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## PUBLIC WORKS.

**Engineer Tasche Arrives and Tells About River Improvements**

**AT VARIOUS POINTS UP STREAM.**

**Next Year the Fivefinger Channel Will Be Wider**

**AND THE THIRTY-MILE CLEAR.**

**An Immense Sheer Dam Will Be Built at the Head of Lake Lebarge.**

Among the passengers arriving by the Canadian last evening from Whitehorse was Mr. T. J. Tasche, chief engineer of public works, who has been ordered here from Ottawa to assume control of public road, bridge and river work.

Mr. Tasche is a modest man and does not hanker for public notice such as he asserts was heaped upon him by a Vancouver paper, whose interview somewhat mixed things concerning his position. He is accompanied by Assistant Engineer Mercier, who is related to an ex-premier, and by the time the interview got into print, it read that Mr. Tasche was the ex-premier and the father of his assistant. Mr. Tasche, on being assured that his modesty would be respected, stated that he was in Dawson especially to look after road building, but regarding details of the work, he would be unable to say anything

definite until he had received more particulars concerning what work was being done and what was projected.

"My headquarters are at Whitehorse," said Mr. Tasche, "because that place, in the winter is much easier of access for freight and supplies. The work on Five Finger rapids, the Thirtymile river and upper Lebarge will all be completed this fall, and when navigation opens next year the passage up the river will be much easier than it has been before. Last year the Five Finger channel was 40 feet wide with a large boulder in the middle. This year it is 80 feet wide and clear of all obstruction. Next year it will be about 120 feet wide and clear.

"Last winter I blasted 136 boulders out of the Thirtymile, and this winter I hope to finish both the Five Finger and Thirtymile work. This would have been done last winter but for the exhausting of the powder supply.

"A very great undertaking, and one from which navigators and shippers may expect great results when it is finished, is the immense sheer dam which I hope to have completed next spring, at upper Lebarge, or the foot of the Fiftymile river. The channel there now is such that much difficulty is experienced in navigating, and especially so in the spring just after the ice goes out. From the way the current enters the lake at present, and bars are very apt to form as was the case this spring. The work at present projected will prevent this, as by means of the sheer dam we will gather all the water into one narrow channel, which will deepen the water and prevent the lodging of sand or other obstructing material, and otherwise improve navigation.

"The sheer dam will be built of piles, driven 20 feet apart, and filled with brush and stone. It will be over 6000 feet long, so it will be seen that the undertaking is a big one.

Chief Clerk Ryley, of the interior department, is expected to arrive here sometime tomorrow from up the river. The official is understood to be coming here to inspect and examine into the conditions of mining, and the regulations governing the industry. It is also understood that on Mr. Ryley's return some recommendations concerning mining matters in the Yukon may be looked for. The gentleman has already commenced his investigations as he is said to be examining the mining interests along the river and tributaries above.

## CLEMENT TRIAL

**In the Police Court Yesterday Develops Some More Mistakes**

**MADE BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**Against Whom a Charge of Theft Is Preferred by Magill**

**WHO ASKS SOME QUESTIONS.**

**The Same Evidence Will Be Applied to Both Charges—No Decision Yet Rendered.**

Yesterday afternoon the continued hearing of the charges preferred by Joseph A. Magill against W. H. P. Clement was again taken up by Magistrate Scarth in the police court, and the public administrator was heard in his own behalf.

The book which the prosecutor had called for the day before was produced and examined, and developed the fact that the entries concerned had been altered to conform to those made in a statement made after the first statement rendered to Magill. Mr. Clement, referring to this, stated, as in his first statement, that when the money, dust and other effects of the deceased had been turned over to his office, he had not been present. The returns had been delivered to his brother, and he had found them in his desk drawer unaccompanied by any statement, and largely due to this fact the present difficulties were due.

He said the first intimation he had received from any source that Mr. Magill was dissatisfied with his administration of the estate came from Undertaker Green, who had told him that Magill was objecting. When Magill had received the statement and gold watch from him on the morning of the 3d of August, he (Magill) was to have returned after making a trip to the Forks for the purpose of looking at some things, the property of the deceased, not down on the list of items, and he had not returned. Had he done so he would have found a corrected statement of the estate waiting him. Concerning the previously referred to statement regarding the price of gold dust, the accused said that in the more recent statement he had allowed the estate the benefit of \$16 per ounce, though he did not think serious blame could have attached to him had he allowed but \$15, considering the extra trouble its weighing, handling, etc., entailed. He had also cut in two the charges for proving the bills. He realized that these mistakes were most unfortunate for him; that they might lead to most unpleasant comment, which he had been naturally anxious to avoid. He had discovered his principal error on the day when Magill had brought in Sergeant Marshall's receipt, and had at once admitted it and altered the account to conform to the receipt.

He had never, and did not at the time, in the least doubt the authority of Magill to represent the executrix of the estate. On the morning of the 8th inst., before he learned of the present charges he had mailed a draft and correct statement of the matter to the executrix.

In questioning the accused regarding the matter of charges for proving accounts, Mr. Magill said: "Have you the right to charge the estate with these costs?"

"I have," was the reply, "or at least I have always assumed that I had that authority, and if I have not, it is not a criminal matter, but one which has its remedy through the territorial court." Attorney Pattullo, in behalf of the defense, called the attention of the court to the items in question, stating

that they were errors, and that such things were of too common occurrence in the handling of almost all accounts, to warrant criminal action in this instance. He also doubted the application of the section under which the charge had been made to the case in hand.

Another charge, under a different section of the code, charging theft, had been preferred when the other one was made, in order, as was explained by Mr. Magill, that the case should not be dismissed on technical grounds.

Magistrate Scarth explained that that was a matter easy of remedy by preferring a new charge under the proper section, if it was found that the wrong section had been cited. The same evidence was allowed to go on the second charge.

In closing his argument Mr. Magill stated that he was not versed in legal lore, and appeared in the case merely to save further expense to the estate. He said it seemed to him that the negligence displayed in the mistakes of the administrator (if they were mistakes) was of a criminal nature.

"Here," said the young man, "we have a statement containing ten items, nine of which are errors. I submit, you worship, that it does not look reasonable to suppose that a man who would be so careless in the keeping of accounts as to make mistakes involving so much loss to the estate, would be apt to remember to charge it with such items as 32 cents for postage."

Magistrate Scarth said he would take the matter under advisement till such time as the evidence could be transcribed.

**His Excellency the Governor General.**

Following is a sketch of the career of the Earl of Minto, who will be the guest of the Yukon territory in a few days:

The present Earl of Minto, governor general of Canada, is the son of the third Earl of Minto, K. T., by his wife Emma E. E., daughter of Gen. Sir Thomas Hislop, Bart., and was born in London, England, in 1845. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts. He entered the army, being attached to the Scots Guards in 1867. Since then he has been appointed captain in the Roxburg Rifles, captain in the Army Reserve, and colonel with the rank of brigadier general commanding the South of Scotland Volunteer Brigade. He was for a short time in Paris during the subjection of the communists rising in 1871. He was correspondent for the Morning Post with the Carlist army in Spain, 1874. In 1877 he acted as military secretary with the Turkish army, on the Danube. He served as a volunteer on the staff of Field Marshal Roberts during the Afghan campaign of 1879. He accompanied Lord Roberts to South Africa in 1881 in the capacity of private secretary. He was appointed a captain in the mounted infantry in the Egyptian campaign in 1882. He was wounded in action at Magfar and afterwards commanded the mounted infantry at Cairo. For services here he was mentioned in dispatches and thanked in the general orders. He was military secretary to Lord Lansdowne from 1883 to 1886, during Lord Lansdowne's term as governor general of Canada. During the suppression of the Northwest rebellion of 1885, he was chief of staff to Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Middleton. He bears the following decorations: Afghan medal, Egyptian medal, Medjidie, Kedive Star, Northwest medal and clasp, and the volunteer decoration.

His lordship has contributed articles to the Nineteenth Century Magazine, The United Service Magazine, etc. He unsuccessfully contested the Hexham division of Northumberland for the British house of commons in 1886. He succeeded to the Earl of Minto on the death of his father in 1892.

Politically he is a supporter of the present government of Lord Salisbury. Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

**RECEIVED BY WIRE.**

## ELECTION OCT. 16.

**That is the Date on Which the Dominion Will Vote.**

**JUDGE DUGAS' COMMISSION REPORT.**

**Says McTavish's Charges Against Senkler Were False.**

**TAX COLLECTOR IN TROUBLE.**

**Li Hung Chang Lives—1200 Allies Killed at Pietsang—Lucy Parsons Causes Riot in Chicago.**

Ottawa, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—The date for the general Dominion elections has been fixed, being Tuesday the 16th day of October.

Judge Dugas has forwarded his report of his investigation of the charges preferred by McTavish against Gold Commissioner E. C. Senkler. The report says: "I find that the charges were made on hearsay evidence and that they were false, dishonest, baseless and in nowise sustained. Lawyer C. M. Woodworth appeared for complainant, but after four sittings in the case, the complainant disappeared."

**Tax Collector in Hoc.**

Kamloops, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—Martin Beattie, a constable in the N. W. M. P. force and tax collector, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling provincial funds.

**Sir Richard Honored.**

Toronto, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—At a meeting of the Executive Reform Association held today, Sir Richard Cartwright was elected president of the association.

**Canada's Decision Commended.**

London, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—The Times praises Canada's decision to not receive any more destitute immigrants into the Dominion in view of the spread of anarchy. It recommends that similar action be taken in all European states.

**Another Anarchist Arrested.**

Paris, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—Auguste Valette, an anarchist, has been arrested. It is believed he is the instigator of the recent attack on the life of the Shah of Persia, who is here on a visit. The shah has cancelled his proposed visit to London and will return home from here.

**Li Hung Chang Not Dead.**

Shanghai, Aug. 5, Skagway, Aug. 10.—The report that Li Hung Chang had committed suicide is untrue. He is alive, but very much cast down and despondent. Admiral Seymour arrived

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## THE VICE-REGAL VISIT.

The vice-regal party is now on the way down the Yukon, and in all probability will arrive in Dawson sometime tomorrow. According to the advices sent from Skagway the governor general's itinerary includes only a stay of three days in Dawson. It is to be regretted that circumstances do not permit his excellency to prolong his visit. While there is not a great deal within the town itself to warrant an extended stay on the part of the governor general, we are of the opinion that incalculable good would come to the territory at large were opportunity presented to acquaint him by personal observation with actual conditions as they exist in the gold producing area.

However, the best must be made of the time which the vice-regal party is enabled to spare us, and without doubt the opportunity will be improved in every way by the gentlemen having the entertainment of the party in charge.

The honor which is conferred upon the city of Dawson by this visit of the governor general of Canada is a significant one and in more ways than one should mark a turning point in the history of this extreme northwestern portion of the Dominion. As a result of this visit a degree of interest will be awakened in Dawson and the Yukon territory such as has never before been made manifest in Canada. The wonderful natural resources of the country so little understood in the eastern portions of the Dominion will be forced upon public attention more prominently than ever by reason of the governor general's journey down the Yukon, and men who heretofore have dismissed the Yukon country from their minds with the thought that it is but a barren wilderness incapable of sustaining a permanent population, will at length be forced to see their mistake and be led to give this territory such consideration as the facts actually warrant.

Reports of the ceremonies attending the visit of his excellency will be given publication far and wide with a result which unquestionably will be beneficial.

Aside, however, from any material benefits which may accrue to our city from the visit of the vice-regal party, the distinguished honor involved in the fact that Dawson is the farthest objective point of his excellency's trip, is thoroughly and sincerely appreciated.

Cosmopolitan in character as is our population, there is, nevertheless, a unanimous and spontaneous feeling of gratification that a visit to Dawson should be included in his excellency's vacation journey.

The decorations arranged for the occasion may lack somewhat in splendor and magnificence when compared with similar occasions in other cities of the Dominion, but our pleasure in welcoming our eminent guest within our midst will be sincere and genuine.

## A SIGNIFICANT STORY.

The story told in yesterday's issue of the Nugget relative to the greatly extended warehouse facilities which Dawson now possesses is highly significant. Approximately there is storage room in Dawson for 35,000 tons of merchandise which, of course, is outside the space which the various mercantile houses occupy for their retail trade.

This simple fact speaks volumes for the substantial character of our town which but a few months ago many wiseacres were predicting would be practically depopulated by reason of the rush to the lower country.

That rush certainly has thus far done the town no good, but we have yet to be shown the disastrous results which so freely were predicted. On the contrary, Dawson is today in as healthy condition as the most enthusiastic admirer of the town could expect. It is undoubtedly true that many people have left the town in the course of the past three months, a considerable portion of whom were substantial citizens, whose departure can be considered in no other light than that of a loss to the city. Of these, however, there is every reason to believe that the great majority will return satisfied that Dawson presents opportunities in a business way which are not yet to be found in any other portion of the Yukon valley.

Of the various buildings which have been constructed this summer it must be said that all are of a highly substantial character, which indicates a high degree of faith on the part of the owners in the permanence of our city. That faith will, beyond question, be fully justified by events. Dawson has grown and flourished under the most adverse conditions. Supported as the town is by one single industry, which industry has been hampered and its development greatly restrained by force of unwise legislation, Dawson has advanced in a manner which may be considered as being little less than wonderful. The growth of the town during the past three years has demonstrated what may be accomplished under most adverse circumstances. It is fair to argue, therefore, that when contemplated alterations in existing laws are accomplished, Dawson will forge ahead again in a manner to exceed by far her previous advancement.

The conditions of the town at the present time is undoubtedly healthy. When we receive the benefit of just laws that condition of healthfulness is bound to increase. The story of prosperity as told in yesterday's Nugget is, we thoroughly believe, only a precursor of better stories yet to be told when the Yukon country shall at length come to its just inheritance at the hands of the Dominion government.

The best thing to do with the taxation ordinance now is to allow it to become a matter of recollection only. The federal government has signified its intention of remitting to the Yukon council a considerable portion of last year's expenditures for outside purposes and with that fund to draw upon, the necessity of a tax levy disappears. It is not to be expected, however, that Dawson will get along indefinitely without taxation. A great many public improvements have already been made and others are necessary. We believe our citizens are willing and anxious that such improvements should be made, nor are they averse to contributing a reasonable share to the cost thereof. But they do wish to be assured that taxes which they pay are legally assessed, and, above all, they believe and with absolute right that they should be directly represented on the body which assumes the taxation authority.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

There is something about "the man from Dawson" that distinguishes him from the common herd no matter where he is met. In many respects the Dawson man is above commonality and in others he is a fool of the first water. Who else but a Dawson man will permit a blear-eyed soubrette with less brains than a fall turkey persuade him into buying her \$50 or \$100 worth of wine and then be satisfied to be pushed aside when he has spent his last dollar? Who else but a Dawson man is fool enough to stay with a game until he loses an ordinary fortune, even when he knows the "raw" is being thrown into him at every turn and shuffle? The Dawson man is a small potato at home, but when he goes outside he is a wonder. A story is told of a man from below who reached Nome with a cargo of fruit and opened a stand. One day a man came along and asked the price of lemons and was told that they were six for 25 cents. With that natural instinct peculiar to the human race, the purchaser began to pick the lemons over in quest of sound ones.

"Hold on there," yelled the merchant, "don't pick over the lemons."  
"Oh, well," replied the purchaser, "I'll just pick them over and only take three."

The vender of fruit was non-plussed. It was the first time in his life he had ever seen a man who would not take all that was coming to him, and sidling up to his customer said, "Say, mister, ain't you from Dawson?"

"I am," said the purchaser of lemons somewhat proudly.

"Well, by gum," replied the fruit man, "I have often heard that Dawson could turn out more fools than any one little place on earth, and now I believe it; for any man who will take three lemons when he could get six for the same price has a screw loose some place."

The Skagway earthquake story as published in a Third Avenue sheet yesterday in which the waters of Lynn canal were described as rolling higher than was the former custom of Slackwater Willie, and the air was described as assuming a dark-green color and smelling like a burnt overshoe, was all a little bit too heavy a description for the Stroller, who is a connoisseur on earthquakes, having experienced their sensations from the everglades of Florida to the summit of White pass. He has seen brick-dust colored coons turn as white as snow from the incidental fright connected with earthquakes, but he has never seen a "strange darkness portending disaster."

The night of the second earthquake at Charleston, S. C., in September of 1886, the writer was a guest at the Strathmore hotel on Amelia beach on the open Atlantic on the Florida coast. It was 11:30 at night and, with the exception of the proprietor, a night clerk and the Stroller, all the guests, over 100 in number, had retired. It was one of those warm, sultry nights peculiar to that country when the very sight of bed clothes is detestable. At the hour above stated the earthquake shock came lumbering along and the big shell of a summer hotel began to roll like a ship upon a turbulent sea. Scarcely had the vibrations ceased when there was a hurrying patter of bare feet above and two seconds later there came tumbling down stairs as motley an aggregation as was ever seen in any spectacular drama. Some were clothed in one button cutaways, others were wrapped in sheets hastily snatched from the beds, while a large number were clothed only in terror lest a tidal wave would roll in from the broad bosom of the Atlantic and sweep the Strathmore from the face of the earth. Back from the hotel 200 yards was a sand knoll about the size and shape of a Kansas straw stack and thither the aggregation scrambled; but before long there was a general verdict to the effect that death by drowning was preferable to being eaten up by mosquitoes, and there was another general rush for the hotel and a hurried scrambling into clothes. There was no more sleeping that night and next morning the first rays of the rising sun were met by 100 craned necks and 200 stained eyes peering out upon the placid surface of the Atlantic; but the expected tidal wave never rolled in and wearily the disappointed crowd returned to the hotel and to their rooms where each man and woman rubbed upwards of 400 mosquito bite bumps with kerosene.

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Spencer Gifford was quite too ready to admit that he was just an average sort of fellow. That was really all he cared to be. What he could do he did fairly well, but he did just as little as was decently possible. At college he had gone in a little for athletics, and made a very creditable record, but he shrank from anything really brilliant. He was a good scholar, too, but was quite willing to rank with the intellectual second raters. When he left college he went abroad and dawdled about in an aimless way, and came home with few impressions that he cared to mention. Then he went in for society, and there seemed to be reasonably contented. Society amused him and wasn't too exacting. Society coddled him; he was young, handsome, clever and rich.

And yet he would admit that he felt a little conscience stricken when Anna Goldie gravely asked him one day about his future hopes. There was a look in her eyes that he didn't like when he laughed off the query. It set him to thinking, and thinking was an occupation he rarely indulged in. Thinking almost disquieted him. He avoided Anna Goldie for a time, and found that was still more disquieting. And then just as he was thinking he would invite another talk with her on the original disquieting subject she suddenly went away. She went—they told him, to visit an invalid aunt in the interior of the state. She might be gone some time. It was more a visit of duty than of pleasure, and its continuance would depend altogether upon the failing health of the aunt. In what part of the state did Miss Goldie's aunt live? Somewhere near Palmyra.

Palmyra? That was where Jim Robbins lived. Good old Jim Robbins, whom he hadn't seen since his last college year. Jim was somebody down in Palmyra. Member of the legislature, or something. He saw Jim's name in the papers occasionally. Jim was a rising man. As the days wore along the desire to visit Jim grew upon him. He had a standing invitation to come down at any time. There was a pressing note in his desk of quite recent date in which he was told of the treat he was missing in not making the acquaintance of Jim's matchless wife and equally matchless girls. He wondered if Jim would know the abiding place of Anna Goldie's aunt. If he was a politician, he probably knew everybody. He decided to go down at once and make Jim a visit, and he wrote to him to that effect.

Then he went to the bank and called on his father. And while he was there his uncle Tom came in and the three were closeted for a long time in his father's private room. When they came out, his uncle Tom shook hands with him and patted him on the back in his usual hearty fashion. And his father shook hands with him in grave fashion, and both the elder men seemed highly elated. Spencer shook his head a little doubtfully as he left them. Then he braced up with a swift stiffening of his fingers and clinching of his hands and accelerated his pace. He was going to his rooms to fill his dress suit case for the visit to Jim.

He arrived at Palmyra early in the evening. He had meant to reach there in the afternoon, but the train was delayed. He hadn't told Jim just what day he would start, and so his old friend wasn't bothering over his non-appearance. Spencer concluded he would look Jim up in the morning. He went to the hotel and had his supper. After supper he strolled up to the clerk's desk and inquired about his friend.

"Oh, Jim Robbins?" cried the clerk. "Yes, yes. Jim is one of our leading citizens. Has a nice home up on the West hill. He's a great hustler, Jim is. Going to send him to the senate state next fall. Friend of yours?"

"Yes," said Spencer, "an old friend. Came down to visit him."

"Tell you what to do," said the clerk. "Jim is the chairman, toastmaster, whatever you call it, of the big banquet at Raymond hall tonight. It's a complimentary feed given in honor of Col. Jack Speed, who is home for a brief visit, and everybody, pretty much, is going. Col. Speed is our congressman, you know, and he's in high favor in Palmyra. Hon. Dwight Perkins from somewhere out west, one

of the big national lights of the house, is to be the speaker of the occasion, and they'll have plenty to eat and good music. Better go over."

A half hour later Spencer ascended the stairway of Raymond hall. He noticed a number of ladies in the crowd that steadily marched into the hall, and he was rather glad to find that the banquet was not to be of the usual political for men only character. At the head of the stairs he noticed a door standing open, and looking through into the brightly lighted ante-room he saw his old friend. The impulse was too strong to resist, and he passed in the doorway and held out his hand.

"What's the matter with Jim Robbins?" he laughingly called.

In an instant his friend's hand gripped his.

"Spencer, old man, so glad to see you!" He pushed Spencer off a little and held him there. "You are looking prime," he said. "And, by George! you are just in time." He laughed as he spoke, and looked at Spencer with such comical expression that it instantly recalled to the latter some amusing experiences of the dear old school days.

"What mischief are you up to?" he cried. "But, here, I'm in the way. Don't let me bother you. I'll see you in the morning." And he drew back and half turned toward the door.

"Hold on," cried Jim, with a plunge at him, "you don't get away from me tonight. You stay right here until I can properly dispose of you."

Hon. Jack Speed was seated at Jim's right and Spencer at his left, much to the latter's increased uneasiness. Then the banquet commenced, and for an hour the clatter and chatter continued without a break. Jim was as delightful as of yore, dividing his attention very equally between the guest of the evening and Spencer, but the latter's heart was filled with a vague distrust.

When the clatter finally ceased, Jim rapped on the table, and in a nice little speech told of the purpose of the banquet. He introduced the mayor, who briefly welcomed back Hon. Mr. Speed to Palmyra. Then Hon. Mr. Speed responded in a brisk speech, testifying to his delight in returning home to such friends and such a welcome, a sentiment which was greeted with loud applause. Then Jim rose again, with a crumpled telegram in his hand. He much regretted, he said, to be obliged to announce that Hon. Dwight Perkins could not be with them. A telegram he had just received announced a railway accident that blocked the road and held back Mr. Perkins, 60 miles away.

"Our regret, however," said Jim, "is somewhat mitigated by the fact that we fortunately have with us as an honored guest one of the most prominent of New York's young political and social leaders, Mr. Spencer Gifford, who will talk to us on the question of the hour."

As Jim sat down a patter of applause ran round the hall and the long lines of faces assumed an expectant expression.

"Remember your old debating triumphs," whispered the perfidious Jim, "and sail in."

Spencer gave him a horrible scowl as he rose to his feet. Then he turned to the auditors with a pleasant smile. He put his teeth together hard. He wouldn't be bluffed. And deep down in his soul he felt gratified that Jim, despite his consummate meanness, had confidence in him. Jim knew he wouldn't fluke. He would say a word or two and retire as gracefully as possible.

When Spencer, after an eloquent wind up, finally took his seat, the applause was vigorous and long drawn out, and Jim, his face flushed and his eyes sparkling, grabbed Spencer's hand under the table and squeezed it hard and said: "Great, my boy, great! You ought to get down on your bended knees to me for bringing you out."

When it was all over, Jim said: "We must get our coats and hunt up Minnie. Minnie is Mrs. Jim. She's a little jealous of you now. Don't make her more so. By the way, she is a young woman from your overgrown town in town tonight, and we'll have to escort her to her aunt's home. Know her? She's a Miss Anna Goldie."

A little later they were out in the open air, Anna walking with Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jim going ahead, that acute married dame having apparently sized up the situation.

"After hearing you this evening," said Anna softly, "I think this is the field you are fitted for."

There was a pause. They fell back a little farther.

"Do you know," he asked abruptly, "what it is that has awakened me?"

"No," she answered.

"It is love," he said.

He looked down at her. Her face was averted.

"Do you know what brought me down here? Do you know what carried me through that speech tonight?"

"No," she softly murmured.

"You?"

A half hour later he stopped Mrs. Jim as she excused herself to the two men smoking in the library.

"One moment," he said, "I want you to know that I had mentally promised your scamp of a husband a sound thrashing for the liberty he took with my name tonight, but I've found he blundered into doing me a favor. I'm going to forgive him. I've even gone so far as to bless him." He held out both hands. "Congratulate me, dear friends," he cried, with a radiant smile. "I'm a very happy and a very fortunate man."

And then he told them about Anna. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Liszt's Feat of Memory.**  
In the July Century, William Mason, the veteran American musician, tells of a remarkable feat of memory performed by the composer Liszt:  
My friend knew Liszt very well, and having taken a fancy to a composition of mine, "Les Perles de Rosee," which was still in manuscript, he said: "Let me have it for publication. Dedicate it to Liszt. I can easily get Liszt to accept the dedication. I am going directly from here to Weimar, and will see him about it. At the same time, I will prepare the way for your reception later as a pupil."

Not long afterward I received a letter from my friend in which he told me that when he handed the music to Liszt, the latter looked at the manuscript, hummed it over, then sat down, and played it from memory. Then, going to his desk, he took a pen, and accepted the dedication by writing his name at the top of the title page. Encouraged by this I wrote a letter to Liszt, expressing my desire to become one of his pupils, and asking what my chances were. Unfortunately, I misinterpreted his reply, and received the impression that it amounted to a refusal; but at the same time he gave me a cordial invitation to attend the festival about to take place in Weimar in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of Goethe's birth. I still have this letter, which is dated August 18th, 1849. Had I understood then that Liszt was ready to accept me as pupil, I should have taken up my residence at Weimar at once, instead of waiting until I learned my mistake, as I did during a call which I paid to Liszt nearly four years later.

**Beyond His Comprehension.**  
An Indian's respect for women increases a hundredfold after his visit to England. But he finds it difficult to reconcile himself to the low necked dress which society imposes upon women, nor does he understand the ethics of an English dance which affords a friend or stranger an opportunity to place his arm around the waist of a fair lady who happens to be the wife of another. And he finds neither rhyme nor reason in the rule of society which, while permitting a lady to drink with male friends, denies her the privilege of smoking. Above all, the Indian has a horror of the new woman. She has very properly been described as the "third sex."—A Hindoo in Universal Magazine.

**Outside and Inside Weather.**  
By Jessie M. Anderson.  
In the morning, when our eyes pop open early, very early,  
And we creep and peep to watch the sun arise,  
If he's trying and a cloudy sky a-glowing,  
grim and surly,  
Has no streaming golden beams for our eyes—  
Why, then, lightly as a feather  
Must our spirits dance together,  
And our faces must be sunny all day long.  
For as fresh as highland heather  
We can make the inside weather  
When the outside seems to be so very wrong.

But if with the outdoor sunshine all the happy birds are singing,  
And the trees are budding in the glad, warm light,  
And the arbutus is peeping from its brown leaves' tender keeping,  
And the face of day is fresh and sweet and bright—  
Why, then, why not all together  
Make our faces match the weather?  
Fresh and sweet and bright and sunny all day long!  
For as fragrant as the heather,  
Is the charming outside weather,  
And the inside cannot be so very wrong.  
—From St. Nicholas.

**Better Stayed With Papa.**  
After the wreck of the steamer Florence S. one of the passengers of the ill-fated steamer informed a Nugget representative that the woman, Mrs. Stewart, who, with her 14-year-old daughter, was drowned as a result of the accident, had told him on the steamer that she had left her husband on account of trouble between them, and that she and her daughter were coming to Dawson to endeavor to make their own livings as best they could. The following which was clipped from the Vancouver Province, having originally appeared in a Victoria paper, substantiates the woman's statement to her fellow passenger. The article was headed "Wanted His Daughter," and was:  
"There was quite a scene on the C. P. N. wharf last evening just prior to the sailing of the steamer Amur for Vancouver on her way to Skagway. Among the passengers booked for the trip were Mrs. Stewart and her 14-year-

old daughter. Capt. John Stewart, the woman's husband, appeared on the dock and demanded his daughter, as a result of which, so he says, he was attacked and beaten by his son and Albert Virtue, a blacksmith, who was also going north on the steamer."

It is not known here what became of the son or the vulcanite, and as nothing was ever said about their being in company with the woman and girl, it is likely that they had stopped off at Skagway or were coming down on a scow.

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