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## A NAERROW ESCAFE.

BY MOWER MARTIN, R.C.A. was the only concession opened up, but 1 wasn't quite satisfied with the land there; rather too light, as I judged, and too much pine and soft wood in the bush all alung them concessions. So I fullowed the survejor's line in through here; and all round where them wheat fields lie, and round back 0 ' the barn, away down through the corn there down to the river, was as pretty a prece of hard wood bush, mostly maple too, as ever you laid eyes on. So I reckoned this would suit me, and 1 wanted Jim to come and take up lot 6 , right here next to mine, but his wife wouldn't let him. We were both young men then, and just married; in fact, we'd married two sisters, but there was a good deal of difference atween 'em. She's been dead now these ten years, but she was one of them loud talking kind that's alwayss got such lots to say, and is so anxious to lee saying of it, that they won't give anstody else a chance to speak. You might speak to Jinn about anything, it didn't much matter what ; but ten to one you'd get your answer from Mary Jane. So when I says to Jim for him to cone over and take up lot 6 , afore he could answer she breaks in, 'You don't catch me a livin' way lack in the woods, miles off the road, with never a livin' soul to speak to, not if I know it you don't.' Well, the end of it was, as I said, that Jim, he took upon the road and I began chopping away over here, the fact is, I didn't want to be too close to Mary: I was a little bit afraid she might influence her sister, and one of that kind's enough for a whole township. But still we used to visit and be friendly enough, specially when the women had their babies to show' each other and comparing of 'ens together and such like. Well, I used to find it was hard work to get them to come and see us. They always wanted it to be the other way and she used to complain of the road being so lad. Well, of course, it wasn't any too good of a road. I had to make it all by myself, and there was a good two mile of it and over. You see it's

near the width of two concensions, and a concession in this township is a mile and a quarter. So we used to have sume talk sumetimes , is to whose turn it was to visit, and I sals to Jim une night, as 1 was driving by his place on my way home from the village, that Em'ly (that's imy wife, you know) wats expecting em for Christmas. Jim was standing in the road by the waggon, and she was in the doorway of the shant, but she heard me and says she, "No, you don't, it's Emily's turn to come here." Now, as this was the first Christmas, I told 'em it wasn't anybody's turn, but I'd toss up for it to begin and then we'd tahe turn and turn for the Christmases that was to come. "All right," says Jim, afore she rightly understood it, and 1 threw up a copper. "Heads," he says, and so it was. "Well, we'll come," I says, and away I drove, for I didn't want to stay supper 'cause Emily was easily scared if I didn't get home afore dark. It had been raining a good deal that fall, and there was a bad place where a swale crossed the road and the water used to come down pretty strong after a storm, though it wasn't a regular creek ; I had been going to mend that place and put a bit of cross-waying down, but though I had got the logs cut for it and piled at the side of the road, I was waiting till I could get Jim to help me, and he was so busy this fall getting in his crops and underbrushing before the snow came, and I was just as busy myself, for it makes a deal of difference when you come to chopping if the underbrush is well cut down out of the way. Still an' all, I found the water so decp that nijht going home that I theught I'd have a try to get through with it ; so next day down I goes with my axe and got a lot more logs cut and piled ' em the best I could alongside where they were wanted, but it takes two men to pile logs right, only I thought it wouldn't matter as we should put ' cm in their places afore the snow. 1 put in the best part of the day at it, and went home thinking I'd get Jina to come the first of the week and help fix it.

That was the fifteenth of November and we'd had a fine open fall after the frosts in the middle of October, but that very night the weather changed cold, the wind went round to the North-West, and in the morning everything was froze up. The ground was that hard I couldn't finish banking up my stable that I'd been building, and had to pile manure and straw round it to
keep the poor brutes warm, for I'm not one of those that believe in having my cows and horses standing shivering in the cold wind, though l've seen plenty of such farmers in my time. Snow came the next day; and snow kept on coming, unusual deep it was and quite a job to break the road out through to the front, however it fixed the bad place in the swale better 'n I could, and I soon hatd a good track made by hauling out some saw logs to the mill, for Dennis was going to cut on shares that winter, and 1 wanted a lot of lumber to put up a barn next summer after phanting time.
The logs I cut for the crossway rolled down into the road once or twice, and I had to lift 'em out of the way with a handspike afore I could haul my logs by. Another thing 1 noticed, 1 don't rightly know why, but there was an uncommon lot of wolves about that winter, and I noticed tracks all round our place after every fresh snow.

It got on to be near Christmas and got colder all the time, athd when Cleristmas day come I do believe it was $40^{\circ}$ below \%ero, though we hadn't any thermometer in them times, and had to guess at it. We'd arranged to start in the morning and make a day of it, and they'd invited another fanily that had noved in since, and we expected to have a good time. So we made a good start after l'd fed the cow, the two heifers, the old sow, and the geese and chickens. I shut 'em all up tight afore I left and then 1 laid some wood for a fire in the cookstove, for 1 don't think there's anything more miserable than to come in late on a regular cold night and have to go hunting wood and kindling to make a fire. I haid it all ready for a match and lifted Emily and the lably into the sled where I had a lot of straw and a buffalo robe, besides two sheepskins to keep 'em warm. They was wripped up to that extent they looked like a big mummy


Now I never was afrid of wolves, for bigger cowards I never see. I caught one in a trap that fall, and he just crouched down and turned his head away. I couldn't get him to look at me when I went to shoot him; and many a time I've heard 'em howling when I've been coming home late at night, but never felt a bit of fear, and one time I come slap on four of them when I was out looking for a good tree for shingles. I had nothing but an axe with me, but they made off without stopping to snarl at me. Well, this winter they were more plentiful and bolder than ever I knew' 'em. They used to take the bones and bacon rinds that we threw out in the back yard, and they'd howi of an evening, sometimes you'd think they were all starving. My wife Emily got so frightened that I had to come home by daylight every day or else I thought she'd go crazy. She'd got it into .her head that they were after the baby.
cuddling a little 'un, the horses didn't care to stand still any longer so off we wemt, and as the road was good and the snow hard, we soon covered the two miles, the only trouble was we were nearly thrown over by some of those logs that had slidden into the road at the swale. Well, we got there all right, and had a first-class time, and alrout as good a Chisistmas dimer as ever 1 eat. It was a sucking pig, stuffed and roasted, followed by a Cliristmas pudding, and I must say that Mary was a good cook. The visitoris, that is, the new come visitors, were Dutch people, and a good sort of people they are, good-tempered and hard working, they make good settlers and first rate farmers. There's only one thing I have against 'em, they're ton apt to kill the women with hard work, they work 'em like horses. Many a time l've seen that same woman, Soucy Snider, logging with a handspike like a man. She's dead now, poor woman, and he's a rich old man
still living on the same farm, and it seems to the that he's turned his wife into so many dollars that he's got in the bank, and that are no more real use or good to him than his wife in the grave, for he's saving and laying up money every gear. However, that isn't my story; we sat and talked, and langhed and told stories all the afternoon till it began to get a litile dusk, and Em'ly wanted to go for home. Well, the others wouldn't hear of it, for the Duichman had just got out his accordion, and lem'ly had been singing, with him a-playing and putting in. the bass. Em'ly was a fine singer in those days, and they wouldn't let her go, besides, they hadn't had supper, and they wanted to have a game at cards and suap) dragon, so as to have it look like Christmas. So she gave in, as she most always does, bless her, and the singing went on, and the Dutchman and his wife sang some songs about the Christ child, and so on, and it was very pheasant. I don't know how it is, but it seems to me that folks away in the woods get more fun out of such mectings than city. people; perhaps it's because they're so scattered, and don't see each other so often, but maybe I'm wrong. Well, anyway we had the cards, and played with beechnuts, for 1 don't believe in taking a man's money if I haven't given him something for it, and we had the snap dragon, and the women compared their babies (they all had babies) till it got to be ten o'clock, and when the clock struck a lot of wolves began to howl outside, and my wife jumps up and says, 'Oh, I wish I was home!' So they wanted her to stop all night, but she wouldn't do that, and I went out and put the horses to and drove the sled round to the door. Of course, the women talked and talked, and I had to cali out to Em'ly, for I didn't like to leave the horses, it was such a stinging cold night, and they seemed so skeary.

I had driven up close to the door, so as she could step in easily, and as she got in she handed me a packet, and says, "Put this in your pocket, John." So says I, "What's this?" "Only some red pepper for the pickles that you said weren't hot enough." "All right," I says, and off we go. "Hold the baby safely," says I, "for we'll have some hard bumping; it's as much as I can do to hold the horses." Well, they did pull; I believe they were frightened by the wolves howling out in the bush. It was most too cold to talk, for when it's away below zero it's best to keep your mouth shut, and we rattled along; the horses knew well enough they were going home, and wanted to get into the stable again as soon as possible.

We'd gone maybe a third of the way when Em'Jy pulls my arm. "John," she says, "there's something behind us," and sure enough there was. It was a moonlight night, and away back on the hill we'd come down, not more than a hundred yards behind, 1 could see near a dozen wolves galloping along after us, and gaining at every step. Now, some people will tell you about wolves howling away as they chase a deer ; they don't do anything of the kind. When they're rumning they haven't any breath to spare for howling. No, sir, they just give their mind to running, and don't utter a sound. I whipped up the horses, while it was terrible to hear my poor wife, as she clutched convulsively at my arm, and said, in a hoarse voice, "Oh, hurry, John, hurry, they'll get the baby." I don't believe, even then, she once thought of herself. No need to tell me to hurry, the horses were doing their best, and the rumners seemed to shriek as we flew over the hard snow, but they were rapidly gaining still. As I looked back I thought there was something dreadful and horrible in their very silence. I could see their eyes, now, and their tongues hanging out, whatever should I do? I had no gun; an ase we always carried in those days, to chop out fallen trees, and I began to feel for it with one hand, while I held the reins with the other.

I had given the horses their heads, and they were gallop. ing away as if they knew what was the matter; we had been gojug uphill for a time, but now we began to descend towards the swale, where the logs were piled; we were nearing home, but they would catch us first, surely. While feeling for the axe my hand cane in contact with the paper parcel my wife had given me. Red lepper: $A h$, if I could shake that in their faces, but no, it could not be done; two of them were in front of the rest, they were very close. I tore open the package and flung it at them; they fell back, or 1 thought so: but just at this time the sleigh jolted over those accursed logs, and we all bounced up in the air. I thought we should have been thrown out, and eaught hoid of my wife with my left hand; there was a rattle of falling logs, the whole pile seemed to have stipped into the road, started by the concussion; this frightened the horses still more, and they tore aleng, in another minute or two dashing into our yard, and bringing up at the very stable door, as if they wanted to get into shelter, where no wolves cou'd reach them.
"Now, Em, werc home!" I cried, as I jumped out, "sit there a minute while I unhitch; I guess you're warm enough, are'm you?" She didn't answer, but I suptosed she was too wrapped up to speak. In a minute I had the horses in the stable. "And now" says I, "I'll carry you in; come on, hold the baby tight, but when I went to catch hold of her she was lying back in the sleigh as if she was dend, she had fainted! I carried her in and laid her on the bed, and then went back for the baby. It was'nt there!! I could'nt believe it, I would'nt believe it, I searched, I threw out the robes, no, it was'nt there.! Now for the first time I lost my head; I rushed into the isuse and seized my revolver, and picking up the axe as I came out, I tore out on to the rond and back to the swale as hard as I could run. I think: I must ha' been mad for the time.
Wolves! I only longed to meet 'em; they might kill me and welcome if I could only get among 'em. It wasn't more'n a quarter of a mile from the house, and, as I came rushing down the hill, I could see three or four wolves sneaking across, and across the road they stood looking at me a minute; as I came nearer they began to go off, three or four more were pawing and smelling round the logs and I fired twice into the middle of them, then they got out of the way, and as I fired again they set off at a gallop, and as the sound of the pistol died away I heard, yes, I heard the sound of a baby's voice, crying; Ah! I never thought to be so glad to hear a child cry; I never thought to hear that baby cry again! By this time I was at the spot, and there it was somehow right under the logs, it had fallen down when the sleigh bumped and slid between two logs that were lying in the snow, and when the pile slipped down a big one had rolled over and rested on these two, so it was as safe as if it had been in bed. I tell you I did the biggest lifting that night I ever did in my life. I had to lift six logs off before I could get at her, but my blood was up and I think I had twice as much strength as usual. I got her out at last, and those cussed cowards of wolves were looking on in the distance all the time and came sneaking along behind me when I started for home. Twice I stopped for 'em to come up closer but they stopped :on, they would'nt come nearer than a hundred yards, and fell off altogether as I got within sight of the clearing.

The missis was just coming to when I come in, so I put a match to the fire and lit the lamp and made believe I'd just been carrying the baby to quiet it. She was so well wrapped up that she wasn't any the worse for her $\$$ tumble, at least she don't look like it, for that's the young woman over there, the tall one with the curls, $a$-coming to call her old father to tea.


The Dominion larliament will soon be meeting agnin in Ottawa. It is a busy time for the Members. The great questions which affect the whole country are discussed there, and the interests of any of the Provinces in so far as they affect those of any other Province. Young Canadians have not been taught to bother themselves about these things. This is a great mistake. It is the duty of all our intelligent boys and girls to think a little of what is going on. No Canadian is too young to begin. Few more interesting and profitable topics of houschold chitchat could be reserved for our Canadian tea-tables than what is best for the country we love so well. Just think of our great Sir John, or our great Mr. Laurier, with perhaps lady Stanley listening in the Gallery, as they tell Parliament that the sharp eyes of a million Young Canamans are watching everything, and that at a million Canadian firesides all public words and deeds shall be praised and imitated. Nothing will be a greater reward to our Parlinments than their approval, as we are sure nothing can be a greater disappointment than their disapproval.


N item of Dominion News for the weeh, which is of peculiar interest to our young people, is the advent of a Magacine of their own, all for themselves-their very uwn selves. It could choose no better time of year to come, and in presenting itself among the other inviting treasures of the happs Christmas-Tide, it does so with its very warmest and heartiest

## Greftinos for the: New Year!

That we have now a Magazine of our own is, indeed, for Canada a veritable New Year; and, dear readers, you must see for yourselves that we mean to make it a happy one. The remaining winter months will find us busy in making our departments each more attractive than the other with help in your lessons; advice in your work ; stories for your leisure ; games for your evenings: what to read; how to dress; how to keep well: where to go for your holidays; how to make home happy: how to make one dollar go as far as two ; how to make your country proud of you; and, eventually, if you will, how to become the first man and the first woman in the land.

We have never had a Magazine of our own, and it is quite time that we had. We have writers and illustrators equal to any in the world. We have material within our own domain, from history and from the life, which, for the romantic and picturesque, is unapproached by any other country. We have Sir Walter Scotts, and Shakespeares, and Faradays, and Herschels, burning to announce themselves, restless for the field, panting for the chase, impatient to be off; and we have a host of rosy, valiant, and intelligent young readers waiting to welcome them, to cheer them on, to applaud the competitors, to choose their favourite, and to stand by their country for ever. I.et every boy and girl in Canada join hands with us. Let them send us a card with their address for a sample copy, and it will not be the fault of The: Young Cavadian if every young Canadian has not

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QUEBEC.


UR Legislative Chambers in the Capitals of the l'rovinces, like everything else, have their holidays. When the Sessions are over, and the Members have gone home, the chairs of state are covered up, the blinds are pulled down, and the little army of dust atoms can do pretty much as they please. But there is a rude awakening in store. By and bye keys clink and clash. Servants bustle about. Officials move around in all the pomp of gay uniform. Members once more arrive. Soldiers don their arms and march to their posts of guard. (iuns boom. $A$ four-in-hand carriage leaves the Government House and dashes at full speed up to the Parliament Buildings.

So it was at the begimning of the Session at Quebee, and so it was a few days ago at the close. His Honor the licutenant-Goverinor stepped out of his carriage, accompanied by his Aides. Soldiers presented arms. Ministers received him with ceremony at the door. A procession was formed to the Chamber of the l.egislative Council. His Honor took his seat on the Throne. Ministers and veteran suidiers stoud around him, gorgeous in crimson and gold. The Sergeant-atArms was despatched to call the Members of Parliament to come and hear what the Governor had to say to them. Immediately they appeared, headed by the Speaker. The Speaker is the gentleman who presides or takes the chair at all debates and discussions, to see that the Members are polite to each other, and that every man has a fair chance to express his opinion.

Then came the Speech from the Throne, when His Honor the Jicutenant-Governor read a long and rather formal statement of the condition of the Province, and of what the Parliament had done in framing new laws and in improving old ones. It is the duty of all present to stand, and to listen to the Speech with great respect, after which the Members of Parliament. go back to their own Chamber, and prepare to say good-bye.

The new laws that have been made, and the old ones that have been improved, receive the sanction of the Jieutemant-(iovernor, who, in this capacity, is acting for our own good Queen. The Speaker of the legislative Assembly presents his Bill for Supplies, and His Honor aceepts it with a routine of formality. The Bill of Sup. plies is the statement of the amount of money that the Govermment will require to govern us for the next year, and when the Governor accepts it, that means that he agrees to the Government having it.
Many distinguished ladies and gentiemen are usually present on these occasions, but the weather was so bitterly cold that few people ventured to it. Dignitaries of the Protestant and Catholic Churches were there, and it appears to be the duty of all who can to be present to express their intercst in the management of the country.

The members have now gone. The Session is over. The Chairs of State are covered up. The blinds are pulled down, and the little army of dust atoms can once more do pretty much as they please.

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INVISIBIIE lOOES.


URING this time of year, when the thermometer keeps provokingly among the "belows," the popular prejudice against fresh air crops up. Double windows are on, the socalled ventilators are slammed down, and the last hope of a chink is diligently plastered up.

Without going too deeply into science, there is the effect on the air of the household from the breath thrown off from every pair of lungs; from the pores of the shin; from the clothing, the sweeping, the dust from fire and furnace, and from every gas or lamp we use. livery jet of gas consumes as much oxygen as three people, and most furnaces do double damage by drying up, the air as well as contaminating it. Night and day, this process goes on. If it came with a flourish of trumpets we might take warning. On the wings of silence its snare is com plete. In the prime of strength we mas resist it. In childhood and in old age we are helpless. Even after a long day of fresh air outside, a night of such a contrast is more than enough. With the shortened daily outing that is practicable to most of us, the evil is intensified; and if we add the occasional chance of illness, the danger is increased a hundred-fold. A man when sick needs three times as much air space as when well. How much less sensible were we in the days of mud cabins, windowless walls, and chimney-less roofs?

The bad air must be conved to go out, and the good entreated to take its place. Plenty must go out, and abundance must come in. The question of how it is to be done is no more important than where it is to come from. I should be inclined to think that an official census of winter ventilation in Canada would reveal the fact that the air supplied to our houses comes from the kitchen floor, with the dust of cinders, the aromas of cookery, the odours of wash-tuls, and the filterings of drains; and with a prodigality of the most deliciously pure air in the world tapping at our window for admission!

Now, a draught is not ventilation. Cold air is not necessarily pure, any more than hot is necessarily impure. And it is only the half of reason when we yield to the coasings of the outside atmosphere by day, and shut our hearts to its pleading by night. The contamination being constant, the remedy must be constant. Although more care is requisite at night in the admission of air that has been robbed of the blessings of sunlight, it is then at least the only air on the market, and better half a loaf than no bread. A regular and systematic supply by night as well as by day, and a means of escape for the enemy, should form one of the prime duties of every Canadian mother. It should be admitted high up instead of low. The amount of the friend coaved in should equal the amount of the foe to be expelled. The entrance and exit should be on opposite sides of the rooms. They should be of different heights. They should be many and small instead of few and large. And they should be constantly attended to.

Driftwood.


HOW, WHEN, WHERE, ANI WHY WE GOT OUR BIBLI:.

TO TKACF 'IHF: HISTOKV OF IHE MSS, AND TRANSLATIONS OF THE SACRE:H BOOK, AND TO ENTER UPON IIS PRMCIC.II, SUUN:

:FORE introducing our young readers to the study of "How, When, Where, and Why "e got the present edition of the Holy Bible," a word of explamation is necessary.

Ever since we knew anything at all we have been accustomed to see the Bible, to hear about it, to listen to it read, to have it impressed upon us, and set before us as the guide and the rule of our lives. We have come to regard it with reverence, as something we must talk of with bated breath, as we do of our wonderful origin at the beginning of time, and of our wonderful desting at the end of all things. We know that we can thinh, and speak, and write ; and thuse gifts are so common, and are so unconsciously and gradualls acquired, that we consider them vur natural right. But there was a time in the history of man as a whole, when he could nut think, and read, and write, as he now does, just as there was a time in the history of every boy and girl when these powers were less possible to them than now. They may be possessed in a latent and rudimentary form, but they are of no value until they are developed.

We look at our bible; at its familiar form, its succession of books, chapters, and verses; its varied editions and bindings, to meet the special tastes of young and old, rich and poor, learned and unlearned. We think of the stories that for hundreds and hundreds of years have fascinated our baby fancies, touched our childish hearts, inspired our youthful visions, strengthened our prime of life, and gladdened and comforted our declining years. We have little to remind us that there was a time when the world had no Bible; no "sweet stories of old;" no "sweet singer of Israel;" no "apples of gold in pictures of silver;" no "Jesus, Centle Shepherd;" no "Light to lighten the world;" no "Rest to your souls" when the way was weary; no folding of hands and uplifting of trustful eyes to "Our Father which art in Heaven."

How, where, and when, then, did we get it? How came we to possess this Book of story, of example, of precept, of promise, which soothes us when in pain, and comforts us when sad; which lightens our path when it is dark, and smooths it when it is long; which is so simple that a child may know it, and so deep that the most leamed and scholarly cannot get to the bottom; whose laws teach the peasant how to become a prince, and the prince how to become a peasant; which takes the sting out of our hearts when we have. inned, and plants in our souls the germ of eternal life?

Apart from the interest attached to it as the only real help and guide we can have in building up our character, the Bible is a collection of writings the most remarkable that the world has ever seen. They are of all writings the
most ancient, and, even on this ground alone, possess a strong claim upon our altention and our reverence. And whilst we must not content ourselves with a passive acimiration for the mamer in which they have come down to us, for the form in which we now enjoy them, or for the treasures of wisdom and comfort they contain, we believe that a study of that manner, that form, and those treasures, will lead all young Canadans reverently and joyfully to bow before this wonderfal book, to puit themselves under its influence, and to adope its purity, counsel, and help, as the bread and water of their everyday life. So that the
"Secreat of Engband's Cirbatiness,"
that greatness of the greatest country in the greatest period of the history of the world, shall become
"Tue Secher or Cinada's Gremtness."


In our experience in preparing the way for a Magazine for the young people of the Dominion, we have been met at every turn by the want of a history of our own country, written expressly for the young. "There is absolutely nothing of this kind to put into their hands. Our history is bright with romance and inspiration, and our young people should be taught to glory in it. For their special benefit, and in order to supply this great national oversight, The Young Casadiax will shortly make one of the most important announcements ever made in Canada.

## EVERY BOY HIS OWN LIBRARIAN.

## Then.



ENSIVELY dreaming over my childish days how often do I sigh as I think of the treatment $m$; books received from me. About my school books I have little to upbraid myself with. They were such dry, unfeeling. unsympathetic old things, deaf to all entreaty when a fellow was due at cricket, or had a chance of a fortune in marbles; when a picnic was on the tapis, or a birthday in the wind. But my own genuine friends, how 1 abused them, and how sorry I am for it. M; Robinson Crusoe, ny Dickens, my Thackeray, my Midshipman Easy, and a whole regiment of others, how I slammed them on the shelf, or tossed them on the floor, or shied them at my chums! How I sat on them, stood on them, besmeared their faces with ink, and tore their very heart out of their body! Still they clung to me. Still they loved me. Always ready to make friends again, and never peached.

## Now.

The sight of one of them as I go back to the old home melts me to more than tears. There it is ! the friend of my lonely hours; the guide of my wayward path; the solace of my distypuintinents; the confidante of my inmost thoughts. And just how lonely we can feel, just how wayward, how disappointed, let all our youngsters tell. 'lake my advice, young friends, be warned by my present chagrim.
look up every book you possess. No matter how tattered and battered, how stained and crumpled, how wounded and maimed. If even the cover be left, take it up dantily. Datch them. Mend them. Doctor them. Recruit them. Cherish them. Respect them. Love them. Honour them. You will seldom be able to replace them. By-and-bye, you will remember what 1 have said.

For anything you respect, and love, and honour, you must find a home. They are not proud. They are not exacting. A quiet, cosy litte corner will do, so long as they may call it their own, and may know that you won't forget them. It dues nut cost much; a few boards threefourths of an inch thick, from the lumber yard; a few nails; a pot of varnish; a hammer, a saw, a plane, a foot rule-an hour or two on an afternoon, and the thing is done. The home is prepared for your loest friends. You have your first book-case. The low shelf should be for dictionaries-say eleven or twelve inches high; the next ten; then nine; then eight. Each space should be an inch higher than the books require to let you get at them, and a strip of leather, or imitation leather, keeps the dust out.

One thing more, and you are ready for our Reading Club. Take a card, an old invitation will do. Write out the following rules. Tack the card on a prominent place on your book-case. Resolve that you will pay the most courteous attention to the rules, and never see a friend disobey them without a gentle reminder:-


The power of adapting means to an end is what we call practical power, and in proportion as we can adapt means to an end, are we a practical people.

Nicholas Fiood Davin, M. P.

## IN OUR WOOLS IN WINTER.



HEN the panes of the windows are gleaming with a fairyland of lace work : when Jack Frost has built up the most expuisite tracery of ice-castles and snow-caves; and all the world seems hushed to sleep, Nature is at rest, but she is not idle. Silemt and unseet she is working towards her magnificent spring. Important changes are going on in the sap, and juices of plants and trees. Weak, fragile parts are being secretly strengthened. Roots are preparing themselves for shooting up. The larva of beetles and the pupe of moths are hiding beneath the bark. The woodpeckers are boring for them, loosening the tree bark, poking and raking for them among the rotten wood. Listen to his harsh notel He prefers dead trees. 'lhere is more food there for him. He knows when the tree is dead sooner than we $d$, and he sends his bill deep down for the authors of the mischief.

See how some trees are more riddled with holes than others! How many feasts this tree-scavenger has had. He renders good service by devouring the grubs, but we can ill spare the beautiful tree. See his feet for clasping the bark! The sharp-pointed tail to balance his body against the tree! The beak shaped like a wedge, and as strong as steel! The tongue like a pick-hook, with its wonderful mechanism of stretching itself out to probe in and draw out the victims
'There is the noisy, clattering, screaming blue jay, with his bright violet coat, his long tail, his pointed crest! Watch his ridiculous manners, as he parades his beauty before your admiring eyes. A very conccited fellow is the blue jay. You never find him taking a back seat, he must always be soaring among the tops of the trees.

The winter brings a new coat to the fur animals, and in the mild days of spring you will sec it rubbing and dropping off again. In animals which give us fur a new layer of soft warm down grows next the skin in winter, and this is why the fur of cold climates is more valuable than others.
The evergreens appear much fresher in winter than in summer. There are no brighter greens about them to interfere with their colour, and the contrast of the browns and greys of the trunks of trees, and of the white of the snow is very pretty. That noise in the woods, like the report of a gun, is the trees expanding. Small crevices, perhaps the holes made by woodpeckers and maggots, get filled with water. This freezes and expands, and bursts the structure of the wood. Further and further down the water trickles and freezes, until a great gap is made in the tree.

## here's a little: experiment with snow

before we go home. Seek out a pile of snow. With a stick make a long, narrow, deep hole in it, having the entrance to the hole away from the light. The light passing through the snow into the hole will be of a bright blue colour-a pretty light blue if the pile is not very big, and a darker shade if the snow is deep.

## An Old Grub.

Peace is better than joy. Joy is an uneasy gucst. It is always on the tip-toe to depart. It tires and wears us out. Peace is not so. It comes more quictly. It stays more contentedly, and it never exhausts our strength, nor gives us one anxious forecasting thought.

## GOL.DEN WORDS OF CANADIAN POli'IS.

## THE SILVER FROST.


#### Abstract

A breath fronz the tuopies broke Winter's spell Witls nit alferl rain whach froze sas it roll.


And ere the Oricut blumbed with morn,
A benutiful crystal frgerst wats born.

## BARRY STRATTON

## RAMBLES.

I have often been pazaled to know why men need so many pockets, and women can do with so few, and why women, whe have, perhaps, only one to their name (or to their mante), will insist upon placing it where they camot reach it without losing their temper. The formal search which takes place in a street car, for mstance, among our prim and sim young ladies, or the fussy rusting and poking which our stout and Well-taken-care-ot dianes indulge mbefore they can find a five cent prece for an exasperatmg conductor, will, however, soon be a thing of the past. Gloves are being made with a small pocket in the palm, wherein a carticket or small change can be easily' stowed away, and as easily found.
l'o be sure there is the satchel, the catch-all for notes, handkerchief, pencil, purse, spectacles, and the infinite varicty of sundries in shape of patterns to match with which our young women arm themselves when they go shopping. But why our sisters should be fettered all day long in crowded streets and shops by a general receptacle for things which our brothers usually distribute over a dozen poekets, is one of those matters of fashion which, like many another matter of fashion, is as the law of the Medes and Persians.

We talk of the law of the Medes and Persians as if we took afternoon tea with them every day of our lives. We forget that that law had no reason for its existence, except the fact of its existence. All that a Persian King did or said was deemed worthy of being recorded, and was recorded simply because it had been done or said by him. He was surrounded by men whose duty it was to take note of his actions and words. His word was law. It was "written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's seal; and the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse." And sometimes his majesty was led by his own word into what we should now call a fix, and a very undignified fix, too. One of these ancient despots bearing the awe-inspiring name of Aga Mohammed Vihan, while in camp with his soldiers, said he would not move till the snow went off the mountain in the neighbourhood. Dame Nature, whose laws, by the way, are above those of Persia, treated his majesty rather cavalierly. She made the winter cold. The king held on. She made it long. He held on still. She made it tell on the men. They sickened and died. Still the king held out. He had spoken and he would perform. Till the snow removed, he would not. At length multitudes of men were sent with shovels to clear away the snow. The king marched on. His subjects bowed before him. He was worshipped as a deity.

Rambler.

# MMe Young Canadiamu 

## A HIGH-CLASS ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY MAGAZINE OF PATRIOTISM FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF CANADA.

ITS AIM : - To foster a National Pride in Candian Progress, History; Manufactures, Science, Art, Literature, and lolitics; to draw the youth of the various drovinces together; and to inspire them with a sense of the sacred and responsible duties which they owe to their Native Country.

Camada has made an enomons adrance as a Nation amons the Nations. Not only docs she now occupy the prond position of the Brightest Jewel in the Crown of the British Empire, but her relative standing among other countries is something not always accorded to a colony of such comparatue gouth. Her development is watched with solicitude abroad, and her resources and future desting constitute one of the leading questons of the day at home.

Whether that destiny lies in a New Political Comection wh Britain; in a Closer Commercial Tie with our Great Neighbour ; or in Individual Nationality; it is evidemt that, as a people, we are now consciously, or unconsciously, engaged in working out that desting. We ARE a Nation. We 1 O possess an Individuality. We shall not drop into our desting, but iurk into it. Whatever may be that future, it can only grow out of, and be an improvement upon, our present ; and we shall prove ourseles worthy of it only by dilisently bulding up the present.

Much is sad and written about our want of patriotic semtiment. We accuse ourselves of a divided affection. So long ats our parents retain a greater love for the old resime, than they cherish for the new, it is hard for us in the new, to claim credit for the patriotism we possess. We blame not our parents for their love for their native country. We make it the excuse for our love for ours, and we follow their example when we strive loyally to perform every dut, which that love requires of us.

It is not a day too soon that "Thl: YOUNG CANADIAN" undertakes the high and important National duty of fostering a national sentiment among the young, of concentratng it, of ammating it with the spirit of vgorous and hopeful life.

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The manasement makes a contident appeal for support and encoumgement. Our country is young, our material needs are pressing; hut tole truly great, mental culture must go hand in hand with manual training. We have no dearth of llagazines, English and Almerican, for our young people. The day has arrived when we must have one of our own.
"THE YOL゚N(: CAN.IIIAN" firmly belic:es that it has but to amounce its appearance and its aim to secure an cmbusiastic reception, wopen up for inself a patrotic record, and to inaugurate for Canada a work which has been too long neglected, and which will meet with a welcome and a response from every Canadian heatt.
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# TOPICS OF THE DAY AT HOME. 

OUR CANADIAN Flag.

HY SIR DANIEL WIISON, C.M.G., L.L.D.


HE rank is anew clamed for Comada, in the prospectus of "TuE Young Canadian," as "The brightest Jewel in the Crown of the British Empire." While cherishing a genuine Canadian spirit, with all its eager longings for a grand future for our Dominion, we can still rest proudly in our share of the common glories of the great Empire of which Canada forms so important a member. We cunnot divorce ourselves if we would from the grand and glorious historic memories which are our inheritance as Canadians.

But there is one thing we stand in need of, and that is a fiag, and distinctive heraldic meakings of our own. England, Scotland, Ireland, and each l'rovince of the Dominion has its Arms. But as for Canada as a political unit, all that has been done is to patch together the heterogencous blazonry of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New lbrunswick, and all the other l'rovinces, into a conglomeration that lacks all distinctive significance. Every additional Province increased its obscurity, till already it looks, for all the world, more like an ill-matched lit of patch-work bed cover, than a genuine Dominion Flag. When Assiniboin, Regina, and all the prospective Provinces of nur great North-West follow in the wake of Manitoba and British Columbia, all discernible meaning will vanish from the multiform piece of nondescript quarterings.

Yet there should be no difficulty in devising a piece of genuine historical and cmblematic heraldry for the Dominion as a loyal member of the Empire. It might be blazoned thus:-

1st Quarter: The Union Jack.
2nd Quarter: On a field argent, six fleurs de lys, three and three.
3rd Quarter: On a field azure, seven maple leaves, gules, two, thrce, and two.
4th Quarter: On a field or, within a double tressure, the Beater proper.
Such a heraldic combination would tell of the history and growth of the Dominion; with the Imperial emblem of Union, the lilies of France, the Maple of Canada, and the Beaver, a favourite emblem of the land of the old courcur de bois, and of the trappers of the great fur companies who laid the foundation of the North-West, and carried their enterprise bejond the Rocky Mountains. It would, morcover, present a distinctive flag, pleasing to the eje, and expressive in its emblematic heraldry. If a better can be suggested, let Young Canada try its hand, and devise a flag significant and acceptable to all. hand, and devise a fiag significant and acceptable to all. that for a thousind years has floated in triumph by sea and land. We have already a Canadian flag, but one lacking all character; suggestive of no distinctive national or historical significance; and in no way calculated to awaken Canadian sympathies if it met our cyes in other lands. If we are to have a flag at all, let us have one that shall symbolise this Young Dominion; even as the Red Cross and the lecopards of England, the Ruddy Lion and the Thistle of Scotland, the Hap and the Trefoil of Ireland mark the distinctive individuality of tnose older members of the British Empire, "The Mother of Nations."

## TOPICS OF THE DAY ABROAD.

## GEITING REAJY IOK THE WORLD'S 1HAK OF 1892.

BY !ROF. THOMAS SHAW, NGRICUTIUKAI. COI.LEGF, cutitill.

One of the greatest Exhibitions that the world has ever seen will be held in Chicago in i8yz. It is of the utmost importance that Canada be creditably represented there. In some respects at least this preparation camot be made in a single season, and should therefore be began without delay.
That we possess a country wonderfully rich, in what is good in many of the lines of live stock, is well-known to our southern neighbors of the western country, but this is not known generally throughout the great Republic, nor is it known as it should be throughout the world. It may not be gencrally known amongst our own people that :his country, especially the Province of Ontario, possesses more valuable stock than any other country of equal size on the North American Continent. We find evidence of this from two sources: First, the chief purchasers of our pure bred stock are Americans from the West, and second, our stockmen almost invariably win, when showing ngainst Americans, on their own ground.

For nearly fifty years past our breeders have been visited in autumn or in winter hy American purchasers, who have readily bought up their products and paid them good prices for the same. "This has happened as regularly as the migrations of our forest birds to the sumby south, and it is going on cren now, though not guite to the same extent as formerly in some lines of production. It applies to nearly all the hreeds of cattle which we have, as the Shorthorn, the Hereford, the Aberdeen loll, the Galloway, the Devon, the Ayrshire, and the Jersey. The Holstein is perhaps the only bovine race which has come to Canada through the United States. It applies likewise to the Clydesclale, the Shire, the Cleveland liay, and to other breeds of horses. The same is true of shecep. A very large proportion of the foundation blood of the Lincoln, leicester, Cotswold, Southdown, Shropshire Down and Oxford Down breeds of the West were taken there from Ontario. Likewise much of the blood of the Berkshire, the Yorkshire, and the Essex breeds of Swine, have been furnished by our people:

That our farmers have been successful in American showings is beyond dispute. The only animal ever bred on this continent which was victorious in the living and dead meat classes at the Chicago Fat Stock Show, was reared at llow lark, near lirantford. In the Autumn of 18S9, the Shorthorn herd from the same place, had a triumphant march throughout the Western States, although competing against all breeds. The Southdown sheep from Woodside did not allow a single prize to go to American competitors at the recent show in Detroit. The Iceicesters from Shakespeare have never leeen beaten on Amcrican soil, and the Berkshires from Eidmonton are taken over in considerable numbers every autumn to win prizes for American competitors, when showing against their own countrymen.

In view then of the excellence of our animals, and of the inyprtance to our famers of a continuance of our trade in pure bred stock with the people of that country, it is of the utmost importance that we should be creditably represented there in all the lines of live stock production in which we excel. Our stockmen won great laurels in 1876 at Philadelphia, and they should not do less but more at Chicago in 1892.

I am glad to notice that the council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, have already taken action. They recommend that suitable persons be chosen without any delay, whose duty it shall be to secure a creditable exhibit. live stock cannot be made ready for an exhibition in a day, and oftentimes in a year. It is therefore greatly important that this commission be appointed at once, and that it at once commence the work.

Great care should be taken in choosing these com. missioners. No hangers on for office will fill the bill sufficiently well. They should be chosen because of their known business qualifications, their energy, and their patriotism. Give us the right men for this work, and we cannot have a failure in our exhibit when our resources are so complete.

It is also to be hoped that our Govermment will give this matter their attention at an early day, and that they will devise liberal things by way of assistance in transportation. In no way can we extend our markets so surely and at so little cost as by making a splendid exhibit at any exhibition which brings us into competition with the foremost peoples of the world.

Does the Buffion need the Pale-face sord
To find his pntluway far?
What guide hns be to the hidalen ford,
Or where the green pastures are?
Who tefcheth the Moose that the hunter's gut is peering out of the shade?
Who teacheth the Doe nizd the Faivis to ruis In the track the Moose has insade?

THOMAS D'ARCY*MCGEE.

## YOUNG CANADIAN CALIENDAR.

January.


Our young readers are invited io study the Calendar for Jammary, and to send us, in their own best style, an account of either of the events marked $1,3,4,6,7$; or of the life of one of the distinguished gentemen mentioned in $2,5,3,9,10,11,12$ We shall send a very pretty silver pencil to the writer of the best. No article zo be longer than one column.


EVER weary shall I be of writing to and hearing from our Young Canadians. I want to know them. I shall be proud of their acquaintance. Nothing that interests them can fail to interest me. In Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter, they may alwajs depend upon a willing ear and a speedy response. Don't wait for a formal introduction. Here is my card"The Younc; Cavabian." Now send me yours, and the introduction is complete.
"Dear Young Canamian:-My uncle gave me last night your Sipecimen copy: lle hought it home with him in the sleigh frum his office. We live in the country, and I have two brothers. We all want inget your real number when it comes, and we think our cousins will want it, ton. Since you tell us to send our cards, here is mune, Siusit: Militit, and what I want to know ahout first is the Shorthan:I. I was viiting siy auntie last year, and a school teacher was there who could write it. She gave me a few lessons which 1 still remsmber. I woull like more than anything to learn it. For then I could travel with grand people and see the world."

Special plates are being prepared in England for The Young Casamas, and will be ready very soon. The course will gite you all you need. No teacher is necessary: You will be able to do more than travel with grand people when you learn it. You will make a little fortune at it. It is a delightful study, and will soon become one of the most essential parts of our education. We want to prepare young Cimadians for it. Tell your cousins to send us their address, and we will send them something pretty, till the Shorthand begins.-EEb. Post Bac.
"Drar Post liag:-I hope 1 am the first to send you 2 question, and get an answer. It is about your Keading Club. Ne and 1)ick White is fond of inisfory, fonder of it than of anything to read on 2 winter's night. Dick and me is chums: please answer cur lenter."

Dear Dick Wintre's Chum:-You forgot to give me your name in your letter. Of course, Dick knows it well enough, and you thought I did. Howerer, I am glad to hear from you, and I have asked my friend, the Editor of the Hone Reading Club, to pasy you special attention. I think it would be nice if you and Diek got three or four to join you and form a History Club. We want you to choose jour own name for it, and we shall enter it in our book. Tcll us also how many members you will have, and set about it at once. We have such delightul books waiting that we grudge you losing cren a weck.-ED. P. 1.
"Drar Coust: Canamian :-I hope I am in time for the first reply from your l'ost liag. I want 2 llanjo right avay, butt I can's afforil in get one like the grandees Hlease tell meall about it, and how you can get me a nice one cheap."

I will ghadly do so next number. I will procure in.ormation about kinds, and prices, as well as how best to send it. The Banjo is a delightrul instrument for our climate, -in summer on our lakes and rivers,-in winter by the fireside.-ED. 1'. 13.


ONE OF OUR BRIDGES OVER THE OCEAN.


Grey Sky. A blockade of calbs and wag. gons on the wharf. $A$ few imposing policemen. A fuss of steamwhistles. An array of navy blue and gold button authority, and a crowd of passengers stepping on to a very black looking thing called "a tender,"
to be swiftly carried out to a monster steamship waiting in the Mersey.
Two gentlemen, father and son, are among the number.
"Yes," said Fred Hamilton to his father, dropping his valise on the deck, "yes, we shall connect with the Grand Trunk or the Canadian Pacific Railway next Saturday; or what do you say to the Richelieu Stcamer from Montreal? It. ought to be moonlight, and a sight of a canal barge and old Michel lazily turning the crane at the locks would do a fellow good after all this."
"Quietly, quictly, young man, '; replied his father a little dolefully, "we're not there yet. Who knows the ups and downs of life trefore we sniff the pine woods of Ontario. It wouldn't take much to induce me to change places with Knubles in the kingston Ienitentiary just now:"
Fred laughed. "Ups and downs? Oh, there's mo motion in the 'Parisian.' She has side-kecls, running two-thirds of the length of the ship, miduay between the keel and the water level. She is as steady as Gibraltar. Only look at her length - 450 fect ; that's as long 252 terrace of 18 houses
each 25 feet wide. last year we crossed in her with 150 cabin, 120 intermediate, and over 1,000 steerage passengers, and still we had each one-half more deck-room than you would have in any other ship that leaves Liverpool. Last trip she carried 211 cabin passengers, the largest list ever embarked between Liverpool and Montreal. Look at that for a promenade. I call her the 'Queen of the Ocean,' with her hull of steel, and her five feet between her skins. Chief officer told me last run that the Allans were the first to build large Atlantic Steamers on this plan, as well as the first to build of steel."
"Skins?"
"Yes, that's the word ; the sken of the ship. She has two skins, and the space between is divided into watertight compartments, so that in case-"
"In case of coming on another steamer or an iceberg?" suggested Mr. Hamilton, senior, as he thought again of the prisoner in the penitentiary.
"Well, in case of rubbing on anything not so soft as a sponge, you know, only one skin of one compartment gets knocked, and the ship goes on as if nothing had happened."
"And the icelerg ?" persisted the old gentleman.
"Oh, your friend, the iceberg; that's its lookout. I guess it will insure in the liverpool and Now York Iceberg Insurance Co. before it comes across our track again. We don't insure ictliergs on the St. Lawrence route."



MR. MONTAGUF: AII.AN.
"Well, well, you see it's all so different now. In my day we took things coolly: made up our minds to a couple of months on the trip; learned the hoatswain's yarns by heart, and almost forgot the colour of the grass. Magnificent ships they were, too, those old elippers of the dilans, comfortable, well-buit, carefully-handled boats. As new ressels made their appearance with all the improvements of adrancing science, you should have seen how proud we were of them. Why, your Cincle Fred and 1 preferred them for years after steamships were put onl."
"Oh, to be sure; you had no steam in those day:," said Fred. "By (jeorse, how did you do? And what a plucky thing of the Allans! It must have been a big venture."
"I remember it well," replied his father, straightening himself with the freshening breeze. "About aszo they started their clippers."
"So long ago as that ?"
"Yes. It is one of the oldest lines in existence, and ruming a fleet of ships for thirty years taught them a thing or two, you may be sure. It was about 1850 when the Government woke up to the occasion. The illans then knew the Canadian trade well. They tendered for a service of steam and got it."

Mr. Hamilton was warming to his subject. In jouth we live in the future. When we are no longer young we live in the past. Fred had eyes and ears only for the present.
"Lucky dogs, again," said he; "just in tine to pass the lara. The gates are open only two hours before, and shut exactly at, high-water. Fifteen minutes more and we should have had to lie to till the next ide. But there's the dimer bell. I have my sea-appetite already:"
"Hilloh, dad! This or the Provincial Penitentiary, ch? Mails and passengers on at Moville! Four days out! No ups and downs! A briny ocean bath every morning! Fourtimes.four, that's sixteen meals you have discussed already! "The Company shan't make much out of yom this run," and Fired shook all over with fun. "And can't these fellows cook? Did you ever see people eat as they do here?"
"Might have been washed overboard for angthing yous cared, you young scamp," replied his father fondly, having missed the boy's attentions for a day or two.
"Me? Oh, I? I have had a rare time. Not a hole or corner of the ship I have not been into. Splendid fellows the Captain and Officcrs. I.itte would you think as they pass around that their heads are so full of business all the time. What a creation an Atlantic Liner is !

And how few of us bother to think much about it! Floating Palace? No. Floating City comes nearer the mark," continued the young Camadian with enthusiasm.
"The Allan ships are all built on the Clyde, and of iron and steel, with the compartments I told you about. They carry no catte on their passenger steamers. The fleet numbers thirty-two just now, with a total burthen of-let me see; where's my note book? Yes-110,000 tons. It's almost incredible. And if you add eeght sailing vessels, ruming to the East Indies, the tomage mombts up to $122,49^{2}$. Where another company's shp would be called the 'P'aris' or the 'Sardmia,' the Allan soes by 'I'arisian' and 'Sardinian.' The 'ian' is the great point of distinction. I believe they run without insurance, or rather they insure themselves, which spenks for the safety of management. 'Safety, Comfort, and Speed' is the motto. Not speed with neither safety or comfort. And as for speed-sisteen knots ant hour is good enough for mosit of us. Curious use of that word 'knot' for a sea-mile, isn't it ?"
"All too quick for air and weather like this," said his father ;" they should take in a reef, and do it a shade slower. I've got to like my bunk, and the amount of comfort they can squecec mos a fere square yards is marvellous: two heds a sofa, a window, lights basins, mirrors, pegs, racks, bells, curtans,
 pillows, not to talk of the smoke-room and "pinisias" is dock, hivirprool. music-parlours, or the saloon with its sidehoards and lounges, crystal and silver, birds and flowers, plate-glass and plush, crimson and gold."
"That's the comfort part of it. But if you knew all about the sufely part you would say that I had taken to spinning sea-yarns. Why, the inspection, day and night, that goes on is incredible. To the ordinary observer (or non-observer), the Captain on the bridge, the Officer on deck, the man at the wheel, with the boatswain's whistle now and then, is all."


## THe Goung (Timabian

"Why, before the ship leaves the dock in Liverpool, whole chapters might be told. The sailor that 'picks' on the ''arisian' is examined hefore he signs his articles for the voyage. The voyage means the round trip. He then procects ford, and to secure it he chalks the best berth he canth board. On the day of sailing the boatswain's whistle calls the hands to muster, every man answering to his name. After this they are told of among the boats, and each seaman reccives a hadge

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stamped on it. They are then drawn up in line to 'pass the doctor,' as they say, when the Captain and Officers are in attendance. As each man is called out he passes before the Doctor and respectfully salutes him. The Doc tor meantime sharply scrutimizes him, and none but perfectly healthy men are accepted. 1 nantical survejor then takes them in hand. The launching of boats and firedrill is prac tised, and finally the men are handed over to the Captain as capable."
"Inermediate and steerage passengers then yo on board, and as they pass up the gingway they, too, come

bells; goodinyes; and we are off for good."
"All that most of us know after that, is that we get our meals in firstchass style, that we are always hungry as hawks, and that the night is too short for sleep. Bnt from those bells in the Mersey to the bells at Quebee, no beehive on land ever smpassed the heehive at sea."
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tain and the pilot direct the course. The Chief Officer is on the forecastle at the anchors. The second is aft to see that the courses are properly set. The third stands at the engine-room telegraph. The fourth attends to the orders from the bridge. Two men are stationed at the lookout, and the quarter-master is at the wheel. Safely across the Bar, the pilot's duties are over. The officers rally at the bridge to report 'Al"
the Captain gives the orders to set the The roll is called. The oatswain stands on the port side and chooses a man. The boatswain stands on the port side and chooses a man.
boatswain's mate takes his place on the starboard side and

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chooses his. This 'picking' of the watches goes on till the whole crew is divided in two. The boatswais's men are called whele crew is divided Officer's Watch. The mate's are the Starboard or Captain's. This is the picking of the watches. Now comes the setting of them. The lort Watch, by long custom, eets the first slecp below after leaving a home port, and the Starboard enjoys a similar preference on the return trip." "I should have told you that the sailors day is divided ine

 and from six till eight. The object of the dog watches is to change the rotation of the men, so that the same gangs shall not always have the same hours off and on duty. When a sailor wants to tell how little a shipmate knows his work, he says 'he has not been a Dog Watch at sea.'"
"The Starboard Watch is the first on duty. Busy as is the life by day, it is no less so by night. The course has to be directed. The lights have to be attended to. The lookout must be kept on the alert. Things aloout the deck are made fast for change of weather. The barometer is watched. Compasses are compared. Coffee is served periodically to the men. Twice in every watch the log is hove. This is the process of finding out the speed of the vessel. A leather bas attached to a rope marked off with knots is thrown into the sea. An officer holds a sand-glass, and at a given signal the men grasp the rope, haul in, and count the knots. Hence 'ruming so many knots an hour.'"
"At it-30 the fire hose is laid along the deck for the daily scrub. At 11-45 the boatswain goes below and blows his shrill whistle. The sleeping watch gets up to be ready for the midnight bell to turn out and let the others turn in. The course is again set, lookouts are
visited, sails are attended to, the $\log$ is hove, and at half an hour past midnight the great scrubbing process berins with hose and broom. At four a.m. the morning watch comes on, with the same careful regard for course, lights, and lookout, and the same careful regard for the men and their coffe. Decks are dried. Paint is washed. Brass is polished. Everything is put in ship-shape for the passengers as they come up to sniff the morning air. How many of us could credit the care and responsilility that watched while we slept?"
"The firemen's day is divided into three watches. Every man has always the same hours on and off daty. The third Engineer and assistants take eifht to twelve; the fourth, twelve to four; and the second, four to eight. This watch goes by the name of the 'Black I'm Watch.' The men are in the habit of filling the coohs' coal bunkers with 24 hours' supply, and in return the couks prepare a specially savoury mess for them at ci.ht ocluck, cooked in a pan whose colour, from long and grood service, gives the name to the dish and to the watch."
"No watches are required in the Stewards' and Cooks' departments, as the work is done by day. The hours vary. Bakers are called at three a.m., boots at four, cooks at five, stewards at six. Lights in rooms are out at mid. night, and watchmen, in rolation, have charge all night."
"The Company's flag is blue, white, and red. How the mate laughed when I called it red, white, and blue. You must berin at the mast, he says. The blue comes
 first, and the pemant shows it is not a mational flag. When passing another ship at night we show three blue lights in the form of a triangle, thus $\therefore$ and fire rockets blue, white, and red, in keeping with the flag. At night a green light is shown from the Starboard and a red from the Port side. In older days it was Starboard and Iarboard, but in the noise of storms the distinction was not enough. The Starboard is the right-hand looking forward, and the Port is the left. Then there is the mast-head light, the binnacle light for the compasses, and the light at the wheel-house. If we should get into distress we fire guns and rockets. The bombs have two charges, one to send them off and another to explode them after they are well out."
"Just look at that steering rope there, $41 / 2$ inches thick, bears 60 tons."
"Here's the ship's stamp for silver, crystal, linen, note paper, etc. I sketched it last night from my soup plate."


IN TIE GULF.


#### Abstract

"I've been all over the Intermediate, too: the best of food supplied, and less than half what ree pay. The Steerage has capital fare, and is clean and comfortable. It is washed and ventilated every morning, and inspected every day by the captain and the doctor. The 'Derry Emigration Officer also inspects it and the hospital arrangements before leaving Moville. The men are in one part and the women and children in another. They bring their own bedding and mess dishes, but the food is preparcd by the ship's cooks. I guess many of them seldom have such a good time. Two babies were born since we left Iiverpool. I heard them banling like the mischief; wanted on deck, I suppose." "I have done the hold pretty well too. Iron from Staffordshire, in bars and pigs, sheets and plates, haid at the bottom; tin from Cornsall; ta from London: fine goods from Yorkshire and Lancashire ; chemicals from Widnes; steam pumps and machinery for punching, drilling, rolling, and every imaginable process under the sun. Our heavy machinery comes from lbritain. We make the light ourselves." "Crossing the other way we had grain from the West ; flour, apples, leather, butter, cheese, bacon, ete., from Ontario ; lumber, ploughs, threshing machines, match splints, and spool wood from Quebec; and I counted 40 parlour organs. But come to the concert. There's always good music at sea. It is for the benefit of the Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage. Every ship has one every voyage, and generally a handsome sum is made."


"Never knew the like of it; in a fog all night, and hit The Strats like a die. Something magical. Now we shall steam up our own lorely (iulf, 1,000 miles of the most exquisite river sailing in the world. With the pine scented air, the pretey litue liench churches, the passing craft of all kinds; no wonder that merchants, profes: sional men, Statesmen, P'remiers, Covernor (jenerals, and Princes and Princesses of the Realm prefer the St. Jatw. renc route to any other. I should just thonk that the Captain that first brought an Allan I iner up here had his head on, that's all. I have a mind to humt him up. He must have a statue erected on the cliff there. No channel mapped out; lights and buoys still undreamt of. My goodness: only think of it. Well does the Company deserve its present success. The early bird got the early worm then, ch, dad? So much for Cimadian pluck and semmanship."

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land States. (ircat Britum has the chone of three ports, I,iverpool, (ilasgun, and lomdon, en route for Halifas, St. John's, Porthand, Buston, Baltmore, (Juebec, or Muntreal. Ifrom the Suuth of Ireliand, Queenstown will take the passenger to Baltimore and from the West, about Gialway, the Allams provide the onls service whach rums all the jear round, cacept l)ecember, January, and Febrmars, when the traseller is furwarded (o 'Derry free. From the North, 'I)erry will take him to (quelse, Montreal, Halifa, Perthand, Beston, or Phalodelphai. Boston is the point for the Nen England States; Phaladelphia for the Middle and We:ern; and our onn Camadian ports open up the highwiy not only to the older parts of the Dominion, but to the North-IVest, Bratish Columbia, China, Japan, Australia, and New Kealand."
"dill we have left to desire is our letters and telegrams by the way seations heangig on the surgmg waters: men in uniform, white with salted spray; bags thrown off and on by electricit!; and mid-uce:m post-maths handed mito our rooms with our morning coffec, telling of friends behind and friends before."
"The great matter is to get the most direct route to our destination. Eaperience is, of course, the best teacher. The next best is the advice of a good company: In these days of much lugging about of household goods, stemships are most liberal in their baggage arrangements, bat people that travel much learn to do with little. One small trunk shallow enough to be stuffed under the berth suffices for the voyage. The rest goes in the hold, and in the case of absolute necessity may be reached during the journey: labels, 'Wanted' and 'Not Wamed,' are supplied by the Company: I have always found ship servants mont obliging. Still, passengers can do much to lighten their labours in the pressure of starting. Remember the number of your stateroom. (io straight to it. I.eave your mall bags there. (io on deck to make room for less considerate people. Don't bother the stewards with needless questions, nor the officers with your own original speculations ahout the weather. Take plent! of eaerense on board. Make yourself agrecable to your feilow-passengers, and
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## ONL.Y A SNOM FLAKE.



ERE it is: just one; the very first ; then another and another: How light. how tiny, how noiseless! How timid, how shy, how modest: Half-inclined to change their minds about coming! How litte they seem to relish our cold brown earth !
On they come, faster and thicker. The ground is mottled, sprinliled, then covered; still so peaceful, so soft, so gente!

Neat morning, lu: the steaming and hasmen engones on the trains from east and west are stupped stopped by the ting, silent snow-flakes. Why ? Because they kept at it all night. One by one, one by one; falling, lighting, resting, spreading, covering, mountins, packing
and the train, the great roaring steam, with ats load of cars and people, of freight and mails, has to stop.
So will our Young Cavadas. It will come one by one; and light, and rest, and spread, and cover, and mount, and pack, like a snow-wreath against all the forces that say we do not love our country, and that we are no nation among the nations of the earth.



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