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# MONTREAL: <br> A GREAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE 

BY JOHN S. MacLEAN

RADIATING in all directions, the trades routes of nature have been improved and enlarged by man to make of Montreal a great commercial centre. The head of ocean navigation, 1,000 miles from the Atlantic, the island is also the distributing point for a system of inland water ways reaching to the heart of the continent, 1,500 miles farther on. Allying themselves with the forces of nature, the railways find at Montreal the nearest ocean port for the products of the Great West. From Fort William to Montreal, through either

Midland or Victoria Harbour, the distance is 830 miles as compared with 1,190 miles to New York by way of Buffaio. From Duluth the Canadian route to Montreal is 360 miles shorter than the American route to New York. Chicago is 335 miles nearer the seaboard by the same route to Montreal than by way of Buffalo to New York. There are other routes, existing or projected, which are equally favourable to Montreal, but for many years it was a reproach that the spout was not large enough for the funnel ; in other words, that the har-
bour was not equipped to handle the traffic which sought an outlet there. Under the present energetic Harbour Commission, headed by Major G. W. Stephens, the reproach has lost its force. The accompanying views will give an idea of what has been done in that regard.

On the next page is a view of the modern harbour at the foot of the Lachine Canal and the shore wharves


ST. JAMES STREET, MONTREAL, North side, looking west and showing three new bank buildings, the two of light gray colour and the farthest high building
running down to Longue Pointe, a distance of six miles. It was taken from the Grand Trunk Railway elevator on Windmill Point. By way of parenthesis, it may be said that this was the spot chosen by Mr. W. J. Connors, the Buffalo grain shoveller, newspaper proprietor, banker, brewer, and chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee,
for the basis of a Great Lakes Transportation Company, which was to revolutionise our export grain trade. But the option lapsed through his inability to raise the necessary capital to carry out his schemes, and Mr. Hays, realising also its strategical position and having in view the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, promptly acquired possession of the site. The system of high


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level piers and permanent sheds, started through the persistence of the late Hon. J. Israel Tarte, was completed last fall, and at the opening of navigation this spring the harbour will have fourteen double-deck steel and concrete fireproof permanent freight sheds and the largest grain conveying system in the world, ready for use. Even in its incomplete state


THE MODERN HARBOUR OF MONTREAL, FROM THE G.T.R. ELEVATOR, Showing the entrance to Lachine Canal, Notre Dame Church, the Harbour Commissioners' Elevator, and continuous accommodation for vessels almost as far as the eye can see
last year, the harbour's business averaged $\$ 27,000,000$ a month. It is not generally known among Canadians that there is only one port on the North American Continent, outside of New York, that is doing this volume of business and that there is only one port in Great Britain, outside of London and Liverpool, that can equal it. Montreal succeeded last year in taking away from Boston and New York the supremacy in the Western export grain trade. "The St. Lawrence route," says the report of the Minister of Public Works to Parliament, "captured the immense and ever-increasing traffic of the Canadian West and was in a fair way to monopolise that of the Western American States." Its facilities and its possibilities, however, are fully realised by the shipping companies. During the past summer White Star Line 5
officials made a careful investigation, with the result that this company will be represented by two entirely new vessels, among the largest in the trade, each 565 feet long and more than 15,000 tons. Three North German Lloyd steamers, each 7,000 tons, will run direct to German ports, and it is altogether likely that with the ratification of the Franco-Canadian treaty there will be a line of steamships between France and Canada, for which Parliament is now offering a subsidy. These are all in addition to the steamship lines which have been plying for years on the St. Lawrence route.

The character of the harbour equipment is shown in the panoramic view of King Edward pier on page three. At the right hand stands the millionbushel fire-proof elevator built by the Commission. Grain may be received
either from railway cars or by means of a marine leg from vessels in the harbour, and may be shipped by either water, rail, or truck. The conveyor system consists of over 6,000 feet of fire-proof galleries, containing belts, for carrying grain and exceeding any similar arrangement in the world. Berths for ten vessels are provided along side the conveyor system, four of which can be loaded simultaneously, and grain can be discharged at the rate of 60,000 bushels an hour. The latest word in freight handling equipment is a "transporter," a sort of travelling crane with features in advance of any crane now in use. Two of these "transporters," each 112 feet long, have arrived from England and


THE OLD REGIME
Residence of a rich merchant of Montreal, built about 1655
are now ready for operation. If they prove as efficient as anticipated they will be adopted throughout the harbour. At any rate, the Commissioners are determined to spare no effort to improve the terminal facilities.

The main lines of railway run along the shore wharves, and the branches down the piers on both sides of the sheds. Cargoes can be discharged into the sheds for local distribution, direct into cars or through the sheds into cars for distribution by rail, or over side into barges and coasting steamers for waterways. Simultaneously, the reverse of any or all of these operations can be carried on.

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Notre Dame Church in the background
has alone the honour of paying for its own harbour improvements, meeting the interest on loans by imposts on the business passing through its gates. There is now an indebtedness of $\$ 10,000,000$, on which an average of $31 / 2$ per cent. is paid. But from a national point of view it is a good investment, for, since the improvements in the St. Lawrence channel were made, the annual reduction of insurance rates amounts to $\$ 922,000$. So that the investment is returned to the commerce of Canada at the rate of 10 per cent. a year.

But as we leave the harbour front, with its piers and sheds and elevators, there comes the report of Mr. John Armstrong, the Government engineer in charge of the Hudson's Bay railway survey, with the suggestion of a rival gateway for the products of the West. The vision of ocean vessels warping into the wharves of Winnipeg is startling but who can say whether the gate is of polished ivory or transparent horn?

The hall-mark of a modern commercial centre is a bankers' clearing house. Though the saving of time and labour is great and the process is simplicity itself, yet the origin of the institution is clouded with doubt. In the sixteenth century, the merchants who met at the great annual fair in Lyons were in the habit of making their bills payable only there. This, among other advantages, relieved them of the necessity of keeping large sums of coin in their homes at a period when Dogberry and Verges were on the watch. In the meantime their bills, circulating largely, became covered with endorsements, and at the yearly set-off, as we learn from Boisguillebert, transactions involving $£ 80,000,000$ were settled without the exchange of a sou in money. Notwithstanding its obvious advantages, the Montreal Clearing House was not established until January, 1889, and then apparently in a tentative fashion. It is now domiciled in the palatial head office of the Bank of Montreal,
on St. James Street, shown on page four. Each morning at 10 o'clock representatives of the banks gather in the Clearing House with the notes and cheques of one another enclosed in separate envelopes. Arranged in a semi-circle around the room are wickets for each of the banks. The messengers line up, and at a signal from the manager make a tour of the wickets, depositing with the clerk at each one the package of notes and cheques belonging to that bank. Each messenger then returns to the wicket representing his own bank and receives the packages deposited there from the other banks. They then leave for their respective offices, having done in three or four minutes what otherwise would take the better part of a day. The clerks remain to calculate the difference between the amounts delivered and those received, for which differences the manager of the Clearing House issues vouchers to be used later at the settling bank.

By arrangement, the Bank of Montreal acts as clearing bank for the receipt and disbursement of balances due to and by the various members of the Association. The record clearing for 1908 was on the eighth of November, when transactions involving $\$ 8,392,236$ were settled in ten minutes with the interchange of only one-fifth of that amount in legal tender.

St. James Street, now occupied almost exclusively by banks and office buildings, once bordered on the fortifications which hemmed in the city. But the peaceful victories of trade have brought more renown than those over the savage Iroquois. Within its short and narrow confines are nine teen chartered banks with a paid-up capital of $\$ 78,000,000$, having deposits of $\$ 550,000,000$, and lending $\$ 425,000,000$ on ordinary commercial paper presented daily from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The view of St. James Street on page four shows three of the latest banking houses added to this financial
quarter. Near the centre is the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Its front is a colonnade in pure Greco-Corinthian architecture with a heavy pylon on either end and a parapet above the cornice treated as an attica. The columns of Stanstead granite are sixty feet high. The screen wall, fifteen feet behind, is treated in the English Renaissance style. At the extreme left bordering on Victoria Square is the ten-storey office building erected by the Eastern Townships Bank. At the right is another fine example of Grecian architecture, the new building of the Royal Bank. The front is of Georgia marble and over the columns stand twelve-foot figures representing Mining, Agriculture, Railways and Fisheries. Adjoining the Royal Bank is seen the old St. Lawrence Hall, once Montreal's most famous hotel, now owned by the C.P.R. and soon to be replaced by a modern office building in keeping with the traditions of that company. That other mark of financial greatness, the Stock Exchange, is shown on page five.

In Heriot's day this was the limit of the city described in his Travels. Even then, a century ago, it had its Upper and its Lower Town. But among the changes which Commerce has wrought in Montreal none is more striking than the leap of the retail trade from Notre Dame and St. James Streets across the Craig Street valley, over Beaver Hall Hill, to St. Catherine Street. This magnificent boulevard has now absorbed most of the retail business of the city.

One tangible evidence of the progress of this new Upper Town is the real estate activity and the rapid rise of values. Since the beginning of the year opposite corners, about a block from the Windsor Hotel, have changed hands at over seventeen dollars a square foot.

Notwithstanding the rapid growth of the city and the consequent obliteration of landmarks, there are many reminders of the old régime. On page five is shown a busy market morning on Jacques Cartier Square, where the habitant dickers with the fashionable dame from Westmount. A block away at 27 St. Jean Baptiste Street stands the residence of Hubert dit Lacroix, a wealthy merchant, built in 1655. The handsome parlour, the carved-wood mantelpiece, the quaint hall and stairway testify to his standing in the community. Among the merchant princes of the present day Sir George A. Drummond takes front rank, and his handsome red sandstone residence on Sherbrooke Street shows the difference in two centuries of the city's life. Though not a commercial centre, yet in the very centre of commercial life, stands the Seminary of St. Sulpice, on Notre Dame Street, erected in 1710. "A stately, great, and pleasant House," wrote Charlevoix, "built of Free-stone after the model of that of St. Sulpice at Paris." Facing the Bank of Montreal, its gardens skirting the Stock Exchange, the Seminary, once Troy itself, still plays a great part in the city of Maisonneuve.


# ONTARIO'S OUTWORN POLICE SYSTEM 

BY JOHN VERNER McAREE

$\mathrm{T}^{0}$criminals the police system of Ontario is very satisfactory. It is not to anyone else. It is not quite so bad as some critics try to make out for political purposes. Take the Barton Township murder, for example. This was the case of a young woman who was found done to death in a field near Hamilton. The Hamilton police, and after them a detective from the Attorney-General's Department, worked hard on the mystery. It remains a mystery, and because no one has been brought to justice fiery attacks have been made upon the police.

It is not the purpose of this article to defend the police; but the case is so bad against the system as a system that those who attack it can well afford to give it the benefit of every doubt. So it can be said that if the system were not a crude survival, the Barton murderer would probably have been apprehended within twelve hours of the discovery of the crime. But having eluded capture so long, the best system ever devised might not have laid him by the heels.

The curtain of the Barton Township mystery can be raised an inch or two and the public can be told for the first time in so many words why the slayer of that young woman has not been arrested. It is because he has accomplices, after the fact. These accomplices are the friends and kinsmen (or more likely kinswomen) of the murdered
girl. There is good reason to believe that the murderer and his victim came from some town in northern New York. The whole state was flooded w th minute descriptions of the pair, as far as could be learned from those who saw them both in lite, and the officers who carefully scrutinised the body and clothing of the victim. It is incredible that the police circulars failed to come into the hands of some one who recognised some of the little details that pointed unmistakably to the identity of an erring daughter or sister. To shield the dead from the disgrace that the trial of her slayer would surely bring upon her memory, and to save a family, perhaps a proud old family, from shame, those whc know the name of the unidentified dead have kept silence. That the crime was one that had its beginning in an unfortunate love affair is reasonably sure. If the name of the victim were known, the name of her slayer would rise spontaneously from a hundred lips. But the duty of sparing the living appears greater than the duty of avenging the dead, and so the Barton mystery remains for the present.

It is reported that Honourable Mr. Foy, the Attorney-General of Ontario, intends to have some changes made in the law that regulates the activities of Provincial detectives. If he does anything at all, it will be to make the Attorney-General's department free to despatch an officer to
the scene of a crime without waiting for a request from the country crown attorney. At present a Provincial officer is supposed to wait until the local authorities send for him. He is the consulting specialist who must on no account rush to the rescue until requested to do so by the family physician who is in charge of the case.

Time is more than money; it is life and death in cases of serious crime. A day lost in getting a trained man on the spot is enough, in four cases out of five, to let the criminal escape. A case in point was that of little Glory Whalen, at Collingwood. The child was foully murdered in 1903, and to this day no one knows who killed her. Six years-that is one stretch of time. From Thursday until Saturday, that is another. One period is that in which the fiend who slew Glory Whalen has been at liberty; the other is the time it took a Provincial detective to get to work on the mystery. The crime was discovered on a Thursday. It was Saturday before the trained detective got to work.

Well, you can blame the AttorneyGeneral's department for this, if you like, but what happens when the department does as you think it should? The Orr murder at Galt comes to mind. Emma Orr, a farmer's wife, had been murdered, and the local authorities had taken up the case with great vigour. Fortunately miraculously, one might say - the county constable was a man of unusual intelligence. He had rounded up half a dozen or more suspicious characters, among them being young Alison, who was afterwards proved to be the actual murderer. But the case against none of them was conclusive.

Acting on its own initiative, the Attorney-General's department sent up Inspector John Murray. The indignant wrath of the coroner and the local attorney knew no bounds. What did Murray mean by "butting in" there? Did he think they were a lot
of "jays" who didn't know how to conduct a case? They had a fine officer in charge who already had the murderer under lock and key-the puzzle being to sort him out. Murray concurred, but went on with his own investigations just the same. He desired to interview. Alison at the jail. To "sweat" him is the correct technical term. But the jailer refused him admittance. Then the thoroughly aroused Murray threatened to arrest the jailer and have him committed to his own institution and, further, to physically chastise him on the spot. So he was allowed to see Alison, who confessed to him, and the case ended there and then.

But the coroner and attorney nursed their indignation. The former tried to exclude the Toronto reporters from the inquest, on the ground that they took up too much room ; that it was none of their business anyway, and that there was a number of his lady friends who wished to be present and sit where the reporters had established themselves. A peremptory wire from the Parliament buildings settled the quarrel with the reporters. But, suppose the Orr case had been one requiring several days' or weeks' work, with local officers and the Provincial police working side by side, what sort of team play would have been the result of the system in Galt?

Reversing usual logical procedure and passing from the specific to the general, it may be said that, as a rule, the local police object to the coming of the specialist. Did Gregson and Lestrade heave a sigh of relief when Sherlock Holmes was called in? Or did they resent what they called his intrusion? It undoubtedly does tend to belittle the county constable when he is shoved into the background as soon as a crime of importance happens. No man gets a national reputation by summonsing a man for letting his cattle roam at large. No one becomes famous by arresting vagrants. That is the drudgery of the county constable's life, but sud-
denly there occurs a grand murder. The big papers have sent down their reporters; the hamlet finds itself of more importance than the war cloud in the Balkans. The eye of the nation is upon it. Is the chief officer of the district to be thrust aside when Opportunity, for the first time knocks loudly on his door?

Now, our local Dogberry may not be much of a sleuth, but you may be sure he is something of a politician, or he would not be the constable. That is what the local crown-attorney looks at. They are fellow Tories or fellow Grits. They feed at the same trough. The friends of the one are useful to the other. Or, leaving politics aside, they may be comrades. As between pals, now, would the crownattorney telegraph to Toronto, in effect: "Constable here strictly N.G.send down Provincial officer ?" Suppose neither politics nor friendship enters into the matter, cannot you hear in imagination the local sleuth begging for just another day? Just give him till Saturday night, and he'll have the handcuffs on that fellow, never fear. He has just come into possession of a fresh clue. Give the old dog a chance; he'll show you, sir. So the crown-attorney waits till Saturday night, but there is no one to put the handcuffs on. He has come to the conclusion that the knock the constable thought was that of Opportunity was only some mischievous scampering urchins. He sends the fatal message, and Sherlock Holmes appears.

Unless he finds the constable to be what he very often is-a good man within certain narrow limits, the Provincial officer must begin at the beginning, and work step by step up to where the baffled constable has already arrived. This takes time, and, as has been shown, lost time may mean an unavenged murder.

The Provincial officer may spend a week or even a month on the ground, and finally drop the case. He returns home and puts in his report.

It appears that the local authorities had so bungled matters that it was an impossible job from the start. The wrong clues were followed, or the right clue was followed so precipately that the criminal became alarmed at once, and was on his guard. An awkward question had aroused suspicion, a glib answer had permitted the real murderer to slip through the fingers of the law. Yes, yes, a very bad mess they had made, to be sure.

As for the local sleuths, we know what they say. Here they were, just on the verge of making a fell swoop, when that chap from Toronto came in to spoil all their plans. He thought he knew it all, and-well, they just let him go ahead to see how much he did know. It was just as I told you, sir. If you'd only listened to me we'd have been all right. As it is, here are the people saying we're no good. Yes, they blame you as much as me-more.

What's the matter with the police, then? The System is all wrong. There is not enough team-play, no combination, no proper, responsible management, too many authorities, jealousy among the petty heads, not enough men; far, far too few good men; not enough money spent, no training school for the men. There may be nineteen or twenty other defects that do not ocur to me at the moment. But though there were a thousand things the trouble with the police system of Ontario that could be remedied in two prescriptions-a central management and plenty of money.

One of the first Canadian institutions to become famous was, strangely enough, a police system. The Royal Northwest Mounted Police is celebrated all over the world. Writers with the knack of the picturesque have called its men the "guardians of the frozen North." Is it more important that the frozen North should be efficiently policed than Ontario? In what essential as regards the prevention of crime and the prompt ar-
rest of the criminals does Ontario differ from Saskatchewan?

The idea of half a dozen malefactors breaking out of one of the barracks of the Mounted Police and roaming the country for months is absurd. Yet it is not absurd in Ontario. If Rose and his pals had escaped in that part of Canada under the jurisdiction of the R.N.-W.M.P. every man on the force would have been on the look-out for them within twentyfour hours after their escape. Trained men would have been set to watch the various holes into which they might be expected to crawl. Every outlet would have been guarded and their chances of remaining at large for weeks and months would be not better than a hundred to one.

The suggestion is made that the police forces of Ontario, including city police, county constables, provincial detectives, special officers such as are employed by the railways, forest and fire-rangers, game wardens and their deputies, and jail governors and turnkeys should be brought into one force, under one central management. There should be district headquarters in every county, and local depots in every town and township. At least once a day the local depot should report to the county headquarters, and the county headquarters to the central office. Also from the central office could radiate instructions by telegraph which could be in the hands of every man in the service in a couple of hours. There should be mounted men in every township whose duty it would be to patrol the country roads, day and night, sweeping up the tramps and vagrants who now make the life of women in the less populated rural districts a terror. These mounted patrols, at certain intervals along their route, should have telegraph or telephone stations, like the patrol boxes in the city, and from each of them they would report to the local depot, and receive fresh instructions, if necessary. They should have a certain time-table, so that
after a month or two it would be possible for the farmers along the route to tell, within about half a mile, where the nearest policeman was, and to get a message to him without delay, in case of emergency.

This system of patrolling the country roads would be, perhaps, the strongest feature of the system that is proposed. People who dwell in the cities are prone to cherish the delusion that the country is the headquarters of innocence and peace. It is not saying too much to declare that nobody in the country or the country villages has that sense of security in life and property that the dweller in the roughest city district enjoys. The cities may be the headquarters of vice, but it is also the headquarters of law and order. The police will tell you that the "bad men" of the cities come from the country or the little towns and villages. Perhaps the worst criminal gang that has figured prominently in police records in the last few years was the Rice-Rutledge outfit. Were its members products of the city slums? No; they came from pastoral scenes. And a few words will explain why it is natural that the most desperate criminals should come from the country or the little village. Take the bad boy who is brought up in the country. First he has to emancipate himself from parental control. This is usually accomplished when he is about eighteen. We will suppose him to be tough and quarrelsome, with particular abilities as a rough-and-tumbler fighter. He successively beats the other aspiring roughs in the district, to the number of eight or ten, and soon is ruffling it as cock of the walk. There only remains the local constable to quell, and our young friend is in truth the terror of the district. As the average county or village constable is no more celebrated for his physical than for his mental prowess, the chances are that he is early tamed. By the time our hero becomes a man, he is joy nd restraint, knows no law but
bis own desires, respects no one's rights, and refuses to realise that there is a power stronger than his own burly fist.

Suppose the same husky lad had been brought up in the city. He would have found out early in life that he could not thrash everyone in the city, not because the average city man is abler-bodied than the average country man, but because the extremes of feebleness and strength are more surely to be found among large populations. Instead of having the village constable to thrash, he has a six-foot policeman, plus club, plus revolver, and, above all, plus whistle. The whistle would bring two or three or ten or a hundred other six-foot policemen to the scene, and the more desperately our young hero would resist the more severely would he be punished. So it follows that while the cities may turn out more than their proper share of burglars, sneak thieves, forgers and bank wreckers, the country is the real breedingground for the hold-up man, the tramp and all members of that most dangerous class of criminals whose two weapons are physical strength and cruelty.

Under the new system our young rough would have to meet, not a middle aged politician, who is constable two days in the week and an auctioneer or shoemaker the rest of the time, but an abled-bodied, armed officer who is a policeman twenty-four hours a day, and who has a thousand men at the back of every order he issues. Would there not be a difference in the class of young men growing up along the side lines?

With such a body, governed in the matter of appointment and promotion along the most reformed of civil service lines, with decent play for the recruit, and with rewards higher up, to be attained after faithful, intelligent service, as fine a class would be attracted to the Ontario police force as to the mounted force in the Northwest, in Australia or in Cape Colony.

There would be an opportunity for specialising in the prevention and detection of crime. The same central officer would not be required to ferret out a group of incendiaries and the utterers of base coin. Every good detective officer is better along certain lines of research than others, good all-round min though he be. The late John Murray had a national reputation as a counterfeit money expert, and similarly one might review the officers still in active service Each has the specialty he would like to concentrate on, if the system permitted, and it would be greatly to the advantage of justice if each could follow his bent without interruption.

In the improved system the Bertillon device and the Rogues' Gallery would reach a high development. The boy or man who gave early evidence of criminal instincts would be under the watchful eye of the police no matter in what part of the province he established himself. As it is now, a man may be a thorough-going bully or petty thief in Halton, but when he moves to Peel no one knows him, and all the bitter experience of his Halton neighbours goes for nothing. In the larger cities like Toronto, where the police are better organised, the crook who moves from Sydenham Street to Strachan Avenue is instantly recognised, and is a marked man ramong the police of that particular division.

We would hoot the man who would arise with the suggestion that the police of Toronto should have no central head, and that those in each ward should act independently of those in the other wards. Yet that is the system that prevails throughout On tario. To install such a system as has been outlined in this article would cost a lot of money. It might require years to work out all the details. It wculd necessitate the sacrifice of much petty patronage, the surrender of a large amount of local authority and autonomy. It would call for acts in the Ontario Legislature, and perhaps
for special Federal legislation. We might even have to send to the House of Lords for permission to amend the British North America Act.

But it would be worth it and a good deal more. Set against the formidable item of cost the increased value of millions of acres of lands, surrounded by lonely country roads, along which prowl tramps to terrorise the wives of thousands of farmers. On a modest estimate the new protection and sense of security would be worth another bushel to the acre. The actual saving of property from destruction and theft would be another great item to put on the credit side of the ledger. The new force, in its power to draw ambitious young men and offer them promising careers, would be at least equal to the discovery of a new mineral, the estab-
lishment of a new industry. The bankers of Canada met the other day and deplored the poor protection afforded them by the police. They would be willing to stand a stiff assessment to inaugurate the new régime. The insurance companies, which lose tens of thousands of dollars a year through incendiarism, might be tempted to reduce rates or to contribute handsomely to the maintenance of a satisfactory system of Provincial police.
It is a great big scheme, and big schemes have a trick of brushing aside obstacles through sheer force of gravity. It offers to an ambitious legislator a better opportunity than Niagara power offered to Mr. Beck. The question is, Will some modern politician take the chance of mortally offending the criminal classes?

## A SERENADE

## BY A. CLARE GIFFIN

Ah open, Sweet, the fast-closed door!
The moonlight lies across the lawn;
Until the coming of the dawn,
Let us be happy yet once more!
The languid flowers scent the air,
And all the sweet dark earth is fair.
Rose of the world, my heart's delight!
Open the door and softly come;
For flowers sleep and birds are dumb,
And all around us is the night.
Oh, come into the garden sweet,
And wake the flowers at my feet!
Give me yet once more for my own,
Gray of your eyes, gold of your hair,
White of your long arms soft and bare,
The magic of your sweetest tone;
Tell how you love me till the light
Breaks on our heart-dream of the night.
Rose of the world, my sweet, my sweet!
The moonlight fades and goes away,
The still, soft darkness cannot stay:
Come, for the hours of night are fleet.
My longing heart, Belovéd cries
To see Love's glory in your eyes.

## WHY I AM A SUFFRAGETTE

## BY ARTHUR HAWKES

AMEMBER of the Newcastle-onTyne School Board was knitting in her place, when the first of three selected candidates for an inspectorship came in to be interviewed by the Board. She looked at him for a second, and said: "I shan't vote for him. I don't like the way he parts his hair."

Whenever I have told this incident it has been received as almost conclusive evidence of the unsuitability of women for public office, and therefore of their unsuitability for the suffrage, which is the key to public office. In truth, it is nothing of the kind. It is rather an admirable text for a discourse upon the place of women in public life, not from the women's point of view so much as from the point of view of human fairplay.

The Almighty divided the race into male and female, because it was necessary for the perpetuation of the species, and because it was necessary to prevent men from getting an overpowering conceit of themselves. But the Almighty did not make a male and female arithmetic or make sexpartitions in the decalogue. There has been a universal tendency to regard women as the inferior vessel. Masculine notions of chivalry have, in the main, been allied with notions of masculine superiority, with about as much reason as Adam had for blaming Eve because he was disobedient. I think if I were a woman I should feel a resentful contempt for men, on account of the treatment of women by men, when men have had
the power of translating their real opinions into statutes.

There are constitutional differences between men and women-fortunate ly for women. Except in rare cases, there will always be a difference between a woman's approach of a public question and a man's. Menkind seldom seem to think upon their assumption that because the masculine is masculine it is therefore right. Talk to the average man-the average statesman, if there be such a thing-, about the fitness of women for public duty, and he immediately questions whether women can think and talk and act as he does about political questions. Just as far as a woman can become a man, so far, in most people's judgment, is she fit to work with men in law-making and law-administering.

That point of view is fundamentally wrong. Consider it in relation to the knitting member of the School Board who wouldn't vote for a man because of the way he parted his hair. What is the superlative quality in business administrative generalship? It is the power of selecting the most capable men for responsible posts. Ask your great general of industry how he sizes up men, and he can't tell you much more than "I know a good man when I see him." Back of all his figuring is intuition. His impressions form themselves, and they form him. He is the creature of instinct.

Now, suppose any half-dozen men of wide business experience were solicited by half a dozen other men for a responsible appointment; and sup-
pose the first man who came in had curled side-whiskers; would not his whiskers condemn him as one who had come to maturity out of due time? Curled mutton chop whiskers in 1909 reveal a peculiarity of character which the least responsible male intellect can appreciate. A man does the doubly obvious thing, in rejecting such a curiosity, and straightway thinks he is smart. A woman, endowed with a finer, quicker, more trustworthy intuition than the man, detects a peculiarity in temper in the parting of the hair. Her judgment is just as good as that of the Board of Directors against Curled Whiskers; but, because it operates more quickly, and on apparently slenderer evidence than theirs, it is derisively called "prejudice."

Some years ago I visited a famous church in Brooklyn. A minister prayed at the invitation of the pastor, who gave him a name that made me prick up my ears. Later the pastor announced a lecture by the stranger, of whose career in Africa he spoke in high and noble terms. I had just come from Africa, and knew that the man whose prayer I had heard had been unfrocked for gross immorality. As I had some relation with the pastor of the church, I told him what I knew, and the impostor left the country in less than forty hours. Said the deceived minister: "My wife warned me against that man the first time she saw him, but I laughed at her."

The point I want to make is that an instinct-a faith if you like-that is valuable in domestic life is correspondingly valuable in public life. If men were as wise as they think they are they would have found a way of utilising it through the ballot long before now. That women are without the Parliamentary franchise is no final evidence of the sagacity of men.

Apropos of appointments to public office, it is worth while noticing the impulse that makes civil service reform an issue in politics. He is a particularly dull Pharisee who would
claim that women would make a worse mess of appointments to public office than has distinguished so much of all kinds of politics in these latter times. Thousands of men have been appointed to public office primarily because they have broken the laws against electoral wickedness.

So long as women have to obey laws for the making of which they have no responsibility, surely in the year of grace 1909 it is more pertinent to explain why they have been denied a part in making laws, than it is to justify their natural right to the franchise. Admittedly, the argument of historical usage is with the anti-suffragists. So it was with the stagecoach gaainst the train, and with the mule against the automobile. So it was with the lord against his vassal. So it was with the candle against the incandescent.

We are growing out of the idea that because Adam was so weak and foolish as to please Eve, Eve was appropriately doomed to everlasting suffering in this life and, by inference, to second place in the life to come. There are eleven arguments against equal suffrage that are about as sound in logic as the first eleven chapters of Genesis are sound in history. One of them is especially interesting because of its seeming conclusiveness to those who would be in congenial company with William the Conqueror. It is that women must not vote because they cannot fight-that the nations are preserved by war, and that the capacity to become a soldier is the supreme test of civic power.

Well, there is a function more important to the State than quarrelling for the State. It is the perpetuation of the State, the bringing forth of children who will honorably bear its burdens. In church most men admit that it is the mother who makes the man. On the hustings they will concede that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and think the remark original. But they
won't let it have anything to do with the ballot box. The idea of a feminine deacon would shock most of them. The Apostle Paul has a great deal to answer for; apparently, because he had a wife to whom he was not congenial. His views about women in the church were suitable to Corinthian circumstances, which vanished. If he lived to-day he would be going round a golf course with some saintly Lydia.
Formidable opposition to equal suffrage does not come from those whose real views about woman's place in the governance of the world are really barbaric, whether those views be dissembled in politeness and socalled chivalry, or are expressed with the honesty of the Cornish preacher who said: "Women be like pilchards -when they be good they be only middlin', and when they be bad they be bad." It is as unnecessary to worry about this brand of opinion as it is to be disturbed about the few remaining persons who think that popular education is a mistake, and dangerous to well-ordered institutions. There are serious arguments against woman's suffrage that are begotten of ${ }^{\text {a }}$ truly lofty feminism-good people fear that women may have too much of a good thing. Mrs. Humphry Ward, and, apparently, Sir James Whitney, are of this timorous body of Littlefaiths.
Now, it is a mark of inexperience to criticise, on the ground that it is illogical, the attitude of a public character to some great public affair. The brainiest of men use their brains to discover and enforce arguments that accord with the predilections they derive from their parents, or from some ancestor of whom they may never have heard. A severely logical person is intolerable. Those who shrink from social, political, or religious innovations, as they would flee a pestilence, are invariably living examples of principles or practices which, not so long ago, were regarded by their fathers and mothers, perhaps by themselves,
as horribly revolutionary.
Mrs. Ward writes novels and makes speeches in public that would have astounded her grandmother. What would her great-grandmother have said of such things? Mrs. Ward has no objection to women administering the Poor Law and sitting on School Boards, and working with men in noisome slums. She does not denounce her lady friends who vote for aldermen, guardians and councillors. But when it comes to voting for members of parliamentHeavens, here is a subject for coun-ter-agitation!

For the life of me, I cannot see why a member of Parliament is so very much worse than an alderman, or a county councillor, that women should be prevented from voting for or against him. It is true that members of parliament make laws which decide the most vital things in a woman's legal existence-when she may have control of herself, when she may invoke the law against those who despitefully use her, how far her children are hers, and so on and so forth. It is true that, in the main, men have made laws that discriminate against women-the divorce laws of the Empire are almost uniformly unfair in this respect. If it is not harmful for a woman with property to vote on a trunk sewer, it is surely not degrading for her to vote on such a question as the means that shall be taken to avert the shedding of blood that is dearer to her than her own.
It is impossible not to respect the viewpoint of those who tremble because they think the parliamentary ballot will weaken the sweet strength of women in family, social, and national life. O ye of little faith! The average woman of this day is as far ahead of her unfortunate ancestress who changed from a simpering maiden to a submissive matron, as the tradeunionist is ahead of the villein who dare not leave his native heath. Why the evolution of women from chattelhood should halt at the ballot box is
surely beyond ordinary comprehension.
But politics is a rough game, and participation in it will destroy the fine bloom of womanliness. Will it? Fighting in the trenches is a rough game. Does it spoil the womanliness of the nurses who are in touch with it? But women do not fight; they are only in attendance on war. So. Cannot a woman vote in a parliamentary election without mixing herself up with the worst elements of politics? Has the science of government become so degraded that, though women must obey the laws that come from so degraded a fount, they must not participate in keeping the fountain clean? Cursorily, may one protest against the idea that politics must necessarily be bad and politicians disrespectable? There could not be a greater bulwark of graft and the grafter than this deadly heresy against human nature. If the conduct of a nation that is half female has become so disgraceful in the hands of men, it is surely time for some good women to leaven it, even as good women will leaven a terribly masculine mining camp.
But does not the conduct of the suffragettes prove that women's suffrage is harmful to women? Would I rejoice to see my daughter struggling with a policeman or interrupting the speech of a prime minister? I would not, But, to be consistent, should I not hunger to make such a contribution to the "cause"? Possibly yes; most likely no. It is just possible that I ought to regard woman's suffrage as the most vital necessity of this and succeeding generations, and that I ought to go on a self-denying crusade on its behalf. There be some apostles and some prophets. And equal suffrage is not the only thing in the world calling for the extremest selfdenial. I believe in woman suffrage, just as I believe that it is an anachronism in Christianity that one should be expected to accept the creed of his grandfather if he would secure
assurance of salvation at the last. But no still, small voice, or all-compelling conviction requests me to become a theological gladiator.
I would prefer that my daugh. ter, if she were an ardent suffragette, should keep out of the hands of the police; but a casual glance over a few determining factors in history makes me chary of condemning extremists, in the manner of the Pharisee. The records are full of instances of men who believed against all the world in some idea, invention, or principle; who, being reviled, reviled not again; and who, after death, were given the high places that were denied them in life. I am a young man, but I have seen the Sallvation Army grow from \& ridiculed "fanaticism" to the most respected engine of social regeneration all over the world. It has become so because its officers have felt an extraordinary compulsion, mighty strange, and unthinkable to most of us. I do not long to see my daughter marching by her parents' house, beating a tambourine. But I have a profound respect for the thousands of women who have followed the example of the great mystic who was the wife of General Booth; anl I discern a warning against extreme denunciation of extremists in the facts that the Government of Ontario, where religious endowment is repugnant to the people, has put the Salvation Army on the estimates; and that on the stage I have seen the Salvation Army presented in a spirit of grateful homage with all its extremeness of tambourine and drum.
The suffragettes are extremists. They no doubt feel they are akin to the greatest propagandist that humankind has ever produced-to him who believed he could convert the world by the foolishness of preaching. They try to break the conventions of the British House of Commons. It is very shocking, of course. But they are not the first honourable people who have seemed to turn the world up-
side down. Occasionally, no doubt, they call to mind an utterly stupefying infraction of the canons of good sense, good breeding, and of the rules of Parliament itself, which produced a magnificent reform.

For untold years, British shipowners had sent horribly overloaded, unseaworthy, over-insured ships across the oceans. A certain Samuel Plimsoll began an agitation to prevent those crimes against seamianship. While the country fought a general election on Irish Church Disestablishment and other appalling issues, he entered Parliament on his one plank. He made little headway towards the desired legislation, until one day, with the vehemence of a suffragette, he denounced his enemies and named members of the House as guilty of the crimes he execrated. It was frightful, and I think he was suspended. But his measure passed; and the

Plimsoll line is painted on every British ship, by force of the Parliament he so indecorously outraged.

The claim of a woman to vote, on the same qualifications that a man does, seems to me to be based on the most elemental justice; and to be independent of the questions whether women, as a whole, would use the suffrage, and whether, with it, they would produce great social ameliorations. The franchise is no wonderworking panacea, but it is the sign, seal, and symbol of citizenship. Without it a man justly feels he is an alien to the commonwealth. If I were a woman, I think I should feel entitled, in nature, and on the services of my sex to the commonwealth, to take my place with the rest of the able-minded constituents of the nation. And that is why, having no facility in fair company, I am a suffragette.

## WHERE VIOLETS LANGUISH

By E. M. YEOMAN

Ah, what avails thine anguish?
Tears may not lessen grief.
But come where violets languish And thou shalt have relief.
Thou shalt forget thy heart's distress
Where violets show their purple dress.
Yea, what may tears lavail?
Tears may not lighten woe.
But we shall seek some verdant dale Where purple flowers grow;
And there, where violets languish, Thou shalt forget thine anguish.
We'll go by way of meadows green, And gather as we go
Ripe buttercups with golden sheen, That 'mongst the grasses grow;
And haply in our path shall be
A lonely crimson rose for thee.
And in some moss-grown rocky chair, Where violets are spread,
We'll weave a garland for thy hair, Of purple flowers, and gold, and red;
And there, where violets languish,
Thou shalt forget thine anguish.

## BY A VANCOUVER ISLAND RIVER

BY F. M. KELLY

FOR the foremost season of the year, nature had wrought her most wondrous work, and the pleasant fragrance of full-blown spring hung heavy on the air in the lovely valley of the Sooke. Countless blossoms gave of their best to make the day a sweet one, and though it could not compare with the dainty aroma spilled from the heart of the lowly violet in the glade, even the chaste white dog-wood, its spreading petals gleaming high against the dark background of the timber, contributed its portion to the wealth of fresh perfumes. A happy day, indeed, on which I was making a botanical collection for a friend, and had gathered no less than thirty-five varieties of flower-embellished plants when I sought the edge of the river to rest and dream under the spell of the soft, sun-kissed water where it made fond music with the enamelled stones of the shallow places.
I found my spot of contentment by the side of a pool, some twenty yards in width, and deep. At either end the water was purling and giving forth sweet sounds. There were no discords in that symphony of the river. Opposite, on the other bank, the forest came down almost to the water, while a great gray stump stood at its very brink. Over the pool it leaned slightly, and would, as a tree no doubt, have toppled over long since had a valley-sweeping tempest in some far away year not wrestled with it and flung a good half of its length to nothingness. With its fair top
gone, there had been no fresh green needles put forth from its branches each spring, no swelling of its girth each year. Undoubtedly death had been slow, as befitted the passing of a monarch of big trees; but how long ago the sap had ceased to flow it would be impossible to tell. The bark had fallen from its entire length, and the woodpeckers had honeycombed the skin for many feet. It was hollow, too ; I could see that as I looked. Even the heart had evidently crumbled, for there was a large oval hole about fifteen feet from the bottom, behind which was deep shadow. Nothing but a shell it seemed to be ; and, as I conjectured what its age might be, I figured that it was a giant of its kind ere Columbus dreamt of a new world. Just then quite a large bird flew up to the opening and disappeared within. I took it to be a sheldrake, and knew I was not wrong when I saw it emerge again shortly afterwards. Then I forgot that I was resting, forgot my dreams and my friend's botany; for I felt that there were things very dear to the bird in that old stump-its nest and coming brood, and that I must look and see. I crossed the river. In a hollow near the centre were five eggs of a creamy buff colour.
When next I passed that way there were two more eggs, making seven in all. Evidently the period of incubation then commenced, for the bird was on the nest when I called the following day. The day after it was the same, so I ceased my visits
for a time. When next I went to look I beheld seven balls of unfeathered life huddled close together. While I was intently observing them, the old bird came up very much excited. It did not come close, but kept flying swiftly past. So it intimated clearly that my presence was not wanted, and I took my leave.
All water-fowl become learned in the ways of the water before they make the acquaintance of the elements of the air. Because of this, I was anxious to know how the young birds would get to the pool from a nest so high above the ground. I decided to watch from the other bank when I felt it was near the time for the little things to be schooled in the elementary lessons of a sheldrake's life. Though several days of watching went by, I was at length rewarded. Something told me that an unusual sight was to be presented to my eyes when I saw the mother-bird fly up to the entrance of the castle, pause for a moment to look in and then hurriedly take wing again. Up the water-course some hundred yards it flew, then came back and went about the same distance down stream. Several times it did this, evidently, as I reasoned later, to learn if the swift hawks were moving in the neighbourhood, or whether the silent eagle was watching from a river-leaning limb of some tall tree.

Apparently satisfied that the time was propitious for the accomplishment of its purpose, it again sought the opening in the great fir stump. It seemed strange what then happened, yet it was the only possible way in which the young birds could reach the surface of the pool. One by one the old bird carried them down in its long saw-like mandible, placed each little feathered puff among the old roots beneath the bank ere it flew back for another.
But in what manner were those young birds warned not to show themselves while there alone? They must have been warned in some way,
for there was not a sign of them to be seen within a few seconds after they were dropped. At last all were down, and not even the sharp-eyed hawk as it drifted along had ob. served the little family in its natural refuge. If so, it had made no sign.
Days passed before I returned to the river. When I did so, I took a camera with me, determined, if possible, to get some pictures of this breed of merganser Americanus. It proved to be an undertaking more easily figured out than successfully accomplished. In fact, I failed lamentably. This was through no lack of trying, and I would not care to mention my non-success on that particular occasion were it not for the fact that while I was endeavouring to get within camera-range of the little family I beheld the enactment of a tragic scene on nature's own stage, such a scene, indeed, as I shall probably never see presented again.
Having patiently passed several hours without success in the bush near the edge of the home pool, which the sheldrake and its brood still frequented, I decided to try other tactics. My hiding-place was not the most comfortable, besides the light had changed and the position of my camera, eight feet away, was not of the best. My idea was to stalk them, then break out suddenly from the timber with the camera set and press the bulb. I pressed it several times, but the results afterwards proved too poor for satisfaction.
At my first attempt the whole band started to fly. The little things were not very strong, nor were their wings fully developed, so they only went a short distance, dropped into the shallows close to the shore, floundered as fast as they could for a few yards and hid among the boulders until the old bird returned, which it did very quickly, and gathered them together. This was repeated several times before we reached the largest pool of the river. This pool appeared to be fully forty yards across, and the
side opposite to that on which I stood was devoid of dense bush, while there was a tangle of matted branches, the collection of years, partly on the bank and partly in the water. There were no signs of my camera-quarry when I peered through the wild gooseberry bushes which lined my side of the pool, but I was certain that the young birds were in hiding beneath the mass of brush opposite.

Three times, at least, while I was seeking to locate the hiding-place of the brood, the mother-bird went by. Then all at once it took the water, fair in the centre of the pool. Hardly had it done so before there was a great feathered thing dropping silently from above, its wings outspread. Suddenly those wide wings became almost vertical, it dropped swiftly, two sin ewy limbs shot out, but the sharp claws closed short; for almost on the instant of apparent death the sheldrake disappeared beneath the water.

Then the great white-head lifted itself to where it could mark the course of the water-bird in the clear transparent element. It knew the moment that its quarry would come near the surface ; it also knew that it dare not leave the deep water of the pool.

Swiftly then it would strike where the water broke in circles. The sheldrake was very quick, though, and I thought it might escape and reach the sanctuary where its young were in hiding; but the eagle was most determined, and at length it looked as if it were the end of all for the water-fowl. So quickly it happened, I could not see whether the sharp curving beak, the sharper curving talons or the strong wide wings did the damage, but the sheldrake's head was in the water, and it was turning in circles, apparently stunned. As it made ready for the final swoop, the eagle uttered a shrill scream, a cry of triumph that ended as the descent commenced.

How different, though, was that descent from the ordinary graceful downward sweep of the bird. A shot rang out, and the great winged hunter of our river-reaches fell inertly, a dead and broken thing, and while the sheldrake revived, a few dozen laggard, downy feathers dropped softly to the water about it.

Somebody else had been watching the unequal encounter, one whose sympathies were assuredly with the weak.


# MAKING CHEESE IN SWITZERLAND 

BY HEDLEY P. SOMNER

SUMMER tourists in Switzerland, the playground of the world, in their first leisurely "doing" of the country's attractive and sequestered villages, often wonder at the unexpected absence of lowing herds. There is evidence enough that the country possesses dairies and cheese factories, but, "Where are the cows?" the tourist demands. The delicious dairy products placed before him every morning prove that there must be members of the "Milky Way" somewhere, and their absence from his summer gaze around the village seems remarkable to him, so much so that he always inquires about them, with no small amusement for the experienced traveller in the Alps.

The novice may pass through one pretty village after another and never see a cow, or be accosted by the gentle lowing of the herd. "Where are the cows?"' he will repeat again. Not in the stables or pastures or meadows around the village. They are not to be found there-that is true; but here is one of the greatest dairying countries in the world, and to be such it must possess cows in number.

Switzerland, however, conducts her dairying industry upon radically different lines from those of any other dairy country; but the mode peculiar to her is certainly appropriate to the conditions surrounding the industry. In summer time the cows are far away from the villages-but they are where the best grass is, where the verdure is luscious and juicy.

During these summer months, indeed, the herds are upon the 3-25
mountains, climbing steadily higher and higher as the sun rises more and more directly above, pressing on the retreating edge of snow, grazing on the freshened, nutritious springing verdure as it bursts from beneath its long winter swaddling mantle.

In spring from early May to June the herds are collected on the village green, and an annual festival occurs in which the cow-herds and milkmaids take part. The best cow is adorned with a bell, a reward for her beauty of "form" at the pail. She proudly bears the bell and leads the herd in its summer migration. The famous country songs are sung to the accompaniment of the pipings of the musical herd laddies and the steps of the tripping maids, partners on the green. The bell-cow realises her dignity and preserves it with bovine obstinacy, allowing no encroachment upon her prerogatives, for she is pas-ture-wise and has a keen eye and nose for choicest spots on the uplands, and seeks them out for herself and followers. She leads the herd proudly in its parade, as it starts on its way to crop the juicy blades that will soon be transformed into a delicious flow of milk. These annual spring festivals have still their quaint cus toms and observances clinging to them from the days of old, and in them herdsman and maid are endeared to each other in their joyous pastoral duties.

In May or June the herds begin their climb, creeping higher up as the snow disappears; and they reach
the limit of their known haunts in September, when the return jaunt commences after their strenuous four months of milk production. And the snow recovers the meadows and gently follows at heel as the herd retraces its steps homeward, winterward. As they go with their heads close to the ground, browsing the fresh growth in the meadows which they had previously stripped, their milk becomes richer, for the grasses are now more luxuriant. High up these mountains real meadows are
the herd's main nutriment. These choice browsings give to the milk a flavour of alpine flowers that is in time imparted to the cheese.

In Switzerland the making of cheese is one of the most healthful and picturesque of occupations. When the snow has sufficiently melted from the higher alpine meadows and the grass and flowers begin to cover the sides of the mountains, the herdsmen are ready to leave their homes in the valleys, carrying with them on the backs of stout nags certain household


A SWISS CHEESE-MAKING HUT
plentiful; and these spots are "Alps" to the Swiss herdsmen, for the word to them means green-not white or high, according to the primitive significance. And these pastures and meadows or alps produce not only sweet-tasting grasses but sweetscented. Their succulence is combined with and strengthened by many elements of fragrance and varieties of alpine plants eagerly nipped by the discerning milchers, for these alpine blooms furnish the salt and spice of
belongings, and also their cheesemaking utensils, such as boilers, milk pails, cheese kettles, presses, moulds, etc.

All over Switzerland this summer migration to the higher alps takes place, and in its high valleys thousands of herds graze in summer. The Swiss are a race of athletes, sharing in the abundance and beauty of their surroundings. They love the open, robust freedom of the mountains, while engaged in cheese-making, re-
joicing in the majestic horizons of jagged peaks and profound gorges, and the pastures clothed in rich verdure, bedecked with a profusion of brightest flowers. The mountain pastures are so favoured as to make Switzerland one of the most flowery countries on earth. The contrasts of colour are marvellous, and the soft and vivid blue of the gentian, the glowing purple and orange of the alpine toadflax, the passionate yellow of the sulphur-blossomed windflower and the crimson purple of the saxi-

There is no rank growth, but here is attained the rarest beauty of nature's artistry. It is to these glorious pastures that the grazers are driven and led by the queen of the herd, who gets the first nibbles of the choicest tufts and bunches of green.

It is the custom of the herdsmen to combine their herds for cheese-making. The cows belonging to individual owners are carefully studied as to breed and milk-yielding capacity. The milk of each cow is carefully analysed as to quality and measured as to


A SWISS CHEESE PRESS
frage are the despair of lowland gardeners. What could be more wistful or tender than a field of campanulas (bluebells) that spread over the meadows like a blue mist, emphasised by the dazzling whiteness of St. Bruno's lilies; or a mass of bird's eye primrose glowing like a pink carpet, when seen against a background of pines and snow-white mountains? And these pastures, hung on steep slopes rising 6,000 or 7,000 feet, look as if well cared for.
quantity. Everything is conducted on a strict basis, so that when one individual is adjudged one-fiftieth, and another one-seventieth of the cheese product of the combined herd, they know that they are being fairly dealt with, and will receive a fair share each.

Cheese is, indeed, one of the chiefest "country" products of Switzerland. Millions of pounds of it are exported annually. This means not only that the country possesses rich
pastures but proves the commonly observed fact that where there are such rich pastures there are always also fine cattle and staunch men. The cheese industry has indeed been finely developed and cheeseries or fromageries are scattered over the country wherever a vale affords a meadow. Dairy associations and breeders' associations exist in the various centres of the industry. The alpine cantons which offer so many temptations to the tourist to linger have each its own variety of the indigenous breed famous
meadows and rugged highlands that are a constant source of delight to the tourist, is produced a cheese known as Schabieger, which has friends wherever cheese is relished. In Lucerne the Emmenthal and Entlebach cheeses are held in high repute. The product commonly known as Schweitzer is favoured in the far northlands.

In the Simmenthal valley, in the Canton of Berne, a magnificent breed of Swiss cattle is raised. They are brown and white, spotted, speckled or mottled, of low blocky frame, deep-


A SNISS CHEESEMAKER LUNCHING
before the advent of the Romans and cultivated by the lake-dwellers of prehistoric times. Some of these breeds may have only a local fame, as likewise the variety of cheese made from the milk of their cows, but the choicest Swiss cheese is prized far away from its place of manufacture. There are varieties of green cheese and herb cheese, and they are all good and true varieties.

In the Canton of Glarus, which is richly endowed with those velvety
bodied and uddered. The breed is known the world over, and many fine specimens have been picked up and transported to America. The Simmenthal valley is perhaps the most famous of all cattle-producing sections of Switzerland, possessing three great fairs, held one after the other during one week in October. To these fairs thousands of cattle are driven, and in them throngs of breeders and dealers congregate to snap up the offerings of the local owners.

Saanen (Gessnay) is the most southern of these markets; Zweisimmen, the middle one, in the centre of the wide vale; and Erlenbach, the northwestern market. The climate of Simmenthal is mild and agreeable and it provides much fine natural scenery. At Gessnay memories of the former Counts of Gruyère are still preserved, the family arms, showing a white crane on a crimson field, being exhibited in the town. The Counts of Gruyère ruled here of yore, as they did in their own home valley.
range. He amuses himself with his full-throated songs and pipings, and may beguile his more tedious hours by whittling a stick into some quaint figure. His deep-lunged "Allihoh-Tra-la-la," is echoed far and near and is sweet sound to the maids. It is the "All's Well" of the alpine environment.

That next valley, Gruyère, is identified with the most famous Swiss cheese, which has great favour in France and Italy. This pastoral valley is not only historic but idyllic,


DISPOSING OF THE WHEY

The finest cows yield on an average two hundred weight of cheese during their four months' summer outing. The life of the herd lads and dairy lasses during these months is strenuous and not a mere matter of play. The alpine dairy sheds are haunts of activity from dawn to dark, for the milk must be collected and manipulated quickly and correctly. The herdsman's business is often a serious one, for he must watch over the straying bovines and keep them within
and the hoary old castle still commands the valley as it did in more determined manner in the days when its owners, the Counts of Gruyère, were a power in the land, and maintained the fame of Fribourg chivalry. Gruyère is a valley of beautiful meadows and picturesque mountains. down whose sides dash fcaming torrents - a rugged and smiling setting for the drama of peasant life that has made world famed the Ranz des Vaches, a pastoral song that not only
carries the brave national spirit wherever it is sung but the love of native land in the breast of the exile.

Gruyère cheese is the queen of all. It is recognised by its iacunce, or holes, which, however, are not necessarily indicative of its genuinesness or perfection, for the body of the cheese should be firm and solid, and with a deep old ivory hue, and should dissolve in the mouth like butter. Its peculiar piquant flavour is unique.

While various localities in Switzerland have developed many varieties of cheese, it is generally admitted that Gruyère is typical of the whole group of Swiss cheeses. It is usually made in a large copper kettle that will hold at least about 225 quarts of milk, the curd of which is made into a single cheese. The milk, first heated to a high pitch in the cauldron, is coagulated with rennet, an extract obtained from the fourth stomach of a calf that is still feeding upon milk. Rennet, being acid, causes coagulation of the casein, which assists in the ripening process. After the curd
has been coagulated, it is broken up in various ways into small pieces as nearly uniform in size as possible, and is again heated ; then it receives careful stirring with a great iron comb. After heating, which is necessary to produce a firm curd and a slow ripening cheese, the curd is allowed to sink to the bottom of the vessel in a solid mass, and while in this condition a cloth is slipped around it and the whole mass of curd conveyed to the moulds in which it is pressed into shape. The cheese thus solidified loses all its free liquid and takes a round, solid form, weighing about fifty pounds.

The cheese in its present condition is a hard, tough mass, difficult of digestion. But it is put aside in a clean, cool, airy cellar for ripening, and it is the process of ripening, or curing, that creates the flavour which gives the cheese its specific character. and converts the casein into a more or less soluble and wholesome mass.

In the production of these changes two different processes are at work.


SWISS COWS UNDER SHELTER

The first is the rapid development of the bacteria already in the milk. These bacteria are microscopic, and are closely related to yeasts and moulds, the fermentative agents in other varieties of cheese. Bacteria multiply with extreme rapidity. The souring of milk is due to their actively giving rise to lactic acid and other chemical products.

The second process in cheese ripening is the action of certain chemical ferments, the combined action of which produces in the cheese its particular flavours and characteristics. Cheeses manufactured similarly, but in different localities, are widely different from one another. It is during the fermenting process that the holes are produced in the cheese by the liberation of gases. These holes in perfect cheese should be uniform


A swiss cheese cauldron in size, and at equal dis-
tances from each other. The casein breaks down into a cheese of solid, uniform texture, and characteristic flavour. The characteristic flavours of Swiss cheese are chiefly due to the character of the alpine pastures upon which the cows feed, as well as by micro-organisms peculiar to the alpine climate.

The popularity of chees among so many races of men is due to the fact that its strong flavour gives an appetising taste to a variety of tasteless foods. It is well known that flavour is of the greatest significance in diet, by reason of its powerful stimulation of the digestive functions. A diet of tasteless food cannot be long digested and assimilated. But even the coarsest bit of dry bread may be made palatable by a bit of cheese to give it a relish and aid its digestibility. In
composition Swiss cheese contains 31.00 per cent. of casein, 24.00 per cent. of fat, 1.50 per cent. of sugar, 40.00 per cent. of water and 3.00 per cent. of ash and common salt.

During the ripening process, Swiss cheese is salted from the outside. The quality is best when the curing goes on gradually and continually. The flavour increases with age, while the odour becomes increasingly pungent. In certain parts of Switzerland a man's social position is denoted by the number of cows he owns or the cheeses he accumulates. Sometimes a cheese is made to commemorate the birth of a child and slices are eaten on every anniversary. When old age is reached what remains of the cheese may become rather heroic in flavour and odour, but it is prized all the more highly.


KAISER WILHELM II.

## KAISER WILHELM: HIS OPPORTUNITY AND FAILURE

BY W. O. PAYNE

THE purpose of this paper is to treat of its personal subject as probably the last conspicuous regime in the world's affairs that is rapidly passing away, and to take note of the hopelessness of the struggle which a strong man may make never so bravely against the resistless tide of events.

Of course, the end of Kaiser Wilhelm is yet to be told. In the ordinary trend of human events he yet has still a very considerable expectancy
of life, and it is reasonable to anticipate that he will be heard from in numerous ways for yet an uncertain number of years to come; but as a successful meddler in the concerns of nations it is fairly well recognised that his race is run, and as the chief of a mighty nation he is no longer feared at home or abroad. Hence it appears that the reminiscent vein is the proper one in which to consider him and his time.

Wilhelm is the living representa-
tive of a long line of dead but dis*inguished ancestors. He belongs to one of the younger branches, but the strongest branch, of the house of Hohenzollern. The family traces back for about eleven centuries, at the beginning of which period it appears that the founder of the house was one of the predatory barons who held their castles and robbed the wayfarer and waylaid one another under the general supremacy of Charlemagne or his immediate successors. In the centuries that followed, the Hohenzollerns may not always have been achieving great things; but, as a certain survivor of the French Revolution said of himself and his time, "they lived." And when in the troublous times following the Reformation the German States were to a great extent recast and their relations readjusted, it appears that a count of Nuremburg had become a duke of Brandenburg; and the dukes in succession enlarged their territories and increased their influence until one of them became an Elector of Brandenburg, and then another became King of Prussia, and still another became the German Emperor, and his grandson, coming into the succession at a comparatively early age, became the present German Emperor and is known to the world as Kaiser Wilhelm II. He stands at the end of a line of barons and princes, reaching two and a half centuries back of the Norman conquest and including probably as many men of force and capacity in their respective times as are reckoned in any royal or noble line in history. Wilhelm has the pride of his family and not a little of its capacity. He is distinctly the most forceful man of his line since Frederick the Great, and he has all the ambition which any of his predecessors may have had to use the power and the opportunities he has for the aggrandisement of Germany and for the glory of the House of Hohenzollern.

Wilhelm is also by far the fore-
most representative and exponent of imperialism in the world's affairs. When the death of his aged grandfather was quickly followed by the untimely demise of his father, both in the year 1888, Wilhelm found himself in his thirtieth year at the head of a nation that had been consolidated by the genius of Bismarek and that had humiliated its leading continental rival with armies led by Von Moltke. The strategical position was the centre of Europe ; the population was vast and enlightened; the army was the best organised and the best equipped that the world had ever seen and the most numerous of all standing armies save that of Russia; the nation was experiencing the commercial benefits of its political unity and was rapidly gaining in wealth and population; and, by virtue of a hard and fast alliance with the Catholics in the Reichstag, the dominance of the Imperial party in the politics of the nation was absolute. At the same time there was a treaty of alliance with Austria and Italy on the one hand and a close diplomatic understanding with Russia on the other hand, while France as the one continental rival of consequence was subject to control or influence at second hand by means of the German understanding with Russia and the Russian alliance with France.

Every conceivable factor, military, diplomatic, strategical, political, dynastic, personal, historical, and commercial, seemed to mark the fortunate Prince of Hohenzollern for the leadership, and the successful leadership, not merely of the greatest military power on earth, but also of the forces of imperialism everywhere. Imperialism, Germany, Hohenzollern-all of these might be thought to symbolise different causes; but for Wilhelm they coalesced in a common cause, the triumph of which should make him the fightiest of all monarchs, living or dead.

For a decade things worked for Wilhelm very nicely. He soon and
very naturally quarrelled with Bismarck, whose habit it had been to do the thinking for the Kaiser, and he put in Bismarck's place a more affable Chancellor, whose function it should be to execute the will of the Kaiser. The diplomatic understandings with surrounding nations were crystalised into what was known as "The Concert of Europe," the effect of which was that Germany, Russia, France, Austria, Italy, and Great Britain coöperated in all important international matters and by the weight of their influence, their armies and, above all, their navies, determined the course of events wherever their interests lay. In this concert, as already indicated, Germany and Russia dominated; but of the two Germany's was the more aggressive influence, and Germany was personated in the concert by Wilhelm. So thorough was the understanding between Germany and Russia, and so complete the acquiescence at all times of Austria, Italy and France, that Great Britain was essentially isolated, and, not being ready to break from the aggregation and fight all the rest of it, was dragged through one international muss after another, greatly to her chagrin and almost never to her satisfaction.
The power of the concert, and particularly of the imperialistic influence in the Concert, was most conspicuously manifested in the Orient. In that quarter the rising ambitions of Japan had led to a quarrel with China over the exercise of the dominant influence in Corea, and this quarrel had developed into a war, in which Japan speedily destroyed the Chinese navy, over-ran the Liau Tung peninsula and occupied Port Arthur. Japan had thereupon dictated the treaty of Shimoniseki, by which China relinquished all claims to the suzerainty of Corea and ceded Port Arthur to Japan. Then it was that the Concert, or rather the dominating influence in the Concert, showed both their purpose and their power. The time
came for the signing of the treaty. It was an international event, and the representatives of the powers were present. The admirals of Russia, Germany, and France arose in succession and forbade the signing of the treaty. British and American representatives were also present; but they had nothing to say.
The treaty was indeed signed; but Japan two days later, in due diplomatic form, returned to China the title to Port Arthur, and in humiliation so deep that its people wept with anger it confessed before the world that as against the demand of the "Concert of Europe" it could not hold what it had won in war. Then the leaders of the Concert proceeded with their plan. Russia took a "lease" of Port Arthur, fortified it and built a railroad down close to it through Manchuria from the main line of the Trans-Siberian railroad; France, which already held Cochin-China, began to interest itself in the affairs of the southern portion of the Chinese Empire ; while Germany made the murder of two missionaries the oceasion for seizing a piece of territory on the Shan Tung peninsula, and Great Britain was given to understand that it might take a slice near Hong-Kong and on the Yang-tse River. Great Britain did not particularly want the slice in just that way, but greatly preferred that China be kept intact and its trade enjoyed as a whole by the country that could offer the best commercial inducements; but the British objection amounted to little or more than had the feelings of the Japanese at Shimoniseki, and the scheme for the definition of "spheres of influence" in China and for the ultimate partition and absorption of the Empire promised the most flattering success.

About the same time the power of the Concert was illustrated nearer home upon the occasion of the little muss and war between Turkey and Greece. The people of Crete were always in more or less fuss with their

Turkish rulers, and their cousins of the mainland of Greece were always in sympathy with them. So in the summer of 1897 Greece declared war against Turkey. The Turks got into action first, invaded Greece, met the Greeks on the plain of Pharsalia, where Cæsar had wrested the world from Pompey, and speedily drove the Greeks off the field. So far as anyone could see, the way was open for the Turks to Athens; but the Turks stopped where they were and did not go to Athens. At the same time the Greek fleet, which was apparently quite as superior to anything that Turkey could offer in opposition as was the Turkish army to the Greek army, refrained absolutely from doing anything to the serious annoyance of the Turks. Why the Turkish army and the Greek navy both became so conspicuously quiescent, was never explained to the public; but a. Greek prince was made Governor of Crete, and both Turkey and Greece understood when the incident was over that there was nothing for either of them to gain by fighting, but that if there were something in the affairs of the world that they did not like, the only remedy was to petition the Concert of Europe and to accept such satisfaction and favour as might be forthcoming. In other words, in the vicinity of the Egean, as along the straits of Corea, the Concert of Europe demonstrated without actual resort to arms that it could both dictate and discipline. The Concert of Europe was dominating both the Asiatic and the European ends of the eastern continent, and for practical purposes the Concert was principally Kaiser and Czar, especially Kaiser.

This was the time when Kaiser Wilhelm could feel with ample warrant that the world was coming his way and that his dreams of universal empire for the House of Hohenzollern were indeed in the way of realisation. His only real opposition was Great Britain, and Great Britain was isolated and overawed. But at this
moment a chain of circumstances was started in a quarter of the world when nothing would have been or was anticipated as likely to be of especial interest to Europe. An insurrection had for some time been in progress in Cuba, and the sympathy of the people of the United States had been excited by the measures resorted to by the Spanish governor to suppress the insurrection. As a sort of expression of this sympathy, but without any definite purpose on the part of the Government or people to do anything of real consequence, the United States sent the battleship Maine down to Havana with general instructions to its commander to stay in the harbour for a while and exchange courtesies with the Spanish officials in Cuba. In the ordinary course of events the battleship would have sailed away, firing a salute in parting and very possibly bringing or sending back to the United States a pleasing report of the politenesses experienced. But something went wrong, or somebody played the villain very foolishly, and a mine was exploded under the ship and the Maine destroyed with a great part of its crew. Naturally the Government and people of the United States demanded of Spain apologies such as Spain could not possibly give, and war inevitably resulted.

As yet, however, there was no thought in anyone's mind of anything that could have any possible bearing on the general European situation; but it happened that Spain had in the Philippines a naval force which was of inconsiderable fighting capacity but which might be the cause of great damage to American commerce. So in advance of the declaration of war the United States Government assembled in the British port of HongKong a respectable squadron of cruisers under the command of the best commodore in the navy, and managed somehow to keep the wardogs in Congress from breaking entirely loose until another cruiser, the

Baltimore, could arrive directly from home with a ship-load of ammunition. The Baltimore, having arrived and the ammunition having been distributed through the squadron, the declaration of war was made, and Dewey was ordered to "capture or destroy" that Spanish naval force in the Philippines. So Dewey went after that force. He expected to find it in Subig Bay, which was a comparatively isolated harbour, the occupation of which might not have been attended with notable results. But the Spanish ships proved to be in Manila Bay, and when Dewey had in a few hours executed his orders with respect to the Spanish ships, he found himself to be incidentally in practical command of the city of Manila and of all that was materially important in the Philippine Islands.

So the United States came into possession of the Philippines and of one of the most favourable vantage points for trade or war in all the Orient, and to thoughtful observers it was plain that from this possession there must be diplomatic consequences. This naturally pleased the British diplomats, and if at the same time there were any besides the Spaniards who regarded the situation with greater regret than all others, they were Kaiser Wilhelm and those who were playing with him the game of international politics. This event did not indeed in any way involve the United States in any of the home affairs of Furope ; but it did arouse in the United States a more vivid interest in all the affairs of the Orient and aroused also hopes of commercial relations there; and inasmuch as the Philip. pines were territorially quite all that the United States cared for in that quarter of the world, this country at once became identified with Great Britain and Japan in support of the policy of the "open door," or equal privileges of trade, in China, and became similarly opposed to the policy of "sphere of influence" and ultimate partition as favoured and promoted by

Germany, Russia and France.
At the same time the United States, under the impetus acquired from the Spanish war, took to building more and better battleships, and through Secretary Hay began taking a most active part in all the diplomatic discussions of Oriental affairs. The interposition of the United States as an Oriental factor did not at once turn the balance of power in the Orient or anywhere else ; but American interest grew with time and the experiences of the Boxer rebellion, and Mr. Hay asked troublesome questions, which neither Russia nor Germany was ready to answer according to its own real purposes. Then also through Minister Conger a treaty was secured from China, assuring to the United States trade privileges in Manchuria quite incompatible with the conditions which Russia was inaugurating and extending in that region, so that if Russia should persist in its programme of absorption there it would necessarily become involved in a distinctly disagreeable and undesirable dispute with the United States. Thus the first real check for the Kaiser's and the Concert's programme of general aggrandisement came in consequence of the Spanish war and of Dewey's victory at Manila.

All of this time Japan had been nursing its wrath over the insult received from the Concert at Shimoniseki and had with unparalleled industry been preparing for the day and hour of revenge. Japan provided itself with battleships; it trained its soldiers ; it gathered material for war; it explored and surveyed thoroughly the district which was likely to be, and later proved to be, the theatre of war; it gave promise that if it should have a chance it could do something. Then, in view of American sympathy over general Oriental policies and in view of the Japanese preparation, Great Britain ventured to conclude with Japan a treaty by which it was agreed that if Japan should become involved in war with Russia and if
any other European power should join in such war on the side of Russia, then Great Britain would join in the war on the side of Japan. With the assurance of this treaty Japan was ready for war, and the fool Russian, having no idea what he was going into, speedily gave the provocation. Japan presented an ultimatum which Russia treated as a joke, and a night or two later the Japanese sent a lot of torpedoes among the Russian battleships off the harbour of Port Arthur.

Long before the ensuing war was over it was plainly to be seen that Russia as a political factor would thenceforth be of inferior consequence and that Russian coöperation in the Kaiser's plans was no longer to be effective. At the same time France, whose alliance with Russia had been for the purpose of self-protection against Germany and which had lagged more or less obviously in many of the moves of the Concert of Europe, saw plainly that it must make other arrangements than those with Russia for defence against the admittedly superior military power of Germany. So France turned to the only quarter whence such arrangements were to be had, and that was in Great Britain. Thus Great Britain added a French entente to the Japanese alliance, and Russia being no longer seriously in the game and the attitude of Italy in the readjustment of things being more or less evasive, Germany was left with no real supporter except Austria, which in a military sense did not particularly count.

In the state of affairs thus brought about there was presented to Kaiser Wilhelm the supreme test of his fitness for the great game of dominion he had essayed to play. He could bide his time, could seek to drive a wedge somewhere into the opposing but poorly cemented combination, sould evade any notable controversy until the situation should be more favourable and could generally play the part of the diplomat amid difficult surroundings; or he could bluster
ahead, assuming that he would continue to win because he had often won, and thereby run the risk of being himself rebuffed and of cementing the opposition in case its coalition should prove to be strong enough to accomplish results. Wilhelm chose the latter course, and furtherfore he chose an issue upon which Italy, though in most cases doubtful, would inevitably be against him, and in which Spain and other nations not included in the Concert of Europe, which by this time was almost defunct, would also have occasion to interest themselves adversely. Thus it was that the Kaiser brought on the controversy about Morocco.

The essential fact about Morocco was that it was an utterly misgoverned piece of very unattractive terrieory at the northwest corner of Africa, which in the general division of northern Africa into colonies and spheres of influence had come virtually under the protection of France and Spain. In this protectorate adhered the only possibility of the locality being made a safe one for Europeans beyond the range of guns of the ships in the harbours, and likewise the only hope of life being made at all pleasant within such range. As usual, France and Spain were having some trouble about persuading their ward in chancery to be good, and in this situation Kaiser Wilhelm took a yachting trip around to Mediterranean and stopped at Tangier, where he made a sensational speech in support of the "independence" of the Sultan of Morocco. The speech amounted to s notice that Germany supported the Sultan in resisting the advice of France and Spain as to the affairs of his country, and, as in the time when Russia, Germany and France ordered Japan out of Port Arthur, the query submitted to the rest of the natirons was, What did they propose to do about it?

But this time there was an answer. France served notice that it resented the Kaiser's performance: Great

Britain served notice that it backed France in any action that country might take to defend its rights and interests in Africa; Spain, not very powerful but contributing nevertheless to the territorial solidity of western Europe, announced that it also stood with France; and even Italy, though allied by treaty with Germany, indicated that in a matter related so strictly to the situation about the Mediterranean its own interests were superior to those of Germany and that for itself it was satisfied with the opportunities for colonisation that were afforded to itself on the African coast of the Red Sea. The nub of the matter, however, was in the intimation from France and Great Britain that Germany might back down or fight and in the opposing fact that the Kaiser, on behalf of Germany, was distinctly not in the habit of backing down, and the case thus became one in which material concessions by either party would involve great loss of diplomatic prestige. The Moroccan matter was indeed a small one over which to raise an issue comprehending the hegemony of Europe; but nevertheless the issue was raised, and there were but two ways of settling it. One way was by going to war, and the other and much cheaper way was to call a conference of the powers and other nations interested.
So the conference over Morocco was convened at the Spanish town of Algeciras, adjacent to the British stronghold of Gibraltar. In this conference the nations of western and southern Europe were aligned as already indicated. Austria supported Germany, but without any ambition for a fight, and the attitude of Russia alone appeared doubtful. Russia would a few years before have supported Germany and the Kaiser as a matter of course; but the time of the conference was about a year after the signing of the treaty of Portsmouth, and Russia had reached the general conclusion that what it wanted most of all was to keep out of
any more serious difficulties. So, after much debate and after a clear definition of the issues and also after the determination of France and Great Britain to maintain their position had been made evident, Russia concluded to take the side of the greater number and of the great resources. That ended the play. The rest of Europe except Austria had lined up against Germany, which had to submit and did submit. To this conclusion at Algeciras events in many parts of the world had for several years been tending; but there is no mistaking the moment when the balance of power in Europe definitely shifted, and when Germany and Kaiser Wilhelm ceased to be the political leaders of Europe and were supplanted in that leadership by Great Britain and King Edward.
After Algeciras Wilhelm still had left the opportunity which any bully has after being exceedingly well thrashed, which opportunity was to show that he had profited from his lesson and was disposed to be decent. Wilhelm did nothing of the sort. Upon the contrary his conduct was that of a man still possessed of considerable power and actuated by a grouch. What he did was not of a character to amount to much; but his obvious disposition was to be as annoying as possible. He picked another fuss with France over some trivial matter, and again had to be shown that he could not bully any more the combination of which France was a part. He mobilised his fleet near the German shore of the North Sea, where Englishmen could contemplate it, and thereby occasioned Great Britain to mobilise a bigger fleet near the English shore of the same waters. He manœuvred a few army corps on the French frontier as a sort of suggestion of what might be done if those corps should actually be sent over the line. He did not really hurt anyone, but the chip on his shoulder was constantly in evidence. What was doubtless his last man-
œuvre of this sort the Kaiser did not really get caught at, but when Austria, which for forty years had been the most pacific nation in Europe, suddenly seized the Turkish provinces of Bosnia and Herzigovina, refusing any compensation therefor, and Bulgaria at the same time declared its entire independence of Turkey and seized similarly the Turkish province of Eastern Roumelia, it was fairly obvious that the German busybody was putting forward some of his protéges to get into trouble and to make trouble.

In the way of trouble-making this was the shrewdest job Wilhelm ever attempted, and it is conceivable that at an earlier period he might by this proceeding have created a real disturbance; but in the fall of 1908 the states of Europe under English hegemony were prepared for any ruction which he might seek to create or of which he might be an abettor. By this time even Russia had come to a working understanding with England. So Russia, whose influence was greatest in Bulgaria, notified Bulgaria to be good, and Bulgaria was good-that is, as good as Bulgaria can be. Then Austria was given to understand that, while there was no objection to her continuing to administer the government of Turkish provinces over which for thirty years she has acted as guardian, if she proposed to sequester the revenues of the provinces she must make compensation to the Turkish bond-holders. Austria did not like the admonition at all; but in the test Wilhelm failed to support her with any vigour, and so Austria began to haggle about the amount of compensation. Thus once again Wilhelm had failed to make good in a quarrel of his own seeking.

And all of this time what about the German people? If there are any people in the world more disposed than any other to deal with facts and to avoid bluster, probably the Germans are the ones. Also their inclination is to mind their own busi-
ness and to encourage others to do the same. Always earnestly concerned in the development of Germany, they are nevertheless quite able to distinguish between the development of Germany and the exaltation of the House of Hohenzollern. Further, the Germans are naturally good democrats; they are liberty-loving, and they still have the ways of thinking which caused their forebears to fight out the battles of the Reformation. They are part of the highly civilised world, and their natunal sympathies and alliances are with England, France and America, and not with Russia, Austria and the remnants of Turkey. They would rather build factories than battleships, and would rather be employed in industry than in war. For such a people it was bad enough to have the chief of their mighty State parading as the champion of imperialism everywhere while yet opposition vanished from his path; but when the opposition stood against him and sent him back from his every demonstration discredited, involving them in his defeat and disgrace, the situation must have become increasingly unbearable.

As is often the case, it was a small matter and not a great one that finally precipitated the crisis. The Kaiser furnished to the London Telegraph an authorised interview, in which he represented that the German people were so hostile in sentiment towards Great Britain that they were ready and anxious to go to war, and that they were only restrained from so going to war because of his own moderation in policy and his own great friendliness for Great Britain. This was the limit. The Germans had put up with the Kaiser's war-talk, had footed his army and navy bills, had tolerated his international blunderings, had suffered the consequent diplomatic isolation of their country, all or mostly for twenty years, and now to have him tell the world that they and not he were seeking the troubles and that he and not they was keeping the
nation out of worse troubles - and other nations from the incidental trouble of having to thrash him and them too-well, they knew when they had had enough.

Just what happened it is not easy to tell. The Kaiser was not deposed. His salary and his perquisites were not cut off. No change was made in the national constitution. But the people said things, and the newspapers said things, and the politicians did likewise, and the Reichstag debated, and the Chancellor of the Empire made a notable speech; and when it was all over the Kaiser and the Empire alike undenstood that thereafter his Imperial functions were to be ornamental and not political, and that the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Bundesrath, which committee had not met for years, would thereafter meet as occasion might require and would determine questions of international policy.

This review should not be concluded without more than a passing mention of English Edward. During the long reign of his much revered but not politically active mother he had come after a time to be recognised as dignified; but he was most centainly not suspected of having in him the material for the best politician in Europe. It was, however, a part of the Kaiser's bad luck that at just about the time when the general situation in world politics was becoming problematical, his grandmother died and left the throne and sceptre of Great Britain to his hitherto much obscured uncle. That uncle has proved to be about everything that the Kaiser ought to be but is not. Edward in the eight years of his reign has never made a political speech. He has never in any way transcended the functions which by common consent of the English people are yet left to the occupant of the throne. He has never sought anything of glory for himself. There has never been in his word or in his manner suggestion that the exaltation of the House of Han-
over was of more consequence to him than the prosperity of Britain and the peace of the world. But with all this, he has contributed far more to the present league of Europe than has any other man. When a crisis might be on and people or rulers might be excited he has never had anything to say; but when the crisis has been over and it has been found, as usual, that the weight of ships and guns and men and money, and hence of argument, was on the side of Great Britain and of the nations with which Great Britain is politically associated, then he has gone off to the right place, talked things over with the sovereign or chief of the nation most concerned, and stitched up a little closer the league of Europe under British hegemony. Where Wil. helm talked for glory, Edward has worked for results; and in the climax, where Wilhelm is a monarch once powerful but now in disgrace, Edward is the unassuming but highly successful representative of the world's cause of peace and order and prosperity.

And as a conclusion of the whole matter: Wilhelm had opportunities such as before his time were never presented to anyone; but the use he sought to make of them was selfish; he has failed in his programme and in his ambitions; he is weighed in the bialance and found wanting. And in his failure there is promise of much good to the world. The world is moving toward democracy and liberty, toward peace and security-not the peace such as the Romans called in Britain, when they made a solitude, nor yet the peace thiat is compelled by modern armies and navies-but the peace that is founded upon an international public opinion working for reason and for justice. The fact that, as alrelady indicated, the leading exponent just now of this policy of civilisation is the crowned head of England in no wise controverts the greater fact that England itself is one of the two most democratic of all nations, and that English hegemony,
as it is now exercised in Europe, is supported by the profound public opinion and most enlightened judgment of republican France, of the democratic kingdoms of Scandinavia, of the devoted and long-tried exemplars of liberty in the Netherlandsyea, even by the good sense and underlying sympathies of Germany.

Of course, the man who should undertake to stem such a tide of civilisation and sentiment must inevitably be brushed aside. Like Charles V. and Philip of Spain, Wilhelm has
fought and struggled hard enough for the old regime ; but Charles V. abdicated his throne, and Philip lost his Armada, and Kaiser Wilhelm is not much better off. It is to be said of him that by reason of his position in the greatest military power of Europe he has been able for a time to turn the flood of the world's political activities into false channels; but the flood has turned back, as it was bound to turn, into the main channel of justice and progress, and the end looks well.

# THE CANADIAN EXILE'S LAMENT 

## (Le Canadien Errant)*

From the French of Antoine Girin-Lajoie
By JOHN BOYD
Weeping sorely as he journeyed Over many a foreign strand,
A Canadian exile wandered, Banizhed from his native land.

Sad and pensive, sitting lonely By a rushing river's shore, To the flowing waters spake he Words that fondest memories bore:
"If you see my own dear country,Most unhappy is its lot,-
Say to all my friends, 0 river, That they never are forgot.
"Oh, those days so full of gladness, Now forever are they o'er;
And, alas, my own dear country, I shall never see it more.
"No, dear Canada, Oh, my homeland!
But upon my dying day
Fondly shall my last look wander
To thee, beloved, far away!'"

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# MUSIC OF THE SEASON 

## BY KATHERINE HALE

COULD we forecast events, for even a decade, it is possible that this résumé of the music of one season in Canada's choral capital, Toronto, would seem but a pale beginning of all the achievement to follow. Certain it is that ten years ago the same resumé would have appeared ambitious beyond measure, for then good music was a luxury in Canada; to-day it is a necessity.

To the visitor in Toronto, the midwinter is literally punctuated with concerts, and one of the most hopeful signs is the faat that we possess within ourselves a basis for comparison with visiting musical organisations.

Did we not possess our own choral societies, which are in turn blessed and stimulated by the spirit of competition among themselves, the visit of the Sheffield Choir, for instance, would have lost much of its value.

At first the oft-repeated question, "How does the Sheffield compare with the Meldelssohn?" seemed only narrow, conceited, and provincial. Yet, as the question was reiterated from one end of Canadia to the other, as the editorial columns of the newspapers, far and wide, took up the subject, one saw that it meant something deeper than was at first implied. It was neither conceit nor curiosity; it was a living, burning interest in the matter of music in Canada. How do these singers, the best of British choruses, excel our young organisations? What have they in nationality, temperament, technique, and vocal perfection to offer to us as a lesson
for our further development? What can we learn from them or they from us?

Many great events have occurred in Massey Hall in the last ten years, but none I venture to say contained such deep significance as that evening in last November, when the people of Ontario crowded its capacity to welcome the Sheffield Choir. Certain moments, in all affairs of nations as well as individuals, contain a psychic significance. To many of us that evening became a vision which far outran the present. What was the roseate touch that illumined all, like the pink emblem that each member of the choir wore? It was the spirit of unity, it was the cosmic sense of kindredship which was not at all the kinaredship of patriotism, as we expluit it for the purpose of war or even of legislation, it was the higher and more enduring kindredship of the ideal. For music is indeed " a vibrant door opening into the infinite". It is a "Marconi system of communication between spiritual beings".

Another aspect of the Choir's visit has been very well expressed by a contemporary writer who says:

[^2]America, the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, the same interesting anomaly will occur. English cities which have never heard their own best choir will yet be able to hear the premier chorus of Amerioa. That this reverse situation should arise is a powerful and curious testimony to a significant doctrine. It proves that a greater empire knows not time or distance, and that limitations are overcome in the fulfilment of an ideal sentiment. Under these conditions, it is easy to see the important part that music can be made to play in the closer union of the motherland and her daughters beyond the seas."
These things are really of deeper significance than the way the Sheffield Choir sang. They sang well; but not superlatively well. The chief interest to us as Canadians was the fact that, in most of the points which, vocally, we consider of first importance in America, they were singularly lacking, and in the points where our development ceases, they were paramount. If the Sheffield Choir had been faultless we should have learned and enjoyed less than we did.

Strange, and most interesting, is the fact that in literature, painting, and music, we in the new world cling to perfection of form with a passion that has long passed away in the older countries. That is, mere formI do not mean technique. I think it is because we are not really sure of ourselves yet; because art is still an ornament with us, and, in its development, we are always digging up our progress to see it grow. So in poetry, and pictures, and in music, there is, for the most part, an almost painful precision in form.

Now art in England and in Europe is part of human nature's daily food; there is about it nothing extraordinary, or new, or strange, and the people are as used to open galleries, free libraries, oratorios, operas and orchestra concerts as they are to coffeestalls and parks. So that in music they hear a great deal and do a great deal-as well as they can and as a matter of course. Theirs is not the artistic spirit, but simply the living spirit of art. The Sheffield Choir
could not compare, in many points of technical excellence, with the Mendelssohn Choir; for instance, in correct intonation, and in artistic effect. I much prefer the work of Dr. Ham's band of singers, but when it comes to interpretation, to the rendering of the true inwardness of the composer's theme, then the British choir is unexcelled. They sang excerpts from "The Messiah" and "The Elijah"; they sang Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius", and the "Sanctus" from Bach, and such Canadian compositions as Chiarles Harriss' "Sands o' Dee", Albert Ham's "Coronation Ballads", and Dr. Vogt's "Indian Love-Song", and the same method was observable all the way through: a certain amount of technique, and that merely as the vehicle to express the mood and meaning of the composer.

I do not say that the Sheffield Choir can afford to take this attitude. It nevertheless remains that it is true, and in the main the effects produced by the Sheffield in comparison with that of the Mendelssohn is like a sonorous, and sometimes inconsistent human voice-a voice which has long known life; and that of some etherealised being, some tender, waiting force, which is shortly to be reincarnated in human form. One is the expression of an ancient civilisation, the other of an ardent hope, unsullied and fresh.

After the Sheffield Choir concerts the local curtain was rung up by the first concert of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr . Frank Welsman, who was assisted by Madame Johanna Gadski as soloist.

As was suggested in The Canadian Magazine last season, the musical hope of any country lies in the opportunity it can give to the people of hearing much music. Until we possessed in Toronto a permanent orchestra, all idea of great musical advance, in the broadest educational sense, was hopeless. Now that our orchestra is established, we already
clamour for more concerts - a healthy sign. The foreword to the first concert programme this season struck a popular note in stating that
"The Orchestra enters its third season upon an assuredly permanent basis, with the purpose of increasing its efficiency as opportunity may arise, and in the hope of adding to its public appearances from year to year until it shall be heard as frequently as are organisations of a similar nature elsewhere, to the end that the people of Toronto may become familiar with the best works of the great masters and their proper interpretation."

I believe that one of the greatest needs in Toronto, and one of the things which the people want as well as need, is a moderate-sized hall where Sunday concerts can be given at reasonable rates, so that all the great army of students and workers who are denied the evening concerts of the season because of expense, or physical weariness, or lack of time, could for ten cents or a quarter, hear just such works als the Symphony Orchestra has played this season, and hear them, and other great compositions, over and over again, until the power and the meaning of them become part of everyday life and experience. There would be a greater sanity in life, a deeper seriousness, and, doubtless, less enthusiasm for cheap vaudeville and unclean theatres on week-nights, if such an uplifting land purifying element could be introduced into the average boarding-house Sunday afternoon.

The Symphony Orchestra has been strengthened this season by several new players of experience and ability, and in their work in the performance of the "Unfinished Symiphony" of Schubert, they showed a real advance over anything that they had yet attempted.

The first concert was indeed an admirable performance. The second concert, on the evening of March the 25 th, was a revelation of the possibility of real yet rapid progress. In the fifth symphony of Beethoven, a work that is both feared and dreaded
by most orchestras, we got a gracious presentation of a difficult work. This Symphony is an intricate musical fabric: a picture woven of the gloom and gladness of great emotional genius, it requires for its interpretation the full sweep and colour of an adequate orchestra. That our band is still deficient in the brass section was noticeable in places, yet, taking the work as a whole, it was a revelation of the orchestra's growing power.

But the vital moment of the concert arrived with the Tschaikowsky Concerto in D major, which introduced the young Russian violinist Mischa Elman, when occurred one of those rare hours of revelation which are quite unlooked for and sometimes flash across the horizon with as much, or as little, premeditation as a bolt of electric light. Something in the magic of Tschaikowsky, and in the direct spell of the genius of Misha Elman, first arrested and then set free what had been merely a comfortable and well pleased audience into an assemblage of eager and excited beings who were startled out of themselves, and carried to heights undreamed of by the god-like gift of a lad of seventeen. People were stirred, spell-bound, moved to tears. Like the little magician standing before them, like the body of men and women at his back working with him to interpret the dream, the great audience was also divining for once the cosmic message of music. And because artist and orchestra had forgotten every earthly consideration in the act of listening for and repeating the revelation of the composer the men and women who had never heard a bar of the music before were caught up and, listening, understood. They entered into a place where they had never been, and because of that hour will be the richer to the end of their lives.

Not less important than the Symphony Orchestra, in the development of our musical life, is the steady growth of the Toronto String Quartette, an organisation composed of
four as sincere musicians as Canada or any other country can produce. Mr. Frank Blachford, with his impassioned tone, supported by the steady cadence of Mr. Roberts with the second violin, Mr. Frank Smith's mlastery of the soft voice of the viola, and Dr. Nicolai with the 'cello of Italian warmth, can spin the fairy bale with an almost magic art. In this organisation, more than in any other that we possess, the claim for colour goes not unregarded. No one can say that their playing lacks human sympathy and understanding. They lare so full of this colour that the Kneisel sounds coldly perfect after their warmth. The Beethoven Quartette, op, 59, No. 1, and Borodino, op. 11, heard for the first time in Toronto, is one of the charming recollections of the season.

The farther that the Toronto String Quartette travels on little pilgrimages of art in Caniada, the nearer comes our musical awakening.

Dr. Albert Ham, with the National Chorus, provides an intellectual as well as a musical treat each season by bringing to Toronto the New York Symphony Orchestra under Mr. Walter Damrosch, who is one of the most magnetic of all conductors. One puts everything into his hands with absolute confidence, and sinks into happiness at the first wave of his baton.

The production in Toronto of the first great British Symphony, at its third hearing in America, is an event which would, alone, have made this season notable. Two nations at least have been excited over the production of Elgar's premier symphony, which has been ranked in England as his best work, and "the finest masterpiece of its type that ever came from the pen of an English composer", and in New York as "the first symphony since the last of Brahms". Elgar is the composer of three oratarios and many lesser works, a man of deep feeling, a thinker and philosopher as well as a musician. While one cannot say that the symphony
was distinctly original, it was certainly worth producing, and the score contains some exquisite moments. Almost the whole of the adagio is memorable, and the close of this movement is a dream of lofty and exquisite beauty.

The orchestral event of the second concert was Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony which celebrated the centenary of the composer's birth. It is a descriptive work in which the love, despair and heroism of Scotland are depicted in four movements which are poetic in the extreme.

Chorally, these concerts were most successful. There is a delicacy and sweetness about Dr. Ham's singers which it is difficult to define. His interpretations show much care and a fine knowledge of tonal effects. Nothing in this rich and varied season was more perfect, in its way, than the rendering of Cowan's cantata, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep", for solo, chorus and orchestra. The lovely words of Mrs. Browning, set to music which is simply permeated with the spirit of tenderness, made one think of the holy grail The wooing voice of Miss Margaret Keays seemed more than humanly sweet, as she entered the solo which was borne along so graciously by the orchestra and the voice of the choir.

After the National Chorus came the rush of the Mendelssohn Choir concerts. And here the most ardent pen fails, for what is left to say?

Out of the heaven of sound a few distinct impressions remain. A new wonder in the ethereal strength of this organisation and its rare promise; a keen desire to hear more new music and fewer of the "old favourites" ; a delight in the intellectual splendour of the Caractacus, but sorrow that we do not oftener hear the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, that work which only a supremely trained chorus may attempt. I wish that we could hear the Ninth Symphony every season for a decade. The work would stand it, and so could we.

The circle of the Mendelssohn Choir has now broadened to Chicago, and I hope that a visit to Europe may soon be chronicled in these pages.

Mr. H. M. Fletcher with the Schubert Choir and the Pittsburg Orchestra followed the Mendelssohn closely in point of date. From the choral standpoint this instructor is striving to educate the masses, and his work has its own value in our musical effort. The Pittsburg Orchestra is sure of its welcome in Toronto, and this year the event which took our hearts was the production of Mr . Paur's own Symphony-again a First Symphony-in A major, which he has called "In der Natur". All that nature has to say to a man like Emil Paur is wonderfully worth hearing. It was all a glorious transcription of human life, as we follow it in nature, written by one who has suffered, and joyed and endured, and learned, at last, to go back to the old mother, who is the truest confidant of her children. Intellectual? The Symphony is a thousand times better than that, it is universal, it is simple, it is so true and sweet that it will abide.

Here are the annals of a dozen outstanding concerts by local organisations, while those of the People's Choral Union, Mr. Sherlock's Oratorio Society, which is singing "The Creation", Mr. Torrington's Easter performance of "The Redemption", and others are still to follow, although it is now the springtime of the year.

Mention should also be made of Mr . Bruce Carey's remarkable Elgar Choir, working in Hamilton, and of the fine band of singers, directed by Mr. Parnell Morris in London, Ont., which made such a favourable impression in Toronto very recently. Indeed, all over the country we find organisations which are springing up in what seems likely to prove a very renaissance of musical feeling.

Mr. Stewart Houston, the manager of the Massey Music Hall, has nobly done his part in bringing to Toronto a brilliant array of stans, and thereby contributing directly not only to the necessity of the music loving public, but of the hundreds of students who are in Toronto for a short time and must store up for future use impressions and suggestions as to their own work.

So the piano students crowd the top galleries for Paderewski and Le Vinne and Sauer, and the vocalists for Calvé, and the incomparable Marchesi, and Emma Eames, and the violinists for Marie Hall, and dramatic students for the Ben Greet productions.

It is wonderful how well the big stage adapts itself for productions which require scenery and lights. The "Midsummer Night's Dream" was truly set in sylvan mounting, and the wonder must have occurred to a good many people during the performance why we should not have a season of Grand Opera in Ontario, with Massey Hall for its theatre. Mr. Stewart Houston would thereby place us still further in his debt if such an important step could be taken, for we are as a desert island in remoteness from opera at present. And opera is one of the most important phases of musical life.

This résumé cannot be closed without reference, at least, to a remarkable programme which was arranged by the Women's Musical Club of Toronto, in February, when fourteen numbers were given-the work of Toronto composers. They comprised five piano groups, five groups of songs, a trio for two violins and organ, a group of 'cello compositions, and an arrangement of Fiona Macleod's poems read by Mrs. Fenton Arnton, with a charming musical setting by Mr. R. S. Pigott.

# THE HACK 

BY JAMES P. HAVERSON

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{x}}$N old man sat at a table and wrote. Page after page fell from his worn hands, and the lines of weariness and the shadows under the tired eyes deepened. Someone was banging on a piano in another part of the second-rate apartment house, and a shade of annoyance crossed his face, to be swallowed in the general wornout expression which was its all prominent feature. He turned back to his task, but still the pages fell to the floor-impossible. They were too bad even for his poor requirements as a magazine and newspaper hack.

Time was when the old man had been younger; when he had dreamed dreams of coming greatness; when the bare room in which he wrote had been but the doorstep of the mansion which his stories were to win from a world made happier by their charm.

It was not this room, for the patience of landlords had not always been long, appreciation had come slowly and rent had not always been forthcoming, so that there had been many migrations since his first hopeful advent into the battle. The successive changes had been a dreary retrogression from one dingy room to a dingier and so through a long list of gradual but constant descents.

But the dreams and aspirations were long since dead, merged in the struggle for bare existence gleaned from space-writing for daily newspapers and occasional poorly paid acceptances by second-rate magazines.

It was hard to write the stuff which should live only for a day and be ranked by the editors only a little in advance of the clipped miscellany used to fill up chinks and crannies in the columns. It was hard to be forever "timely" and harder still to furnish that quality of "brightness" which was his continual instruction, when the heart was heavy with disappointment and the brain ached from sleepless nights spent in endless worry over sordid and trifling calls, looming large beside the meagre resources of the purse which must answer them.

At last he stopped. The tired hands moved to the aching. eyes and the shoulders bowed in dejection. It was no use. The ideas would not come. The sheets, fallen upon the floor, were covered with a prosy jargon which would bore even the armoured soul of the proof-reader who could "read ads." with the same methodical accuracy and patience that was accorded the most startling "feature."

The old man sat bowed in thought. His mind ranged over the forsaken trenches in the long battle, the forgotten mile-stones along the road that had led always one way-to Failure.

Here, there had been hope, but not fruition; there, there had been a momentary halt in the backward journey; but never a step toward the coveted goal of Success. The whole body of the man spoke of utter fag. He thought of the years as he had planned them at the beginning and
as they had fallen. The gray head fell upon the old arms and the bent shoulders shook.

At last one of the weary hands grasped a pencil and, almost mechanically, began jotting down notes and stray sentences upon the paper before him. The notes became more continuous; the sentences took shape and continuity. At last he raised his head and drew the pad toward him. There was a look of absorption upon the weary face, and the pencil moved unfaiteringly over the sheets which were laid together mechanically. There was no more indecision. Nothing was crumpled or destroyed. The man was writing as from dictation. He wrote many sheets, but never wavered, never hesitated or erased a word until he had finished. Then he gathered up the pages, folded them and, putting the whole into his pocket, went out.

He went direct to the office of a magazine which was of a better class than he had approached for many days, but with the editor of which he still held some acquaintance through association of earlier days and who still talked with him at times, for the editor had a taste for "types."

He approached the sanctum and was ushered in by an office-boy in whose eyes showed a bantering tolerance.

The editor looked up in response to the old man's "Please read this."

Something in the tone was so ear-
nest, so unlike the usual half-fright ened, wholly apologetic murmur he knew that, although he was a busy man, the editor did not refuse. He took the folded sheets with an air of good-natured suffering and began to read.

The bored look vanished; once he looked at the signature at the end of the pages; then read on.

When he had finished he named a figure which had heretofore meant weeks of toil early and late to the old man.
"I can use all this kind of stuff you can give me. It's great," he said smiling. "It is wonderful," and his voice was very gentle. "But," he went on with vigour, "you must give me more."
"I cannot," said the old man.
The editor looked up. "Is the price not sufficient?" he inquired.
"Indeed, it is generous," replied the old man, "but I can do no more. I have given you the story of my life. I have lived only one life, only one story. I have become a hack. The best I have ever done or can ever do you have there, and (here he hesitated) could you let me have an order for a part, only a part, for I need it very much?"
He got his order and departed. All the decision was gone from his bearing. The figure was once more bowed, old and hopeless. The editor looked again at the title of the story and read: "The Hack."


# HÉBERT THE SCULPTOR 

BY GUSTAVE DUTAUD

LOUIS PHILIPPE HÉBERT, the noted French-Canadian sculptor, is descended from an Acadian family which removed to the county of Nicolet following the unfortunate events of 17555 . After marrying, his father decided to carve out a fortune for himself in the new lands of the Eastern Townships, and settled down at Ste. Sophie d'Halifax, Megantic County. It was there that Louis Philippe Hébert was born on the twenty-seventh of January, 1850.
Like so many others who have achieved fame in the field of art and literature, the outset of his career was fraught with hardship and discouragement. Endowed with a romantic temperament, he loved to roam about in the woods, where he spent most of his childhood days.
"The forest has always exercised a fascination over me," he once wrote a friend. "I there experience an indescribable sensation. The stately trees swayed to and fro by the winds, the rustling of the leaves, the mighty roar of the elements mingled with the twittering of birds plunges me in the deepest reverie."
Naturally a country lad with such a disposition afforded anything but satisfaction, especially to the uncouth habitant with a large family to support; so it often fared badly with the boy. At the age of six, Philippe was sent to school, but the discipline did not suit him. He fretted, played truant or else, whenever he had the opportunity, busied himself with the carving of wooden figures. Briefly,
he turned out to be such a poor scholar that, after the reading and writing stage, his parents kept him at home to work on the farm.
During the long winter nights when the family was gathered around the fireside, the father used to read aloud from the "Relations of the Jesuits." These narratives deeply impressed the boy with the valour of the early French settlers who were so often obliged to fight the Indian while earning their daily bread. From them he gained an accurate knowledge of heroic episodes of our history, which he afterwards embodied in his work.
As a farmer the boy was no more of a success than as a pupil. Quickened by the tales of adventure of the "Relations of the Jesuits," over which he poured, his natural talent sought expression in further rough carvings, especially of Indians. Somewhat disappointed at the little interest which he took in farming, his parents placed him with an uncle who kept a country store, but here again the "Injun" clerk proved a failure, and was sent back home, where he met with a cold reception.
The struggle of Garibaldi to recover a part of the lands of Italy from the Holy See proved a turning point in his career. Hébert was then nineteen years old, full of youthful vigour and ambition. Grasping the opportunity of a free trip to the old world and of perhaps realising his fondest hope, he enrolled with the "Zouaves" and sailed for Italy to fight for the Pope. The expedition was scarcely a suc-
cess, the Eternal City falling into the hands of the Royalists shortly after the arrival of the Canadian contingent, with the result that Hébert and his devoted companions had to endure many hardships. In Rome he came in contact with the art treasures of the Rénaissance, which dazzled him.
"I have made a foolish dream," he is quoted as declaring to one of his companions. "Never will I be able to attain such a height."

He nevertheless kept on carving, in secret, for fear of being laughed at. One day he ventured to show a bas relief representing a highwayman in the act of holding up a wayfarer. To his great surprise the work was praised by connoisseurs, who encouraged him.
"That night there was a happy man in Rome," wrote one of Hébert's personal friends.

Victor Emmanuel's success compeiled Hébert to sail back home, not without regret, for he felt that luck was again turning against him. Dis-
heartened and with an empty purse, he landed in New England, where for many years he eked out a wretched existence, first hiring out as a farmhand and beating the country roads as agent for a nurseryman.

On the advice of Mr. Edouard Richard, who wrote an account of the deportation of the Acadians, he came to Montreal in the hope of being able to exercise his talent with profit. A bust exhibited at the fair of 1873 attracted the attention of Mr . Napoleon Bourassa, the foremost French-Canadian artist of the time, who took him into his studio. Grateful in having at last obtained congenial employment, he worked with a will for seven years, striving toward his ideal with rapid progress. When at last he had mastered all that could be learned here, Hébert looked to France for further inspiration. With money which he managed to save, he went to Paris and remained one year studying. In that short time he managed to acquire a truer conception of



PHILIPPE HÉBERT, C.M.G., SCULPTOR
art and especially more confidence in his own talent.

It was during his brief stay in the French capital, in the midst of favourable influences, that Hébert produced his first piece of real meritthe statue of de Salaberry which stands in the park at Chambly, Que. A superior conception of the hero of Chateauguay, produced by him ten years later, is that which adorns the Parliament Buildings at Quebec. With drawn sword, de Salaberry is represented leading his Voltigeurs into the momentous battle which resulted in the defeat of the invading
host and helped to insure British rule in Canada.

In 1885, Hébert was entrusted by the Federal Government with the producing of a statue of Sir George Etienne Cartier, and it is this achievement which brought him into promin. ence. Since that time he has risen rapidly and now ranks among the foremost sculptors of this continent.

Two years after receiving the order for the statue of Cartier, he was commissioned by the Quebec Government to execute ten historical statues for the ornamentation of the Legislative Buildings. In order to carry out this
important work to better advantage, Hébert returned to Paris and opened a studio there, where he continued to live until about two years ago, when he settled down in Montreal permanently.

Hébert's work is almost essentially patriotic. His masterpieces are all


## From the model by Hebert

> THE SIR JOHN A MACDONALD MONUMENT AT OTTAWA
devoted to the commemoration of momentous events in Canadian history. He was drawn in this direction as much out of personal sentiment as by the force of circumstances. It was a hero of the war of 1812 which he chose for his first noteworthy effort. Once his talent became recog-
nised, he was kept busier with orders from official sources than was perhaps always consistent with the leisure necessary for the attainment of the higher perfection in art. Hébert nevertheless responded happily in most cases to the task imposed upon him, with the result that many public buildings and squares in Canada bear the stamp of his genius.
Besides a galaxy of the illustrious soldiers and statesmen who did so much to mould the destinies of Canada, Hébert, no doubt under the lasting influence of early impressions, sought to immortalise the hardship and struggles of the early French settlers among the hostile Indians, as well as the customs of the Indians themselves. This subject always fascinated him and has found expression in his best work.

The most noteworthy example is perhaps to be found in the group which crowns the terrace of the Legislative Buildings at Quebec. It is a huge bronze representing a family of Algonquin Indians, and it does not fail to impress the most casual observer. With one knee resting on the ground, a youthful redskin aims a deadly shaft at some game which he has espied, while his father, standing proudly erect, and his mother distractedly kindling a fire, are watching to see how well their son can handle the bow. The younger member of the family, elinging to his mother's arm, pokes his chubby face between them, and is also interested in what his big brother is about to do. Apart from being a remarkable study in simultaneous concentration of attention, this group illustrates to the best advantage, perhaps, Hébert's mastery in the delineation of Indian features.

A somewhat more classical production on the same subject is that entitled "Sans Merci" (Without Mercy), which is reproduced as a frontispiece to this number. In 1890 Sir John Thompson, who was then at the head of the Federal Cabinet, suggested that Hé-
bert create a piece of statuary touching on Canadian history. It was under these circumstances that the Canadian sculptor conceived "Sans Merci," which is a life-size reproduction of a harvester who has been pounced upon by a redskin while at work in the field. Both men are writhing in a deadly hand-to-hand fight, the sturdy farmer aiming a blow with his sickle, while the adversary gnaws at his arm.
"Une Mére" and "Le Rapt"' are the two other principal groups dealing with the peril in which early settlers were exposed among the hostile tribesmen: the first showing a mother defending her infant child from the cruel enemy, while the other recalls one of those many episodes when in the absence of the able members of the community, the Indians swooped down upon the settlers' homes and murdered the women and children. "Le Rapt" represents one of those early tillers of Canadian soil who, although enfeebled by age, musters his strength and courage in a vain attempt to repel the cowardly invaders and to protect his grand-daughter with whom he has been left in charge of the house.

If the relations of the white men with the Indians were frequently marked with bloodshed, there were instances where such gave rise to touching romances, as every reader of Canadian history knows. This subject has not escaped Hébert, who has given expression to it in several of his sculptural works, the most noteworthy being "Madeline" and "Convoitises." Madeline is a bright French maid, the idol of the community. She is worshipped by an Indian chief whose fierce nature has been completely subdued by the girl's beauty and innocence. As she winds thread around a distaff, he sits at her feet endeavouring to tell the tale of his heart, which, however, Madeline treats somewhat lightly. The sad and earnest expression of the savage makes a pathetic contrast with the
young girl's unconcerned joviality.
"Convoitises" deals with a less commendable theme. It recalls the gallant adventures of those reckless freebooters known in early days as "coureurs des bois." Hébert has produced one trying to tempt a fair Indian woman with a necklace. The


From the model by Hebert
THE MAISONNEUVE MONUMENT AT MONTREAL
creature makes a covetous gesture with her hand while the man's face expands in a Mephistophelian grin.

However, Hébert's most widely appreciated works are the Maisonneuve Monumest, unveiled on Place d'Armes, Montreal, on Dominion Day, 1895, and the historical figures that
are the pride of the Legislative Buildings at Quebec. Of the latter, only those of Montcalm, Wolfe, Lord Eigin, Levis, Frontenac, Salaberry, and Bishop Laval are in position, while the others, comprising statues of Cartier, Champlain, Maisonneuve, La Violette, the founder of Three Rivers, and of Fathers Bréboeuf and Viel, the priests who were martyred by the Indians, have not yet been completed. Accompanying these historical figures is the family group of Algonquin Indians, the "Pécheur a la "Ninogue" and two allegorical groups, "Poesie et Histoire" and "Religion et Patrie," which adorn the central tower.

Hébert has endeavoured to reproduce Frontenac at the critical moment when, swayed by anger, the French general replied to Phipps' envoy: "Go and tell your master that I will answer him with my cannon." The bronze figure points to the grim engine of war protruding at the base of the statue.
The genial attitude of Montcalm forms a happy contrast with the irritable Frontenac. It is the victor of Carillon who, bareheaded and full of pride, after the battle thanks his warriors in the name of the king.

Hébert's greatest achievement is admittedly the Maisonneuve Monument which is admired by thousands of tourists every year. It commands an excellent position on Place d'Armes, opposite Notre Dame Church. The monument is flanked by four corner figures of historical im. port: Lambert Closse, M'lle Mance, Lemoine, and the Huron chieftain Anahotaha. The founder of Montreal is shown at the time he tonk possession of the land which is now occupied by the greatest metropolis of Canada. With his right hand, he raises the standard of France, while the left rests on his sword. The statue of Lambert Closse, the dauntless Frenchman who, with pistol in hand and holding back his faithful dog Pilote, crouches ready to spring on the Troquois, is considered to be superior in its execution to the central figure itself. On the south corner is the reclining form of M'lle Mance, the angel of mercy of Montreal's first settlement, in the act of bandaging the arm of a savage urchin. The monument is completed by four bas reliefs: the signing of the charter of Ville Marie, the first High Mass at Pointe Claire and Dollard's heroic fight with Indians and his death.


From the model by Hebert
A BAS RELIEF DETAIL OF THE LAVAL MONUMENT AT QUEBEC


From the model by Hébert
STATUE OF QUEEN VICTORIA, AT HAMILTON

Hébert is a proliflc worker. His labours have produced no less than fifty pieces of great merit, comprising twelve large monuments, half a dozen bronze statues, twenty busts, ten groups. Besides these there are a number of statuettes and a good deal of church ornamental work. His latest work is a monument to Monseigneur Laval which was unveiled on St. Jean Baptiste Day at Quebec in June last. He has already executed a monument to Monseigneur Bourget, one of Mont-
real's most distinguished bishops. It is to be seen in front of St. James' Cathedral, Dominion Square.

Among his best statuary are two commemorative figures in bronze of Queen Victoria: one at Hamilton and another at Ottawa, on the grounds of the Parliament Buildings. It was upon the completion of this latter one six years ago that the Imperial Parliament conferred upon him the honorary title of C.M.G., as a mark of appreciation of his talent.

Besides this, Monsieur Hébert has
received a great number of prizes both in medals and money. In 1894, the Federal Government awarded him the Confederation Medal for his patriotic statuary. The French Govern ment made his a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur seven years ago, on the occasion of his birthday.

Since his return from Paris, Monsieur Hébert has opened a studio in Montreal, at 34 Labelle street, where he spends most of his time. Of unassuming manners, he receives visitors readily and does not mind suspending his work for a chat.
"This is as difficult for me to sqy as for a father to decide which of his children he loves the best," he said in answer to the question as io which of his works he considered to have the greatest artistic merit.
"You see, I have given my best attention to all and each has some
feature which appeals to different people according to their tastes."

Although he has successfully invaded the poetic realm, Monsieur Hébert does not care to go outside his own country for subject matter.
"There is everything here that an artist can wish for," he said. Then pointing at a bronze statuette which he had just completed: "Look at that. It is M'lle de Vercheres who held out the fort against a host of Indians. Can there be a more fitting subject for a Canadian artist than this heroine who exposed her life to save those of her compatriots? She is the type of true woman who, although unaccustomed to firearms, nevertheless does not hesitate to use them when the occasion so requires. That is why I have made her handle that gun as a woman handles an umbrella."

## THE HURRYING RIVERS

## By DOUGLAS ROBERTS

Plunging through the valley walls, Leaping high,
Jetting white fumes from the falls,
To the sky,
And singing, ever singing, in your passing by.
Bending, rocking, roaring down,
Till you wait,
In the mill above the town,
Shrieking hate,
Then crashing, crying freedom, through the open gate.
Reeling, stamping down the shores.
In your wake
Stony, naked corridors
Shout and shake,
Then suddenly you sleep within the little lake.

# AMENDMENT OF M. DE CHIRAC 

BY H. C. BAILEY

M.LE MARQUIS DE CHIRAC was concerned for his moustaches. They were little and beautiful, but they would not turn up. Mr. de Chirac desired infinitely that they should turn up, because it was not the fashion. Auguste, who daily had the honour of assisting M. de Chirac to achieve perfect beauty, suggested wax.
"Auguste," said M. de Chirac pensively, "you have the heart of a hangman." And he caressed the moustaches. "So young, so amiable! Shall I force them? Wax ? Animal! You would eat babies-with a brown sauce. I am sure that you would choose a brown sauce." He continued to caress the moustaches.
"Virginal, dainty! Shall I constrain your young desires? O, Phoebus Apollo!', For the moustaches had consented to remain erect. M. de Chirac let himself fall lightly into his chair and admired them in the mirror. "Phœebus Apollo-who, if I remember, never had any. The incomplete Phœebus. Auguste, I meditate on my own completeness."
"Monsieur requires breeches," said Auguste.
"I think I had desired the tailor to refer you to a woodland bank of violets?"
"But yes, monsieur!" cried Auguste, and with the gesture of Hy perides unveiling Phryne drew back a curtain of tapestry.
M. de Chirac had the felicity to behold a lay figure clad in violet and
green. "It is," said M. de Chirac, "deeply impertinent to make la dummy in my proportions."
"But what would you, monsieur ?"
"That," said M. de "Chirac, "I never know," and became melancholy.

In an hour or two he was covered. A work of art, he bestowed himself on the long gallery of the Louvre. His shoes were dark green, his stockings and breeches green of a lighter tone. His long cassock coat was embroidered without in varieties of green, but falling open revealed itself violet within. Violet was his undercoat and pale violet his ruff and his ruffles, violet also his hat, adorned with a clasp of great sapphires and gold. A bunch of violets peeped out of his golden hair above his left ear. All of his was fragrant with the scent of violets. And the moustaches still turned up. So M. de Chirac displayed himself to the admiring sun in the year of grace 1586

Then he beheld afar off / a woman. She was silvery gray, with something of crimson at her breast. She progressed swiftly for two steps, then slowly for three. M. de Chirac compared her in appearance to a wounded dove, in gait to a kicked dog. ( She arrived at monsieur and stopped and looked at him.
M. de Chirac made her a bow. "Mademoiselle, I await your criticism with confidence."
"Can you tell me where I shall find M. le Comte de Manillac?"
"Probably, mademoiselle, where he ought to be. He has no imagination, the good Canillac."
"But where ought he to be, monsieur?"
"Finally, mademoiselle, in hades. To bore the devil. Temporarily, I know not."
"Oh, will you not tell me?" she cried, clasping her hands together. "I have asked so many and they laugh, but ".
"In fact it is a little laughable. To desire Canillac!" M. de Chirac delicately shrugged his shoulders. "Madame, I trust you are unique."

A moment, biting her lip, she gazed at monsieur, who presented her with a calm smile. Then she swept past him and on down the gallery.
"She has the audacity to produce tears, and she is not beautiful enough," said monsieur.

While he watched her Auguste came out to the gallery. She stopped and spoke to him. Auguste bowed. Auguste pointed her to the haven where she fain would be-the quarters of M. de Canillac-and bowed again. She went on, her hesitating gait grew slower, she waited a long time before she knocked at the door. Auguste, as well as his master, watched her till she went in.

Then, "Auguste!" says M. de Chirac, and Auguste turned with a start. Monsieur beckoned him nearer. "Auguste, you have the impertinence to be more polite than I."
"Impossible, monsieur!" cried Auguste. Monsieur put up his eyebrows. "Monsieur, the lady was crying."
"That also was impertinence. She is hardly even pretty."

Auguste bowed. "Is that all, monsieur?" said Auguste.
M. de Chirac looked him over a moment before he said "Yes." Auguste bowed again and went his way. Then monsieur looked after him. "Decidedly he becomes a satirist," said monsieur.
M. de Chirac, extremely bored, then went to wait on the
most Christian King Henry III.
The King was yawning over his comfit box. M. de Chirac stood still before him and yawned. They finished together.
"Sire," said M. de Chirac, "I offer you my profound sympathy."
"Chirac, amuse me," the King drawled.

Chirac surveyed him from the pearls in his cream-coloured shoes to the amethysts in his white ears.
"Do you not amuse yourself?" inquired Chirac.

The King shook his head.
"I am not nearly so amusing as your Majesty," said Chirac.

The King smiled languidly and offered a comfit box.
"Sire, no," said M. de Chirac with decision. "I have a complexion."

The King sighed.
M. de Canillac bustled in, and M. de Chirac groaned and turned away. M. de Canillac was full-fleshed and exuberant; he wore crimson from head to heel.

The King bent and picked up a spaniel.
"You are very red, Canillac," the King drawled. "So is sin. Try to be equally amusing."

Canillac laughed loudly and M. de Chirac shuddered.
"I will amuse you at once, sire." Canillac knelt and stretched forth his hands and spoke dramatically, "Sire, I pray for a man's life."
"Who has bought it?" the King drawled.

Canillac laughed again and rose. M. de Chirac in great haste brushed his moustaches down, for he saw that Canillac's stood up. "I have this day seen a love of my youth," said Canillac, smiling.
"It is always discouraging," asid the King, and gave his spaniel a sugar plum.
M. de Chirac found a pack of cards and began to build a house with them.
"It appears that when I was young I said that I loved her. I had
forgotten. She remembers." Canillac laughed and the King yawned. "But she has had the insolence to love someone else. She loves M. de Vivonne." The King yawned again. "Vivonne, sire, you remember, who lies in the Bastile. And my well-beloved Mademoiselle de Montain comes to me to beg for his life!" Canillac laughed heartily.
"Vivonne?" the King drawled. "Some officious person accused him of a correspondence with the Béarnais. But was I going to kill him? I do not think that I was going to kill him."
"I regret to have announced otherwise, sire. I told his dear love that you had ordained his death."

The King pulled his spaniel's ears. "It may be so. Vivonne makes no difference. What did she say, Canillac?"'
"Little coherent, sire. She embraced my knees and bedewed them."
"They will," said the King. "It is sometimes amusing."
M. de Chirac with great care put a fourth storey on his house.

Canillac was laughing. "In fact, sire, I was touched."
"That would not be amusing at all," said the King, and turned. "Chirac!"

But M. de Chirac, who was preparing his fifth storey, waved his Majesty away.
"Oh, sire, believe me!" cried Canillac. "It was most pleasing. I was touched. I offered mademoiselle to save this dear life which is not in danger provided that mademoiselle would enter into my embraces."

The King yawned. "You are not at all original, Canillac."
"But yes, sire, by your leave. Consider I who do not desire to espouse mademoiselle at all shall possess her, that she may save her dear love from the death he was never going to die. Comedy in the high strain!",
M. de Chirac imposed his fifth storey.

The King took a sweetmeat. "It is
a little amusing. She yielded easily, I suppose?'"
"Quite otherwise. There were storms of words and tears. I have the honour to inform your Majesty that Mademoiselle de Montain considers me the most vile, the most loathsome of men. That will make her more comfortable as my wife. Finally, then, she yielded. She professes that she will kill herself after-wards-we shall see-and if I have the honour at all I shall never tell M. de Vivonne why and how he was set free-again we shall see."
"It might have been amusing to hear her," said the King, and yawned. "But I have had all the emotions before."
M. de Chirac imposed his sixth storey.
"Cecile has not, pardieu," laughed Canillac. "So, sire, I have the honour to beg that to-morrow about this time M. de Vivonne shall be set free."
"I never wanted the man," said the King. "Chirac!" and he turned in his chair. M. de Chirac's six storeys fell down. "What do you think?"
M. de Chirac stood up. "I think that your Majesty has knocked down my house," said he.
"What do you think of Canillac?"
M. de Chirac shrugged his shoulders.
"Sire, he has no imagination. Let us talk of something pleasant."

Canillac flushed darkly and started forward. The King peevishly motioned him back. "I do not like these spasms, Canillac. Chirac, can you make it more amusing?"
"In a thousand ways, sire."
"One suffices."
"I have the honour to make the amendment that Canillac turn his moustaches down and that M. de Vivonne be brought to witness mademoiselle on the altar, that is to say whnn she espouses Canillac."

The King smiled and Canillac laughed. M. de Chirac bowed to one and the other.
"Certainly it shall be so," said the King.
"Canillac," said M. de Chirac, "turn down your moustaches. Order of the King!" Canillac, laughing, obeyed. M. de Chirac gave a great sigh of relief, and made his own stand up again.
Then the King spent an hour in elaborating the plan so that M. de Vivonne and his love should not fail of drinking deep passion and pain. M. de Chirac yawned vastly. But his Majesty had an interest in psychology.
"Sire," said M. de Chirac, rising, "I have yawned till my face aches. Does it suffice?"
"You will find nothing else more amusing, Chirac," said the King, whose eyes had grown bright.
"I shall find, sire, M. de Viviers, who does not talk," and Chirac made his bow.

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On the morrow Chirac and Canillac shared the King's tardy déjeuner. By a simple process of deduction we may discover that the meal was gay. For we have it on the authority of d'Aubigny, that austere person, that when M. de Chirac was interested he was interesting; and in a too brief memoir of himself M. de Chirac has left it on record that he was interested in Canillac and his King on that day. He adds that the sensation was unique, and that he wore sky blue with sapphire buttons.
M. de Canillac, who was naturally impatient, arose when the sweets arrived. The hour appointed to Mademoiselle de Montain for the marriage was well past, and, "Mordieu," said Canillac, "I bade her be punctual in chapel.'
Still Chirac and his King were ingenious, still the meal was prolonged. But M. de Chirac leaned back in his chair and took the King's favourite toy, a cup and ball of ivory and ebony and began to play with it as he sipped his wine.
It seems to have been about this time that M. le Baron de Veviers rode into the courtyard of the Louvre and
reined up by the gate to speak to Crillon.
At last Canillac rose to seek his delight. "One hundred and one, one hundred and two," said Chirac as he rose also. He was counting his catches with the cup and ball. "Come, mon galant," said he, and opened the door for Canillac.
"May Venus smile!" cried the King, and Canillac went out with a laugh.
"One hundred and three, one hundred and four," said Chirac as he followed.
Together Chirac and Canillac went down the corridor and past the Swiss on guard and down the stairs and out to the courtyard. There were some horses in waiting, and M. le Baron de Veviers still talked with Crillon, whom he hated. Still Chirac continued his play. They mounted the stairs to the long gallery.
"One hundred and ninety-one, one hundred and ninety-two," said Chirac, "one hundred and ninety-" he stumbled against Canillac and lost the ball. "Bah! boor!" he cried, and flung Canillac away.
Canillac turned as he staggered.
"Chirac!" he cried, his face aflame.
"Boor! Yes, ,pardieu, I said boor. I baptise you."
"M. de Chirac!" Canillac started forward, hand on his sword.
Chirac flung the ebony cup in his face.

A moment, and Canillac plucked out his sword and dashed on. M. de Chirac broke ground, found his sword and the blades clashed and grated. Canillac was fierce and light-footed; he sprang in and out again lunging furiously; he was wont to make an end soon. But Chirac never shifted his place. It lasted long. It was doubtless good to see. Canillac dared more as the minutes passed. Again and again he lunged to his full reach - then wildly something beyond. Chirac drew himself up and straightened his sword arm. Canillac ran his neck on the point.

Canillac's sword fell clattering. He coughed and caught at the blade in his neck. But Chirac whipped it back and sheathed it still wet and sprang to Canillac and threw an arm about him and drew him on.
"Come, mon galant," said M. de Chirac.

Coughing and spitting blood, Canillac was borne to the woman, his prey. There was none in the long gallery to see him save Chirac's man, Auguste. Cloaked and booted, Auguste stood out in the middle, but he said nothing, he gave no sign. Canillae was brought to the chapel door.
A lacquey opened it, a lacquey who began mysteriously, "Mademoiselle is-" and ended in a cry, "Ah, Mon Dieu! monsieur is wounded! But I will run-I will run for a surgeon!",
"Certainly, run," said Chirac, and the man ran.
Canillac could only cough and spit, and the blood welled out of him. Chirac bore him up the aisle.
All over the Louvre the clocks were striking three. The tardiest note died. Then prompt to the ordered hour came the tramp of feet. Two of the Swiss guard led on M. de Vivonne, brought punctually to behold his shame.
Chirac bowed. "M. de Vivonne, welcome and in good time! This good Canillac yearns to do a deed of charity before he goes-some whither."
And Canillac groaned and Vivonne stood gaping. M. de Chirac lifted up his voice. "Mademoiselle! 'Tis your cue! Mademoiselle de Montain!"
A moment of silence while the Swiss stared round-eyed at each other, at Canillac and his blood, at Chirac flushed and laughing, and Vivonne's face turned white. Then a door opened. Slowly, timidly, her hand at her throat, all in black, came Céeile Montain, led by a grimacing priest. Vivonne sprang at her and she gave a great cry and reeled.
"Softly, softly," says Chirac, laughing and caught her in one arm and held off Vivonne with the other.
"Canillac, this dear Canillac, to him is the joy of joining your hands!" and moving swiftly he took Canillac's limp hand in his and made it give Vivonne's to Mademoiselle de Montain.
But Vivonne snatched her in his arms and clasped her close, there before the altar, while Canillac groaned in his blood.
M. de Chirac held Canillac's dying arms aloft. "Receive, monsieur and madame," says he with unction, "receive the benediction of M . le Comte de Canillac." And Canillac's glazing eyes were set on her. But she did not know it, she was sobbing on her man's shoulder, and quivering while he whispered silly tender names.
A lean figure, a lean, cream-coloured, bejewelled, perfumed figure, came into the doorway.
"Dame! What is this?" The two Swiss saluted. "What is this, Chirac?" cried the King.
The woman's sobbing stilled.
"Sire!" she gasped, "sire!" and tried to come to him. The man would not let her go.
M. de Chirac in his pale blue and his sapphires still held on high the red arms of Canillac's benediction. M. de Chirac still smiled amiably. "It is, sire, M. de Canillac, who desires at the last to save his soul."
"Notre Dame de Chartres! He is dead!' the King cried. Canillac's head was fallen forward in the blood on his breast.
Chirac let the arms fall and swing limp. "Certainly he is dead. But he lived long enough," said Chirac.
The King came forward to look "But how? Chirac, who has done it?"
Chirac caught Vivonne and his wife and whirled them away past the Swiss to the door. "Run, mordieu! Run!" he cried, and as the Swiss ran after them, he whipped out his bloodstained sword and held the path. "I have had the honour, sire, to send him whither he ought to go," cried Chirac.

And without was heard Auguste, "Par ici, par ici, monsieur et madame," as he hurried the two sway.
"You ?" cried the King, and stared at Chirac and the smeared sword.
"Congratulate me, sire," said Chirac.

The King flushed. "Fools, cowards, take him!" he cried to the hesitating Swiss.

But it was not easy to take M. de Chirac from behind that yard of flick ering steel. Chirac held the two in play in an instant.
"You behold, sire, the amendment of M. de Chirac," he cried and suddenly turned and ran hot foot.

He took the stairway in three bounds, he was down, he was out of the courtyard, before the King had broken open the window and cried, "Crillon! Crillon! Take him! Take Chirac!'"

Crillon, who was still talking to M. de Veviers, started forward, shouting and lugging at his sword, but the Baron de Veviers drove his spurs to his horse and reined back, and the plunging of it sent Crillon rolling on the stones. Thence he roared for the guard, thence he bade the sentries shut the gate. But Veviers reined round into the gateway again and held the gate back with his horse's quarters. From without came the clattering of moving horsemen.
M. de Vivonne and mademoiselle were mounted now. Chirac sprang
to his saddle and urged them on. Ere any Swiss musketeer had his wheel lock under way, they were hurrying through the gate. "Chirac! Chirac!" the cry came pealing, and they vanished and sped clattering away.
"Good day, Monsieur Crillon," said Vevier, politely, and sped after them. Crillon ran to the gate, cuffing and cursing whom he found in the way. He had the pleasure to see that $\mathbf{M}$. de Veviers was but the rearguard of a column. M. de Chirac, suddenly prevident, had marshalled the troop of his household. Crillon was for some days bad company.

The troop had gone a league out of Paris before M. de Veviers forsook the rear and came up abreast of Chirac, who rode bareheaded still, his yellow curls adorning the breeze.
"Whither now ?" grunted Veviers.
"Whither? To le Vert Galant, to Henri de Navarre, cordieu. Let me find a man-for variety."

Veviers grunted: "I did not know that you liked men."
"I have seen so little of them," said M. de Chirac.
"But you are much a man your. self, cap de Bious," cried the grateful Vivonne.
M. de Chirac made him a bow. "Hitherto, monsieur, only women have told me so. First among men you perceive my moustaches." M. de Chirac turned them up to the blue heaven.


## POETRY IN WILD LANDSCAPE

## BY SUZANNE MARNY

IT had been raining all night; a plenteous but gentle rain that everyone was glad enough to see, on grass, on farm, on berry crop. In a ehort time, the evening before, our empty water-butts were full again of fresh soft water.

At ten o'clock in the morning the sky was still gray, and the rain downcoming, steady and gentle.

I set up an easel on the side verandah. I had often cast an eye from the breakfast table on this decorative little composition. A shady foreground, a low bush or two, and an overhanging branch framing a light and open tangle of low growing maples, raspberry shrubs, hazels, and brambles backed loftily by elms and other old trees.
I began my sketch, putting in a table, and a garden chair with a lady in black reclining thereon, her hand listlessly stretched upon the table.
The transparent greens of the light vista, with the bluish green of the leaves that received the sky's light flatly, were difficult; and to make the dark, yet transparent, green of the overhanging branch and dark shrubs of the foreground tell against it was difficult too.
My desire to force out the sentiment of the listless black figure in the shadow and the light vista beyond, no doubt helped in the expression of it; in the end the sentiment was all I cared about, and I probably did not make a very successful study as far as the technique was concerned.

I took my sketch to the studio, set it up near me and stretched myself on the sofa, and from this starting point I set out on a reverie. This rough sketch might have been made anywhere where the trees and foliage were at all the same-in a garden in England, nearly two thousand miles away; or the solitary figure might have been sitting at a table set under a tree behind some country hotel in France. I fell to remembering some suggestive bits in my wanderings in my present surroundings-bits where figures might quite as aptly have been placed.
For many a year I had been trying to put into my summer pictures some of the solemn pathetic prose of the north country. The scenery hereabouts of rock and hill and pine and lake always seemed so much more typically Canadian than the settled district of farmlands farther south. I had painted the tiny house at the foot of the rugged hillside, with a gleam of river and lumber piles at the foot. I had laboured happily before a small farm with its old gray buildings in the few acres of wheat which lay gleaming before its background of misty blue woods. I had painted lakes girt with wooded hills, with huge opalescent clouds joining and dispersing above them. I had loved to do the old Muskoka road winding to the purple distance through low young pines and spruce trees. I had loved the country in its poorest aspects. I had tried to make a picture of a wretched little farm-house
shaded by thirty-year-old balsams and surrounded by poverty-stricken fields with many stumps.

This country will give its greatest gift, I think, to the painter who shall place on canvas its pathetic, homely tale. But in my reverie I began to see that here, as elsewhere, are the poetic motives that suggest a landscape with a figure or a human occupation of some sort or some very human sentiment in a poetic form.

There is the eternal roadway. The roadway which curves sharply round a hillock and disappears underneath a tall overhanging elm. How many a plodding country man or urehin has marked this curve and overhanging tree. Here he knows his distance to the village or his homestead, or possibly there is an ice-cold spring by the roadside when he shall have passed the hillock.

I know a road glaring dustily up an immensely steep hillside whose summit is crowned with thick trees. Could not that be painted to suggest the thought of one who should be prepared to climb it for the first timein a hope of arriving at a shady beauty varying in aspect to any he has seen before, in a hope that he will wander through woods and pastures enchanting from their strangeness.

Another road I know, so narrow that the wayside woods almost touch. I have seen above these trees at times startling white mountains of cloud. There one might expect to meet suddenly some strange figure coming with footsteps silent in the soft reddish soil.

There are joyous paths leading through sunny tangles where girls in light summer garments could be harmoniously flitting on the canvas, or more sombre ways, winding to blue distances, cloud-topped, where berrypickers might be bringing home their August spoils.

While I lay day-dreaming, the sun broke out hot through dispersing
clouds. The verdure, the air was steaming hot. In the afternoon the wind came cool and fresh from the west. The ground was drying rapidly, and I sallied forth.

My mind ran in the same strain in which it had started in the morning. I was looking for my cosmopolitan poetic motives.

Who does not love old gardens and pictures of old gardens? I found in a wild field a composition which had once struck me as a very decorative, well-balanced scheme. A path wound about a round group of evergreens in the foreground, also pretty low climbing things and bracken fringed the base of the low trees. Behind them was what looked like a graded terrace of taller trees of a lighter green, and behind these again a broad elm hung its plumage before the sky with exquisite grace. Methought some day I might try this, putting an old gray statue to the left among the terraced maples, and nestling in front of the evergreen group a stone sun-dial. Then I should have a wild garden picture.

Later I found another motive wherein to place an old gray statue. It was a sunny path winding between two young pines into deep shadow. Glistening in the shadow curve were silvery mullein stalks. A crooked romantic maple towered into the blue behind the pines. I made my feeble effort after this model one day, and added, lurking in the shade athwart the mulleins, a flying cupid.

Now forever in the summer time I see poetic motives in my wanderings. I think now that one need not go to ancient Greece to paint an entourage for the folk of mythology. There are groves here where Orpheus might have sung, where Bacchanalians might have feasted, where pagan sacrifices might have been offered. There are ambushes where satyrs might have lurked, watching the dance of nymphs. There are sunny heights for temples and shrines.


A BRITISH COLUMBIAN SALMON FISHING FLEET

## SUBDUING THE SOCKEYE

## BY HAROLD SANDS

KLATHMAK the Babine sat on the wharf at Steveston, British Columbia, and swore softly to himself. It would be decidedly impolite to the reader to translate literally what he said. It is enough to state that the Indian's remarks concerned the white men who were waxing rich canning the salmon which Klathmak claimed belonged to the original lords of the soil-the first Canadians. What did it matter that Indians as well as whites made many round, shining bucks each year out of the operations of the white tyees? Had not the Hyas Tyee of all, he whom the Eastern brave calls the Great Manitou, given the salmon to the Indians, and were not the white men thieves and liars?

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But Klathmak the Babine was not too busy swearing to fail to notice that the first boats of the morning were making their way towards the wharf with last night's catch of the splendid fish which the alliteratively inclined call the splendid succulent sockeye, king of canned comestibles. He hastened-if a British Columbia Indian ever can be said to hastento the little house where his klootchman was crooning over their papoose, and told her to get ready for the day's work at the cannery. He might call the whites thieves, but their money was good, and there were potlatches to be given when winter came.

Meanwhile two of the Columbia River fishing boats had just concluded an exciting race to the wharf. The


SALMON FISHING BOATS AT A BRITISH COLUMBIAN CANNERY
white crew, two splendid Scandinavians, descendants of the Vikings, had managed to win by an oar's length from a boat handled by two husky Japanese, sturdy specimens of the race which prevented Kuropatkin from eating his Christmas dinner at Tokio. Before the wife of the Babine had ceased her lullaby, the fish, looking like bars of burnished silver, were being rapidly forked through the air to the recently swabbed landing stage, and as they fell with a plunk, plunk on the freshly-hosed fir they were seen to be as firm-fleshed and in as perfect condition as brook trout.
In these "Jungleised" days everyone must be interested in following the fortunes of a salmon from the time it was caught in the mouth of the Fraser out yonder until it appears on the table, a cutlet of rich, red fish, "good enough for an epicure and clean enough for a crank," as my friend, the "Old Prospector," said when I gave. him a slice at the largest salmon cannery in the world, situated at that same Steveston where the Babine engaged in his torrid soliloquy.

It is a clean, comforting, appetising
story, this of the catching and canning of British Columbia salmon. All in the cool hours of the dawning the traps are relieved of their heavy burden, or the nets are pulled over the side with their rich prizes or beauti-fully-marked fish. As I have shown, no time is lost in delivering the sockeye to the cannery, cool and hard, fit food for any man, be he king or peasant, president or plebeian.

While the catch is coming in, let us examine the cannery itself. Every floor, box and bench is as clean as repeated scrubbings can make it. The housewife who keeps her kitchen as clean is a pearl above price. A man could eat his breakfast from that floor.

By now the salmon are lying so thick on the landing stage that they reach the thighs of the checker, whose rubber boots or leggings are in danger of disappearing. The hose is turned on to them. How the silver sparkles and the water splashes in the glorious sun! Here comes the first salmon along the conveyors. They are not using the "Iron Chink" in this cannery yet, but the hands who have taken their places along the sides of


DELIVERING SALMON AT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
two long and narrow tanks are wholesome to look upon. They know how to handle salmon deftly and well, and where that running water is there can be no dirt. The 'finner' has seized the first fish. Hey, presto! Fins, head, tail, are gone and the fish is slit open. Along the first row it swiftly passes to the initial tank. There the inside is removed and falls with the head and tail on to a constantly moving conveyor, which takes it to a scow alongside the wharf. Later a tug will tow this scow to the factory which converts these parts of the fish into guano.

As you easily will have seen, there has been no chance for dirt here. But that does not satisfy the canneryman -the man whom Klathmak swears at. After the washing in the first tank, the fish are passed into the second tank. Scrub, scrub, inside and out is the order. Perfectly clean, they are put upon another conveyor and begin to work their way toward the slicing machine. Circular knives, operated by steam power, descend on the fish and cut the salmon into slices just the right size for the particular can
that is being handled at the time. The cutlets are ready for the fillers. They look as appetising as a tenderloin steak does to a starving man. The cutlets are automatically passed along to the fillers, who place them in the cans and send them along to a machine which rejects any can the slight est degree under weight.

The fish has disappeared. In its place is a can whose fortunes we follow through a machine which forces a cover on, crimps it in place and passes it along to the soldering machine. Through both these movements sharp eyes are on each can and rarely can an imperfect one escape all of the ten separate inspections which it must undergo before it is ready for the final boxing. The soldering being done there comes the test under water for defective closing. Having satisfactorily gone through this, cooking is the order of the day. This is done with steam at a temperature of 212 degrees for the first time and 240 for the second.

The first cooking lasts about half an hour. A tiny hole is then punched in the tin to allow the steam


A JAPANESE FISHERWOMAN AT VANCOUVER
to escape. This hole is immediately closed up. Now you know the meaning of that little knob of solder which is found on every properly treated tin of salmon. The second steaming is continued for an hour. Surely by now, you will say, that little can of salmon can be called "done." By no means. True, the fish is cooked, but a band of experts has got to determine whether it is really and truly fit to go on your table. So each can is tested with the utmost care in order that no possible defects can be overlooked. It is indeed a perfect can of perfect salmon that finds itself elected to wear the bright label and take a trip through the markets of the world - to New Zealand, say, or to Australia, or Eastern Canada, or England - in search of a buyer.

Would you like to make sure, right here on the premises, how delicious that salmon is? Of course you would. Well, here, in this final testing room
of the cannery, the, obliging superintendent will open a can for you. A few deft passes with a can-opener, and here is a compact cutlet of rich red salmon. Yes, it came from that bar of burnished silver which you saw those two Vikings throw up from the boat a few minutes ago. It has been handled from first to last in the most careful and cleanly manner and with what a relish you, who have followed it from the first stage of preparation to the finished product, eat it, even though your table be but a box lid, and the background but a huge stack of similar cans and a mass of whirling, clicking machinery.
"My boy," says the superintendent, "I have been packing them for twenty years, and we have them on the table right along. I like them yet," and he reached for another slice of the rich, red fish.

If it be true that cleanliness comes next to Godliness, the salmon canner-


A Japanese fisherman at vancouver
ies of British Columbia must be given a high place in this world. During my visit to Steveston it was a case of water, water everywhere-and sockeye, too, of course. Wash, scrub and rewash, test and retest, were the orders, until there was nothing more to be desired by the most exacting. So much of the work formerly done by band is now performed by machinery that there is far less handling of the fish than of old. And more machinery is being introduced. For instance, in 1906 the "Iron Chink" made his bow in the canneries. There is a suggestion of the Inquisition about that name, but the "Iron Chink" is an instrument of good, never of evil. It does away with a large number of Chinamen, and therefore is very popular in British Columbia. On the Pacific Coast they are too busy to call a Celestial by three syllables, so they name him a "Chink." The "Iron Chink" does with three men the work
it previously took thirty all their time to do. This machine has been described as being to the salmon-canning industry what the linotype is to the printing art. The members of the Dominion Fisheries Commission, while out on the Coast in 1906. made a special trip to Steveston to see the new machine at work. At the rate of seventy to the minute, sockeyes passed through it. When the fish enter the "Iron Chink" they are just as they come from the nets. In the twinkling of an eye heads and tails disappear, fins slip off clean to the scales with not a particle of waste, and with astonishing rapidity the entrails are removed and in most cleanly manner. No matter what the size or shape of the salmon, the rapidlymoving knives and saws of the machine adjust themselves so that all parts of the sockeye to be removed are whipped off.

By the way, talking of the Fisher-


SWEDISH FISHERMEN MENDING NETS AT VANCOUVER
ies Commission, that body was specially instructed by the Canadian Government to thoroughly investigate and inspect canning operations and canneries, from hygienic and sanitary standpoints, and gave the industry so clean a bill of health that it is a pleasure to talk of British Columbia as the place where the salmon comes from. Here is what the Commissioners said:
"Without exception we found conditions satisfactory; the salmon being packed were fresh from the cold waters of the Pacific and were placed in the cans in absolutely a fresh condition and in the most cleanly manner. We found no cause for complaint. The Provincial Government Board of Health, whose representative, Dr. Fagan, accompanied us, maintained a continuous and systematic inspection of all canneries last year. From our inspection we have to assure you (the Minister of Marine and Fisheries) that the salmon canned in this Province is fresh and wholesome."

With a certificate of good character like that, the British Columbia fish is afraid of nobody. "Jungleisers" may come and "Jungleisers" may go, but the Pacific Coast salmon will please forever. At the present time there are between seventy and a hundred canneries in British Columbia, and a number are situated on Puget Sound, on the other side of the boundary line. One company conducts as many as twenty canneries. Vancouver, New Westminster and Toronto capitalists are largely interested in the industry. A few independent people have plants, but most of the canneries are controlled by two big associations. They are the kings who pack the king of fishes.

No magazine reader really likes to wade through figures, so statistics will be avoided. It should be pointed out, however, that the indus-


LAYING NETS FOR SALMON IN BRITISH COLUMBIAN WATERS
try is now the third largest in Canada and during the fishing and packing season over 20,000 men and women find remunerative employment. Every housewife knows how handy it is to have canned salmon in the larder; it is a question, however, whether it is so universally realised that within the entire range of preserved food it would be difficult to name an article of greater dietary value, and cheaper, with the exception of milk.

So far attention has been paid in this article to the grade of salmon known as the sockeye, the blood-red favourite that commands the highest price in the markets of the world. The red spring, cohoes and humpbacks are by no means to be sneezed at. They do not show so much colour as the
sockeye, but they possess a good flavour.

With all this finny wealth it is small wonder that Klathmak the Babine sometimes becomes jealous of the white man who knows how to utilise the gold of the sea. As I passed out of the big cannery at Steveston on my way to the British Columbia Electric Railway station, to board the car for Vancouver, I saw the wife of the Babine cooking salmon. My last glimpse of Salmonopolis - as they sometimes call the little town at the mouth of the Fraser River - also took in Klathmak himself. The smell of the salmon was in his nostrils and it was so pleasant that he had forgotten to swear at the white man. The sockeye had called him home.



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## BY CHARLOTTE BEAUMONT JARVIS

Turning to face his foe, The knight holds his lance at rest.
"Now, steady, good lance! and so
You will find the heart in his breast.
Dark knight, of foes the first!
No quarter I give nor take;
My lance's terrible thirst,
There's naught but your blood can slake.
I know you-as strong as bold,
But hold you awhile at bay,
Ere one of us dyes the mold,
And the other rides on his way."
Ho! the clang of the steel!
Clear through his armour it thrust!
He sees him waver and reel-
His worst enemy bites the dust.
Prone 'neath the darkening skies,
What recks he of fame or pelf?-
One look-and the victor cries
To the heavens: "It is myself!"
Conqueror in the fight,
He springs to his steed again-
Acclaim him the noblest knight, Because it is Self that lies slain.

# THE RETURN OF HESTER 

BY L. M. MONTGOMERY<br>Author of "A nne of Green Gables"

jUST at dusk that evening I had gone upstairs and put on my muslin gown. I had been busy all day attending to the strawberry pre-serving-for Mary could not be trusted with that-and I was a little tired, and thought it was hardly worth while to change my dress, especially when there was nobody to see or care since Hester was gone. But I did it because Hester would have cared if she had been here. She always liked to see me neat and dainty. So. although I was tired and sick at heart, I put on my pale-blue muslin and dressed my hair.
At first I did my hair up in a way I had always liked but had seldom worn because Hester disapproved of it. It became me; but I suddenly thought it was disloyal to her, so I took the hair down again and arranged it in the plain, quaint way she liked. My hair was thick and long and brown, although there were some gray strands in it; but that did not matter-nothing mattered since Hester was dead and I had sent Hugh Morrison away for the second time.
Many people in Glenannan wondered why I did not put on mourning for Hester. I did not tell them that it was because Hester had asked me not to. Hester never approved of mourning; she said that if the heart did not mourn crape would not mend matters, and if it did there was no need of the external trappings of woe. She told me calmly, the night before she died, to go on wearing my pretty dresses
just as I had always worn them, and to make no difference in my outward life because of her going.
"I know there will be a difference in your inward life," she said wistfully.
And oh, there was! But sometimes I wondered uneasily, feeling almost conscience-stricken, whether it were all because Hester had left me-whether it were not partly because, for a second time at her bidding, I had shut the door of my heart in the face of love.

When I had dressed I went downstairs to the front door and sat on the sandstone steps under the arch of the Virginia creeper. I was all alone, for Mary had gone to the village. It was a beautiful night; the full moon was just rising over the wooded hills and her light fell through the poplars into the garden before me. Through an open corner on the western side I saw the sea all silvery blue in the afterlight. The garden was very beautiful just then, for it was the time of the roses, and ours were all out, so many of them-great pink and red and white and yellow roses.
Hester loved roses and could never have enough of them. A bush was growing just by the steps, all gloried over with blossoms-white, with pale pink hearts. I gathered a cluster and pinned it loosely on my breast; then I put some half-open buds in my hair. But my eyes filled as I did so, and I felt desolate.

I was all alone, and it was bitter.
The roses could not give me sufficient companionship, much as I loved them. I wanted the clasp of a human hand and the lovelight in human eyes. And then I fell to thinking of Hugh, although I tried not to.

I had always lived with Hester. I did not remember my parents, who had died in my babyhood. Hester was fifteen years older than I, and she had always seemed more like a mother than a sister. She had been very good to me, and had never denied me anything I wanted-except one thing.

I was twenty-five before I ever had a lover. This was not, I think, because I was more unattractive than other women. The Merediths had always been the "big" family of Glenannan. The rest of the people had always looked up to us as their su-periors-as we were, I suppose, in some respects. The young men would as soon have thought of wooing a duchess as a Meredith.

I had not a great deal of family pride, as perhaps I should be ashamed to confess. I found our exalted position very lonely, and cared more for the simple joys of friendship and companionship which other girls had. But Hester possessed it in a double measure: she never allowed me to as. sociate on a level of equality with the young people of Glenannan. We must be very nice and kind and affable to them-noblesse oblige, as it werebut we must never forget that we were Merediths.

When I was twenty-five Hugh Morrison had come to Glenannan, having bought a farm near the village. He was a stranger and so was not imbued with any preconceptions of Meredith superiority. In his eyes I was just a girl like others-a girl to be wooed and won by any man of good life and honest heart. I met him at a little Sunday-school picnic which I attended because of my class. I thought him very handsome and manly. He talked to me a great deal,
and at last he drove me home. The next Sunday evening he walked up from church with me.

Hester was away or, of course, this would never have happened. She had gone for a month's visit to distant friends.

In that month I lived a lifetime. Hugh Morrison courted me as the other girls in Glenannan were courted. He took me out driving and came to see me in the evenings, which we spent for the most part in the garden. I did not like the stately gloom and formality of our old Meredith parlour, and Hugh never seemed to feel at ease there. His broad shoulders and hearty laughter were oddly out of place among our faded, oldmaidish furnishings.
Mary was secretly pleased at Hugh's visits. She had always resented the fact that I had never had a "beau," seeming to think it reflected some slight or disparagement upon me. She did all she could to encourage him.
But when Hester returned and found out about Hugh she was very angry-and grieved, which hurt me more. She told me that I had forgotten myself and that Hugh's visits must cease.

I had never been afraid of Hester before, but I was afraid of her then. I yielded; perhaps it was very weak of me, but then I was always weak. I think that was why Hugh's strength had so appealed to me. I needed love and protection. Hester, strong and self-sufficient, had never felt such a need. She could not understand. Oh, how contemptuous she was!
Well, I told Hugh timidly that Hester did not approve of our friendship and that it must end. He took it quietly enough, and went away. I thought he did not care much, and the thought selfishly made my own heartache worse. I was very unhappy for a long time, but I tried not to let Hester see it, and I don't think she did. She was not very discerning in some things.

After a time I got over it; that is,
the heartache ceased to ache all the time. But things were never quite the same again. Life always seemed rather dreary and empty in spite of Hester and my roses and Sundayschool.
I supposed that Hugh Morrison would woo him a wife elsewhere, but he did not. The years went by and we never met, although I saw him often at church. At such times Hester always watched me very closely, but there was no need for her to do so. Hugh made no attempt to meet me or speak with me, and I would not have permitted it if he had. But my heart always yearned after him. I was selfishly glad he had not married, because if he had I could not have thought and dreamed of himit would have been wrong. Perhaps as it was it was foolish; but it seemed to me that I must have something, if only foolish dreams, to fill my life.
At first there was only pain in the thought of him; but afterwards a faint, misty little pleasure crept in, like the mirage of a missed delight.
Ten years slipped away thus. And then Hester died. Her illness was sudden and short; but before she died she asked me to promise that I would never marry Hugh Morrison.

She had not mentioned his name for years. I thought she had forgotten all about him.
"Why, Hester, is there any need of such a promise?" I asked, weeping. "Hugh Morrison will never want me to marry him now."
"He has never married-he has not forgotten you," she said fiercely. "I could not rest in my grave if I thought you would disgrace your family by marrying beneath you. Promise me, Margaret."
I promised. I would have promised anything in my power to make her dying pillow easier. Besides, what did it matter? Hugh would never think of me again.
She smiled when she heard me, and pressed my hand.
"Good little sister-that is right.

You were always a good girl, Margaret, good and obedient, though a little sentimental and foolish in some ways. You are like our mother-she was always weak and loving. I took after the Merediths."

She did indeed. Even in her coffin her dark, handsome features preserved their expression of pride and determination. Somehow, that last look of her dead face remained in my memory, blotting out the real affection and gentleness which her living face had almost always shown me. This distressed me, but I could not help it. I wished to think of her as kind and loving, but I could remember only the pride and coldness with which she had crushed out my newborn happiness. Yet I felt no anger or resentment over what she had done! I knew she had meant it for the best-my best. It was only that she was mistaken.
And then, a month after she had died, Hugh Morrison came to me and asked me to be his wife. He said he had always loved me and could never love any other woman.

All my old love for him reawakened. I wanted to say yes, to feel his strong arms about me and the warmth of his love enfolding and guarding me. In my weakness I yearned for his strength. But there was my promise to Hester-that promise given by her deathbed. I could not break it and I told him so. It was the hardest thing I had ever done.
He did not go away quietly this time. He pleaded and reasoned and reproached. Every word of his hurt me like a knife-thrust; but I could not break my promise to the dead. If Hester had been living I would have braved her wrath and her estrangement and gone to him. But she was dead, and I could not do it.
Finally he went away in grief and anger. That was three weeks ago, and now I sat alone in the moonlit rosegarden and wept for him. But after a time my tears dried and a very strange feeling came over me. I felt
calm and happy, as if some wonderful tenderness and love were very near me.
And now comes the strange part of my story-the part which will not, I suppose, be believed. If it were not for one thing I think I should hardly believe it myself. I should feel tempted to think I had dreamed it. But because of that one thing I know it was real.

The night was very calm and still. Not a breath of wind stirred. The moonshine was the brightest I had ever seen. In the middle of the garden, where the shadows of the poplars did not fall, it was almost as bright as day. One could have read fine print. There was still a little roseglow over the water in the west, and high over the poplars one or two large bright stars were shining. The world was so lovely that I held my breath over its beauty.
Then all at once, down at the far end of the garden, I saw a woman walking. At first I thought it must be Mary; but as she crossed a moonlit path I saw it was not my old nurse's stout, bent figure. She was tall and erect.
Although no suspicion of the truth came to me, something about her reminded me of Hester. Even so had Hester liked to wander about the garden in the twilight. I had seen her thus a thousand times.
I wondered who the woman could be. Some neighbour, of course ; but what a strange way for her to come! She walked up the garden slowly, in the poplar shade. Now and then she stooped as if to caress a flower, but she plucked none. Half-way up she came out into the moonlight and walked across the plot of grass in the centre of the garden. My heart gave a great throb, and I stood up. She was quite near to me now, and I saw that it was Hester.
I can hardly say just what my feel. ings were at this moment. I know that I was not surprised. I was frightened, and yet I was not fright-
ened. Something in me shrank back with a sickening terror; but I, the real I, was not frightened. I knew that this was my sister, and that there could be no reason to be frightened of her, because she loved me still as she had always done. Further than this I was not conscious of any coherent thought, either of wonder or of attempt at reasoning.
Hester paused when she came to within a few steps of me. In the moonlight I saw her face quite plainly. It wore an expression I had never seen before on it - a humble, wistful, tender look. Often in life Hester had looked lovingly, even tenderly, upon me, but always as it were through a mask of pride and sternness. This was gone now, and I felt nearer to her than ever before. I knew suddenly that she understood me. And then the half-conscious awe and terror I had felt vanished, and I only realised that Hester was here and that there was no terrible gulf of change between us.
Hester beckoned and said, "Come."
No, she did not say it; no word issued from her gently-smiling lips; yet the command, or rather request, certainly passed from her to me, and I obeyed her unhesitatingly. I stood up and followed her out of the garden.
We walked side by side down our lane under the willows and out to the road, which lay long and still in that bright, calm moonshine. I felt as if I were in a dream, moving at the bidding of a will not my own, which I could not have disputed even if I had wished to do so. But I did not wish; I had only the feeling of a strange, boundless content.
We went down the road between the growths of young fir that bordered it. I smelled their balsam as we passed, and noticed how clearly and darkly their pointed tops came out against the sky. I heard the tread of my own feet on little twigs and plants in our way, and the trail of my dress over the grass; but Hestermoved noiselessly, and when I looked
at her she was always looking at me with that strangely gentle smile on her lips.

Just at the bend of the road, below Adam Marchley's, James Trent overtook us, driving. It seems to me that our feelings at a given moment are seldom what we would expect them to be. I simply felt annoyed that James Trent, the most notorious gossip in Glenannan, should have seen me walking with Hester. In a flash I anticipated all the annoyance of it; be would talk of the matter far and wide. Nothing of the sort happened. James Trent nodded and called out:
"Howdy, Miss Margaret? Taking a moonlight stroll by yourself? Lovely night, isn't it ?"
Just - then his horse suddenly swerved, as if startled, and broke into a gallop. They whirled around the curve of the road in an instant. I felt relieved but puzzled. James Trent had not seen Hester.

Down over the hill was Hugh Morrison's place. When we came to it Hester turned in at the gate. Then for the first time I understood why she had come back, and a blinding flash of joy broke over my soul. I stopped and looked at her. Her deep eyes gazed into mine, but no word erossed her lips.

We went on. Hugh's house lay before us in the moonlight, grown over by a tangle of vines. His garden was on our right, a quaint spot, full of old-fashioned flowers growing in a sort of disorderly sweetness. I trod on a bed of mint and the spice of it floated up to me like the incense of some strange, sacred, solemn ceremonial. I felt unspeakably happy and blessed.

When we came to the door I, still obeying Hester's voiceless bidding, rapped gently on it. In a moment Hugh had opened it. Then that happened by which in after days I was to know that this strange thing was no dream or fancy of mine. Hugh looked not at me but past me.
"Hester!" he exclaimed, with human fear and horror in his voice.

He leaned against the doorpost, the big strong fellow, trembling from head to foot.

Still no word passed Hester's lips, and yet Hugh and I both know that she said:
"I have learned that nothing matters in all God's universe except love. There is no pride where I have been and no false ideals."

Hugh and I looked into each other's eyes, wondering, and then we knew that we were alone.

## THE PRIMROSE

 By Charlotte eatonI know a bank where the pale primrose grows, A clear brook that ripples down a lane, Whose memory brings the sweet romance again
When I, a child, went forth to gather sloes,
In little trodden paths I always chose,
Where I could follow up my fancy's train,
With heart uncognisant of human pain, Filled with the loves that only childhood knows.

As I went dreaming of the fairy queen,
Or wishing I some magic sight might see,
Had she unveiled my eyes, had I but seen
Those twenty wandering years in store for me,
I think I would have prayed to slumber there
Where the pale primrose stars the fragrant air,


THE chief event of the past month has been the world-wide discussion arising out of the naval estimates of Great Britain and the drawing togethor to a perceptible degree of the peoples of Britain and greater Britain. The naval vote of Great Britain, $\$ 165,000,000$, was the greatest in its history, which is in itself occasion for both satisfaction and alarm, satisfaction because it demonstrates the continued determination and ability of the mother country to outstrip all competitors for the command of the sea, and alarm because of the staggering expenditure to which the ruinous rivalry leads. Mr. McKenna, the first Lord of the Admiralty, departed from all precedent and tradition by comparing the fighting forces of the country with those of a neighbour with whom its relations are ostensibly of the best. It was probably as well to speak in plain terms, because all the unofficial world has long been engaged in making the comparison, and officialdom has no doubt done the same quietly.

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There were some surprises, however, and it came as a shock to many that Germany is building at a rate which will tax the utmost energies of Great Britain to equal, not to speak of maintaining the two-power standard which has long been regarded as the measure of safety of the mother country
and of the Empire. The discovery of the situation appears to have made a profound impression on the House of Commons and started a wave of emotion that went around the world. New Zealand came to the front immediately with the offer to Britain of a Dreadnought, and the question of proffering assistance in that or some other practical fashion to the mother country was actively debated also in Canada and Australia. Of New Zealand's intense devotion to the cause of the Empire there can, of course, be no doubt; it was proved by its attitude during the Boer war as strikingly as on the present occasion, but we must remember, when reflecting upon its promptness in offering a Dreadnought that it is in a position which compels it to feel with peculiar force the benefits of naval protection. Far away at the Antipodes, and a thousand miles distant even from its neighbour, Australia, New Zealand would doubtless be one of the first portions of Greater Britain to face real peril from an invading or conquering force in the event of the British navy being seriously worsted in war.

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It was not natural therefore, nor was it necessary, or perhaps desirable that all the great self-governing dependencies of Britain should proceed on precisely the same lines to show their intention to stand behind the
mother country in any crisis that may develop from the gigantic duel now in progress for the command of the seas. On the spur of the moment the suggestion was made from many quarters that Canada should follow New Zealand's example and present one or two Dreadnoughts to the Empire. But it is not clear that such a procedure would have been the most effective method of rendering aid, and it is certain that it was not the only method; also it has to be remembered that there are many and various elements in the population of Canada, and it needs some careful thought to bring these into harmony on a great question of public policy. The course taken by the Dominion Parliament therefore in the end was that which on the whole would, in all likelihood, most commend itself to the general judgment of the country. Better than the resolution passed at the close of the debate was the debate itself, which was conducted on lofty lines, and marred hardly by a jarring word. The resolution pledges the support of Canada to the mother country, and it may be assumed that if occasion arises for implementing that promise, Canadians will not allow a constitutional shibboleth to stand in the way of performance in whatever manner seems most practical.

Meanwhile there has been no hint from Great Britain that that country feels in any respect unequal to the heavy burden laid upon her, though there were some momentary tremors when the speech of the First Lord of the Admiralty made it appear at first that Germany's programme was even more ambitious than it is, and that England would be outstripped in the race unless efforts were made even more prodigious than those contemplated. In the latest phase of the question that has been presented Sir Edward Grey, the greatest Foreign Secretary, with the exception of Lord Salisbury, in a generation, has declared that the situation compels the
building of a vast new navy, and that the greatest that has ever been constructed, and it must be remembered that this declaration comes from a Cabinet devoted to Peace and Social Reform, and which as a whole views with intense reluctance the expenditure on military enterprises of money which is so sorely needed for purposes identified with the gentler and more human aspects of life. The eminent British stateman pointed out one thing which we of Greater Britain should bear always in mind, that, whereas the controlling power of the seas is absolutely essential to the safety of England and of the British Empire, it is an incident only to Germany, while it may be as readily agreed that, Germany being situated as she is, in the centre of Europe, a controlling army is as essential to her proper protection. Great Britain with her mighty fleet can do little harm to Germany; Germany with an overpowering fleet could reduce England to humiliation without putting a soldier on her soil-the stoppage of the inflow of grain would be quite sufficient. No argument therefore is needed to show how vital to Great Britain is the retention of the command of the seas.

Just what the effect on Canada individually would be of the loss of the sea-sovereignty or the actual destruction of British naval power it is impossible, of course, to say. So far as any European power is concerned we should doubtless be safe enough from any fear of invasion. We may not take pleasure in the thought, but it is doubtless none the less true, that we should be sheltered by the Monroe Doctrine. But, on the other hand, we should know the world too well to suppose that we could receive the advantage of such protection without paying for it, sooner or later, a great price. Canada's independence is as vitally associated with the British supremacy of the sea as is the safety of the parent country itself. A fore-
cast of the situation that would arise is found in such statements as that of Governor Folk, of Missouri, who finds in the immigration of American farmers into Canada a reason why the forcible annexation of Canada to the United States should be accomplished with comparatively little difficulty; or in the suggestion of so usually sane a paper as the New York Evening Post, which declared that if Canada should build a Dreadnought and keep it at home it would be necessary for the United States to augment her navy, though there has been no hint of Canada finding an excuse for navy building in the naval activity of the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt is an admirable example of the strenuous life that he preached. He ceased on March fourth to be President of the United States and his first signed contribution to The Outlook in his new capacity as assistant-editor of that journal bore date of March fifth, and appeared in the issue bearing date of March sixth, which latter detail may tempt those who are acquainted with certain of the mechanical exigencies of a newspaper to affirm to believe that after all the article may have been penned whilst the writer was yet a resident of the White House. Mr. Roosevelt's first article was a discussion of journalistic ideals, and it is needless to say that he held up for general approval the particular kind of journalism which The Outlook represents, and better than which, it may be added, none is to be found in any land. In succeeding issues Mr . Roosevelt handled the subject of Socialism in the first article in the manner usually described by the epithet "without gloves", denouncing it vehemently, and insisting upon identifying it with all that tends to degeneracy and ruin, morally and materially; the second article showing the possibility, nevertheless, of reformers working in sympathy with many idealists who thoughtlessly style themselves Socialists, and proceeding
with them to the limits of practica. bility, limits which, from Mr. Roosevelt's standpoint, as from that of most of us, include a vast region of opportunity. The articles excited the fiercest antagonism in the daily Socialist newspaper of Chicago, but attracted little attention in the press generally, furnishing an apt commentary in this respect on the difference between words and actions. Mr. Roosevelt at the White House was one thing ; Mr. Roosevelt as a mere writer is another thing. Meanwhile the ex-President has again betaken himself to action in a new field and has started on his gigantic hunting expedition in Central Africa, first warning the public not to believe anything they may hear about him during his absence.

The ascendancy of Germany in Europe is shown clearly enough in the outcome of the Balkan intrigues. It is frankly acknowledged that Germany has stood behind Austria from the beginning of the movement which had for its object the definite shattering of a treaty and which has ended by leaving Austria in full possession of the Turkish provinces. All tends to the ultimate aggrandisement of German power, for Austria will, no doubt, in any emergency be found ready to support her powerful neighbour. It is a deliberate affront to Europe and one which could not have been perpetrated by any nation less powerful than modern Germany, whose ascendancy over the continent is incomparably greater than that which any nation has enjoyed since the downfall of Napoleon. There are those who cry out that the Germans are a great race and must be left free to work out their destiny. The proposition does not admit of argument. There is hardly a more inspiring sight in history than the achievements of the German people during the last half-century, though this does not commit us to an admiration of all that it has done, and still less does it re-
strict other nations from being on guard against the dangers of a rival's newly wakened ambitions.

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It will be a matter of regret to many Canadians and we may confidently assume to many of the people of Great Britain, that Mr. Eliot, exPresident of Harvard University, has declared himself unable to accept the ambassadorship to Great Britain, though it is not perhaps to be wondered at, that, having at the age of seventy-five retired from the position he filled so long and with such distinction, to enjoy a few years of scholarly leisure, he should shrink from undertaking the quite serious responsibilities of the position indicated. Mr. Eliot has many friends in Canada and enjoys an international reputation as sclolar and publicist. His appointment would have maintained the tradition of peculiar distinction that has attached to the occupants of the position since the days when James Russell Lowell was at St. James, and would have been a worthy exchange for the ambassador sent by Great Britain to Washington. Presumably a worthy substitute will be found, however, and the honourable tradition continued.

Mr. Taft, the new President, has locked horns with the tariff without delay. He dealt with the subject in his inaugural address, and urged that the conditions of industry have changed essentially since the passage of the Dingley law, which accordingly should be considerably revised and reduced. The revision, he believes, may be the means of increasing the revenue to the extent needed to supply the present deficit, some $\$ 100,000,000$, but, if not, Mr. Taft thinks a graduated inheritance tax would be a "correct and easy way" to improve the situation. The tariff measure which has been brought in, promptly enough, under
the auspices of the Administration, and which is known as the Payne Bill, demonstrates the impossibility of any tariff, based on high protection, being framed that does not antagonise a host of interests. The bill is being riddled by the free-lances of either party, and it is roundly declared by many that it will directly increase rather than diminish the cost of living. It seems susceptible of mathematical proof that the Payne tariff is 1.56 per cent. higher than the Dingley tariff, though this would not of itself prove that the proposed tariff would increase the cost of living, since the increased figures might bear on non-essentials. Apart from coal and lumber, the change of duty with regard to which is conditional, there is a general tendency to a reduction of tariff on raw material, but the critics of the Payne measure insist that this will serve only to increase the profits of the trusts, unless it is accompanied, as it is not, by a corresponding reduction in the duty on the manufactured article. Granted, however, that the reductions on raw materials remain and the anti-trust legislation foreshadowed by the exPresident and the actual President is enacted, there should be some substantial relief to the average citizen.

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It is always dangerous to pick winners whether as to horse-racing or as to public life or popularity, and the attempt of a Canadian contributor to the English National Review to name the twelve ablest living Canadians is no exception to the rule. "E. B. O.," the writer in question, who will be identified by many as a Winnipeg man, both by his initials and by the special prominence of Winnipeg men in his list, admits the danger of the undertaking, but presents the following list, "in defiance," as he says, "of all that makes for journalistic cau-tion":-politicians, Laurier, Sifton, Mackenzie King; financiers, Byron Walker, E. S. Clouston; railway men, Hays and Mackenzie; publicists,

Sanford Evans, Mabee, Doughty; editors, Dansereau, Dafoe ; humourist, George Ham." The writer adds : Time, the master maker of men, is even now preparing to leave out such men as James Robertson, Maurice Hutton, Lemieux, etc., etc. "E. O. B." must take the responsibility of the selection. Of the title to first rank of a number of the names he singles out there can, of course, be no doubt; as to others, which are less obvious, everyone will have his own opinion, and will consider his opinion as good as another.

The British Government has taken up the matter of sweated industries as part of its extensive programme of social legislation, and an attempt is to be made to establish a rate of minimum wages for the classes of labour in which sweating exists, usually a low and unorganised industry, and applying expressly in the first instance to ready-made and wholesale tailoring, cardboard box making, machine made lace and net finishing and readymade blouse making, though other trades may be added by the department regulations. The law will be administered by the Board of Trade, over which presides at present Mr. Winston Churchill, and the method adopted will be the establishment of wages boards consisting of representatives of employers and workpeople in equal numbers, with official members nominated by the Board of Trade of whom one is to be chairman. The duty of these wage boards is to establish a minimum wage, and when the decision of the wage board has been confirmed by the Board of Trade, it is binding upon all employers concerned, and enforceable under penalty.

The effects of the legislation will be watched with keen interest in all industrial countries. It is, of course, in
line with the fair wages policy applied by the Dominion Government to all public contracts, a policy which has also been pursued for many years by the British Government with regard to its contracts, though less thoroughly than in the case of Canada; that is to say, the contractor in the case of the British contract has been required to pay current rates, while the Canadian contractor is required to accept the stipulated wages contained in a schedule inserted in the contract. In this and other ways sweating has been suppressed in connection with contracts under the control of the Dominion Government, but needless to say, this is but a tiny fraction of the work in which sweating may be practised. The regulation of industrial conditions at large is, however, a matter which seems to be regarded as falling within provincial jurisdiction. So far there has been no attempt to prescribe a minimum wage on the lines now to be laid down in England and which have prevailed yet more extensively in some of the Australasian divisions, but the measure introduced into the Ontario Legislature by Mr. Fripp, of Ottawa, though there is no chance of it becoming law for the present, at least shows that the subject is not altogether escaping attention. By many the proposals of the British law are opposed as a species of sumptuary legislation and an undue interference with the natural laws of competition. The tendency, however, to set theories at defiance and legislate whenever and wherever the cause of humanity may be served is steadily growing. The minimum wage law must be regarded as experimental in the meantime. Great Britain is making some tremendous social experiments at the present time and much may be learned by the younger British communities by sometimes following, sometimes avoiding, her example.


THE SILENT SISTERS OF THE POOR. By George Herbert Clarke
Meekly, with folded hands and patient brows,
Come two from out the shadow-deepened door;
A cross is on the altar of their House -
It hushed their voices while it heard their vows;
Ay me,-the Silent Sisters of the Poor!
The cross upon the altar is of gold,
And coldly gleams in the chill chapel air;
Is it for this their bosoms are so cold,
Nor beat as they were wont to beat of old? -
Or is a wintry cross enfixéd there?
The sun is dimly drooping down the west;
The ancient House against his glory stands
Sombre and gaunt and dark; and darkly drest
Two figures seem to fade within its breast
Meekly, with patient brows and folded hands.
-The Forum.
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## The Sisterhoods

THERE is something beyond the merely curious in the regard which women who are leading the "worldly" life turn upon those whose garb symbolises a vocation. To the Protestant, there is the additional piquancy of the unfamiliar in the sombre figures which afford such con-
trast to the changing shapes and styles of the ordinary feminine world. The general sentiment of the unthinking is one of pity, while the masculine observer is almost certain to refer to such a life as "buried" or "sacrificed." In reply to such a remark from a man who had expressed himself forcibly as to woman's manifest destiny being marriage, a woman who is a happy wife and mother asked:
"Have you ever seen a nun with a sorrowful expression? I often notice their calm, serene faces, with a feeling of rest and comfort. I believe that most of these women have chosen the life-that they have not resorted to it through disappointment or crushing grief. It is a varied world, remember, and we do not all find the same road to or from Rome."

However, the man growled his disbelief in the possibility of any unwedded woman being either happy or useful and the demure little matron contented herself with a quiet last word about life fulfilling itself in many ways.

This conversation, overheard years ago, came to my mind when I was reading "One Immortality," a new novel by H. Fielding. Hall, which treats once more of the ancient theme, "the love that binds man and woman into one flesh and soul." It is a story of an ocean voyage from Venice to
that East which Venice once held in fee and, as all the world knows, the ocean has an immemorial fashion of developing dreams into romance before the port is reached. It is a love story with the fragrance of "old-world roses," yet the life is of to-day, with its unrest and doubt. The heroine, Amitié, finally discovers that her vocation is that of Eve, but her mental wandering in search of her destiny is the querying of this age, rather than the "life unquestioned" of the ancients.

A group of "sisters" on the steamer affords a quiet contrast to the shifting loves and hates and Amitié is almost irresistibly attracted to them in her girlish resentment of a lover's insistence. But the nuns are wise and merely smile at the curiosity which urges the young inquirer to ask if she, also, may not have the call to the cloistered life.
"Listen," says the gentle Cecilia. "If it is the mind that seeks, it is the heart that finds. When God calls, you will hear it then. He calls with many voices. The voice which says, 'Go to the sick and friendless, to the poor; help them and love them,' that is God's voice, the voice that says, 'Work hard; cultivate then the talent that you have, for your work will help, your family, your nation or humanity, that is God's voice. And if a man says to you, 'Come to me,' and you know that you must go, that is God's voice also."

It is a curious fragmentary story, this "One Immortality," with its wistful idealism. Not the least attractive feature in the story is that quiet group of "The Silent Sisters of the Poor," for whom the writer seems to have a comprehension as profound as that which interprets winsome Amitié and her futile flutterings against the first "Immortality."

## The Quinquennial Congress

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REAT are the expectations of the work to be accomplished by the Quinquennial Congress of Women
which meets in Toronto in the month of June. When the National Council was formed in Canada, many grumbled, and with apparent reason, over the multiplicity of societies and questioned the unifying power of the new organisation. However, complaints and doubts are far in the past, so long has it seemed since the National Council made itself a power in the land. Now, women of many lands, forming a great International Council, are to meet in our own fortunate Dominion, in the capital of our Premier Province, to discuss the movements, philanthropic, literary and everything else under the sun, in which women are concerned.

The Countess of Aberdeen, who took such an interest in all matters pertaining to feminine welfare when she was in Canada as chatelaine of Rideau Hall, is the president of this large assembly and will probably come to Canada earlier than most of the delegates. Among the representatives from foreign countries there will be twenty-five from Germany, eleven from Holland, two from India, three from Tasmania and four from New South Wales.

The party from Europe will probably arrive in Montreal in the second week of June and will remain there for two days as the guests of the Montreal Local Council, who will give a reception in their honour. Special cars will take the party to Ottawa on Monday, June 14 th , arriving there about noon, when they will be received by the Ottawa Local Council, who will provide for their entertainment until they leave for Toronto by the night train.

It is probable that fifty or more will come from Great Britain, the official delegates being Mrs. Edwin Gray, President of the British Council, who is much interested in questions of public health, housing of the poor, and like topics; Mrs. George Cadbury, of Northfield Manor, Birmingham, whose interest in the social betterment of the people is well
known; Miss E. M. Eaton, Editor of the Council paper; Hon. Mrs. Franklin, whose special interest is education, she being Hon. Secretary of the Parents' National Educational Union; Miss Olga Hertz, a Poor Law Guardian of Manchester ; Mrs. W. S. Johnston, of Woodleigh, Cheshire, who is an earnest worker in the 'Mothers' Union"; Miss F. H. Melville, M.A., head of the Scottish Girton ; Dr. Mary Murdoch, a clever woman physician; Miss Janes and Miss Green, the hard-working secretaries of the British Council.

Among others who are also expected, and who will speak at the Congress will be Miss Constance Smith, whose addresses in the Albert Hall during the Pan Anglican Congress on the Housing of the Poor, and the Sweating System, were both deeply earnest and eloquent.

Miss Wilkinson, Principal of Swanley Horticultural College for Women, will also be of the party, and her address will be of special interest doubtless to the members of the Women's Institute in particular. Miss Wilkinson will be accompanied by a party from the college.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, the Corresponding Secretary of the International Council, who will also be here, is entitled to the letters "D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S.," after her name, a distinction won but by few women. Mrs. Gordon is much interested in trying to secure the formation of Educational Bureaus, so that boys and girls on leaving school may if they wish it have help and guidance in choosing their future vocations.

It may readily be seen that these women are no visionaries, but are


MRS, ADAM BECK, ON A FAVOURITE MOUNT IN THE GROUNDS OF "HEADLEY" , HER RESIDENCE AT LONDON, ONTARIO
practical citizens, engaged in work for the physical and mental betterment of the race. The meetings in June must result in a broader outlook for our own National Council and a mutual quickening of those activities which are for the universal good.

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## An Attractive Horsewoman

$I^{T}$T is to be regretted that more Canadian women are not at home on horseback. In Great Britain, to say nothing of Ireland, the accomplished horsewoman is no rarity. In the Southern States, most of the girls are fearless and graceful riders. But it must be admitted that comparatively few Canadian women are noted for their equestrian art. Among those who have won distinction at horse shows in Toronto and Montreal is Mrs. Adam Beck, of London, Ontario, whose grace and spirit in the arena are to be admired by all lovers of the finest sport in the world. To see this dainty driver managing one of her famous teams at the Toronto Horse Show is to be inspired with the hope that there will never be a horseless era. An automobile is a marvellous
machine at best. It is a thing of noise and bluster, which can inspire no sentiment of regard or admiration. But a horse, a magnificent, sensitive creature, responding to human pride and guidance, is one of the finest friends in that "lesser world" of animal creation.
Mrs. Beck presides over "Headley," one of the most attractive homes in a city which has more comfort and hospitality to the square foot than any other in Canada. Her husband, Hon. Adam Beck, shares his wife's enthusiasm for equestrian affairs and the Headley stables are not to be excelled in the County of Middlesex. Mrs. Beck's tastes and interests are wide and varied, and her musical talent makes her songs a coveted feature of London recitals. Her influence in social circles unites a feminine gentleness and grace with a devotion to all that is healthful and inspiring. Mr . Beck and his charming wife have met with a political and social prosperity which, their friends hope, may long continue.

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## Our Wandering Scribes

GOOD Americans when they die go to Paris, according to the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. Successful Canadian literary lights cease to twinkle north of the forty-ninth parallel, or whatever the boundary line is called and blaze forth in Chicago and New York. To drop metaphor. which is a dangerous figure, given to becoming mixed, our journalists, novelists and poets have a gentle fashion of leaving the Hamilton Mountain, the Winnipeg cafés, and the Toronto suburbs for the wider ways of the States. It is true that Ralph Connor remains, but we may pick up the Globe any morning to be informed that the "Sky Pilot" (whom the Editor of that journal discovered) has received a "call" to San Francisco or Minneapolis.

The women writers of Canada are
also given to straying to the south and giving us only a passing call. Mrs. Everard Cotes has belonged to Calcutta for this long while, Miss Agnes Laut has betaken herself to the picturesque seclusion of Wassaic, New York; Miss Lily Dougall has become enamoured of Devonshire and Miss Agnes Deans Cameron is a dweller in Chicago. But Miss Cameron's heart turns to the North as soon as the ice begins to leave the rivers and bays, and she comes back to explore and lecture, as the fancy may lead. Miss Cameron is still the Vice-President of the Canadian Women's Press Club, and her recent return to this country should be an occasion for several travel talks and much enjoyment, for Miss Cameron is a standing, or rather a talking refutation of the charge that the Daughters of Eve have the sense of humour left out. More than a year ago, an article by Miss Cameron appeared in the Atlantic Monthly, "Wheat, the Wizard of the North," that told the most picturesque story of the western fields which has appeared in modern journalism. Then Miss Cameron has the story of her ten-thousand-mile journey in the summer of 1908, from Chicago to the Arctic Ocean by way of the Athabasca, Great Slave Lake and the great Mackenzie River, in which Crees, Chipewyans, Dog-Ribs, Yellow-Knives and Eskimo are prominent gentry. "The Witchery of the Peace" tells of six weeks in an open boat in this river of the wonderful, fertile north, where the fields of Vermilion bewilder the traveller from the south with their golden wealth. It is a great map which this Canadian woman voyager and writer unrolls, and those of the settled districts begin to grasp what the Dominion means in breadth, length and opportunity. Miss Cameron is endowed with more than average pluck and ability, but it is the happy gift of all such spirits to infuse something of their own belief and determination into their hearers.

Jean Graham.


HAD Eric Mackay Yeoman lived to mature his gifts as a poet, his name would doubtless have stood at or near the head of all the poets that Canada has yet produced. But he died, and all we have of his work is a small collection of poems, most of which have appeared in The Canadian Magazine, and some of which will still be seen from time to time in the pages of the same publication. Mr. Yeoman had seen but twenty-three summers when he passed away, burned out almost, last February, at Halifax; where he lived; and, although he had scarcely begun to seek publication for his literary work, he had already attracted more than usual attention. He saw much beauty in grief, and employed the sad and pathetic, even sombre aspects of nature and life, and particularly of human love, as themes for the development of his art. In this respect he was a disciple of Poe's, but in theory only, for his work is full of colour , like that of Keats. Scarcely did he strike a lightsome or jocund note, for his themes seldom ever admitted of such. His work displays intense emotion and keen sensitiveness. One of his temperament could not hope to live long, but it is
a pity that he could not have seen a few more years. Still, he has left his mark, and it is to be hoped that a judicious selection of his writings will be made and published in a volume. $\mathrm{His}_{3}$ leave-taking is a distinct loss, and while we lament him we are nevertheless glad for what he has left be hind.

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## A Rare Character: Septimus

The very surest way to become a successful novelist is to write a couple


THE LATE ERIC MACKAY YEOMAN


IIlustration from "Where the Buffalo Roamed", by Miss E. L. Marsh
or three really delightful novels. This may sound absurdly easy but it is true. A few years ago no one had even heard of W. J. Locke ; now his name upon a book means instant and assured success. Like many other modern writers, skilful dramatisation has helped his sudden rise to fame"The Morals of Marcus" charmingly played, having become one of the hits of a London season-but in any event his arrival was sure. The public like advertising, but better still they like a good book and they know that the author of "The Beloved Vagabond" can be trusted to give them that. "Septimus" is Mr. Locke's latest book and the promise of its quaint title is delightfully fulfilled. The story is perhaps not as strong as "Marcus Ordeyne" or as consistent in its inconsistency as "The Beloved Vagabond", but it is charming, and it possesses in full measure Mr. Locke's peculiar beauty of style. There are, of course, things which we do not approve-we feel sure that Zora made a mistake in marrying the patent medicine man whom we tried in vain to like; we found ourself very much out of patience with Zora herself and wonder what our delicious Septimus could see in her; if she were not the heroine we
might frankly dislike her, in spots, but this is only our prejudice because we think so much of Septimus. There is little plot, little description and the pages are not burdened with heartsearchings but in the end we have been everywhere. Septimus was, we have seen what he saw (except in Zora) and we know his little world well and himself best of all. In other words we have made a find, we have discovered another oasis in the great Sahara of modern fiction. (Toronto: Henry Frowde).

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## A Book on Canada for Bovs.

An historical narrative, written in much the same style as the Henty books, and intended for the amuse ment and information of boys and girls, is entitled "How Canada Was Won." The author is Captain F. S. Brereton, who has a wide reputation as a writer of books on travel. In what must be accepted as a very graphic style, the events that ended in the conquest of Canada by the British are related. The chief character, or hero, is one of a party of British trappers who becomes captain of a band of scouts, takes part in the defence of Fort William Henry ; is made prisoner at Quebec; escapes by means of the steep cliffs, and takes part in the attack on Louisburg, and afterwards figures in the capture of Quebec. (London: Blackie and Son. Cloth, 6s.).

## A Mild Pastoral.

Any reader who has a weakness for a smoothly written story of the pastoral type will make no mistake in
selecting "Miss Charity," by Keble Howard. It is a story of life in an English village, but within this rather circumscribed limit all our old friends of moral melodrama play their familiar parts. We have the saintly heroine (in this case rather a charming heroine also), the heroine's lover, the double-faced cousin who endeavours to part the lovers, the rich villain (not too dangerous), and several minor characters who act as chorus. The plot is not original, but there is very little of it, and the book will doubtless be considered moral, because although all envy, malice and uncharitableness is displayed by some of the characters, there is a certain commandment which remains unbroken. But any kind of harsh criticism seems out of place in connection with so simple a story, and it is sufficient to say that on the whole the tale strikes one as having been written to suit the simpler taste of by-gone years. One certainly be comes tired of the eternal modern problem novel, but perhaps our education along that line has spoiled our appreciation of the simple life, especially if it be very simple. Only a master-hand can take a few commonplace people in a commonplace village and make us laugh and weep and wonder and admire. (London: Hodder and Stoughton. Toronto: The Westminster Company. Cloth, \$1.25).

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## A New Canadian Novflist

A new Canadian novelist has appeared. Dr. William J. Fischer, of Waterloo, Ontario, who is well known as the author of several volumes of verse, has written a story that should make a strong appeal to all who enjoy a wholesome story that is told without any striving after sensation or theatrical effect. "Child of Destiny" is the title. It is the story of a girl who, was kidnapped in infancy, but who finally came to her earthly reward in an unusual manner, after a succession of important and surprising
events. The plot is quite ingenious, particularly towards the end. (Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, $\$ 1.25$ ).

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## Dutch Art.

Perhaps nowhere outside of Holland is Dutch art favoured so much as in Canada. Owing to some peculiar reason, Canadians have taken a special interest in paintings by Dutchmen, and there are as a result several collections of distinction. Not only are some of the old Dutch masters represented in Canadian collections, but there are large groups from the brushes of modern leaders in Dutch art. The publication therefore of a volume entitled "The Art of the Netherland Galleries," by David C. Preyer, which is the latest volume in the series called "The Art Galleries of Europe," should attract art lovers in Canada. The volume is splendid in appearance and workmanship; the illustrations and letter press are excellent. The author writes in an enthusiastic, sympathetic manner, and,

F. MARION CRAWFORD, THE DISTINGUISHED NOVELIST, WHO DIED RECENTLY in italy
as the subject embraces the work of Rembrandt, Franz Hals, Rysdael and many others, there is plenty of material for him to describe. (Boston: L. C. Page and Company. Cloth, \$2).

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"In Viking Land."
Even without its romantic past, Norway is full of interest, geographically, pictorially and socially. Conclusive evidence of this is given by W. S. Monroe in his volume, "In Viking Land. Norway: Its People, Its Fjords and Its Fields." This volume is more than a mere book of travel, in as much as it gives prominence to matters of human inter-est-the people, their habits, ecustoms, ana traditions, and to the developed and developing civilisation of the country. Geographic types and marvels of scenery are by no means cverlooked, but there are chapters on institutions of the country, on its folk-lore, its music, literature, etc., with special reference to persons such as Greig and Björnson. The viking age is treated interestingly, the old Norse sages having been carefully consulted
for material along this line. The voluniv is well illustrated by reproduceficus oi excellent photographs. (Bozton: L. C. Page and Company. Cloth, \$3).
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Cupid and Heather.
When a Scotch novelist announces his book as a love story, the reader may be sure that the narrative is more desperately affectionate than anything an impulsive Irishman could produce. "Whither Thou Goest," by J. J. Bell, is an instance of the dour Scot turning sentimentalist to an alarming degree. This is a book for the matinee girl to pronounce "lovely," inasmuch as it is given over to the unsmooth course of the truest kind of love. It is not so interesting as "Wee Macgreegor" of tender memory but it may entertain those who like something better than Annie Swan and not so fine as Maurice Hewlett. The scenes are thoroughly modern, even to the point of introducing us to suffragettes with an enthusiasm for slumming. (London: Hodder and Stoughton. Toronto: The Westminster Company. Cloth, \$1.25).

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me - Ce fair $\qquad$
7 led the nighe-mhen you drew near; with the shining of your eyes led any laggard And bo u leys, day lima spent, the along the way join went'!


An autograph stanza from the original draught of a poem by Mrs. Isabel Ecelestone Mackay


SENATOR WILLIAM MILLER writes as follows under racent date : In a characteristic article in The Canadian Magazine of January last, Sir Charles Tupper, in the alleged cause of "historical accuracy," but in many respects with a striking disregard of historic truths, attempts to discredit some portions of my "Reminiscence", published in the September number of last year, in relation to the Union struggle in Nova Scotia in 1866.

Although Sir Charles does not deny that it was in accordance with, and in response to, my proposition made in the Legislative Assembly on the third of April, 1866, and which was accepted by his government, that Confederation was carried in Nova Scotia, yet his admission is accompanied by so many mis-statements that, however reluctant to do so, I feel it necessary to refute a few of them. Let me call attention to one or two specimens of Sir Charles Tupper's "historical accuracy", which are fair samples in this respect, of his whole article. He says:
"At this time Mr. Miller, who had been elected as a supporter of our party, but who had continually opposed me, sent his friend, Mr. S. McDonnell, a member of the Legislature, to inquire how I would treat him if he would announce himself a supporter of Confederation."

This whole sentence is simply untrue, and Sir Charles Tupper's memory was greatly at fault when he wrote it. I was not
elected as a member of his party, and I did not continually oppose him, as witness the government's "Judge in Equity Bill", which was the bitterest party question of the first session I was in the Legislature, and which I supported.
I was elected to represent Richmond in 1863 under a written requisition from the electors of that county, which has been more than once published in the newspaper press of Nova Scotia and in public pamphlets; and which was several times the subject of conversation between Sir Charles and myself. The third paragraph of that requisition is as follows:
"Viewing as we do the advancement of the general interests of the country, and attention to our local wants, of far higher importance than mere party rivalry, we desire to return you to the Legislature unfettered by pledges of a party character, which might interfere with those objects, or cripple your general usefulness."

This requisition was also read and marked by the learned judge who tried the cause, as an "exhibit" in the libel suit of Miller vs. Annand, tried in Halifax in 1878, in which I was plaintiff, and Sir Charles Tupper was a leading witness, for the sole purpose of proving that I was elected as an independent member of the Assembly "unfettered by pledges". So much for Sir Charles' "historical accuracy" on this point.
Equally incorrect are Sir Charles Tupper's references to my friend, Mr . S. McDonnell, and here I can contra-
dict him by himself under oath. I may observe that in 1866 I lived in Halifax, and Mr. McDonnell lived in Cape Breton. We seldom met except when he came to Halifax to attend to his legislative duties. But Sir Charles swears that he and I discussed the Union difficulties before the session of 1866, and therefore our negotiations could not have been initiated by Mr . McDonnell. While intimate friends, with views in common on many subjects, of which Confederation was one, Mr. McDonnell was no follower of mine, but a very independent man, who thought for himself on public questions. I was the youngest man in the Assembly, and did not claim to have any followers, not even as much as the "one" he doubtfully gives me; but I do say that my proposition secured a majority of both branches of the Legislature at a moment when the Union cause was threatened with disaster.

Sir Charles Tupper did not always value my services in the cause of Confederation as lightly as he appears to do now. I have just said that he was an important witness in the cause of Miller vs. Annand, reported in the Dominion Annual Register for 1879, and on that occasion he minutely detailed our negotiations re confederation (but never alluded to Mr. McDonnell), while very emphatically declaring his high estimate of my services. I quote the following extract from his evidence on that occasion as reported:
"Sir Charles Tupper was sworn. He stated that he was Premier of Nova Scotia from May, 1864, until to July, 1867. He had been a delegate to the Charlottetown Conference and also to the Conference at Quebec. The Charlottetown Conference was intended to bring about a Union of the Maritime Provinces; the Conference at Quebec had for its intention a union of all the provinces of British North America. The plaintiff (Mr. Miller) was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia from the election of 1863 until July, 1867. When the resolution authorising the first Conference was proposed in the Assembly,
the plaintiff opposed it, and expressed his desire for Confederation of all the provinces. When the Quebec scheme was published in 1864, plaintiff also opposed it, in its details, chiefly on financial grounds, but reiterated his desire for a union on what he considered fair terms. In 1866 witness had several conversations with plaintiff before and after the meeting of the Legislature in that year on the subject of Union. The attitude of the Imperial Government, the relations of the provinces with the neighbouring states, and other causes which the plaintiff mentioned induced him to desire a compromise of the difficulties that stood in the way of confederation. After several interviews and much discussion, it was agreed that the plaintiff would support a compromise by which the whole question was to be referred to a new conference to meet in London, when all disputed points would be decided under the auspices of the Imperial Government.

When delegates to the London Conference were appointed, it was considered that plaintiff's position and services entitled him to a place on that delegation, and witness notified him of the intention of the Government to appoint him. The plaintiff declined the appointment. He stated his desire was to recover the confidence of his constituents, among whom he had become very unpopular on account of his support of the Union, and that if he took any office or position from the Government it would be looked upon as a consideration for that support, and would be injurious to him in his election. This was months after the Union resolution had been carried in the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and was the first communication of a personal character witness ever had with the plaintiff in regard to this subject. Witness then informed plaintiff for the first time that the Government was prepared to offer him a seat in the Senate of Canada. Plaintiff replied that he did not want a seat in the Senate, as he intended to ask his constituents for a seat in the House of Commons, and only consented to his appointment on the condition that he should be at liberty to resign the Senatorship at any time previous to the general election, and contest his county. Plaintiff appeared decided either to get a seat in the Commons or go out of public life. Witness considered the plaintiff's prominence and public services justly entitled him to a Senatorship, and it was for these reasons the position was offered him."

And yet at this time of day Sir Charles Tupper has the effrontery to taunt me with being indebted to him
for my present position as if it were a personal gift, when in reality I enabled him to make his public career a success, and he owed me more personally than he ever could repay, and till now he always admitted his obligations.
Notwithstanding the haste with which he grasped at my proposition for another conference in London, Sir Charles desires to leave the unwarranted impression on the minds of his readers, that there was no crisis pending in Nova Scotia in 1866, and that he was only awaiting the action of New Brunswick to submit the Quebec scheme to the Nova Scotian Legislature. How then does he account for the cyclone that struck him in the first Federal elections, in 1867, when he did not take even "one" follower with him to Ottawa? The newspaper press of that day-the annals of that period-have only to be searched to expose the absurdity of that false impression. Besides, his motion was made on the tenth of April, and the New Brunswick elections did not take place until the ensuing June or July. The passage indicated is a fine specimen of the game of bluff, at
which Sir Charles was ever expert.
As to the Pictou Railway transaction, I beg to remind Sir Charles that I have used the names of two living men, his old friends, Hon. James McDonald and Sir Sandford Fleming, both of whom are concerned in my narrative of that transaction, and can easily be called by him to refute my story, if they deem it incorrect. How any one can imagine, who reads the last paragraph of that story, that it was written in a hostile spirit to Sir Charies Tupper, I cannot understand.

Perhaps few of the Fathers of Confederation put up a braver fight for Union than did Sir Charles Tupper in Nova Scotia, and I would be the last man to detract from his merits in that connection; but it is wall, known that one of Sir Charles' weaknesses has always been to magnify his own services by minimising those of others, without whose assistance he could have accomplished nothing, and in too many cases to forget, or ignore, or repudiate that assistance altogether.
My reminiscence is correct in every particular, and no one knows this better than Sir Charles Tupper hin self.



## A Fable.

ONCE Upon a Timə there was a Young Man who met Two Girls, who were Constantly Together. Now, he was an Astute Young Man, and he desired to say Something Pretty and Agreeable to the Ladies, but he knew that if he paid a Compliment to One of them, No Matter which, the Other would be Hurt.

So he Thought Rapidly for a mo ment, and then he said:
"Ah, I know Why you Two Girls are Always Together !"
"Why?" asked the Two Girls.
"Because Everybody said that A Handsome Girl Always Chooses a Homely One as a Companion So That Her Beauty may be Enhanced by the Contrast.'

After Such a Remark, either Both Girls would be Angry or Delighted.


[^3]And what Do you think Happened?
The Two Girls Blushed and said he was A Flatterer and went their way Together, each Happy for Herself and Sorry for the Other. - London Answers.

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## Through the Telephone.

"Are you there?"
"Yes."
"Who are you, please?"
"Watt."
"What is your name, please?"
"Watt's my name."
"Yes; what is your name?"
"I say my name is Watt."
"Oh, well, I'm coming to see you."
"All right. Are you Jones?"
"No; I'm Knott."
"Who are you, then, please?"
"I'm Knott."
"Will you tell me your name, please?"
"Will Knott."
"Why won't you?",
"I say my name is William Knott."
"Oh, I beg your pardon."
"Then you will be in if I come 'round, Watt?"'
"Certainly, Knott."
Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not.-The Kazooster.


Phyllis: "I'm very sorry, but I think we must be going. Andrew has borne it as long as he can."

## - Punch

An Editorial Endorsement.
From a serious-minded jester the editor received this note, together with a consignment of humour that was heavy enough to go by freight:
Dear Sir,-I read all these jokes to my wife, and she laughed heartily. Now, I have it on good authority that when a man's wife will laugh at his jokes they are bound to be very good -or she is.

Yours, etc.
The editor slipped them into the return envelope with the letter, after writing on the margin, "She is." -Lippincott's.

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## A Help.

"Do you ever do anything to help your wife with her household tasks?",
"Sure I do. I light the fire every morning."
"Ah! And do you carry the coal up?"
"No-no. We cook with electri city."-Cleveland Leader.

## Chiefly Legal Advice.

A certain prominent lawyer of Toronto is in the habit of lecturing his office staff from the junior partner down, and Tommy, the office boy, comes in for his full share of the admonition. That his words were appreciated was made evident to the lawyer by a conversation between Tommy and another office boy on the same floor which he recently overheard.
"Wotcher wages?" asked the other boy.
"Ten thousand a year," replied Tommy.
"Aw, g'wan!"
"Sure," insisted Tommy, unabashed. "Four dollars a week in cash an" de rest in legal advice."-Everybody's Magazine.

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The Name, Please.
They talk about the heroes of old, but we would like to know the name of the daring and reckless man who wore the first green hat.
-Toronto News.

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## TO A MOSQUITO

Once when the members of the Royal Society were being entertained at dinner by the Goveruor-General at Rideau Hall, a man of science and a littérateur drew each other's attention to the presence of a mosquito, which, alighting on the latter's hand, drew a challange from the former for a sonnet on the incident. The following jeu d'esprit was the outcome of the challenge:
What dost thou here? Thy frolic cries alarm,
Where festal vapours 'courage men to laugh
At cares that sting. The mirth that's tipped with harm
Graves premature its own sad epitaph:
Blind passion, sipping surfeit, counsels not
How vaulting pleasure finds its goal in pain-
How life and death, the twins of Nature's reign,
Adjust the balance of all power. Thy lot
In hall vice-regal is but ill-assured;
For here the poet dares thy song berate,
While science shuns, with ken of thee matured,
Thy hovering heedless hum, as women hate
A trifling wooer, not for what he is, But for the poisoned insult in his stolen kiss.
J. M. Harper.

## GROWING VOCABULARY

I purchased me a motor many, many years ago,
And used to mote me thisaway and that;
I slaughtered countless fauna and a dozen folk or so,

The world was sure my oyster, on a plat;
But now the outlook's different, and my motor gathers rust-
I spurn it-iet it stand around and loaf;
I long for sport much stranger which is fuller far of danger-
Ah, how I'd rather aviate than chauf!
What fun is there is spinning through a city's dinny dinning ?
How much I'd rather aviate than chauf.

I'm sick of honking swiftly over common, stupid streets,
I'm sick of all the things the coppers do;
I'm ill of turning chickens into little fresh mincemeats,
I'm bored of cutting ladies half in two.
I want to cleave the ether in a dizzy aeroplane
(Who doesn't is a dullard and an oaf) -
I long to skim the breezes like a bunch of well-skimmed cheeses,
For I had rather aviate than chauf-
(I never, never hammer all this longhaired, new-born grammar,
So I had rather aviate than chauf). -Richmond Times Despatch.
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## A DISTINCTION

"She's as pretty as a picture"There is sunshine in her smile, And she has a pair of dimples That are fashioned to beguile.
"She's as pretty as a picture," But it may as well be known That she isn't, to be honest, Quite as pretty as her own.

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