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TALES OF THE TOWN.

DURING the past fortnight, barber-shop conversationalists, confiding females, and street corner gossips have been unusually busy weaving truth and story. In fact wherever two or three were gathered together, there was a discussion of the friction between the pastor and managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A congregational meeting was called for last Monday evening to consider the existing unpleasantness. A rare time was looked for; and yet what occurred was not, properly speaking, a rare episode in the history of this body of followers of the Gentle Nazarine. For has not the past witnessed many a meeting of this congregation where factions became abusive and rancour ruled supreme, where many of the present wranglers first made bold to hiss and became schooled in dissension, where many a good, faithful man and pastor, (shortly before welcomed, praised, and enjoyed) was denounced and dismissed like an uninteresting toy, sacrificed to the insatiate desire of a restless majority! Marvel not little children that I write these things of you. However, a spirited if not a spiritual meeting, was promised. Long brewing rumors were about to burst with uncertain effect. The street savant hinted at a statement of accusation from the managers that would rank with Burke's stately utterances and eclipse Cicero's arraignment of Caecilius or Cataline. The pastor and his friends were sure to be in good form. One of them inquired of me in whose works the oration of Marc Antony appeared. The attractions had become too strong—I concluded to attend the meeting.

It was a dark, damp night. Heavy clouds hung low. The mists were thick and moved by a sluggish wind. 'Twas a night wherein our knowing fathers might have seen ghouls disport themselves and the broods of Darkness hold carnival. On such a night they would have prepared for riot, discord and treason; they would have slept with unsheathed swords and placed a watch over the sentry. I know not whether our worthy chief of police is a man of medieval thoughts and received a warning from the boding look of the night or from Madame Dr. Bell; or whether he has a deep conviction of the instability of social conditions, or a keen reminiscence of some past church dispute, but of this I am sure that it will be a great source of pleasure to the community to know that the chief was so solicitous for the well being of this body of deliberating Christians as to place the ablest cop in the force on special duty before the church door.

About 500 others attended that meeting. It was observed that four-fifths were of

the fair sex; the head of the late "Progressive Man's Business Association" was also observed. The meeting was opened with an appropriate prayer that wisdom and moderation guide them. The next item on the programme was "Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to War"; but as the audience seemed fairly spirited, the rousing hymn was dispensed with. Some difficulty was then experienced in obtaining a chairman; a gentleman, however, who stated that he was familiar with political contests, was finally selected as one not without some qualification. Upon his calling time, a neat little man stepped into the ring. In a fine, round voice, he read a "statement of fact." It was as precisely worded as a lawyer's brief, it had been carefully typewritten, and, withal bore marked evidence of the labor of much love. It stated the financial condition of the church, how the pastor had made demands upon them that they were unable and refused to comply with, and that now they appealed to the congregation to endorse their action. This good father in Israel having concluded, the pastor rose to ask a question, but the voice of the law declaimed against so unseemly a practice as asking a question, and the aforesaid g. f. in Israel resumed his seat, apparently much relieved.

The pastor then addressed the meeting, dealing at considerable length with the "statement of fact," showing it to be factious, indeed. He was in fine form, and at times his appeals were lofty and effective, evoking much well merited applause. Upon his concluding, a friend who had grown old amid the dissensions of the church, came forward and expatiated upon the repetition of history and the infirmities of humankind; as for him, he was a Scotchman and on the Lord's side. Many others who had labored long in the vineyard addressed the gathering. (There appeared to be no Union among this class of labore rs.)

As the issue became better understood the enthusiasm increased. The audience became divided and interruptions were frequent. Occasional personalities added fuel, and the hotter the speech the more it pleased. So the feeling increased till finally, when one of the managers rose to move a resolution of confidence in himself and colleagues, the factions were well defined. The resolution was moved and seconded by men unknown to half the congregation—the old warriors having profited by past experience. This done, the pastor claimed the right of reply. It was accorded him, and under a spell of indignation at that ingratitude which is "sharper than a serpent's tooth," he scored in caustic terms several of those before him. He was interrupted, how-

ever, by one who was probably asking himself "who next?" and was prevented from following that line further. After a warm and lengthy reply he concluded with a vindication based on Paul's injunction "let no man despise you." He was scarcely seated when half a dozen rose to speak. After order was restored and a little more recrimination indulged in, the voting was proceeded with. Here again there was room for a difference and it was eagerly seized. Some wished to vote secretly, although several in their fervour divulged the secret. The names were called off and the votes collected. This was a long tedious proceeding, lasting from 11.15 to midnight. But not a soul left that church. (N. B. There were no bets on the result.) While others were prognosticating, I withdrew for a quiet moment to consult the night:—

But the silence was unbroken,
And the Darkness gave no token,
And the only word there spoken
Was the query of the peeler,
Of the pious, patient peeler,—
"Hast a cigarette?"

When I returned, the chairman was declaring the vote. It stood 82 to 64 in the pastor's favor. Triumphant applause drowned the murmurings of the dissenters. Order could not be again restored. Several essayed to speak, but they could not get a satisfactory hearing. At 12:15 a.m. it became apparent that the meeting could not be continued, so amid confusion and mumblings, the pastor's voice was heard in feeling tones pronouncing the Benediction, for it must be remembered that this was a Christian gathering, the same that will reassemble for Divine worship on Sunday next. The secretary remained a few moments after the crowd tumbled out, and entered in his book:—
"Chief business transacted—Entertaining fools; breaking friendships; increasing cynics; embittering life." But the meeting was over. The people parted for their home. The Darkness heard what was said on that midnight walk. No wonder the morrow's sun blushed before it shone on the spire of St. Andrew's.

The world is made of atoms. Every thing great and grand in nature is but the aggregation of infinitesimal parts. All magnificent effects are the concentrated result of numerous causes. Things that appear trivial may be so important that without them there can be no such thing as a completed whole. There is nothing, therefore, unimportant. Success may hinge upon a smile, and prosperity hang upon a word. This being the case, mannerism must be a factor in the success of human effort. If upon the utterance of one sentence depends the

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peace of a nation, and if the mere saying of "yes" or "no" is the turning point in human life, it certainly behooves all men to guard their speech as well as their conduct. Nor must it be taken for granted that speech is always expressed in verbal language, for there is often an eloquence in the glance of the eye, or an impression to be gained by the expression of the lips that carry a weight that no spoken language could convey.

I have no apology, therefore, to offer for referring to a peculiar character that we all meet every day, and who unconsciously brings himself into contempt, even if he does not make himself disliked. I refer to the man who sneers. There is no muscular action the lips are capable of that conveys as many meanings, and certainly none that conveys any meaning more odious. A sneer may be defined as the smile of defeat; the grin, of inferiority; the grimace, of envy; the facial evidence of ungenerous thoughts. Every definition will be the true one.

The clerk who is guilty of sneering is guilty of intentional wrong to his employer. A customer will excuse a mistake, or perhaps overlook a harsh word spoken under the influence of provocation or excitement, but there is that in the covert sneer that so arouses his contempt, that he never cares again to come in contact with it. I am in receipt of a letter from a lady protesting against the employment of clerks who are so ill-mannered as to gather together in groups and whisper, while throwing glances at those who are at the counter making purchases. She states that while she cannot knowingly charge the clerks with discussing anything about her, or her attire, she feels impressed that way, and the pleasure of her shopping trip is spoiled. It may be claimed that such customers are supersensitive, but whether they are or not, is not to be taken into the question. They visit the store for the purpose of purchasing supplies; they have been urged by the merchants to call there, and have a right to expect and demand the most courteous treatment. The heads of the firm, it is safe to say, would not be guilty of any such breach of decorum, nor is it likely that they would tolerate it if it came under their notice. The employee who is so thoughtless or rude in his manner as to cause pain or offence, works an injury to his employer that is often irreparable.

Even if the effect of a sneer was only such as to prove the sneerer contemptible by nature or instinct, and to set him down as a thing to be avoided, it would be bad enough, but this is not all. The man who will sneer will smirk. Those who will take advantage of a petty power they may possess, or of a fancied superiority to hurt the feelings of those they do not believe can hurt them in return, will cringe before those who occupy a more exalted position. They are sycophants, and bend the knee with fawning whenever they think they can gain anything by it, and are petty tyrants whenever clothed with a little brief authority.

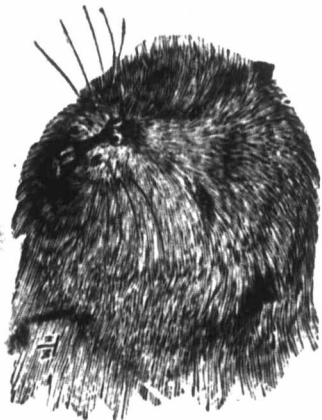
A sneer is never seen upon the lips of fair-minded men. It is impossible for a

strong, determined and able man to use such a weapon. It is the exclusive weapon of those who are more envious than ambitious, and who foolishly believe that they can add to their strength by an attempt to make others weak. A physiognomist needs no better index of character than the purposed sneer. Show him the person who believes it to be a weapon of offense and defense and he will pronounce that person to be weak, jealous, vindictive and treacherous. And the physiognomist will not be mistaken in his calculations one time in a hundred.

My learned friend Harry Helmcken takes the cake. This is not said in any figurative sense; it is purely literal. He went out to a bazaar at Mount Tolmie Thursday evening, in a fog so thick that it was found necessary to have men along the road to cut a way through for travelers. When he got out there, he, as usual, plunged heavily into the various games of "chance." Among these was a particularly fine four-storey wedding cake, built by Mrs. Brownlee, on an architectural design truly imposing. Our only Harry secured the cake. Now what his intentions with that cake are, no one knows, but some have hinted that it may be used very shortly.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. A. L. Belyear returned from the Sound Wednesday.

J. Proctor and wife, of Hamilton, Ont., are at the Driard.

Count G. Carsis, Milan, Italy, is registered at the Driard.

The family of Rev. Dr. Campbell have arrived from the east.

Sir R. K. Arbuthnot came home by the Islander Wednesday.

Miss Ward was a passenger from the Mainland Wednesday.

Mr. W. C. Ward, manager of the Bank of B. C., has returned from Nelson.

Rev. E. D. and Miss Flewellyn came over from Vancouver Wednesday.

Rev. Samuel McMorine, of Portage la Prairie, after a pleasant visit to Victoria, has left for home.

Mr. E. J. Mackay, of Winnipeg, one of the veteran knights of the grip in Western Canada, is in the city.

Mr. Samuel M. Robins, of Nanaimo, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company, is a guest at the Driard.

Mr. J. D. Roberts, a genial commercial traveller who was in the city during the week, returned East, yesterday.

Mr. A. B. Fraser sailed from Liverpool on the 13th inst., for Montreal, and is expected home by the end of the month.

Police Magistrate Macrae is suffering from erysipelas in the left leg, the result of a fall. He will be unable to attend to his duties for some time.

A pleasant social gathering was held, last Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. Alex. Wilson, Fort street. There were about thirty persons present.

The many friends of Charlie Cullin, the lacrosse player, will be pleased to learn that he is believed to have passed the crisis and now on a fair way to recovery.

Mr. Samuel Matson, manager of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, has removed his office to 43 1/2 Government street, over Kerr & Begg's bookstore.

In Victoria Thursday, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge performed the marriage ceremony uniting Mr. Albert E. Haynes, of this city, and Miss Winifred Carter, of Croyden, England.

A surprise party was given, last Friday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haynes, John street, by a number of

young people, principally from the Centennial Methodist church.

The Spiritualists of this city will hold an autumnal service at the Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Sunday evening, at 7:45 o'clock, conducted by Mrs. C. Mayo-Steers, spiritual teacher. The lecture will be followed by tests.

A grand masked ball will be given in the Assembly Hall, Fort street, on November 18, under the auspices of Milton Lodge, Sons of St. George. This is the lodge's annual ball, and no doubt it will be fully as successful this year as last.

Mr. Arthur Langley returned home, last Sunday, from an extended trip. He went as far east as St. John, N. F. He was at Montreal, Toronto and other eastern cities, and visited the World's Fair buildings at Chicago on the return trip.

Invitations are out for a Halloween party to be given at the home of Mrs. Papst, Fort street, Monday evening. The party is given in honor of her daughter, Miss Papst, who leaves on Thursday for college in Ontario, where she will finish her education and take a special course in music and elocution.

The schoolroom of the First Presbyterian church was crowded last evening, the occasion being the reception to Mrs. Campbell, wife of the pastor. From the pleasant way in which the evening was spent, it augurs well that the pastorate of Dr. Campbell will bring the members of the congregation closer together in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

At the new St. Andrew's cathedral, last evening, a practice was held of the full choir of 25 voices and the band of H.M.S. Warspite. The final practice for the opening services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is expected that the new edifice will be packed to its utmost capacity to-morrow morning at the opening service which will be very grand and impressive.

The practises of the beautiful cantata, "The Angel of the Harvest," are progressing nicely, under the direction of Mr. Parfitt. The soloists so far selected are Miss O'Neil, soprano; Miss Charlotte Baker, contralto; and Mr. Mason, tenor. Miss Jennie Matthews and Miss Luker, Miss Baker and Miss Luney will sing duets. The cantata will be rendered on the evening of Thanksgiving day, in the Pandora Avenue Methodist church.

The season may be said to have been opened by the annual Charity Ball, last Wednesday night. The event was under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital and could not well have been better arranged. The hall had been neatly decorated with flags, bunting, evergreens and appropriate mottoes. The music was supplied by the Warspite orchestra. Very many pretty costumes were worn, yellow being the prevailing color. The managing committee was composed of the ladies' auxiliary, viz., Mrs.

G. A. McTavish, president; Mrs. C. Hayward, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. Rudlin, Mrs. McMicking and Miss Hyams. The floor stewards were: Mr. Joshua Davies, president Jubilee hospital; Mr. Chas. Hayward, vice-president; Mr. Wm. M. Chudley, hon. treas.; Mr. H. S. Yates, secretary.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

JIM CORBETT, the prize fighter, had an ardent admirer in Pennsylvania. He wanted to see the champion but his wife refused to let him go, therefore, to spite his better half, he took a gun and blew the top of his head off.

EVERY man has something of the visionary in him. If you don't believe it, just begin asking questions of men that you meet and you will find nine out of ten are cherishing a pet scheme by which they expect to amass a fortune. Some want to build railroads, others would build cities at points without railroads or other natural advantages.

A MEETING will be held on the evening of November 1, in Pioneer Hall, for the purpose of organizing an Irish society. It is desired that all citizens who are Irish or of Irish descent should be present. Those who are interesting themselves in bringing about this organization have no hesitation in saying that it will be the largest national organization in the city.

THE dismissal of E. A. McDonald, the officer who lectured on annexation in Boston, from the militia of Canada by the Hon. the Minister of Militia will be undoubtedly endorsed by every member of the service from the Major-General down to the drummer boy. No volunteer will deny the right of free speech to any man, but there is a time when free speech ends and insult, if not treason, begins. The dismissed officer when he rejoined the service, like all others, was sworn in to uphold the honor of his country and flag, not to belittle it, but to give loyal and true service. This he has not done, for while holding Her Majesty's commission he has repeatedly in public delivered speeches that would bring into contempt that country and that flag which he had sworn to support. Mr. McDonald's course should have been to first resign his commission, and then he could talk annexation until he was blue in the face, and no one would have cared a jot. As it is, he has no one but himself to blame for the consequences.

NEXT Monday evening is Halloween, or Allhallow Even. It is the eve, or virgil, of All Saints' Day, which is the 1st of November. It is still customary in some parts of England to crack nuts, duck for apples in a tub of water, or to catch at them when stuck upon one end of a kind of hanging beam, at the other extremity of which is a lighted candle, and that with

their mouths only, their hands being tied behind their backs. In Scotland and certain parts of Ireland, these ceremonies are of a more superstitious character, and though not now so common as formerly, they are still practised in some parts of the country. They burn nuts in the fire with some sweetheart's name, in order to ascertain the nature of their courtship, and if they are to be married together; and the young women draw stocks of cabbage blindfolded, in order to determine the figure and size of their future husbands. Of these and other ceremonies observed on that night, an excellent account is to be found in Burns' well known poem of "Halloween."

"CASTOROLOGIA, or the History and Traditions of the Canadian Beaver," is a work recently issued by Horace T. Martin, F. Z. S., etc. It is an exhaustive monograph, showing signs of deep study of the subject discussed, and fully illustrated. As the author remarks in the preface, Canada has been known for nearly three centuries as "the home of the beaver," and for over two hundred years this animal has contributed to Canada's most substantial advancement; inspiring adventures, stimulating enterprise, and laying the strong foundations of our commercial development. Thus has the beaver played in the romance of our early history; the central figure round which waged the wars of nations, while powerful corporations and petty adventurers fought for monopolies few were unable to control. Anything so closely identified with the early history of Canada as the beaver, must naturally interest people of our country, therefore we have no hesitation in recommending "Castorologia, or the History and Traditions of the Canadian Beaver," to the attention of our readers. The book is neatly bound, and would be a valuable addition to any library. Wm. Drysdale & Co., 232 St. James street, Montreal, and Ed. Stanford, Charing Cross, London.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Chas. M. Gray is with Cordray's Portland stock company.

Manager Cort is arranging for the appearance here of the Duff Opera company.

Comedian John T. Kelly, who, with his really excellent company, will be seen at The Victoria on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday next, is as much of a fun-maker off the stage as he is on it. He was being continually pestered last summer by many applicants for positions in his "McFee of Dublin" company, all of whom he of course referred to Manager Welty. On several occasions he was prevailed upon to introduce divers engagement seekers personally to Welty, and in every case he did it in a cipher, as for instance: "Mr. Welty this is Miss Leadinglady. You will excuse me now, but I have a date in Brooklyn." The word Brooklyn, informed the manager, that the lady's salary was \$100 per week and that the artistic abilities were good. If Mr. Kelly said in making an intro-

duction anything about Syracuse, he meant the salary was \$25 weekly and the applicant decidedly no good. If he expected a telegram from Albany the



JOHN T. KELLY.

weekly stipend of the applicant was \$50 and she was fair, and if he spoke about some diamonds he was going to look at, the intelligence was conveyed that the aspirant for histrionic honors was an artist, had plenty of the precious stones herself, and that she would be worth \$150 every seven days.

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TOBACCO AS A DISINFECTANT.

The old adage, that "there is a silver lining to every cloud," has found confirmation in many directions during the scare over cholera. Public attention has been directed to sanitary conditions and the diet requisite to keep the system in a condition to repel the germs of disease. It is certain that the people know more about precautions in diet and the use of disinfectants than ever before. This is due to private as well as public endeavor. J. Edward Cowles, of the cigar department of the Thurber, Whyland Co., is on deck with the following timely hint:

"It may be news to some, but it is nevertheless true, that tobacco is one of the best disinfectants known. It is said that in Hamburg, where cholera rages the worst, 'He smokes now who never smoked before, and he who always smoked, now smokes the more.' It is rare that a man is seen on the street without a cigar or a pipe in his mouth, complacently meandering along the streets and thoroughfares confident that cholera will not bother him as long as he has a cigar in his mouth.

"The tobacco plant is certainly one of the most wonderful of nature's productions. It is not only susceptible to all influences of the weather and climatic changes, but absorbs every pronounced taste or flavor with which it comes in contact, (in most cases to the injury of the tobacco itself.) Neither cigars nor tobacco should be kept in a desiccating atmosphere; such as a furnace-heated room, nor in a cellar which is likely to have more or less dampness. Nor should they come in contact with such articles as tea, coffee, sugar, fish, soap, cheese, etc. But, as a disinfectant, tobacco is known to kill germs of disease, as well as to destroy moths, microbes, etc."

This is a good argument for the retail dealer to use in selling cigars.

EXTRACTION OF PERFUMES.

Six methods of extracting perfumes are known. The first is expression by means of a special press, which is applicable without too great loss of fruit skins rich in essential oils, such as orange and citron peel, previously grated. Another method is that of distillation, which consists of heating flowers with water in a boiler. The essential oil is volatilized and is condensed with the vapor of water in a worm and Florentine receiver. The water usually goes to the bottom and the oil floats. The oils of neroli, rose, patchouli, geranium, lavender, caraway, etc., are obtained in this way. The process is not applicable to the delicate perfumes of the mignonette and the violet, and for them recourse is had to maceration of the flowers in animal fat or mineral oils, which have the property of absorbing odorless substances, and are then washed in alcohol. The flowers are usually heated in the fat or the oil for a variable number of hours. For perfumes which cannot endure a high temperature, the petals are placed between frames of glass coated with fat. This is the process of enfleurage. The pneumatic process, which consists in causing a current of perfumed air or carbonic acid to be absorbed by coatings of lard on glass plates, appears not to have given satisfactory results. Another pro-

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 "A good answer, my child," said the prelate, and turning to a little girl who was near, he asked:
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A woman writes of Pajamas thus: It is somewhat interesting for the woman out for her Fall shopping to be shown pajamas in which to sleep. She looks at them with curiosity; the neck and wrists are trimmed with lace and ribbons, but otherwise they are duplicates of those displayed in the haberdashers' shops. Some women, overwhelmed by bravery, have bought them; whether they have ever worn them or not I am unable to say. But I for one protest against this inroad on the essentially feminine belonging—the night dress. I can't think of anything more unlike a woman than prancing around in pantaloons and a jacket. There is one thing certain—and this is intended for a warning for the world at large—that the woman who wears them will, in case of a fire, be rescued last of all, for the gay and gallant firemen, concluding she is a boy, will let her wait. Nothing is so pretty, nothing so dainty in underwear as the eternal feminine, and even the women who give themselves over to tailor-made gowns still retain an affection for the frills and ruffles, the ripples of lace and the bunches of ribbon that decorate veritable feminine belongings. If you were very ill and I went to see you, I would lose half my sympathy for you, that is, supposing you were a woman, if you wore pajamas; but looking delightfully weak, intensely feminine in the soft, long gown, white and pretty, my heart would go out to you and my sympathy would show itself in hothouse grapes and orchids. It is always the way, you know; when a woman throws aside the feminine trappings she is very apt to lose the sympathy given her by everybody, for women somehow rebel against this assumption of what really isn't a woman.

"Do women tittle?" was a subject of animated discussion among a few who were conversing in a desultory way the other night in this city. Several young women were free to confess that the custom was growing. The tipping habit is a dangerous one; more so, perhaps, in the female than in the male sex. Women, and I am a woman myself and know whereof I speak, are not so constituted as to resist temptation with the same determination as men. And again, society, though why it

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DOTS AND DASHES.

THROUGHOUT the fabric of social life there runs a marvelously fascinating pattern, it is that of organized effort. The day of clubs has dawned; women and men associate together for the sake of achieving all sorts of good. The figure is woven into every corner of the fabric. Women organized to study home-making, child-rearing, physical culture, mental attainments; and to prosecute the various schemes of philanthropy which are originated. Men organize, too; for business and pleasure, however, more often than for self-improvement. In Victoria, the number of clubs has increased wonderfully during the last year or so, and the various other leagues are multitudinous. Among the organizations for literary pursuits, two or three are planned exclusively for women, who meet mornings or afternoons. Were it not that business is incidentally a strong means of mental culture, there would be considerable danger of woman's outstripping man. This will never take place, however, so long as man spends eight or ten hours daily in the effort to unravel knotty problems and to push weighty schemes. His power will always be greater, though he may lack something of the symmetrical grace and beauty which comes with dreaming over poetry and analyzing the cause and effect of history. In many of the clubs, men are associated with women in pursuing different studies; very rare, however, is the exclusive man's club for this purpose; the masculine mind leads to physical sports, to the green cloth and clicking balls, to the midnight lunch of Welsh rarebit and ale, and the indulgence in a fragrant weed and a social hour in a lounging room. This is a natural result of the hard day's work, the tired mind seeks rest in a complete change. Among the women of leisure a sturdy effort of the brain powers is a change and a wholesome one. So as a rule they do better work than men when they are associated together, a fact which they should not plume themselves over too much, considering the difference in their daily life from that of the business man.

If Columbus could only know how much his efforts of 400 years ago were appreciated he would be very glad

that he undertook the job, although the pay at that time was small. Columbus did a great act with intrepidity, nerve and sublime confidence and discovered a good country. It is a pity that the brave Genoese was unable to come out here and discover James Bay Flats, but the traveling facilities were poor then, and moreover, I am informed from a reliable source that he had lost his mileage book and had spent the last diamond ring that Isabella had given him. Some unappreciative and small souls criticize Columbus for this neglect, but the general verdict is that he accomplished faithfully all that was called for in his contract. After a man has discovered a large-sized continent he has done enough, and Columbus was satisfied with his work and was generous to leave the discovery of James Bay Flats, to the disease breeding germs. That showed the magnanimity of his character, and instead of being criticised for leaving his work half done, he should be praised for his consideration and generosity. So give Christopher Columbus all praise, and help to make the anniversary of his cruise a glittering success.

Every one who has an inmate love of the harmonies delights in music. In order to produce an effect on the human soul, there must be the interblending of male and female voices. The reason is obvious. The male voice of man is basso and his tenor his female voice. Soprano is the female voice of women and contralto is her male voice. To marry these voices is to vitalize them to the fullest, so that they will become one in harmony, although different in harmonies. Some churches do not marry the masculine to the feminine. They repudiate female singers altogether and employ boys. A reader of the classics rarely fails to remember that Virgil's songs were addressed to boys in the pagan days of Rome and to feel a consequent disgust. Boys have no voices. Their tones are constantly in a transition state and musically imperfect. Train them as choristers as a church will, there will ring out the harsh discordancy of the gosling. It is different with females who have adult voices. While there is really no sex in boy voices, the adult female voice is full of sex, and the tender

strains of a hymn are apparent and unite with the artificialism of an organ in an effective manner. Boy choristers are a makeshift, a misfit, a preposterous innovation on the religious use of women. Fashionable folly has made them a part of church service, but reform should relegate them to a less unostentatious position. There are thousands of people who go to church who have in their hearts a silent protest against the practise of eschewing female singers in the choirs. It was common in the old mythological days to do that, but we are living in the nineteenth century, and do not wish any return to pagan worship and practice. Choirs should always be of men and women, with full, healthy and mature voices.

If women insist upon appropriating the bicycle she should adopt a costume in which she can derive both benefit and comfort from the exercise. A design of a healthy and becoming costume, in which entire freedom of movement can be obtained and the use of the corset dispensed with, is thus described: It consists of zouave trousers, very full, fastened just below the knee; a blouse waist with full sleeves gathered into a cuff, a zouave jacket trimmed with braid, a yachting cap and buttoned leggings over bicycle shoes; undergarments of flannel, consisting of long-sleeved vest and drawers. The blouse, which should be of tan-colored flannel, will require two and a half yards, 36 inches wide; the trousers and jacket, which should be of dark blue or green cloth, would require five yards of flannel, 36 inches wide. The trousers must have at least two yards fullness in each leg and be gathered or plaited on to a pointed yoke. Gauntlet gloves of tan color and tan leather leggings; cap of dark blue or green to match the costume. For a stout person a buttoned corset waist may be worn beneath the blouse.

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