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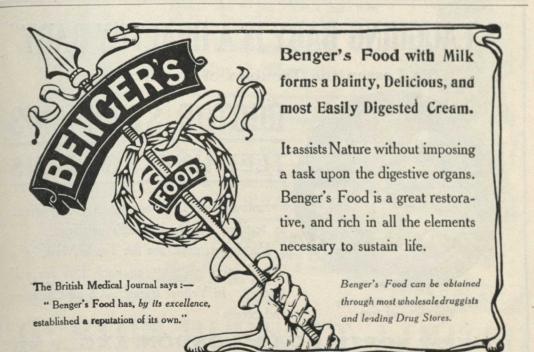
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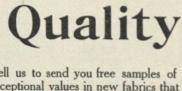
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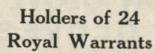


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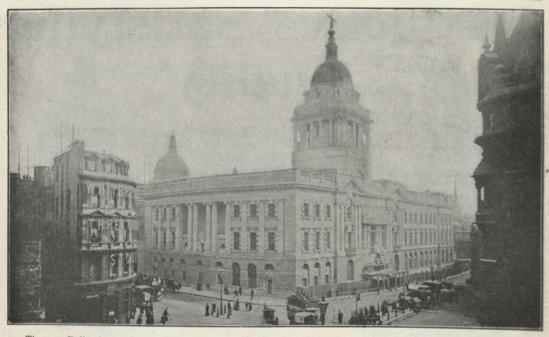
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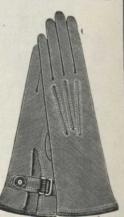
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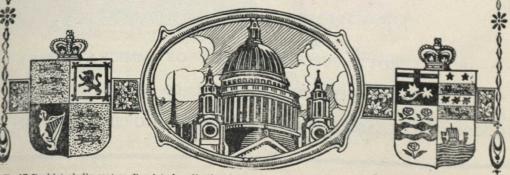
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PREMIUMS:
First year....\$ 230,636.63
Renewal....................1,519,322.77
Annuity.........................3,450.00

1,753,409.40

Less Re-assurance

PROFIT AND LOSS.....

1,733,041.88 509,240 02 1,288.25

\$12,134,047.85

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policyholders:
Death Claims....\$ 317,776.50
Matured Endowments...... 178,785.00
Surrendered
Policies..... 92,138.68
Surplus...... 80,805.19
Annuities....... 10,714.93
EXPENSES, TAXES, &c...... 383,981.33

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BALANCE NET LEDGER ASSETS,
December 21st 1997

December 31st, 1907.....11,069.846.22

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

 Mortgages.
 \$5,756,070.85

 Debentures and Bonds.
 3,593,965.84

 Loans on Policies.
 1,410,130.87

 Premium Obligations.
 22,534.21

 Real Estate (Company's Head
 30,875.79

 Cash in Banks.
 280,494.29

 Cash at Head Office.
 1,505.19

 Due and deferred premiums,
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 (net).
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 241,554.91

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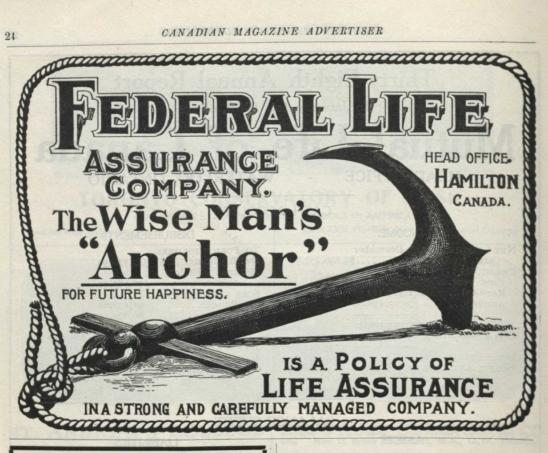
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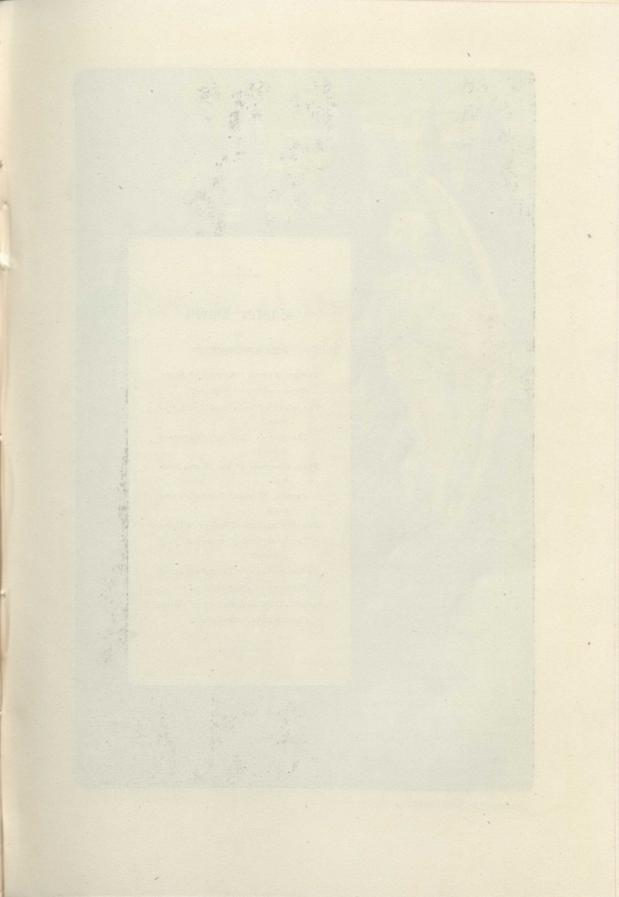


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Reform of the Senate

By GOLDWIN SMITH, D.C.L.

CONFEDERATION was not so much a deliberate measure of constructive statesmanship as a door of escape for two sets of party politicians from the dead-lock in which their struggle for place had ended. Government had been reduced to a majority of two. Only in the two Provinces which were the scene of that party conflict can Confederation be said to have been clearly desired at the time. Outside them there was a good deal of opposition. Nor does the debate on Confederation impress us as a conference of statesmen. British institutions were copied without much reflection by men more versed in party management than in history or political science, and probably little conscious of the difference in the social conditions of the two countries, or of the effect which social conditions have on the working of political institutions. On the social influence of courts they had probably not much reflected, when as an equivalent for the court of Great Britain they gave us half a dozen, with more to come. The constitution was never submitted to the people. As an excuse for the omission was pleaded the

Parliamentary election which followed. This, it was pretended, was an equivalent for the submission of the constitution, which, of course, involving as it did miscellaneous questions, it could not be. We may therefore hold ourselves free to deal with the work of the fathers of Confederation.

The Upper House of the British Parliament, with its hereditary peerage, could have no counterpart here. It was a legacy of the middle ages, though rather in form than in substance; for in the middle ages the seat was attached not to the pedigree but to the fief, and the handful of Bishops now sitting in the House of Lords represent a number of mediaeval Prelates and mitred Abbots who sat with the lay Lords as representatives of ecclesiastical fiefs and far more nearly balanced the lay Lords in numbers. Nor did the legislative history of the House of Lords present to the architects of constitutions a happy model. It has been as that of an hereditary order might be expected to be, a continuous series of resistance to reforms, even the most necessary and beneficial. Its obstinacy in opposing Parliamentary reform and struggling

to maintain the rotten borough system brought the nation to the verge

of revolution.

That a second Chamber is needed as an organ of legislative second thought and revision will hardly be denied. We have a thrilling proof of this in the case of Gladstone's Irish Home Rule Bill. As leader of the Liberal party and head of the Government. Gladstone had been decidedly opposed to the Home Rulers and had thrown their leaders into prison. But his political position became precarious. The Conservative leaders had begun with the usual unscrupulousness of party to coquette with Home Rule. Suddenly Gladstone turned round, declared for Home Rule, joined hands with Parnell, and brought in a measure which, however cloaked, would practically have dismembered the United Kingdom, and was supported almost avowedly for that purpose by Irishmen breathing the most intense hatred of England. The Bill was thrown out by the House of Lords, which on that occasion had no patrician bias to pervert its judgment, and the integrity of the United Kingdom was thus saved. The conduct of the Lords was emphatically ratified by national opinion, to which Gladstone succumbed, and relief was evidently felt by some, probably by most, of those British members who had given a party vote for the Bill. Mr. Gladstone's state of mind at that time was described by one of the most eminent of his political associates as moral insanity. But had his Home Rule Bill passed, as without a second Chamber it would, it would have passed irrevocably and only by a convulsion of some kind could the integrity of the United Kingdom have been retrieved. The Separatists in Ireland would probably have stretched out their hands for help to the enemies of England abroad. In this case the Second Chamber saved England from mortal peril. The thought of abolishing the House of reconsideration and revision ought surely to be laid aside.

It may almost be said that if the framers of our constitution had wished to adapt it to the real conditions of the case, at the same time following an English precedent, they had better on some points have looked to the Protectorate than to the Monarchy. It is not impossible that England herself may some day turn her eyes in

that direction.

Legislative revision, however, is not the only function of the British House of Lords, nor is aptitude for it the only title to the appointments. Personal distinction and influence are also qualifications for its membership. Of this Lord Kelvin, Lord Rogers. and Lord Hobhouse were instances. Lords Rogers and Hobhouse having been distinguished in the public service.. Instances at present are Lord Wolseley and Lord Roberts; so are Lord Mountstephen and Lord Strath-An instance in a line wholly non-political was Lord Tennyson. Canada, of course, has not the material for anything of this kind, nor is it certain that she would use it if she had. With us the nominations all go by party.

The House of Commons is supposed to represent "the people," whose will is taken to be supreme wisdom as well as supreme power. Suppose it did represent the people and not the caucus, has the people never need for an hour of cool reconsideration? How many of us are qualified for the settlement of great questions of state? What proportion of the voters under universal suffrage understand the arguments or know the facts of the case? We endow "the people" with personality and mental combination. whereas it is the aggregate of an infinite number of separate grains of humanity blown often by the same wind but hardly capable of common

thought.

That the Canadian Senate will bear improvement seems to be generally admitted. It used to be loudly proclaimed by the party now in power, which, since it has come into power, appears to have shown practically that its former allegations were not unfounded. The invidious task of framing the indictment no longer needs to be performed. That the Senate is not what it might be, even under existing conditions, is pretty well admitted on all sides.

What shape is the reform to take? Nomination by the Governor-General must always be, as it is, like the exercise of his Excellency's other nominal prerogatives, a formality, or rather worse, a slight screen for the abuse of patronage by the Minister. The question practically seems to be, by whom shall the Senators be elected? How can a basis sufficiently broad to satisfy popular demand be combined with a character sufficiently select to guard against the scramble of party? The Provincial Legislature naturally presents itself for the purpose. State Legislatures over the way seem to have done their allotted duties pretty well till they fell under the domination of commercial magnates, then corruption began. To some danger of that kind we should no doubt be exposed in giving any new power to our Provincial Legislatures. Still, if the election of Senators were vested in the Provincial Legislatures there would be at least public criticism of the candidates. The net result would probably be an improvement on the system of nomination by a Minister who securely treats the patronage as mere party spoil.

If the election of our Senators were given to the Provincial Legislatures it would surely be an improvement on the present system. The appointments could not be made in the dark. A man of whom his Province was proud would sometimes have a chance. The election should be tenable for life or up to a certain age. The voting should perhaps be by ballot, which though it does not commonly produce much effect may sometimes baffle intrigue and sometimes shield an honest vote. Account must certainly be taken of population; there would otherwise be weakness from the outset.

Election by the House of Commons would be simply a return, perhaps with an increase of jobbery, to nomination by the head of the party in power through his majority in the Lower House.

Reduction of the number of the Senate would be a small gain of money, but surely it would be a loss of authority.

If the evil is in our political character, no change in institutions will set us right; still something may be done by a judicious reform of the Senate.



A Vision of Old Spain

By H. S. SCOTT-HARDEN

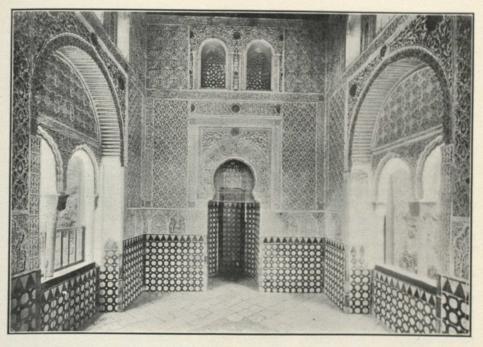
Dealing particularly with the Alhambra and its surroundings,
where romance and chivalry long held sway

THERE are three places in the world that one should certainly see by moonlight—the Taj Mahal, Melrose Abbey, and the Alhambra in Spain—each one so different yet so wonderfully impressive. The great Moslem pile of the Alhambra in the midst of a Christian land was built by Mahomet Abu. It is the ancient fortress of the Moorish kings of Grenada, an Oriental palace, and an elegant memento of the

brave, intelligent and graceful people who came and conquered and have passed away. The Moors regarded the Alhambra as a miracle of art, and many now consider it one of the wonders of the world—for fairy tracery and fragile fretwork have survived the wear and tear of time and shocks of earthquake, and save for the fire a few years ago many parts are just as beautiful and perfect as they were when Ferdinand and Queen Isabella



THE GLORY OF GRENADA-THE ALHAMBRA AND THE SIERRA NEVADA



A CORNER OF THE ALHAMBRA, SHOWING THE ELABORATENESS OF THE DECORATIONS

prayed within the walls, and Columbus, before he discovered the new world, was a quiet and unobserved beholder.

What legends and traditions, songs and romances of love and war are wrapped up here! One enters a great porch formed by an immense Arabian horseshoe-shaped arch which springs to half the height of the tower. On the keystone of the arch is engraven a huge hand; within the vestibule on the keystone of the portal is sculptured, in like manner, a gigantic key. Those who understand Mohammedan symbols affirm that the hand is the emblem of doctrine, and the key of faith. The latter was emblazoned on the standard of the Moslems when they subdued Andalusia in opposition to the Christian emblem of the Cross. When you enter you seem to be carried back into other times and are treading the scenes of some Arabian story. Through the Moorish arches you see the shadows from the moon on the pavements, and the outlines of the fragile fretwork on the twelve lions which hold up the alabaster basin, waiting as it were

for the silver stream of water to flow from the fountain above.

In the daytime the rich, gilded ornamentations and the colours of the Moorish tiles and the roofs of the halls outvie one another in picturesqueness, and from the open window above, one pauses to think what scenes were beheld by the darkeyed beauties of the harem who used to sit and gaze unseen upon the entertainments below.

This is indeed an enchanted palace of an Arabian tale. And standing on the roof of some hall one sees below the old-Moorish capital, with the snowy summits of the Sierra Nevada shining like silver in the distance. From the summit of one of the hills the unfortunate Boabdil cast back his last look upon Grenada and gave vent to the agony of his soul, "The Last Sight of the Moor."

The Sierra Nevada is the glory of Grenada, and dominates the whole extent of Andalusia, sending down the cool breezes across the Vega to the Alameda—the great avenue of trees where the Spaniards sit and watch the passers-by in the

evenings and listen to the guitar. But to return to the Alhambra: From the heights above the palace one sees the city of Santa Fe, built by the Catholic sovereign during the siege. It was there that Columbus was called back, and within those walls the treaty was concluded that led to the discovery of the Western World.

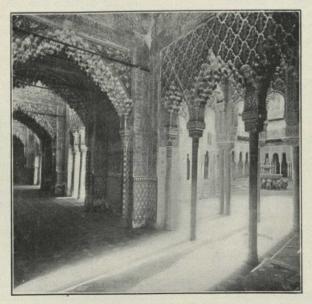
Before descending to the courtyard you look once more from a terraced roof on the tower of Cornares. The winding river is hidden here and there by some Gothic dome or row of houses, or perchance in summer by the orange groves and olive trees-and the suburb where the convent lies filling the narrow gorge of

the valley with its gray walls. As one wanders through the gateway down the steep hill to the town one passes the little fountain and well which used to be a sort of meeting place for all the lovers in Granada. It is noted for the pureness and coolness of the water, and for the legends. To-day, there, a Spaniard stops the passers-by and offers for sale pictures of the palace and pretty castanets and fans. The Alhambra has recently

been renovated and some of the walls recoloured and the roof regilded, while large iron bars hold together the Moorish pillars and strengthen the decaying walls. Not far from Grenada is the Duke of Wellington's Spanish home at Torré Molinos. The house is quite new, but the vineyards are old and bring forth quantities of grapes which help to keep the estate of the Duke of Cuidad Rodrigo

in good order.

From the hills round the house you can just see the gray towers of the Alhambra and the views of the mountains beyond; and while you wander under the olive trees some good-natured Spaniard will relate the tales of the Moslem monuments at Cordova and Seville, and of Ferdinand and Isabella and their courts where they took possession of the Alhambra. The present Duke of Wellington often visits his Spanish home, and invites his friends to shoot partridges in the fields. A few years ago I spent several pleasant days there as a guest of Colonel Mostyn, who manages the estate, and we had excellent sport on the hillsides under the olive trees.



THE HALL OF JUSTICE, ALHAMBRA, SHOWING THE "COURT OF LIONS." SURROUNDED BY COLONNADES

The Narrative of Col. Fanning

Edited by A. W. SAVARY

Last Installment

ON the roth of March I had some business to St. Augustine, the inhabitants of Musqueto asked the favour of me to hand a petition to his Excellency the Governor, and knowing the situation of the petitioners I spoke in their behalf; asked his Excellency what answer he sent to the people, he said he should send for none of them, and if they were a mind to remove, they must get to the shipping as they could, for he said he had no vessels at that time in Government's services.

"To his Excellency Patrick Tonyn, Esq., Capt. General, Governor and Commander and Chief in and over his Majesty's province of East Florida and vice-admiral of the same: whereas your humble petitioners showeth that they are rendered very poor and unable to remove ourselves to be in readiness to receive the opportunity offered for our removement from his Majesty's province of this East Florida which is to be evacuated; here is several poor widows as well as poor men of his Majesty's loyal subjects; we pray his Excellency would send a schooner to remove us to the vessels provided for our passage when his Excellency sees that this province will be given up; we would wish to tarry here where we have good warm houses till his Excellency sees the time draws nigh; however, we would wish to refer it to his Excellency's opinion upon the matter, and in granting of your petitioners' humble petition, your humble petitioners ever will be in duty bound to pray.

At the Musqueto, this 26th of January,

1784.

THOMAS YOUNG, Capt. S. C. Mil.

Abraham Floyd, Joseph Currie, Magee
Black, Agnes Wilson, Moses Barnes,
Jacob Barns, Joseph Rogers."

I left St. Augustine the 13th of said month and returned to the Musqueto and made the following speech to the inhabitants:

My good and worthy friends: I am now going to make some remarks as to your disagreeable situation. The distresses to which the unfortunate loyalists in America are now reduced are too poignant not to command the pity and commiseration of every friend to human nature. The man that is steeled against such a forcible impression is a monster that should be drove from the circle of cultivated society. In most situations, when calamities and misfortunes press upon their minds, hope buoys us up and keeps us from sinking into the ocean of despondency and despair, but the unfortunate loyalists have no hopes to cheer up their spirits; even this last refuge of the afflicted is denied us of enjoying peace and happiness which our forefathers and ourselves were born under. During a seven years' war we have been induced to brave every danger and difficulty in support of the Government under which we were born, in hopes that we and our children would reap the fruits of our labour in peace and serenity. Instead of that reasonable expectation, we find ourselves at the conclusion of a war sacrificed to the indignation of their enemies, expelled their native country, and thrown on the wide world friendless and unsupported. It is needless to repeat the many promises of support and protection held out to the public by the King and those acting under his authority. These promises have been violated in every instance, and that national faith which we had been accustomed to look upon as sacred, basely bartered for an inglorious peace, even to this province for which the loyalists from the other colonies have fled to for shelter are denied us. The Spaniards are in a short time to take possession of this province, and whilst we are together we had better draw up a decent petition to have protection, and throw ourselves on their mercy. If they deny us we will have few to condemn us, which cruel and relenting necessity may compel them to adopt. Innumerable are the difficulties at present to encounter. Stripped of our property, drove from our homes, excluded from the company and care of their dearest connections, robbed of the blessing of a free and mild government, betrayed and deserted by our friends. what is it can repay them for their misery, dragging out a wretched life of obscurity and want? Heaven only that smooths the rugged paths of life can reconcile us to our misfortunes. Also, my hopes of ever receiving anything from Government for losses or services are vanished, as I cannot support any other opinion than whenever Great Britain sees it her interest to withdraw her force and protection from us, let us go where we will, we never can say we are safe from difficulties as we have been induced to brave since the commencement of the late war, and for the same reason I shall in a few days get out in open boats to West Florida to settle myself at or near Fort Notches on the Mississippi River.

On the 20th of March myself and seven other families set out, all in open boats. We kept company for 160 miles. I then left them and went forward to get to better hunting ground, and proceeded until I got to the Scibirsken, where I waited for the rest of my company twelve days; but not seeing them come, I concluded they had passed me, and must have proceeded on their journey. I hoisted sail and stood on until I came to Key West, and seeing a large schooner I stood for her. She hove to, and when I came alongside she informed me that I was then on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico, and then I turned and stood for that key. I got to the key at three o'clock, and the wind blew a gale for fifteen days, and whilst on board the before-mentioned schooner, who belonged to the Spaniards. They had some Creek Indians on board, and then bound to Havana; the Spaniards I could not understand, but they understood

the Creek language and my speaking to the Indians and informing of the Indians that I was going to Mississippi, he told me that my boat was too small, and it would be impossible for me to make the main land, as it was three days' sail before I could make land. The Spaniards understood all my discourse, and upon finding where I was bound, they spoke to me in Indian and told me that there were six or seven families of the English had left St. Augustine some time before, and that they were all killed except the negroes, and they thought we would stand a poor chance to escape them. as I should be obliged to keep the shore. In an hour after I made the key there came another Spanish schooner to anchor that I had passed the day before. They could not speak any English, but finding that the others could speak Creek, I also spoke to them in the same language, which they understood very well, and informed me as the other schooner had done. They were windbound for fifteen days, and treated me with every civility. I had one white lad of eighteen years of age, and by the different accounts we had of the Spaniards he got scared. I told him not to lose his life on my account. He then went on board of the schooner, and on the night she wind abated, the Spaniards came on shore and took the most of myself and wife's wearing apparel and bedding.

They informed me before their departure that they looked upon it that we could not proceed with our small open boats, the distance of the bay where we had to cross being about 36 leagues to a key called Sandy Key. which is nine leagues from the main land. which in case of our not hitting that key the distance would be about 100 leagues before we should make land again. Upon which I turned and went back about twelve leagues to Key Bockes, and steered due north till we made the key, being about eight hours out of sight of land. When we made the key, being 19th of said month. I got to said land the 20th. I saw a small schooner standing for the land about four leagues distance from us, and cast anchor where the aforementioned Spaniards informed us that the Indians were very bad in killing the English people that crossed the Bay of Tompay, as the man that started

with me being much alarmed at the behaviour of the Indians, set off back again with the Spaniards to the Havana. I then with my little family, consisting of my wife, self and two little negroes, I perceiving it might be dangerous for me to proceed, went on board the little schooner that lav at anchor about four leagues from me. I immediately took my boats and went on board of him, enquiring of one Baptist, who commanded her. I found he was an Italian; asked him where he was from, he informed me from New Providence. I then applied to him to get a passage with him. He told me he could not tell me at that time whether he could carry all my property or not, desired me to pay my boats off that night. The next morning he told me he could not give me a passage for less than 200 dollars. The next day he fell to 150 dollars. Then the wind blowing very fresh, I went on board my boat, and hoisted sail and went off for the land again. In the course of two or three hours he came round a point with a schooner to the land in order to mend some turtle nets which were much broken. He, during the time of his laying there, gave us liberty to come and sleep on board, and on the 23rd of the month I asked him if he would not take less than 150 dollars to carry me to Providence, as I told him I could not afford to give him so much. as it was more than I was able to give him. as I was entirely robbed of what little I had. He said he would not take less. The next morning I set off in my boat and sent my girl along shore to catch some fowls I had on shore, where I was to come back again to the place as soon as I got the distance of about three miles round a point. When I got to the point I left my boat ashore. and went back in order to meet the girl where I expected to see her. I got about half the distance, but did not meet her. and coming there and not finding her I went some little distance back to where the schooner lay. As I expected, they were going to use me in the same manner the Spaniards had done before, when I saw them take my negro girl and carry her on board with them. I then set down for the space of a half hour, and considering within myself what I had best do, and seeing the said Baptist, commander of the said schooner.

and his man Thomas coming ashore again, after carrying my negro girl off into the woods and hid her. I then saw them coming out of the woods. Thinking within myself that they intended to kill me, with which I looked and examined my gun and powder; finding I had only one charge with me or nigher than my boats. and considering the present distressed situation I was in, obliged me to consider what was my best measure to pursue, and I immediately advanced towards them, they parting, one turned back to where the girl was, the other coming on a small distance, went from the beach and turned off into the woods. I immediately ran and called to him and asked him concerning what he had done with the girl, with which he denied having seen her. I then told him he need not deny it, for I had seen him with her, and offered him four dollars if he would inform me where she was, so that I could get her. He immediately said that Mr. Baptist had the command of the schooner, and that I had better go back and speak to him myself. I also went back to where their boat lay, and continued there for the space of fifteen minutes, then I turned and walked back from the place I started from. During the course of my walking I looked behind and saw the said Baptist about 150 yards in my rear, his gun lying across his left arm. I turned around and advanced to him, and when near him I observed his gun cocked. I asked him at first what he had his gun cocked for; his answer was in order to fire at anything that came. With that I told him that he had better uncock his gun as I did not see anything to fire at there. I told him several times; he replied he always carried his gun cocked, and kept her cocked for the space of fifteen minutes. I asked if he had not seen my girl come that way. He told me no. I then told him that he need not deny it, for I had seen her on board his boat, he being in the boat at the same time, carrying her off to the schooner, not mentioning to him that I saw him bring her back. I then told him I could carry him back and show him the girl's tracks

where he had carried her along and took her on board. I then offered him four dollars to give her up, as I told him my present situations would not admit of my giving him as much money as he asked to carry me to Providence. He told me I talked like a boy, as no person would carry me to Providence under five hundred dollars, and he only asked one hundred and fifty, and also alluded to my going off and not speaking to him any more, and that if he had my girl he would keep her as he had lost a boy that cost him eight hundred dollars, and that he must make something before he returned to Providence. I asked him if he would carry me for either the boy or girl, allowing me fifty dollars. He told me no. I told him that it was but little less than the half I was worth; he told me he would carry me for one of them, or fifty dollars. In my distressed situation, and my wife being pregnant, I thought I had best endeavour to get a passage with him. I told him that I would sooner than to lose my negro girl give him one hundred and fifty dollars than either the girl or the boy, as I was convinced I should have justice done me on my arrival at New Providence, as I should see some persons who were acquainted with me in Providence; he told me he would. I then told him I wanted him to drop his schooner down to where my boats were in order to get my property out of the boats. He told me he could not as he was going round the Key to turtle. I then going back, I met with the other man and wanted to hire him. He told me he could not unless I had got liberty from Baptist. With that I went myself, and came to my boats and told my wife the situation of matters, and we immediately started with only my boy's assistance and rowed back against the wind blowing fresh for seven miles; then coming very near the schooner I threw out my anchor and lay there all night, and the next morning I called to them several times and asked them if they had seen my girl. After some time they answered me, Ay, Ay! and told us to come alongside. I told them I wanted my girl to come and assist me in taking

out my property. They answered me they would assist me in taking them out. With that I weighed anchor and went alongside of the schooner and told my wife to go on board. When on board she went and called the girl several times. My wife then went down into the hold with a stick, and she said that she found the girl hid among the sails, being stripped of all her clothes she had on the day when she left me. I had my property put on board, and soon after I set off to the shore and anchored my large boat some little distance from the shore, where I lay till some time in June. round the point where I came from, as the wind was blowing fresh. On the 15th of June he got his turtle and water on board where he had his turtle in a crawl in the Bay of Fundy, where he had supplied himself with wood and water. and all his turtle on board, where he then drew a note of hand for me to sign for two hundred pieces of eight for my passage. I immediately answered him I would sooner suffer death than to sign any instrument of writing. He then wished himself damned before I should go with him, and ordered me to haul up my boat and put what I could in her and go on shore with my family. My boat being so small would not carry onefourth part of my property off. As there lay a large boat alongside that they had brought off their turtle wood and water on board in, I asked them for the loan of her. They told me they could not as they were going to get under way. With that I brought my boat alongside, and they in the meantime took their two boats and went on shore.

My wife being in a bad situation, fell a crying and begged of me to do anything to get away for fear we might meet with others who might distress us of everything. As I found that I should lose the greatest part in case I went on shore, as I had left my large boat at Cape Sable on the mainland, and my little boat not being large enough to contain over the one-fourth of my property, for which I told him to draw a note for one hundred and fifty dollars, for which I signed, the note being dated 15th July,

and was to be paid after my arrival in Providence, to have thirty-five days after my landing there before payment was to be made.

On the 30th of June, as we were laying at New Madamcumba after our having several words, he told me that he understood by my negroes that I intended to have him hung after my arrival at New Providence if he had turned my wife on shore, and in case she had died that I should do my endeavours to hang him in Providence, and told me if it had not been for killing my wife he would be damned if he did not drown me overboard long ago, only on account of my wife. On the 12th July a Capt. Bunch, Capt. Clutsam, and Capt. Wm. Smith, of New Providence, appeared, and Capt. Bunch came on board the small schooner commanded by the said Baptist. The said Mr. Bunch asked me my reasons for staying so long on board that small schooner, and why I gave the said Baptist my note of hand for one hundred and fifty dollars, of which Mr. Bunch informed me that it was contrary to the laws of the Government of New Providence to make any agreement with any person or persons found in distress, but to render every assistance. With this I found Mr. Bunch wished to render me a service in my distressed situation, and I opened to him all former proceedings respecting the ill treatment and behaviour of the said Baptist. On the same account every gentleman of them offered me any assistance I wanted, and Mr. Bunch told me that in case I did not get a passage with Capt. Clutsam, which he did not doubt but what I should, he would give me a passage himself. However. I procured a passage from Capt. Clutsam for fifty dollars, during which passage I was in every respect used and treated like a gentleman by the said Capt. Clutsam, and on my arrival at New Providence the said Capt. Clutsam behaved with so much honour that, instead of taking fifty dollars of me, he deducted twenty, and only charged me thirty, and upon finding who I was would not take but twenty dollars, and he at the same time refused taking any

more of me. During the course of my being on board of Capt. Clutsam he found me in every necessary, and made no charge for any provisions or anything I received from him. His humanity was so great, that if ever in my power to render any service to him or any of those gentlemen, nothing shall ever be wanting on my part to do them service.

I continued in Nassau for twenty days, and then took my passage with Capt. Jacob Bell to New Brunswick, where we cast anchor 23rd of Sept., 1784, and continued until the 25th of October, and then set out for Halifax to his Excellency Governor Parr, to know how I should get land, but as I got to Halifax his Excellency Governor Carlton arrived, and I could do nothing, so I returned on the 7th November, and in August I received the following letter from Col. John Hamilton in answer to mine in

regard to my claims:

DEAR SIR,—I received yours of the oth February, 1785, a few days ago and notice the contents. I am sorry to inform you that your claims are not yet given in, but I expect the office for receiving claims will be opened again by act of Parliament this session, when you may depend proper care shall be taken of yours. I am sorry to hear of your losses. I hope you are now agreeably settled, and making something for your family. I think if you can leave your business in proper hands, a trip to this country would be of service to you. though I don't think you would get halfpay. Government would settle an annuity on you for life; which cannot be done without your coming here.

If you come you may depend on all my interest in your favour, and I cannot help thinking it worth your while to come home.

I am, dear sir, your humble servant,

JOHN HAMILTON. London, May 10th, 1785.

In a short time after I heard that there was another act of Parliament passed to receive claims for losses and services, also that the Commissioners had arrived at Halifax, and on the 20th March, I set out for Halifax, and presented a copy of my claim from East Florida, with the Me-

morial as follows:

"To the Honourable Commissioners, appointed by act of Parliament, further to enquire into the losses and services of the

American Lovalists.

The Memorial of David Fanning, late Colonel of the North Carolina Militia, humbly sheweth: That your Memorialist is a loyalist from North Carolina, who uniformly and religiously adhered to his duty and lovalty to the best of Sovereigns, for which he suffered persecution, and many other inconveniences—that your Memorialist, by a warrant from Major Craig, of the 82nd Regiment, then commanding at Wilmington, was placed at the head of the militia of that province; that your Memorialist during the late war did command from one to nine hundred and fifty men, with whom he was engaged in six and thirty skirmishes in North Carolina, and four in South Carolina; all of which were of his own planning and in which he had the honour to command; that your Memorialist killed many of the rebels and took many of them prisoners; among the latter of whom were Governor Burke, his council, and many officers of distinction in the rebel army; that your Memorialist, during that time, was twice wounded, and fourteen times taken prisoner; that, on the conclusion of the late peace, your Memorialist settled two hundred and fifty souls in East Florida; and himself having taken refuge in several parts of his Majesty's remaining possessions in America, finally settled in the Province of New Brunswick, where he is in great distress, with his family. That your Memorialist, in consequence of his said loyalty to his Sovereign, the many services rendered him, and attachment to the British Government, had his property, real and personal, seized, confiscated, and sold by rebel authority. Your Memorialist therefore prays that his case may be taken into consideration, in order that he may be enabled under your report to receive such aid or relief as his case may be found to deserve."

DAVID FANNING.

St. John, March 1st, 1786.

I also took the following oath before Peter Hunter, Secretary to the Commissioners, in favour of my claim at Halifax: Town of Halifax, S. S. Nova Scotia.

David Fanning, late of North Carolina, Colonel of Militia, but now of Kings County, in the Province of New Brunswick, maketh oath and saith that he resided in East Florida and the Bahama Islands from the 15th day of July, 1783. to the 25th of March, 1784, and this deponent further saith that he was utterly incapable of preferring or delivering to the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament passed in the twenty-third year of his present Majesty, entitled an Act for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the losses and services of all such persons who have suffered in their rights, properties and possessions, during the late unhappy dissensions in America in consequence of their loyalty to his Majesty and attachment to the British Government, or at this office any Memorial Claim or request for aid or relief on account of this deponent's losses during the late unhappy dissensions in America, within the limited time by the said Act for the receiving of such claims by the reason that this deponent during all such time, viz., Between the 15th July, 1783, and the 25th March. 1784, lived or resided in East Florida and the Bahama Islands; that this deponent did, however, send a claim to Col. John Hamilton, of the North Carolina Volunteers in England, of his losses, but that by a letter that this deponent received from said Hamilton, bearing date 10th May, 1785, he is informed that his claims were not then given to the Commissioners in England, and that this deponent believes his said claim must have arrived in London after the time appointed by the late Act of Parliament for receiving such claims had expired, or that the Colonel. Hutchins, to whom I had entrusted the delivery of the said claim had neglected the trust reposed in him in giving in my claim.

Sworn this —— day of March, 1786, before me—

DAVID FANNING.

When I presented my Memorial and estimate of claim to Peter Hunter, Secretary to the Commissioners, he gave me no manner of satisfaction, and on my asking

him if I could come under an examination, he told me to be gone, he did not think the Commissioners would receive my claim. When I found I could get no hearing at Halifax at that time, I returned home with a full resolution never to trouble myself any more. At the time of being in Halifax I met my old friend, Capt. John Legett, of the Royal North Carolina Regiment, who said he would speak to the Commissioners in my favour. He also gave me a copy of the following letter from Lieut.-Col. Arch. McKay:

LONDON, Nov. 15th, 1785.

DEAR CAPTAIN,-

Ever mindful of your good-will and the kindness you showed unto me since I had the pleasure of being acquainted with you, induces me to write you a few lines at present informing you of my success since I came to England, knowing you would be glad to hear of the provision made for me. When I came to England, I got a hearing by the Commissioners of American Claims, and they granted me thirty pounds yearly for temporary subsistence. I then laid in a memorial to Sir George Young for Captain's half-pay; but I must confess I thought my chances for that bad enough, as I was not acquainted with any of the Generals who commanded in America; but since it was only amusement to try, I got a certificate from Col. Craig, and another from Col. Hamilton and laid them in with the memorial. It was, with a good many others, a long time from office to office; at length they have allowed me seventy pounds sterling, vearly, for life, for my services in America, exclusive of the other thirty pounds. Upon the whole I do not repent coming to London, as things have turned out.

I wrote to Capt. McNeill this morning, not thinking I should have time to write to you before the ship sailed, and I had not time to write to him so fully as I could wish, but I will mind better next time.

I intend to spend next summer in Scotland, if everything turns out here to my expectations, and I would be glad to get a long letter from you concerning your new settlements. You will please to write to me, under cover to Messrs. John and Hector McKay, No. 5, Crown Court,

Westminster; and if I am in Britain I shall be sure to get any letter that may come for me. After my jaunt to Scotland I hope to do myself the honour to call and see you on my way to New Providence, where Alexander and Malcom McKay are gone. I am, sir, with due respect,

Your sincere friend and humble servant, ARCHIBALD MCKAY."

To Capt. John Legett.

I returned home and continued until the 27th June, 1787. When I was entering the suburbs of the city of St. John, I accidentally met Ensign Henry Niss, with a letter from the Commissioners, desiring me to attend immediately for an examination. I still retained my opinion, but on informing Col. Joseph Robinson, he prevailed with me, after a long persuasion, to call and see the Commissioners, which I did, in company with Col. Robinson, where I was treated with every civility and all attention paid to me. After my examination they gave me the following certificate:

"OFFICE OF AMERICAN CLAIMS,

St. John, 2nd February, 1787.

We do hereby certify that David Fanning has undergone an examination on oath before us, as an American sufferer from North Carolina. We are satisfied by his own account, and by the evidence he has produced, that his exertions in support of the British Government, as Colonel of the Chatham and Randolph County Militia, during the late troubles in America, have been very great and exemplary; that he has been severely wounded in several engagements and has in other respects been a great sufferer; though, from particular reasons, it will not be in our power to make him any considerable allowance under our report. We therefore recommend him as a proper person to be put on the half-pay list as Captain, and to have an annual allowance from Government equal to that half-pay.

THOMAS DUNDAS.
J. PEMBERTON."

I then empowered George Randall, Esq., Whitehall, London, to act for me. I sent the original certificates and memorial in company with the letter.

To the Right Honourable Sir George Younge, Baronet, Secretary at War, etc., etc.;

The Memorial of David Fanning, late Colonel of the Chatham and Randolph County Militia, in North Carolina, hum-

bly sheweth:

That in the year 1781, under an appointment from Major Henry Craig, then commanding the British troops in North Carolina, your Memorialist embodied near one thousand men of the loyal inhabitants of that Province, and with them performed singular service to the British Government: that he has been twice severely wounded in the course of the war; he has been fourteen times taken prisoner, and has been tried for his life by the rebels, and has ever exerted his utmost endeavours in support of the cause of Great Britain; he is disabled by wounds he has received and has no means of support. For the truth of these allegations he begs to refer to his appointment of Colonel, to the certificates of several officers under whom he served, and to the certificates of the Commissioners of American Claims, forwarded herewith.

Your Memorialist most humbly prays that he may be put on the Provincial halfpay list as Captain, fully confident that his past services and present necessitous situation will be thought deserving of that appointment, and your Memorialist, as in

duty bound, shall ever pray,

DAVID FANNING.

City of St. John, 2nd February, 1787.

Pursuant to the advice of Lieut.-Col. Joseph Robinson, I have transmitted a power of attorney to you in order to receive half-pay, with a certificate from the Commissioners. Mr. I. Pemberton and Colonel Dundas, Esq.; General Alexander Leslie, Col. Nisbet Balfour, Lieut.-Col. J. Henry Craig, of the 16th Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. John Hamilton, of the North Carolina Regiment, are witnesses of my services. If you will be so good as to accept the power and grant me your assistance in obtaining the same, you will highly oblige,

Sir, your most obedient humble servant, DAVID FANNING. New Brunswick,

City of St. John, February 7th, 1787. GEORGE RANDALL, ESQ., WESTMINSTER,

WHITEHALL, LONDON.

Received July 20th, 1787, the following from my agent:

WHITEHALL, 15th May, 1787. SIR,—On the 3rd inst., in a letter to Lieut.-Col. Robinson, I desired he would inform you of my having received your Memorial, Certificate, etc., claiming the half-pay of a Captain or a military pension equal to the rank. Since then I have received your letter with duplicates of the above papers, and your bill of £260 is. has been presented as you desired, and as I was also much disposed to do. gave the holder a favourable answer and the true one, that you had reason to expect that I should have effects in hand sufficient to pay the bill when it became due, but that a delay in settling your business, and which you could not foresee. would for a time prevent my accepting your bill.

I must now inform you that I took the earliest opportunity of presenting your memorial and the certificate of the Commissioners, being highly honourable to you and recommending you for an allowance, or the half-pay of Captain. I think there is no reason to doubt you will have a sum equal to that rank allowed you by Government. You had omitted to request that the grant might take place from the 24th of October, 1783, but I added a paragraph to the memorial for that purpose, but whether you will be allowed from that period is doubtful. I am sorry at the same time to acquaint you that it may be some months before the determination of Government is known, but you may be sure that I shall pay a particular attention to your business and give you the earliest notice of the event. The certificate you sent, though very regular as to the periods, I think would not entitle me to receive the money from the pay office on your account, as I am inclined to believe your allowance will be a military allowance, and not half-pay, and for that reason I send you a printed certificate. which you can keep as a precedent, and desire you will transmit to me a sett.

copied from it, for the same periods as them you have already transmitted, taking particular care that there be no blot, alteration or erasure in the dates. I will be much obliged to you if you will acquaint Chillas that the answer of Government to his memorial is that he cannot be placed on the half-pay establishment, the commission he held being only in the militia of the town of New York.

The packet you sent with the certificate amounted to 12 shillings postage and your single letter to one shilling.

I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

GEORGE RANDALL.

To David Fanning.
WHITEHALL, 1st August, 1787.

SIR,—On the 15th May, I acknowledged the receipt of your letter and duplicate containing memorials, certificates and other papers relating to your claim of half-pay, or a military pension, and acquainted you that having presented those papers, I thought you had a very fair prospect of success. I am still of that opinion, but am sorry to acquaint you that the consideration of half-pay claims is again deferred and that it may be some months longer before I can acquaint you with the results. I conclude, therefore,

I have received from the Treasury the sum granted to you by Government on account of your losses, for which I gave a receipt in the annexed form and am ready to accept your bill for £22 14s., as after deducting agency and postage, etc., and abstract herewith sent.

that the bill you drew on me for £260 is.

Copy of a receipt:

must be returned.

The 24th day of July, 1787, received of Mr. Thomas Coffin by order of the Lords of the Treasury and according to a distribution under the direction of the Commissioners of American Claims, appointed by an Act of the 23rd of his present Majesty, the sum of £24, as a payment for present relief and on account of the losses during the late dissensions in America.

Signed for David Fanning, G. RANDALL, Attorney.

G24 os.
After this I received the letter from my

Agent and found I had lost property to the amount of £1,625 10s. according to an appraisement of three men acquainted with the property. But, as it was not like a coat taken out of my hand, or gold taken out of my pocket, I could not get anything for my losses, although I did not give in anything like the amount of my losses. I lost twenty-four horses, and only reported fifteen, one of which cost more than all I ever got from Government, and six head of cattle, £289 for property sold at the commencement of the war, and the land which I was heir to, and for which I refused, many times, £3,000 Virginia currency. But because I turned out in the service of my King and country in the 20th year of my age, and my exertions were very exemplary in support of the British Government, I have lost my all, for and on account of my attachment to the British Government—only £60, which would not pay the expenses I have been at to obtain it.

I can prove what I have here wrote to be facts, and the world will be able to judge after reading this narrative, and observe this Act of Oblivion passed in North Carolina, in the year 1783, which is herewith set forth—which is enlarged and improved in the London Magazine, which will be found on page 607, Vol. 1, from July 1 to Dec. 1, 1783.

An Act of Pardon and Oblivion, by the

State of North Carolina.

Whereas, it is the policy of all wise States, on the termination of all Civil Wars, to grant an Act of Pardon and Oblivion for past offences, and as divers of the citizens of this State and others, the inhabitants thereof in the course of the late unhappy war, have become liable to great pains and penalties for offences committed against the peace and government of this State, and the General Assembly, out of an earnest desire to observe the articles of peace on all occasions, disposed to forgive offences rather than punish where the necessity for an exemplary punishment has ceased. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all and all manner of treasons, misprisions of treason, felony or misdemeanour, committed or done since the 4th day of July, 1776, by any persons whatsoever, be pardoned, released and put in total oblivion.

Provided always that this Act or anything therein contained, shall not extend to pardon or discharge, or give any benefit whatsoever to persons who have taken commission or have been denominated officers, and acted as such to the King of Great Britain, or to such as are named in any of the laws commonly called confiscation laws, or to such as have attached themselves to the British and continued without the limits of the State and not returned within twelve months previous

to the passing of this Act.

Provided further, that nothing herein contained shall extend to pardon Peter Mallet, David Fanning and Samuel Andrews, or any person or persons guilty of deliberate and wilful murder, robbery, rape or house-breaking, or any of them, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to bar any citizen of this State from their civil action for the recovery of debts or damage. Provided, also, that nothing herein contained shall entitle any person by this law to be relieved to elect or be elected to any office or trust in this State, or to hold any office civil or military.

And whereas by an Act passed at Wake Court House, all officers, civil and military, who have taken parole were suspended from the execution of their respective offices, and required to appear at the next General Assembly, to shew cause, if any they could, why they should not be removed from the said office; and, whereas, several of the officers aforesaid have neglected to appear agreeably to the requisition of the Act of Assembly. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that all such officers, both civil and military, are hereby declared to stand suspended from

the execution of their several offices until they shall appear at some future Assembly and be restored to the execution of their respective offices or removed agreeable to their merits or demerits. Provided that nothin herein contained shall be construed to exclude a Justice of the Peace from executing the duties of his office, who shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the Court of his County by oath or otherwise; that he was taken prisoner without his consent and privily, and that after his capture he had not voluntarily stayed with the enemy, nor taken an active part in any manner by furnishing them willingly with provisions, bearing arms, or accepting any appointment in their civil regulations.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, the 17th May, 1783.

RIC. CASWELL, S. Senate. E. STARKEY, S. Commons.

Many people are fools enough to think, because our three names are particularly put in this Act, that we are all guilty of the crimes set forth, but I defy the world to charge me with rape, or anything more than I have set forth in this Journal.

All his Majesty's subjects or others that wish to know the truth of anything further than I have set forth, let them make enquiry of those gentlemen whose names I have struck in; examine the letters of the rebels, and the recommendations of the officers who have been acquainted with me in person and with my services in the time of the late war.

Although I have been prohibited from receiving any benefit from the laws of the State, all that I desire is to have the liberty of commanding 30,000 men in favour of the British Government. I flatter myself that there would be no doubt of my putting many of them to swing by the neck for their honesty, as John White did, after stealing 150 horses in North Carolina.

Here follows a short address to the

printer, signed, sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant, DAVID FANNING.

Mr. Danby's Volcano

By JAMES MARTIN

"YES, John, I'll fight them an' I'll win. If old Joe Smith thinks that his pesky comp'ny kin walk over me he'll find that I aint made o' putty."

"You can't mean it, Mr. Danby," said Stirling, incredulously. "What! Fight a wealthy and soulless corporation like

Smith's!"

"No, it aint got no soul," the old man admitted, "but Joe Smith has a body, an' if he tries his runnin' rights or whatever he calls it over my land, he'll git all the runnin' he wants an' more'n he likes, by gosh!"

He tapped his pipe against the end of the rustic bench and proceeded to refill it. Stirling made no rejoinder, wishing to give the other a chance to cool down before offering any advice; but as soon as his pipe was lit Mr. Danby got in the first

word.

"I know ye're goin' to argee agin my decision, John," he said; "so ye may's

well begin. I'm ready."

"Well, you see, it's this way," began Stirling. "If you do as you propose it will end in your spending all your savings, and in the long run they'll get the farm. I know it's your's, but they've the law behind them and can compel you to sell. Wait now and listen—I won't be long. On the other hand, if you accept their offer you'll get full value for your land; there will be no heart-breaking law business; you'll come down to the city and live with Barbara and me, and be as happy as the day is long."

A change passed over the old man's face. "Poor little Bab," he murmured

softly. "She's had a lonely time of it here, with no one but old dad for comp'ny ever since she come home from boardin' school four years ago. When's this ye're goin' to be married, my boy?"

"About the middle of June."

For a couple of minutes nothing more was said on either side, but Stirling quietly observed the old man's play of features and pretty accurately guessed at what was going on behind. Mr. Danby was the first to speak.

"Young Weston was here a few days ago," he said, "an', by gosh, he argeed

the same's you've done."

"That's because he has your interests at heart, my dear friend."

The old man bristled up.

"My interests at heart! To advise me to bow down to that darnation railway comp'ny an' give in to 'em! No, sirree. I just told him I'd fight them to the last ditch, an' so I will. It's very kind o' ye to invite me down to yer new home, your's an' Bab's, but I can't do it, John. I've lived for more'n sixty year on this farm, an' here I'll die, so there's an end to the argeement."

Stirling held his peace. It was about the wisest thing he could do just then. When Mr. Danby spoke again his prospective son-in-law found that he had

switched off to another subject.

"John," he said, "d'ye know anything about volcanies?"

The young man slowly turned his head and looked full in Mr. Danby's face.

"Volcanoes?" he echoed.

"Yes, them pesky things what busts out

an' throws down avvylinches of flame an' smoke, an' kills people in their beds afore their time."

"I've read of them. Why do you ask?"
"If I was to tell ye, will ye promise not to say anything to Bab?"

"Yes, if you wish it so."

"Well, then, I've been talkin' to a man what knows a man what has seed a volcany with his own eyes, an' he tells me they're the darnedest, cussedest things he ever heared tell on."

"What did he say about them?"

"Everything what's bad. They're the wickedest, cruelest things in this world; worse'n snakes or tigers. They're perfect demmons, John!"

"Why did he tell you this? How did

it come about?"

The old man looked carefully around before replying. "I don't want Bab to hear me," he said, lowering his voice, "it 'ud frighten her. John, ye see that mount'n over there? It looks quiet enough, don't it?"

"It certainly does."

"Well, for all that it may be the treacherousest, sneekiest, cussedest devil of a mount'n ye ever seed in all yer life."

Stirling's eyes opened to their full ex-

tent.

"This mountain! What do you mean?" he asked in a tone of bewilderment.

"Nothin' more nor less than this, my lad: That mount'n's turnin' into a pesky, darnation volcany."

"How did such a notion get into your head?" Stirling's lips were twitching.

"A man what knows all about volcanies put me on my guard agin the treacherous demmon."

"Who is he?"

"I aint at liberty to tell ye just now, but he's a man what I've a great respect for, an' his friend says that volcanies busts out in fire an' smoke an' the avvylinches rolls down their sides for miles an' miles around—hush, here comes Bab."

"Daddy, dear," said Miss Danby, coming up to him, "John and I are going for a sail. You won't be lonesome?"

"Tut, tut, Bab; stay's long's ye like, but don't git yer feet wet." He watched the young people as they walked down the lane, and before turning a corner which would hide them from view, Barbara looked back and kissed her hand to him.

"Ah, well," he sighed, "I guess I'll be mighty lonesome when she's gone for good, but I musn't let her know it. Anyhow, I kin run down to the city once in a while an' see her an' John—Hello, Mr. Weston; I'm right glad to see ye. Bab an' John's just gone for a sail on the river."

"I'm sorry to have missed them," returned the new-comer, "but you and I can have a quiet chat while they're away,

that is, if you're not busy."

"I'm never that when there's a friend

around, my boy. Sit down."

"The railway people are still after your land, I suppose, Mr. Danby?"

"Yes, drat them, but they'll not git it,

as I told ye the other day."

"Well, I've been thinking the matter over since I saw you last and have come to the conclusion that perhaps you are right."

"Ye think I ought to fight old Joe

Smith an' his pesky comp'ny?"

"I do."

"Give me yer hand, lad!"

"Yes, I think you stand a good chance of winning. At any rate, it's worth trying."

"I'm mighty glad to hear ye say so, Mr. Weston. John seems to think I ought to put my neck under Joe Smith's heel. I'd sooner give the farm away than do that."

"And you're about right, although at first I didn't agree with you. Oh, by the way, I saw my friend last night!"

"Ye did! An' is it true about the fire an' smoke rollin' down on the people right

an' left?"

"Every word of it."

"An' the mount'n that he saw—was it always a volcany?"

"It was never known as such until it began its work."

"An' did it bust out sudden?"

"Oh, no; it gave ample warning."

"How?"

"Well, about eight o'clock at night a rumbling noise was heard, which my friend compared to the hollow sounds produced by an empty cart going over a cobblestone pavement. You've heard such?"

"Yes, yes!"

"This was followed by an explosion, accompanied by fire and smoke which disappeared in a few seconds, and all was quiet again. But, the following nightthat is to say about twenty-four hours after the volcano had given its warningit broke out in earnest, and only a few people were left to tell the tale."

A dead silence followed the recital of this calamitous news. At length Mr. Danby, keeping the corner of his eye on the mountain, found breath to ask:

"An' this here mount'n—what does he

think of it?"

"It can't be trusted, he says. He has something to do with the oil works beyond, and this is why he takes an interest in it. He's really afraid of it."

"What's yer own idea, Mr. Weston?" "My idea? Oh, I have no experience in such matters. I have never been

within a thousand miles of a volcano." "An' he has seed one with his own eyes," said Mr. Danby, half aloud, as if speaking to himself, his gaze meanwhile resting on the mountain. Mr. Weston

rose. "I must be off now, Mr. Danby," he said, "but I'll run in this evening before I go home. Pray don't let Miss Danby or Stirling know that I've been telling you

all this." "No, no; ye kin trust me, my boy. I was speakin' to John about the pesky thing a little while ago, but I didn't mention yer name. Never fear; ye kin trust me."

Tea was over, and Mr. Dandy and Stirling were seated on the verandah, smoking. A pleasant breeze came down from the mountain, but the old man got no enjoyment from it. His mind was busy with volcanoes, and his eyes were on the wooded height before him. Suddenly he jumped to his feet.

"By gosh, there it is, John!" he cried, pointing upward. "Don't ye see it?"

"See what?" queried Stirling, in reply.

"The smoke-the smoke, man!"

"I can see nothing bearing the slightest resemblance to smoke," Stirling assured him. "But even if you are right, Mr. Danby, a little of the substance you mention wouldn't hurt anyone."

Mr. Danby turned to the speaker.

"John, my boy," he said impressively, "I've lived here sixty odd years; I've seed that mount'n every day, but if smoke ever come from it afore, may I be etarnally golswozzled!"

"It's quite possible that some dry rubbish has caught fire," the young man admitted; "but I can see no sign of it."

" John, it aint no rubbitch what's caught

fire."

"What is it, then?"

"It seems to me like the first warnin', an' p'r'aps the next thing we'll see is flames."

"Flames!"

"Yes, John, flames," repeated Mr. Danby; "an' after that comes the volcany an' the avvylinches."

"But, my dear Mr. Danby, I've already told you that this mountain is not a vol-

"I hope ye're right, but my friend tells me it may be one, an' if it is, the avvylinches of flame an' smoke'll come rollin' down the side, an' it'll turn into a volcany twenty-four hours after it gives the first warnin'. That's what he says an' he knows, for his friend has seed one with his own eyes."

Stirling smiled.

"I see there's no use arguing the point," he said.

"Ye never seed a volcany in yer life, John," retorted Mr. Danby; "so ye kin argee all ye like an' laugh all ye like, but I know what they do. If this here mount'n busts out in a explosion like a cart goin' over cobblestones, we'll have just twenty-four hours to git away."

Stirling's smile vanished.

"If I could meet the fellow that has filled your head with this balderdash," he said, with heat, "I'd be tempted to twist

"That 'ud be a very onkind thing to do to a man what wanted to save yer life, my

Miss Danby came out and joined them. "What a gorgeous sunset!" she exclaimed, gazing at the sky over the mountain.

"Gorgeous, indeed, Barbara," echoed Stirling. "I have never seen the like of it."

"Such beautiful colours!" the girl went on. "How exquisitely they blend and harmonise! And that little patch of gray near the mountain's summit—"

"That's the smoke," broke in the old

man.

"Smoke, dad? I don't see any."

Stirling interposed.

"Mr. Danby thought he saw smoke on the mountain a few minutes ago, Barbara," he explained; "but I've been unable to detect any. Can you?"

"Oh, yes, I see it," she declared, "or, rather, I perceive a small gray cloud,

mist-like-"

"It aint no cloud, Bab," interrupted the old man; "I know better'n that; it's smoke."

The sun had disappeared, and a darkening shadow was sweeping over the valley. Stirling glanced up and saw a thundercloud thrusting its shoulder over the top of the mountain.

"That means a shower, Bab," he said.

"Shall we go in?"

"Oh, no," came the reply; "we should lose this lovely breeze; and see—here comes Mr. Weston." The latter approached and was soon engaged in conversation with Miss Danby and Stirling. The old man became absorbed in the mountain. Presently a flash of lightning flared out, and it was followed by a sharp peal of thunder. Mr. Danby uttered a hoarse cry and clutched the railing in front of him.

"It's come agin, by gosh!" he shouted.

"There-don't ye see it?"

Barbara put her arm around his neck. "Come in, dad," she pleaded. "Lightning and thunder always disturb you. Do come, dear."

"No, no, I want to see the whole darn performance," he cried, turning a pair of excited eyes upon his daughter. "See here, Bab; if she busts out like a cart goin' over cobblestones, she's turnin' into a volcany, an' then—"

A heavy crash of thunder cut off the remainder of his information. Weston leaned over and whispered to Stirling:

"Get Barbara into the house, John, but

let Mr. Danby remain here."

The young fellow's voice had a nervous ring in it. Stirling glanced sharply at him.

"What do you mean?" he demanded.
"Never mind just now, but get her inside," returned Weston.

Stirling was about to comply with the request, when a rumbling noise startled him and the other occupants of the verandah; it was instantly followed by a terrific explosion, and near the river, a hundred yards away, a mass of fire leaped from the earth and was gone in a moment, leaving the spectators in inky darkness.

"My goodness!" cried Barbara, "what was that?" Stirling threw his arm around

the terrified girl.

"It's the pesky, darnation volcany," roared the old man, "an' we've got to git out o' here quicker'n lightnin'!"

He rushed into the house and was fol-

lowed by Weston.

"Let us go in, Bab," said Stirling.
"What was it, John?" she gasped.

"I don't know, but it's all over, so don't be afraid. Come."

They heard Weston counselling Mr.

Danby to keep cool.

"Keep cool! How in thunder can a body keep cool with a demmon of a volcany at his heels?"

"Dad, it's all over and we're safe,"

Barbara assured him.

"All over, Bab? By gosh, it'll soon be all over with us if we don't show a clean pair o' heels to the roarin', screechin'

avvylinch!"

"For heaven's sake don't frighten the life out of Bab!" whispered Stirling. "Tom, get him out in the back somewhere and keep him quiet." He then accompanied the girl into the parlour and applied himself to the task of allaying her fears. He had spoken scarcely a dozen words when the old man was heard to say in a relieved tone:

"By gosh, that's so, Mr. Weston. Yes, sure enough, yer friend said we'd have twenty-four hours, so we needn't be in a

hurry. Come along." The sound of their footsteps died away, and an ominous frown darkened Stirling's face.

"What does he mean, John?" asked Barbara, in a frightened whisper.

"Some nonsense about the mountain becoming a volcano," the young man replied, trying to smile. "I'm afraid that your reading of the Last Days of Pompeii is at the bottom of his hallucination. but someone has been -"

The sentence was never completed. A door in the rear of the house was hastily thrown open and Mr. Danby came tumbling in in the last stages of fright. He was followed by Weston, whose usually ruddy cheeks were pale as death.

"The avvylinches is pourin' down the mount'n!" gasped the old man in tones made hoarse by terror, "an' we'll have to

git out o' here at once."

"There's something wrong, John," said Weston. "Will you step outside for a moment?"

Stirling glanced at Barbara, whose state of mind was indicated by her parted

lips and frightened eyes.

"Remain here with Barbara, Mr. Danby," he said, "while I have a look outside. Don't be alarmed, Bab," he added; "I'll be back in a few seconds, and you may be sure it'll turn out to be

nothing."

He and Weston went out by the front door. The storm, although lessening, was not yet over; brilliant flashes of lightning glared over the valley, and the booming of nature's artillery was almost incessant. But upon reaching the outer air, Stirling's ear caught another sounda peculiar gushing noise, which he was utterly at a loss to account for.

"In heaven's name what does this

racket mean!" he cried.

"I can't make it out," replied Weston; "it seems to me the river has overflowed its banks—at least it sounds that way.

Suddenly an idea flashed into Stirling's mind. He recalled Weston's peculiar request just prior to the explosion, and the old man's subsequent reference to the twenty-four hours' notice.

"Have you had anything to do with the explosion?" he demanded sharply.

"Yes, I placed a charge of powder in the old dried-up well," admitted Weston, "and applied a slow fuse, which I fired as I came up this evening.

"Good heaven! What was your ob-

ject?"

"To scare the old man from the farm and save him from the result of his own obstinacy. But this infernal rumpus has

no connection with my act."

"I don't know about that," returned Stirling. "It seems to me that water is rushing past close to this spot-good God! the old well is near the dam! Perhaps the latter has given way. I must get a closer view."

He descended the steps and had just reached the ground when a cry escaped him. He hastily retraced his steps.

"What's the matter?" exclaimed

Weston.

"It's a flood in dead earnest and I've put my foot in it," replied Stirling. "We'll have to clear out at once."

"Wait a moment: don't you get a strange smell?"

Stirling sniffed the air.

"I do, but can't name it," he said. "However, we must get away from here. Let us go in."

Mr. Danby was saying something to Barbara about "that pesky volcany" when the young man re-entered the house.

"Something has happened Barbara," said Stirling. "The river is over its banks, I fear —"

"It aint no river what's over its banks," put in the old man, jumping to his feet; "it's them darnation avvylinches what's rollin' down onto the farm! Come along, Mr. Weston, an' help me to hitch up the mare."

"Now, my dear Bab, you must not wear that terrified face," said Stirling when the others had gone out. "If I am right the dam has given way and a flood is the result, but there is no danger. All we shall have to do is get to higher ground, that is to say, we'll drive to the city, and by to-morrow the water shall have gone down."

"But that awful explosion, John!"

"Can be explained, but not just now.

Wrap yourself up warmly, for the air is chilly, although the storm is nearly over. Hurry like a good girl, and we'll be away in three minutes."

Barbara needed no further urging. When they had left the house by the back door, they saw Mr. Danby and Weston working like beavers, by the light of the lantern, getting the mare harnessed to the waggon. The ground was higher behind the house than it was in front, and, save for the wet occasioned by the rain, was in its usual state.

"What strange odour is that?" Barbara inquired, as she descended the steps.

"It aint no odour at all, Bab," the old man answered; "it's the pesky smell o' that darnation volcany. Come along now an' jump in," he added; "we're all ready."

Stirling assisted Barbara to a seat in the waggon, and Weston climbed in behind. The strange, gushing sound had increased

to a hoarse roar. Mr. Danby looked at Stirling over his shoulder.

"John," he said, with a chuckle, "old Joe Smith can't say I gave in to him or his pesky comp'ny, an' the volcany's there to prove it. By gosh, a man 'ud be a fool to hang on to the farm when the darnation avvylinches was right at his heels. Yes, sirree, Joe Smith's welcome to the old farm—that is if he kin find it in the mornin'. Where to, John?"

"To the city," replied Stirling.

The old man touched the mare with his whip, and presently the farm and its "volcanies an' avvylinches" were swallowed up in the gloom of the night. A few days later Mr. Dandy closed with an offer of fifty thousand dollars for his land, which is now producing oil at the rate of one hundred barrels a day. Weston has the oil fever and is off prospecting with the hope that he will meet with another lucky "strike."

The Miracle

By ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY

There's not a leaf upon the tree To show the sap is leaping, There's not a blade and not an ear Escaped from winter's keeping— But there's a something in the air A something here, a something there, A restless something everywhere— A stirring in the sleeping.

A robin's sudden, thrilling note! And see—the sky is bluer! The world, so ancient yesterday, To-day seems strangely newer; All that was wearisome and stale Has wrapped itself in rosy veil— The wraith of Winter, grown so pale That smiling Spring peeps through her!



From Garden to Conservatory

By JEAN GRAHAM

The place of floral development in our expanding civilisation



HATEVER the Higher Criticism may do with the rest of the Book of Genesis, it is to be hoped that it will leave us the Garden of Eden, for the belief that humanity began its varied course in a garden has helped to restore some of its primeval blossoms. Mr. Kipling has a

pretty fancy that the Angel of the Sword flung an Eden Rose to banished Eve and that its scent has never been lost through the years since it crumbled to dust. However far we have wandered from the original Paradise, few will deny that wherever humanity is aiming at a life of sweetness and light, flowers are an adornment of that existence.

One of the first objects a child learns to clutch and love is a brightpetalled flower; one of his happiest experiences is a day in the fields or woods. In one of her earlier stories, Josephine Daskam told of city-stained little Ardelia who was taken to Arcady but who hated the meadows and the farm, preferring to go back to the stifling flowerless slums. But, fortunately, Ardelia is the unwholesome exception, and most of us look back to the wild flowers of spring or the apple blossoms of the old orchard as the accompaniment of that time, when the evil days came not.

Canada is regarded by some nations as a comparatively bleak and blossomless country; but it is the stranger who depicts the Land of the Maple in such cheerless colours. We have almost every variety of garden, from the West, where Victoria knows an English spring, to Prince Edward Island, with its daisy-starred paths. An English traveller may seldom find



PART OF LONG ROSE HOUSE, SHOWING MRS. J. PIERPONT MORGAN VARIETY IN BLOOM

such lanes as those of the Old Land, but perhaps our summer blooms are all the sweeter to the native-born because, like Herrick's daffodils, "they have short time to stay."

The modern development of horticulture is one of the most striking evidences of our advance from the simplicity of pioneer life to the complexities of a more urban civilisation. Our great-grandmothers were whose lives were filled with practical toil, yet they found time to lay out and tend an old-fashioned garden whose fragrance is one of childhood's memories. The flowers of old-time taste were to be found—rows of hollyhocks, a long line of crinkly petunias, blazing beds of geranium and a spicy border of the clove pink. There were pansies in profusion—not the magnificent multi-coloured pansies of to-day, but trim heartsease beds which kept the invalids of the neighbourhood in modest bouquets.

But what would our ancestors think of the florist's bill of to-day? Grandfather sent his sweetheart a simple valentine outpouring his heart in stilted verse on a page of giltedged paper; his descendant orders a box of violets or roses by telephone and is rewarded by the later information that "the flowers were perfectly sweet." We are constantly reading comparative statistics (and dreary stuff some of us find it) regarding the wheat supply and the cheese products, as showing the country's marvellous development; but no better proof could be found of Canada's increasing wealth, which considers a necessity that which our fathers deemed a luxury, than the expansion of floral industries. There is hardly a town in Ontario without a greenhouse of some pretensions. while there are several establishments filling orders of continental dimensions. Now, people are not going to



A BENCH IN ONE OF THE LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY HOUSES. PART OF THE GROWTH HAS BEEN CUT

buy lilies of the valley or chrysanthemums, to say nothing of orchids, unless they are first supplied with bread and butter. Therefore, the fact that the florist is extensively patronised from Sydney, Cape Breton, to Victoria, British Columbia, is a fragrant and convincing evidence that Canadians are quite able to provide themselves with the refinements, as well as the comforts, of life.

The rose was long ago called the queen of all the flowers that be and, while there are those who prefer the violet or the primrose to the "red and royal rose," there will probably never come a day when the flower which Persian Omar loved will not have a host of admirers. The long wars, which took their name from the rival badges, left the rose as the flower of England, and it is there that the June blossoms reach the rarest perfection. Years ago, an Englishman came to Canada and, after

establishing a market garden, turned his most devoted attention to the cultivation of a wonderful rose tree, which became the floral marvel of Brampton and its county, and which finally led its owner, Mr. Harry Dale, to build in 1880 a conservatory which has broadened into the greatest establishment of its class in Canada, and which has been known since the founder's death as the Dale Estate.

In such an immense stretch of fifteen acres of greenhouses, the visitor sees what the Canadian "flower trade" has become in this opening decade of the twentieth century. The fragrant moisture of a greenhouse gives a grateful sensation to most lovers of flowers, and the eye is rested by the long cool lines of green with blossoms, white, crimson and golden, shining above the verdant growth. Sixty-three greenhouses, the longest of which is over eight hundred feet, present a bewildering floral wealth



HOUSE OF EASTER LILIES

and then the extremely practical consideration comes that it takes more than six thousand tons of coal a year to bring these delicate products to perfection. The poet who called the life of Nature "a circle of eternal change" was writing science as well as melodious verse. As one looks at the spreading maidenhair fern which is to form a fringe for the orchids, it is hard to realise that graceful fern leaves, crushed by millions in the ages that have gone, furnish the very coal beds whose product now keeps the palm and fern alive, in spite of February frosts or the winds of March.

Of course it is the roses which first claim attention, and to see them at their best on the Dale Estate one must pay them a visit before Christmas makes its demands, for American Beauties, Canadian Queens and Bridesmaids are ordered by thousands in the weeks before the happiest holiday of the year. The fashion of sending flowers at Christmas

appears to be well-established by this time, and it is to be hoped that the floral gift will flourish as the years go by. "Such a perishable present," some will say. But they forget the exquisite pleasure which the roses give while they last and, as Longfellow tells us in the Golden Legend, "Themselves will fade but not their mem-

And memory has the power to recreate them from the dust."

The American Beauty is a rose for which there is a great demand, and when one sees these regal flowers stretching in a dark red vista for one-sixth of a mile and inhales their almost overwhelming sweetness, the surpassing splendour of this rose with stalk of royal length must be frankly admitted. Truly a box of such beauties would be fit for any queen, and it is no wonder that by the twenty-sixth of December there are few of such roses uncut. Then there is the rich and radiant Canadian Queen,



THE MAUDE DEAN CHRYSANTHEMUM IN NOVEMBER GLORY

not so gorgeous as the American Beauty, but a flower to wear with pride notwithstanding, and a special evolution of the Brampton greenhouses. Forty per cent. of the space under 750,000 square feet of glass is devoted to the varieties of roses. The Bride and the Bridesmaid are, as might be expected, roses for which there is a steady and increasing demand in our young country. In the month of June, boxes are frantically rushed out to all parts of the country, to be opened finally by blushing maidens who think the soft white blooms much sweeter than the flaming red. Then there are the girl graduates to be considered in June and florists from Nova Scotia to the Pacific must be taking into consideration the flowers which are to be the fragrant portion of those who are to be granted hard-won diplomas. The Bride and the Bridesmaid are ordered in greater quantities than any other roses, and the room where the flowers are finally packed has a brill.ant display with Bridesmaids in the majority. Then there are to be found the crimson Richmond and the velvety Meteor, the latter requiring a higher temperature than any other rose for its perfect development. It is rather surprising to learn that Ireland, the country of the blessed Shamrock, is the source of rose supply, a firm near Belfast being the foremost dealers known to rosedom. They are houses to be remembered and revisited, these places where the white, pink and crimson flowers spread beneath the glass and make a mimic June.

One asks about the busiest season for florists, to be informed that December sales equal the combined output of July, August and September. The Easter season comes next to Christmas in floral importance, the flower in most demand at that season being what is popularly called the Easter Lily. A Canadian who re-



GROUP OF ORCHIDS IN BLOOM. THE GROWER, MR. GEORGE HANSEN, IS STANDING ON THE RIGHT

members the services of half a century ago was commenting lately on the almost universal custom of decorating Canadian churches at Easter and was comparing it favourably with former conditions. All denominations seem to have adopted this custom and have added unto it a "flower Sunday" in June and an imposing "Harvest Home" in the autumn.

In October and November, the chrysanthemum is the reigning flower and queens it in golden splendour at "Mum Shows" in nearly every Canadian city. The fashion is comparatively new, probably intensified by the fondness for all Japanese adornment; but it has become so popular, while the chrysanthemum has become a flower of such fluffy magnitude and of such variety of colouring, that it is a hopeless task to keep informed of its latest development. One-eighth of the space is given up in the greenhouses to this flower of Ori-

ental origin, of which there are one hundred varieties. The pungent, earthy odour of the chrysanthemum comes from balls of white, shaggy heads of bronze and rich stretches of dull crimson. Most of these splendid blooms have been given prosaic names. Mrs. Thirkell is the designation of the finest yellow bloom, a dusky reddish brown is Mrs. H. Patridge, a huge white bloom is Mrs. Thurlow. while an English importation of vivid pink is known as T. Carrington, and a dark red beauty is merely E. R. Maude Dean is the more melodious name for a bit of magenta splendour, while President Roosevelt is represented by a glowing mass of rose pink. The evolution of this flower is a most interesting example of what may be done by modern cultivation. This flower which makes November golden seems to be capable of infinite development and variety.

Next to the rose as a "selling"



GROUP OF THE DELICATE DENDROBIUM ORCHID FROM NORTHERN INDIA, WITH MAIDENHAIR FERN

favourite comes the carnation, the flower which our Canadian poet, Mr. Bliss Carman, has associated with the quality of comeliness. Our old friend, the clove pink, which so soon wilted in the clasp of warm, childish fingers, comes back in its quaint charm as we breathe the piquant scent of more than a mile of carnations. Crimson, cardinal, rose and white they are seen through a wilderness of bluish stalks. The queen of all these spicy blossoms is known as Enchantress, a flower of pale pink delicacy with the soft colouring of the lining of the shell. The "double" carnation is of rare proportion when compared to the "pink" of olden times and, at its best, has the appearance of a rose. This flower has been induced, in the atmosphere of the Canadian greenhouse, to vield what is technically called a "sport" and a new carnation has been produced, known as the Excelsior or rose pink Enchantress, of deeper tint than

the original. The carnation is suggestive of clean and wholesome qualities. There is something sturdy and vigorous about its growth and bearing which associates itself with hardihood. It flourishes in a temperature ten degrees lower than that of the rose and can be sent greater distances. with assurance of safe arrival, than most of greenhouse growths. annual cut from this estate alone is about two millions; so the carnation must be fairly diffusing its aroma in the Canadian atmosphere. A carnation of which we heard a good deal some vears ago is the Mrs. Thomas W. Lawson, named after the late wife of the Bostonian writer and business man, whose attacks on "Frenzied Finance" may have had something to do with the vogue of this rose pink blossom. Interesting experiments have been made with the seedling. resulting in streaked specimens, which are rather dainty illustrations of floral art but which will hardly appeal to the general public. The Enchantress and Excelsior are the present favourities.

It is curious, so we are informed, how the orders from the "trade" have grown more specific as the knowledge of varieties has increased. At one time a florist or dealer would simply order one hundred or five hundred roses, with no qualifying terms. Recently, however, Bride, Bridesmaid, Meteor or Richmond is added as a detail. It is to be regretted, perhaps, that the golden rose with a red heart, the Sunset, is hardly so much in demand as to render its extensive cultivation a matter "worth while." Fashion, that capricious



THE CANADIAN QUEEN ROSE, AN EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTION OF THE DALE ESTATE

ruler of most of us, has something to say in the flower world, and one hears of "old" varieties, no longer in demand, which seem as much out of date as the hats of 1900. Will there come a day when even the stately American Beauty shall be superseded? Perhaps an Omar Khayyam wonder may some day take its place.

There was a time when sweet peas were considered old-fashioned, but the last decade has changed all that and these delicate creatures which Keats has described as "on tip-toe for a flight," hold their own with much more imposing flowers. They are of country garden associations and are never sweeter than when stretching away in prim lines of pink and

purple under a July sky of cloudless blue. Yet the greenhouse blooms have their own charm when they extend in a fragrant battalion, in spite of the whirling snow outside their shelter. Mignonette, too, has an old-fashioned loveliness, a perfume which steals upon us with a refreshing potency. But these modern stalks of goodly size are gigantic in comparison with the olden flower, while they have not sacrificed sweetness to magnitude. Well did the French affectionately name its quiet fragrance "Mignonette." Modest as it is, some of us would rather miss the rose than this permeating "reseda."

There is a quartette of houses where the tulip and its kindred hold their heads up proudly. There is something stern and unbending about its bloom which makes stubborn little Holland seem its natural home. There is not a more curious chapter in history than the chronicle of the tulip craze which seized upon the land of windmills and canals, centuries ago, and which, like every other extrava-

gant fad, was followed by financial disaster. A "corner in tulips" meant a fortune in those frenzied days. It was Oliver Goldsmith, impulsive and impecunious Irishman that he was, who spent all his modest guineas on a few bulbs for a favourite uncle, and then set out to tramp through Europe. But when one beholds brilliant beds of the pink and white double tulip, known as the Murillo, the extravagance of Oliver may be condoned. Strangely enough, this pride of Holland is given a Spanish name. a reconciliation of historic differences. These bulbs come over the sea from Queen Wilhelmina's dominions in the month of August and flourish from January to April, the one effort of the florist being to anticipate the natural season. Yellow, cardinal and white. the tulips stand up like brave little warriors, but the incomparable bloom is the dainty, flushed flower with the artist's name. Then there are daffodils-such a golden host as Wordsworth would have loved - a crowd such as he must have seen when he wrote:

"And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils."

There is the "bi-colour" variety with petals of white forming a pale setting for the golden trumpet, which is comparatively a newcomer. The daffodils are prime favourites in February and March, anticipating, as they do, the sunshine of the later sea-"Paper white" is the popular name for the overwhelmingly sweet bloom which comes from France as the Narcissus Grandiorum. There is the single hyacinth and in richest fragrance are the violet, mauve and rose hyacinths of double bloom, the flowers which breathe of Southern Europe and which tell of kindlier climates than the Northland knows. Germany, the Netherlands, France and Italy contribute the bulbs which come to blossom in Canadian spring time. The Easter lily, which is at its best in April, but which may be coaxed into bloom during other months, is imported from the islands of Japan, although the supply in earlier years came from Bermuda.

Daintiest of all the lilies is that which is called "of the valley." Its fairy bells have rung in all literature. from the sacred songs of the Old Testament to the rhymes of the youngest poet. It seems almost vulgar to speak of piles and bunches of this airy, fairy flower and yet it is bundled away in express parcels amounting to a million and a half of an annual cut. It has become a wedding favourite, many of the June brides preferring its delicacy to the rose. This flower comes from Germany, the pips arriving in boxes of two thousand each, which may be kept for a year. The demand has grown so rapidly that two of these boxes are "put in" daily and carefully guarded at first from open growth. The lily of the valley is delicate but lasting in its perfume. It may be sent many hundreds of miles with comparative safety, even in our sternest weather.

There has been some popular satire regarding the term "modest" as applied to the violet, since the Christmas prices for that exquisite little bloom are hardly in keeping with the adjective. Its richness of colouring would assure its popularity and when a subtle, ethereal sweetness is added. the violet becomes a blossom to be supremely desired. The wild violet, bluish, yellow or white, is a flower to be sought in the fresh May woods; but the purple violet of advanced cultivation makes an appeal to the flower lover which is well-nigh irresistible. It is no wonder that the poets have written of its loveliness in terms of tenderness, or that even the all-conquering Napoleon turned from more gorgeous blossoms to make it the flower of his empire. Imperial yet gentle, its purple sweetness has given it a place as an enduring symbol.

But in the flower world of modern times, there is one development that in exquisite charm is the ultimate The fragile mystery of the orchid gives it a suggestiveness and grace which are associated with no other floral product. There have been books written on the orchid hunters, but the real romance of the search for these frail air flowers is yet to be told. Twenty years ago, the orchid was a rarity in Canadian conservatories. The late Senator Sanford of Hamilton was among the earliest to import orchid specimens. At the present, the orchid plants in the greatest of Canadian greenhouses number several thousands with a future of promising extent. It was a venture four years ago when the manager decided to experiment with this most exquisite and-most costly- of flowers. But there had come to Canada, to take charge of the lilies of the valley, a Danish gardener, named Hansen, who, having spent over a score of years abroad in orchid culture, became lonely for his pet plants and proposed to return to England. To please this exacting cultivator of the orchid, a house was set apart for these exotics, with the result that four new houses are now devoted to beauties from Brazil, Colombia and Northern India. To be an orchid collector means to possess a constitution equal to swamps, snakes and fever, and a courage which will take the hunter ten thousand feet up the Andes in search of the odontoglossum crispum—which is as clumsy a name as ever was given to a rare white flower whose petals are hardly more than gossamer. Technical terms never seem more ridiculous than when applied by the mouthful to such aerial bits of nature. There is the oncidium varicosum, with spreading yellow sprays, which comes from sunny Brazil, while the dendrobium in tendrils of heliotrope perfection has travelled over mountains and many seas in its journey from Northern India. There is a wonderful bit of flowering which one can hardly believe is without wings—a spread of silvery white petals with flecks of tawny orange and brown and the golden centre of a butterfly, by which name it is called. Ruling with a master's supremacy over all this orchid territory is Hansen, the Dane, who will allow no other man to come near the flowers, which he cherishes with the passion of a devotee. Kingdoms may rise and fall, storms come and go, bargains be made or unmade in the outside world, but Hansen cares for none of these things. He is verily an artist and, should the visitor be properly humble, Hansen will explain how the true lover of orchids can stoop to care for no lesser blooms, since the finest art seeks only the best. Such utter abandon to so frail an idol is something to marvel at in our modern world of mammonworship. Happy Hansen! When he stands before a fairy group of cattleya labiata and his blue eyes kindle with enthusiasm as he tells of their voyage from Brazil and the care which has brought them to their mauve immaculacy, he knows the artist's rare exaltation. He may live in Canada for twenty long years, but he will know only the glass-enclosed corner where his beloved orchids have reached their ultimate loveliness.

The most solid framework, the most careful construction must go to the glass houses which shield these fragrant and fragile wares. Iron, cement and steel take their part in a structure which must admit light and keep out cold. It forms a small world in itself, where over one hundred workmen are busy throughout the year with soil and seeds and bulbs, and from which wagon loads make many journeys a day with flowers for all parts of the Dominion. It has all grown, from a rose tree planted by an Englishman in a picturesque Canadian town, to an estate of sixty acres. and it shows that we are adding unto our bread and our cheese the colour and fragrance which spell prosperity and progress.

The Corruptionist

By W. A. FRASER

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ACK ROONEY assured the world that he was a "handicapper," a "clocker," but the world, impatient of fine distinctions, dubbed him a tout. However, Rooney was certainly an adept at the business of holding a stop watch on horses in their gallops, and reducing to black and white their chances in different races.

One day in May, Rooney took a seat in the race train, just across the Harlem River, on his way to Morris Park. The clocker had scarcely settled himself down to a deep study of the racing chart when he was brought to attention by the quick, nervous voice of Dicky Sproat, saying: "Tack, shake hands with my friend, Mr. Larmour."

Something in the respectful tone of the "Mister" caused Rooney to raise his eyes to the small, green-gray, foxlike beads that peeped between the narrowed lids of Sproat's thin face—in fact, but one of the green eyes peeped, the other being veiled by a drooping lid, and Rooney knew that there was business afoot. Before Sproat had a chance to give him a key to the situation another man, loquacious in racing talk, joined them, and Sproat, again winking at the clocker, carried the intruder away.

Larmour was a heavy, ponderous man; he raked Rooney's ribs with his hip as he crushed into the seat beside him, saying: "It's a nice day—the track'll be fast, Mr.

Rooney utilised the careful folding up

of his paper as an excuse for a minute's inner commune. "Lane? Ah!" he muttered, "that's the idea; this duck thinks I'm Jack Lane the trainer. Dicky Sproat has worked this."

The big man unbuttoned his vest, snorted an expostulation against the heat, and continued: "Say, Mr. Lane, you don't got to be 'fraid of me-I ain't got no pump wit' me. You know me, eh?"

Rooney had for two minutes, so he

nodded in acquiescence.

"Sure thing-everybody does; I'm

Ab Larmour, the bookmaker."

The huge face beamed benignly on Rooney; then the heavy lines drew down in a sardonic frown of impatience when this momentous announcement failed to galvanise the little man into exuberant recognition. Then Larmour struck again at the imperturbable clocker:

"Dicky Sproat haf told you many times about me, eh? Didn't Dicky an' you haf the good thing at Sheepshead already-I

was on, myself, that time."

"Sproat's too fresh-his tongue's hung in the middle."

"Say, Jack, that don't make no loser with me, see. Dicky knows I'm a clam; I ain't no mutt to give a good thing away."

The speaker looked cautiously over his shoulder, then, tipping his gorilla head

towards Rooney, whispered:

"Firebrand looks good with 112 pounds; he'll be favourite-the papers call him to win. But I'll tell you something, Lane-Whitestocking, handicapped at ninetyeight pounds, might cop the goods." He looked solemnly out of his heavy eyes at the clocker, then dug a ponderous thumb in his ribs, whispering: "I'm wise to that

stable—there's somethin' doin'."

"There's always something doin',"
Rooney growled dejectedly, thinking of
the wondrous scheme that had gone all
awry the day before, leaving him with
but \$5 in his pocket. "That old gag's
got whiskers on; something doing, and at
the finish the best horse wins, and the wise
guys are broke. Whitestocking with a
postage stamp on his back couldn't beat
Firebrand—"

The big man interrupted Rooney with a snort: "It ain't what a horse can do, it's what he does gets the mun. Say, Dicky told me 'bout you, Mr. Lane—can't we do

some business together?"

The speaker's lips were so close to Rooney's ear that his hot breath scorched the little man's cheek.

"As to how?" the clocker queried

patiently.

"Well, I'll speak plain—that's my way, an' if you ain't on, why—nothin' doin'. You want to make some sure money, don't you? You ain't in the racin' game for your health?"

"I'm in it to improve the breed of

horses."

"Ha, ha! that's a good one. That old chestnut is dead ripe up in the club-house among the swells, an' I notice they're all after the long green. If you beat 'em out of a few dollars they'll squeal like a stuck pig. You can't feed your horses for the public; they don't give a pretzel for you—an' we don't cry over 'em, ain't it?"

"When a man's short of the 'ready,' it's the three gold balls—that much of the public for him, eh?" affiliated Rooney.

"You bet; a man ain't got no friends when he's shy the price. I'll make you some good money, Lane; you stick to me, an' you don't have to train for nobody by an' by; you'll have your own stable."

This spoon-bait, suddenly turned at the clocker's very nose, threw him off his guard, and he snapped, saying eagerly:

"Say, mister, if I had a horse could win I'd unseat some of the push; I'd

knock some of the Mets off the block."
"What's the matter with Firebrand?—
he can win."

Jack gasped; *pro tem*. he was supposed to be a trainer with a stable in which was Firebrand, not a tout.

"I mean a good horse," Rooney ex-

plained.

"Well, we'll get him by an' by—we'll get one like Hermis, eh? But first we got to get the sixty thousand, eh, Jack?—that's what Hermis cost."

Rooney thought of the solitary five dollar bill resting in his vest pocket.

"You're going to ride Ike Murray on Firebrand, ain't you?" the bookmaker proceeded.

"Murray'll ride him; he can do the weight," Rooney answered evasively.

"Well, the public's followin' Murray, an' they'll back your horse off the boards"—the speaker made a pass with both hands as though he were washing windows—"'cause he's in this race with a lot of selling platers. You've got to take a short price. And perhaps somebody's got a horse in the race that's been saved for a killin'; an' the boy on the dark un'll take a chance of bein' fined a hundred, an' try to beat the barrier—p'raps he'll get away flyin', an win out all the way. Then where's your horse?"

"Down the course."

"Sure thing! Your mun's gone, an' the public they'll swear you never tried a yard, ain't it? If they win on your horse they don't whack up, never no more."

"I ain't botherin' over the public," the other answered truthfully enough; "Betsy and I are out—me an' the public's divorc-

ed."

"That's what Dicky told me. He said you was tired talkin' the short odds 'bout Firebrand; an' p'raps get him bid up on you, an' take the purse away. 'Tain't like it was, no more, when a man could get his horse ready an' make a killin'. Nowadays there's always some damn sneakin' tout about—clockers they call themselves, railbirds—What's the matter wit' you, Mr. Lane—was I crowdin' you too much?" For Rooney squirmed most uncomfortably under the bookmaker's thrusts.

"Something bit me in the leg," he

answered lamely.

"Maybe 'twas a bee or an ant. What was I saying? Oh, yes, you got to play the game wit' these fellows, an' that's what I'm goin' to talk about. I'm in a book here—see? I don't get up on the block; I'm behind—it's my mun—I keep the bank roll."

The speaker stopped, and the heavy eyes looked questioningly at Jack. Under their pressure the little man said:

"Well?"

"Hell! what more d'you want—have we got to make some legal documents to understand the layout? There'll be bar'ls of money for Firebrand, and if I held him safe, I could lay against him, an' win a big pot. Some of the books'll be rubbin' him off the slate."

"You want me to pull the horse?"

"Nobody don't pull no horse no more. If Firebrand gets into a pocket or gets left at the post, I'd make a big winnin'."

"But the purse-"

"What's that? Six hundred—'bout four-fifty to the first horse, an' White-stockin' might beat you out—see? I know somethin'!"

"What do I get if Firebrand don't

win?"

"I give you quarter interest in the book, an' I'll lay him till they get tired comin' at me mit the goods. An' you make the purse next time you start the horse. He'll be a better price if he gets beat, won't he? Now, that's the proposition—does it go?"

"Yes; I'll come around after the race.

What's the name of your book?"

"I don't whisper that to the moon; I'm behind. You meet me by the oyster stand, where the big fat fellow mit the black moustache dishes up the clam chowder, where a man what finds a clam in it gets a prize."

"I know it, just by the bar; I'll be there

soon's the numbers go up."

"Don't get a hot box running to meet me—I'm good for what I promise. Ain't

you got to see your horse in?"

"When they win I do; winners for mine! the stable lad takes the losers. I'll be there, for I want to close up a deal of this sort quick—see?"

A sudden inspiration of commerce came to the clocker, and he added: "If it's all the same to you we'll make this deal solid. What horse'll win if—if—mine's beat?"

"Whitestocking."

"Well, I'll take a hundred on account. I want to play it on this good thing of yours."

"Oh by gracious! how do I know if Firebrand don't win, eh? You might give

me the double cross."

"When I make a bargain I stick to it. If Firebrand wins to-day I'll never start him in a race—I'll never pull a girth on him."

"Will you swear that?"

"Yes, sure thing."

"All right; I'll give you the hundred. But if Firebrand don't sulk, or something, or get shut off—if he comes home by himself you'd better not stop runnin' till you strike Harlem."

The train chucked; the wheels skidded to a stop; the big man tapped Jack on the arm as he rose, looking over his

shoulder, and whispered:

"I'm your friend; you stick to me an' we got that good horse like Hermis."

Dicky Sproat swung in beside the clocker as he strode along the gravel, under the arch, and up the incline to the stand entrance.

"How'd the bookie get it in his crop I was Lane?" Rooney queried of Sproat.

"He squats down in my seat, an' commenced makin' a play that he'd like to meet Lane—that he'd like to find out whether Firebrand could win or not. Then he told me to look back four seats an' tell him if that wasn't Lane. When I looked—"

"You saw me."

"I did; that's all I know about it. Larmour must have seen you about Lane's stable, or somebody'd pointed you out, or somethin'. How'd you get on?"

"I thought it was a joke at first,

Dicky."

"I didn't. I knew it was business with Mister Ab. He has no use for comedy, that duck—he plays the heavy villain all the time. What's the game over Firebrand—does he want him pulled?"

"Yes, I swore I'd never saddle him for a race again if he won."

"You'd never get the chance; but he'll

win all the same."

"He promised me a quarter in the book if the horse was beat—say, Dicky, I don't like it-it's a variety of the confidence game. I'm broke-I'm down to five dollars, or I wouldn't have anything to do with it."

"He's a pirate—you needn't worry over him. He'd lay against the horse anyway; it's the bookin' game to pound the

favourite."

"I screwed a hundred out of him, an' I'm going to bet it on Firebrand. You're

halves in it, Dick."

"We'll whipsaw the race anyway; but, we'll have to take to the woods as soon as we cash this bet. This same Larmour is

a rusty cuss when he gets a jolt."

"Here, Dick, you take the hundred and put it on Firebrand. I'll have to go over into the paddock and stand near Lane's horse when he's saddling for the second race. This heeler of honest men might take a notion to prowl."

"I'll watch for him here by the paddock gate, and stop him with some excuse if he

comes along," Sproat answered.

"Say, Dick, if he gets wise to this before the race, what'll we do-give him back the hundred?"

"Yes, tell him it was a joke—that you

was drawin' him."

In the paddock, the clocker had his opinion of the race confirmed on every side. It was a pipe for Firebrand; he'd come home on the bit; it was the best bet of the day. Unfortunately these assurances were unpleasing to Rooney, for, though chance had cast his way a hundred

to bet, the profit would be small.

Even the horse, when he was stripped for the saddle, appealed to the clocker's pessimistic vision as a model of condition. His bronze-bay coat glistened in the hot summer sun like a polished Russian samovar; blue and red and peacock green shimmered tantalisingly here and there in patches over the bunches of muscles that curled and uncurled as the horse capered and lashed out under the tickling sensation of girth-cinching.

"There's not a chance on earth for the big end of this," Jack moaned; "nothing but an accident, and something happens only when one's down on a horse good and

plenty with the dough."

A bugle sounded over at the judges' stand; a paddock official called: "Mount your horses! Come on, Murray—get up! Eight boys small of stature, gaudy with many-coloured silks, fluttered like butterflies to the backs of eight thoroughbreds; then, in procession, Indian file, they wound from between the cool, whispering trees; a white-painted gate swung open, and leisurely, daintily stepping, the horses, old campaigners, passed down the course, turned, and cantered over to the mile post.

Rooney trailed the racers from the paddock, passed along the narrow walk by the club inclosure, and, as he emerged on to the stand lawn, was met by his partner in the hold-up of eager Ab.

"How does Firebrand look?" Sproat

asked.

"Great—it's a pity."

"It's too bad; but I got even money to the hundred-I got it in Larmour's

"The devil! You've got a nerve."

"Firebrand was four to five all over the ring, and I saw Danny Baird-that's the book Larmour's backing-layin' even money as fast as they came to him. An' they was comin'. You've heard of salmon runnin' up a river till you could walk over them-well, that's what it was like. I threw an eye behind the box, an' I couldn't see Larmour, so I took a chance. I'm flat yet from the squeeze of that push."

"He'll shoot you when you go to cash in-you'll never get it in the world."

"I'll give my badge to Cully French to collect. They'll pay to the number on the badge; they don't use faces in their business. I'll go and send him to stand in line as soon as the horses are off. I'll tell him to get his chest right up against the cashier; I want some of the early money, for Ab Larmour's goin' to get a knock when Firebrand rolls home with his ears prickin'."

"That's good business, Dicky."

"Yes, Cully can get out of line if somethin' else wins."

Over at the starting post there was a swaying, undulating blotch of strong colours, so like a gaudy Persian rug swinging in the wind. Suddenly the network barrier shot upward; the rug was drawn into an arrowhead, with a crimson point that was the colours of Firebrand; a bell clanged viciously in the betting ring; a thousand men swirled from the money mart—even the bookmakers rushed to the grass lawn, dragging stools.

"I'll back the favourite," one of them said, from the eminence of his chair.

Larmour levelled his glasses on the horses; the cylinders were filled with the presence of a big-headed steed, Firebrand; and behind him, spread out like the flight of wild geese, were the other seven.

"What the deuce is that boy gettin' off so well as that if Lane don't want to win," Larmour growled.

"The favourite 'll roll home," some one at his elbow said.

"Whitestocking's going well," another

"White nothin'!" the first speaker retorted; "Murray's playin' with 'em— Firebrand's tow-ropin' the whole field."

And still the heavy-headed horse loped along in front just as though there was no financial enterprise depending upon his tardiness.

Perhaps Murray was rushing his mount so energetically to the front to kill him off. Isaac was a finished horseman and could beat a horse as well as he could nurse him for a win. Larmour knew that. "By Jiminie!" the bookmaker muttered, "he's runnin' him into the ground. I'll give that boy a diamond stud for a present."

"I'll lay three to one on the favourite," a bettor cried; "three thousand to a thousand Firebrand gets the long end of this purse."

"By Jiminie! if I don't see Dicky Sproat bet that hundred, I'd shut that fellow's mouth," Larmour whispered to himself; "they might be throwin' me down."

Now the racers were swinging to the last corner, the turn into the stretch; and still in front gleamed the placid white face of Firebrand. Up the stretch the big horse loped, leading the procession with a full dignity of little exertion.

"By gracious! I'm just kiddin' myself. I'm a sucker from Missouri; there ain't nothin' doin'—nothin' doin'," the bookmaker groaned. He could hardly hear his own thoughts, bitter as they were; his senses were numbed by the babel of many voices; the air palpitated with the echoing beat of galloping hoofs as the straining thoroughbreds swept by. Then there was a discordant clatter of Larmour's compatriots clambering from their perches with ornate expressions of regret.

Somewhat abstracted in his engrossing discontent, Larmour came to earth with unintentioned haste; his long-legged pedestal swayed as if caught in the wave of contagious excitement, and the big man was dumped most unceremoniously, his last view showing him Firebrand well in front.

Physically shocked, and financially battered beyond doubt, the bookmaker, all but stunned, arose with one paramount thought in his mind—two, perhaps—a glass of brandy and revenge.

As he cut across towards the bar, he was conscious of a voice asking some one, "What's the matter?" And another voice had answered, "Fell; must be drunk."

The bookmaker flung a curse over his shoulder at this gratuitous comment upon his accident, as he thought.

Clocker Rooney, standing where the blue-gray of the cement walk hides the hard line of its sharp edge in the velvet fringe of the greensward lawn, watched the sweep of the horse wave as it came like a breaker gliding up a stretch of sand.

"That'll crack gentle Ab's heart," he said to Dicky Sproat, nodding toward Firebrand's gleaming white face that was showing in front down by the betting ring. "It breaks mine, too," Sproat replied.

"Yes, he's just ambling; Murray's yawning. It's a thousand to one on Firebrand. There they go!"

This, as a chorus of voices started the backer's anthem, "The favourite wins!"

"In a romp!" somebody cried. "Come on, you, Murray!"

Just over the course on the infield a big black yelled: "See him come—come on, you ole Firebrand—huroo-oo! ole Firebrand!" Within the lingering of the darky's voice the racers were but fifty yards away. The apathy of assured result stilled the tumult of the watchers, even stilled the senses of Firebrand's jockey; the little man in crimson rode in dreamland.

All at once, like the alarm of many angry bells, a hundred voices called in warning to the careless boy. A look, quick-turned over his shoulder, showed Firebrand's rider the head of Whitestocking on his flank, stealing the race with a well-judged rush. Then Murray's whip shot into the air, his small, sinewy form uncurled from its lethargy; men who had turned away, their interest lost, wheeled, stood still, and held their breath.

A struggle! Would the boy on Whitestocking outride the great Isaac—would their idol pay the penalty of his nap and lose? No; the big horse, gathered by those quick hands of steel, thrust forward. No more the lean-flanked mare gained.

"The favourite's got— My God! what's up?" It was a cry of startled horror from Rooney. The crimson jacket wavered like a wind-blown rag; a whip flew forward from a small hand that clutched at the horse's mane; then down, down, fighting, clutching, sinking in the wave of swirling horses, the boy sank and was lost from Firebrand's back.

Up in the stand ten thousand faces blanched till it was one white wall. No one spoke. As the boy sank, a woman's scream cut down through the stillness of the mob.

"My God! that's the boy's mother—she sits up there," Rooney said.

The note of anguish, and then in crescendo a tempest of articulate emotion! Women screamed and swooned with a call on their lips. There was the drumming pound of rushing feet; hoarse calls from sane men to be seated; and down on the track, past the goal, still in the lead, the big horse had swept riderless; and where the others had swerved in their gallop lay the poor lad, who was now surely asleep in death. Over the rails, from lawn and infield, men leaped, to crowd in useless sympathy about the boy.

There was the rushing whirr of wheels—

the ambulance. Up to the cordon of men it dashed.

"Back, back! Stand back, make room!"

And as the foolish ones surged away a shout of relief went up from the stand; the little figure in crimson—the fierce red softened to silence by the dust of the course—weak, tottering, was up, with the strong arm of the big black about him. The thick-lipped face of the negro gleamed in spots in the sunlight as though tiny pearls had been pinned to his swarthy cheek, and the great bass voice that had bellowed across the course the triumph of Firebrand was soft as he said: "Doctah, if dat boy'd been killed, I doan race no moah!"

"That's Murray's valet," some one said.

"Whitestocking gets the race," the clocker said, as the numbers, creaking dismally, crawled up the notice pole.

"See, that's what happened—the girth broke. I thought so," Sproat cried, pointing to barebacked Firebrand, and the broken-girthed saddle on the stable lad's arm.

"Say, Dick, I'd 've felt guilty if that boy'd been killed; of course, I had nothin' to do with it, but—hell, it was creepy. I wouldn't have touched that Larmour money."

"Will you now?"

"Yes, our hundred's burnt up, an' I'll chase myself down to that oyster place an' make Larmour part. What'll I hit him for?"

"Not less than a thou.; let him think you prepared that girth play."

As Jimmie slipped through the arch at

the oyster bar he met Larmour.

The two men instinctively stood and measured each other with the eye. "I haven't got it yet," was in the clocker's mind; and the other was whispering to himself, "I got to pay him off cheap's I can."

"Well," said Jimmie.
"Is the boy much hurt?"

"Where'll we go where it's quiet?" the little man clicked sharp through his teeth.

Larmour moved toward the bar, saying,

speaking low, "I got cold feet an' didn't lay much against Firebrand."

"The hell you didn't!"

"I see Dicky Sproat back him for a hundred in my book, an' it looks like I'm gettin' the double cross—the straight flapdoodle. If I don't get that jolt I make a bar'l of money."

"I don't open my head about my business to Sproat; he didn't know our

arrangement."

"I thought he was next it; that's why I don't lay Firebrand much. But that's my fault, p'raps. Come over here just by the coatrack. There is a nice quiet place. Here's a little present for you," and Larmour slipped his hand surreptitiously toward the clocker.

Rooney's thin, wiry fingers closed upon the bills; then he counted them—five one-hundred dollar bills.

"Where's the rest of it?" he asked.

"That's all; I didn't make no money. Didn't I told you I got cold feet and

quit!"

Then Rooney stretched up on his toes so that he could look from a level into the pig eyes of the fat man of evasion, and said, in a low, sincere voice: "I'll take a thou—see? I'll take a thou—"
"No you won't—"

"Or the stewards'll have you on the carpet for corrupt tendencies—see?"

A twitch of apprehension turned the big pasty face yellow; then it flushed red in anger, and he answered: "By hell! you think I'm a kid, eh? You'd lose your license, Mister Jack Lane."

"I'm not Jack Lane—I'm Jack Rooney; I wasn't in on that good thing at Sheepshead with your money, but Dicky Sproat is in on this, so we need five hundred

more."

Larmour stepped back, and in his eyes was bewilderment.

"You won twenty thousand if you won a cent, an' you won it because you thought Firebrand was stiff. It was as good as the real thing; you'll pay me a thousand, or get ruled off for trying to bribe Lane to pull his horse."

Larmour hesitated for a minute; then he smiled in a ghastly manner, and

said:

"Don't get de hot wave—I was just kiddin'—Come and split a bottle—here's another five hundred—I said I'd be your friend."



To-morrow

By A. L. FRASER

In thought I wandered where Time lays his dead
And scanned the tomb-stones to past days with sorrow;
Hope met me there,—an aureole round her head;
She told me not to weep; there still remained to-morrow,
That though of all my days I be bereft,

Eternity, secure, to me is left.

French-Canadian Folk-Lore

By LOUIS FRÉCHETTE

Last Installment

THERE is no place in the province of Quebec where fantastic traditions blossom with an equal profusion as in the neighbourhood of the famous Forges of the St. Maurice, a short distance north of Three Rivers. People live there in full fantasmagory. Mysterious beings, ghosts, sorcerers of all descriptions, the devil in all shapes and forms, are the main subject of conversation. Here, it is an invisible phantom, heaving forth some lamentable moan in the silence of the night; there, it is a huge black cat with blazing eyes, which walks and sleeps on melting iron as tranquilly as on an oriental carpet. Somewhere else, it is an unknown man in shirt sleeves, who, in the open air, by the bitterest winter colds, shaves himself for hours in front of a pocket looking-glass which a monstrous black dog-a loup-garou probably -holds in his mouth; somewhere else, it is a negro carter, unknown to all, who, drawn by a gigantic black horse, drives a cartload of coal and disappears on the edge of a ravine, without a soul being able to tell whence he came and where he went to. Some other time, it is a mysterious and formidable forger who lights up the old furnaces at night, sets the forges at work, puts the rams in motion, and hammers and hammers his own leg until it reaches incredible dimensions. This strange individual has been seen several times by the most trustworthy persons of the place. The same folk would also point out a most extraordinary fellow who cannot wear

a decent suit of clothes, having to fight every night with a familiar demon who follows him since he was born. And so forth; there is no end to it.

In this vicinity is situated the famous chapel—la chapelle des Piles—where the shanty men of the St. Maurice used to lock up the Bon Dieu, to have a free hand at la Chasse-galerie. Not far from there, way up the river, in the dense forest, at night a terrible cry of anguish, a most horrible growl, a blood-curdling lamentation was often heard, and rolled along and along, repeated by the echoes of the shores, without any-body having ever been able to discover the cause or the origin of the phenomena. This is called the Gueulard—the Squaller—of the St. Maurice.

At some distance further up again, we meet the Mont-à-l'Oiseau, a high and wall-sided peak which is the terror of the travellers of those regions. This mountain is inhabited by spectres of the most extraordinary sorts. They are nothing but skeletons of men and beasts, of all shapes and sizes. At midnight, when the voice of the Gueulard is heard, the whole crowd turn out in the most terrific procession and sarraband, scaring to death all who happen to witness the infernal scenes. Woe to the imprudent travellers who dare to camp in the coves of the Mont-à-l'Oiseau! They are never to be seen again in this world.

And so on; and so on; the fact is that if I were to recount all the marvellous stories told about this region, I wouldn't

have time to write of anything else. And God knows that I am not in lack of kin-

dred subjects.

For instance, the Braillard de la Madeleine—the Brawler of the Magdalen Islands. This Braillard de la Madeleine had for long years bewildered many people, and been the subject of many superstitious tales—until it was discovered that the awful cry, which had all the intonations of a human voice, was caused by the grating of two trunks of trees against each other, when the wind blew in a certain direction.

Who has not heard of the mysterious light of Lake St. Peter? I saw it myself; it is like the glimpse of a candle which seems to float on the surface of the lake, projecting a long and trembling glimmer on the wave. Numbers of people have often tried to approach the strange light, to investigate its nature. It always faded away before it could be reached. The legends told about this light are numberless.

Another light of the same kind is also to be seen on the St. Lawrence, somewhere in the vicinity of Coteau Landing. Like that of Lake St. Peter, it never could be reached. It does not fade away though; it only changes position, and wanders so well right and left as to challenge the efforts of the most obstinate

hunters.

In some localities below Quebec, in the vicinity of Kamouraska, there are sorcerers who can call east or west wind at will, by building a little fire on the shore in which they burn some mysterious powder unknown to the vulgar. Others know some incantation by which they can stop short vessels sailing up or down the river, five or six miles distant.

We have at Rivière-Ouelle a phantom schooner which, at certain periods of the year, boards at Pointe-aux-Orignaux pier, apparently mounted by a frolic-some crew of dancers and merrymaking young people, which vanishes as soon as outsiders make their appearance. In relation to this, there is a tradition in the locality that, at the beginning of the last century, a joyous party left La Rivière-Ouelle, on board a schooner,

one Sunday morning, to join a dancing re-union at La Malbaie—now the summer resort called Murray Bay—and was never heard of since.

In addition to this we have the spectre of the Cap-au-Diable, the well known Ghost of Gentilly, the phantom priest of the Rigault presbytery, the apparitions of the late Sir John Caldwell in his manor of Etchemin, the phantom

Head of Pointe-Levy, etc.

As to our popular beliefs attributing such and such power to such and such objects, or practices, most of them are now things of the past; but they were almost numberless in old times. In my infancy, I knew lots of people who never failed to gather and preserve some of the first rain fallen in the month of May, the same having, in their belief, the propriety of curing all sorts of mala-

dies and bodily harm.

All the young girls-I mean all those who were not particularly scrupulous, for such practices were strictly forbidden by the priests—had recourse to different sorts of cabalistic performances to know their future husbands. The would-be sorceress would swallow some peculiar kind of drug together with, I do not know what sort of a cake baked according to certain mysterious rites; and then she would go to bed after having put a basin of water, a looking-glass or a small wooden ladder at the head of her couch. During the night, she would see in dream some fellow either washing his hands in the basin, or shaving before the glass. or climbing the ladder. It was the man she was bound to marry.

I am not sure whether this piece of sorcery was always successful or not, but I know at least of a certain case which was considered very remarkable at the time, and gave great credit to this popular superstition in our midst. It happened to one of our servant girls, who had seen, instead of a man, a hog climbing the ladder. Nobody was surprised when the unfortunate girl united her fate to the most inveterate drunkard of the whole parish and village.

A most extraordinary story was told freely by the veterans of that time-

and I shall close with the same. It was pretended that at the beginning of the last century, or at least by the end of the eighteenth, a man-a stranger to the country—gave daily a very strange spectacle to the citizens of Quebec. He would tie—so they said—a log or a piece of square timber to the tail of a rooster, and the rooster would drag it along the steep and lofty Palace Hill, without any apparent effort. And this was accomplished, they said, in broad daylight, in the presence of an astounded and stupefied crowd. One can easily imagine the affluence of spectators attracted by such wonderful exhibition.

One day, an old woman

One day, an old woman, who carried a basket full of vegetables, exclaimed laughingly: "Why! for goodness sake, what do you find so astonishing in all this? Where is the difficulty for a fowl to draw a bit of straw at the end of his tail?" As everybody saw a log instead of a straw, everybody thought the old woman was crazy. But the magician went to her and said: "Madam, will you let me look in your basket?" "No objection," she said. And among the lettuce and the cabbage leaves was found a young toad. This had, it appears, averted the charm from the old woman's eyes, who saw but a straw, while the rest of the crowd saw a log.

Now, what is to be thought of such a story? Can it be nothing but fibs invented by practical jokers? This would be very strange indeed, the fact being vested with a character of publicity

which excludes all idea of mystification. How could a story of that kind have gained credit among the population of Quebec and the neighbouring localities with such a stamp of notoriety, if there was not something true at the bottom of it? As late as forty years ago, the matter was still talked of in Quebec. Some old people asserted in my presence having heard the fact certified by their own parents. Are we here in presence of an extraordinary case of hypnotism? Was the man who practised such witchcraft in possession of the secrets and science of the fakirs of India? At all events, if the fact ever existed, it cannot be but through the virtue of some power of that kind. In reality, this seems to have been the opinion of most people of the time, who attributed the whole thing to a charm exercised on the eyes and sight of the spectators by the magician's will and suggestion.

Such are the principal characteristic features of our French-Canadian folk-lore. Of course, it is useless for me to add that the almost totality of these legends, popular beliefs, traditions and superstitions are no more to be found, even among the illiterate portion of our community. I am not so fond of idealistics to deplore this progress beyond measure; but I am enough of a poet to think that these legendary traditions, like the relics of the past kept in our museums, should not be entirely forgotten in the pages of our national

history.



From Tennyson to Kipling

By ARNOLD HAULTAIN

THE Germans have been talking much of late of "world-politics." And since East has lately touched West in so intimate, not to say inimical, a manner, first on the banks of the Yalu and then on the shores of the Pacific, it was time perhaps that the coinage was made. No one, however, has yet coined the word "world-poetics." Let us hasten to do it.

The poet—or let us say rather the artist in words-is always the best exponent of his age. The artist of whatever kind is always a better exponent of his age than is any other kind of worker. And for more reasons than one. To begin with, the artist deals with emotions; with feelings and sentiments, hopes and desires and doubts; and if we would know the spirit of an age we must know these. The poet holds up a mirror to nature-including man: he shows us the workings of the human soul. He cannot help but do this: it is his gift, his function, and-he is the product of his age.

Now, of the spirit of the age immediately preceding our own, of the era styled Victorian, was there any one great exponent? Surely there was, and surely Alfred Tennyson, in spite of many limitations, was he. To labour that point, there is no need

now or here.

In the interval between Tennyson's day and ours, the world has travelled fast and far. Tennyson wrote for the

educated. Not till twenty years after he was created Laureate was national education instituted. And he wrote of the educated. The Idylls of the King were really a depicture, not of the Court of King Arthur, but of the manners, customs, and sentiments of the gentlemen of England in the time of Prince Albert. Stripped of their history and of their local colour. the Idylls portray the chivalry, the taste, the notions of honour, the delicacy, the refinement - and also the aloofness, the dignity, the reserve of the educated classes of the Victorian "The Palace of Art" is typical of Tennyson, a Tennyson shut up in his beautiful England, where he built for his soul a lordly pleasure-house wherein at ease for aye to dwell. He sang the brook, the mead, the mill, the English home, and dewy pastures. dewy trees-haunts of ancient peace. He sang, too, the growing religious doubts of his age:

"Oh! sure it is a special care Of God, to fortify from doubt."

Oark, formless, utterly destroyed. Why not believe then?"

"O spirit and heart made desolate!
O damnéd vacillating state."

This in his earlier years. In his later years he applauds honest doubt. In his later years also we see dawning upon him the effect of novel views,

novel theories, and the rapid rise of "the people." In "Locksley Hall Sixty Years After" we see him somewhat petulantly recognising, yet fearing, the rise of democracy. Listen,—

"Equal-born? O yes, if yonder hill be level with the flat.

Charm us, Orator, till the Lion look no larger than the Cat,

Till the Cat thro' that mirage of overheated language loom

Larger than the Lion,—Demos end in working its own doom."

What, now, are the chief characteristics of the days in which we live as compared with the days of Wordsworth's successor? Well, the seeds sown then have flowered and fruited—and some of the fruit is over-ripe, and some is rather bitter, and some has already sown a second crop!

First, popular education, factories, and, by consequence, city life, have together completed the rise of Demos. Hence forward the artist in words must not forget the man in the street. And this means much. Second, scientific investigation and scientific speculation have gone so far that (i) every detail of life is governed by scientific facts or scientific appliances; and (ii) every detail of thought, philosophical or religious, is governed by scientific method or scientific theory. When the seed was germinating, Dogma looked askance at hesitating Doubt; now that it has fruited, it is Dogma that hesitates, for Doubt loses it timorousness and sometimes even masquerades as a New Ethic. So, a Herbert Spencer falls back upon an Unknowable (vague and hollow entity), and Matthew Arnold on a Stream of Tendency (a tenuous thing and highly innutritious), and Swinburne blandly wonders "if any gods there be," and Grant Allen proves (to his own content) that Jahveh was "a stone" (whereat many were shocked). Third, with the rise into power of "the people" has come the rise into power of the peoples of the colonies and dependencies. Of all the characteristics of this age this is the chiefest, that whereas in 1850 England was all-in-all and Greater Britain not even was, to-day Greater Britain is all-in-all and England is fast becoming the mother and protectress of a family of nations. Tennyson foresaw nothing of this, sing as he did of the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World. Fourth. there has come into being in this our day a something to which it is difficult to give a name. In Coleridge, Southey, Shelley, Keats, in Wordsworth above all, there is a pensiveness. a leisure, a calm, a tendency to dream and meditate and quietly observe: an inheritance, no doubt, from the eighteenth century. To-day there is everywhere apparent a spirit of. . . perhaps "strenuousness," the word of President Roosevelt, is the best to

Now of these four great outstanding characteristics of the age, who, since Tennyson, has been the chief exponent? Surely we can point to no other than to Mr. Rudyard Kipling. Of certain particular tendencies certain particular artists in words might perhaps be chosen; but could the phrase "world-poet" be ascribed to any other of Tennyson's successors-to the Brownings, the Rossettis, Swinburne, George Meredith, Patmore, Morris, the Arnolds, George Eliot, Robert Bridges, William Watson, Lawrence Binyon, Stephen Phillips, Yeats, Henley, James or Francis Thompson, the two Moores, Locker Lampson, John Davidson, Alfred Symons?—some of these names will cause a smile.

Turn we then to Kipling.

I was looking over various editions of Mr. Kipling's works the other day, when I alighted upon the following:

"I do not anticipate for Mr. Kipling a very popular popularity. He does not compete with Miss Braddon or Mr. E. P. Roe. His favourite subjects are too remote and unfamiliar for a world that likes to be amused with matters near home and pas-

sions that do not stray far from the drawingroom or the parlor . . . He is an exotic romancer . . . He is not in tune with our modern civilisation."

That is from a "Biographical and Critical Sketch," by no less a personage than Mr. Andrew Lang. I confess I smiled when I read it. By this time, I suspect, this is one of the things that Mr. Lang wishes he had left unsaid-or said otherwise. Not popular! Too remote! Too far from the drawing-room! Exotic! Not in tune with our modern civilisation! Why, it is precisely to our modern civilisation that Mr. Kipling appeals; and he is popular to the last degree. just because that modern civilisation asks for something remote, "exotic" (if Mr. Lang will have it so), and that strays very far away from the drawing-room. So much the more Kipling he, surely. So much certainly the more world-poet he.

When the great exemplar and exponent of the thought and sentiment of the Victorian Era was building for himself in Little England a Palace of Art, and inditing therein Idylls of a King who had lived centuries bygone, his true lineal successor and descendant was busying himself in knitting together the scattered portions of an England that had outgrown itself. Of the Imperialistic idea Kipling is the true progenitor, numerous as may have been the foster-fathers who have nurtured his

offspring.

Secondly, whereas Tennyson, the laureate successor of Wordsworth. hedged about by influences dating from the dawn of the nineteenth century-even perhaps from the sunset of the eighteenth-whereas Tennyson sung in mellifluous phrase of the educated and for the educated, and of the higher classes and for them, Kipling has shaken ungloved hands with the man in the street; for, since Tennyson's day, Demos has arisen and has proclaimed itself arisen. Tennyson did not understand him; Kipling does. In which may be noted the enormous stride made between the Era Victorian and the Era Edvardian.

With the rise of Demos has come the rise of many things, among others, as I have said, of the reign of science -both applied (in the shape of machinery) and theoretical (in the shape of investigation and speculation), this latter leading in the long run to curious things, for example, to highly un-Tennysonian views of life and duty. Here, too, Kipling is true to his day. Who ever "sang" machin-ery as has Kipling? "McAndrew's Hymn' ("Hymn," mind you), "The Bridge Builders," "The Ship That Found Herself," ".007," "With the Night Mail," "The Devil and the Deep Sea," and even "Steam Tactics"... time presses else could one expatiate long upon these unique -and romantic and poetic as unique -apotheoses of the Mechanical, Never before the dawn of the twentieth century could they have been penned. and by none other than by Kipling himself could they-at all events have they, been penned.

And what of the speculative side of science, the side that has substituted Evolution for ecclesiastical dogma? Here one treads on dangerous ground. Is Kipling true to his age in depicting this? Yea, verily. Demos is not versed in the Origin of Species, nor does he care over-much whence come his ideas of right and wrong, whether from a Divine sanction or from recondite laws of Nature, but Mr. Tommy Atkins, with less science, but perhaps more common sense, still believes in a Gawd-and Mr. Kipling faithfully portrays Mr. Tommy Atkins. From the vacillation and dubiety of "In Memoriam" to the vacillation and dubiety of "Tomlinson" what a step? And yet how perfectly each represents its particular age!

And what does "Tomlinson" teach? Something that the singer of "The Lotos Eaters" and "The Brook" and "The Day Dream" and "Saint Sim-

eon Stylites" did not teach-

"'Ye have read, ye have heard, ye have thought,' he said, 'and the tale is yet to run:

'By the worth of the body that once ye had give answer—what ha' ye done?'''

Not a hero of Kipling's but does something . . . And here note a most significant fact, one that perhaps the twenty-first century will ponder thoughtfully-he does it because he knows he ought, without waiting for one moment to ask whether he ought because a Nebula or an Unknowable or a Stream of Tendency or a Gawd demands it. In this perhaps lies Kipling's greatest greatness. He is a serious and earnest man is Mr. Rudyard Kipling. He that would, could analyse his lightest effort to find in it something serious and earnest. Is there not even in "The Song of the Banjo" a pathos sublime? And take this one stanza from "The Return"i.e., the return of troops, English and Colonial, after peace was declared, from South Africa:

"Also Time runnin' into years—
A thousand Places left be'ind—
An' Men from both two 'emispheres
Discussin' things of every kind;
So much more near that I 'ad known,
So much more great than I 'ad guessed—
An' me, like all the rest, alone—
But reachin' out to an the rest!"

Reader, what read you between those lines? For me, I read an Imperialism so passionate that the discussion of Chamberlainian tariffs seems trivial in comparison; a patriotism too intense to be formally expressed; a fellow-brotherhood almost poignant in its fervour; a national spirit religious in its devotion; and an individual aspiration at once so lofty and so humble that . . . well, one reads the stanza over again and thinks quietly to one's self.

I have left myself no space in which to speak of those exquisite works, the "Jungle Books" and the "Just So Stories." They will live as long—as long as Aesop's Fables will live. Indeed, there are some of us who think the "Jungle Books" will live longer. But if you ask, Why? we cannot tell. Can anyone tell wherein consists the permanent popularity of a supreme

work of art?

Art? There lies the secret. Mr. Kipling is at once the supreme exponent of his age and a consummate artist. Evidently, to be the exponent of an age—to be the exponent of anything, one must (unconsciously) be an artist. The higher the art, perhaps, the deeper the truth expressed; the finer the art, the more fundamental the human passions portrayed.



Chinatown in Victoria

By HENRY F. PULLEN

IT is curious to notice how little the Anglo-Saxon inhabitants of the Pacific Coast cities know of the thousands of aliens that always inhabit that district known locally as Chinatown. It is always contiguous to, and partially intermingled with, the district of red lights, which is the sore spot of every western town, differing little in this respect from the older cities of the East. Every morning scores of cooks and male houseworkers come out of this part of the town to do the domestic work of the richer part of the population, yet the employers know almost nothing of the part of the city where their spare time is spent, the companions with whom they associate, and the rooms in which they sleep. It is sufficient for them that the boy comes dressed in a clean suit of clothes and that he is not too strongly impregnated with the odour of opium.

A few days ago a lady teacher belonging to one of the religious denominations that work among these people, and who, therefore, is able to speak their language fluently, volunteered to take myself and two friends into some of the interesting parts of Victoria's Chinatown. The Chinese seem never to mind the visits paid by tourists and others, but they never "sabey" when their visitors ask for information. Hence the advantage of having an interpreter.

The first place we saw was the joss house, or temple, devoted to the wor-

ship of the departed spirits of their ancestors. This place was in charge of two men, one of whom seemed to be a novice. It is a small and dingy place this temple to the dead, eminently suited for the worship of dead people. The only light came through the open door or from the faint glimmering lamp that burnt before the idol day and night, never being allowed to go out; and from two gaudily coloured candles that were the offering of some Celestial who had lately gone to Toronto, and who had written to inquire of the spirits of their



CHINESE CHILDREN AT VICTORIA RETURNING
FROM A BIRTHDAY PARTY



HEADQUARTERS OF THE CHINESE REFORM ASSOCIATION AT VICTORIA, B.C.

forefathers respecting some journey to be undertaken, or to seek advice as to some such momentous undertaking as building a house, starting in business, or buying a wife.

At first we thought there was no idol in this temple, but much seeking discovered it hidden behind the gaudy decorations in the very darkest part of the building. The carving of the image is of the crudest kind, resembling somewhat the carvings of the Pacific coast Indians.

In front of the altar were cushions for the kneeling worshippers, usually only one or two coming at a time. On this altar was a cylindrical box of ornamented sticks which attracted our attention. We were told that these were used in invoking the oracle. Each of them was numbered and the numbers corresponded with similar ones in a book of interpretations. There were also printed slips with extracts from the book.

I was going on a journey in the near future, so I spent twenty-five cents for an invocation, from which I gathered that it would be quite lucky for me to make the journey at any time, a most consoling result. Whether the intermediary was having a game at our expense I cannot say. any rate he kept his countenance admirably if he In order that the was. gods might give a proper answer, the priest had lighted no less than eighteen punk sticks, which smouldered, giving off a smell similar to incense. candles were also ignited as an aid in the incantation, and at the close a paper of the value to the ancestral divinities of twenty-five cents was burned on the

altar. Thus the gods were satisfied, and so were the priests who pocketed the money.

The building adjoining this little joss house is owned and occupied by the Chinese Reform Association, it being the headquarters of that society for the Province of British Columbia. Here the members meet every Sunday evening and discuss questions affecting the rousing and reforming of old China. As a result of their efforts in Victoria, many young Chinese men are preparing themselves to become school teachers in their native land, for they recognise that the people must be educated before any great

change can come about.

In the place of honour in their club room is an etching of the great sage, Confucius, while next in importance is the leader of the present movement, Kong The walls all Yu Wei. around three sides are almost covered with photographs of prominent reformers, one group being that of the officers of the Women's Chinese Reform Association, with the wife of Kong Yu Wei at their head.

There are branches of this association at Vancouver, Nelson and Kamloops, and practically all the influential Chinamen are members.

The next place we visited was the joss house devoted to the worship of Confucius. At the farther end of the room, beneath a gaudily decorated canopy, were the idols, three in number, and before them a small lamp burned perpetually in a large square glass lantern. The punk sticks and candles are stuck in large metal vessels kept for the purpose. A Chinaman discussing the similarity of their

religion to ours said that we worshipped three gods and so did they, as witness the three idols in the joss house. He also went on to say that some of the Christian churches had pictures and images of the gods much as they did. This argument was irrefutable.

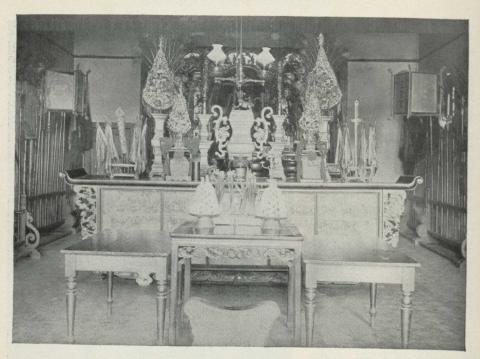
In front of the idols was the altar as shown in the illustration. On its face were clever carvings in gilded wood. These carved pictures, we were told, illustrated life, but wherein lay the allegory we could not discover. The dragon and little figures of men and women were the most conspicuous objects to be seen. The New Year



AN IDOL IN THE CONFUCIAN TEMPLE AT VICTORIA, B.C.

season having just passed, the sacred lillies and the columns of sweet cakes still remained on the tables in front of the altar. These latter are for the use of the gods when they feel hungry. In every temple little cups of tea are kept always in front of the idols. An attendant informed us that they, the idols, came down every morning at four o'clock and drank the tea, and that punctually every morning at five it was replenished by them.

All around the room were wooden models of old weapons and Masonic emblems, as well as Chinese instruments of music. These are used on



INTERIOR OF CONFUCIAN JOSS HOUSE AT VICTORIA, SHOWING THE ALTAR BEHIND WHICH THE IDOLS ARE HIDDEN

festive occasions, when they are carried in the processions.

Next we called in at the Chinese hospital, where we found only one patient, and he was suffering from a venereal disease. Apparently his days were numbered, for his eves were starting from his head and he was covered all over with running sores. Not long before he had been a cook in the house of one of Victoria's best citizens. Every Chinese patient brings with him his blankets when he goes to the hospital. He is provided with a wooden bed, on which he lies without any mattress. Any other luxuries he may wish, such as easy chairs, he must provide himself. As the Chinese are not fond of waiting on sick people, the patients would have a hard time of it were it not for the goodwomen of the Christian Chinese missions, who minister to the wants of the sick in this institution.

The hospital was in a little open space behind the stores on one of the busiest streets. Leading to it was a little dirty lane between two houses. At the entrance to this lane a Chinese merchant had set up in business, his stock in trade being a few pounds of cooked fat pork, which he chopped up with a sharp knife and retailed to the children at five cents "per." His fixtures were a broken chair and a small table. Doubtless the pork was quite edible, but the way it was served was not very enticing, yet the Chinese children buy this instead of candy when they can manage to get sufficient money.

The Methodist Mission Church is in charge of a Chinese convert from Hong Kong. There many of the little Chinese boys and girls, all resplendent in their gay-coloured silks, both boys and girls wearing long pants, come on Sunday afternoons to be taught the story of Jesus, and in the evening the older folk assemble to hear the same message. The little folk seem to enjoy coming more than

the older ones. They like to see the pictures and hear the stories. All join in the singing lustily, and some

of them are quite musical.

Passing from the mission we visited the theatre, a rickety, dirty old place of the plainest possible type. Here our guide pointed out the place where a murder had been committed a few years ago and for which two men had been condemned to be hanged. It was afterwards proved that the witnesses had perjured themselves and the prisoners were allowed to go free, while the false witnesses were sent up for a long term. No white man will ever know the truth about the affair, for the Chinese are a secretive people and honesty of speech is not one of their virtues.

The last call was made at an opium

den, where one old Celestial had just returned from the land of dreams to which he had passed under the influence of the baneful fumes of opium, inhaled while reclining on his wooden pallet. Others were preparing the syrupy stuff, roasting it in the flame of a little lamp, before smearing it on the pipe.

Throughout the trip our nostrils were assailed with a thousand odours, spicy and otherwise. At times these became so sickening that one felt that one really could stand it no longer. If in our cool country under the regulations of our sanitary officers it could be as bad as this, what must it be like in the hot cities of the Orient, where there are no such restrictions. Surely there can be nothing more horrible this side of Hades!

The Deeper Note

By LOUISE C. GLASGOW

Soft-housed with Joy and Sweet Content, He sang a measured lay, And marvelled that unmindful went The world upon its way.

But one day hand in hand at last,
Went Joy and Sweet Content
From out his cot, where all the past
Of gladsome years was spent.

Then low he sang, with grief athrill,

To ease his sad heart's pain;

And lo! the busy world stood still

Applauding every strain.

John McClary

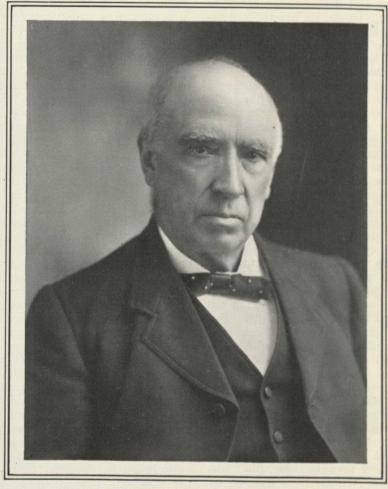
A Captain of Industry

By RANDOLPH CARLYLE

BUT few of the ever-increasing number of "Captains of Industry" in Canada have stood out steadfastly against total obliteration of the oldtime personal relationship between employer and employee. John Mc-Clary is one of the few. In his extensive business, in which persons are employed in various capacities all over the Dominion, it is impossible for the official head to keep in personal touch with all, but if Mr. Mc-Clary's character is properly appreciated, that is what he would like to do. There is a singular charm about the mutual interest that nowadays is so infrequently manifested between employer and employee in large enterprises, but who could discover any charm or any attraction or even any sympathy in a condition that demands a consideration of the former as capital and of the latter as labour? That, nevertheless, is the usual condition to-day, and that is the condition against which men like John McClary, whether consciously or unconsciously, have so long stood. The regrettable fact remains, however, that as a business grows and expands -as the list of employees increases from tens into hundreds and from hundreds into thousands— the one who initiated it is gradually forced further and further away from the actual scene of operation, until finally he is to the man at the bench almost an unknown quantity. But happily there are exceptions-while

that is always the case in theory, it is not always the case in practice. It is possible for a man, even though he engage five thousand employees, to have his personality felt right down throughout the entire list, from the general manager to the latest apprentice. And even though it might be impossible for a single individual to come into personal contact with all of those who serve under him, it is possible for him to maintain an equally keen interest in every individual's behalf, by insisting that work be justly rewarded, that humane principles be practised, that no man be discharged because he has grown old in the service, and that special cases of distress or misfortune be reported at headquarters. That seems to be the ideal, or at least one of the ideals, of John McClary; and if nothing else were ever said of him that in itself would be enough to mark him as a man worthy of emulation by those whose endeavours place them in positions similar to his. He began where most persons begin - at the bottom of the ladder. He stands where few stand-at the top.

John McClary, who, by the way, is president of the McClary Manufacturing Company, of London, Ont., was born on a farm in Middlesex county, and, although he has realised the allotted span, he still takes an active interest in that great business and still lives within a short distance of the place that gave him birth. He



MR JOHN McCLARY

comes of good and even distinguished stock, his grandmother having been a niece of John Adams, second President of the United States, and a cousin of the famous John Quincy Adams. His experience with business, as a young man, is worthy of note: it might serve as an inspiration to the boy who chafes under the trials of apprenticeship and feels like flying off to something easier. John McClary, after leaving the farm, learned tinsmithing, but he contracted the gold fever, and soon found himself on the way to California. Realising that all is not gold that glitters, he returned to London, and there as a business man he has remained ever since. Singularly enough, perhaps, his early love had not forsaken him, and so on tinsmithing he once more centred his affections, and that and the many great industries that have grown out of it have ever since been his hobby, his business, his pleasure, his life.

It was not an easy thing for him to start afresh in business in those days, not so easy as it was later to establish a branch; but John McClary had indomitable will and great foresight, and, even to-day, when shrewd

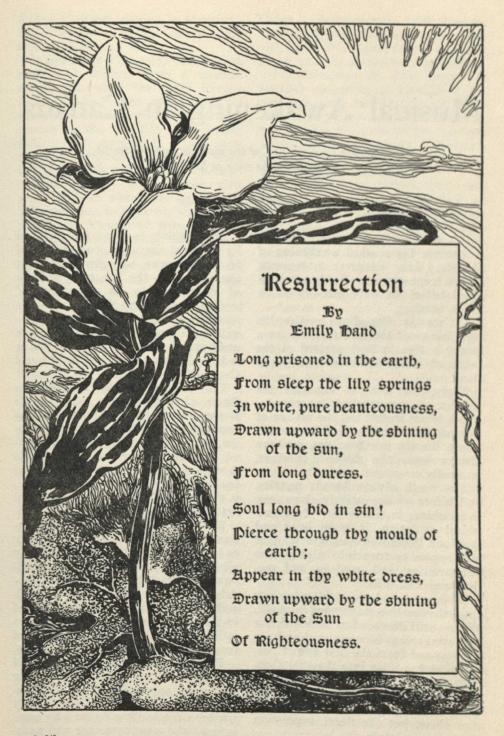
financiers and business men are to be met on all hands, he has the reputation of being an extraordinarily astute calculator and keen appraiser of the financial or commercial outlook. A person passing by the McClary head office building in London can see on one of the walls, in faint outlines, the words "Ontario Stove Works." Mr. McClary saw those words in his mind's eye many years ago, and to the inspiration that they afforded can be traced the inception of the McClary enterprises. At that time Mr. Mc-Clary manufactured only tinware and ploughs. As the sphere of trade was limited, his business was not only entirely provincial but much of it was local. A system of appointing agents to handle the trade of each district was just then in its infancy. The McClary plan consisted largely of the man who owned the place making the goods and then delivering them. But Mr. McClary early realised that the plough industry was too limited as a provincial business to yield sufficient margins. He was satisfied, on the other hand, that the demand for kitchen utensils was universal and would increase in exact ratio with the population. He looked for a sister industry to tinware, and decided on stoves. A deal was completed with a local stove manufacturer, the "Ontario Stove Works" was lettered on the wall, and the first chapter in the history of the McClary Manufacturing Company was closed.

Mr. McClary next directed his attention to the manufacture of enamelware and furnaces, and later commenced the wholesaling of metals.

Manufacturing is one thing, however, and marketing manufactures is another. A problem Mr. McClary had early to contend with was that of haulage. Sales records showed that certain territories consumed more of one article than other territories. The result was the establishing of the first branch distributing warehouse, at Toronto, in 1879. In rapid succession came the call for a warehouse at Then the West loomed Montreal. into view, and Winnipeg and Vancouver became McClary sub-divisions. The Maritime Provinces were invaded in 1900; later on branches were opened at Hamilton and Calgary.

Considerateness is one of Mr. Mc-Clary's characteristics, and he is generous almost to a fault, but not ostentatious. He gives liberally, and rarely in a manner that makes the giving known to any but the receiver. Kindnesses done unexpectedly and in a quiet way have endeared him to many who had no reason to expect from him anything more than cold justice. His spare moments are spent in quiet amusements. Cards, checkers, and other games, with congenial company, are enjoyed as a relaxation from the problems of business. But business is, after all, closest to his heart, together with those of his immediate circle, his own family and the ones who have been associated with him in a long and vigorous career. Sixty years is the record of one person in Mr. McClary's employ. There are many who can boast of thirty to forty years of service, while in the twenty-year class the number could be counted by the score.





Musical Awakening in Canada

Illustrated by a résumé of the work of certain choral societies in the City of Toronto

By KATHERINE HALE

IT is not a thing of to-day, or yesterday, the musical awakening of Canada. Like all great movements, it has crept upon us slowly, and arrived before we were actually aware of its coming.

Do we as Canadians realise the significance of the fact that we are a young nation to have arrived at the point of serious musical interpreta-

Truly, we have to consider the weight of our musical inheritance, which is not slight, and the matter of geographical position, which means much, for the northern nations have always been the deepest thinkers,

musically.

The north always breeds mystics, and before we are entirely given over to sunshine, in the course of geographical evolution, it is to be hoped that our Beethoven and our Wagner will appear to turn into mighty tone our prairies, and gardens, and sea-

line, and vast hills.

At present we have nothing to show from the creative standpoint in music. We are still dumb. But not dead, for the awakening is upon us, and we have passed from the first age of imitation and crudity into the age when, from one end to the other of our vast Dominion, musical expression is an absolute necessity. And not expression alone, but the finest expression that we can attain.

This, I think, has been fully proved by the existence among us of a band of singers who can give that vast choral work—the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven—to an assemblage of musical critics in New York—the musical centre of the new world—with such perfection as to evoke an unexampled enthusiasm. Toronto is, indeed, known abroad as the "Choral Capital" of America.

The success of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto—the germ of its success—lies largely, I believe, in the herculean enthusiasm of its conductor, Doctor A. S. Vogt, who has pricked Canada in her most vulnerable spot, and shown that nervous energy, backed by confidence and precision, is the elixir of life, which we need in

art as in enterprise.

Dr. Vogt stands out in the vanguard of our national music to-day as its most conspicuous figure. Nearly all Canadian choral unions are shadowed by the perfection of the Mendelssohn Choir, and as the Mendelssohn Choir proceeds to develop, and in the way it develops, will follow, in individual fashion, the destinies of some dozen or more Canadian choirs.

But the recent meteoric career of choir singing in Canada could never have been accomplished in the manner and the time that it has, had it not been for another figure who came before, who was the maker and pathfinder of choral singing in Canada— Dr. Torrington, of the Toronto Col-

lege of Music.

When times were early and dismal, and most forlorn from a musical standpoint, when the early French influence had died away, and the dreaded middle period that always occurs in the art life of a young nation had appeared, when most churches distrusted organs, when singing schools with a local "teacher" howled "glees" with unholy glee. when Halifax was sound asleep, and Montreal was indifferent, when Winnipeg and Vancouver were not, and Toronto was struggling on its feet. then Dr. Torrington slowly began the building of an organised music in Canada. He worked against fearful odds, and he conquered. So that he is our grand old man, and when for the twenty-fifth time the "Messiah" was conducted by him last December, and Massey Hall was filled tier upon tier with enthusiastic friends, and civic honours and the good-will of his musical confreres was tendered him, one could not but realise that here was a vital moment in the history of music in Canada.

I shall present various events in the musical season of Toronto, not considering them as all-inclusive, but merely as distinctive phases of our development. News comes to us from the east, and from the middle and far west, and from various centres in Quebec and Ontario, of oratorios, cantatas, operas, and concerts, which show how busy the present musical season has been from Halifax to Van-

couver.

In Toronto, which is the musical centre of Canada at present, we have had a series of concerts by local organisations, showing an immense range in material and style. So liberal indeed has been the home supply of music, that but few foreign artists have been brought to Toronto for concert or recital work. At the time of writing, only the visits of Madame

Calve, Paderewski, DePachmann, Hambourg and Madame Nordica, are recalled. With our choral societies, many eminent artists have appeared.

By all means the most important musical movement in Toronto in the past two years has been the establishment of a permanent local orchestra, which takes the name of the Toronto Conservatory Symphony Orchestra, and is organised and conducted by

Mr. Frank S. Welsman.

The first concert of this, the second season for the orchestra, showed an increase, both in volume and balance of tone. The fact that such numbers as the Beethoven Symphony No. 2, and the Saint-Saens Concerto in G Minor, were presented with ease, and with genuine delight to the listener, proved that this orchestra is already a factor to be counted on in musical Canada. we can establish a Canadian orchestra which will develop into the doing of big things; if we can get weekly symphony concerts; if Canadian cities will take into account the importance of orchestral work to music; the way good or bad orchestral music tinges the whole musical life of a community, the possibility for education, and the understanding of the serious literature of great composers which an efficient orchestra alone can give, our place among the musical nations of the world will become a thing of possibility indeed.

The Beethoven Sympony No. 2 was the prelude to the winter's music, for me, and as that infinitely sweet and sighing body of tone came welling up through the great spaces of Massey Hall, satisfying, pure, and perfect, one felt that the breath of a new freedom was sent, loose-winged, out into the world. There is that about our new orchestra, a small perfection, a quiet steadiness and balance, that gives a real sense of permanence.

Dr. Albert Ham gave the first choral concert of the season, with the assistance of the Damroch Orchestra of New York, presenting as his chief work, on the first night, Coleridge-Taylor's delightful contata "The Death of Minnehaha; and Sir Hubert Parry's setting of Browning's "Pied Piper of Hamelin" on the second

evening.

A balance of fine tone and the ability to perform the quality of music attempted is the result of Dr. Ham's choral work. He chooses picturesque subjects rather than those which are directly informative, and so leaves impressions which are genuinely agreeable with the average musician. And are not audiences, and masses of people as a rule, composed of average musicians? It is one of the great factors of importance in a musical country that various conductors should cater to varying kinds of audiences.

The Northern poem of Hiawatha makes an interesting study musically: we see the frozen forest, with crackling twigs, and the bright, dry starlight overhead, feel the savage, lonely hunger of the famine, when "forth into the empty forest rush the maddened Hiawatha." The Indian music, with its harmony, which is built chiefly on variety of rhythm-complex, elaborate, changing rhythm makes the form of song to flash before the eye, and gives the mind a picture, as well as the ear. The cries, the silences, the sudden holding back of Time, all made the legend of Hiawatha memorable. So, too, with the quick-hurrying, crowded lines of "The Pied Piper"-always a perfection of detail that was noticeable also in the lighter undertakings of the choir.

Mr. Sherlock, with the Oratorio Society in the cantata "Joan d'Arc," deserves congratulation, for he alone proved what could be done by Canadians alone, without outside orchestral assistance. The Toronto Conservatory Symphony Orchestra united with the Oratorio Society and got a fine ensemble.

Historically, the theme of Joan d'Arc is the most compelling in the annals of womanhood; dramatically it has been the fascination and the overthrow of generations of playwrights; musically Gaul has approached its mystery, and almost touched it, in his cantata. The music is not complex, but it is suggestive. And as, against the clamour of intrigue and battle, we get the sweet, ethereal quality of "The Voices," and the subtle contrast again between the unearthly nature of massed feminine voices in high pitch, where personality is all lost, and the effect of one quality of soprano in the character of Joan, the opposition of human and divine forces is marked.

Herr A. Wilhelmj, the son of the late distinguished violinist, is teaching singing in Ontario, and it was under his direction that scenes from grand opera have been presented in several places, his offering being the first that we have had in Canada of Humperdinck's charming "Hansel and Gretel."

The week of the Mendelssohn Choir concerts in Toronto has become a sort of general festival, when it would seem that the whole town—like an over-excited village—was hurrying en masse to the great Hall, when street cars are impossible, and carriages hard to obtain, when suburban trains come into town laden with musical pilgrims, and many a friendly American gets his first sight of Canada as a representative of his journal or musical club or college.

And those who crowd into the starry, glittering Hall, which is for a moment the centre of musical Canada, what do they bring away from all the lauded perfection of which they have heard? Only hints, images, outlines, perhaps, in the brief, crowded hours, but images and outlines of the gigantic forms of such works as the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, of the Brahms Requiem, or some tremendous masterpiece of Bach or

Richard Strauss or Grieg. Forms which have been presented in the full body and majesty of tone, and whose wavering images, that remain, will colour forever the musical perspective of hundreds of listeners, and give to hundreds of others that thing itself of which they never knew before, a sense of perspective: of relative values in music.

I need not deal in programmes, and the phrases of musical critics. Those who read this article have heard, or will hear some day, the best choir in Canada. As the last vibrations of such music ceases, it is as if a great army with banners had gone by.

That such work is sustained in our midst, and that we crowd forth to hear it, is not to say that we are ambitious or wonderful, but merely that we have awakened musically to a desire for the best things in this art, as we desire the best in litera-

ture or painting.

The Elgar Choir of Hamilton, under the baton of Mr. Bruce A. Carey. is doing remarkable work in unaccompanied part singing. The members number ninety-nine, and they lie safely within the fold of musical ability. The quality of tone they produce is pure and exceedingly refined. It is evidently the conductor's intention to build upwards from a perfection in small effects. Some of these effects, especially in the "Dirge of Darthula," with ancient words from Ossian and the quiet sonority of Brahms' setting, recall the restraint and spiritual quality of a drama by Yeats. It is in this essentially modern movement of restraint and mystery—an appeal to the soul rather than the senses-that the Elgar Choir excels and will excel.

The cultivation of great music in Canada has been of vast commercial value to the country, as well as of educational and artistic value. What of its moral force? In Toronto, Mr. H. M. Fletcher is the conductor of two bands of singers, the Schubert Choir and the People's Choral Union, numbering nearly five hundred m mbers in all. This year the Schubert Choir presented such works of Max Bruch's "Roman Obsequies," Gounod's Motette "Ave Verum," and Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's Irish Cantata, "Phandrig Crohoore," assisted by the Pittsburg Orchestra, with Emil Paur as conductor.

To train two separate Choirs in entirely different work is no small task. And whence came these singers? Chiefly _rom out of the business world; from the foundries, factories and big departmental stores. Fletcher takes hold of that vast chaotic mass of people who love music, with the elemental passion of all humanity. and know nothing about it-absolutely nothing. He teaches his singers sight reading in half a dozen lessons. He lectures them on the rudiments of tone - building, harmony, and musical construction, and leads them on through simple part songs to the deathless work of Gounod or Schubert.

And what do we get? A clerk whistling Carmen? A shop girl humming Grieg under her breath? A charwoman hurrying from pots and pans to a choir rehearsal?

If so, we are laying a glorious foundation for musical Canada.

I believe that in little and large places, all over this land there is, to-day, a renaissance of feeling as regards every form of art. Musically, in every place where choirs and choir leaders, where musical clubs and kindred organisations are doing vital work, which is coupled with enthusiasm, the awakening is upon us, and, as in commercial life, the future of Canada is assured.

A Trio of Early Western Journals

By R. G. MACPHERSON

WESTERN journalism has now developed into such considerable proportions that the time of its early struggles is fast being forgotten. For a very few it still remains a memory full of incidents which through the perspective of time look sufficiently amusing, but which, while they were passing, were met with the most intense sincerity. Perhaps there is nothing in the whole life of a nation which is better calculated to illustrate the amusing side of the exigencies of business and policy than the history of its organs of publicity and public opinion. It is my intention to record a few of the scenes of the journalistic drama of those early times, and in order to do so I have fixed upon the first chapters of the three publications which marked the consecutive steps in the westward march of the forces of newspaperdom across the prairies from Old Ontario to the Rocky Mountains. And one feature which gives fitness to the selection of these three journals is the fact that they respectively marked also the beginnings of journalistic activity in what are now the three prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The foundation of western journalism was laid in the Red River Settlement with the establishment of the Nor' Wester, the first issue of which appeared on the 28th December, 1859. As there was no Winnipeg then, one

naturally asks what circumstances existed to justify a newspaper. But business was good between this settlement and St. Paul, and the little steamer Anson Northup had lately been chartered, by enterprising American merchants, to ply upon the river. The year which brought the steamer brought the newspaper, though the latter came too late in the fall to be brought in by water.

The founders of the Nor' Wester, William Buckingham (of the Globe) and William Coldwell (of the Toronto Leader), brought their outfit of paper, type and press by ox-team from St. Paul, and after an agonizing journey over the old Crow Wing Trail arrived at Fort Garry on November 1st. Two months more elapsed, and during Christmas week the first issue appeared: a four-page weekly, twelve inches in length by fourteen in width, and costing sixpense a copy, or twelve shillings a year, though this was soon reduced to ten shillings.

The partnership of the two editors lasted only a year—Buckingham returning east—but Coldwell remained with the Nor'Wester until 1865, when, on account, no doubt, of having lost his interest in the concern by fire, he too returned to Toronto. The Nor' Wester, however, with the financial assistance of Dr. Schultz—afterwards Sir John Schultz—continued publication until 1870.

In this year Coldwell again return-

ed west, and because of the interest of the sequel, we may be pardoned for dwelling upon his next venture. His intention was to found the Pioneer, but just as he arrived Riel rose in his first revolt, and when the outside pages of the first issue were printedfavouring, of course, the McDougall régime-Riel issued an order forbidding its appearance "until peace is restored." The office of the Pioneer was practically seized, and Coldwell gladly sold out to Major H. M. Robinson, who undertook to publish The New Nation in the Riel interests. And then did actually occur that strange phenomenon of a newspaper riding at once two political horses which were travelling in opposite directions, for the pages of the Pioneer, already printed on the outside, were now used, on the inside, for publishing the first issue of The New Nation, advocating a policy diametrically the reverse. Riel, however, ordered the destruction of the edition, and the issue of a second edition with the same pages of The New Nation, and two others to replace those of the Pioneer. But one copy at least of the "half-breed" was preserved, and is now in the possession of the Provincial Library of Manitoba.

Interesting as that number is, it is scarcely more so than that of a few weeks later-March 4th-which contained Riel's own account of the Scott tragedy, but, like its predecessor, this too was immediately suppressed, an eminent ecclesiastic deeming it expedient that it should not be published. The whole impression was accordingly destroyed, and the next edition which appeared was uniform with the last, except that new matter filled the space occupied by the account of Scott's death. But how strange the irony of fate. In the possession of the Provincial Librarian there is a copy of the suppressed edition, whilst the authorized edition is no where to be had.

The New Nation lasted about eight

months, terminating with the arrival of Sir Garnet Wolseley.

Leaving Winnipeg, which during the next three decades was both the birthplace and graveyard of several notable journalistic ventures, we proceed along the line of the survey made by the Mackenzie Government for the Canadian Pacific Railway, to Battleford, which, in 1874, had been proclaimed capital of the Northwest Territories. Here, in 1878, Mr. P. G. Laurie established the Saskatchewan Herald.

Mr. Laurie was one of the most interesting newspaper men whom Western Canada, at least, has ever known. Far-seeing, optimistic, poetical but extremely practical, he wielded a pen of great power, and impressed his personality upon all who knew him. Far out on the prairie plains, without any of his loved profession near with whom he might neighbour, or be at rivalry, he bravely set his little press to work. There was no Portage la Prairie or Brandon then, and no mention had ever been made of Calgary or Regina.

The Herald—Vol. 1, No. 1, dated 25th August, 1878—was a bi-weekly, fourteen inches by ten in size, and costing two dollars a year. In the first issue there is a poem by the editor, which he has named "The Herald's Song." One verse:

"And perchance in the long, long future, Ere the star of my life goes down, I shall know this land shines the brightest Of the gems in the British crown."

It reads pathetically enough now, for Mr. Laurie passed to his reward just three years ago, on the eve of the long-delayed realisation of his bright dreams, and when, after more than a quarter of a century of waiting, the sound of the railway train was, for the first time, approaching the ancient capital.

The eighth volume of the Herald is of special historic value. It gives the editor's first hand account of the events of the second Riel rebellion,

especially as they happened in the neighbourhood of Battleford, which was one of the storm centres and the scene of Poundmaker's depredations. During the struggle Mr. Laurie ran his paper as regularly as possible, and at the same time served on the Home Guards.

The genesis of the Edmonton Bulletin is of unusual interest. The construction of the telegraph line along the Mackenzie survey had not quite reached Edmonton when, in 1878, the Government was defeated, and instantly the constructors ceased work. Mr. Alex. Taylor, now Postmaster of Edmonton, was operator at Hay Lakes, the last established office, and, going out into the woods, he found the coil of wire where it had been dropped by the workmen, and threw it into Hay Lake for his base circuit. Soon after, paying a visit to Edmonton, he was requested to complete the line, and a subscription of one hundred and eight-seven dollars was made to assist. With the line completed, the young city was athirst for news, and Mr. Taylor made arrangements with an operator in Winnipeg for a weekly budget, of which he himself undertook to make five copies: one for the Bishop of St. Albert, one for the chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, a third for the commandant of the Mounted Police at Fort Saskatchewan and another for the public, to be posted as a bulletin on the door of the Hudson's Bay store. This arrangement was satisfactory until the spring of 1880, when the general election was held in England and Mr. Gladstone was returned to power. The Winnipeg operator was enthusiastic. A detailed report, full of Welsh names, difficult to spell and hard to copy, was the result. Mr. Taylor was over-

Just at this opportune moment Mr. Frank Oliver-now the Minister of the Interior—dropped into the office. He had seen service on The Globe and the Manitoba Free Press. Taylor, from the midst of his copy, sighed for the establishment of a paper and declared that he had seen a press advertised in Philadelphia for four dol-Oliver liked the idea, and twenty-one dollars was got together to pay the duty and freight. Being in Winnipeg, Oliver secured the press, and Mr. Luxton, then of the Free Press, presented the type. Oliver returned triumphant. But when they were about to issue they discovered that large type for the head title had been overlooked. Taylor was equal to the occasion, however, and cut the word Bulletin out of a chip of birch, and this heading the paper carried until. after several issues, a new one in type was donated by Mr. Laurie of the Saskatchewan Herald.

The first issued appeared on December 5th, 1880, and the size of its pages was six and a half inches by five. It ran for eighteen consecutive weeks during the winter and was then discontinued, as its editors found more profitable employment. seventy-two pages of the first volume form a dainty booklet when bound, but few complete copies are now extant. In its second year the Bulletin was slightly enlarged, but was still smaller than the first volume of even

the Herald.

Of the three journals with which we have principally dealt, the Nor' Wester is long since defunct; the Herald is still published and, though increased in size and circulation, is still a weekly, and since its founder's death possesses only the embers of its former fire; the third, the Bulletin, is now a vigorous daily, and, since Edmonton has become the capital of Alberta, it too has grown in importance and is now one of the influential magazines of the West.



The Modern Acadia

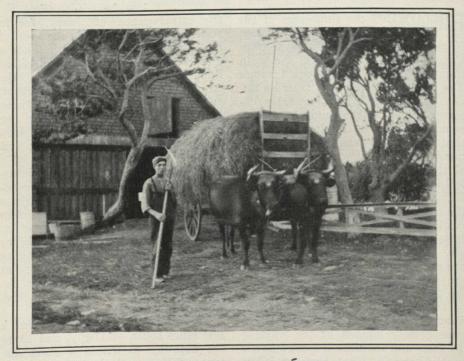
By NEWTON MACTAVISH

FOLLOWING the sinuosities of the eastern shore of St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia, from Belliveau's Cove almost down to Yarmouth, the main highway curves in and out through The Modern Acadia, and from its elevations the wayfarer frequently observes scenes of transcending pastoral beauty. It was on this attractive shore that an asylum was first found, one hundred and fifty years ago, by many of the Acadians who had the temerity, following their expulsion, to return to British territory, and it is there that their descendants now live in all the rustic simplicity and primitive comforts of a contented, unambitious people. A stranger in this land, one who has some appreciation of the spirit of the environment, passes along with the uncanny sensation that he is likely to encounter a will o' the wisp Evangeline, or about to discern in some comely maiden of the wayside the form and features of Longfellow's angelic heroine. That, however, is but

the extravagance of fancy, for in reality the place affords in most of its outward aspects little that has a marked resemblance to the place, as Longfellow describes it, where the Acadians had their first settlement, on the shore of the Basin of Minas. But an occasional well-sweep or the yard arms of a fishing sloop looming up against the sapphiric sky adds to the attractiveness of a scene already uncommonly picturesque, while the presence at the roadside of a cleric in monkish garb, a yoke of oxen in working gear, a group of beshawled matrons gossiping towards the church at vesper bells, or in the meadows the glint of swinging scythes, gives assurance that here at least there has not been a wide departure from the ways of the fore-

This remnant of Acadia begins a few miles south of Digby, and along the highway to within a short distance of Yarmouth the houses are distributed closely enough to give the appearance of a continuous village. St. Mary's Bay lies on one side and the back country on the other side. Across the Bay, which is perhaps a mile wide, there is a narrow strip of land, sometimes called Digby Neck, dividing St. Mary's Bay from the Bay of Fundy. To look across the bay, across the neck and beyond, to where the sun is setting at the far horizon, affords at times an entrancing spectacle, a diffusion of purples and yellows and grays that is not often excelled in extravagance of pictorial beauty or atmospheric quality. The houses are surrounded by old-fashioned gardens, and an idea of the age of the settlement may be formed by an inspection of the apple orchards, where the trees stand invariably gnarled and twisted with age. Few new trees are to be seen, and because of that the impression is received that the people are not throbbing with enterprise.

While close proximity to English settlements has caused in some measure the adoption of modern ideas in such things as house-building, roadmaking and personal adornment, there is still a clinging to those primitive methods of husbandry that possess more of the charm of quaintness than of the force of utility. It is not an uncommon thing to see a whole family, consisting of father, mother and several children, all out making hay with one rack and one yoke of oxen. To a person accustomed to more progressive ways, a spectacle of that kind, with strong bodies bending over scythes on the long, flat stretches out towards the shore, arouses feelings akin to amazement. And yet it is a charming spectacle. Hay is the staple par excellence of this community, and indeed without hay the people would be in a sorry plight. Fish provide food, and are as well a merchantable commodity; but the sea seems to depend much on the farm and the farm



FARM SCENE AT POINTE L'EGLISE

likewise on the sea, with the result that the return from either source is by no means overwhelming. Appreciation of tourist travel is awakening, and already the shrewd housewife sets a bucket of clams on the front gatepost, in the hope that some one in passing will stop and offer her ten cents for it.

She is a simple, confiding person, this descendant of the early Acadians, and if opportunity occurs she will say that with them there is everything but money. Money rarely passes through their hands, and that is one reason why a small sum looms big in their sight.

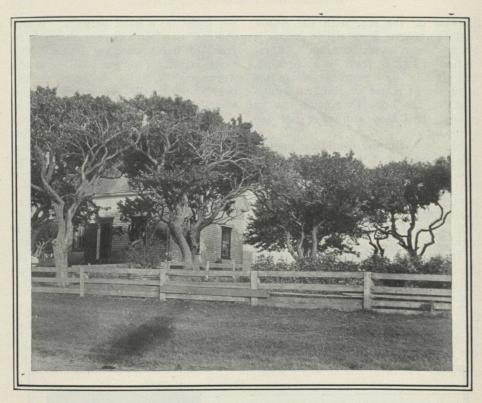
Ten cents for a bucketful of clams! And if the seller should receive five cents extra for a paper bag to carry them in she will be quite beside herself with gratitude and self-congratulation. She would sell also a large, pink-lined shell, with the roar of the sea ever-present inside, and she would

not insist on a hard bargain. When she saw us stop with our cameras in front of her abode, she immediately came out with a toy windmill of crude workmanship, which she posed on the post opposite the clams. Then she went inside and placed in the window a glass bottle that contained some object that surely could not have been forced through the neck. Having satisfied herself with this ornamentation, she came out again on the chance that we might wish to buy the clams. We did wish to buy, and with that the good woman unfolded a tale of domestic life that presented certain attractive phases, but which to her meant nothing more than a series of commonplaces, a never-changing monotony, a sure and unrelenting obliv-

"I came here," she said, using a little English and more French, "and married this man, whose first wife died and left him with six little child-



AN OLD HOUSE IN The Modern Acadia



OLD APPLE TREES IN The Modern Acadia

ren. Now we have three more. And I work, work, work, in the field, in the house, at the hay, at the churn—all day long. I don't often see any money. Only the rich have horses here. We have none. It must be so nice to live in the city. I have a sister. She went to the States. She has a lovely position there and makes lots of money—six dollars a week. Sometimes she sends a little over to us."

She had no old dishes to sell, and it is safe to say that if she had had any the sight of money would have brought them forth. But across the way, at the rich man's house, one might find something of the early potters' wares that the inquisitive collectors had not discovered. An inconsequent jug was all the rich man's house could boast of, and even the rich man was not unwilling to part from it on consideration of a small payment.

How curious was this primitive idea of the constitution of wealth! The place gave no evidence of affluence, and indeed nothing could be seen there but those things that are usually regarded as the bare necessities of life. All of the houses that we visited showed a lack of interior decoration, but there were on the other hand some home-like comforts that were becoming and in good form. Scarcely one of the habitations of the first settlers remains, but there are the old apple trees, gnarled and twisted, making known that they have seen more than one generation. The houses now are mostly built of wood, and in appearance they are much the same as the frame houses of other rural parts of Canada, except the typical farm house of the Province of Quebec. One of the houses interested us exceedingly, because just under the front gable.



A MODERN ACADIAN HOUSE, WITH A CLOCK IN FRONT GABLE

in place of a window, an old-fashioned clock told off the hours to the passersby. The photograph of which a reproduction is presented herewith shows the house and the clock.

The person wishing to visit this modern Acadia should leave the Dominion Atlantic Railway at Wevmouth, which is situated a few miles below Digby, on the way from Halifax to Yarmouth. Weymouth is in itself a singularly inviting hamlet, having all the allurements of a tidal stream and that remoteness from the common, congested channels that gives flavour and piquancy to its whole bearing. There a conveyance can be procured, something rather different from the ox-cart that is a usual adornment of the winding village street. Going southward the road runs almost parallel with the shore line, and in its ramblings passes an

occasional saw-mill and crosses an occasional stream. Advice is given to drive on to Pointe L'Eglise, which is the centre of the whole community, the spot towards which all eyes turn. If the visitor should attempt to converse in French with any one whom he might casually meet on the road he would find that certain forms of expression are used there that are not countenanced in the academies and that are not heard even among the habitants of the Province of Quebec. They mix the tenses and numbers of verbs with rare unconcern, and instead of saying j'ai for I have, they use the plural form j'avons. Therefore, a sentence such as j'en ai un peu (I have a little) is rendered j'en avons un peu.

All eyes turn towards the church, for the church is the centre of the social and religious life of the parish.

In the same grounds with the church are the presbytery, where the priests reside, a convent and the College of St. Anne. The structures themselves are not so imposing as those of most Roman Catholic parishes of equal importance with that of Pointe L'Eglise but they are large and well built, and for the people they are a source of pride and satisfaction. The church contains a huge rug that is peculiarly interesting. It was made by hand by the women of the congregation, and is really a superb sample of native handicraft. The pile is about an inch thick, and it is safe to say that no other church in Canada contains a more excellent floor covering. The design embraces the fleur de lys and heart, and forms a very pleasing device.

The college usually accommodates about a hundred pupils. There are various grades, from the primary

classes to the classics, and preparation is made there also for those who purpose to enter the priesthood. The discipline is very rigid, and the pupils are trained in obedience and humbleness with the same seriousness as they are schooled in grammar or arithmetic. The result is very marked in the bearing and behaviour of the pupils. There is not at this college any appearance of the rant and bombast that is so apparent in most of the Protestant colleges of the West, and the doffed hat in passing either an elder or a stranger, and the general polite demeanour, speak much for the effectiveness of the system. The pupils are not even allowed to sleep unattended in the dormitories. Individual beds are supplied, row upon row across the room, while at one end, apart from the others, sleeps a priest whose duty it is to keep order.

But the church is above all other



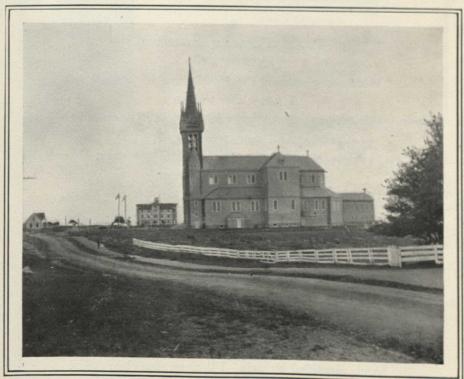
"AN OCCASIONAL WELL-SWEEP"

things the pièce de résistance. It stands at the head of everything, having first place in the minds of the priests and first place in the hearts of the people. Little heed is given to what goes on outside the parish, and Halifax and St. John are far-away ports. Even with the priests, Montreal and Quebec, which are regarded as the great fountains of Roman Catholicism in the Dominion, are in the dim, uncertain distance, and for any of them to visit either place would be the event of more than one lifetime.

The name of one man is stamped indelibly upon this serene community—the Abbé Sigogne. It was the Abbé Sigogne who ministered to their spiritual and bodily welfare at a time when the people were in sore need of a comforter and a guide, and his influence is still felt throughout the whole of Clare county. In all the his-

tory of Acadia or of the Acadians his figure is perhaps the most noble and the most picturesque. This faithful servant of God, in the writings that he has left, gives some idea of the condition in which he found the returned Acadians in 1799. "In their forlorn condition," he writes, "as I found them, they were like sheep left to themse'ves, without law, almost without religion, victims of any schemer who took notice of them rather for the sake of their money than for their real interest. As for the rest of their English neighbours, they paid no attention to them. They were ignorant in the extreme, a great object of commiseration, especially for one who, like me, took the office as their pastor."

Although it is sixty years since Père Sigogne passed away, the upcoming generations are taught to revere his name, and there is as well a



THE CHURCH AT POINTE L'EGLISE

fitting outward monument to his memory. The College, in front of which the reverend father's ashes rest, is, next to the church, the most important institution within the eye and compass of the people who support it. To appreciate the character of the Abbé Sigogne one must imagine him, alone at night in an open boat, pulling against wave and tide, out from the unsheltered, wind-swept point, in order to carry comfort and atonement to some soul in distress; standing as interpreter between his people and the Government; acting as priest, governor, notary and physician; or boiling eggs over his own fire and handing them out to the little children, who ran to him as if to a father.

So we find the Acadians of Pointe L'Eglise to-day — a peaceful, contented and, in a measure, prosperous people. They have but little concern about the outside world, for, as yet, the outside world has shown but little concern in them. They attend strictly to their religious duties, and pursue their common aims with fortitude and sincerity. To them the memory of *Père* Sigogne is a guide and an inspiration, while the big church spire, standing high and imposing above the skyline, is as well their "Craig Ellachie."

Sanctification by Pain

By

CHARLES LELAND ARMSTRONG

What though among the Phillistines, in bondage,

I tarry and toil on;

What though the clouds of doubt and ill enshroud me

And hope seem gone?

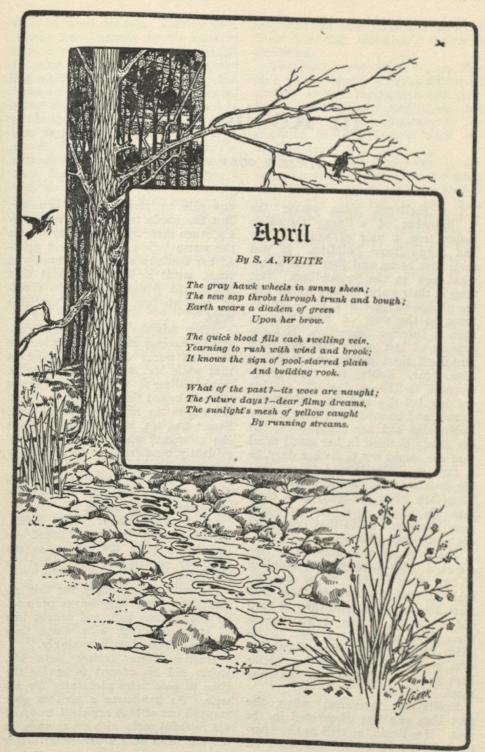
I know, as the long days and nights drag by,

So I but play my part,

I'll 'suage this passing pain and feel thy lips again,

Dear heart, dear heart.

What though inglorious 'scape be offered me,
My misery to end;
What though my heart grow faint and weak within me,
Sans pity and sans friend?
I fight through doubt and dark and pain that 'fold me;
So, tempered by the smart,
And, sanctified by pain, I'll clasp thee close again,
Dear heart, dear heart!



In Robin Time

By ETHEL G. CODY STODDARD

N a sheltered place among the branches of a large Canadian maple tree, a pair of young robins had begun house building. It was their first home, and they were somewhat new to the proceedings. But deep in their warm breasts lay the full knowledge of just how to do everything in the way of home-making, even to interior decoration. Remembrances of last year's care-free days tantalised them during this building time. Mr. Robin was frequently tempted to take a day off, and do nothing but dip and fly, and stretch worms, and be supremely happy. Mrs. Robin also had her temptations, but she firmly decided in her small mind that she would try to do her duty, be it ever so difficult; and to see that her handsome spouse did the same. Therefore when a flightly look came into his bright eyes, she promptly gave him work to do that demanded his undivided attention.

The baby-leaves in this maple tree watched with interest the building of the robin's nest. Those close by told all that occurred to those who were farther away, and they in turn did the same. Thus it was passed throughout all the tree, even to the giddy babies on the topmost branches who seemed to love nothing better than to frolic all day long with the wind.

Excitement prevailed when the first blue egg was discovered in the nest. Mr. Robin, as well as the nearby baby-leaves, cocked his head on

one side to view the new wonder. But the whole tree rustled with gossip, when three balls of sky lay within the warm hollow. Mrs. Robin pruned her feathers and gazed proudly at them, while it became evident that henceforth honours would be divided between her mate and the blue eggs.

After this the nest was kept constantly covered and warm. It became an open secret with the baby-leaves that while Mr. Robin appeared to be quite willing to do his share, he was more awkward than his wife in fitting himself to the roundness of the nest. Sometimes, too, he grew uneasy when she remained away longer than he evidently considered to be absolutely necessary.

"Poor dear, no doubt his long legs do get tired," said some of the more sympathetic baby-leaves.

"But what about Mrs. Robin, doesn't she get tired too?" asked one leaf larger than the others, as she carefully picked out the points on her skirt.

No reply being ready for this remark, the other baby-leaves pretended not to hear her, and caught bits of stray sunshine, with which they adorned themselves becomingly.

During these trying days Mr. Robin did his utmost to enable the time to pass more pleasantly for his wife. As handsome a bird as ever stepped out of blue egg-shell, he loved his faithful mate with every atom in his red drop of a heart—even better

than he loved himself. Perched in a nearby tree (usually on the topmost branch, which he could easily swing) he sang out the day and welcomed the night with his clear warble. His "swe-e-e-t, chire-e chire-e" floated along through the air, and seemed to outdo the neighbour robins, who were also trying to sweeten the atmosphere. Then, at the first wane of the afterglow, he would ruffle every feather, flip his saucy tail, and with a wide detour, finally nestle among the baby-leaves near the little home. And, when night settled down over the land, all was quiet in the big maple

The baby-leaves long remembered one evening in particular. It had rained a soft warm wetness all afternoon. Just before sunset Mr. Robin sought his high perch and commenced his carol. The rain ceased suddenly, and the clouds disappeared as if brushed aside by an unseen hand. The sun, half-dipped in the west, threw a parting kiss straight up to the robin, while its rays did not reach anything below him. There he sat, a round red ball of sweet music, lit up by the golden light. The babyleaves near him caught bits of light on their wet lashes and made a sparkling ring. In the home tree, the babyleaves rustled with delight at this sight, and even Mrs. Robin seemed not unappreciative of the pretty scene.

One day, through some miscalculation on the part of the young couple, both were away from the nest at the same time. Immediately three scrappy and inquisitive sparrows arrived on the scene, and proceeded to investigate the nest. The two boldest balanced themselves impertinently on the edge and looked down at the eggs, with anything but peace and goodwill in their beady eyes.

"Let's pick the shells," said one.
"A good idea," said another, as he
twisted his head to see if anyone was
coming.

"That will settle their housekeep-

ing, and we can have the pick of their building material," chattered the third.

The baby-leaves cried out in dismay at this, and a distinct flutter of anxiety spread throughout the tree. It even reached the airy babies far above, who stopped splashing in the sunshine, in order to hear what the trouble was about.

The west wind then came to the rescue with a swift gust, knowing that desperate measures were needed to keep the robin's house safe from the daring marauders. Grasping a graceful branch of baby-leaves, it swept them directly across the nest, thereby giving the sparrows such a scare that they hardly waited to fly away, but practically fell out of the tree.

"That was splendid," sang the baby-leaves in chorus, and they bobbed in the wind through sheer delight.

Finally the announcement was sent out that a family had arrived at the robin house. The blue balls were gone—but where?

After this event day-dreams had no place in Father Robin's life. Stern duty and three wide mouths held his entire attention. He and Mother Robin were busy securing tid-bits from dawn till dusk of every day.

The baby-leaves peeped and gossiped over the squirming contents of the nest; this indeed was a queer new family.

"What ugly little things," they said to the north wind, "we don't like them, we wish they would move away."

"Ah, but wait," replied the wind, "they'll not always look like that, they'll soon grow, and from somewhere will procure fine clothes, and become more handsome every day."

"Oh, how odd. Why, we've always been lovely, even from the first day we came," sang a band of babyleaves on a sunny branch, as they teetered in the wind. "We are beauties and will never be ugly."

"Think so?" questioned the wind. "Wait, my dears, I've seen many like you before. All life is much the same. Some there are who obtain a good start; others have a poor show, and, in making the best of it, come out ahead. The robins will fly to other sunny climes when summer is over. But you my little green fellows (and he ticked their toes), your day is in the present, with a bit of the future to come. Wait till my friend Autumn arrives for his regular visit — just wait."

"He must be nice if he is a friend of yours," flattered the baby-leaves. "He's a fine fellow, sure enough, my little ones. You'll all love himfor awhile. He'll bring gorgeous new dresses and suits for every one of you. Then, when you least expect it, his oldest son, one of the Frost boys, will come along and nip your cheeks and curl up all your pretty skirts. Then, ah then-! But I must hurry on," and he tried to escape.

"What then?" called the babyleaves, very much frightened, but anxious to know more. "Do tell us," and they wound their stems around

"Well, my pretty ones, your beauty of which you are now so proud will surely fade, and you'll be as ugly as-the baby robins. Make the best of what you now have little ones; drink in the sunshine and shake off the dust. In your own small field of life, do all you can to make the world bright. And remember, that in the doing of anything, whether great or small, it is for you to do your best. I'll help you all I can," and he blew

"We don't believe a word he says," sang out some saucy topmost leaves. "The south wind never tells things like that, she only speaks of warmth and love, and we'd rather believe

One cloudy, dreary day the east wind blew strong and cold and chilled the rain which fell ceaselessly from

dawn. Father Robin hurried away early in search of the usual breakfast. Time passed and he did not return. Mother Robin grew uneasy and her bright eyes became strained with eager gaze. The east wind mentioned "cats" as he growled by. At this the baby-leaves shuddered, then drew their skirts tighter about them and huddled close together. "Surely," they whispered, "such a thing could never have happened."

Mother Robin at last grew desperate, much as she dreaded to leave her little ones to the mercy of the weather, yet—they must be fed. After first tucking them in as well as she could, she flew away. The baby-leaves tried to give as much shelter to the nest as possible, but the east wind was too strong; it swung them hither and thither. Indeed, some very weak leaf-babies were torn from their mother branch, and compelled to go whirling before the wind, till at last. wet and weary, they cried out their small hearts far from home.

"Have pity!" cried the leaves on

the tree to the east wind.

"Pity," he growled. "No one has pity for me; I'm driven on and on whether I want to or not. Now it's my turn," and he lashed them harder than ever.

"But spare the baby-robins," they wailed as they dripped dolefully. "Can't," muttered the wind.

The baby-robbins soon missed the warm breast of their mother; and as the first sharp cold raindrops fell on their almost naked little bodies, they squirmed with the hurt of it, and huddled closer together.

Back and ever out and back flew Mother Robin, panting with anxiety and a nameless fear which tugged at her heart. Why didn't her mate return-he who was so faithful and willing? She endeavoured to warm the little ones. They shivered and made queer noises; but the wind and rain undid her work during her short absences. Her heart ached for them, but she was doing her best—even a human could not do more.

Shortly before noon she flew in a new direction. On she went till she reached several outlying city back yards. In one she espied a cat under a shed; he eyed her with greedy yellow orbs, and she tried the next yard, when - horrors! What was that? Could it be? Yes, a few red feathers lay scattered on the ground. A faintness came over her, and her limbs seemed unable to hold up her round body. This must surely be the reason why "he" had not returned home. And the babies! She would now have to work harder than ever to keep their hungry little bodies nourished. And how very tired she was! Wearily she flew to a nearby tree, and huddled on a branch among some babyleaves; but they were not her home friends and did not understand. For a long time she crouched there, her body looking like a wet ball on the limb. Dimly she realised how weary and sick at heart she felt, and how cold the wind was, while the rain cut like a knife.

The babies! She stirred feebly at the thought of them, and with an effort she started for home, after first capturing a lively worm; but even its weight seemed to impede her tired flight. Home seemed very far away. Why had she come such a distance? Then across her tiny brain flashed the vision of those few red feathers. Ah. she knew now-it was to discover the reason "why." At length, when her usually strong wings felt as if they could not carry her much farther, she saw the baby-leaves. They were all drooping and looked tired, while they shivered dismally with the cold. Putting forth an extra effort, she hurried on, and almost blindly found the edge of the nest.

But what had happened? There was no movement in the tiny bodies. The three mouths which always opened so wide at her approach were quiet and still. Placing the worm over a twig, she softly touched each small form with a gentle beak. Gradually she realised that the bitter wind and keen rain had torn the life out of her babies. And her mate! Her handsome, sweet-voiced, faithful mate! She clutched the nest's edge, and dropped her head. Her limbs trembled beneath her, and her wings drooped, while her little heart beat almost to suffocation.

Was this life? This what all her hard work, weary waiting and busy days had meant? To end like this?

The wind and rain beat on as before, but what did she care whether she was tired and wet? It didn't matter—now.

The east wind, half ashamed, blew sulkily. As an extra blast came by, a few of the sorrowing baby-leaves, who had watched the baby-robins' lives go out, tore themselves from their branches and fluttered softly down into the nest, completely covering the tiny cold forms within.

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Startled, Mother Robin gazed at what they had done; then she gently tucked the leaves in around the edges. This done, she shook herself free of the wet drops, stretched her wings, and flew away—up under the church tower, where at least there was shelter.

The baby-leaves mourned sadly among themselves, and thought of what the north wind had said.





ESPITE the expressions of goodwill interchanged so lately between the British Sovereign and the German Emperor, and the lessening of hostile newspaper talk, the silent duel between the two nations continues. The naval appropriations of Germany, based on estimates prepared while the Emperor was visiting England and expressing the utmost friendliness towards its institutions and its people, are on a scale vaster than any nation has ever before attempted, and too obviously contemplate the increase of the German navy to a point where it will be second only, and not a bad second, to that of Britain. It remains to be seen how Great Britain will officially view this frank challenge of her position as the first of sea powers, the maintenance of which has been avowedly supposed to depend on the possession by the British navy of a strength equal to that of the two greatest navies controlled by other nations, friendly or unfriendly. The outbreak of sharp criticism consequent on the letter-writing indiscretion of the impulsive Emperor, raging at the moment of writing, will, it is hoped, have assumed a milder aspect before the words are printed.

The immediate effect on England has been to cause an increase in the naval appropriations instead of the decrease so strenuously striven for by the present Liberal Government, and the estimates for the coming year, re-

cently presented to Parliament, call for the enormous expenditure of \$160,000,000, which, however, is still considerably below that of Germany. But Mr. Haldane, War Secretary in the Imperial Government, and by no means a disciple of the laissez-faire or passive policy in matters imperial, has stated plainly his doubt whether Great Britain will be able much longer to bear the terrible financial strain which the maintenance of her relative naval superiority will necessitate, especially if American competition be added to that of Germany.

Without venturing here to discuss the vexed question how far the maintenance of the two-power standard in



"EXPRESS" SPEED

MR. C. ARTHUR PEARSON (new Managing Director of The Times—"I'll make him hum!" —Punch

the past has contributed to the immunity from foreign foes which every part of the Empire has enjoyed for almost a century, it is obvious that the failure to maintain that standard would mean the disappearance of what British statesmen of both parties have long accepted as a vital and essential element of Imperial defence. The situation is full of suggestiveness for Canadians, and must hasten the moment when the Dominion takes a definite position in this all-important matter. Putting aside the larger

Imperial question as to whether Canada has any real interest in the maintenance of the integrity as a whole. though we may have little doubt in our minds on this point, Canadians may well ponder seriously the more selfish thought whether it will be safe much longer to trust the defence of their shores to the forty millions of English, Irish and Scottish people of the United Kingdom.

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Undoubtedly

a growing sense of irritation and resentment at the unsatisfactory position of the Imperial defence problem at the present time. If we are doing our duty in the matter British statesmen should cease to hint or openly urge that we should do more. An attempt should be made to define the position of Canada and Australia in this matter as clearly as are those of the relative parts of the United Kingdom itself. If we are doing less than our duty, as perhaps the majority of us feel, some well-organised effort

should be made to give expression to the sentiment and to devise a plan for levelling up. The people should prompt the Government in such a matter, and the subject should be kept scrupulously out of politics and away from partyism. Does not the situation afford an opportunity for the exercise of the great latent force which has already been found to exist in the splendid chain of Canadian clubs that crosses the continent? What subject could more properly and more profitably be made the theme of con-

sideration by the fine groups of progressive Canadians who compose these clubs than that of Imperial defence and the precise part Canada should play therein?

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The resignation of Dr. Jameson in Cape Colony by Mr. Merriman, supported almost solely by the Dutch element of the colony, leaves three of the four self-governing provinces of South Africa under Dutch control. It is a remarkable outcome of the great war; yet if Imperialism

proves sufficiently elastic to bear the strain for a time we need not fear the ultimate issue. The British flag flies at Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Pretoria, and, after all, the new Premier of Cape Colony is not Dutch but English, and the fact will doubtless modify in some degree at least the racial antagonism that yet retards the advancement of South Africa. In the meantime it must be remembered that Natal and Rhodesia are distinctively British; while there is a British majority in the Transvaal, in spite of



A NEW PLAYTHING FOR THE CZAREVITCH
Port Arthur and the quarreling generals

-Wahre Jacob (Stuttgart)



THE REAL GUARANTIES OF PEACE

-Fischietto (Turin)

the Boer administration. Barely half a century, moreover, has elapsed since the British began to settle in South Africa, while the Dutch have been colonising there for over three centuries. In a few years the tide of immigration from the British Isles, now flowing so plentifully to Canada, and which in the past has fertilised and strengthened the American nationality, will flow to South Africa also, and the British race will gradually come to outnumber and outweigh the Dutch. The South African race of the future will be none the worse for the Dutch elements in its makeup. One may legitimately sympathise a little with those of the English-speaking race who find themselves for the time subordinated in a measure to the rival race, but if these are true to their traditions, it is a situation that will stimulate them to finer efforts and more strenuous achievements.

The outery on the part of the tiny minority of educated or partly educated people of India for a free representative government finds an apt commentary in the tragedy at Lisbon, and the attempted assassination of the Shah in Persia. Portugal and Persia are forcible demonstrations of John

Morley's formula that a system of government applicable to a particular people or race can not be imposed on the universe. Portugal was nominally free, Carlos a constitutional monarch only too anxious to govern on the methods pursued with striking success by Queen Victoria and King Edward, and with good results by their pre-decessors since James II. Suffrage was practically universal, and the people might have what government they would—in theory. But the nation was degenerate and illiterate. The Parliamentary

system has no cure for a canker at the heart. Under a limited monarchy and a representative Parliament, Portugal has been the milk cow of a few thousand greedy politicians. In Persia, too, with a Parliament newly modelled after that of Westminster, constitutional government has proved a farce; a race that has been enslaved for three thousand years cannot leap suddenly to the responsibilities and privileges of free men.

France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, all are Latin nations, and all, like the hybrid Latin-Indian peoples of South America, are alike finding it difficult. whether under the form of republic or monarchy, to work out smoothly the plan of free government patterned in England during a thousand years. In every instance politics in these countries have been in the main deserted by the intellect and worthy of the community. Organised and progressive nations may be trusted to find some way, though not always the happiest of ways, out of the tangle. but in the case of the races which have fallen into a decline or have never reached a state of vigour, Parliamentary government, it is to be feared, can never be made an effective instrument to promote the welfare of the people. Nothing is finer in English politics at the present time than the stand Mr. Morley is taking against the thoughtless agitation for rash and premature changes in India.

One of the most interesting chapters in Dr. Parkin's life of Sir John Macdonald in the "Makers of Canada" series, is that devoted to the making of the Washington treaty of 1872. It was 'the first occasion on which Canada had been directly represented in the making of a treaty, and the responsibility fell on Sir John Macdonald, then Premier of the Dominion. Sir John seems to have been genuinely reluctant to accept the responsibility, yet obviously if Canada of its own will remained unrepresented on the treaty commission it could not consistently complain of what might be the outcome. As we know, the outcome was by no means satisfactory, at least, looking at the matter superficially. British and Canadian questions had been thrown together into the crucible, and, in the

instrument into which they were transformed, some Canadian matters escaped attention altogether, notably that of compensation by the United States to Canada for the damage done by the Fenian raid. Sir John appears to have fought vigorously for the special interest of Canada, but yielded with good grace to the inevitable.

The speech in which Sir John Macdonald unfolded in Parliament the treaty effected as a result of these negotiations is one that shows the Canadiau statesman at his best, and which may be read with advantage by those who to-day are ready on the smallest provocation to denounce Great Britain for its alleged successive

surrenders of Canadian rights, as for instance, was done by the gentleman who, on the floor of Parliament the other day condemned Great Britain for having by the treaty of 1783 with the United States deprived Canada of territory which now includes half a dozen American States and fifteen or eighteen millions of people-with a little more imagination he might have blamed England for the loss of Calais, or even the whole of France. Sir John showed how great was the sacrifice that England had herself made in the interests of peace, and how this sacrifice had been made mainly for the sake of Canada, for how, he asked, could the United States attack Great Britain save in Canada? Canada, therefore, Sir John justly argued, should be prepared also to sacrifice something for the same cause. The arguments advanced by Sir John were on the lines of the loftiest statesmanship, and his concluding remarks were a fine panegyric on the virtues of conciliation and arbitration and a prediction that the



MR. BRYAN FEELS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE HER CHOICE

-Berryman in the Washington Star



A NEW MAN IN OFFICE
Premier Haszard of Prince Edward Island

peaceful settlement of these differences had established a great moral principal among the Anglo-Saxon family which would spread itself over the civilised world. So far as the Anglo-Saxon family is concerned, Sir John's optimism has been justified by the course of events, and it is perhaps too soon to look for larger results. The part played by Canada in the making of the Washington treaty is one of which we may well be proud, instead of regarding it with regret or humiliation, and Sir John Macdonald was the man who personated Canada on that occasion. The volume produced by Dr. Parkin on Sir John Macdonald is, needless to say, an excellent piece of literary work, and is the more interesting because of its being a careful estimate of a famous Canadian by a Canadian who is himself a distinguished figure in many parts of the Empire, particularly in

connection with Rhodes scholarships.

Four recent by-elections in England seem to suggest that the political tide has begun to turn in that country, and as we know, once the tide has turned it frequently runs very fast and very high indeed. Nothing is more conducive to sound and stable government in Great Britain than that admirable swing of the pendulum which unsystematically but periodically passes the sceptre of power from one to the other of the great parties, so that neither party need look to spend more than a few years in opposition. Bye-elections are an uncertain index. vet it must mean something when four important centres so largely modify when they do not actually reverse the verdict of two years ago.

Of the cartoons of the month reproduced in this department, one, taken from the Italian Fischietto gives a continental impression of the friction between Japan and the United States, correct doubtless, so far as its representation of Japan's lack of money is concerned, but hardly so in its view that the United States is restrained by a sense of military inferiority from pushing its differences with Japan; at least we may be sure such a feeling does not exist among the people of the United States. The cartoon from the German paper Wahre Jacob shows the aftermath of the Russo-Japanese war, the most conspicuous feature of which is the passing of the death sentence on General Stoessel, discussed above. Punch's cartoon refers to the Pearson bid for the control of the London Times. which now appears not after all to have been accomplished. Finally, the cartoonist of the Washington Star endeavours to reflect the popular sentiment within the Democratic party concerning Mr. Bryan as a coming Presidential candidate.



Leafless April, chased by light,
Chased by dark and full of laughter.

Stays a moment in her flight
Where the warmest breezes waft
her,

By the meadow brook to lean
Or where winter rye is growing,
Showing in a lovelier green
Where her wayward steps are going.

Blithesome April, brown and warm, Showing slimness through her tatters.

Chased by sun or chased by storm— Not a whit to her it matters. Swiftly through the violet bed Down to where the stream is flood-

ing,
Light she flits—and round her head

See the orchard branches budding!

—Ethelwyn Wetherald.

THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CONVENTION.

THE Ontario provincial convention to discuss prevention and cure of the White Plague was held last month in the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, and showed the increasing interest taken in the fight against this national foe. His Excellency the

Governor-General, whose interest in all matters for the improvement of the community is a shining example to Canadian citizens, came from Ottawa to address the gathering, and Sir William Mortimer Clarke, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, also showed an active interest in the proceedings.

Mrs. P. D. Crerar, of Hamilton, was the only woman speaker on the occasion of the opening meeting, but the feminine half of humanity is always so ably and convincingly represented when the head of the Hamilton Daughters of the Empire delivers an address that woman's place in this work was fully defined. Mention has been repeatedly made in this department of the extent of tuberculosis ravages in this country, but this time it is desirable to dwell on the hopeful side of the modern fight. In the past, our indifference to its awful extent resembled rather the fatalism of the Orient than the bright determination of a young country to be as healthy and wholesome as is possible to germsurrounded humanity.

Mrs. Crerar's hopeful, stimulating views are based on substantial facts—the modern miracles wrought by sunlight, pure air and proper nourishment. The Mountain Sanatorium at Hamilton has already done a cheer-

ing work in proving how many incipient cases are cured by the latest scientific treatment. The experiments in the Adirondacks have resulted so happily as to demonstrate to a continent how mistaken and even cruel was the old policy which regarded a struggle against the White Plague as a useless "flying in the face of Providence." The details of this sanatorium crusade must be woman's charge. Furnishing, equipment, ascertaining those in need of prompt treatment are matters which appeal directly to woman's housewifely instincts and ability. At Hamilton, feminine taste in colour, cleanliness and comfort is generally evident, and throughout Canada the burden of arrangement and equipment will naturally be taken by our women. But the banishment of this dreaded plague is worth any effort and is as fine a form as patriotism can take.

An article in the Home Journal on "Brehmer Rest" at Ste. Agathe, Quebec, shows how the Montreal women are aiding in the suppression of tuberculosis. The closing words of the writer, Elizabeth Griswold Wyacott, are worthy of national consideration. "The economic point of view would take us far on another road for that would touch the inhumanely small wages paid and the long hours, combined with unhygienic environment, that help to create the need for such institutions, but while these conditions remain let us cheerfully make our patriotism ring true and save those whom we can to their homes and to our country by giving assistance when it will yield the best re-

sults."

THE OLD-TIME DANCES.

THE northern part of America has been described as "a continent in a hurry." Compared with the stage-coach days of our forefathers, our ways do not seem either graceful or possessed of repose. We eat, walk, buy, sell and die in a rush which

would have shocked our ancestors. Yet, in our hurly-burly world, there is an occasional revival of the customs of the past which indicates a desire to abandon the ways of haste. It is said that the dainty, poetic dances of long ago are to be the vogue once more, and the less 'graceful cotillion and german are to be voted rompish outworn. The pavane the saraband and the chaconne are now being taught in fashionable London, with an improvement in walk and manner as a consequence. Much more stately and delicate than the modern waltz or deuxtemps are these dances of the day-before-yesterday. Even the most puritanic denouncer of the dance could find nothing to condemn in the picturesqueness of minuet or sarabande. It is to be hoped that the revival will spread to Canadian cities and towns, where social life would take on new charm with the return of those rhythmic old movements.

FEMINISED EDUCATION.

THE President of Clark University, Dr. G. Stanley Hall, has written a forcible article, The Feminisation of Boys, which has appeared in various United States publications. The educational problems of the great Republic are similar to our own, and Dr. Hall's views on the "problem of the American boy" deserve respectful consideration. The writer is of the opinion that boys beyond the kindergarten age have received too much coddling and are in danger of suffering seriously from the lack of stimulating masculine influence.

In an age when corporal punishment is regarded with extreme disfavour such sentiments as the following will arouse much discussion:

"Very often a good sound flogging is the only medicine that will cure an unruly 'only son,' and it needs a man to do the job. They do these things better in England. There boys and girls are rattaned up to the teens by

teachers of both sexes, and for boys especially Dr. Spankster's tonic often works wondrous changes for the better. A good hiding, if well deserved, often wakes a boy up morally and

even intellectually."

This sounds like harsh doctrine. Probably if such treatment had been the youthful portion of Mr. Harry Thaw, the continent of North America would have been spared two disgusting trials. Dr. Hall is of the opinion that we have too many women school teachers. Doubtless we have, but the question is purely economic. The salaries paid to men teachers are not such as to induce men of ambition to enter the profession. Most women teachers would prefer to have classes of girls; but trustees are yet too penurious to provide a more expensive system than co-education. Girls have

a much more satisfactory life in private colleges than in co-educational universities, and it is rather tiresome to have so many educational authorities on the continent talking and writing as if girls were really anxious to attend co-educational institutions and as if women instructors enjoy Dr. Hall teaching boys. may have overstated his case, but the article shows very decidedly which way the educational wind is blowing.

The Winnipeg W. C. C.

Winnipeg and Montreal have the proud distinction of possessing the only women's Canadian Clubs in the Dominion. The capital of Manitoba, according to nume, rous prophecies, will be the largest city of Canada before the middle of the present century. Certainly the way in which it has rushed from a muddy village to a

handsome Western City, throbbing with the vitality of a new province, with illimitable future prosperity, is a record of which all Canada may be proud, for every province of the country had a hand in the making of Winnipeg. Mrs. Sanford Evans, the president of the new club, has a host of friends in Toronto, the home of her girlhood. As Miss Irene Gurney she was known as an extremely talented musician and, unlike too many of her sisters, since her marriage, her devotion to music has been undiminished. Mrs. Evans is a most hearty believer in the great things possible for Central Canada and in the part women may play in developing a strong and sane national spirit. The Winnipeg Women's Canadian Club bids fair to be one of the best-managed organisations in that city.



MRS. W. SANFORD EVANS, President, the Winnipeg Women's Canadian Club

THE DEADLY HAT PIN.

"THE city of Moscow," says the Argonaut, "is after all a civilised city, seeing that the men of that ancient metropolis are suffering just as much as their brothers elsewhere from the deadly hat pin of fashion. A student in a Moscow street car stooped to pick up a lady's reticule, and the lady stooping at the same time, as will sometimes happen, there was a collision and the lady triumphantly bore away the student's eye upon her hat pin. Of course she restored it to him and subsequently extenuated her offence by the plea that the eye must have been already loose, but a succession of such incidents has produced a painful impression, especially upon the sufferers, and now the newspapers are making an appeal to women to discard the panoply of war and to arrest the attention of the sterner sex in some less strenuous way."

THE CULT OF THE MAMMOTH.

A DAINTY bit of a woman, five feet and a fraction, recently surveyed the Spring designs in alarm and exclaimed:

"What do you suppose I shall look like in a gown splashed with immense sunflowers and chrysanthemums and a hat trimmed with huge morning glories? There doesn't seem to be anything that a small woman can wear."

"Don't say a word," retorted the fat person, gazing forlornly at a "draped" skirt, "if the polonaise with a fullness over the hips is about to come in, this is where I beg leave to die. Really, there isn't anything fit for a woman to wear, unless she weighs about a hundred and ten pounds and is nearly six feet tall."

THE HALIFAX EXHIBITION.

THE Local Council of Women in Halifax has recently taken active measures to make the Nova Scotia

Provincial Exhibition a success, in so far as the Department of Women's Work is concerned. Letters have been sent throughout the province, calling attention to the prize list and urging all public-spirited women to assist in making the Domestic Department of the Exhibition as extensive as any other feature. The Exhibition will be held from September 2nd to 10th. and the early preparations of the Halifax Local Council are highly commendable. A successful provincial exhibition is a matter for long and earnest consideration and the Halifax authorities have shown good judgment in enlisting the co-operation of the Local Council of Women.

THE HEALTHY HEROINE.

MR. WILLIAM DE MORGAN has written another book—Somehow Good-which is a great deal more than its title, although not quite so alightful as Joseph Vance. The heroine, Sally, has already been called charming by nearly every reviewer. She is, indeed, a breezy, wholesome sort of young woman with a decided talent for swimming and a store of slang which would make a newsboy envious. Even in the solemn moment when she promises to become the bride of a timid, little doctor who is henpecked by his mother, Sally resorts to such an exclamation as: "What a rum start it all is-the whole turnout!" The writer insists too frequently that Sally is charming, instead of allowing her attractions to enslave the reader. But how very different she is from the old-fashioned heroines who fainted and wept without the slightest provocation! Sally is, no doubt, thoroughly modern and admirably athletic; but some readers will be so perverse as to turn with a kind of homesick longing to the dainty witchery of the Lady Baltimore girl, to say nothing of the coquetry of Beatrix.

Jean Graham.



THE O. S. A. ANNUAL EXHIBITION

THE thirty-sixth annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists revealed nothing of a startling nature, and yet there was evidence of genuine improvement, particularly in the work of the younger artists. On the whole the exhibition was better than what had been seen in the same gallery within recent years, notwithstanding the fact that a number of the most prominent contributors had withdrawn—and some others of our leading artists were not represented at all. But most of those who had withdrawn, or who did not send in

any pictures, had not in recent years offered anything of much importance, reserving for the Royal Canadian Academy the work upon which they had to any extent exerted themselves. The formation of the Canadian Art Club removed such usual contributors as Homer Watson, Curtis Williamson, Edmund Morris and W. E. Atkinson, while St. Thomas Smith, Laura Muntz and Florence Carlyle did not send in anything. One would almost think that the absence of the work of these painters, all of whom are important Canadian artists, would have told severely on the exhibition, but their withdrawal had been gradual,



"SUMMER LANDSCAPE," BY GEORGE CHAVIGNAUD



"BOY"AND DOG," BY F.2S. HAINES Bought for Ontario Government

some being missed last year and more this year, while meantime there had been a saving grace in the form of new blood. Younger artists had been coming in to take the places of those who had been leaving, so that the exhibition on the whole was decidedly creditable. Of course, there was a good representation of the work of veterans, such as G. A. Reid, R. F. Gagen, J. W. L. Forster, E. Wyly Grier, F. McG. Knowles, George Chavignaud, C. M. Manly, O. P. Staples, and the president, F. M. Bell-Smith. Among the contributions by the gentler sex, the names of wellknown artists such as Miss Tully, Miss Wrinch, Miss Hillyard and Miss Haggarty were noted. A picture that was discussed by artists a good deal, although it would not appeal to the average person, was an oil painting of two school girls by Miss Henrietta Shore.

Mr. Reid sent in a number of can-

vasses, but perhaps the most pleasing was the one called "Nasturtiums." One of the best things that Mr. Gagen has shown was a water-colour entitled "A Soft Day in the Grampians." It was a nice composition and full of colour. Mr. Knowles had a pleasing effect in oils called "In Time of Peace," showing a tug and scow at Quebec, with a man-of-war looming up big in the background. Mr. Manly's best piece was a fairly large canvas entitled "Evening on the Conestogo." It was the nicest thing that he had done for some time. The glow of the setting sun, in particular, was happily reproduced. It had been expected that Mr. Challener's removal to the quiet environment of his new home at Conestogo would have resulted in something important from his brush, but all that he was able to send was a very small oil called "The Old Pioneer." It was nevertheless a dainty bit of work.



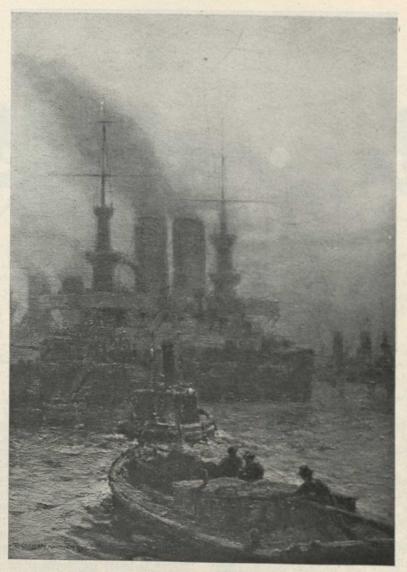
"AUTUMN ON THE PRAIRIES," BY C. W. JEPPERYS Bought for Ontario Government



"A SOFT DAY IN THE GRAMPIANS," BY ROBERT F. GAGEN, A.R.C.A.



"EVENING ON THE CONESTOGO," BY C. M. MANLY, A.R.C.A.



"IN TIME OF PEACE,"
By F. McGillivray Knowles, R.C.A.
Bought for Ontario Government

There is one thing in connection with this annual exhibition that almost goes the length of being ridiculous—the disposition of the Provincial Government's grant of one thousand dollars. This year eight pictures were bought for the Provincial art collection. They certainly were a bargain. Think of it: eight pictures of Provincial importance for \$1,000!

Presumably the purpose of the appropriation by the Government is to encourage art, but surely it is no encouragement to an artist who paints a picture of sufficient importance to hang in a Provincial gallery and to then receive only seventy-five or a hundred dollars for it. It is a very nice thing for an artist to have a painting of his bought for or by the Government, but



"THE RESTLESS DEEP," BY W. CUTTS
Bought for Ontario Government

it is perhap, not so nice for the taxpayer who is interested in art and who takes a visitor to the Normal School to show what should be the very best work of our best artists. Is it the best? Eight pictures for a thousand dollars should be answer enough. The selections by the committee were as follows: Fred. S. Haines, two pictures; F. M. Bell-Smith, F. H. Brigden, Mary Wrinch, F. McGillivray Knowles, W. Cutts and Charles W. Jefferys, one each. The highest price paid was \$300. which went to Mr. McGillivray Knowles for "In Time of Peace"; and the lowest price, seventy-five dollars, was for "A Muskoka Garden," by Miss Wrinch.

The trouble seems to lie in the fact that the Government have put no limit on the number of pictures that may be bought for their thousand dollars, and also in the fact that the committee seem to think that it is necessary to give, at least, quantity.

In the first place, the sum of two hundred dollars is handed over to a committee composed of members of the Ontario Society of Artists, and with that amount there are instructions to buy two pictures. That is a wrong thing to do. Two hundred dollars is not enough for even one picture of the kind that should be bought, and it can scarcely be expected that the Government will get a bargain every time, especially when the catalogue determines the price to be paid. The rest, \$800, is at the disposition of a second committee, composed mostly of persons outside the society. As a matter of fact, the whole amount of one thousand dollars should be limited to at least two pictures and, if the committee so decided, in some circumstances to only one picture. Then the artists would have something worth while working for, and the result would not be, as it really appears to be, a pleasant division of the spoils.



The WAY of LETTERS

THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION. TO students of Canadian history, particularly of our constitutional history, much assistance has been given in a new volume entitled "Selected Speeches and Despatches Relating to Canadian Constitutional History," by H. E. Egerton, the new Beit Professor of Colonial History at Oxford, and W. L. Grant, his assistant (Toronto: The Musson Book Company. Cloth, \$2.50 net). Much had already been done by Dr. Doughty in a general way for the Canadian Archives, but this volume is confined to such matter as speeches. letters and instructions bearing immediately on the shaping and evolution of the constitution. The subject. possesses universal and important interest. The Canadian constitution, as an off-shoot of the British constitution, has been a model, or perhaps rather an example, of colonial constitutional government, and therefore it has had an indirect effect in the shaping of government outside the British Empire, for British self-government has been studied and emulated all over the world. In his preface, Prof. Egerton well sets forth the purpose and compass of the work in these words: "The chief acts of Parliament and treaties in which the stages of its progress are recorded have been collected in a very handy and useful volume, edited by Mr. William Hous-

ton of Toronto; but the dry bones of acts of Parliament, if they are to be galvanised into life, require the flesh and blood which come from considering the motives and language of their authors."

A WELL-ILLUSTRATED HISTORY.

No wonder that those who remember the miserable little paper-bound history of Canada that used to be authorised by the Department of Education, for use in the public schools of Ontario, marvel at the immense advance that has been made by the publication of the revised edition of "The History of Canada" by Emily P. Weaver (Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, 50 cents.) If the text were left out completely the volume would still be a fair history, because it contains a great many reproductions of historical subjects in halftone and zinc etching, and these serve as illustrations of supreme importance in the interpretation and appreciation of Canadian history by the juvenile mind. The illustrations could have been procured only as a result of indefatigable energy and persistence, and it is a gratfying thing that Miss Weaver's text, which has also been carefully revised, has the good fortune to be illustrated in a manner that adds interest and colour to pages that must of necessity be confined mostly to mere statement



THE BARONESS VON HUTTON, AUTHOR OF "THE HALO"

of fact. School children into whose hands this history will fall will have an immense advantage over those who have gone before them.

A WRITING BARONESS.

The Baroness Von Hutton, whose new novel "The Halo" is being widely read (Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, \$1.25), seems to have had no thorny path to tread on her way towards fame as a writer. Her first novels were published in the United States, her native country, but it remained for "Pam" and "Pam Decides" to make her famous on two continents. And now we have "The Halo." Before she started to write, she was travelling in Europe, when she was inspired by the late Herbert Crackenthorpe to try something, which she did, and as a result, a number of sketches appeared in the Westminster Then she met Baron von Gazette. Hutton, and became his bride. her husband's ancestral Bavarian home, the romantic old castle of

Steinbach, she writes her novels. It is said that when she has once started on a theme, she works hard every day for hours at a stretch in a white-heat of creative enthusiasm. No one may disturb here till her allotted task is finished, not even her small boy and girl, who speak three languages with equal ease. The Baroness von Hutton is a favourite in London and Continental society, and it is no wonder therefore that her novels are widely read.

THE TENTH CENTURY IN ROME.

Few historical novels of recent vears have commanded so much attention as has "The Sorceress of Rome." a romantic tale of about the time of Gregory V., by Nathan Gallizer (Boston: L. C. Page & Company. Cloth. \$1.50). This romance might be classed with the Scott school, inasmuch as it is full of detail and historical lore (some of it perhaps wearisome and irrelevant), and pictured in broad, daring colours on a huge, almost bewildering canvas. The scene is in Rome, when the curse of intrigue and unrest and bitterness and strife of the tenth century was at its height, in the time of Johannes Crescentius, Senator of Rome, whose beautiful wife was the cause of the Emperor's downfall. Mr. Gallizer is credited with having made an exhaustive study of that period in the history of Rome, and one would judge that he has made the most of what material he found as a result of his researches. He has painted a very broad picture, with the feeling of the mystery, tragedy, bigotry and superstition of that dark age. It outclasses the average novel in instructive material, but that is oftentimes a doubtful feature.

THE LAND OF THE PYRENEES.

A most sumptuous and entertaining book of travel is that entitled "Castles and Chateaux of Old Navarre and the Basque Provinces," by Francis Miltoun, with pictures by

Blanche McManus (Boston: L. C. Page & Company. Cloth, \$3). It is an injustice to the author to call the work a book of travel merely, because in it are embraced as well much of the history and romance of that extremely interesting part of Europe. There is a peculiar and subtle charm in the magnificent feudal chateaux and fortified bourgs of that region vaguely known as "The Pyrenees," of which the old French Provinces (and before them the independent kingdoms, countships and dukedoms) of Béarn, Navarre, Foix and Rousillon are the chief and most familiar. Both the author of the volume and the artist who has illustrated it are well, if not familiarly, acquainted with this region, of which they have afforded a first-class bird's-eye view. Their report of things seen and facts garnered about the history, institutions and people of that part of France is picturesque as well as informing.

BOOKS ON ART.

Artists and students of art have much of interest to them in the art publications of Cassell and Company of London and Toronto, three of which are particularly interesting (Landscape Painting by Alfred East, A. R. A. Colours, \$3.15; "The Mac-Whirter Sketch Book, Colours, \$1,50, and a series entitled "The National Gallery," "The Louvre," "The Luxembourg," and "The Tait Gallery." Imitation leather, 30 cents each). The volume that deals with the work of Alfred East is a very sumptuous publication, with excellent reproductions in black and colours. East is one of the most successful of living painters, and not to know his work is not to know contemporaneous art. The MacWhirter sketch book consists of reproductions of a selection in colour and pencil sketches from the celebrated artist's sketch book, with the object of assisting students of landscape painting in watercolours. There is an introduction by Edwin Bale, R.I. The four smaller books serve as excellent introductions to four important art galleries. Each contains about sixty full-page reproductions from the works of famous masters. They open the door to an appreciation of art.

DUAL AUTHORSHIP.

Whenever a book has two authors' names attached a person is surely justified to expect in it material worth reading. Disappointment may follow. Not so, however, in "Clementina's Highwayman," by Robert Neilson Stephens and George Humbert Wesley (Boston: L. C. Page & Company), if a readable, though improbable yarn, quite cleverly thought out, is desired. The story, which has setting for a play, deals with a phase of life that surrounded the inn, the stagecoach and parts of London in 1742, An impoverished lord, by name Eastcourt, who figures most prominently in the book, was an adventuresome, yet masterful, young nobleman of sound intellect. Peculiar circumstances caused him to become actively engaged in a "mix-up" in a gambling saloon, after which he deemed it advisable to change his name for a time. One night in the midst of hilarity over a bowl of punch, Eastcourt made a wager to waylay and rob a coach. The accomplishment of this brought about a network of dangers into which he become deeply enmeshed.

AROUND THE WORLD.

"The Other Side of the Lantern" by Sir Frederick Treves (London and Toronto: Cassel & Company. Cloth, \$1.80), although a somewhat peculiar title, has reached its tenth issue, a mark that is not often reached by a modern book of travel. Of course, the name of the author carries great weight with it, but the volume, apart altogether from the eminence of its author, is very interesting and informing. It takes the reader from Tilbury

on-Thames, England, down to the Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, India, Burmah, Ceylon, China, Japan, Honolulu, the United States, and back again to England. It has the value of being written by one who had been trained to important observation.

NEXT FRIENDS VS. MRS. EDDY.

"Mrs. Eddy and the Late Suit in Equity" is the title of a large and handsome volume recently published (Concord, N. H: Michael Meehan. Cloth, \$2.25). To all who are interested in a great and growing faith, this book will have an especial appeal. It deals with a celebrated case, one that threatened the foundations of that faith, and is written by one who is admittedly in sympathy with Christian Science, and who therefore is able to do justice to that side of the case.

Notes.

—Mr. J. D. Logan, Ph.D., an original and scholarly essayist, is the author of "Democracy, Education and an Essay in Social Theory," with an epistolary introduction addressed to Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and Dr. Falconer, President of the University of Toronto (Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Paper, 25 cents). In the same conection the author dedicates to Canada and the future a poem entitled "Democracy Triumphant."

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And Earth bloom loveliest since the world

began."

-As a rule, there is so much in a volume of The Studio (London: The Studio Publishing Company, Leicester Square) that in calling attention to it, it is difficult to know where to begin or where to leave off. Volume forty-two is no exception, but, if anything, it contains more than usual of exceptional interest. The first important article deals in a comprehensive way with the art of Anton Mauve, who ranks with such painters as Jacob Maris, Corot, Diaz, Troyon, and Daubigny. There are twenty reproductions of this interesting artist's work. and some of them are full-page and in colours. Another interesting article is by Count Louis Sparre on Victor Westerholm, a Finnish landscape painter, with portrait and seven reproductions of the artist's work. The work of S. Welton Fisher, an English painter, is considered in a comprehensive way by A. Lys Baldry. while some of the many other interesting articles are on the art of H. Hughes-Stanton, Fred V. Burridge, etcher, and Isobelle A. Dods-Withers.

-A new and enlarged edition of "South Wales: The County of Castles" has recently been issued (London: The Great Western Railway Company). This is one of the most interesting and best illustrated books on traval that one could wish to see, and it deals with a part of the Old Country where charm and quaintness are unexcelled. There are almost 150 pages; some pages have two illustrations, while others have one. The reading matter deals with the annals, antiquities and general attractiveness of Wales, and anyone who knows anvthing about that part of the British Isles knows that there is an abundance of material for the writer to

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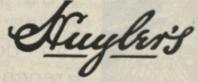
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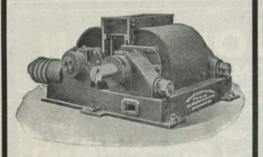
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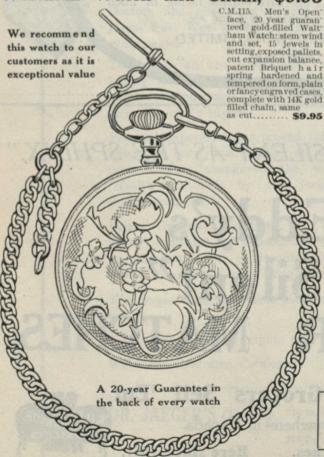
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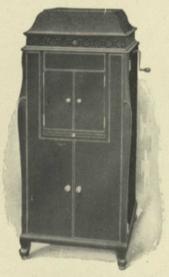
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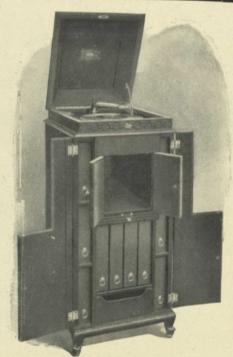
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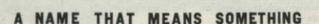
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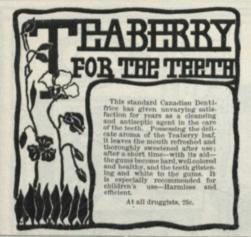
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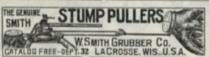
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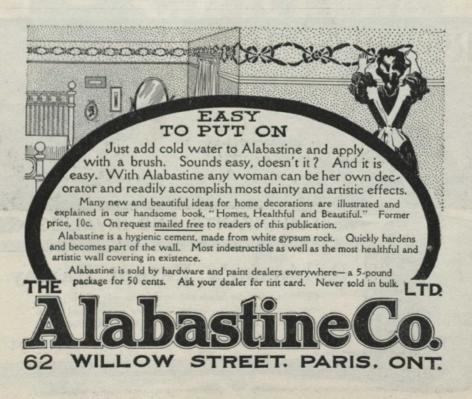
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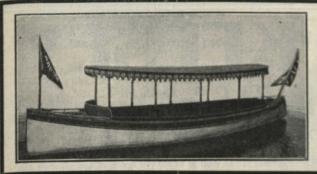
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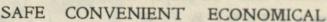
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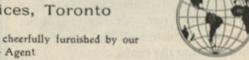
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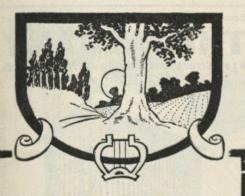
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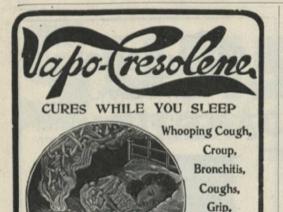
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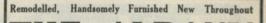
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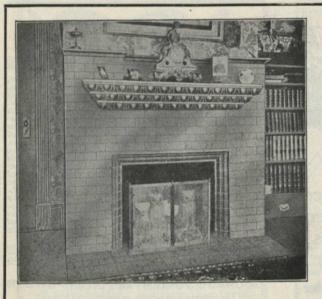
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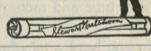


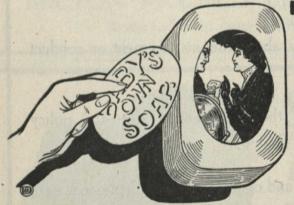
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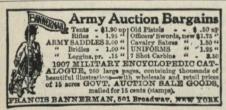
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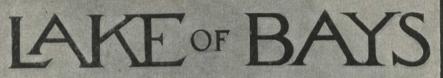
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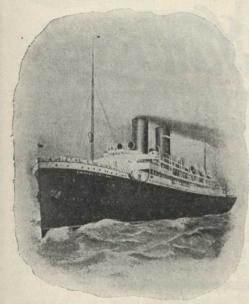
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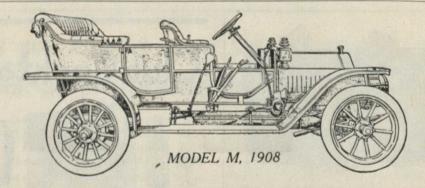
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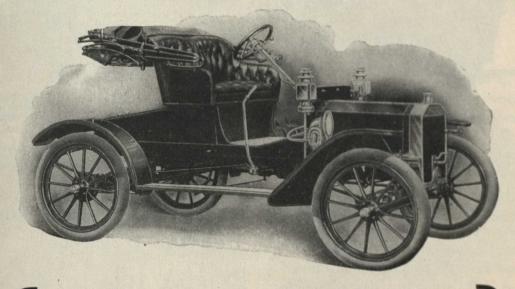
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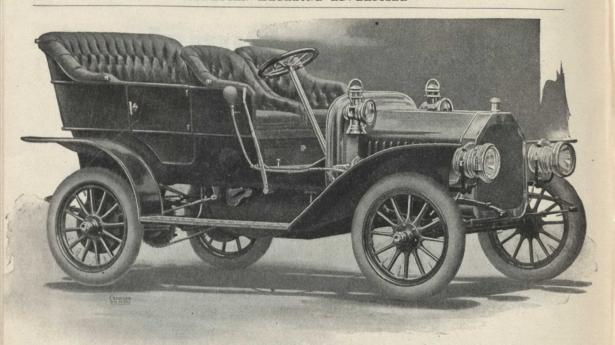
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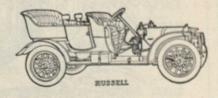
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