Theophile Delphis, Jean B. Depatie and a score of others? And why did they one and all take it into their heads to inquire so solicitously regarding the state of my health?

It was a riddle that I could not solve. Finally I swept the letters into the waste basket and decided to let it remain a mystery. But for days I could not get the matter out of my head. I could see that big pile of envelopes with their scrawling addresses, and the postmark "St. Monique de Gonzague" seemed to be imprinted upon every paper that I took into my hands. For two weeks I puzzled over it; then, just as I had

given it up for the twentieth time, that name came hurtling after me again.

"St. Monique de Gonzague!"

The train had just pulled out of Montreal. I had established myself comfortably in the smoking compartment with a magazine and a fairly good cigar, when the quiet calm of the smoking compartment and my peace of mind were simultaneously shattered by the sound of that name.

It came from an extremely thin, melancholy looking little man who occupied the seat opposite to me. He said it with a rush, as though he considered it absolutely necessary for him to get it all out in one mouthful. It disturbed me greatly—it seemed as though there was something tragic connected with the name. The conductor, on the other hand, managed to remain quite unconcerned. St. Monique de Gonzague meant nothing but an insignificant little flag station to him. He calmly took up the thin traveller's ticket, laboriously inserted a pink slip under his hatband and strolled onward.

I felt instinctively that the little man opposite to me held the solution to my mail mystery. I decided to worm it out of him. Yes, I would employ force if necessary, but I must know the reason for St. Monique's sudden interest in my welfare, for I intuitively felt that there must be something mysterious behind this

rush of inquiries regarding my state

of health and prosperity.

For over three miles my companion gazed mournfully out of the window, occasionally heaving a sigh that most certainly seemed to come from the heart. Then, just as the fourth milepost flicked by, he produced a somewhat soiled document from an inner pocket and his face, solemn and sorrowful before, became an absolutely heart-rending spectacle as he mumbled the contents over half aloud.

Suddenly he addressed me-in

French.

I hastily conjured up every single French word that had stuck in my memory, but I found that I was unable to answer him. One reason for this was, perhaps, that I hadn't the slightest notion what it was he had said. Of course this made reply doubly difficult. I decided not to speak in French.

"I regret that, though I have studied the French language, I cannot speak it fluently," I admitted.

"Ah! M'sieur has studied the

French?" he inquired.

"Oh yes, at St. Monique de Gonzague," I replied.

The little man shrugged his should-

ers with a puzzled expression.

"Ah!" he exclaimed. "That place! I have not the honour to be acquaint with it!"

This declaration appeared a trifle strange to me in view of the fact that, but a few moments before, I had distinctly heard him inform the conductor that St. Monique was his destination. On reflection, however, I decided that he had misunderstood me. My pronunciation of the name of the little village had sounded rather different to his. Of course, some of the French-Canadians spoke a rather peculiar dialect, and quite possibly he had a way of his own. I decided to try to say it more in his way.

"At St. Monique de Gonzague," I

repeated.

"Ah!" he murmured, and relapsed into silence.

I felt that I had made but very little progress. But I was still undaunted. I meant to worm the secret out of him—if he had it in him, of course.

"Travelling is a very tiresome business, isn't it?" I hazarded at

length.

"It is, p'raps, a little so," he agreed. "But many things are worse—much worse!" he added with another tremendous sigh.

"You are travelling far?" I asked.
"Mais oui! But yes, m'sieur," he
replied. "I have come all this way
from Ottawa, m'sieur. It is indeed
a very long way. I have been engaged in politics. Politics, bah! It
is an ungrateful thing!"

"You find that devoting your time to political activities does not bring sufficient recompense?" I queried sympathetically, with the object of

keeping him talking.

"Ah, m'sieur is, p'raps, engage in the politics?" he questioned in return.

I hastened to assure him that I endeavoured to make a living quite honestly; that my worst crime was trying to write things.

"The politics, bah!" he muttered

and was silent again.

His gaze returned to the window, and for a long time he remained dolefully quiet. I thought that I had lost him. But just as I was beginning to despair, the explanation came—and it came with a rush.

"For me, the politics never again!" he exclaimed fiercely. "No nevairre! I have organise a campaign; it has been one grand success, but to me what has it brought? Nothings, you say? Mais yes, but it has brought to me—what you call it?—ungratefulness—treason, m'sieur. It has well illustrated that those we think we are much devoted to may also p'raps be without faith to us. It is ungrateful! it is without t'anks!

"But p'raps m'sieur would listen! I would explain it, this campaign. It

has occur like this very same way:
"On St. Monique de Gonzague we
have one very fine post office,
m'sieur must know. It is very—
what you call it?—convenable. It
is situate, true, not in the very middle of the little ville, but it is near
the side where there are most house
—where most of the people are to
reside.

"For many years this post-office has been the charge of the good Madame Peloquin, a widow, m'sieur, an' ah! but she is tres belle—most pleasant to the gaze. It is for very long this Mme. Peloquin was my very good frien'. Alas, m'sieur, I say she was my frien,' for no longer can I believe she is like that to me.

"Many nights I have go to that post-office, an' I have close it up for Mme. Peloquin when the letters it was late. I have protect also that Mme. Peloquin many time when some habitant would come in town on feast day an' would make too happy with that whiskey blanc. Ah, at those time, m'sieur, Mme. Peloquin she is very glad for have me there. She have press my han' sometime an' say I was to her a true preserver.

"Ah, yes, it is true I am not beeg, but m'sieur must know I am not easily to be afraid. An' I have keek more often that one time some of those big rowdy-men out from the door of that post-office. Many time they would have been very disagreeable for Mme. Peloquin but for I have been there to interfere for her.

"You must know, m'sieur, I was a friend devoted indeed. An' I have sometime hope that the good madame would at one time no longer be the post—what you call it?—the post meestress. Oh, yes, for I have hope that myself I would have charge the posts, an' she—well, you understan' maybe?—I have hope that also she would be in that post-office, but she would be there only for my wife.

"But, alas, m'sieur, it is not safe, it is nevairre sure to believe jus' what you t'ink. Myself, I have learn that

most recently. We think, p'raps, we are sure to ourselves maybe, that we have everything mos' smoothly in our path, an' then, at that time when everythings it looks mos' becutiful, mos' brilliant maybe—bzim! bzump! we are cast down; we are jolt mos'

suddenly!

"Well, one day, p'raps about three weeks ago it was, I have gone to that post-office for to get my posts; also to see p'raps if I could help to separate the letters of others, if maybe there should be some. What do I find? I find, m'sieur, that good madame in—in—weeps—no, it is not that—I find she is in—in—m'sieur, she is cry; oh, so very sad.

"I have ask, of course, what it is the reason for that enthusiastic griefs, but the good madame she is so much engage in cry that it is long before I have discover what is the

fault.

"'Oh, good M'sieur Letourneau,' she have say at las', 'the wicked government, it is going to remove away the post-office from out my house!"

"But, no! It is impossible,' I

have exclaim.

"'Mais aui!' she have reply. 'It is impossible to doubt. They will take that post-office away from me, a poor unfortunate, M'sieur Letourneau. They will place it instead at the house of the Notary Biron. It is so! I have receive from that government a letter which explains it so.'

"But why?" I have inquire, m'sieur, I am very much amaze.

"'It is because some peoples complain,' she have answer me. 'They have say that here the post-office is no longer in the convenient middle of the village. The Notary Biron, he is place more central. They have declare this post-office it is of no use for the reason that it is but seldom that one posts some letters here. It is too far, they have say. Also, the money which is collect here for the post-stamps, it is very small.'

"Alas, m'sieur, it is but too true! She have show to me that letter. It

declare that the Government have decide to remove the post-office to the Notary Biron on the firs' day of that nex' month. The Notary Biron, also, he will open that new post-office immediatement. An' on the firs' of that nex' month an officer from the Government he is to come an' close up all those accounts in the post-office of Mme. Peloquin.

"It is strange, is it not? But it is true! The little village of St. Monique de Gonzague is for two weeks to have two post-offices just like it was big city. The letter it is say so!

"Madame is cry some more, an' that is make me feel—what you call it?—deesperate. I try to speak some word of soft comfort; but she is cry an' cry, an' don't seem like she will ever be stop.

"'Courage!' I say at las'. 'I promise they will not take away this post-office. Be brave an' I will arrange all!'

"' 'Mon cher M'sieur Letourneau,' she is cry with sudden delight. 'You are indeed to me one very good, brave

defender.'

"Of course, I am very much please at that, but a little later when I have depart I am maybe not so much please. M'sieur, the Government it is very powerful, an' myself, I am only Pierre George Letourneau, carriage maker, of St. Monique de Gonzague. What can I do? I have promise much, but I know not how it is I will perform what I have promise.

"I walk down that road most slowly for some time, an' then I think maybe p'raps I will to begin have jus' one little talk with the Notary Biron. Maybe, I think, I can make him feel very bad about taking charge that post-office. Maybe he will say he will refuse. Who can tell?

"The Notary Biron, he is still up out of bed when I arrive. He is writing one letter all by himself. But he is very much like business, m'sieur. He is not understan' I have just come in for talk friendly-like.

"'An' what is it for you, good

M'sieur Letourneau?' he ask to me as soon as I enter in his house.

"Myself I am not expect that. I have think maybe I would just visit in to talk a little. But I decide very quickly I would be better p'raps to start by telling him some business.

"'I come, M'sieur Biron, about that cochon Lefebvre,' I say. 'His cows they have spoil my garden. I would have some damage.'

"Ah, m'sieur, this Jean Lefebvre is my very good neighbour, an' in many year we have not quarrel. But it is the only business that come into my head. So I tell it that lie to the Notary Biron.

"The notary he is please very much. He is rub together his hands an' smile. 'We will make him to bleed,' he say.

"An' after that, m'sieur, I am force to continue on that lie. I tell the notary a story about the cows of the good M'sieur Lefebvre. It is long because I tell many small details all out of my own head. It is a good story! But, bah! it has not one word of truth.

"We talk for long time about the damage I will get from my neighbour, an' then I get started to talk about the post-office. 'It is too bad,' I say. 'This poor Madame Peloquin she is all alone. The post-office it is all that now she has. It is a very bad thing to have it take away. It is too bad!"

"'I also, I think it is too bad,' the Notary Biron is reply to my surprise. 'I would not have this post-office, though undoubtedly it is an honour, but I am force to do so. It is my good wife! I have protest, but it is of no use. She tell me I must have it! What can I do?'

"An' then I know it is of no use to have more talk with the Notary Biron. For m'sieur must know that when a woman is decide to have a thing she must have it—unless it is something much better that she would get.

"I say good-night just as quickly

as it is polite for me to do so, an' I start to pass out. Just while I am at the door the notary he is call to me an' ask me will I post for him some letters as I pass on my way

home.

"I take the letters and pass out. It is to me a little amusing, m'sieur. The notary he has forgotten that he has a post-office in his house already. look at the letters. There are six. Sapriste! The notary he is one very lavish writer. It is the truth that he is the one to receive most of the letters that come to St. Monique de Gonzague. Also it is he that writes more letters that maybe p'raps ten other men in that village. It is but just that he should have charge the post-office. But I have promise to preserve it for Madame Peloquin. An' I must keep that promise, for I feel most certain if I can accomplish this she will most sure be my femme.

"I walk along very slowly with the notary's letters in my hand an" I think how can I succeed. Suddenly the letters give to me one grand idea! It is now all very clear in my mind.

"An' then, m'sieur, I begin my

campaign.

"They have complain that there is but few letters, I have said. But to write a letter! It is easy! One simply has to find some persons for to write to. Bien! For me the thing is quite without difficulty. I will make Madame Peloquin's post-office much more busy; I will make it demonstrated that to remove it would be but a folly!

"That night, m'sieur, I make it a special labour to recall all my friends. I sit down in my little house an' I write an' write. Many times I write the same thing in—what you call it?—in repeat. But, bah! of what difference does it make? The letters they are all to different peoples. It is very late when I am finish—so late that it is already morning.

"I have twenty-three letters; also a headache of great violence! But I care nothings for that. I have start my campaign! I take all those letters down to that Madame Peloquin, an' when she is open up her door I pass in an' ask twenty-three post-stamps. The good madame she is much astonish.

"'You maybe will have a party?'

she ask of me.

"'You have mistake,' I reply. One must not be of neglect to one's friends. One must write sometimes some greetings. If you will permit I will suggest that you ask the good Government to send some more post-stamps right off at once.'

"'But no!' she is reply, 'I have two hundred now. In a whole month I will not sell so many! Also in two weeks, my good friend, I will not sell

post-stamps.'

"An' then that woman she is be-

gin to cry all over once more.

"M'sieur, it is a most wonderful thing! A woman she will sometimes get very much of pleasure out of crying. It is one very hard thing for to understand—for a man.

'I comfort her some more until at last she is stop. 'Please send for some more post-stamps very quick,' I make request again. 'The good people of St. Monique, I am of certainty, will be very much in need

very soon of post-stamps.'

"At last she is say she will send for some more, an' I leave her an' pass out on the street. I go immediately at once to the house of all of my friends in the village. I explain to them what has befallen to Madame Peloquin. Sapriste! They are all of very much regret. 'But I will prevent this unjust thing to happen,' I announce. 'Letters must be written—many letters!' They all promise to me that they will be of much assistance in this regard. To them it is a pleasure!

"An', m'sieur, I must tell you that they all have keep their promise. So many letters have not been written in St. Monique in long time. Every one I have ask write many, many letters. An' Madame Peloquin she is start big business in that little postoffice.

"But, ah, m'sieur, it is not finish! Madame Biron-she is the wife of the Notary Biron-she soon find out. She is also start campaign. She demand of her friends that they also write some letters. Many do so. The new

post-office also is busy.

"Every day I pass around among my friends, an' I keep up my campaign. More letter, I demand! When they sometimes say they have no more friends left for to write letter to, I lend them some of mine. Many people are get letters! Many post-stamps

are sold!

'Then it come pretty near almost the time for that officer of the Government to arrive in St. Monique. I take the train an' go to Ottawa. There I am sent around to many offices; many officers ask me for what I have come. At last I find the right officer. I show him what big business has been at the post-office of Madame Peloquin. I argue for long with him. I stay at his office for nearly all day. Next day I am there again. On the third day he is say, 'Very well, all right! That post-office it would not be change if you would be good enough to return away from Ottawa right quick.' I promise I will go; I am very content. My campaign I have won it.

"But, no, m'sieur, I find I have not won. I have deceive myself. For when I pass back at my hotel I find there for me a letter. It is very sad —it is very unjust! P'raps m'sieur will read the letter. It is this. But no! P'raps m'sieur would have some little difficulty. The writing it is

very busy selling post-stamps. I have maybe a little hard to understan'. I will read it to m'sieur:

> "'Dear Friend Letourneau,-If it might please you to ask the good Government in Ottawa to have this post-office change. The reason is that I can no longer have the charge of it. Many letters have been written by my friends.
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> Myself I have written some. I have written also to M'sieur Theophile Leblanc, who was used to keep the store, and who sends to you his most faithful remembrances. It is long time he has not heard about me. He is all the time ignorant that I have become widow. But he has now returned back to St. Monique, an' he has ask me will I marry with him. To-morrow night, my friend, I will no longer be Madame Peloquin—I will be then Madame Leblanc. An' I will go to Boston at once with M'sieur Leblanc. Tomorrow night this post-office with much regret must be close .- Your old friend, Marie Peloquin, soon to be Leblanc.'

> That Leblanc! He is in love with Marie many many year ago. I have thought she have forget him. But it is not so. Myself it is she has forgotten.

> "But that is not all, m'sieur! My good neighbour, Lefebvre, he is very angry. Also I have another letter. It is from him. He is declare that I have scandal him—about the cow, He will now seek for the m'sieur. damage.

> "I have organise a campaign. I have work like I have gone crazy. I have lose my bes' frien'. An' Madame Peloquin, does she t'ank me? No, m'sieur, she is gone away with some other man. The politics? Bah!

> M'sieur, I have here to change the cars for St. Monique. But I would first tell you this. You must never believe what you think-more so if it is about a woman."



THE EMANCIPATION OF SANDY MACGREGOR

BY M. C. RAMSAY

MR. EDWARD MAXWELL is neither slow of action nor of speech, but on this particular autumn evening, he was, for once in his life, at an utter loss for words, as he stood at his horse's head, fumbling with a buckle which was in no need of readjustment, and wondering how best he could break the truth to the stolid-looking country-man who was watching him so anxiously, the only son of the woman who lay in the big bare bedroom at the back of the West Mains of Knowehead farm-house, suddenly stricken down in what had seemed to all her hale, hearty old

But of a sudden, Sandy Macgregor flung himself—perchane for the first time in his life—into the conver-

sational breach.

"For ony sake, doctor, tell me what's come ower ye?" he cried. "I never heard tell o' the like! Ye're no surely thinkin' it's onything serious wi' ma mither? She'll be a' richt again in a twa 'r three days?"

"Aye, Sandy," very curtly, "she'll be all right in a few days, but—stand still, Bess!—not in the way you

mean!"

And as the meaning of the words came slowly home to him, Sandy, but a big, gawky boy, despite his five and thirty years, snatched at one of the gateposts for support, and gasped:

"Losh keeps, doctor, ye dinna surely mean that she's deein'?" "Yes," still more curtly. "She may live a week: she may not see tomorrow!"

"Losh keeps," said Sandy again.
"And it culdna hae happened at a waur time, doctor, i' the very middle o' hairvest!"

"I daresay not," said the doctor drily, springing into the saddle, "but you see, Sandy, King Death is not given to consulting our convenience. Good-night!" and with a wave of his

hand, he galloped off.

"Poor old Sandy," he said to himself, as he wheeled into the main road. "Tied to his mother's apronstrings all his five-and-thirty years, he'll be as helpless without her as a new-born babe! Yet yon was a real touch of the mother, 'it culdna hae happened at a waur time'! After all, once you find your feet, I wouldn't say but you'll do!"

And meanwhile Sandy had made his slow way to his mother's room, and now stood gazing down upon her, with unbelieving eyes, for there was an unusual flush on her thin, sallow cheek, and her keen old eyes were strangely bright. But just as he was about to speak, to belie the doctor's statement, she lifted her head, and said in her ordinary tone:

"Sandy Macgregor, did ye clean

yer feet?"

"No, mither. I forgot," humbly. "Weel, back this instant and dae't! An' bring a besom an' shovel

an' clean up that mess ye hae made! I hinna leeved clean a' ma days to dee amon' dirt, an' dinna ye think it! Helps up, noo, or I see if ye've swept it clean.'' When his task was done, and, as usual, he silently obeyed. "Oh, aye," grudgingly, "it'll dae! Awa doon wi' the besom, noo, an' see that ye hing 't on the richt nail. Hae ye gotten yer supper?"

"No, mither!"

"Weel, get it than, or ye come up again, and ye maun tak' milk to yer tea, mind that!" sharply. "There's to be nae cream used i' this hoose till we mak' up for that I skelt whan I fainted, the only real doitit thing I ever did a' my life, an' that I tellt the doctor whan he wad say I shuld hae been restin' months syne! What need was there to rest? quo' I. I've lived in harness, an' I'll dee in't, or as near tillt as I can manage. Gwa, man, an' get your supper," for she was beginning to breathe with difficulty, and her sturdy Scotch pride would not admit of such weakness being displayed even before her son.

"Willna I send up the lass?" he

ventured.

"No! Leave the door open, so's I

can hear what's gaun on!"

When he returned, she had dragged herself into a sitting posture, and

condescended to say:

"Ye can shove that pillow at ma back, noo, sit ye doon, there, for I've a lot to say till ye, and as lang as I am able and there's nae time to waste during the day! This culdna possibly hae happened at a waur time, Sandy Macgregor, an' that ye ken! Hooever, we maun submit to Providence, an' seein' we're no very far frae the kirk-yaird, ye needna loss mair than hauf a day, an' if it happens to be a rainy day, we'll no grudge it sae very muckle! Ye'll find a'thing ready i' the back, left hand corner o' the boddom drawer there, an' ye'll mind that there's to be nae useless flummery at my bureal! Mind ye that noo!"

"Aye, mither, I'll mind!"

"See an' dae't than! Gie's a moofu' o' water. The doctor was for sendin' oot a bottle, but I tellt 'im he needna fash, wastin' gude siller! Thank ye. Man, but ye're a clumsy chield, if ever there was ane. I thocht the tumbler was broken. Losh, but the wadin' and wastin' there'll be i' this hoose whan am awa. I believe I'll turn i' my grave at the thocht o't! An' that minds me, ye'll send for auld Tibbie Broon the morn, an' I'll gie her a' directions masel, an' ye culdna dae better than keep her on as yer hoosekeeper till decent time for ye to tak' a wife. Had I kent this was to come sae sune, I'd hae ha'en ane lookit oot, but we can maybe sattle that the morn tae. Tibbie's no muckle use, but as she's baith auld an' ugly, haein her here will save the Knowehead tongues clattern' ower muckle aboot yer affairs!" A somewhat lengthy pause, and then,

"Though a'thing maun be dune decently and in order, an' yer Auntie Meggy sent for the meenit am awa,' ye mak' it plain to her, frae the very start, that she has nae say whatever i' the arrangements, an' that her pryin' fingers are no' to be inside a drawer or press o' this hoose! Fine div I mind the day ye war born, a Friday forenicht, as ill-luck wad hae't, she ta'en on hersel, to get a'thing ready for the market neist mornin,' an' if the useless, thriftless limmer didna tak' ane o' ma verra best damask tooels, that ma grannie spun wi' her ain hands, to cover the egg basket! I wadna come to the point o' forgeein' her for that, tho'

I leeved to be a hunder!"

"But naething cam ower the tooel,

mither," ventured Sandy.

"That wasna her to thank! An' the day yer faither was buried, five-an'-thirty 'ear come Martinmas, she cracked ane o' ma best cheena cups, an' it's i' the back o' the corner cupboard i' the best room, an e'e-sair till this day! An' yet efter a' that, I was fule eneuch, seein' she happened to be bidin' wi's, to leave her i'

chairge whan I gaed to ma ain faither's funeral an' aither her or the lass, I never culd find oot whilk, broke my biggest milk-basin, an' she got her nose buriet i' some novelle or ither, an' luit you wauner to the jeuk's pond, an' tummle in, for ye see I hadna ta'en ye wi' me, as it wasna worth while gettin' ye a black frock whan ye was to be breekit in six months time. Weel, what did the limmer dae, but dress ye i' yer best Rob Roy tartan frockie, an' brak a twa pund section o' honey-an't unco scarce that 'ear!-an' spread ye piece tae comfort ye, as she had the brazen-faced impidence to tell me! An' there ye was, sittin' on the rug yer braw Rob Roy tartan frock a sclaried wi' honey, whan I got back. And afore I got aff my bonnet, even, lat alane a cup o' tea, I had to buckle tae and gie ye the gude skelpin, ye wad hae haen afore haund, had yer Auntie Meggy haen ony sense ava, but instead o' that, she hadna the gumption to ken that ye wasna bein' lickit for tumblin' i' the pond, but for gaun near't ava whan I had tellt ye ye wasna! An' fine I mind the names she ca'ed me, 'cause it was a fell sair skelpin,' for I wasna to hae her gaun hame an' sayin' to her faither an' mither that ye was bein' spoilt for want o' her brither's, yer faither's haund!"

"I daursay that accounted for mony a lickin' whan ony o' the three o' them was by!" said Sandy shrewd-

lv.

"Hoot aye!" asknowledged his mother. "But ye're nane the waur o' ony o' them the day, an' better sair banes till a bairn than a broken heart till a faither or mither, or maybe baith, twenty 'ear later on! Solomon kent what he was speakin' aboot—(he culdna help bein' wise wi' sae mony wives, ye ken!)—and dinna ye forget his advice, ma man, whan ye've bairns o' yer ain! The noo-fangled wey that yer Auntie Meggy has tried wi' hers hasna wrocht sae very weel that ye need

gang against yer auld mither's auld-fashioned wey!"

"Brawly ye ken, mither, that I never yet gaed against ye, quoth

Sandy.

"See an' mind that than. Noo." for again was she struggling for breath, "awa to yer ain end, an' put on yer blacks, or I see what like they are. Hoot aye," on his return. "they're rael snod like yet, an, wad dae brawly for an' ordinar' occasion, but seein' ye'll be the chief figure, as it were, ye'd better get a noo suit, an' a noo lum hat forbye, an' they'll be there ready whan yer marriage comes roond. Ye'll gang inbye to the toon the morn, an' get measured for them, an' they maun dae them at aince, for I maun see that a' thing's richt afore I g'wa! What for wad the tailor think it some queer?" sharply. "There's nae sense in fouk shuttin' their een to fac's, is there? Ye'll get a noo tie an' gloves as weel. for a man doesna bury his mither ilka day, nor yet dis ilka mither leave her son sae weel providit for. Noo awa an' shift yersel','' and again she had time to recover herself in his absence, as well as to do some hard thinking.

"I've been thinking," she began, as he crossed the threshold, "that ye culdna dae better than gang owerbye to Myreside for yer wife, the only deeficulty is, whilk ane o' the lasses there will ye hae! Jean mak's the best butter, an' in fac,' if I was awa, her equal at the job winna be to be fund i' the haill pairis o' Knowehead, 'deed, I micht weel say 'i the hale coonty o' Farfarshire, but Mirren is the best haun wi' the hens, an' this while back, wi' a' the Dainish rubbish thae toon gomerils eats, the hens hae been even mair consequence than the butter. Maybe if I'd haen a while o' her, I micht hae made Marget mair use than ony o' the twa, but ye see that wasna to be, an' of coorse it's no' to be expected that ye culd get a wife as gude a' roond as yer

mither!"

"Marget mak's graund scones,"

suggested Sandy.

'Hoot aye, but that's mair fancy wark," for it so happened that graund scones were beyond Mrs. Macgregor's skill. "I wadna offer her bannocks till my warst enemy's dog. But we'll no sattle the nicht, as I'm gettin' sleepy, but gin the morn, we can hae't a' discussed, an' we're no' bund tae Myreside ye ken, for wi' the gude stockin' fit I'll leave ye, ony lass i' the pairis 'ill be ower glaid to rin to yer whistle, I'se warran' ye! But whaever ye mairry, Sandy, lat her understand frae the very start, that what's laid by, is laid by, an' maunna be meddled wi' on ony account! An' anither thing, ve'll never turn ower till her aboot the cream I skelt whan I fainted! I culdna lie at peace if I thocht ma gude-dochter kent that that doitit like thing was the last thing I did i' the West Mains dairy! Noo, gudenicht wi' ye. We'll leave the rest for the morn!"

But no morn dawned for her, for in the still watches of the night "God's finger touched her, and she slept," and the kingdom she had so sternly ruled was without a head.

Whatever qualities and graces he might lack, Sandy Macgregor certainly knew his business thoroughly, so matters went smoothly enough out of doors, though the mistress was gone—(all the more smoothly some of the men were not slow to declare, now that there was nae wumman body to interfere!)-but at every turn within the house, he missed his mother sorely, and though the shrewd mistress of Myreside-(to say nothing whatever of all the other matchmaking mothers in the parish!)had given him three months, two months of the muddling ways of auld Tibbie Broon were amply sufficient for Sandy, and one Saturday afternoon, as he returned from Fairhaven Market with Myreside, he said, in would-be-casual fashion:

"If it's convenient, Myreside, I was thinkin' o' takin' a stay roond your wey the morn's nicht, an' haein' a crack ower things wi' yer guidewife!"

"Come to yer tea, West Mains,"

said Myreside cordially.

"Weel a well. Thank ye kindly,"

answered Sandy.

And so the next afternoon found him seated at the hospitable board of Myreside: praising the mistress's tea, congratulating Jean upon her butter, taking his fair share of one of Mirren's prize pullets - ruthlessly sacrificed for the great occasion, and roasted to a nicety!-and, above all, doing full justice to Marget's graund scones, but all the while listening, with strangely mingled feelings, to the merry chatter of the farmer's niece, who had lived at Myreside since her mother's death some six months before, her father being a seagoing engineer. A very forward, spoilt young monkey was Miss Alice Wallace, in the opinion of her staid country cousins, who were unblissfully conscious that she was already winning her way with the stolid-looking Sandy, concerning whom, truth to tell, they had already been quarrelling amongst themselves!

After tea, the three Misses Jack—to give the Myreside family their Sabbath name—needs must clear up, for they kept no maid, but Miss Alice, who never soiled her dainty fingers, led the way to the best parlour, to play and sing her way into Sandy's

hitherto sleeping heart!

And, to make a long story short, before many more weeks had passed, he screwed up his courage to whisper the needful words, to which, equally to his surprise and delight, she answered, with a sigh:

"Yes, I love you, Sandy, but my auntie says I'm not fit to be a farm-

er's wife!"

"Yer auntie can juist mind her ain business," quoth Sandy, who was certainly developing apace. If I think I can afford a leddy wife, that's naebody's business but ma ain! An' besides, ye'll be willin' to learn?"

"I'd learn anything to please you, Sandy," whispered Alice, "and if I do make mistakes you won't be very angry, will you, because," again hiding her face on his shoulder, "that would break my heart!"

"Dinna ye worry, dawtie," answered Sandy, with a strange catch in his breath. "We'll work awa' braw-

ly, never fear!"

Having thus obeyed the letter, if not the spirit, of his mother's dying injunction, Sandy—not in the least concerned about the conventions!—saw no reason why he should wait for his wife, and so the very next Sunday morning, the banns of marriage between Alexander Innes Macgregor and Alice Jack Wallace were proclaimed in Knowehead Parish Church, and the parish, with one accord, declared that West Mains had gane clean gyte!

And when the happy couple went off to London for the honeymoon, and spent a whole fortnight there, staying—to think of it!—in a first-class hotel, the bride's aunt held up her hands in horror, and exclaimed in

horror:

"It fair cowes a'! Eneuch to gar his mither turn i' her grave!"

"Hoot awa, 'umman," said Myreside, "they're very wise, to tak' the use o' their siller as lang's they're young, an' able to enjoy it!"

And with a snort of disapproval Mrs. Jack flung off to the byre to flyte with that pattern dairy-maid, Jean, who "hadna as muckle gumption as keep a grip o' the man when she had him!"

"Wha said I ever had him mither?" said Jean sharply, with a toss of her head. "I wadna hae ta'en the man tho' he had been worth his wecht in gold!"

And, for a wonder, her mother kept the obvious retort to herself!

One of young Mrs. Macgregor's first callers was the Laird of Knowe-

head, gruff old Angus Fraser, who had a finger in every pie! And he went straight from West Mains to the residence of his second son, Donald, parish minister of Knowehead, and into his sympathetic ear poured

the whole tragic tale:

"I tell you, Donald, West Mains has gone clean gyte! I found him. and it barely four o'clock, tending her flower beds, and he asked for leave to build her a green-house! 'Havers, man, havers!' I said, but I tell you, Don, the witch wheedled the necessary consent from me before I had finished my first cup of tea! Tea out of egg-shell china cups, mind your nothing finer in Knowehead House or Manse, I can assure you. father's wedding present she told me, only arrived yesterday from Japan! They had cabled him the news, if you please! I unwittingly quoted a French saying, and she capped it with another before you could say Jack Robinson. And she sang to me, and played, gad, Jenny-the minister's wife-"couldn't have done better herself! A grand piano, too, to all appearance every whit as good as the one I gave your wife, and it cost me two hundred guineas, cash down. Bought it second-hand in Dundee, fifty guineas, he told me, thinking I'd agree it was a bargain but I told him he was daft. clean daft, though she's worth it all, Donald boy, worth it all, but it means ruin, man, means ruin as sure as fate! And there have been Macgregors in West Mains as long as there have been Frasers in Knowehead House, and it's a thousand pities. Don, a thousand pities! That's what comes of a man being tied to his mother's apron strings till he reaches middle life without the chance of so much as a mild flirtation: he falls a victim to the first pretty face! No wonder the whole parish is aghast; fire in the best room every day, and West Mains tidying flower-beds in the middle of the afternoon! Only eighteen months of his lease to run.

I only hope he holds out till then! A Macgregor of West Mains bankrupt! I never heard the like! But gad, she's a bonnie creature all the same,

and it's a thousand pities!"

But ere a year had gone, Sandy, a wonderfully smart, cheery looking Sandy, betook himself to the Big Hoose, and ushered into the Laird's study, plunged straight into his business.

"I've been' hearin that when the wife's uncle's lease is oot, he's to retire, an' gang intil the toon, so we've been thinkin,' the wife an' me, that we culdna dae better than seek a tack o' Myreside oorsels, seein' oor tack o' the West Mains is oot at Martinmas!"

"What?" gasped the Laird. "You want to leave West Mains, when the Macgregors have been in it for hun-

dreds of years?"

"Hoot aye, Laird, that's what ma auld mither aye said, but naither the wife nor me sees the sense o' gaun on peyin' a hunder an' twenty pound a year for ane o' the puirest farms i' the piaris, wi' mair stanes than earth aboot it, whan ane o' the best anes is to be gotten for anither ninety!"

"And how on earth can you raise another ninety?" snapped the Laird. "Whenever has the rent of the West Mains been payed without a grumble? And had the tenant been anyone but your mother, it would have been raised nineteen years ago!"

"Hoot aye!" cheerfully agreed Sandy. "But you see, Laird, ma auld mither culd aye manage ye fine, the only ane i' the pairis wha culd dae't," he hastened to add, as the Laird's frown grew still darker. "It was a'i' the plan to complain o' hard times! Man, I've mair siller i' the bank than pey the rent o' Myreside for a dizzen 'ears!"

"Havers, man!" said the Laird,

"You're bragging now."

"Never a brag, Laird! But dinna ye rin awa" wi" the idea that it was fairly an squarely earned aff the West Mains. Nae fear o't! My mith-

er scrimpit and scrapit, an' wrocht her fingers to the bane, an' mine as weel, a' to add to her store, but I can tell ye ma wife's no tae dae that, nae fear o't. I merriet her a leddy, an' I'll keep her a leddy, as I can weel afford to dae! Ye'll risk me wi' the Myreside noo?"

"I might do worse, Sandy, I might do worse!" asknowledged the Laird, and Sandy knew the victory was

won!

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The other Sunday, Myreside was showing some visitors 'frae the toon' round the farmsteading, and his first born, Sandy junior, a wild little rascal of some four years, was dodging around the group paying no heed whatever to his father's occasional mild admonition, but of a sudden one old lady missed the child, and exclaimed:

"Losh keep me, Mr. Macgregor, what's come o' the bairn? Eh, megsty me, he's drooned, he's drooned, as they came round the end of the stable in time to see the young hopeful tumble head first into the duck pond

directly opposite.

"Nae fear o' him," cheerfully replied the father, as he took two great strides forward, and rescued his yelling offspring. "Them that's born to be hanged will never be drooned, ye ken! Ye young rascal," giving him a very gentle shake, "hoo often maun I tell ye to keep awa' frae there? Hoot awa, bairn, ye're no nae waur. Awa hame, an' gar yer mither puit on a dry frock, an' gie ye a honey piece! An' ye needna yell that wev! There's naething to vell for!"

"I 'sure ye, if he'd been mine, he'd hae gotten something to yell for, giein's a' sic a fricht," gasped the old lady, her hand to her side. "I'm some misdoobtin," Mr. Macgregor, that ye's forgotten what the wisest man that ever lived had printed i' the Holy Book, them that spares the

rod, spiles the child!"

"Hoot awa, wumman, I hinna forgotten," said her host cooly, "but am no' ane o' yer Solomon admirers masel! An' it seems to me an' the wife that seein' hoo some o' his ain turned oot, him an' his advice baith

are a haver ower muckle cried up, even till this day! Let sleeping kings and dogs lie, Mrs. Malcolm, lat sleepsleeping dogs an' kings lie!''

The emancipation of Sandy Mac-

gregor was complete!

A PAGAN PRAYER

By VIRNA SHEARD

LORD of all Life! When my hours are done,
Take me and make me anew—
And give me back to the earth and the sun,
And the sky's unlimited blue.

The nightingale sings in an ecstasy

To the moonlit April night,

But my songs are locked in the heart of me,

Like birds that may not take flight.

The little purple-winged swallows that fly Through waves of the upper air, Have a sweeter liberty, Lord, than I, Who may not follow them there.

Pavilions of sunshine—tents of the rain,
For these, the wild and the free;
And for us walled garden and window-pane,
And bolt and staple and key.

We are worn with wisdom that never brings Peace to the world and its woe— For a space with Thy joyous lesser things, Teach me the faith I would know.



THE MASSE SHOT

BY W. LYTTLETON CASSELS

THERE lay the treaty papers Savage had mentioned, revealed by the light of my pocket lamp. A moment's scrutiny proved that it was indeed to be a coalition. Twenty-four hours and the blow would fall.

Suddenly a switch clicked, the room was flooded with light, and I heard the words "hands up" uttered in a cold, emotionless tone, and with my hands above my head, I turned to see Debrissay and Delorme covering me with their automatics.

"So m'sieu has ben reading our documents," said the latter, "search him, Jules."

It was the work of a minute for Debrissay to remove my revolver and the other smaller personal belongings from my pockets. Then ,in tones as cold as steel, and with sinister emphasis, Delorme spoke again.

"And now, what shall we do with our inquisitive friend?" he asked.

"Gag him, and leave him here while we are on our way across the Channel."

"No! No! It would be risking too much. He must be silenced. Gag and bind him, if you so wish, but before we go we will turn on this gas cock and close the door."

"Give him a chance for his life," growled Debrissay. "He is a poor

tool at best."

"A chance. Ah, but yes," said Delorme with a sardonical smile; we will give him a chance. M'sieu can play billiards?" I inclined my my head in assent. "Well, then, we

will play a little three-handed game, and, if m'sieu is so fortunate as to win, we will gag and bind him and leave him here like a trussed fowl while we voyage gaily across the Channel. He may starve, but that

is part of his chance."

Debrissay growled his disgust at Delorme's whimsical proposal, for well both he and I knew that Delorme in his character of author and clubman was one of the finest amateur players in London. My hope revived, however, for had I not been a pupil of Roberts and was I not as good an amateur as Delorme? If I could win there was still a chance of frustrating them, for when Savage returned from Dover in the morning he would miss me, and would set out to find me. And so I said:

"You jest: what chance have I against the finest player in Lon-

don ?"

"The fortunes of the game, who knows?" said Delorme in his cynical way. "Allow me, m'sieur, to choose your cue; what weight do you prefer—a twenty? A bit heavy. I, myself, like a seventeen. The game will be three hundred points."

Debrissay broke, and was followed by Delorme who ran twelve, falling down on a difficult canon. I followed with a score of eight. On his next shot Delorme ran twenty-seven, followed by twenty-two, while I was only able to make thirty more. When Delorme was at one hundred I was only seventy, and while I was making twenty-nine in the next four shots, his score went up to seventy-

five points.

At this point, however, I overcame my nervousness and made a nice break of fifty, but Delorme, from then on, kept drawing steadily away from me and when I still needed sixty-four, he started on his final twenty-five points. My hopes sank lower and lower as he made one, los-

ing hazard after another.

At last he only needed one point more. A single point stood between life and death. With a look of un-restrained and bitter malice, Delorme deliberately played his shot in such a way as to leave my ball near the top of the table and in the centre, while the other two were each left practically frozen to the side cushions and each about three feet from the bottom pockets.

He was playing with me and prolonging my suspense, for he knew that almost the only feasible shot I would have was a run through along either cushion, and as a result I was almost certain to leave both balls in balk if I played the shot twice in

succession.

It was an unpleasant situation for me, but I rose to the occasion, playing from the side cushion, off the red on to the end cushion, finally touching the white and leaving both balls in splendid position for a run. Hazard followed hazard, and my score kept gradually growing. As I neared the three hundred mark the excitement was intense. Both men forgot to be cautious while the run was in progress. Finally, when I was two hundred and ninety-three, an ejaculation of triumph broke from Delorme, for his ball had gone down. and my own ball was left in such a position as to make a score almost

impossible, although I only needed three points as a result of the can-

on I had just made.

I studied the situation carefully for a few moments. The red ball was within three inches of the top right hand cushion. My own was perhaps three-quarters of an inch farther out and almost touching the red. The only shot possible was a massé shot, for any one of the three lower pockets. In a flash, as I lifted my cue to attempt the shot, a plan came to me. I was a good massé shot, and I felt certain that I could make a good attempt to sink my ball in the lower right-hand pocket. I also knew how slowly a well-played ball travelled, and I saw that both my opponents, who were on the same side of the table as myself, would forget to watch me in watching the course of the ball.

I played the shot, and instantly dropping one hand and raising the other to the middle of my cue, I struck Debrissay, who was nearest to me, on the head. A spring, and I had Delorme in my arms,-clasping the hand with which he was trying to draw his automatic. In silence, save for the gasps for breath,

we wrestled to and fro.

I managed to get a foot behind him and threw him to the floor. His automatic slipped from his hand and slid far under the table, and I pinned his throat with both hands. He struggled with all his power to free himself, but gradually he turned livid and finally lay unconscious in my grasp.

Overcome with reaction, I rose to my feet and looked around. I glanced at the billiard table carelessly,

and then I started.

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The ball was in the pocket.

NOTTINGHAM THROUGH THE

AGES

BY H. LINTON ECCLES

SOMEHOW it seems necessary, in talking about Nottingham, to start out with an apology for its lace. Not that Nottingham's lace needs any excusemaking for it, but the average person has an impression that this North Midland city has no history, has no bread and butter even, but what it draws from its intimate association with, not to say monopoly of, the art, science, and business of lace manufacture. That, let me sav at the beginning, is a notion which is far from the fact. I am going, if you will bear with me, to introduce you to stones hoary with history, scenes of antiquity which you will be sorry if you miss from the itinerary of your trip to Britain. By all means get some friend of yours to show you around a lace factory, your hundred-and-thirty-mile trip from London will be amply re-But, having looked paid thereby. into the chief cause of Nottingham's present prosperity, if you close your travel eye and neglect to re-charge your camera for the sake of the past, your visit will be more than half spoiled.

A city that can substantiate its claim to have been one of the first settlements of early Britain; that was one of the "Five Boroughs" of the maurading, conquering Danes; where Prince John the Reckless loved to live and revel and to rehearse the business of being a king whilst his brother, Coeur-de-Leon, was crusad-

ing against the Saracen; where Robin Hood and his merry gang of Sherwood Foresters operated successfully their system of holding up the rich for the benefit of themselves and the poor, their allies; where Charles the First, about to make his last stand against a people's might and indignation, raised his gaudy standard; in the neighbourhood of which stalwarts like Ireton, Cromwell's son-in-law, Archbishop Cranmer, and a long line of other notabilities were raisedsuch a city has had many an interesting page in the role of Britain's history to fill.

Nottingham, like every spot that has lived through other times, other manners and yet kept young, has been modernised. The ubiquitous builder for the needs of a more populous, less herded generation has been allowed to riot at will. There are still plentiful traces of the old city that never was too slavishly loyal to the monarchy and the system around the monarchy to neglect a chance of standing up for what it conceived were its rights. Its mob, during the fierce Chartist riots, for a comparatively modern instance, set fire to the fine old castle, seat of the Dukes of Newcastle, just about the time that the city and the village of Sawley nearby were giving birth to two staunch defenders of popular liberties in General William Booth, the recently deceased head of the Salvation Army, and Dr. John Clifford,



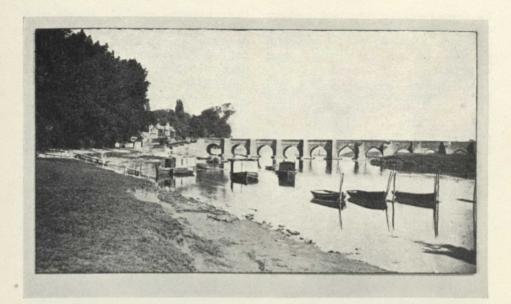
OLD TOWN HALL, NOTTINGHAM, (1741)

who remains to rule as the unmitted Archbishop of Nonconformity.

That gaunt Castle Rock, frowning over a never servile city, which saw the last of Newcastle's Nottingham seat, struck the strategic eye of William Peveril centuries before Peveril—of the Peak, as you will remember in Scott's stirring novel—was the natural son of William the Norman, and the Conqueror gave him this grand demesne to enjoy. But



NOTTINGHAM, SHOWING THE EARLY MARKET-PLACE



TRENT BRIDGE, NOTTINGHAM

first Peveril had to subdue it, and he made a good beginning by setting up his then almost impregnable strongholds at Nottingham and Castleton in the Peak district. It was this same castle and estate that were the setting for Prince John's overlordship, and report says that John was never

happy after he had to leave it for the larger sphere in London. The Newcastle home was destroyed in 1831, and the irate Duke, disgusted with the townspeople, retired to the north of the country where he had built him the more palatial headquarters of Clumber. The citizens gained by



STREET IN NOTTINGHAM PARK, WITH VIEW OF CASTLE, (1726)

his departure, for they took a cheap and perpetual lease of the Rock, and its castle now serves the peaceful purpose of an art gallery and museum.

Nottingham's name is traced back to the Snotengahame of Saxon times, and the original designation means "place of caves." Many of these caves can be seen to-day, hewn out of the sandstone on which the city their narrow crooked streets with overhanging eaves and other evidences of an age when geometry was not considered essential in town planning. Certainly the town-planners of Nottingham did not set about their duties with foot-rule and set square. Walking along the city's old streets to-day it is easy to imagine when they were but winding paths between the old cave and hut dwellings, trod-



A VIEW OF NOTTINGHAM. (1749)

is built. The Castle Rock itself is honeycombed in various directions, originally of course to provide an emergency exit for the defenders. One of the castle tunnelings, known as "Mortimer's Hole," made a conveni-ent hiding place for that notorious paramour of Queen Isabella, mother of Edward the Third, until he was trapped in it by the minions of the zealous king. A row of cells is shown in one of the engravings, and these are preserved in the residential section known as the Park. Many other original cave dwellings are now used as brewery cellars, and to these excellent storage places, together with the properties of the local spring water, is usually attributed the excellent quality of the famous Nottingham ales.

One of the greatest charms of old cities to the dweller in new lands is

den out along the easiest level for walking. Bridlesmith Gate and the High Street are two of the thoroughfares which still defy the city improver.

The name "Gate" used in describing a number of the thoroughfares which still hold out against the city improver, refers, of course, to the time when this was a walled city with gates as entrances and exits. Many of the streets, naturally, have had to be widened, and Nottingham compares well in this regard with other large cities of England. But the townspeople of generations ago were generous enough to Nottingham in one respect at least. They gave it a space which is said to be one of the largest open market-places in the world. Then, as if they regretted their prodigality, they huddled nearly all the streets and houses around it. Or. perhaps they thought it would be snugger to be close together.

Nottingham is not a cathedral city for the Anglicans, though the present vicar of the principal parish is a gaitered Bishop, but St. Mary's church, seen in the old views of the city en"The Shambles." It describes bluntly that it is the city's central meatmarket, though only selling and not slaughtering is done there now. In one of the shanty-like butcher-stalls lived with his parents Henry Kirke White, the young Nottingham poet



ST. PETER'S GATE, NOTTINGHAM, (17th century)

graved by the Bucks, is in every way worthy to be classed with the leading churches of the land. One of many fine old structures, St. Mary's, however, is younger than St. Peter's, which continues to defy old age and to boast one of the grandest peals of bells in the country.

There used to be standing until a few years ago the ancient gabled town hall of Nottingham, its ground floor the town gaol, where the "pen" was quite open to view. The gaoler was supposed to sit on duty on the sidewalk, and if the friends outside wanted a private chat with the ones inside they had only to fix it up with the custodian.

One of the quaintest spots still existing in Nottingham is known as

whom Byron — Nottinghamshire's greatest son of letters—praised unselfishly and highly in his "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers." Kirke White's townsfolk are still debating whether they shall spend the money to secure his home against the improving vandals.

Verily, a city to be seen and known is Nottingham. Even if he cares not to turn over the pages of the past, the stranger can find enough to interest him here and in the neighbourhood over a full week's sightseeing. He will want to see the "Lace Market" at the luncheon hour, when the hundreds of factories and warehouses pour forth their thousands of mostly laughing and jostling, always smartly dressed workgirls. Viewing this



RESIDENCE OF HENRY KIRKE WHITE, THE NOTTINGHAM POET

mass of femininity that earns its own right to live, he will understand why this city of nearly 300,000 souls has thirty or forty thousand more women than men. There are towns, Honiton in Devon for one, that pride themselves on their hand-made lace, but Nottingham makes it on machines (whose secrets are jealously guarded) to the tune of millions of dollars' worth a year. This wonderful world industry, practically monopolised by

Nottingham and district capital, is a tribute to the memory of Arkwright. who lived and laboured here to perfect his looms in face of the bitter opposition of the hand lace-workers.

Let me beg you, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Globetrotter, not to neglect to look up the history that is woven in the texture of your Nottingham lace and that was built into the stones of this fair city before its lace or its lace machines were thought of.



EDMONTON CASUALLY

BY W. LACEY AMY

"THE East is East, and the West is West" in spite of the politicians, and it requires more than party and patriotism to line up a Western town according to Eastern ideas: but it is to its credit that in some of its heterodoxy the West has reverted to the original simplicity of childhood.

For instance, a Western town has an expression. It laughs or grouches. or invites, or frowns with anxiety and haste, or glowers with dissapointment and disapproval—just like the face of a healthy child that has not learned to hide its feelings. In the East the face of a town is like that of a mummy, dead, masklike, uninteresting; or, like Toronto, it presents a cold profile of dignity, indifference and snobbishness. Every citizen, whether in East or West, reads into his town his own thoughts, but it takes the stranger to read the expression aright.

Take Edmonton. From the open arms of its wide streets to the frank interest of its pedestrians there is invitation. It is the invitation of friends and home and happiness. Calgary—if it is possible to bring the two cities thus close without a breach of the peace—Calgary is different; and that does not detract from the virtues of the southern city.

Calgary shows its profile, Edmonton its full face. Calgary is too much concerned in the future—not doubtful, but expectant—even to glance a welcome. You see, Calgary is busy every minute of its life making its future; Edmonton's is there spread

out before it. Edmonton can lie abed in the morning and watch itself grow. Nothing short of hari-kari can stop it; and even then its successor would arise within a few miles to the north

It wasn't always thus. Time was when Edmonton bit its finger nails and growled in impotent wrath at the southern city.. When a Calgary paper reached the end of the railway northward the bars had to be closed to modify the riots. A few Edmonton papers travelled back, but Calgary has always had such supreme confidence in itself and its parts that nothing essential could appear in an Edmonton papers outside paper. came to town only as exchanges in the newspaper offices, where they were used as a text for to-morrow's red-ink editorials. When The Edmonton and The Calgary - had exchanged about two editorial remarks, the dictionary had

to be combed for novelty of epithet. But that was at least three years ago; and six months in Western Canada is a cycle. Now the representative baseball teams sometimes commence to play before the ambulance arrives, and through tickets are purchased from city to city without criminal proceedings. Each has discovered that its future rests with itself. Calgary is there to stay and stay big and important. And Edmonton looks away north and west and smiles contentedly. Once it was like the father of a large, young family, and had to hustle hard to make both ends meet. Now it can afford to smoke good eigars and let the family look after its dad

About both cities there is infinite attraction. Calgary citizens are laways rushing to a fire, and you simply have to get in on the excitement. Edmontonites are merrily skipping along to a rugby match, joyous, expectant, beckoning, contagiously laughing; and you can't and don't want to resist.

"Smile, damn it, smile," says a card in a real estate window. There, that's Edmonton.

The constituents of the city are as follows: Three real estate offices and a café, three real estate offices and a café, three real estate offices and a store. The figures may not be exact, but the principle is correct enough to show anxiety for the truth. They may not be the only ingredients of a universal appetizer, such as Edmonton, but they are the unpatented features and probably essential.

To the visitor the real estate office in Edmonton is not a cobweb with a seductive centre too enticing to be healthy, but a place that revels in window display. The Edmonton land office that confined itself to blue prints and maps would be only a restaurant next week. Dry goods and toy shops and clothing emporiums take second place in window dressing. One of three of the real estate offices fills the space with a meshed paper anaglyph of the site for sale. Stores, streets, rivers, bridges, railways with trains, steamboats, and even people, are there for inspection. and there arises in you an ambition to be one of them. In one window a few dollar bills protrude from a bit of the landscape, and it's hard to resist the appeal of the growing money Whirligigs, revolving wheels and lights, demand consideration. An unrushed passage down a street is punctuated by a pause before every other window to see more of that which has caught the eye.

The real estate agent of Edmonton is a brand-new brand of genius. But

then Edmonton has mapped out its own scheme of existence from the first

Even the employment agencies are different. A doorway would mean delay. Therefore, the agent sits on the sidewalk and hands out work as a soup kitchen does steaming bowls—no questions asked, and room for all. Edmonton has a waiting hand to grasp every loose labourer and to place him at work before he has a mind to make a selection. There is an opening somewhere within the rays of Edmonton for enough workmen to stop the factories of Ontario—and then there'd be room still for the unemployed employers.

Things up there are growing so fast that the place is always getting too big for its clothes.

On the streets is definiteness rather than rush. On the way to Strathcona a short train of a dozen cars holds up a score of rigs in its crossing of the roadway: but there is no swearing or disturbance. Every driver knows the time ahead of him. It takes more than a train to interfere with his destiny Each individual pedestrian is not an imminent menace; rather, he is a part of a steadily moving bulk, heavy, resistless, but following a definite course like a train. Only the street cars start and stop with a jerk, but that's because there is not yet sufficient outlet for the over-supply of energy generated in that vast northland.

There is no impression of dress. In the crowd mingles everything from the freshly shined tans to the hobnailed boots. There are many of the latter, for all the north radiates from Edmonton. A khaki shirt and prospector's boots attract no more attention than a loose vest button. Everyone is a part of the whole, a part of a strong chain whose links are every nationality in the world, and every style of dress and appearance.

The life is disconcerting. A raw girl rides astride along the main street leading a red and white cow at

the end of a rope; and you're the only one to stop and look at her. Just a mile back her father is plowing a farm worth three thousand dollars an acre. Next year it will bring four, and he knows it. Two men in overalls and soiled shirts drive past in a phaeton of the early nineties. They are returning from the purchase of a block or two just off Jasper Avenue. The driver of the brick wagon is wondering whether he ought to sell now or wait until spring. The newsy on the corner has just made his last payment on a couple of lots and is willing to stop and talk subdivisions with authority.

You can't tell in Edmonton by the hang of a coat or the grime on a face what the paper value of the owner may be. Driving a delivery waggon or finding the appendix is his business only for the moment. Vocations are but the clothes. Inside, the clerk and the surgeon have the same real estate dreams—and usually the same realisations. Next year they'll be racing automobiles and laughingly paying the fine. Even the bellboy at the hotel is a burgess.

Sunday is a day lost—to those who observe it. Edmonton does not need rest; a thoughtful moving body like that does not wear out its energies. Not that Edmonton breaks the Sabbath. Oh, no! Such tireless, complacent force as Edmonton never breaks anything. It just pushes it aside by sheer weight. The stores are closed, the "movies" quiet, but that

force cannot be stopped. It gets out on the streets of a Sunday and tramps, tramps, tramps It is there impressive as ever but more quiet and dignified. Laws cannot reasonably stop Edmonton and smelters on the seventh day. So the city moves on, principally along the heights, and looks across to Strathcona.

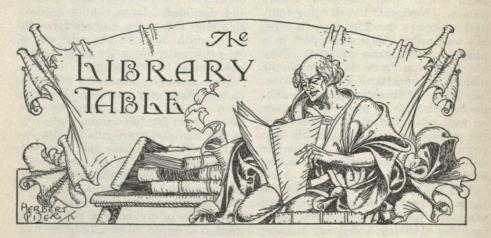
That is where Edmonton possesses an advantage over any other Western town. It has a view. Were there no other reason for Edmonton, that drop to the Saskatchewan justifies its location. The poolrooms and bars and other dens decried by reformers may be filled; but along the height is a greater crowd, enjoying in innocence the monopoly of the city at the northwest corner of civilisation. Some time, when real estate relaxes, Calgary will set out to deride that view, just as Toronto treats Hamilton's mountain. Derision is a popular covering for jealousy.

Edmonton is sure of itself. Geography, experience, eyesight and comon sense teach content.

A married daughter, leaving her father at the Edmonton station, begged a return visit next year. "No," he said stubbornly, "I'll not leave till I sell out." He kicked the edge of the platform a moment thoughtfully before he went on "And then I'll never go back to Ontario."

He was recalling the expressionless mask of an Eastern town, and it had no attraction for him after Edmonton's smile of welcome.





HE essay by Dr. J. D. Logan entitled "A Decade of Canadian Poetry," which appeared in the February number of The Canadian Magazine, has caused much discussion amongst critics and others interested in the history and development of literature in Canada. We have received a number of criticisms and appreciations, and from them we have made a selection of several which we think are representative, and we reprint them here, together with a reply from Dr. Logan. We did not ask for these opinions, except in one instance, and that one happens to be unsympathetic. As to the sponsors of these opinions: Arthur Stringer, it scarcely is necessary to say, is a poet of international reputation; Archibald MacMechan is professor of English language and literature at Dalhousie University, Halifax; The Globe's literary editor

is Mr. M. O. Hammond, and we therefore presume that the paragraph taken from "Bookish Chat" is his; E. S. Caswell is the assistant librarian of the Toronto Public Library; "A. E. S. S.," who writes in The World, is undoubtedly Mr. Albert E. S. Smythe, author of "Poems: Grave and Gay"; Donald G. French, author of "Points About Poetry," is literary editor of The Sunday World, and no doubt the opinion expressed in that journal is his; Miss Florence E. Deacon is a department editor of The Globe (Toronto), and P. A. Gahan is a barrister, of New Hamburg, Ontario. Besides these opinions we have from Mr John Reade, literary editor of The Gazette. Montreal, and author of "The Prophesy of Merlin and Other Poems," the statement, as printed in the The Gazette, that Dr. Logan's article is a "most instructive study."-The Editor.

PROFESSOR MACMECHAN'S OPINION

I AM in hearty accord with the views expressed in Dr. Logan's last article on the "Vaudeville School" of Canadian poetry, and I am glad to see that you take the position that you do. It is a severe ar-

raignment of Canadian culture that Lampman should die before his time a government hack and "sourdoughs" should net their concocter thousands of dollars.

A. MacMechan.

DR. LOGAN'S TWO-FOLD ERROR

DR. LOGAN'S error is two-fold: first, in his hopeless condemnation of Service, and second in his practical ignoring of half a dozen real poets whose work is worthy of comparison with that of the "Renaissance," such as Arthur Stringer, Marjorie Pickthall, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, Helena Coleman, Virna Sheard and Alan Sullivan. Dr. Logan is blinded by the big glare of the Service financial triumph, and he

has not appreciated the modest worth of the other writers mentioned. The public have bought Service because of his emotional and dramatic qualities, just as more people attend moving-picture shows than go to grand opera. Crude and all as Service often is, one is better for having read his colourful words, and an introduction to poetry even in this form may often lead to better things. — The Globe (Toronto).

A SPLENDID STUDY

MY Dear Doctor Logan,—In talking to Kenneth Douglas, about a fortnight ago, I asked him to convey to you my apreciation of your splendid study of Canadian poetry in last month's issue of The Canadian Maggazine, but Mr. Douglas, I fear, did not return to Toronto with my message, so I am taking the liberty of writing you this line or two, and saying that it is such work

as yours that is clearing the way for the true note in native verse. There was great need for the saying of just what you have said, and I'm sure every man of thought will be with you in your campaign. And all I can say in closing is, more power to your elbow!

Most appreciatively yours,

Arthur Stringer.

TIME ON OUR SIDE

THE slashing attack which Dr. Logan has launched against the writers and readers of poetry in Canada should not be taken too seriously. I doubt if he himself appreciates his statements at their face value. With true Celtic ardour he lays about him with lusty vigour, too engrossed in the joy of the exercise to give close heed as to how his blows are directed or where they fall. He would have been more convincing had he been more moderate. With much that he says I find myself in accord. There is no question about it, your Canadian is too deeply absorbed in material things to give much heed to the finer things which concern the soul and spirit. Yet this is practically inevitable. Here we have a slender population confronted with such tasks as the subjugation of a wilderness, the conquest of the forest and the breaking

up of the virgin prairies, the tremendous problems of transportation and of the development of natural resources prodigious in their extent—is it not natural and inevitable that these great physical undertakings should for the time more or less submerge the purely intellectual and æsthetic? We must be patient. Scolding will not help matters. Time will with us, as with older civilisation, work the desired change. Let us be thankful for those high souls who in the midst of surrounding materialism cling to their ideals and work for the coming of the better day.

The apathy which has roused Dr. Logan's fine rage is by no means of recent growth. In the introduction to his volume of "Selections from the Canadian Poets," published in 1864, the late Dr. Dewart inveighed bitterly against the prevailing indifference

to the work of Canadian writers. One of the saddest tragedies in the literary history of Canada was the death of the gifted Isabella Valancy Crawford ere yet the freshness of youth had passed, life and hope crushed out by the knowledge that she was singing to deaf ears. By the way, I am surprised at the omission of the names of Miss Crawford and Alexander McLachlan from Dr Logan's article, as also by the omission, in his mention of the really capable writers of poetry of the present day, of the names of Helena Coleman and Annie

Campbell Huestis. I incline to think that few thoughtful persons will regard Dr. Logan's onslaught on our poet of the Yukon, Robert W. Service, as quite justifiable. Mr. Service can scarcely be regarded as an idealist. He frankly admits that he is more concerned about the sale of his verse than about pleasing the critics. It must be remembered that the years of Mr. Service's life in which his powers have been developing have been spent in a rough environment, both with regard to nature and to man. He writes of nature as he has seen it in its grim and stern aspects, and of men and women as he has seen them in the grim tragedy of their lives. And what a panorama of life that new, wild country presents, with its strange mingling of men of every race and class and sort, where the appeal has been so much to the baser passions of greed and envy and lust: and yet where the residue of good which remains in every man has had much fine play It is this life which Mr. Service has sought to portray, and such a picture, if it is to be true,

must be painted in strong colours. One would not expect the light, dainty touches which would be given to describing a sunrise effect or a delicate bloom of the garden or the wood.

Nor yet do I agree with Dr. Logan that the extraordinary sale of Mr. Service's books is owing to their appeal to the vulgar instincts of the people It is their fidelity to nature and to human nature, to the elemental instincts of men and women, that has commended these poems to the common people. Their author modestly describes them as a "weak imitation of Kipling," but they have a character, strength and individuality of their own. They take up a new field in literature. Mr. Service is a literary pathfinder in that great grim waste of Arctic snows, and his descriptive poems give us some genuine nuggets picked up in his prospecting. And these poems have in them the prime qualities which make for popularity. The lilt and swing of the verse of the Yukon poet catches the man whom blank verse or the ordinary lyric would never attract. To say that this shows a depraved taste is an easy thing; to demonstrate its truth is less easy. Canons of taste are fixed and usalterable all climes and through all time. Service's verse unquestionably is marred by lack of finish and by coarseness of expression, but as unquestionably it is lit up at times by the fires of genius. Make no mistake about it, its popularity is based on broader and surer ground than the vitiated taste of a depraved people

E. S. Caswell.

THE DECADENCE OF CANADIAN POETRY

To give a true definition of poetry is a very difficult task, and I have never yet seen such a definition as fully satisfied me. Perhaps the best that I have so far come across is the following:—

"Poetry is an art that has for its purpose the creation and prolongation of intellectual pleasure. It is the fragrance of all human thought and knowledge, passion, emotion and language. Good sense is the body of poetic genius, fancy its drapery, and imagination the soul that pervades every part and forms all into one placid and harmonious whole."

Poetry, exists therefore, as a genial power that enlightens the mind and carries away in rapture, not only the heart of the poet himself, but also of all those who listen to his sweet strains.

It is an historical fact that many of the Greek Rhapsodists fell into convulsions while reciting Homer. object of this short paper is to find some other cause for the decadence of Canadian poetry than that given by Mr. Logan in his excellent essay in the January number. If Canada ever did possess a writer worthy of the name of poet, his mantle has fallen upon undeserving shoulders. In fact would require a considerable stretch of my imagination to regard any of the so-called poets that belong to what Mr. Logan so aptly terms the "Vaudeville School," as poets in any sense or meaning of the word. Mere rhyme, and questionable rhyme at that, does not constitute poetry.

What appears to me to be Mr. Logan's chief reason or cause for the present condition of Canadian poetry is contained in the sentence:-"I remark that certain phases of the very adolescent civilisation of Canada does not assist native men and women to write good poetry." I cannot agree with this statement. Canadian civilisation is adolescent or growing only in the same sense as the civilisation of every other civilised country in the world is adolescent or grow-Canadian civilisation is as old ing. as the oldest civilisation of Europe. Our earliest ancestors came from the cultured spots of "Sunny France," then the Queen of the civilised world; these were followed by the most cultured men and women from Britain and the colonies, and unless the culture that these men and women brought back to Canada has been flowing backward toward barbarism, which I humbly submit is not the case; then Canada's civilisation is young and growing only in the same sense and in the same way that the civilisation of every other civilised nation in the world is young and growing.

What we are experiencing here in Canada to-day—that is, stuff that is not poetry being more popular with all classes of the people and out-selling by one hundred per cent. readable verse—Britain has experienced, Germany has experienced, France has experienced and the United States is

experiencing now.

While the works of Byron, Shelley, Keats, Southey and even of Scott and Coleridge were lying on British book shelves in British book stores accumulating their quantum of dust, "The Omnipresence of The Deity," by Mr. Robert Montgomery ran through eleven editions and the author realised thousands of pounds out of the sale of the work. If ever veritable trash, under the name of poetry, went through a printing press, that trash was the "Omnipresence of the Deity."

I doubt if Longfellow, Bryant or Whittier realised as much out of their works as did the late William M. Carleton out of the sale of his "Farm Ballads." Twenty years ago the printing presses of the United States were kept busy turning out his so-called poetry. You could not purchase a recitation book without finding nearly one-half of the book taken up with the late Mr. Carleton's productions. The walls of every school-house on the back lines and concessions of both Canada and the United States echoed and re-echoed to the declamations of "The School-Master's Guests" and "Betsy and I are Out." Mr. Carleton's productions lacked the elements of vulgarity, but they lacked the elements of poetry and morality as well.

P. A. Gahan.

SERVICE NOT CHARACTERISTIC

IT is imperative to protest against Canadian poetry of the last ten years being characterised as "a deluge of vulgarity and an abomination," socalled by Dr. J. D. Logan. If, as the writer states, "the characteristic poetry of the last decade at its best is the work of Mr. R. W. Service and Mr. R. J. C. Stead; and at its worst, the work of the Rev. Hamilton Wigle and Mr. Paul Agar,," there is some excuse for his denunciation. who of any poetic taste considers the rhymed lines of nine-tenths of the writers between and including the two extremes given by Dr. Logan as poetry at all? And with the exception of Mr. Service, how much are these writers read? The majority of them will have to pay for the publication of their own volumes.

If this is the characteristic poetry of Canada in the last ten years, we Canadians should quite properly feel humiliated. I trust, however, that no one but Dr Logan believes that it is. To select all the inferior poetry and almost none of the best, and to call that the characteristic poetry of an age, is an injustice. In England every year are published many volumes of impossible poetry, but no one would dream of calling it the characteristic poetry of England. The characteristic poetry of England at the present day is that of Alfred Noves. Alice Meynell, John Davidson, William Watson, and that of a score of other poets, men and women whose work is read throughout the Englishspeaking world by lovers of poetry, but some of whom have scarcely earned a living through their poetry.

Canada should be judged in the same way, i.e., by its real poets, not its "vaudeville poets," and this, the characteristic poetry of Canada, has never attained as high a standard as during the last ten years, Helena Coleman, Arthur Stringer, Virna

Sheard, Pauline Johnson, Frederick George Scott, Duncan Campbell Scott, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, Ethelwyn Wetherald, L. M. Montgomery, Alan Sullivan, Marjorie Pickthall, these are some of the characteristic poets of Canada to-day.

Mr. Service's poetry differs so radically from that of the poets just mentioned that he can hardly be classed in the same way, yet he has done an estimable service to Canadian poetry. A long time ago I resolved to know something about Canadian poetry, and the first volume I bought for this purpose was an anthology. I read every poem in it and felt thoroughly disheartened in my Pauline Johnson's lovely "The Song My Paddle Sings," was the only poem in the collection over which I became enthusiastic. There was an imitation of "Break, break. break," which would have been good had the imitation not been so evident. The rest, while perfect technically were absolutely dead-no one would ever quote those things! Now, an anthology of Canadian lyrics might be compiled, lyrics, too, that have been published within the last ten years, which would be worthy of this country, lyrics brimming with colour and emotion, perfect and rounded in thought and rhythm. Such a volume would contain the characteristic poetry of Canada during the last ten The second renaissance of which Dr. Logan speaks has begun!

And although Mr. Service is guilty of many of the æsthetic faults which Dr. Logan attributes to him, yet he has helped on this happy renaissance, for whatever else may be denied Mr. Service, it must be conceded that his poetry has life. And his success, largely because of this one great quality, has unconsciously influenced the true artists in poetry.

Florence E Deacon.

POETRY AND CULTURE

"A DECADE of Canadian Poetry" is the title of a provocative article in The Canadian Magazine by Dr. J. D. Logan. It is provocative of thought, of questioning perhaps in some quarters of disagreement and for the very reason is a workmanlike piece of criticism. The argument is that Lampman and his contemporaries, of the "Great Lakes School," and Roberts and Carman of the "Birch Bark School," wrote inspired poetry carefully The very artistic finish and well. of their work made it an unsaleable commodity in this country, which possesses so far neither inspiration nor artistic conscience. But the last ten years have seen the rise of a new type, which Dr. Logan terms the "Vaudeville School," and of which Mr. Robert W. Service is the prophet. The people of Canada have fallen upon Mr. Service's neck, and have bought 200,000 copies of his poems. He has sung to some purpose, commercially speaking. Dr. Logan claims that Service has betrayed the spirit of poetry in his choice of vulgar or debased themes and in his carelessness of versification, and from this is deduced the unhappy state of culture in this country.

What are the popular poems of any people? Not the polished, polite, Greek urn type of verse, flawless in technique and urbanely pretty in thought; but Homer, whose graceful lines reek of slaughter, Virgil, who was not averse to conflict, the Ballads of Robin Hood, Jack Sheppard, Chevy Chase, Kinmont Willie, who was hanged, Trelawney, and Sir Pat-

rick Spens. These are the songs of men of action engaged in Doing. While the dramatic principle lives in the human soul their popularity will endure. Service is popular not because of his poetry, but because of his drama. The drama is made more powerful by the compelling force of a swinging rhythm.

It is true enough that in adjusting rhythmic values to fit contrasting thought, Service, like his artistic godfather, Rudvard Kipling, is weak. It is true that he is careless, that he does not polish each line patiently and carefully-but he is not in the jewellery business. He is an iron puddler. He gets his "pig" from the men and women about him, and-well, he puddles it. People buy his work because they like iron-puddling. They do not buy the work of a real poetic diamond merchant, because this is appreciated only by the very few in every country and in every age. Out of one thousand men you meet, either in Toronto or in London, how many have read Keats? Of the few who have done so, how many have enjoyed him?

As Dr. Logan properly points out, the verse of Isabel Ecclestone Mac-Kay and of Alan Sullivan is of fine quality. But only in a sublimated Athenian atmosphere would that verse appeal to all classes and conditions of men. Neither one nor the other would be guilty of the rough technique or the violent colouring which Service employs. So, from their royalties neither limousines nor footmen will spring.—The News (Toronto).

PROFIT OR PROFITS IN POETRY

THERE is a species of criticism which consists in finding fault with the matter in hand, because it isn't something else; and there is another kind which consists in the endeavour, as accurately as possible, to

determine its intrinsic value and fairly to estimate its relation to other matters of a similar nature. An example of the first kind was recently published in which the author accused Tennyson of paraphrasing Henry

Drummond and of not having properly edited "In Memoriam." A broadranging and keenly scrutinising example of the second class is Dr. Logan's able essay, "A Decade of Canadian Poetry," in The Canadian Magazine for February. And this essay has in turn aroused a horde of critics of the primary order. The constructive critic, as Dr Logan remarks, must never be guilty of the meanest of literary sins; scorn of others and spiritual pride in his own

judgments. . . . Very little can be said in defence against Dr. Logan's indictment. Perhaps a little might be said in extenuation on behalf of the versifiers. It is quite true that the press does not encourage good verse, nor indeed any verse. The "Poet's Corner" of former years has almost disappeared. Poets are regarded as useless creatures, for the people no longer believe in the world from which true poetry springs. There is no poetry in dollars, though dollars might provide the conditions for the production of true poetry. The day of the patron for poetry is past, though music and drama have their "angels." multi-millionaires of the country would as soon think of supporting a boa constrictor as a poet. And they are right. The poet is a better poet for having to face the world. But he need not be starved like Chatterton nor flayed like Tennyson, who took twenty years to recover from the critics. The appreciation of mediocre or poor verse is greater on the lower

levels of society than the appreciation of good verse on the higher levels. and on this score the millionaire and his retinue may be justly impeached. The people have always welcomed the rhythmic expression of their own reflections and perceptions, and the vogue of Walt Mason and Sherwood Hart is quite significant These writers may be trivial and flippant, but they are also ingenious, sensible and on the side of the angels. The popularity of Service and Stead is no more phenomenal in Canada than that of Will Carleton, George R. Sims or Clement Scott in their respective constituencies, and in Rudyard Kipling one finds a nexus between the lowliest vaudevillian and the loftiest lyrist. One suspects that the people discover in the more popular vaudevillians what is or what seems to them like heart and soul and sympathy, and to this they respond, while they turn away from the cold intellect of the merely rhetorical poets. Dr. Logan's problem is the problem of humanity. the education of the spiritual nature and the subordination of the intellectual faculties to the vast inspirations of humanity. The longer the stream flows the purer it becomes. Perhaps the current of Canadian poetry will purify itself from these baser inflowings as it meanders down the national destiny. And there can be no question but the good clean sand and gravel of Dr. Logan's criticism will materially assist the necessary sedimentation-A. E. S. S. in The World (Toronto).

A SCHOLARLY ESSAY

IN his very scholarly essay, Dr. Logan measures the work of Service and his imitators by the requirements of real poetry, and finds it lamentably lacking. And not only does he give ample proof for his conclusions, but also seeks to investigate the

origin and popularity of this "vaudeville poetry" No student of literature should fail to read the illuminating and thought inspiring essays now being published in *The Canadian* Magazine from Dr. Logan's pen.— The Sunday World (Toronto).

DR. LOGAN'S REPLY

NOTHING but good, I am convinced, will result from the discussion, both resentful and appreciative, which my essay on The Vaudeville School of Canadian Poetry has-undesignedly on my part-caused in the press and in literary and academic circles. I mean, of course, that nothing but good will result to the Canadian people in general and to Canadian literature and litterateurs in particular. For, frankly, since the appearance of the essay, and especially since the publication of Mr. J. E. Middleton's suggestive editorial and of Mr. A. E. S. Smythe's sympathetic and illuminating review in The Toronto World (Feb. 24, 1913), the Canadian press has, in one way or another, reviewed the essay, and I myself have received kind letters of appreciation from several Canadian poets and poetesses, and, further, have been met, on the street, in the bookstores, and in offices, by such remarks as this: "I want to read that article of yours on Canadian poetry. Everyone seems to be talking about it." Yet, I must remark that I should have expected—and merited resentment from my compatriots if, by my essay, I had unjustly wounded Canadian pride or injured the reputation of worthy Canadian poets. But when I, with good-natured sincerity and with decent show of scholarly and literary attainments, acquired both in universities and in the more expanding school of experience, attempted, as I did, novel constructive criticism of traditional views of Canadian poets and poetry, I merited neither resentment nor commendation, but only respectful hearing. I am not so puerile or silly as to"resent the resentment" expressed in some of the press reviews of my essay; if I did so. I should imply that I was concerned more for my own feelings than for a genuinely patriotic interest, on my part, in helping to promote, amongst Canadian poets, the composi-

tion of poetry which shall be both beautifully or nobly conceived and winningly or exquisitely wrought. While, then, I cannot resist admitting that to have gained the appreciative regards of two such excellent poets as Mr. Stringer and Mr. Smythe is a priceless spiritual experience - and reward—in itself, over the resentment expressed in the other reviews I am forced to exclaim, good-naturedly, of course:-"Behold an acute exhibition of the Canadian national frailty." For though what Canada needs most at present is a sincere and acute critic-I do not mean a mere literary critic — of her institutions and culture, the sad fact is that amongst foreign peoples Canadians have become a byword for their perverse unwillingness to observe the historic process at work in their own civilisation, and for their peevish refusal even to listen to criticism, by sincere foreigners and compatriots. of Canadian institutions and culture. I turn now to reply to my critics.

Although, really, Mr. Smythe's review of my essay is a sufficient reply. I must add here a few considerations of my own. I was at fault in two First, I should not have matters. suggested to the editor of The Canadian Magazine the title "A Decade of Canadian Poetry," without having suggested also the sub-title "The Vaudeville School of Canadian Poetry," and without having added, in parentheses, to this sub-title the termini during which this school flourished, namely, 1903-1913. In fact, I should have used this sub-title for the real title. I doubt, however, if this would have prevented misapprehension, on the part of my critics, as to the precise scope and aim of my essay. For I put these matters unmistakably in the very first sentence of my second paragraph. "I shall dub," I said there, "the throng of verse-makers, poetasters, and (some) poets who have flourished within the last decade (1903-1913) the Vaudeville School, both on account of their themes and their appeal to popular taste." Further: I was careful to observe that my newly-invented sobriquet for the poets of that decade was devised solely for expository or pedagogical purposes. "Derision," I said, "is not intended to be conveyed by the sobriquet, but only a summary estimate of the quality of the poetry, and of the ideals, methods, and craftsmanship of the great majority of the poets of this group or school."

Yet Mr. Caswell calls my essay a "slashing attack" on Mr. Service and his confréres. There is no attack, and my criticism is not slashing; for my essays, if they are noted for any peculiar qualities at all, are certainly distinguished by a cold analysis of fact, philosophical application of principles, logical, pedestrian movement in development of argument, and by a total absence of "Celtic ardour," in style. I have respectful regard for Mr. Service as a man and as a poet; and I said nothing in my essay that I would not, solicitously for his good as an artist, say to his face. I would say, to put it familiarly:-"Mr. Service, you are gifted, inspired, with natural poetic genius, but for the choice of most of your themes there is neither æsthetic, social, nor moral justification, and in your craftsmanship you do not exhibit patient artistry—the very best you can do." And Mr. Service would reply: "Yes, Mr. Logan, there is considerable truth in what you say. I have observed that you yourself sometimes write verse, and that you are very careful about your craftmanship, but that you lack inspiration." In my essay I took Mr. Service as a type, as an exemplar of the gifted but artistically careless poet, and in this factitious colloquy I take myself as another type, as an exemplar of the ungifted but careful verse-maker; and in my essay I simply "explained" Mr. Service,-that is, showed that he was concerned, as he ought

not to be, less for his choice of intrinsically beautiful or noble themes and for intrinsic beauty of artistry than he was for the forthright expression of his natural poetic genius about any theme and in any ryhthmic style at readiest command. I hold that poets should be enamoured of absolute beauty and perfection. And, therefore, I hold that Mr. Service (not the mere individual but as a type of poet) in not striving after absolute beauty in choice of themes and after perfection of artistry, has, in his typical poetry, failed to give us poems which have æsthetic, social, or moral justification, and that when he is naturally gifted to achieve the perfect but does not even attempt it, he is sinning against himself, his art, his country, and God who gave him poetic genius. Mr. Caswell, I know, has only misapprehended the scope and aim of my essay by having read it hastily.

I allege hasty reading of my essay as the source also of the criticisms by Mr. Hammond and some others. Mr. Hammond is well-known throughout the Dominion as an able and conscientious literary critic; but, as a very busy editor, he must have read my essay hurriedly, else he would never, I know, have said in his review that one of my two errors was my "practical ignoring of half a dozen real poets whose work is worthy of comparison with that of the 'Renaissance' (in Canada), such as Arthur Stringer. Marjorie Pickthall, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, Helena Coleman, and Alan Sullivan." This criticism is, of course, a lapsus memoriae on Mr. Hammond's part; when writing his review he must have failed to recall the pasages in my essay (pages 347 and 348), in which I eulogise the poetry of Mr. Stringer and some others besides those mentioned by my critic. But perhaps Mr. Hammond's criticism is contained in the phrase "practical ignoring." If he means by this phrase that I did not dedevote enough space to a consideration of their poetry, he must have failed to observe that on page 345 of the essay I remarked the existence of these poets as "important exotic exceptions:" stated that "the characteristic poetry of the last decade at its best is the work of Mr. R. W. Service and Mr. R. J. C. Stead:" and that on page 351 I said: "I am not forgetting the fact that Mr. Roberts, Mr. Carman, Mr. D. C. Scott, Mr. F. G. Scott, Miss Pauline Johnson, Mr. Stringer, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Sheard, Mr. Eric M. Yeoman, Mrs. Lucy Montgomery-MacDonald and others have published some fine poetry in that period. But their spirit is yet the spirit which inaugurated the First Renaissance in Canadian Poetry, beginning with the publication of Mr. Robert's "Orion" (1880). and closing with the publication of Miss Pauline Johnson's "Canadian Born" (1903). . . In spirit and in craftsmanship the poetry of the last decade, leaving out the exotic verse by the poets mentioned, is essentially a recrudescence of the poetry that made glad the hearts of the 'Bush' and the 'Clearing' settlers of Canada in the first and second quarters of the last century." In short, Mr. Caswell, Mr. Hammond, and Miss Deacon, through careless or hasty reading of my essay, have quite missed the scope and point of my criticism.

Secondly, I was at fault in leaving a lacuna in the essay at page 350, second column, second paragraph, where I summarised the causes of the astonishing vogue of the verses of The Vaudeville School. I should have added a paragraph explaining that vogue according to the evolutionary hypothesis, thus: Men take pleasure in reading Mr. Service's verse because there is still in mankind a "survival" of aboriginal instincts and uncivilised habits, ingrained in men when they were issuing from the brute stage. Mr. Service's verse satisfies the coarse instincts and habits surviving in us from our immemorially remote ancestors. Mr. Service. says the reviewer in The New York Times Book Review, celebrates "the Indian, the camp-fire, and the rough comedy and tragedy of the trail and the mining camp"; and the reviewer in The Chicago Tribune says: "He (Service) is a poet—a John L. Sullivan of poets." As many men of culture-and even of learning-the moment their daily newspaper is in their hands turn first, inevitably, instinctively, to the sporting pages and read with avidity and delight the exploits of rough, vulgarised, bru l champions, so refined men, and even women, turn to the poems of Mr. Service and his school and read them with avidity and delight, because, as Mr. Middleton truly states, his verse is not Poetry but Drama,—because it presents us with a continual dramatic panorama of picturesque characters who are daring in speech and action and who move amid scenes which are vulgar or sordid or wicked, but which are inevitably interesting. I will go farther than Mr. Middleton and say that my critics have confused intellectual substances.—that while Roberts, Carman, Lampman, and the others down to Mrs. Mackay and Mr. Stringer have written true "poetry," Mr. Service and Mr. Stead and their confréres have written verse which, on the whole, logically must be regarded as something else than "poetry." Summarising the qualities of Mr. Service's three volumes of verse in a hierarchy of values, I should estimate his work thus: Some of his verse is genuinely poetic, much of it is drama simply, still more of it is violent melodrama, and the most of it is vulgar vaudeville. In different terms his critics, some of whom are also my critics, have in their reviews, remarked these qualities; some have said that Mr. Service does not always write poetry, and others that in the interests of good taste some of his verse should not have been published. If I have altogether cast down this popular idol, my critics preceded me in mutilating the features; or rather, all of us together have shown that if the head of this idol be gold, the torso

and limbs are made of clay.

Finally: Mr. Caswell knows what the public has never even suspected. namely, that the publication of Mr. Service's "Songs of a Sourdough," his first volume, was very fortuitous. Mr. Caswell was the "Reader" for The Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, in the year when the manuscript of Mr. Service's poems was submitted to the House with a view to publication in book form; but Mr. Caswell has forgotten that he let me read, cursorily, both the MS, and the first proofs; that he asked my opinion whether I thought the House could "risk" (morally risk) putting out such a book with the firm imprint; and that the first edition, in view of the risk, bore on the imprint "Author's Edition. William Briggs. Toronto, 1907"; that as soon as the press copies of this small "privately printed" edition were flatteringly reviewed by the press and it was seen that a so-called "Canadian Kipling" had arrived and that The Church would not attack the young poet, the publishing House, with business shrewdness, removed the words "Author's Edition," and published subsequent editions with the firm imprint. Also Mr. Caswell has forgotten that the publication rights were offered by his publishing House, and also by Mr. J. H. Woods of Woods, Norris, Limited, through Mr. Richmond Smith, acting as agent for Mr. Woods, to several book-publishers in the United States and Canada; that these other firms refused to consider the book until considerable time after its vogue was established in Canada. and that it was published in the United States by an obscure firm who changed the title to "The Spell of The Yukon."

All this goes to prove that in their inmost hearts a Canadian firm of Christian publishers, as well as other American and British firms, doubted

the propriety of publishing Mr. Service's verse, considering it both a moral and commercial risk.

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THE HEROINE IN BRONZE.

By James Lane Allen. The Macmillan Company of Canada.

JAMES LANE ALLEN undoubtedly had a motive in writing his latest effort, "The Heroine in Bronze." Else, why write it?

We thought and pondered over it. and the only conclusion we could come to was that he wished to give an imitation of himself in his less successful days before the reading publie had had a glimpse into the pages "The Kentucky Cardinal" or "The Choir Invisible." In this he succeeded. One cannot well imagine a more successful attempt at amateurishness. The whole two hundred and eighty odd pages might have been written in fewer than the eighty odd. But the author's pen had begun dripping, and could not stop, it seemed. The story concerns a certain lovesick youth, just out of college. The lovesickness was caused, be it known. by one of the graduating "co-eds," on the day of her distinguished graduation, when she, mounting with her elect sisterhood, all in white, a rosetwined platform, had read to her delerious audience, her finishing essay. (the essay that had finished one); when afterwards descending from the platform and standing with bowed head-that exquisite head with the gold of dawn upon it" . . . etc Thus raved the youth. Undoubtedly the very worst kind of lovesickness.

Anyhow, he married her the next June, after he had published a book which brought him many thousands—we forgot to mention that the hero was a writer, who had to show the golden-haired deity that he could make good before she would marry him. Hence the book, "thousands,"

and fame. That is all.



HE MEANT WELL

She-"I envy Miss Playne plays so well that one forgets how she looks."

He-"But you look so well that one forgets how you play." - London Opinion.

HER HABIT

"It did Jack no good to marry his stenographer, for she continued the habit of the office in their home."

"How so?"

"When he starts to dictate she takes him down."-Tit-Bits.

THE MAIN THING

The Small Boy-" 'Arf a pound o' veller soap, please, and muvver says will you please wrap it up in a good love story."-London Sketch.

YOU CAN USE THIS

"You tould me this was really cut glass."

"So it was. Cut from \$1.00 to 75 cents."-New York American.

A GENTILE REMINDER

Nobody ever mentions it since they have come into money, but at one time there were scoffing spirits in the neighbourhood who had been known to aver that at one time old Wellerby had driven a 'bus.

If that has been so, young Wellerby has managed very successfully to banish the memory of those dreadful days from his mind. There was a reception at Wellerby House one day recently, and the young heir to the broad domains was observed to be ostentatiously showing off the family seal. It represented St. George and the Dragon.

"One of my ancestors, you know," he observed pompously, have killed the Dragon." "is said to

"Good gracious!" said a scoffer ear by. "How did he manage it? near by. I suppose he didn't-er-run over it, did he?"-Answers.

FORGOT HIS CUE

Mr. Clarence—"Sister in, Georgie?"

Georgie-"She's either in or indisposed, I forget which."—Judge.



"ETHEL! I hate her! Why, I saw you kiss her yesterday"

"Yes, but that's all we do; we hardly ever speak"

-The Tatler.

GALLANT

Old Maid—"But why should a great strong man like you be found begging?"

Wayfarer—"Dear lady, it is the only profession I know in which a gentleman can address a beautiful woman without an introduction."—London Sketch.

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Too BAD

A noted sociologist tells the following story of a woman in a Southern manufacturing town. Approaching her for statistics, he asked—"Madam, have you any children?"

"No," she replied. "I have to work in the factory myself."—Life.

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RING OFF, WILD BELLES

Maybelle—"See the beautiful engagement ring Jack gave me last night."

Estelle—"Gracious! has that just got around to you?"—Toledo Blade.

WHY DELAY?

A small tailor in the Twin Cities has a head for advertising. In front of his store stands an oil-barrel with the head knocked in. The barrel is bright green and on it in red letters is painted: "Stand in my barrel while I press your suit for fifty cents."—Zenith.

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More Than Serious

Eulalia (elderly heiress) — "Do you think the Baron regards me seriously?"

Rosa—"Seriously? Why my dear, every time I mention you he looks positively sad."—Fliegende Blaetter.

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UNHEARD OF

Jorkins—"How did you ever come into possession of such a cheap-looking umbrella as that?"

Dorkins — "Why, I got this umbrella in a very peculiar way—I bought it."—The Pathfinder.

SURE OF HIS GROUND

Among the coffee-drinkers a high place must be given to Bismarck. He liked coffee unadulterated. While with the Prussian Army in France he one day entered a country inn and asked the host if he had any chicory in the house. He had. Bismarck said: "Well, bring it to me; all you have." The man obeyed and handed Bismarck a canister full of chicory. "Are you sure this is all you have?" demanded the Chancellor. "Yes, my lord, every grain." "Then," said Bismarck, keeping the canister by him, "go now and make me a pot of coffee." -Belfast (Ireland) News.

NEW VIEW OF IT

"I envy the man who believes that superstition about Friday," said Mr. Growcher.

"I consider it depress-

ing."

"Not at all. A man ought to be mighty comfortable who can feel sure there's only one unlucky day in the week."—Washington Star.

A GENTLE HINT

A miserable-sinner-looking clergyman sought advice of an experienced preacher, and was told, among other things, "If you are preaching of hell, your ordinary expression of countenance will do; but if you preach of heaven, I should try and look a little more cheerful."—Christian Register.



The Starving Suffragette: "I will not eat my soup—no, I will not eat my soup!"

-Kladderadatsch (Berlin).

THE SAME THING

"And he said he was willing to die

for me?"

"Not exactly in those words, but that was the impression he was evidently trying to convey."

"What did he say?"

"He said he was ready to eat your cooking any time you said the word." -Houston Post.

STUNG

Teacher-"Tommy, do you know 'How Doth the Little Busy Bee'?"

Tommy - "No; I only know he doth it!"-To-Day's Magazine.

REASON ENOUGH

"Why does the giraffe have such a long neck?" asks the teacher

"Because its head is so far away from its body," hopefully answers the boy.—Judge.

ETYMOLOGY

"Why do they call these dentists" offices dental parlours?" asked Smith of his friend.

"Why, parlour is the old-fashioned name for drawing-room."—Pres-

byterian Standard.

OBLIGING

Mrs. Chinnon-"Tell Marie I want her to come up and take my hair down "

Rose (the new maid) — "Can I take it down to her, ma'am?" Christian Intelligencer.

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A KNOWING FATHER

"But will your father give his con-

sent?"

"Don't worry about that. Father is not going to waste time opposing a summer engagement."-Presbyterian Standard.

DETECTED

He-"I dreamed last night that your mother was ill."

She-"Brute; I heard you laugh in your sleep."—Tit-Bits.

WISE WORKMEN

An industrial commission appointed by Congress was conducting certain investigations with reference to the operation of mills and factories in various parts of the country, and the members became especially interested in the working of one mill in a Southwestern State.

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ished as if by magic.

"Do all the workmen drop their tools the instant the whistle blows?" asked one of the commission.

"No, not all," answered the man who was acting as guide. "The more orderly have their tools all put away before that time."—Lippincott's.

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CONSOLING

Sweltering Passenger (on railroad train) - "This window sticks so I can't get it up.'

Conductor-"Yes Wood is swollen a little by the rain. It'll be all right in a few days."-The Pathfind-

TOTAL LOSS

"Does your husband ever lose his temper?"

"Not any more. He lost it permanently about two years after our marriage."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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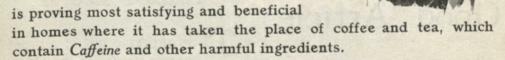


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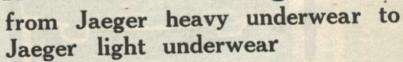
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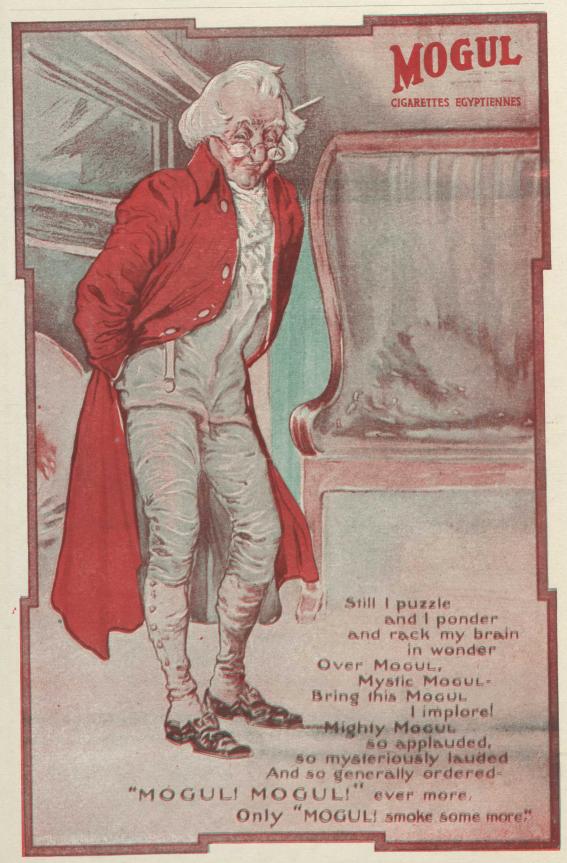
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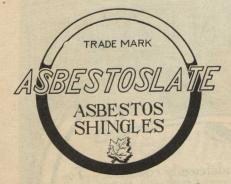
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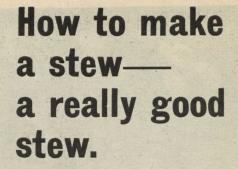


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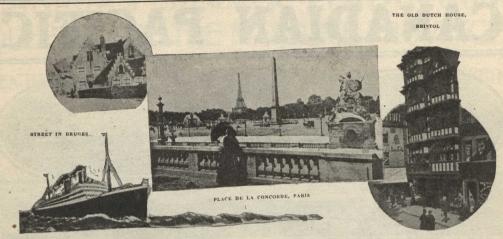
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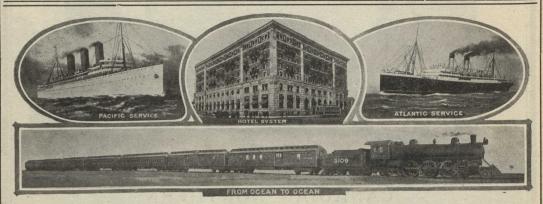
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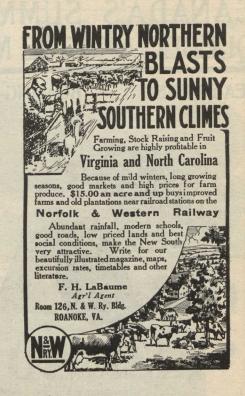
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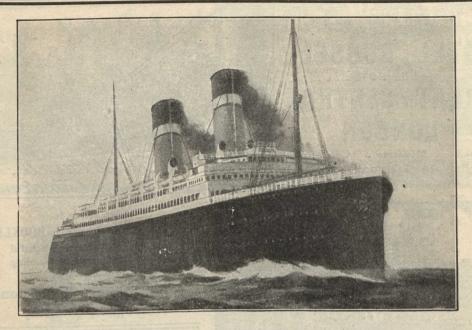
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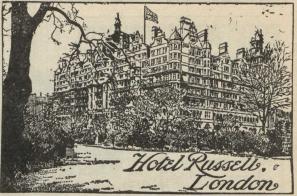
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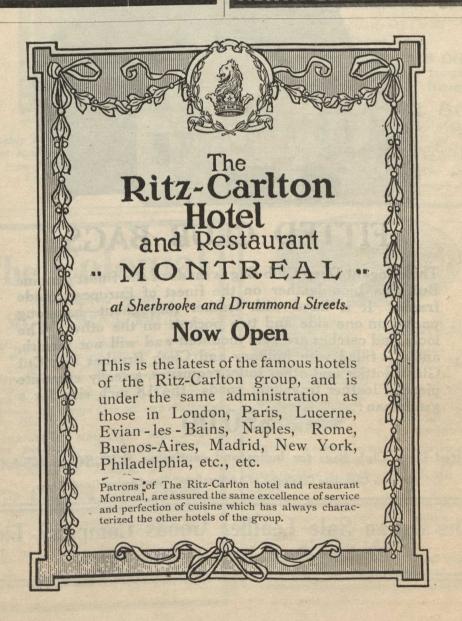
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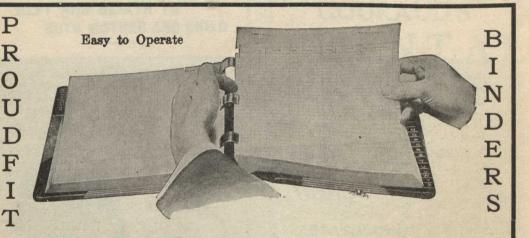
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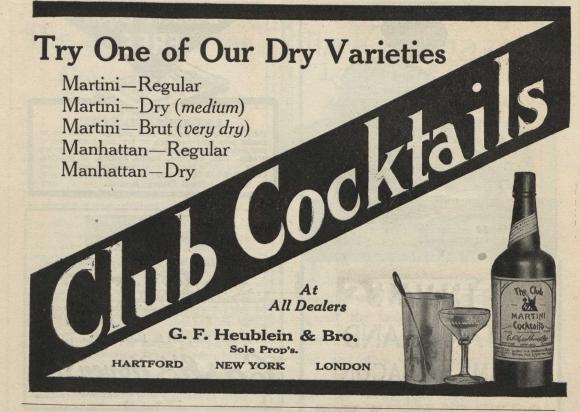
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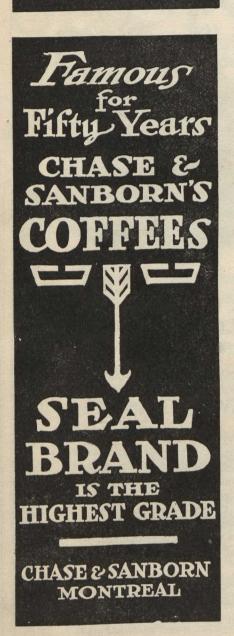
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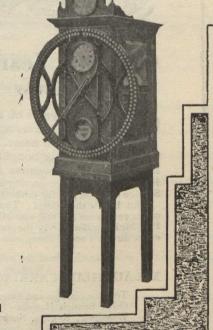
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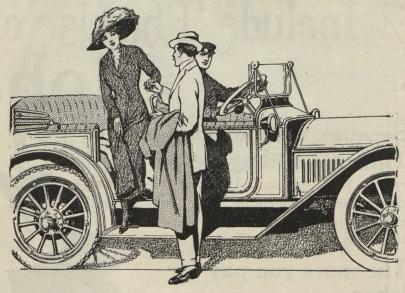
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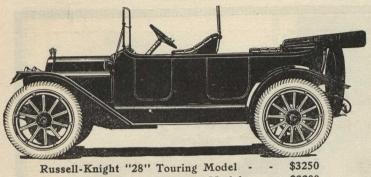
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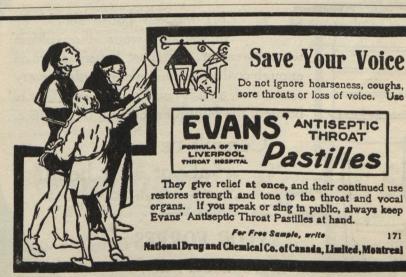


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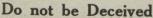
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