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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."*

IT is announced that on the occasion of a recent marriage—and that not in what we should regard as the upper-tendom of Victoria—the friends of the high contracting parties congratulated themselves that "no one in trade" was present. It does appear singular that people who depend upon tradesmen for their living should seek in this way to deliberately quarrel with their bread and butter. Of course they may have their preferences for individuals and for classes, but there is nothing to be gained by antagonizing any one. The old motto is that "labor is honorable," and the original curse of man, "by the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat thy bread," has been turned into a blessing. It has been the means of developing man's best qualities, and to trade and to labor the world owes the advancement that it has made, particularly during the last century and a half.

The absurdity of the following fashions is well illustrated by almost every man who rides a bicycle, and as there are so many of the machines flying around the city the illustration can be seen any time on the street. The point referred to is the ungainly, awkward and unhealthy habit of leaning over the handle bar with the back rounded like a cow's in a blizzard, when there is no necessity for it, and it contracts the lungs and takes away the greater part of the benefit to be derived from the exercise. In racing and riding against time, it is necessary to present as little re-

sistance to the wind as possible, and to lean as far forward of the natural centre of gravity as one can in order to accelerate the speed, and those are the reasons why that ungainly attitude is assumed by professional riders and record breakers. By raising the handle bars a few inches, which can be done with facility and a monkey wrench, the necessity for this painful position is obviated, and one can ride with erect figure, and chest expanded to receive the full value of this ozone-laden air. Why a man should want to appear like a monkey when he isn't built that way, is one of the funny things which occasionally attracts attention.

A case that made some people laugh came under notice the other morning. A woman was carrying a parcel of goods whose molecules moved freely against each other, and only needed an opening to slip away. The parcel had sagged out of shape, and the twine didn't seem to have any control over it. Slowly but surely the structure of the parcel accommodated itself to all outward impressions of the woman's hand or arm, and she hugged it in the vain hope of keeping it together. Soon all curbs were unavailing and the stuff shot out of its paper prison as the snow shoots out off a steep roof when the weather softens. It needed no physiognomist to tell that the woman was outrageously mad. Her face grew very red and set looking, but her tongue told whom she was mad at. The man who tied the parcel was abused in unmeasured terms, and unless she changes her mind, that accident puts a date to her business with the grocery where

the goods were bought. Grocers and grocer clerks should make fast and sure work of all packages.

A woman, lately returned from Brazil, tells of the curious nomenclature of the streets of Para. They are Biblical or commemorative of some event in the Brazilian history. It seemed to her quite irreverent to be told that a desirable locality was at "the corner of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist streets." She went with her uncle, who was on business, to dine at the house of a wealthy merchant. Everything was very gorgeous and lavish, in South American style, but on leaving she was amazed to have her hospitable host say to her: "If you have any washing send it here." It is a custom there, it seems, for wealthy households to take in laundry work as an employment for their large retinues of servants. "It did, however," said the-relator, "give me a turn at the end of a formal dinner party to be asked for my soiled linen."

The mischief that incompetent, and, it may be said, ignorant men are capable of making in the city council was never better illustrated than in the recent discussion over Ald. Belyea's by-law to remedy the hack-stand nuisance on Government street. This matter was opposed, not from any idea to improve the by-law, but from a purely personal spirit on the part of more than one alderman over whom the introducer of the measure had shown himself to be superior. It was a contemptibly petty exhibition of personal spite. But what is the use of try-

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ing to reform these butter-brained misnomers on aldermen, who possess intellectual hides as impenetrable as the physical one of the rhinoceros. It is about as possible to make clear-headed, right-thinking men of these individuals as it is to make a moderate religious fanatic.

A Boston *Herald* reporter has made a practical test of Mr. Edward Atkinson's idea that an adult can live comfortably and well on one dollar a week, and the story of his experience make a page of interest reading in a recent Sunday edition of that paper. He found that he lived well for seven days, with a considerable variety of edibles, and with all he wanted, for just ninety-nine and nine-tenths cents. This included everything, from salt to the oil used in cooking the food. All the food was cooked on a device invented by Mr. Atkinson, the active principle of which is an ordinary kerosene lamp, and the writer declares that the cooking was good for everything except some of those trifles which require only a short Sahara breath. If a Boston reporter can do this for a dollar a week, a Victoria reporter ought to be able to do the same thing for little more, as the cost of provisions of all kinds is about the same here as in Boston. It would be an interesting experiment to try, and it is recommended to any reporter of an inquiring turn of mind who wants to learn how small the expenses of the real necessities of living are, when a little care is taken.

Considering the fact that so many artisans use the street cars going to and from their work, and carry with them their cases of tools and the material they use, and that ladies go shopping in them and bring home immense bundles of provisions and wearing apparel, it would add to the convenience of other passengers, and especially those who ride on the

steerage deck behind, if the company would adopt baggage vans to be attached behind the regular cars. The rear platform is often so crowded that the conductor has no room for his dainty feet, and has to walk on those of his five-cent passengers.

There is a little story going the rounds which does not help to raise one's estimate of human nature. A certain baker, in business in a small town, obtained his supply of butter from a farmer in the neighborhood. One day he discovered that the rolls, which were supposed to weigh three pounds each, were not up to the standard, and further examination revealed a steady diminution. At last the baker lodged against the farmer, and the affair was brought before the court. "Have you any scales?" enquired the magistrate. "Yes," was the reply. "And have you any weights?" continued the judge. An answer this time in the negative was given. "But how did you manage to weigh your butter?" asked the magistrate. Then the farmer related that ever since the baker had taken his butter he had returned the compliment by buying his bread. The baker supplied him with three pound loaves, and he used them as weights for his butter. "It is his fault, not mine, if the weight is not correct," added the farmer, who was speedily acquitted and left the court in triumph with an escort of friends.

Scandaville has a sweet morsel this week, but those who should know something about the matter, say that it lacks the very important element of truth, and I believe them. It concerns a married lady, and one night conjecture that the young man in the case took Ward McAllister's advice, as to the best means of getting into society. The "poor boy," McAllister says, must have a "clean record" and a winning address and be fascinating enough

to attract the attention of an influential married woman of society and then, Mr. McAllister assures him, that his fortune and social position are assured. The influential lady will see that the poor youth is married to a rich girl and he will then have very smooth sailing.

According to the fabrication, the Victoria young man adapted McAllister's advice with a vengeance; but I will drop the matter, and proceed to discuss the remarks of the New York York society leader on the subject of the impecunious youth. McAllister tells the "poor boy" to "avoid gambling," and to "take his wine like a gentleman" and never get tipsy. He must, of course, learn to dance well and "when at a ball dance all the time," and when with the ladies do very little talking, so that they can keep their tongues going vigorously.

McAllister gives some other regulations, but this is enough to show the ground his social pedagogy covers. It does not occur to him that the "poor boy" on a small salary can't equip himself for this splurge without putting himself on church-mouse rations. He would have to show numerous attentions to the girls after he gets into the swim. What with opera and theatre and concert tickets and carriages and little after-the-opera-is-over suppers, he would bankrupt himself before the season was far advanced. The fact is, McAllister's advice is dangerous for a "poor boy with social aspirations." He would be tempted to measures which would get him into much trouble. And, if he gets "in with the nobs and swells," as McAllister advises, everybody knows that he will have to imitate the "nobs and swells" or else he will not be wanted in that crowd. And what an absurdity to tell the "poor boy" in addition, that it is at the summer resorts where he

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progress. Probably, but where
will the "poor boy" get the
money to splurge at expensive
summer resorts? Is he expected
also to have an influential mar-
ried woman to pay his expenses?

McAllister presents a very
roseate picture; but the "poor
boy" who has an honest desire to
get ahead in the world will not
live beyond his means or seek to
enter a social scale and incur
social obligations which will take
up most of his time and make
work a secondary consideration.
The "poor boy" must have his
social life; but social life at high
pressure, if he can get into it,
will generally prove fatal to his
progress to independence. By
the time he gets his McAllister
dancing legs on and learns how
to frappe his wine after the
McAllister style, he will not be
in a very robust condition for
activity in the work-a-day world.

The concert, at which the sou-
venirs subscribed for by the citi-
zens were presented to the Vic-
toria champions, was an appro-
priate winding up for the lacrosse
season. Many of the numbers on
the programme, from an artistic
point of view, were equal to any
ever presented at an amateur con-
cert in this city, and the audience,
which behaved like a large and
well-regulated family, went pre-
pared to enjoy everything in
sight; and from the numerous
outbursts of applause, I infer that
their cup of joy was filled to over-
flowing. The stage was appro-
priately decorated with flags and
lacrosse sticks, the latter typical
of the occasion for which the citi-
zens were assembled. The re-
marks by His Honor the Lieuten-
ant-Governor and His Worship
the Mayor were well-chosen and
touched a responsive chord in the
hearts of the lacrosse enthusiasts
present. The public has had
practical demonstration of the
fact that Mr. W. H. Ellis knows
how to manage a lacrosse club,

but only a few, and those intimate
friends, were prepared to credit
him with being a speech-maker.
His words were well-selected, and
the applause with which they
were received was striking evi-
dence of his popularity, not only
among members of the club, but
with the citizens generally. Tak-
ing it as a whole, the event had in
it all the elements of an enjoyable
entertainment, which is far more
than can be said of some recent
concerts in this city.

I observe that fake merchants,
with their rotten worthless goods,
bankrupt stocks and other clap-
trap cheap John methods are
multiplying in this community.
In view of the recent stringency
in finances, and the disposition
of economical people to do cheap
trading, it is quite probable that
the legitimate merchant will have
to battle with more than the
usual number of these trade warts
and excrescences this winter.
Those rascals come among us,
and dupe the public, only remain-
ing long enough to flood the
country with their worthless wares,
and then skip before they wear
out and the people discover they
are swindled. Let the honest
tradesman who remain to bear
the burden see to it that these
sharks get so hot a reception
that their visits will be like that
of a fly upon a hot stove.

We live on a planet which was
once regarded by astronomers
and ecclesiastics as the centre of
the universe. How absurd such
an idea when the calcium light of
astronomical discovery is turned
upon it. A pigmy of a planet is
ours, and our sun is but a
pigmy among the giant suns that
roll in the midst of other systems.
We have the spectacle now of the
so-called libertine Mars apparently
chasing Venus in the sidereal
heavens. The red light of the
warrior and the white light of the
daughter of the gods shine at
night with effulgence given them
by the sun. Beautiful as are

mythological planets they are
but infinitesimal drops in the
illimitable oceans of ether. Have
you ever thought of the blessings
that have come somehow to our
baby world? Does it not seem
that music belongs elsewhere?

Of late years music has made
wonderful progress, and that the
development and cultivation of
the voice has been a great factor
in the onward march of civiliza-
tion is a self-evident fact. There
is no community so small but
what has its musical society,
and Victoria being a musical
centre, has several. The latest
organization of this character is
the one recently formed in con-
nection with the Anglican
Church, of this city, and which
promises to give a good account
of itself before the winter is over.
The society will be under the di-
rect supervision of the Bishop
and a council composed of eight
church members. The rules of
the organization will be some-
what similar to those governing
the Arion Club. The councillors,
it is announced, are already en-
ergetically at work drawing up
programmes and enlisting per-
formers for the nine entertain-
ments which it is intended shall
be given during the season, No-
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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

LORD MAYOR SHANKS, of Dublin, is now on this continent. Wonder will he visit Lord Mayor Beaven?

THE shooting "accidents" of this season only show more clearly the necessity of placing some restriction on fools with guns.

It was noted that the "speeches at the lacrosse concert were remarkably free from anything approaching a political harangue.

SEVERAL cans of dirt from historic spots have been sent to the California exposition. Has Government street been overlooked?

THIS is the time of year when the minister "warps an eccentric" by up-ending his barrel of sermons to get at the "We-all-do-fade-as-a-leaf" essay.

THE rumor that the Queen will confer several honors in the near future on Canadians, revives the hope that Ald. Bragg will not be overlooked by Her Majesty.

THE Hon. Amor de Cosmos is unhappy the first time in his life. He broke his leg the other day, and is unable to continue his kicking on general principles.

There is only one kick which he has, and that is on himself, because he can't kick at any one else.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

Alvin Josyln is booked for Nov. 6, at The Victoria.

Chas. Dickson comes to The Victoria, Nov. 24 and 25.

The ever popular Katie Putnam will be seen here on the evening of Nov. 22.

Manager Jamieson has closed with Fanny Davenport for two nights, Dec. 21 and 22.

To those who like a well-written and wholesome play, interpreted with delicate refinement and humor, the performance of The Laughing Girl at The Victoria on the evening of Nov. 1, will strongly appeal. Mrs. Verdenal's comedy is of usual merit. Miss Clara Lipman and Mr. Louis Mann, in the leading roles, play with an appreciation and nicety of detail deserving of the highest praise.

Theatre goers who enjoy a hearty laugh will receive with satisfaction the announcement that the famous laughable farce-comedy, "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," is to be produced for the first time in Victoria, on next Friday evening, Nov. 3. There is no question but that this play is one of the best of its class, being bright, witty and full of "go." The most solemn-minded of men cannot resist the temptation to laugh at it. Success has attended its representation in every city of importance in America for many years, and it is almost certain to attract a large audience.

An entertainment and dance will be given at the Philharmonic Hall on Tuesday, 14th Nov., by the British Columbia Circle No. 118, Companions of the Forest, A. O. F. The Lady Companions will present a novelty in the form of a "hoop drill."

Wednesday promises to be a gala day for our citizens, as big preparations are being made for the Hospital Ball. Erskine's Mammoth Shoe Emporium is crowded every day by parties in quest of suitable ball slippers, and but few are disappointed by calling there, as his stock is new, varied and extensive. Corner Government and Johnson streets.

Of Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour, Mrs. A. E. Slinn, of Ottawa, writes: "We have used your different makes of flour for the past six years and it has given us every satisfaction, especially your last make of flour, it being particularly good and strong; and we are able to get quite a number more loaves per barrel. We have just given your agent a large order as we want to get in a stock of your present make."

The choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora Avenue, has improved far beyond all expectations, since the engagement of Mr. Edgar Buck, as choir-master. The choir, which now numbers thirty voices, renders a new anthem every Sunday morning, thus awakening a new interest, evident in the finish and improved style of singing. Mrs. Drury renders invaluable assistance at the organ.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. H. A. Lilley has gone to Harrison Hot Springs for a short visit.

Mr. T. W. Reamer, banjo and guitar teacher, intends removing to Vancouver at the beginning of next month.

Mrs. G. M. Leishman intends spending the winter months with her husband's relatives in Western Ontario.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Hospital Ball, which will be held in Assembly Hall, Wednesday evening, November 1.

Mrs. Dunsmuir gave a very enjoyable private ball at "Craigdarroch" Friday evening. Richardson's orchestra furnished excellent music.

Mrs. P. A. Phillips and son are expected to return home Sunday evening from an extended visit to relatives in Chicago and New York City.

Robert Porter, jr., is out of the hospital after having run a close race with the grim enemy, and beating him only by a very narrow margin.

It is whispered that the actions of a well known dry goods merchant quite warrant the presumption that he is seriously contemplating matrimony.

Miss Adney, of New York, is studying at the Conservatory of Music for the winter. She is a daughter of the late Col. Adney, of the 36th Ohio Regiment.

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One of the most peculiar craft that has ever visited Montreal is now at that port. The steamship is called the Turret, and is built to combine the greatest carrying capacity with the lightest possible draft and the lightest expense in running. The Turret came from Sydney with a cargo of coal for the Dominion Coal Company, and it is in the coal trade between Montreal and the lower ports that she will run. The Turret deck type of vessel is an entirely new type. The shell rounds off upwards and inwards, terminating in an upright turret running from stern to stern of the vessel. The curved plating is thick and strong, and is the same as that of the hull right up to the turret deck. The turret deck itself is about a third the width of the vessel, and forms the working deck, upon which are fitted the hatches winches, bridge and other deck erections. The engines are aft leaving a clear hold from the engine room bulkheads to the forepeak. There is a short mast forward with a military top for outlook purposes. The stem and forecastle deck are after the usual fashion. The turret deck standing at height of 11 feet to 12 feet above the water line, gives greater seaboard, and being narrow, greater stability than the ordinary type, while it serves as a permanent feeder for grain cargoes. The general contour of the hull, with the engines aft, affords the largest possible carrying space, and a single continuous hold, free from obstruction, with a large hatchway, permits of easy towing, and rapid handling of cargo. The Turret was launched last November, and since that time has weathered a severe storm on the Atlantic with perfect ease, has traded on the American seaboard for several months, and her first balance shows that she has earned sufficient to pay a return at the rate of 23 per cent. per annum. The Turret carries 3,200 tons dead weight on a net register of 1,265 tons and a draught of 18 feet. Her measurement capacity was 157,500 cubic feet, which is equal to a cubical capacity of 125 feet net register ton. She is owned by Messrs. Peterson, Tate & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was built and launched from the yard of Messrs. W. Doxford & Sons, Sunderland, the patentees of the turret deck. Another steamship of the same type, called the Turret Age, has also been launched, and will shortly make her trial trip. The Turret Age, in general design and appearance closely resembles her sister ship the Turret, but is built on finer lines, has more powerful engines, and will probably steam at a higher rate of speed. The Turret Age will carry 3,650 tons dead weight, or a net of 1,362 tons, so that she carries nearly 20 per cent. more dead weight than the ordinary type of the net register tonnage.

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work was to vessels passing through Suez Canal. Formerly the passage could only be made in daylight, and was very tedious and costly; now the electric light is at the service of every ship as it enters the canal, and the journey is, in nearly every case, pursued uninterruptedly. A most excellent innovation has been made by Suez Canal authorities, who have pronounced that it shall be obligatory on all vessels passing through the canal by light to employ an apparatus for dividing the light of the projector into two divergent rays. Approaching vessels may, by this means, travel right up to each other without their respective helmsmen being blinded. The diverging apparatus which is to be used has been devised by one of the agents of the company.

WHAT RETAILERS ARE SHOWING.

Double length-Japanese silk scarfs with deeply hemmed borders; black ostrich boas tipped with white and black silk capes embroidered and trimmed in white. Ladies' red and black and white four-in-hands reaching to the belt; black silk muslin collarettes edged with narrow white lace or triple rows of white satin ribbon.

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DEBTS OF HONOR.

Debts of honor, so called, are those unknown to the law and which cannot be collected by legal process. Among them are debts contracted at the gambling table or in other forms of betting, and the security is simply that of individual obligation among people of the same kind. Whatever the law regards as contrary to public policy comes under this head, the law declining to assist in corrupting the people by legitimatizing such transactions. In European countries the debts which have only moral instead of legal security are more numerous than in this country. A series of reports from United States consuls on this feature of the laws of foreign countries has been recently published, in answer to a circular from the National Board of Trade. This circular asked the consuls to collect evidence as to what debts are not collectible by law in the various countries and to state how they are generally paid. The answers reveal some interesting local customs.

The general summary shows that though debts of honor are outside the legal pale they are usually paid in full, the penalty for refusing payment being that the delinquent debtor is ostracised by the clubs and other organizations which provide the means for contracting the obligations. This appears to follow the general rule, for in all parts of the world such debts are ordinarily paid, even though the debtor is execution proof and refuses to pay what the law would compel him to pay. In Sweden doctors' bills are debts of honor, as they also are in Austria, while in the latter country a lawyer's fee that reaches the amount of the property in litigation has no standing in the country. China has a long schedule of debts of honor, among them being services rendered by physicians, dentists, priests, fortune-tellers, clairvoyants and others and moneys loaned at rates exceeding the legal rate of interest. It is regarded as a disgrace to be a drunkard or to supply a drunkard with liquor, so that drinking debts are extremely rare. On this point the consul at Amoy says that when such debts do exist the creditor is both ashamed and afraid to acknowledge the fact, and as a natural consequence, to take any steps toward the enforcement of his rights. In both Germany and France a man may be sued for drinking debt. Few European bankrupts ever pay in full, perhaps because those who can do so do not fall in business. Bankruptcy does not relieve the Russian debtor, who must pay when ever he is able to do so. In Russia and Greece debts never outlaw. In France outlawed debts are seldom paid. In Belgium, of six hundred and twenty bankrupts in a period of ten years only twelve were rehabilitated.

Though in many European countries the winner of a bet cannot enforce collection in the courts, there are some exceptions to the rule. In Italy, the Netherlands, Russia and Spain the laws enforce the payment of bets made on athletic contests, such as football, cricket, racing, etc., the exception being evidently made to encourage the athletic sports, to which the youth do not take very kindly. The

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