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TALES OF THE TOWN.

*"I must have liberty
Withal, as large a charter as the wind
To blow on whom I please."*

MR. EDWARD HOLMES arrived in Victoria earlier than he expected, having heard in Vancouver from Mr. Jarrett, of Palmer & Jarrett, well known in American theatrical circles that he was sailing on the Empress of India for Japan. "Of course I rushed over delighted to cover any distance in any other way than walking, as soon as possible." Mr. Holmes is hardly pleased with his reception from the papers of British Columbia. One Vancouver paper accuses him of riding on freight trains, while another, nearer Victoria, burlesques an interview in scarcely a brotherly manner. He does not pretend to have done anything marvellous, nor does he claim to have met with any remarkable adventures. His idea in taking the trip was for his own information and to show three friends that the thing could be done, "and thank goodness it is done," he says.

Leaving Montreal on May 2nd, he averaged between 18 and 20 miles a day for some 20 days, when he found that he could do more, and so pushed on until across the prairie he was averaging over forty miles a day. Here he was able to get off the "ties" and jog along that wonderfully springy grass trail which runs along the track almost the whole way from Winnipeg to Calgary. His longest day's work was the 52 miles between Field and Donald.

Meeting old friends at most unexpected places and following most unexpected avocations broke

the monotony of the trip, but the climax was reached when he met Irving and Ellen Terry at the ranch of two old friends at Agassiz. "I was beginning to think the world a biggish place, but here almost at the end of my walk I found how small it was."

Mr. Holmes' first expedition off the broken track was in search of Aztec ruins in Central America, when Capt Murray and himself crossed from Belize in British Honduras to the Pacific coast of Guatemala. A three months' walk in Japan and a ride on elephants across Kidah, a tributary state of Siam which joins our possessions in the Malay Peninsula, supply him with a fund of anecdotes and a knowledge of men and places.

Mr. Holmes has been requested to give a lecture on his experiences, which he probably will do at some near future date. "Everyone seems to be very kind," he says, "both here and in Vancouver; but I am off to Agassiz to get a quiet spot, where I can write up my trip for the *Pall Mall Gazette* and a couple of magazines. I really feel at home here, where it does not seem a crime to be an Englishman."

Speaking of peculiar experiences which sometimes occur in the lives of certain persons, medical men meet with some, which, if printed, would make interesting reading. Take the instance of the man who was sent to have the prescription filled for poor Jowl the other day and who got drunk and never returned with the medicine. Many believe that that man should have been arrested for criminal negligence. But here is something of a pointed character,

which is said to have happened yesterday morning. A certain Victoria doctor is noted for his love of hunting and is reckoned a pretty good shot. A gentleman called on the doctor and requested him to visit a friend, who was very ill at a house a couple of miles from the city. Now, our doctor is sometimes quite slow in getting ready for his trips, and on this occasion, after being called he was unusually so. Suddenly the thought came to him that, as he was going out into the country, he might see some game, and stepping to the door where the nervous gentleman was impatiently waiting, he inquired:

"Say, don't you think I better take my gun along?"

"Gun? No necessity!" was the excited reply, "the man will be dead before you get there."

There is something about a sailor hat which expresses the whole gamut of emotion. The inventive girl can give herself an infinite variety of moods by the way she affects it. It is all over the world feminine just now in all manner of style and quality. Every girl owns me. As Mark Twain said of the Cross of the Legion of honor, "few have escaped." But observe how differently it is worn. Straight upon the coiffure, with a black band, it is demure, businesslike and impressive. Tiptilted a mite over the ear it is reckless. In pure white, with a cloud of veiling about it, it is flirtatious, fascinating and alluring. Pushed back off the forehead it expresses hoidenishness and youthful exuberance, and in tarpaulin, with a bunch of violets at one side, it has a naughty, saucy air.

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Yes, the modern sailor hat is an Æolian harp on which the summer girl can play many tunes. It is a good thing to know just which to choose. There is a great deal in knowing how not to do it, a Victoria lady informs me.

One of the saddest facts that one meets in society is that the ugly girl is not given even half a chance at the good things. She may be witty, clever, accomplished or graceful, or all of these things together, but if these charms are topped off with a plain countenance she is doomed to social defeat. If her family has money or position, she of course, obtains recognition from the local 400, but, alas! the poor dear is often made to feel that she is only tolerated. She is never asked to take part in the tableaux at charitable entertainments, but is given the booth where gingham aprons are for sale. When she makes her debut the society papers describe her as "a most accomplished young lady." When a society paper makes such a statement as that, you know at once that she is homely as sin, because had she the slightest claim to good looks it would ignore her mental charms and describe her physical ones in such glowing terms that a stranger would think she was a second Helen of Troy. Alack, in these sad times a straight nose is counted a greater virtue than a perfect knowledge of Greek, and the woman who can look unutterable things is held in greater esteem than the one who can say them with her tongue.

Talking about different types of women always suggests society itself, and I remember how I laughed once at a man saying that history could not discuss society. You might know that a man said that; a woman would have better sense. She knows there was no history until society existed and that history only

grew interesting when there were more than two people. That is, when the serpent appeared. Before that time Adam and Eve undoubtedly enjoyed seeing things sprout and enjoyed looking at the animals; but history began with an appearance of a third party; it gave Adam an opportunity to discuss Eve's morality and gave Eve a chance to dilate on Adam's rather mean cowardice. Adam felt that he was taking to an amusing chap, and he told him his experience with women (I say women, allowing that the story about Lilith was true), while Adam could listen to all the clever epigrams and amusing remarks of the versatile snake. It is all bother, you know; about history not condescending to society. One would a great deal rather know that a great man took his chocolate in bed than who he gave his vote for, and it is immensely more interesting to hear whether a great beauty wore silk petticoats or whether she curled her hair on papers or with tongs than her opinion of a hereafter. The histories that really interest and educate are those that tell of the manners of people, their mode of living and the mistakes they make. Then the great politician seems human, the great beauty seems feminine and near to us and all the powers that were are living, breathing blessings to us. This sounds very moral, doesn't it? But then you never know when things are going to turn out songs or sermons. It is all a question of luck.

Appearances are sometimes deceiving. I offer the following as proof of the proposition: The young lady was particularly gracious and the young man was correspondingly happy. He felt that he had made an impression at last. She let him hold her hand a minute when she welcomed him, and he thought, in fact he was quite sure that she responded

to the gentle squeeze he gave it. And heretofore she had been so distant, so cold. Surely it was enough to make him feel happy. Then she laughed at his witticisms, and there was something in her manner that invited him to draw his chair closer to hers. Of course he accepted the invitation, and almost before he knew it he found himself whispering all sorts of silly things to her, while she listened with downcast eyes. It was blissful, and yet there was greater pleasure in store for him. She blushed and hesitated a little as she asked if he had a photograph of himself. Of course. He would go for one at once. She protested that that was not necessary, but he insisted. She should have anything that she wanted. She thanked him so coyly and sweetly when he brought it that the boy was nearly insane with joy. Then, as he walked away with a light heart, she handed the photograph to her maid and said with decision: "Mary, hang that in the servants' hall, where every one can see it, and remember that I am never home when he calls. I must stop this thing somehow, and mamma changes servants so often he gets in every week or two now."

The scheme to send the Victoria lacrosse club on an Eastern tour has materialized, and after playing the schedule game to-day at Vancouver, Victoria's pride will leave for the East. It will be something in the nature of a vacation for many of the boys, and there is no elixir like a vacation. We plod along the ruts of life, we grind at the old mill like grim death for a year and just when we begin to hate ourselves and our work, and almost hate our fellow men we discover that what we want after all is a holiday. "It ain't no use" to try to supplement a frolic with tincture of iron and quinine. The doctors know a good deal these days, in fact they know too much,

but they haven't yet discovered a chemical that begins to have the potency of good, sound fun. I wish we could have vacations all the time. I wish that we could learn to make all work a pleasure and instead of going about every hour of the day with grim determination written on our faces, we could bubble over into laughter every hour or oftener. Good hearty laughter sends a wave of pleasure to the innermost tide of life. It is a stimulant pleasant to take and good in its effects. But it seems to get rarer as we grow more civilized. I wonder why? No doubt the boys will come back determined to play even better in the future than in the past, and honor the city which has dealt so generously with them.

I observe that Mayor Cope of Vancouver has been asked by the San Francisco *Examiner* how many people from the Terminal City will probably visit California during the Midwinter Fair, and His Worship telegraphed a reply stating that likely about 1,000 would go providing advantageous transportation arrangements are made. If Mayor Beaven had been asked the same question he would no doubt have replied: "I have been unable to find any authority in the Municipal Act for expressing my opinion."

There are thousands of men of more than average intelligence who are willing to stand by the assertion that crime is hereditary, and the incidents and facts which have been compiled by the many different advocates of this theory would go far to convince even the most sceptical unbeliever that there is some foundation for the belief. Really, the principal objection that a great many urge against the full acceptance of such a theory is that it interferes with that independence and individual responsibility which is claimed as one of the chief distinctions between mankind and the various

other specimens of advanced animal life. Without entering into further discussion on this question, it may be mentioned that it was introduced merely because it led me to speak of the record of a young man, who started a career of crime, which will probably eventually lead him to prison.

Henry Behr, the smooth young Hebrew, who is remembered with sorrow by creditors in Victoria and Vancouver, is now located at Seattle. Henry's morals do not appear to be improving. One Dr. Smith, of the latter city alleges that Behr sold him a Government bond for \$500, which upon examination, proved to be worthless. It occurs to me that our laws are deplorably lax in their operation when such people as young Behr are permitted to run at large and swindle people right and left. His record in Victoria was bad, and no doubt he will duplicate it in Seattle.

Behr is a transparent cheat, but I do not believe he is as bad as the young Englishman who recently maligned a most estimable young lady of this city. Society is formed on a wrong basis when it extends to young men minus reputation open arms without looking into their previous records. The fact that a young man plays lawn tennis for a living and sports a 2-bit walking cane should not serve as a guarantee for good character. Victoria has had too many swindlers and cheats for its own good and great care should be taken in future to prevent them imposing on our citizens.

But there are other slanderers besides those who ruin the characters of young women. These people slander the community in which they live, and speak evil of every one. These people say "thousands" are out of work, and that there are "thousands" leaving the city every month. They use "thousands" and "tens

of thousands" without stopping for a moment to think what the words import. They do it without malice, but evil results from the statement exactly as though malice was intended. It is only when the cold figures of the demographer are cited against them that the absurdity and wickedness of such assertions are made manifest.

The following is related of a gentleman who recently returned from a short visit to Chicago. When his friends got hold of him they plied him with all sorts of questions about what he had seen and what his impressions of the fair were. He answered cleverly in all cases, and finally when asked about the art exhibit, said: "Oh, that was out of sight. But there are some funny people who have charge of the statuary. Why, we saw one statue which didn't have any arms at all,—I think they call it the Venus de Milo,—and though one could see what was lacking, they had a sign on it of 'Hands Off.'"

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

WE understand that Mr. S. Perry Mills has been retained as counsel in the action to unseat Ald. McKillican and Styles. That do settle it. Exit Styles and McKillican.

ALD. BRAGG'S extreme anxiety to "explain" to his constituents gives rise to the impression that he is not so sure of his position after all. At any rate the wish is father to the thought.

THE man who was described as having "lost his head" at a big banquet recently replied "not so, but something must have happened for my head was double its usual size next morning."

IF there is one thing this town needs more than another it is a Liberal Conservative Association, the principal duty of which would be to appoint a delegate to send East on a visit to the World's Fair.

THE attention of the esteemed Victoria Art Critic of the Vancouver World is hereby respectfully called to the fact that the great Saanich fair will soon be held. It ought to afford him another of those brilliant opportunities for which he seems always to be on the lookout.

COL. J. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, of the "Irish World" was a visitor to the city last week. Speaking of the Home Rule Bill he said he was sure "me and Gladstone had reason to feel proud of the victories in the Commons." It is understood

the G. G. M. will at once raise the distinguished literateur to the peerage.

MINDREADER A. J. SEYMOUR gave up his project of being buried alive in Chicago because Mayor Harrison issued an ukase that burial permits were to be issued only to bona fide corpses. He also failed of his project in Rockford, Ill. If Mr. Seymour wants to get himself in a hole, let him go and buy real estate in Vancouver.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The Misses Sullivan are visiting friends over the Sound.

Mrs. Henry Landes, of Port Townsend, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. E. Storey, 104 Fisguard street.

A surprise party was given to Mr. Fred Landsberg on Monday evening last at the Jewish Ladies' Hall

Mrs. R. Robinson, a former Victorian but now a resident in Eastern Canada, is visiting Mrs. Percival Jenns, at St. John's Rectory.

Master Hayward, son of Mr. Chas. Hayward, sailed by the ss. Walla Walla, on Friday, for San Francisco, where he will resume his studies at the Leland Sanford, jr., University. He intends taking up the business of electrical engineering.

A dancing party is being organized for Wednesday evening, at the Victoria Gardens. The Brown-Richardson orchestra have been engaged and the promoters intend to make this one of the pleasantest events of the autumn season.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert and Miss Nettie Burgess were married Wednesday evening. Rev. J. E. Gardiner, brother-in-law of the bride, performed the ceremony,

assisted by the Rev. S. Cleaver. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert will reside on Stanley Avenue.

Mr. Fred. S. Pope and Miss Lillie Stafford were united in marriage by the Rev. S. Cleaver, last Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. L. Goodacre, 92 Pandora Avenue. The wedding was very quiet, and only the relatives and immediate friends were present.

The anniversary entertainment given by the Victoria division uniformed rank Knights of Pythias, Wednesday evening, was a very successful affair. An attractive programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered. Miss Learned, of Port Townsend, delighted the company by her recitations. Pferdner's orchestra gave an attractive programme of dance music, and the celebration did not break up until a late hour.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

CHARLES READE wrote this about Ellen Terry, and she seems not to have changed since his time. "She is an enigma. Her eyes are pale, her nose rather long, her mouth nothing particular, her complexion a delicate brick-dust, her hair rather like tow. Yet, somehow, she is beautiful. Her expression kills any pretty face you see beside her. Her figure is lean and bony, her hands masculine in size and form. Yet she is a pattern of fawn like grace. Whether in movement or repose, grace pervades the hussy. In character impulsive, intelligent, weak, hysterical—in short, all that is abominable and charming in woman. Ellen Terry is a very charming actress. I see through and through her. Yet she pleases me all the same."

An eastern dramatic paper just received says that "Henry Irving has been engaged as cornetist in the brass band of the Joshua Simkins' Company." This the public will learn with sorrow. It was hoped that Mr. Irving would give "Henry VIII," "The Bells," and "The Lyons Mail." Still, if he thinks he can make more money by playing a cornet for "Joshua Simpkins," nobody has the right to interfere, forcibly, with his decision.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is living in strict retirement at Weybridge, busily engaged on the music of his new comic opera to be brought out that the Savoy theatre. It is stated at the whole will probably be ready for rehearsal early in September. The music is said to be in the lighter style of "The Mikado" and "The Gondoliers."

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Mrs. Scott-Siddons is spending the summer in Stamford, C. T., in the house formerly occupied by Lester Wallack.

Manager Jamieson is arranging for a lecture by Ignatius Donnelly, the celebrated author of "the Cryptogram."

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CANADIAN TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Those of our readers who perused the reports of the conference held recently between the council of the Toronto Board of Trade and a couple of prominent delegates from Australia, who visited this city for the purpose of presenting their views upon the extension of our trade relations with Australia before our leading merchants and manufacturers, must have been impressed with the apparent feasibility of the propositions made for increasing our commerce with that country. The representatives of our sister colony, namely, Messrs. Jas. Huddart, chief owner of the new Canadian and Australian steamship line, and F. W. Ward, editor of the Sydney Daily Telegraph, paid a glowing tribute to the stability of Canada compared with some other countries, and, as will be seen by the resolution passed by the council of the Board of Trade, they made out a pretty good case in favor of the exchange of their raw material and products for Canadian manufactured goods in many lines that can be made as cheaply here as in the United States. Mr. Huddart gave the result of his negotiations with the Governments of Canada and the Australian colonies, and stated that the Canadian Government had granted a yearly subsidy of £25,000 sterling for five years to the new line, while New South Wales had given £10,000, and Queensland had also assisted. He pointed out that the new steamship company were better equipped with vessels, and were able to perform much better service than the lines already established between Australia to New Zealand and San Francisco, and if considerable trade could be done with the Dominion he felt that it would not only insure success for the enterprise but would tend to advertise the two countries with each other; they were anxious to divert the wool traffic through Canada and to ship westward large quantities of their semi-tropical fruit, in the accomplishment of which the reversion of season would be of assistance; he referred to Toronto manufactured goods having already been distributed in Australia within five weeks from the time of leaving the workshops in Toronto, and stated that the last steamer carried

700 tons of freight. He pointed out that they have made it possible for Canada to trade with the Sandwich Islands by their steamers touching at Honolulu; San Francisco has had a monopoly of this trade hitherto, 80 per cent., of those Islands' trade going to the United States. He claimed for his route the shortest distance, while being under the British flag all the way, and predicted that in time it would become the great highway for the English mail.

Mr. Ward also delivered a very practical, instructive address, pointing out that the external trade of Australia amounts to \$600,000,000 a year, 80 per cent. of which is in Great Britain's hands, while her inter-colonial trade is often greater in volume; outside of Great Britain, the largest trade done is with the United States, and it was with the hope of diverting much of this commerce to Canada that they had visited this country. He thought that a good trade should be done with British Columbia, whose waters are so rich in fish, and if Australia could put their fruit on our tables and in return get our delicious salmon, both countries would be the richer and the carrier be benefited. After referring to the fine class of wool raised in that country Mr. Ward said:

"We want to do business with your manufacturers. Australia is not a manufacturing country. It pays best for us to ship the raw material which nature has for centuries been storing up and sell it—here I hope—for the manufactured goods we must buy. We do not want to get money in exchange for our natural products. We cannot eat gold—it is one of our products, and we send it out to countries that need it. It is of no use to us, nor is the silver we produce, unless to send it out. What we want is goods, and we send out our raw materials to exchange for manufactured articles. We want to send away our wool and fruits and buy things with them. Already we have bought your harvesting machines. England is not like Australia. Canada in many respects, especially in your prairies, is like Australia, and your harvesting machines are developed under conditions resembling ours. So your agricultural implements are better suited to us than are those of England. I saw a factory here to-day with many articles which should find a ready sale in Australia. I would like the Board of Trade to urge the Government to send a competent man to Australia, who is acquainted with your manufactories, and who would report to you as to what he sees there.

"Be assured of one thing, that the great industries of Australia are where they were before the recent trouble came. They will suffer, of course, as we all bear each other's burdens, but they had nothing to do with it. There is still the same output of actual wealth—this year larger than ever. All that has tumbled down is the man-built fabric of credit; what is left is our God-built fabric of natural resources. While there is room for caution in forming your business connections, yet you will find Australians ready to make reasonable arrangements. They went insane recently, but crashes always make men sane, and they have had the cobwebs swept out of their heads."—*Toronto Merchant.*

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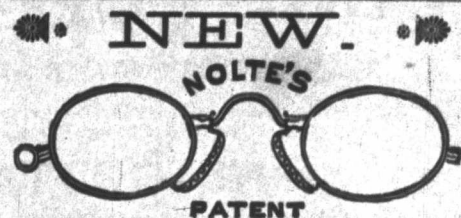
Hopsackings will be among the strongest in dress goods departments for fall. The estimation is borne out by the extent of the offerings in those goods, as well as by the varied range of samples that follow the hopsacking order. A leader in the matter will be the Panama cloth, which, though introduced by large retailers late in the spring, are now extensively shown by jobbers. Amongst the hopsackings and their kindred, many fanciful varieties find a place. In these, the most noticeable, and what will possibly prove the most desirable later on, are the ombre effects, which are really beautiful goods. In both hopsacking and Panama, the goods range from the finest to a coarseness which seems extravagant. Natta is a new cloth of the same order as Panama, though much finer in weave. Two-toned effects are largely shown in hopsackings for the new season.

Diagonals are to the fore in full force. In these, drap de Paris will be a leader. This fabric, which is a diagonal with an armure surface, is very presentable, and will command success. In this order diagonal cords, which show a satin finish, also bid fair to command a large share of patronage.

It is possible that whipcords will hold yet another season. Advices from Paris recount the fact that they are being sought there.

Serges will be strong this year. In these there is a tendency towards goods of the cheviot order. Navy in the coarser serges will be best. Royal serge shows a wider wale and smoother surface than the plain serge. The usual amount of fancy piece-dyed goods are shown. In the smooth varieties in these goods, heliotropes, myrtles and browns will possibly be best. Navy will lead in the coarse varieties.

In the new color card, the prevalence of the purplish shades is also noticeable.



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