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ALL THE WORLD OVER.
"I must have liberty.
Withal as large a chartewas the windTo blow on whom I please."

THE utter worthlessnessof expert testimony in criminal cases was fully illustrated in the recent trial of Sydney Lobh, charged with mordering his wife at Nanaimo during the month of June. Mr. Lobb was aecustomed to go on protrac'ed drunks, which quite naturally caused his wife great annoyance His employer had informed Mrs. Lobb that he would be forcen to diecharge her husband for his drunken habits. Notwithstanding the warning Lohb got drunk again and his wife, as it was afterwards given in evidence, was driven to despair at the prospect of her husband being deprived of the opportunity to earn a living fur herself and little family.

While Lohb was recovering from the effeets of his latest debauchery, his wife was found dead with a revolver at her side. The prosecution scouted the sug. gestion of suicide or accident, and produced two medical experts te prove that it was impossible for Mrs. Lobb to commit suicide. These men swore to the number of inches that the revolver was held from the body at the moment of the fatal discharge, and their testimony was to the effeet that Mrs. Lobb could not have reached the distance at which the weapon was held. This was about all the evidence offered by the Crown, except that Lobb was in the house at the time of
the death of his wife. The theory of the defense was that there was an entire absence of evidence of violence by accused when under drink-an entire absence of appearance of motive, and an absence of any disorder in the room. Evidence was produced to show that it was quite possible for Mrs. Lobb to have c minitted suicide, and this evidence was also that of medical experts. One witness stated that Mrs. Lobb had threatened to commit suicide, and there was more testimony to this effect. Consequently the prisoner was discharged by the jury, after deliber ating a few minutes. The public will agree with the verdict, and the only wonder is that Lubb should ever have been placed on trial on such weak evidence.
All of the above goes to show that expert testimony is almost valueless, and that medical men will differ just the same as men in other walks of life. Particularly were they open to thus imputation in a murder case which came before the New York courts a few years ago. Une Buchanan was accused of murdering his wife by administrating an overdose of morphine. Professor Witthaus, a chemist of recognized standing and a large experience, a teacher in a leading college and the authur of a standard work on chemistry, testified positively for the prosecution that he found morphine in the body of Mrs. Buchanan. He was corroborated by Professor Doremus, alsu a chemist of recognized standing. The processes and various steps in the analysis were minutely describ d. Thereupon Professur Vaughn, of the University of Michigan, a chemist of international repute, a specialist in poisons and the author of a standard work on the subject, testified for the defeuce that it was impussible to determine the presence of morphine from the results of the tests used by Professor Witthaus. He declared that the presence of morphine in a body in which decomposition had set in could be shown only by finding and separating murphine crystals, and that in the absence of these the colur reactions were not to be taken as proof. He went on to expla $n$ that ptomaines without morphine, a natural póisonous matter found in a body and due to decay, would give the same color reactions as such
matter with morphine. He illustrated
this by saying that he had been called upon to analyze the stomach of a man supposed to have been poisoned by morphine, and finding no erystals reported no morphine. This finding, he suid, was subsequently corroborated by the discovery that death was caused by a blow on the head. Professor Vaughn then undertook to demonstrate to the court and jury the accuracy of his views by an object lesson showing that the same tests applied to ptomaines withotut morphine, and to ptomaines with morphine would give the se me color reactions. His testimony was corroborated by Dr. Scheele, a young chemist from the universities of Berlin and Bonn, who testified among other things that the tests used by the experts for the prosecution were not to be depended orr, and were not now accepted by the most advanced German chemists. It is not for the lay mind to say whether in this instance the experts for the prosecution or those for the defence were right. It was evident that one side or the other must be wrong. Yet on this evidence largely a jury of twelve average citizens were expected to determine the question of innocence or guilt in case of life or death. On medical testimony of a like contradictory character twelve men were asked to acquit or convict Lobb, and it is to their credit that within the space of a few minutes they decided to restore him to liberty.

James Beatty, of Brandon, Man., was accused of shooting his wife, and he was acquitted on the ground that he went out wife shooting "under a specific delusion." Temporary insanity used to be a popular excuse for offences of this kind, but science ever advances, and why should not cuunsel for the defence advance with it, since law is a science. That which used to be the "offence" of shooting one's wife, remarks the Manitoba Fres Press, commenting on this csse, and which in old time was calculated to insure the disapprobation of both judge and jury, must now be regarded as a proceeding the character of which depends very much on the sportsman being accurately acquainted with all the facts bearing on the case. If under an ordinary everyday delusion such an act may be-we are not
at all sure that the next jury will say that
it is-extremely reprehensible, but if under a "specific drlusion," the case is quite different. The wife may or may not have effended the husband in the way he supposes her to have done, but if his delusion is specific, if he has no doubt as to what he thinks, the reality of his injury is of secondary consideration. He was under the " specific delueion" that he had been injured, and under those circumstances, it appears, he is at liberty to prescribe his own remedy. This is not so much a change of the law as a development of its meaning. It hass been sup. posed that for all wrong the law provided a remedy, and that such being the case no injured person was permitted to usurp the functions of the law and right himself. But if a man-always supposing him to be under a specific delusiou-may constitute himself presecuting attorney, judge, jury, court crier, sheriff andexecutioner of his wife, some exposition of the law should be published for general guidance. Barristers desiring to bring themselves into prominence, sometimes publish books on a selected feature of the common or statute law ; an opp, rtunity seems to present itself for a brochure entitled, "Snooks on Specific Delusion." It is important also to know whether this new sword of the law is warranted to cut only with one edge of the blade. The law treats man and woman as amenable to the sáme restrictions, and a great deal of insecurity may be felt if the principle is laid down that a woman under a specific delusion is at liberty to shoot her husband. Undue intimacy between a married man and a woman who is not his wife may be a rare and almost unheard of thing at this end of the century, but womeu are apt sometimes to be hysterical and fanciful and some may fall into the dangerous specific delusion that they have been deceived. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned as we have been eloquently told, and remembering the tendency to very specific delusion which characterize women wedded to a certain class of man, a distinct danger to the community has been created by the Brandon verdict.

According to the reports brought down from the Bella Coola country, where the newly arrived Norwegian settlers have taken up their quarters, the fruit and vegetable products of that section are really first-class. Mr. Farrell, the C. P. R. immigration agent, who accompanied the party to their destination, reports that they are well satisfied with their prospects, and it would appear certain from all we can hear, that the number of those who will join these pioneers will be even larger than was at first expected, the available land suitable for farming being sufficient to accommodate a much greater number of people than those
originally calculated upon. It is agricultural settlers that, in the meantime, British Columbia requires more than any other class, and with them properly provided for and prosperous, it may be expected the field to open for other classes of population.

The ordinary quotatious for rough Douglas fur lumber for shipment being $\$ 8$ per thousand, let the reader estimate for himself, at a considerable discount, on account of the quantity, the value of the immense contract reported to have been recently entered into by the RossMaclaren Company, for shipment to South Africa. Then let him consider, as is most probably the case, that a large quantity; of the lumber will be dressed, making it much the more valuable, and then he will probably appreciate to some extent of how great importance that undertaking will be to the interests of British Columbia, provided the reports concerning it are to even a moderate extent borne out by the facts.

The San Francisco Argonaut is of the opinion that the Pacific const is tor be afflicted with another invasiou of tramps this winter. Already they are conspicuous upon the streets of San Fiancisco, and they infest the residence parts of the city with their pitiful fictions of want and suffering. The various railroads report that they are demanding transportation to the Bay City upon the freight trains, profiting by their experiences in the "Industria! armies" last year. It is evident that, unless steps are taken to prevent it, this habit of migration will become fixed, and the people of this coast may look fcrward to having these worthless rascals quartered upon them every winter. The Argonaut suggests that work be provided for those who are willing to work, but urges the city council to enforce the practice in rural towns with regard to idlers, viz., to arrtst thean for vagrancy and compel them to work on the streets.

The commission, by a tramp, of the most revolting murder in. Canadian annals reminds the Insurance Chronicle, of Montreal, of the very grave risks to property involved in the existence of this dangerous class. It is well known to farmers and to occupants of isolated country houses, that these mpn literally terrorize the female residents of lonely residences-who are often left unprutected in the day time-by threats of violence or of setting the premises afire unless their demands are sati+fied. But even then, there exists the grave risk of their setting a barn on fire by smoking in it, as such men are most reckles. On in it, as such men are most reckles. On
Scotch farms a "tramp shed" is often
get.
provided for these wayfarers, in order to keep them from doing mischief. The phrase which occurs in reports of fre and losses in rural districts with extra. ordinary frequency, "causes unknown," might, in very many cases, be changed to, "caused by a tramp." As this clsss will not work, as they systematically plunder at every opportunity, as they prey upcn and are a serious danger and annoyance to hard working people, it is much to be regretted that they are allowed to pursue their unlawful calling without resta aint. The law is most clear in regard to these men ; they are "vagrants," and, as such, liable to imprisonment for quite a lengthy term. Were the constabulary active, this class could be suppressed, and with their suppression would be a large diminution of crime in rural places, and a reduction in the number of farm fires.

A great deal has been said about personal journalism, and many astute newspapers pretend to deprecate the habit of indulging in such low-grounded ethics, To the ordinary mind, it will appear that the press which abjures this "unethical" diet does su through habit of policy, and. instead of being controlled by exalted motives and high principles, dare not tell: the truth. This abstention from "persunal journalism" often relieves the uewspapers from telling the most disagreeable truths. Yet a keen and proper seuse of responsibility to the public should compel publicity of facts where they birder on the lives and property of honest men. Hundreds of illustrations might be cited of men engaged in various pursuits founded on an illegitimate base, if shown up in their true aspect, would spare the feelings and pocket-books of countless and unsuspecting individuals.

In compliance with instructions received from Ottawa, the suspended post office letter carriers were, on Saturday morning, notified to return to work, and after meeting in consultation among themselves and communicated with the Commissioner of Conciliation and Arbitration, concluded to return to work. This, we may observe, is a much more satisfuctory outcome than there was reason to auticipate, owing to the brusqueness ani arbitrariness of the Post-master-General, whose high-handed action, but, it is said, for the interposition of Bishop Perrin and others-some say the Governor General interested himself - would have had a most serious effect. In fact, Sir Adolphe Caron will be called to account at the next session of the Dominion Parliament, and, it may be, taught a lesson that he will not soon for-

THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.
In a recent issue, the Corn Trade Nevs, of Liverpool, England, has published statistics giving detailed estimates of the world's wheat supplies for the last six years. These are as follows :
1889............ ............... 2,174,500,000 bushels 1890... 1891... 1892. 1893.
1894. .2,293,000,000 .2,461,900,000 2,412.600,000 $. .2,453,300,000$ ..2,522,100,000
In two years only out of the six have North and South America contributed more than half as much as Europe. In 1892, the figures were : America, 720. 800,000 bushels ; Kurope, 1,205,700,000 bushels ; and, in 1891, America was 812.100,000 bushels, against Europe's 1,535, 600.000. In 1894. Europe supplied $1,420,000,000$ bushels; Anerica, 709,000,000 bushels; Asia; $310,000,000$; Africa, 42,000,000; and Australasia, 40, 900,000 bushels. The subjuined comparison of the respective yiulds of Canada and the United States, when the respective populations ure considered, will not be regarded as in any way unfavorable to the former, and we have vast fields suitable for grain culture, which have never yet been traversed by the cultivator or reaper.

|  | Canada. | United States. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | Total.

With the exception of 1893, Frauce has been uniformly the heaviest producer, the respective products of that year being : Russia, 305,000,000 bushels; France, $278,000,000$ bushels ; Hungary following next. with $150,000,000$ bushels; Italy, with $131,00,000$ bushels. In their order during 1894, the great wheat producing countries of the world were United States, $520,000,000$ bushels France, 334,000,000; Russ a, 288,000, 000 ; India, 230,000,000; Hungary, 140,000,000 ; Italy, $117,000,000$; Germany, $100,000,000$; the Argentine, $100,000,000$; Spain, 95,000,000 ; United Kingdom, 60,000,000 ; Caucasia, $60,000,000$; Canada, $50,000,000$; Austria, $46,000,001$; Turkey in Asia, 43,000,000; aud Koumania, 40,000,000 . The crope mentioned are those harvested prior to september 1 in each year, except in the cases of Australasia, the Argentine, Uruguay and Chili, which are those of the December and February following. For Chili and Uruguay, however, the figures which have not been previously brought forward are only 24,$0.0,000$ for 1894. It may be remarked, that the increase for 1894 over 1893 is about $64,000,000$ bushels, or about 40,000,000 bushels more than is required for human consumption; but this, it is expected, will, be fed to animals, both on this continent and in Europe.

## SOUNDS AND ECHOEA.

$A^{1}$N individual signing himself R.J.M. blossomed out in the columns of the morning paper last Sunday, as an authority on pheasant shooting generally, and as my instructor in that respect-particularly. The information this sapient individual conveys would be indeed startling; did it not bear the too evident stamp of having been gleaned from some "instructions to beginners," or some other elementary work. Therefore, it is hardly worth while noticing the vaporous effusion of this poor fellow, who took "some weeks" to think about what was meant by the remarks that were made about the "pheasant shooting party." while any one with ordinary common selse understuod it at once. In any event, I know that this great authority on shooting (from books) is not the only "gun" in that famous party that got the only bird that was shot that day, and even that unfortunate bird was not a long-tailed "old cock" flying over a tall tree at the rate of " 40 miles an hour ;" therefore, he may have been "sore at heart," if he happened to be in that "party." But then his portrayal of myself sneakiug round a covert and taking a pot shot at a feeding pheasant is so graphic that really it sounds tog much like a inan writing about something he is an expert at himself, than a description of another's actions. Of cuurse, our friend of the three initials is such an honorable sportsman that he always gives the birds a week's notice before he goes out shooting, and then goes out accompanied by a brass band. Now, for the sake of this being of exceptional density, I will explain a little mure fully the point which every ne else seems to have understood at once, and this without professing to condescend to the level of this mau to argue with him in any sense.

In the first place, the pheasant is an imported bird here. This may be news to him, but I am putting it plainly as pussible, and so that it will not take more than a week at the outside for it to get through his head and dawn upon his understanding. Since its immigration isto this country, the pheasant, like most, if not all, other importations from the Old Land, has become possessed of many advanced ideas not natural to it in its native country. Being inherently a very cunning bird, that characteristic has been developed to an extreme keenness in a country where the bird has been turned loose to depend on its own resuurces, and where it has none of those protections in the shape of pheasaut gardens, preserves and game keepers, which are such a feature of its life in the Old Country. Thus the bird being naturally inclined to run some distance when disturbed, and
not to fly, unless taken unawares, this instinct has been abnormally developed since its advent to British Columbia, so that any one who goes hunting here will testify to many a long chase after a wary old cock pheasant, for a distance that would be impossible on any English "preserve." Consequently the use of beaters here would, I submit, have a tendency towards obliterating the birds, which, having run as far as they could, would rise frightened and fluttering at the feet of the waiting "sportsmen," only to fall half shot, wounded and mutilated, as thousands do every season in England, to say nothing of the innumerable "accidents" to the unlucky beaters. Yes, R. J. M. (shall I spell out your name?) I attended a party with "beaters" a few times when in your country, and I was so "sore at heart" seeing the wanton slaughter of birds by "sportsmen" fiving point-blank into coveys of them, that I was altogether disgusted at what was called "sport." I would, therefore, ask any "real" sportsman which of the two birds he valiues more, the crafty old cuck phessant that has dodged and doubled on a perfectly trained dog, whose temper and training have been strained and tried to the utmost limit as he and his master have been led across logs and through thickets until Mr. Bird gets up forty or fifty yards off and only gives the most difficult shot ; or the bird that has fallen with perhaps a duzen other mangled ones from a frightened covey into which both barrels have been fired indiscriminately, as is the case nine times out of ten in "beater parties ?" R. J. M., of course, will indignautly deny this, but that does not make it any less the fact. This slaughter, it cannot be called sport, is nut so irreparable in its effects in. England, where birds are bred and carefully preserved by thousands each year, as it would be here where the birds have only the farcical protection of a game law that is seldom or never enforced. It is only too plain that with this instinct for running so exceedingly developed, the use of beaters here would drive the birds into the very gun muzzles of the "sportsmen." There is only one redeeming feature, and that is the terribly thick character of our brush, which affords the birds a shelter from the most persevering beater.

Having a bad argument, or rather no argument at all, R. J. M. flies to the school boy safety valve of "having it out" with the gloves, but'safely adds the proviso that he thinks he would have a bit of sport in that line if he were an Englisman. Well, I am not in the fighting line, but if the occasion should arise, I've no doubt whatever, judging of this pugnacious creature's calibre, but
that I could give him a lively time. It is not necessary for him $t$, be an Englishman to accomplish his desire; although en passant it may be remarked that Irishmen have been known to so far forget themselves in this country as to ape the English chappie that flourishes so plentifully here.

Now a word more to R. J. M., and I'm done with this individual with the impenetrable cranium. He asks is The Home Journal read in the home nursery (where is the foreign nursery?) The Home Journal is read everywhere and by everyone; it even reaches obscure individurls like R. J. M., whose domicile must be in the nursery, judging from the choppy character of his composition and the elementariness of the matter he makes such a twaddley attempt at handling. Perhaps mamma helped him, so I won't be too hard on him for having done his best. Most likely, poor boy, it is his first attempt.

In the twilight here I ponder, Wrapped in strange surmise and wonder, All my chums have left the city
And without me-more's the pity-
Climb the hills and aplas $h$ the blue.
Yet of them I'm thinking never,
For I'm power less to sever
Those strong cords you wove around me,
While your smiles, like giants, bound me
Years ago -..why did yon, Sue ?
In the smoke my pipe's emitting
I bohold you idly sitting
In the hammock---you remember My arrival that september 9
How we met, how friendship grew, How we talked and walked and rambled, How o'er mountain peaks we scrambled, How my fancies you respected, And your grace by art affected
Won 1 y heart--.why did you, Suel
Then that evening by the ocean-..
We three stirred in deep commotion -..
You weresighs and smiles and calmest,
I poured out my soul and promised....
I forget-..I never knew.
Then our letters, long, endearing, Yours wore coy, a welcome fearing. Yet you drew from me a thousand Senseless, idiotic vows and
Words of love-..why did you. Sue.
Still you're dear to me, sweet fury-..
Just how dear rests with the jury ;
But your face would win creation,
And I'll pay for my filrtation.
I was fooling. Why weren't you?
Why swear now my oaths were solemn
And freeze stiff my spinal column
When I'm repentant here, distracted
By the heartless way you've acted?
Hang it! Sue, why did you sue?
The fullowing is Mr. Rithet's, speech on the Address in Reply, last Monday, as reported by the Colonist. It is carefully prep.red, and will surprise those who have only siven Mr. Rithet credit for being a shrewd man of business :

Mr. Rithet rose amidst applause, to move that a humble address be presented in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. He was glad, he asid, to be able to congratulate the government upon the confidence which has
been shown in them by the electors of the country in again returning them to power with such a large following; and he congratulated also the country on the fact that the goverument are to be aided, as they no doubt will be, by the able, experienced and patriotic gent'emen on the opposite side of the house. Most of these honorable gentlemen have been known to him for a number of years, but he had not before had the pleasure of meeting them as their colleague in this Legislative Assembly. While he had to regret that they are on the opposite side of polities (laughter), he held them in the highest esteem, both personally and politically. (Applause) When the interests of the country are before the $h$ use, he was convinced that not only those on the government side but those on the opposition side as well will sink all party feeling, and atrive which can do most to further those interests. Thus directed, under just and liberal laws, he had confidence that the Province will continue to advance. The depression referred to in His Honor's. address no doubt increases considerably the care and respunsibilities of both the government and the legislature, and until the conditions outside the Province are improved, we can hardly look for any rapid improvement in many of our most important local industries. Neverthe'ess. every encouragement should be and no doubt will be given to the investment of capital. which is the first and great essential in this connection. The large lossos by flonds in the early part of the present year caused much distress to many worthy settlers, and the action of the gevernment in rendering such prompt and "oeded he'p will, he felt sure, meet with the hearty approval of every member of the house, as will also any steps which may be proposed with the view of guarding against a recurrence of such a calamity, even if it should be necessary to ask aubstantial financial assistance. But, in the opinion of many, this responsibility falls more properly upon the Dominion government, and he had no doubt that thin view will be urged with all force possible by this government and legislature upnn that government. The action taken by His Honor and the government to correct the wrong reports which were circulated as to the loss of life, he thought all would agree was highly cominendable. He c naidered it most fitting that the loss to the Province of the late Chief Justice, Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, should have been men'inned in the speech of His Honor. He was sure that there can be but one opinion as to the services rendered to this Province by that most worthy officil. Perbaps to him more than to any other man in this Province it is indebted for its reputation the world over as a law-feoring and lawabiding country, because of his fearlens but just administration of the laws in the earlier days of its sottlement. He felt sure all would be pleased to learn that there is a healthy reaction setting in in nearly all our principal ploductive industries, which for some years have suffered so much from the depression which has prevailed in the markets of the world. To this country, the gold, coal, lumber. salmon, quartz and sealing industries have been all important, and any improvement, either in the demand or prices, cannot fail in being beneficial to the citizens generally. The deep sea fishing will, he hoped, be added to the list of
successful industries before the next meeting of the legislature. The encouragement given to the development of quartz mining in the Ko itenay country by the building of the Nakusp \& Slocan railway, he hoped, would satisfy the house of the prudence of their action in giving the guarantee which secured the construction of that line, and would induce further steps in the same direction, when and where required. It will take another year to give the house returns showing the likely results of operating this railway, but it seems mote than probable that the hopeful anticipations will be realized, and that the charge, if any, is not likely to be a large one upon the ressurces of our country. (Applause.) The maintenances of friendIy relationship with the Dominion government upon all matters of counmon interest being inost desirable, he thought personal interviews by the ministers the most effective way to a harmonious and satisfactory settement, and was confdent that the matters named as having been dealt with by the Attorney General on his late visit, would be noted with satisfaction when they are placed before the house so as to enable them to for an a rendy and intelligent conclusion. One of the great questiou a hich he thought must cocupy attention at the present session, and which must cummend itself to every member of the house, is that of the settlement of this province by industrious and desirable settlers, accus. tomed to agriculture, experiencen in and not afraid of the hardships attendent up'in an early settler's life. (Hear, hear.) Such he took the culony of Notwegians to be which the goverument have been instrumental in placing on the Northern Coast. All will watch with more than usual interest the progress of this pioneer colony, and accord hearty support to any assistance required to make it a success. The recent visit of His Ex. collency the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen has, he felt sure all wuld agree with him in saying it, been a pleasure to everyone in British Columbis, for the hearty enthuaiasm which greeted their welcome throughout the province affords ample proof of this. It is particularly gratifying, he felt sure, th every member of the Legislature to see that the subject of further ralway extension, for the development of the province and it resources, is one to which attention has been called. (Hear, hear.) So great is extent and varied in its rasources as it is, the province can ouly be opened up by large expenditure. To be satisfied we are warranted in making it is a pre-requisite of this. As a firn believer in our country, and from an intimate knowledge of its varied resources, he d'd not hesitate to say that it is well worthy the investment of the capital necessary for its development, and can well afford to bear the outlay required without unnecessarily burdening the people. In proof of this it is only necessary to point to the fact that in whatever direction our province has been made acceasible, whether by rail, water, or wagon road, development has followed, and as these facilitios are increased and improved, so will development and proaperity follow in an increased ratio year by year. All know that the greater portion of the province, although known to be rich in natural resources, remains for want of proper facilities practically
undeveloped. Holding as they do at the present time the destinies of the province in their hands, to a large extent, it seems the duty of the Legislature to see that their actions are directed by firmness and boldness, tempered with prudence and judgment. We must be progressive we must not remain stationary or retrogression will follow. When therefore any proposition for the further development of the province, within the lines outlined, comes before the house he felt more than confident that it will receive due and careful consideration, not only from the goverment side of the house but from the opposition as well. (Applause.) He was glad to observe that the estimates were to be prepar. d with economy. With governments as with individuals, economy musc be practised in time of dullness and depression. Efficiency, however, must always be kept in view, and properties which have been acquired for the public convenience, at public expense, must not be neglected. He had no doubt that although the showing for the past year may not be what all might wish it to be, yet it will prove to be such as to show the earnestness and care of the government over the welfare of the province in general. (Applause.)"

The investigation into the affairs of the Old Men's Home diecloses a doplorable lack of harmony between the caretaker and inmates. Who is most to blame, of course, it is rather difficult to decide, but one thing is certain-the caretaker who could please twenty-five men bereft of ambition and disappointed with life, would be little below an angel. It is quite evident that the trouble at the Home exists more in i uagination than in fact.

The following is an ofticial copy of the address presented to Mr. William Campbell, private secretary to Earl Aberdeen, by the Colonist staff :
To His Luminousity, William Campbell,
Esq, Gentleman, Private Secretary, Craftsman (of the stylographic pen), Tax payer of the City of Ottana, and Freeman of the Lover's Walk, Prince of Good Fellows, Companion ot the Press, etc., etc., ets.

## May it Plaabe Your Luminousity

We, the midnight toilers of the inky precincts of the Colmist office, having no further use for you until the next occasion, desire to take advantage of $y$ ur absence to express our hearty thanks for your bountiful goodvens and unsurpassed beneficence toward us during your brief stay in this the choicest gem in the westermost cuast of Canada, where the opaque liquids of the James Bay flats waft their fragrance to the sky as they sweep with majentic vehemence to meet the awe-inspiring saline waters of the inner harbor that gently lap the borders of the Songees reservation.
Your visit to these our shores where the playful octopus clasps in loving embrace the sockeye salmon, and the gushing clam outstretches its neck toward the vapory heaven, whose dewy contents send the cold thrill down the consump. tive's neck and back, will long be held in happy memory.
In this city we have all the advantages
that go to make op a great and good society, from the knickerbockered dude in spats to the native Siwash maiden in her pristine loveliness.
We beg Your Luminousity to bring before the Civil Service at Ottawa, the great damage that is done by the destruction of our oysters by the pauper tourist from the United States, and that you will use your endeavors to have pa yied a law making it compulsory upon newspaper publishers to furnish a tank of "special" in every "local" room.

Again, with parched throats bidding you a fond farewell, and confiding to your care the humble burnt offering which we trust you will take pleasure in sacrificing in our behalf.

We subseribe ourselves,
The Coloniss.
Victoria, B. C., 2 a. m., 9th November, 1894.

The wisemen of Victoria are endeavor. ing to solve the social evil problem, a task that has been too much for social reformers of all ages. Sevieral aldermen have admitted that the traffic in women's virtue and souls must continue under our present social conditions and instead of trying to reclaim the victims of man's lust it is preferable to make their lives more miserable by driving tnem from post to pillar. If, as some of the aldermen profess to believe, the evil is a nocessary one, it seems to me they are inconsistent in compelling the unfortunite women to move from one place to another simply because they happen to congregate in the vicinity of a house of worship. In fact there is one well authenticated case where instead of the women going to the church, the church varied the usual order of things by making a habitation for itself in the neighborhond of these fallen creatures. It appears to me that the authorities are making a grievous err.ur in their treatment of the social evil. If the disease cannot be cured it must be endured ; therefore isolate the patients that there may be as little danger as possible of contagion.

SOIAL AND PERSONAL.
The members of Vancouver Lodge (Foresters) are making arrangements for a grand ball on the evening of Dec. 12, in the A.O.U.W. Hall. The services of Richardson's orchestra have been secured. Only a limited number of tickets will be issued.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir and Miss Dunsmuir attended the opening night of the Kendalls, in Seattle yesterday evening, when "A Scrap if Paper" was produced.

The ladies of the A.O.U.W. "Degree of Honor" will give a social and dance in the A.O.U.W. Hall, on Monday 19th
inst. Mr. F. Richardson will supply the orchestra.

A concert and dance will be given under the auspices of Court Robin Hood, No. 8100, A. O. F., in Fairall's Hall, Victoria West, on Thur day, 29th November.

The Vietoria Quadrille Olub gave a social dance, Wednesday evening, in the Hebrew Ladies' Hall, which was well attended.

Mr. L. Boscowitz and Mr. Bryan Drake left for Seattle yesterday morning to attend theperfermances of the Kendalls

## SPORTING GUSSIP.

$\prod_{\text {HE result of last Saturday's Rughy }}$ match at Vancouver was scarcely a surprise to the supporters of our local club, as several of those sele tel on the origual team did not travel. The a pathy which apparently takes possession of a few members of the team when n game is played on foreign ground is hard to understand. Victoria's representatives at Brockton Point last Saturday, however, did not ailow the Terminal City team to have all its own way. The game was well contested from start to finish. Whyte, of Victoria, was perhaps the most conspicuous for his side. A little coaching would not be amiss, in view of the match against the Hornete on Thanksgiving Day.

The great Thankagiving Day attraction will doubtless be the Rugby football match-Nanaimo Hornets vs. Vietoriawhich will be played in this city, probably in the Caledonian grounds. Vietoria will put its strongest combination on the field, and the team is in steady training for the event. The Hornets have not yet been beaten, and will make every effort th sustain their unbroken record. There in already much discussion as to the probable result, and the game is sure to be the grentest conts st of the season.

The Vietoria Rugby Football Club will play the New Westminster Club on the Caledonian grounds on Saturdys next, 24th inst.

Admirers of the Rugby game will learn with regret that the local club will, next month, lose the services of Mr. R.A. Whyte, the well known hulf back, that gentleman having accepted the offer of a business position in Glaggow. Mr. Whyte's brilliant play has won for him the admiration of friend and foe alike. Victoria will, however, have the benefit of his services in the two matches here next week.

## AMY'S SITUATION.

LOW, narrow room, the single

Awindow curtained with coarse, white muslin, the floor covered by a scanty carpet-somehow the sunshine brought out every element of poverty in the abcde of the widow and her daughter.
"Put on a little more coal, Amy," said Mrs. Ardenham shuddering, diawing a shawl closer around her frail tigure. is bitterly cold !'

Amy obeyed silently, yet she could not help noticing how nearly the little stock of fuel was exhausted, aad her heart sank a little.

Only a little, though, for Amy was not one of the desponding kind. She was a sunshing little creature, full of bright, infectious hopefulness, and somehow in that squalid room she seemed like a fresh rose blossoming in a sandy desert. She was very pretty, with brown, tender eyes, a small coral mouth and cheeks delicately shaded, like the deep incarnadine of the pomegranate flower, and as she took up the newspaper, you couldn't help uoticing what a white, taper little hand she had. with pink tipped fingers and dimples at every joint.
"Mamma," she said suddenly, "here's an advertisement for a governess.'
"Well, what of it $!$ "
"Why, mamma," hesitated Amy, "you know we are very', very poor, and-and I should like very much to earn a little money" -

Mrs. Ardenham had bowed her face upon her hands, and, in an instant, Amy was kneeling beside her.
" Mamma, darling, don't cry !"
"I did not mean to be so foolish, love, but it all came back to meat that moment -the wealth and station we have lost, the poverty to which we are ieduced. my, it is too hard !"
"But think, mamma," said Amy cheerfully, "how delightful it will be for me to make all my accomplishments help us along in the world. May I try for this situa'ion? I should like it so much."
"If you think it best, my child," acquiesced Mrs. Ardenham resignedly.
" Then I must lose no time," said Amy as she began to arrange her hair.
"How do I look, mamma?" she laughed when at le, gth she was ready to depart. And Mrs. Ardenham's admiring glance brought the roses to her cheeks as she tripped away. for she did look very pretty.
" Darling Amy !" pondered the mother, as her light footstep died away on the utairs. "She is a perfect little sunbeam in the darkness of my daily existence. Her hesrt had never ached with the bitter pangs of life's aharpest trials."

But Mrs. Ardenham was mistaken. Amy had tasted the bitter cup-nay, she had drunk it to the very drege!

There was a vein of poetic appreciation somewhere in the jumble of fun and sentiment, good humor and sarcasm that constituted Frank Ashley as he lay lazily on the sofa and playing with two or three golden-headed children, who were toddling about the room.
"I'll tell you what, Lizzie," said he to his sister, who sat near. "you spoil these young imps about as completely as any mamma of our acquaintance !"
"As if you didn't spoil 'em ten times worse !" retorted Mrs. Jay, laughing. "When I succeed in obtaining a governess, perhaps they will be put under some sort of discipline. Frank, I have always wondered that you never were married."

## "Indeed? Why ?"

"You would have made such a nice, domestic sort of husband! 1 know that that mancuvring Miss Roland laid a desperate siege to your heart, but I thought you disliked her."
"Yuu were right. She was inc'escribably repellant."
"Then why"-
"Why did I never marry anybody else? Well, I was once i. love with one of the sweetest girls, I believe, that ever walked. It was when I was in Washington. She, too, was spending the winter there. At first I thought she encouraged my suit, but all at once she grew cold and distant. I determined at all hazards to know my fate, for I felt how wretched life would be without her. But the very evening that I had resolved to submit my suit to her-we were both invited to a party at Miss Roland's-I learnel that she had left the city. Miss Roland told me - not in direct words, of course, but as delicately as possible-that it wis to avoid my attentions."
"And did you credit this?"
"Of course. Miss Roland was one of her most intimate friends. I left Washington the next day, and then and there ended all of love that it will ever be my fate to know."

As he ceased speaking a servant came in.
"Mrs. Jay, a lady is below who says she has come to apply for the situation of governess. Shall I show her up?"

Mrs. Jay assented, and the next moment Amy Ardenham entered the room.
"You seem very young," said Mrs. Jay.
"I am 18," said Amy quietly.
Frank Ashley, who had been reading the newspaper, glanced quickly up at the tone of her voice and rose to his feet. At the same instant Amy's eye met his.
"Amy," he exclaimed-"Miss Ardenham!"
But Amy fainted.

An hour later Frank Ashley was an accepted lover, and the young lady who had promised to "take charge of him' was little Amy.
"Tell me about it, Frank," said his sister when at length he returned from accompanying Amy to her humble tenemeut, a spot which should soon cease to be "home."
"We have both been the vietims of misrepresentation, Lizzie. Miss Roland assured Any that I was engaged to her. What could Amy do but withdraw '
"Then she loved you all the time?"
"So she says."
"And instead of my finding a governess, you. obtain a wife ! Oh, Frank, I am very glad!"

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

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DISCUSSION is going on in one of the English papers beloved of young men, as to whether ugly women are less happy than their more fortunate sisters, says the San Francisco Argonant. One would like to hear the views of the ugly women themselves, who, no doubt, would be perfectly willing to forego the virtues that are unanimously ascribed to them for the rosy cheeks and golden hair of nature's favored ones ; but, according to the young male prigs, who express their sentiments, the plain, good girls, with their sunny tempers, efforts to please, and homely qualities, are actually preferred to haughty, exacting, capricious beauties. This is rather an unromantic view for youth to take, and one, perhaps, that some of us would prefer in the mon $h$ of sober middle age, from which romance and susceptibility to beauty have very rightly fled. However, the truth seems to be that if a woman of only moderate comeliness dues not get the "fun" and flirtation and the sort of not very desirable homage that fall tu the lot of the pretty creature, she is quite as likely to win and keep affectiou of a deeper and more enduriug kind. One can imagine, tuo, that the plainest woman is pleasing in the eyes of her lover; and which of us has not met women with a reputation for beauty for which we could not account? This is especially notable in portraits of by-gone belles, many of whom appear to our modern eyes to have little claim to beauty so far as contour and features are concerved.

Look at the list of famous old maids - Elizabeth of England, one of the most illustrious of modern sovereigns. Maris Edgeworth was an old maid. It was this woman's writings that first sug. gested the thought of writing similarly to Sir Walter Scott. Jare Porter lived and died an old maid. The children of her busy brain were "Thaddeus of Warsaw" and the "Scottish Chiefs," which
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have moved the hearts of millions with exritement aud tears. Joamna Baillie, poet and play writer, was "one of them." Florence Nightingale, most gracious lady, heronne of Inkerman and Balaclava hospitals, has to the present written "Miss" before her name.
"Women play odd tricks on one another sometimes," said a smart American woman; "but the queerest 1 ever heard of was perpetrated by one social leader in a western city upon another. They were rivals, and hated each other accordingly, though outwardly they pr3served the semblance of pleasant relations. Every chance that either got to give a dig at the other was eagerly seized. But the tinal and most effective stroke, after which no calls were exchanged, was deliyered by Mrs. L. She sent out cards f ra grand entertainment, and then took pains to find out what Mrs. F., her competitor, was going to wear. A gorgeous brocaded satin was the material for Mrs. F.'s gown, it was ascertained. Accordingly Mrs. L., whose husband was in the dry goods business, obtained several hundred yards of the same identical stuff and draped the walls of all the rooms on the lower floor of her house with it. You may imagine the feelings of Mrs. F., on arriving in her superb new frock, which she expected to make a sensation. Naturally, she ordered her carriage and drove away in tears."

Miss Olga Nethersole is one of the English women who believe in high thinking and simple dressing, for off the stage her gowns are almost Puritanical in their soberness of color and plainness of fashion. They are mostly tailor built, and, astonishing to relate to those women whi, have taken admiring note of her slender waist, straight back aud well defined curve, she wears no corset.
A contille waist that buttons in front is the nearest approach to that bulwark if the French dressmaker. Miss Nethersole thinks the corset is ungracoful, injurious and not quite neat, since her belief is that every article of one's underwear should pay a weekly visit to the washtub. Indeed her lingerie, if one call it by that name, can easily be packed in a handkerchief box, for it is woven of silk and wool, a beautiful fabric, warm, fine and soft, leaving her body free for active movement. Miss Nethersole is a tremendous worker in and out of the theatre, as much manager as actress, and her capacity for the daily achievement of her really tremendous labors she attributes to her sensible dressing. She fully recognizes that petticoats are part of a woman's life, unpleasant, yet impossible to avoid, but her effort is to mitigate their weight and bulk as far as
possible with a view to good heilth and active movement.
It is astonishing the rumber of women who have, like this English woman, laid aside their stays forever or wear the contille waist instead.
Have you ever noticed that there is a rainy day woman, who is nothing remarkable when the weather is fine and her sisters in smart attire completely overshadow her in offensive personality, but who looms up a perfect ray of sunshine when the heavens open and the dull patter of drops against the window pane gives every one within doors a horrible attack of the blues?
It is then that this little creature gnes about in a quiet, cheerful manner, that is wonderfully consoling to those mortals who are made to enjoy life only when the akies are blue and the whole earth merry with the glad laugh of children and the stir and bustle of pleasant nutdoor activity.
She is embodied happiness ; she enjoys playing on her piano or banjo; she is quite contented with a book or finds ample amusement in tearing a hat to pieces just for the sake of putting it together again in a different way. It doesn't annoy her at all because she cannot go out, and while others are yawning and growling at the weather, she finds the day altogether too short, and soon, by her own persistent sunshinyness, imbues others with the idea that there are far worse calamities than rain, and when the sunshine comes once more, she relapses into that neutral calm that is unmoved until anothtr gray day comes around.
The rainy days of affliction and finaycial difficulty have just such figures to stand out as cheering beacon lights of hope and help over the present distress. Sume women, who apparently in prosperity are veritable dolls, come out strong and staunch under the buffetings of adverse fortune. Rainy day women are treasures in whitever way they are tested. Question yourself and ask whether you could justly lay claim to the title?

No material is too fine fer the dinner gown, writes Isabel A. Mallon in an exquisitely illustrated article on "Graceful Dinner Guwns," in the November Ladies' Home Journal. The rich brocade, the sof। velvet, the lustrous silk, the heavy cloth, the glossy satin, each is dedicated to this toilette. The fashionable color may be chosen, or one may wear some becoming shade that it has been, elected shall always be in style. All one's. jewels are in good taste at this time, and the hair may be as elaborately arranged as is desired. By preference, a short train should be given to a dinner dress, for it tende to make the wearer look
more dignified. Young gırls wear soft olinging fabrics, noticeably silk, crepe or muslin, but, as a well known writer said, the young girl has too few intarests, and she has not seen enough of life, consequently she has not gained the experience that makes her a desirable member of a dinner party.
Many combinations of brocade and velvet, of brocade with silk, and of silk with cloth are liked for this purpose, while lace is used in large quantities upon the glossy black satin which is given so much vogue just now. The magenta color and the tints that shade off from it, are liked upon either black or gray, while the peculiar green that is between an emerald and a muss is fancied as the decorat on upon lavender, black, pale blue or golden browa. Spaugles of all the flashing beads; jackets, belts and collars of golden embroidery are liberally used upon the dinner gown. When flounces of chiffion are noticed upon the skirt, a contrast is / given by a narrow piping of dark fur on the extreme edge of the skirt.

Children born of mothers under twenty years old do not have as good a chance of healthy life as those born of muthers over thirty.

The favorite flowers of the Princess of Wales are the liy of the valley and the Al-sandra orchid. The Duchess of York loves the white rose. Adelins Patti is fond of the carnation. Miss Ellen Terry prefers the large white lily. The rose is Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's special de. light.

A clever young newspaper reporter, who has lately been engaged in chronicling fashionable society functions of various kinds, says it would not surprise him if sume society dames he is acquainted with were to se: a part a day on whioh to receive their children.

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Speaking of wrinkles, they are the vice of hosiery for feminine wear. The woman with wrinkles in her stuckings may just as well have them in her face. Both can be equally disenchanting.

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## MUSIC AND the Drama.

THE Costume Concert, given on Wednesday evening in the A.O.U. W. Hall, for the benefit of the orphans, drew an immense audience, whose expression of delight was frequently displayed. Russia and Austria were represented by Miss Wey in a transcription of the Russian Hymn fur the piano, and by Miss Leiser with the Austrian Hymn for the violin, both well executed. Miss Erb both looked and sang the sentiment contained "Die Wacht am Rhein," while Mrs. D. R. Harris made a splendid Canadian representative, singing "The Maple Leaf " in good voice. The choral rendering of "The Canadian Boat Song"
th t followed with its undulating rhythm, was remarkably good, the audience red demanding it. The Stars and Stripes we'e splendidly upheld by Miss Agnew i a young American lady, who for the past six months or so has been studying under Prof. W. E. Buck for the operatic stage, her voice having been almost reconstructed since she was first heard here -in tone, general style and flexiblitybidding fair to make a fortune in the near future for this talented young singer. In the " Prison Scene" and the grand duett from " Il Trovatore," Miss Agnew won the hearts of all by her charmingly expressive singing and acting of this dramatic role, sharing the honors with Mr. Buck, whose grand and highly trained voice and tine stage appearance brought him hosts of admirers. Mr, Pilling, who sustained the tenor solo, possesses a pure voice of good carrying power, and with further training will be favorably heard from again. The organ and choral setting of this number was very effective. Mr. Quentin gave an intensely dramatic rendering of "La Marseillaise," in the costume of Rouget de Lille, the rebel soldier, and was cheered to the echo, having to repeat his tine interpretation. Old Erin was very sweetly, nut to say coyly, represented by a shamrock-besprinkled colleen, who, in the person if Miss Hutcheson, tuned her harp to "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls." Miss Jameson introduced the land of the heather with "Jessie's Dream," describing the relief of Lucknow, with the welcome strains of the pibroch in the distance, then suddeuly bursting on the stage in full highland costume. Mirs Devereux was grandly dressed as Britannia, wi h her helinet, shield and trident of steel, supported by two little jack tars carrying Union Jacks. Her voice in "Rule Britannia" rang through the auditorium, as did also that of Mr. Pilling, who sang "The Red, White and Blue." There were strongly effiective choral and orchestral settings to all the national songs heightening the general effect. There were two omissions owing to illness. Mr. Buck really deserves high credit for the large amount of labor he bestowed upon every detail in connection with this novel entertainment, and also for his skill displayed as an artist, all in a charitable cause. Miss Wey capably presided at the piano, Mr. Pferdner leading a small urchestra in good style. The Lieut.-Guveruor and party and many of our most prominent citizens were present.

The concert in aid of the lacrosse clab, to be given by an amateur organization known as the Lacrosse Minstrels, Wednesday and Thursday evenings next, promises to be a grand success. Already
nearly all the seats for the first night have been sold anJ those for the second night are going fast．A feature of the evening wlll be what is known as a voice duett by Mart Egan．Mr．Egan will sing two different songs at the same time（baritone and bass）．The songe selected by this well known vocalist for the occasion will be the same as those given by him at the opening of Ballycully Music Hall，viz．，＂Nancy Lee，＂＂Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep，＂with tenor churus，＂Oh，Mr．Porter，What Shall I Do？＂The managers have enforced a strict embargo on all almanac jokes pre－ vious to the landing of Julius Cessar in Albiou．By all means，hear the min－ strels．

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By S. D. Schultz.
Chapter VII (Continued).

ARCHER asked for Flurence's programme with the csmmendable object of restoring her composure, and when be found that Allisou had engaged half the dances, not counting extras, he was confirmed in the conviction that freshmen were perfect paragons of daunt less temerity. When a first year man falls a victim to beauty's charms, he becomes a mere creature of unreasoning impulse, recognizes no half measures, but loves with a concentration of ardor, au impetuosity of devotion that knows no bounds. Allis'n had met Florence Haverley for the first time this evening, and here he was with unparalleled presumption calling her an "affinity," and even had the effrontery to claim half her dances.
"Well! here comes your affinity," Archer said lightly, after a pause.
Florence turned her head quickly, and as rapidly gla ced back agsin. Her brown eyes telegraphed an omuous look that boded ill for Archer's future peace of mind, but soon afterwards sparkled with pleasure, when, in it few momen's, Allison suggested a tete-a-tete, at the same time udicating an alcove, luckily unoccupied, and improvised by facing a Japanese screen with a half ciucle ' luxuriant potted palms.
Left alune, A cher ruminated on Suymour's unexpected presence at the ball. and how it would affect his chances $\mathbf{n}$ ith Ethel. Alth,ugh he could not, boast of appreciable advances in her favore as a lov-r, he hid been happy in the rare fortune of being near her, ard the mere possibility of eventual success was sufficient to inspire dreams of ecstacy. But now the coming of Seymour had eclipsed his budding sanguinity with a shade of scepticism. He was not exactly jealous, but still found the rack of uncertainty excruciating torture.
"Y es," he reflected, "Fairlie said that Seymur had been very attentive before the Rebellion. and then that letter that he wrote on the eve of the Cut Knife engagement indicates that something must exist between them.'
Besides Archer cruld not dismiss the suspicion that Seywour's presence there that evening was "omething more than merely fortuitous. His brow clouded at the idea that they were corresponding, and that. perchance, Ethel's mentioning of the Haverley "At Home," by way of letter, had induced Seymour to attend.

Happily, those enlivening concomitants of gny company, embraced by sprightly music, darting forms gowned in triumphs of thut and mude, aud other attractions specislly pleasing to eye and ear, do not allow one for long $t$ " indulge morbid fits , ,f anguished doubt.
He went into annher room, and his face brightened with a look of expectation, as he eagerly sallied in the direction of a well-known face.
"Oh! I'm so glad to see you, Mrs. Coursiere," he began, as he bowed beam ingly befors her.
"Yes! one would judge so," replied the lady addressed with mock irony. "I am dispused to think the very contrary, though, from the persistent manner in which you have avoided me of late.

- Your repr'hensible conduct deserves the must severe e ndemnation,' in the lan.; guage of the member from - But!" she continued commiseratingly, "poor fellow, this is your first effort at, Ottawa, and the work must be exacting.'
Archer's eyes could not restrain their admiration, as he noted the beauties of Mrs. Coursiere's gown.
"Do you like it?" she interr"gated archly.
"Immensely - a perfect dream of dainty grace and captivating loveliness," he re plied rapturously.
But then Mrs. Coursiere's dresses were certain to be noticeable for combinsti•n of delicate tinta and charming design. On this particular evening, she wore a pearl grey silk, embroidered with an almost imperce tible tracery of flowers. and the sleeves were pale rose and airly bouffant. A cluster of American Beauty roses, with their lustrous pink shading into a mellow gory of armine crimson, nestled in her corsage.

Mrs. Coursiere was the wife of a prominent Quebec member. She had been a Baltimore belle, and her matrimonial experiences had evidently fallen in pleasant ways, for she had lost none of the comely charms and winsome ways ot vivacious young womanhood.
Archer had met ber som after her $m$ rriage at Niagara-on the-Lake, where he had gone for a brief vacation.
soon learned to appreciate him at his true w. rth: Having been flattered all her life, it wa a refre hing novelty to meet one who did not indulge in frequent paroxysms of idiotic drivel. She was heartily nauseated with the numerous class of men who busy their brains to say " nice things." Archer's unreserved candor and absence of affectation ingratiated him in her liking. Their friendship partook of the truly platonic-a relationship derided as impossible, where hearts are young and impressionable. They even maintained a regular correspondence, and Mrs. Coursiere manifested a permanent interest in his welfare by sending him from time to time the libretto of the jetest opera, anything of striking merit in fiction, or, perhaps, a metropolitan paper's criticism upon a recent drama or literary work. Archer was, indeed, h9ppy in the posses. sion of such a friend and well-wisher.
They had been exploiting a new comedy. whose first night had received a most eulogistic reception at the hands of captious critics, when Mra. Coursiere changed the eonversation by enquiring abruptly
"Have you seen Miss Grant, yet, Archer ?"
"No! I have lonked all over for her, and-at least-that is $-I-I$-mean." Archer stammered. colored painfully and gave up in despair.
Mrs. Coursiere shot one penetrating glance at Archer in his hapless plight, and swiftly formulated a conclusion. His clumsy betrayal of a more than ordinary interest in Ethel Grant astonished her, but with a woman's tact, and the prescience of a matchnaker, she did not emphasize his confusion by pursuing the methods of the majority of her sex, when they surprise an unsuspecting lovesick swain into a cenfession of a cherished secret. She did not chaff, but adroitly plunged into the topic, which she had intended introducing, when interrupted
by Archer's tell-tale embarrassment
"You meh are cringing, crafty, despicable, pusillanimous, cuwardly crea-tures-there. I've said everything, and 1 feel relieved," she had spoken allowly, and defiantly, pronouncing each syllable with accentuated distinctiveness.

Archer having fully recovered from his temporary show of abashment, looked up with an expression of "what next" in his wondering eyes.
"Certainly," Mrs. Ccursiere resumed, Miss Grant has not been altogether shunned, and she can credit her inter esting personality, and my assistance for escaping humiliating neglect. I amall the mure convinced after Ethel Grant's experieuce of this evening, that money is the all important factor in the eyes of you mercenary men. Ethel has many endearing qualities, and her conversational powers could not fail to impress those who are fortunate enough to meet her. But mental gifts are of little avail without hard cash. I am getting more misanthropical every day. Men seem to reserve their chivalry, their gallantry, their artificial airs for wealth. Few are independent. Most-it is a frightful accusation, but I must say it-act like sneaking cur. These are hard words; but we, Amcican-, are accustomed to speak plainly, and do not hide ugly truths under ornate language. 1 will show you what I mean. Ethel came fully half an hour ngn. Her aunt-Mrs. Downley, chaperoned her. Not a man could summon up sufficient courage to nuprouch her. The miserable thingsthey thought they would compromise 'hemselves, because Ethei had to do newspaper reporting for a living, and the money bags were depleted. I saw that something had to be done at once, so I introduced a member of the Cabinet to her, and her sweet look of gratitnde was my sufficient reward. But you horrible men-how 1 despise you."
Archer was secretly happy that Ethel had wonsuch a warm champion in Mrs. Coursiere, but could not resist giving expression to a scarcely audible decrescendo whistle of amazement at this bitter denunciation of male shortcomings.
"Gracious, I did not imagine you could be so splenetic. I hope you feel better now, after effervescing such a fury of bottied indignation. I am at a loss, though, to understand, why you, of all women, should asperse onr sex with such unbridled vehemence, after all the adulation you have received from us poor maligned men.
"Sidney Archer, you are lapsing into insufferable idiocy," Mrs. Coursiere exclaimed impatiently. "l gave you credit for sense-but look !-I declare !"-and Mrs. Coursiere, in her amazement, temporarily parted with etiquette by pointing her fan.
Archer, whose buck had been to the door-way, turned his head, and following the direction indicated, saw Ethel pausing at the entrance of the room, and surrounded by a host of gentlemen, evidently intent on securing her coveted programme.
"I wonder if she will keep her promise, and reserve those two dances for me," he ruefully speculated. "At any rate, I must bide my time, and wait until that mob is disposed of.' If they succeed in getting a number each, I'm out of it, that's all."

Just then, the orchestra struck up the opening wriltz and Archer could hardly repress a touch of envy, as he saw Seymur come up exultingly, and claim Ethel for the first dance.
'Did you ever notice them?' Mrs. Coursiere suddenly temarked. "They feel that they can dance with her now, and not jeopardize their social atatus. The hypocrites are ,tumbling, ver each other in their e'gerness to attach their autugr phs. It just arouses my murderous instincts, a.d I would electrocute them all, if I could only tonch the bu'ton, and the circuit were extensive enough to include them all in its flash of destruction"

Mrs. Coursiere had one glaring fault, if it can be termed such. She was hopelessly given to gross exaggeration, and was sonstantly riding some hobby. To-day, she would rail at her own sex-to-morrow, she would visit her displeasure on some social phase. Women are proverbially inconsistent ; but Mrs. Coursiere's inconsistency was something unique-it was whimsical. To day, she declared a vondetta against man. and, to-morrow, she would trim her sails into an opposite tack of gushing adoration.
Archer, knowing her moods, ruthlessly planned t" fan her temper to a glare of irascibility.
"I can't concur with your views." he began. "If men are the specimens you picture, you women are responsible for it. You prescribe rigid rules of conduct, and if men did not obey, you would ostracize them If men in the bigher circle were for an instent to court the society of pretty milliners, and take them to any function-be seen with them anywhere -at balls, theatres, on promenade-how soon would you women cut them from your list of acquaintances, and call it a shocking exhibition of taste, though the same sirls who work, may be as intellectual, refined and probably more beautiful than thnse of you, who fancy you belong to a different caste. Besides, who so uncharitable as $y^{\prime \prime} u$ women are to your own sex? Who so swift to condemn firs a lapse from virtue? Women are move vain than men. Give one of them a few dollars, and she immediately ensconces herself in impenetrable hauteur, excites ridicule by affecting the airs of a 'grande dame.' cuts loose the associations, and snubs the friends of a few years back. The pretty milliner of to-day becomes the magnate's wife of to-morrow, who foryots the bol net trimmer of yesterday."
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| B. C. coast catch | $\begin{array}{r} 189 . \\ 11,703 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Japan * | 48,993 |
| (opper Isand ** | 7,437 |
| Behring Sea * | .26,311 |
|  | 4,47 |

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$\overline{94,474} \quad \overline{70,332}$
The catches of the Americ in schooners Louis Olsen, Aunie Matilda and Josephine, in all 574 . landedat Victoria, brought up the nu wher of skin. handled at this port to 95,048 It may be mentioned. that of the B hring Sea take, in all 26,341, the catch of ande seals eached 11,705 , aud, of females, 14,636 , thus disposing of the American pretension that the Canadian sealers slaughtered an undue proportion of female seals.

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| ARTICLES. <br> All other dutiable goods. | value. 42,054 | DUTY. 8,644 76 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total dutiable goods. Coin Freegoods.... | 8168,810 26,973 | 77,720 99 |
| Grand total. | \$195,783 | 37,720 99 |

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Animals for improvement of stock... $8 \quad 5000$ Articles for use of Army and Navy. $\quad 1,30000$ Asphaitum or Asphalt.
Broom Corn.
Coffee.
Cotton waste.
Dyes, chemicals, ete.
Fish and products of

| Fisheries, articles 10r, nets, seines,ete. | 6,26300 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 900 |  | Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples,etc $\quad 32300$

Grease for soap making, etc.
Hides and skins.
India rubber and gutta percha, crude Metais-Brass and copper. .o...... Tin and zinc Other.
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Salt.,.
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inetmakers, etc
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Coal........................tons $\quad 812 \quad 3,151$
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MANUFACTURES
Iron-pig and scrap, cast-
ings, hard ware, etc
Woots, manufactur 3 of
Other articles.
Miscellaneous articles
Grand total.


Goods, not the product of Canada. for the month of Octoher, 1894

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## Agricultural Products -

Fruits--gre $n$
Manufactures-
Iron-pig and scrap, cast
ings, hard ware, ete.
Wood m'fs of all kinds..
Other article
Miscellaneous articles.
Total.
Coin-gold
Grand total.
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1,038
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4,618

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