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CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

It is high time that we return to our hero whom we left stretched on mother earth, apparently bereft of life. The reader will naturally enquire whether it was Mr. Sharp or Anès who had fired the shot which killed Jouskeha. It was Anès, the good, honest, peace-loving Abenakis whose quick eye and ready finger had directed and fired the shot which dealt righteous retribution to the vindictive, blood-thirsty Huron. Upon hearing the familiar sound of Ralph's heavy rifle, Sharp and the guide had concealed themselves behind a fallen cedar tree to await the arrival of Edwards, and upon hearing Ralph's second warning shot answered by the peculiar ringing sound of the Kentucky rifle, they became alarmed for the safety of their companion, Anès, particularly, who loved Ralph Edwards with a devotion equal to that which Jonathan felt for David, utterly forgot his own danger and the necessity for immediate flight if he wished to avoid the spilling of blood.

His dusky skin turned to an ashy grey, his nostrils expanded and his black eyes flashed as those of a wounded panther.—All the slumbering passions and instincts of the hunter and quasi-warrior were aroused within him and were on the alert. His quick searching glance had detected the bark canoe rounding to in the eddy; it was an easy shot!—the enemy of his race was entirely at his mercy—the slayer of his friend—the last thought sealed his doom. Jouskeha shall die.

Mr. Sharp and Anès hastened back to the point at the head of the rapids, and as they feared, found poor Ralph stretched at full length on the ground apparently without life, but not alone—for on her knees beside him, intently engaged in chafing his cold limp hands, was a young Indian girl, whose dishevelled hair revealed through its disordered luxuriance a very lovely face, and large, dark, eyes, which were streaming with tears.

Looking up from her charitable task Marie, for it was Jouskeha's daughter, addressed the slumbers with quivering lips, "Il n'est pas mort,"—he is not dead. My God! my God!—help me. Whether the last two words were addressed to the Almighty or to themselves, they know not, but they immediately began to assist the young girl, who seemed to understand the right means to restore animation.

She told them to raise the young officer's head and shoulders, while with a gourd, which depended from her girdle, she fetched water from the river with



CITY OF SHERBROOKE—LOOKING WEST.

which she bathed his temples, and then poured a few drops through his lips. After a while, which seemed an age to Shap and Anès, Ralph sighed, moaned peteously, opened his eyes, which to the grief and dismay of his friends, evinced no signs of recognition or intelligence, and again relapsed into insensibility.

Sharp and Anès became now seriously alarmed, and the former opened the wounded man's hunting shirt to ascertain the position and nature of the wound, but found that he had been anticipated in the good intention, and that bandages and leaves of balm-of-gilead picked from trees growing on the river bank had been applied, and that the effusion of blood had been stopped.

Marie had proved herself a skillful leech, as well as a tender nurse. Having done all she could for the wounded man,

seated herself by his side and seemed to be musing for awhile, and from the spasmodic working of her features, was evidently suffering keenly from mingled feelings of anxiety, fear and regret. She knew well that none but her dreadful father had inflicted that cruel wound; perhaps he was even now in ambush, within a few yards, ready and eager for the blood of his hated enemy. Agitated by these thoughts, she urged the Abenakis to take to immediate flight, but Sharp, at the risk of adding to the poor girl's grief and perturbation of mind, informed her of Jouskeha's tragical end. To his great relief the maiden was not overwhelmed by the knowledge of her parent's death.—She bowed her head upon her hands and large tears flowed down her pallid cheeks, but no moan or sob escaped her lips.—"Il l'a voulie,"—He has willed it, she

said, and then turned all her attention to the wounded officer.

Edwards still remained insensible. His face was pale as marble, and but for his fitful breathing and an occasional moan, was, to all appearance, dead. Marie, after she had uttered her pious ejaculation, seemed to have dismissed her own troubles, and again became the assiduous, watchful nurse. She once more chafed the hands of the seemingly dying man, and damped his temples, and again did Ralph show signs of returning animation. Brandy, have you brandy, she asked of Mr. Sharp, who immediately produced his flask. Pouring some into her gourd, she wetted his lips with the spirit, allowing a few drops to trickle down his throat, and also moistened with it, his forehead and neck. In a few moments Ralph opened his eyes, which at first wore a vague expression; a few minutes longer, and they assumed a look of dawning intelligence. He recognized his late visitor and messenger of warning, the Indian girl, for he slightly pressed the hand which was holding his own, and pronounced the name Marie. Then there stole over his countenance an expression of anxiety and restlessness which, as he caught sight of the Abenakis, changed into a look radiant with intense pleasure. Safe! he murmured, safe, Anès, and, leaning his head against the Indian maiden's bosom, exhausted nature prompted confidence and trustfulness, sought refuge in its safest haven, the devoted care of man's best friend—a devoted woman.

CHAPTER VI.

In deference to our appreciative reader, whom we do not wish to bore with to-



RICHMOND STREET, LONDON, ONT.—LOOKING SOUTH.

dious details, we will now transport him to the Indian village of St. Regis, where, after a slow journey of six days' duration, our party, increased by four stalwart Iroquois braves, whom Anès had engaged to assist in carrying the wounded officer, arrived with their burthen at the priest's house. The good father received our hero with cordiality, called in the village doctor to attend to immediate requirements, while he lost no time in sending to Cornwall for the regimental surgeon. As to Marie, she at once became his own especial care.

Dr. Dixon, accompanied by the Colonel, with whom Ralph was a private, was coming in arriving at the bedside of the wounded man who, although he suffered immense pain, was perfectly sensible, and able at intervals, and in broken sentences, to relate how he had detected Jouskeha on his path of vengeance, the manner of his giving warning to his companions by firing his rifle, and of the stinging shot which had disabled him; then his vision during a brief season of awakening from insensibility, of the Indian girl, and of his friends, Sharp and Anès.

We will not dwell on the details of Dr. Dixon's examination and of the tortuous process of probing for the extraction of the ball, which was found embedded under the shoulder blade, where it had lodged after traversing the chest. Our hero had a very narrow escape, and although the surgeon promised a complete recovery, he also said that the process would be slow and tedious and that many days must elapse before the patient could be removed to head quarters.

Leaving our hero to the care of the worthy priest, Father LeGras, and of Anès, who insisted upon remaining to nurse his friend and patron, we must now take a flight across the ocean, where we sent Captain Edwards to add new laurels to his naval fame.

Captain Edwards on his return to England had not been commissioned at once to a ship, but being well known at the Admiralty as a man who was gifted with rare administrative talents, had been kept at home by the anomalous Lords of that most important department. England was remodeling her fleet and reorganizing her army; the political atmosphere of Europe was very murky; the charlatan of France and false friend of England, Louis Napoleon, required watching; a war with China was imminent, and India was disturbed. With all these evils looming in the distance, England and need of her best men at the helm. Canada's late unpopular Governor, Lord Elgin, was sent to the East to endeavor to effect a pacification with China and Japan, his efforts resulting in the Chinese war; the real pacification being ultimately accomplished by England's sea and land forces led by her Edwards, Napier, and Straubenzies. The first named officer's name is still remembered with pride and admiration in connection with the Peiho forts. It was while engaged on the attack, these strong-holds, through the courtesy of the American officers who so gallantly gave material assistance on that occasion, that Captain Edwards received tidings which induced him to hasten home with all dispatch.

The tidings which Captain Edwards had gathered from New York papers were of a nature, to disturb him and necessitated his immediate return to England, that he might communicate personally with his solicitors.

The Yankee papers contained among much gossip on English scandals, an article which is diligently catered for by them, and much relished by their free and enlightened readers. They related, with a few preliminary pious comments, that the dissolute Earl of Buckfastleigh, who for the past eight years had, as Lord Haddingford, been a sojourner in the modern Gotham, the darling of its *demi monde*, the horror of its Upper Ten Thousand, and the *bête noir* of all respectable mammas with susceptible daughters, had come to a tragic end by being pistolled in a saloon broil, by one of the *jeunesse doree* of the aforesaid Gotham. This no-

bleman, whose youth had been ruined ten years before, completely *blasé* and exhausted by the pleasures of London, in and out of season, had incurred ostracism from society on account of his superlative vices, and exile from the kingdom in consequence of hopeless insolvency. His father had allowed him a sufficient income to live respectably, but the man was irrepressible, irreclaimable.—The old Earl had not been four weeks in his grave when the unworthy heir met his disreputable fate as related, a fit end to an unworthy career.

The Earldom with vast estates in Devonshire, houses in London, consols and money at Count's was therefore in abeyance until the lawful heir could be found.

The family had never, since the creation of the Earldom in 1713, been prolific in sons; daughters had been born and had, mostly, married into the families of wealthy commoners; one of these had married a member of the distinguished naval family of Edwards, whose grandson, the Captain Edwards of this tale, had many reasons to suppose himself to be the rightful heir to the Earldom and estates of Buckfastleigh.

Once arrived in England, Captain Edwards lost no time in seeking his solicitors and was pleased to find that those gentlemen had already taken the necessary steps towards proving their gallant client's claims. In short, my gallant Captain, said the venerable senior partner, Mr. Dawes, shaking that gentleman's hand very warmly, I hope to have the honor of congratulating your Lordship at Buckfastleigh Castle this day month, which, if I mistake not, is my godson Ralph's birth day.

CHAPTER VII.

Ralph Edwards recovery was very slow and tedious. He had the best and kindest of nursing, and Dr. Dixon was unremitting in his attention, but also stern and inflexible about his removal from the priest's house. Many delicate contributions suggestive of woman's tender sympathy, such as fruits and flowers, were placed every morning on Ralph's table, but he had not been able to discover who was the depositor of the offerings. He had his suspicions, however, and although he felt deeply grateful for the great service rendered by the Indian girl to his friend Anès, and for her timely assistance to himself when wounded and disabled, still her present sympathy and silent attentions troubled him much, for although Ralph himself had not felt that magnetic thrill which had awakened in the maiden the slumbering fires which were consuming her, he was anxious and sorrowful, and felt that it was his duty to drop out of her sight and if possible out of her recollection.

Ralph Edwards was not a coxcomb, but he had a proper pride and estimated himself at his true value as an English gentleman. He knew full well that the semi-civilized forest maid, however lovely, pure and good, was no suitable match for him. That she had loved him with her whole heart was but too evident.—She must not see him again even at the risk of being deemed ungrateful and heartless. Father LeGras, also, had detected Marie's infatuation for the young officer. Having lived many years among the aborigines, whom he looked upon as his own children and wards, he grieved deeply over the poor girl, who was the prey of conflicting passions, the all absorbing first love of the child of nature warring with the native modesty of the forest violet. The girl was truly miserable.

Having on her first arrival at Father LeGras' been consigned by the worthy priest to the care of his sister that lady was not long in finding out the state of Marie's feelings, which she, in contrast to the majority of matrons and house keepers, respected, soothed and concealed, at the same time that she admonished, advised and calmed the sufferer.

She kept the stricken maiden in her own private apartments, where she employed her in assisting her in her household duties, and taught her resignation

and the hope of better things. The good old lady succeeded in winning Marie's confidence and love, and was rewarded for her motherly kindness by seeing the girl's mind, gradually recover its equilibrium and her cheek the bloom of health. Still, the faithful girl enquired every morning if monsieur Ralph Edwards had passed a comfortable night, and handed her a bouquet of fresh culled flowers or a dish of fruit to be placed near the young officer's couch.

The good priest at the solicitation of his sister, had taken the Huron maiden into his paternal keeping. He was not long in ascertaining that Marie's mind, although untrained, was not one of ordinary calibre, and that education acting on native talent and pure thoughts and aspirations would tend, not only to mitigate, but perhaps, ultimately to efface her present illusion and suffering.

The time had at last arrived, when Ralph might be removed to Cornwall.—Although still weak, he was able with the assistance of Anès to walk in the priest's garden. Dr. Dixon and Lieut. Sharp were to come on the following morning, in their yacht, the "Coquette," to take our hero back to his regiment and to his friends.

Marie had retired early to her dormitory, feeling very sad and sorrowful, but she had first sought Anès to whom she handed a small box made of the bark of the white birch, exquisitely ornamented with porcupine quills wrought into tiny violets and drooping ferns. She shyly asked the Abenakis to give the box with her adieu to monsieur Ralph Edwards.

Poor Marie would liked to have seen and spoken to the young officer before his departure, but her kind hostess advised her to forego the trial, and gently leading her to her chamber, left her there with her sorrow—and with God!

God help me! sobbed the poor girl, and falling on her knees before a crucifix, she poured out her soul in the following prayer:—

THE HURON MAIDEN'S PRAYER.

"Sa chienwoendio diwe onne' Oehion onentere. Sendionran itoch de Kukhon niane de te eatonhontaiona, itochien chendionraan itochien dank awendio. "Tan nende, stan ichien ea teen De te ikhon tak.

"Onno ichien andamote atones aa! Onno ichien onentere staat isen/dion zwithen aa!"

"Lord God, at last then I know Thee; dispose of me as Thou pleasest; whatever I suffer I will think only that it is absolutely Thy will.

"As to me I am nothing. "Although I was once exalted. Now it is that I thank Thee; now it is that I bow me to Thy will."

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must have been pretty lively for Lingwick, lately. Yes, it was that, I never had a better time there. I tell you those stationed at Lingwick are a jolly lot of fellows, and first rate company. We had a big time there on the first of April. They got to playing tricks on each other, and in the morning while breakfast was being prepared one of the men visited the different bedrooms. Well in one he found the occupant asleep, so he took his breeches and threw them into a room opposite, and then wakened the man saying that the Commanding officer wanted him immediately. By jove if he didn't have a time getting himself in a presentable shape. He managed to borrow a pair of trousers several sizes too small, and when he said his own were missing, there was a search made and they were found in the room where they had been thrown, which happened to be a servant girl's room. It was rather compromising for both parties, and the officer said he could not see any way to arrange the matter except to 'marry do girl.' Finally the discovery that it was the first of April satisfactorily explained the affair. Say don't you want a cake or two of this new sugar after that yarn! Here's some as good as you'll find on the market and I'll let you have it at five cents a pound. 'Yes! I will take a couple of cakes.' No body can grumble at that price. Ten pounds ay? All right! Here's your fifty cents. Why Donald is that yourself. 'Chim er ha sibhe-nhi, 'Gla mahe. Chim-er-sa-sibhe-phen.' 'What have you got on the market.' 'Deed an' she'll no got mitch forpy ta parley an' ta putter. Her nainsel chust rin down ta see Murdock, 'tats' in ta chail for givin' ta parritch ta Donald Morrison, an' ta Chudge 'll no let her oot on ta pail, an' she'll pe keepit in ta Chail till Donald pe catchit, an' Donald 'll no pe catchit more ofer, an' she'll no pe givin her nainsel up, forpy ta pairs 'at'll pe cryin' after Murdock, an' Mister Proderick she'll say she'll no can get Murdock oot o'chail only py hapus corpse. 'Habaeas Corpus. Yes! that 'll fetch him, if he can get the writ. Well I'm sorry for Murdock, but he'll have lots of company in the jail before long if Donald Morrison don't give himself up, for I don't think they'll be able to take him in a hurry. Oh! here's Charlie Odell, he'll buy your barley for his brewery. Good by. Hello! Pat Mc Kenney, is that yourself. Faith it is, me and the old woman thought we'd take a run up, and go into Montreal to-morrow. Upon my word I'm glad to see you. 'How's everything at Moose River?' 'Flourishing! Flourishing! The railway makes it lively. The deer and Caribou are thicker than fiddlers in tophet, and as for trout! You can get all you can lug within half a mile of my house. I tell you there's going to be lots of sport round Atean Pond next summer and fall. Well I'm going down for the fishing anyway. Come along you'll be as welcome as the Flowers of May, and you'll find better accommodations than when you paddled through to Mooshead. Don't talk about accommodations! I never had better in my life. Give us a call when you come back from Montreal. Good by. Good by and good luck to you.

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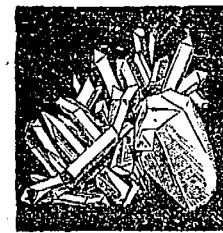
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Still further south and adjoining the Foster store, was the residence of Mr. Foster, afterwards owned and occupied by Levi Cleveland, opposite to which stood a large building known as the Leroy House, and adjoining it the then residence of Mr. Cleveland separated by a yard from his blacksmith shop. The Lovejoy House was burned about 1850, together with Mr. Cleveland's property.

Opposite the Adam's Tavern was an old building used by Capt. Adams as a distillery and in which a large quantity of potatoe whiskey was made in the proper season. This was demolished afterwards by the construction of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail Road.

There was a large hall on the second floor of the Wales building, which was used principally as a dancing school, and in which Noah Aldrich, afterwards of Hereford, used to teach the youths of that day to trip the light fantastic, and it was done in a series of shuffles, pigeon wings and toe and heel movements which would surprise votaries of Terprechore at the present day. One who took part in the majority of the dances, didn't want much exercise the next day.

Among those whom I recollect as pupils of Mr. Aldrich were Chas. Adams and his sisters, Sarah and Jane, and the members of Dr. Silver's family, four in number, but I think the class usually consisted of 25 or 30 couples. Amusements in those days were scarce during the winter season and these dancing classes always had a full and regular attendance.

About 1848 this hall was occupied with the rest of the building as an Academy by Rev. A. L. Twilight, of Brownington, Vt., who taught them for several years and assisted in distilling more or less knowledge into nearly all the youths, males and females of those days, in or near Richmond. Mr. Twilight's reputation as an instructor was such that he had pupils from all parts of the Townships.

I can remember him as if it were yesterday, as he sat on a raised platform which overlooked the whole room, strap in hand, rolled up ready to be launched at whoever disobeyed the rules of the school, which were rigorous, and unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and the old gentleman was a good shot. I doubt if Ned Crean's Lorette Indian boys could beat "the accuracy of his aim" as Norman Cleveland will testify if this should come to his notice.

The culprit had to return the strap in person, and as the old Dominie handled it at arms length, with a vigor which made the recipient of the tail of that strap wince he consoled himself with the remark, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

Many will recognize the pen picture of Rev. A. L. Twilight, and the odd figure he cut as he strolled about summer or winter, under the unbragous shelter of a beaver hat, his older maniac proportions clad in a calico gown open in front, and of the furniture style the tails of which fluttered in the breeze at every step. His discipline, however, relaxed when beyond the sacred precincts of the recitation room, and he was ready to take a hand in snow balling or pitching quoits with the fellow he'd strapped half an hour before.

During Mr Twilight's regime he started a foundry a short distance back of the Academy, up the Cushing brook, which was under the management of a man named Carroll, a practical iron founder, but the business was not financially a success.

A sawmill stood a little above this, the dam creating a considerable pond on

which we used to skate, at the proper season.

Between the Cushing brook and the present Catholic Church site near the G. T. R. Depot there was only one house, a small cottage, owned and occupied by Daniel Curran, which was erected in the gravel bank directly opposite the present depot, and beyond this within the limits of the present town of Richmond there were only the residences of Messrs Mulvona and McKenty.

South of the Foster store were first the residence of Wm. Burnie, and on the opposite of the road that of Chester Bissell Cleveland, and adjoining it his tannery buildings. Then came the St. Francis Bridge with Wm Montgomery as toll keeper, who often swore "by the hole in his coat" that nobody should pass without paying toll.

South of this was St. Ann's Episcopal church, and opposite the residence of William Miller, which was torn down to make room for the railway.

Adjoining this was the farm and residence of Shubael Pierce (whom we have referred to in a previous number) now occupied by his son and daughter, G. H. and Ann Pierce.

The property South of Mr. Pierce's farm, was then owned by Wm. Brooks Esq., Advocate, who still occupies it.

Mr. Foster carried on a pearl-ashery in rear of his store, which was managed by Nicholas Cate, of Danville, whose

name is very suggestive of his character. The old man had an abundance of yarns of one kind and another which we boys drew out on every available opportunity.

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"I—I say Tif," said Bill, "I say Tif, I say."

"Will ye warrant the cussed thing not to eat hay?"

"That it won't eat hay! you must think I am green Or perhaps I don't quite understand what you mean."

"I—I mean" replied Bill, "I mean jest what I said."

"Fer it's nubblooks jest like an old Jack Asses he'd."

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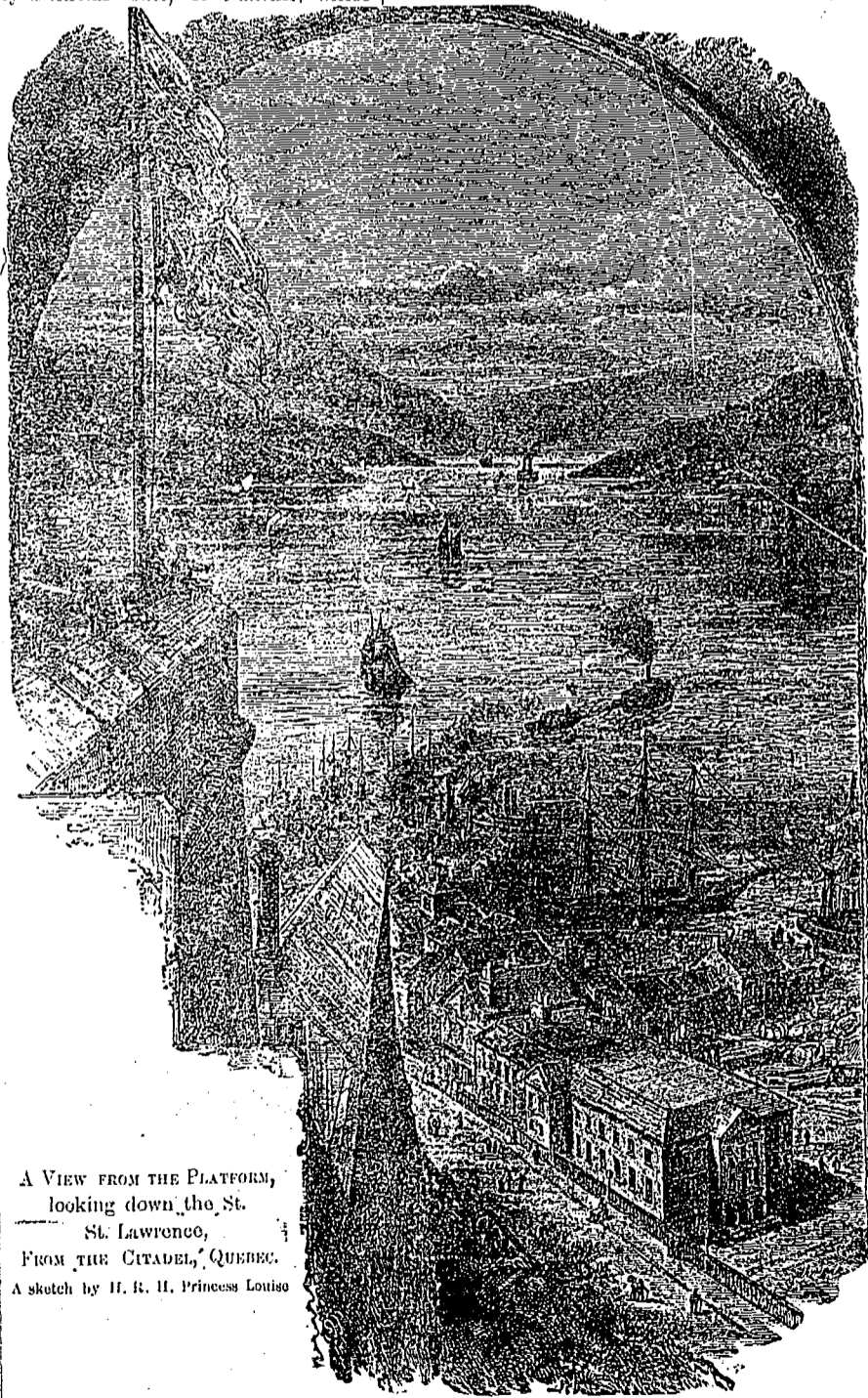
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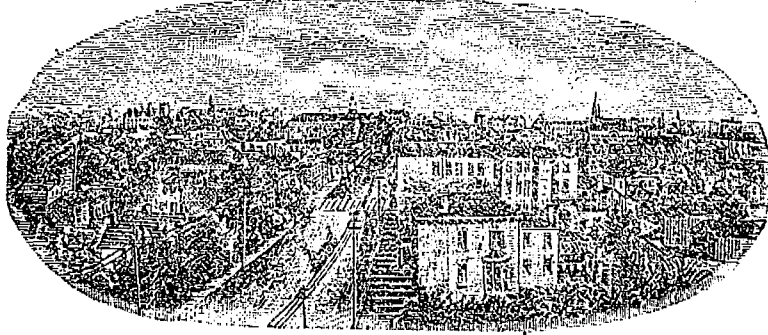
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'Oh! keep cool! You wouldn't do without it for the world. If you were, you'd have to close those Telephone Sketches. I'll call round to-morrow. Goodbye! Au revoir! Often presentia no yeera.' 'Who's that talking Gaelic! Is it Miss McCaskill?' 'No! It's only Mr. Morales airing his Spanish. 'What does he mean?' 'Oh nothing, only that there's no harm in dimming.' 'All right! I thought he called the house or I shouldn't have answered.' 'Hello!' 'Is that Mr. Hopkins?' 'No it isn't Mr. Hopkins.' 'I thought it was Mr. Thomas you wanted. Mr. Hopkins hasn't got an instrument at his house. I'll ring up the brewery if you wish.' 'Brewery, ay! Who do you think would



ST. CATHARINES.

be at the brewery at this hour. If you'd pay a little more attention to your business you'd save yourself a good deal of trouble, and me too. Blessed if ever I saw such stupidity, as if there was any similarity in the two names. It's enough to make a saint swear.'



'Well, I'm very sorry but mistakes will happen. Nobody'll ever make the mistake of taking you for a saint though.' 'Hello!' Give me the Girls' Home, please.. 'Yes, one moment.' 'Hello?' 'Have you any girls on hand just now?' 'No! What in thunder do you take me for? Don't you know I'm a married man?' 'I beg your pardon. I asked for the Girls' Home.' 'Yes, and they gave you Odell's store. Just like them. If you have much to do by telephone just find out who you're talking to before you unbosom yourself too freely. Goodbye. Don't call again on the same business.' 'Hello?' 'Is that Mr. Didymus?' 'Yes.' 'Has that man of giant intellect been up at your office?' 'Who do you mean?' 'Why Richard Smith, Esquire, called Dick Smith for short. The individual whose brain is running over and stopping out new inventions continuously. He said he was going up to get a fishing rod from you. If he does I'll bet the next thing he'll invent will be a fish story.' 'He hasn't got round yet. Perhaps he's stopped somewhere to invent a story that'll fit the rod, or he may be down in Foss' store trying to hook a line to go with it.' 'Hello!' 'Dr. Barton, Lennoxville, is speaking. Do want any Pick-me-ups?' 'No, I had a couple this morning.' 'Oh, you know what I mean. Those Pick-me-up Horse Powders.' 'Yes, I know. You might send me down some. I'm nearly out.' 'All right! I'll take them down this afternoon. Mrs. Barton wants to know if you have any one pound tins of Edwards' Desiccated Soup?' 'Yes, plenty.' 'Very well, I'll get some when I go down. She seems to think she can't keep house without it, and I'm sure I enjoy it very much.'

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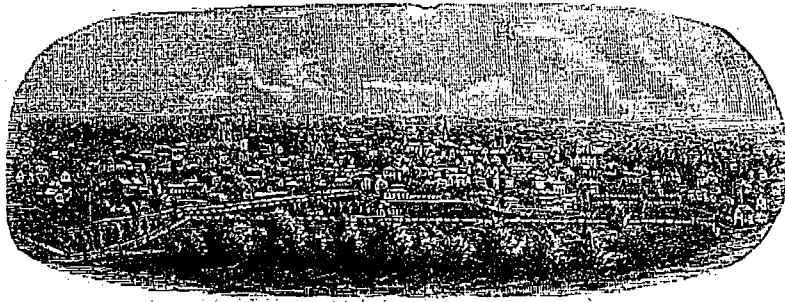
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Reminiscence.

A little more than sixty years ago, when the population of that portion of the Township of Hatley in the vicinity of Massawippi Lake, were few and far between, and the primeval forests covered nearly all the land for miles around, and when there were no roads other than those for winter use by sleds, and for pedestrians in summer, one whom we will call Langton, had purchased land on the westerly side of that lake, and had commenced improvements thereon. In that he was usually occupied from Monday morning until Saturday night of each week, and on Saturday evening, it was his custom to return along the unfrequented track to his father's house.

Bears, wolves and other wild and ferocious animals were then often met with, and it required considerable strength of nerve and courage to travel alone, and unarmed through the woods in the evening at that time, and both the eye and the ear were constantly kept upon the alert upon such occasions to prevent a surprise by some nightly prowler of the forest.

Langton had made several journeys from his woodland clearing, in the evening, to his father's house, a distance of five miles, without experiencing any encounter with wild beasts, and his sense of danger grew less with each repeated journey, until every object along the trail became familiar to his gaze.

But upon one Saturday evening on his return home, and when approaching a rising ground, he discovered an object on the side of a large dead tree which stood close to the path, and about twenty-five feet from the ground, plainly defined in its main features, with its head pointing downward, its long tail and body being close to and parallel with the trunk of the tree, and its motion, which seemed to be undulating, indicated a preparation for a spring. On his approach opposite the tree, Langton stood at a distance of some five rods from the tree and watched the animal with trepidation as it was clearly outlined against the sky, and deliberated as to what he should do. To turn from the track and try to pass it by going through the bush, would be difficult, and perhaps as dangerous, as it would be to try and pass it on the run on the path, at any event he had got too far away from his camp and too near his father's comfortable house, to think of turning back. He therefore concluded to provide himself with a club which he readily found, and opening his large pocket knife, to run the gauntlet, which he did at a good "two-forty" speed, and halted not until the space of a quarter of a mile had intervened between him and the tree upon which the beastly thing had placed itself. He reached home just as the family were preparing to retire for the night, and his relation of his narrow escape caused a general thankfulness for his preservation from a fearful encounter with and probable death by a wild beast, and it was late at night e'er the family retired from the wide brick fire-place with its genial glow, and after the subject above related was discussed and enlarged upon, to their beds for the nights repose, having first determined to seek out, and if possible capture the animal whatever it was, on the following morning.

The following bright October morning found the entire family early astir, and after a hasty prepared breakfast had been hastily partaken of, Langton and his father, started out for the scene of the escapade of the previous evening.

The leaves of the forest had put on their autumnal decorations, of the varied tints and colors which is characteristic of our latitude at that season of the year. The air was crisp and invigorating, and the two hunters, one of whom was armed with a fowling piece heavily loaded with a ball and buck-shot and the other with an axe, considered themselves equal to any emergency. There was no snow upon the ground to aid them in tracking the animal in case it should have left the tree, as they reasonably expected it had

done in the meantime, yet, as it was evidently a tree climbing one they hoped to find it in the near vicinity, and to bring it to the ground by a charge from the gun and then dispatch it with the axe.

With these intentions and preliminaries discussed on the way, they at length arrived within sight of the dead birch tree before mentioned, with its bare limbs and shaggy trunk, but the animal was not there, but upon a near approach and closer examination they discovered a loosened piece of bark about five feet long hanging to its trunk some twenty-five feet from the ground, one edge of the bark hung as if by a hinge to the tree, while the loosened edge had swung outward from it, and when outlined against the sky, gave the exact appearance before described, and which caused the fright of Langton and the subsequent family discussion, and the morning hunting expedition. With a feeling of shame for being fooled by the apparition, the brave hunters hastened home before any one in the neighborhood was moving, and it was not until after the lapse of many years that the story became known to the writer of this brief sketch.

E. H. L.

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For The Land We Live In.

Fauns and Satyrs of Beaudette's Island.

BY CALESTIGAN.

CHAP. I.

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose, By any other name would smell as sweet,

What Sherbrooker has not heard of Beaudette's Island at the head or inlet of Magog lake?

And who that has once been there has forgotten its rocky shores, scanty white maples, silver birch and ash, its tangle-bush of witch hazel and red willow, its plots of wood violets, gold thread (*Coptis trifoliata*) and trailing arbutus?

And it is equally certain that none will have forgotten its quaint owner, Peter Beaudette, the phoenix of guides and fishermen, and the very best canoe-man and camp-master I have ever known.

Pierre had been a voyageur in the long, long ago, and had served with the old North-west fur company. He had killed buffalo on the Saskatchewan plains, had eaten white dog at Lac La Biche and undergone the *mouchoir* ordeal with a dog-rib squaw; he had been lost for nine days without food on the prairie, and had given a year's pay for a good (?) drunk and a consequent fight in which he had lost three fingers.

Taken altogether Peter Beaudette was a hero—of the olden time. He was also very polite, particularly to the ladies for whose service he has been known to break the most solemn and solid engagements, to guide, serve and guard them in boating and blue-berrying excursions, and let it be observed, the prettiest damsel of the bevy, under Peter's guidance, was sure to have the fullest basket of water lilies or the most heaped up pile of berries. "Parceque," observed he, "les jolies filles dey always bring something good and strong for de ole man; mais ses laide, noting que du vmaigre et des doe nut."

In personal appearance Beaudette was not an Apollo, still he was of the classic Greek type.

Small in stature, lithe and active in limb, his head and face were of the semetic fashion but with a very intelligent expression which however was somewhat neutralized by fourteen inches of grizzled hair which descended from his chin and which had gained for him the surname or soubriquet of Silenus. Hence one of my reasons for adorning this simple tale with its classical heading.

CHAP. II.

"There Nature seemed in a mystic dream Absorbed from her living things."

The first time I camped on Beaudette's Island, or rather islet, for it contains but four or five acres, the whole country around Magog and between it and Memphremagog lake was a dense wilderness untrodden by the lumberman, and a *terra incognita* to all but the venturesome hunter and trapper. Deer were very numerous in those silent forests and a moose was occasionally seen wallowing through the lily pads which almost hid from view during the summer months the oozy water which covered those vast marshes in the centre of which like a huge emerald set in a brocade of white and golden lilies loomed in majestic silence the densely wooded islet now known to tourist and fisherfolk as Beaudette's Island.

The above mentioned marshes were tenanted by thousands of bull-frogs, and

lake and river trout resorted to the cool shade of the gigantic leaves of the lilies during the heat of the noon day sun. In early spring and during the autumn months large flocks of ducks congregated there and disported themselves secure from the fowler's gun.

As civilization encroached on nature's domain Magog lake became more accessible to the sportsman and lumberman, and its valuable pine forests were transformed into scraggy, fire-blackened desolation, and its waters no longer harbored the silvery trout which was replaced by the coarser pickerel, perch and pretty but useless sunfish.

It was during the early period of this transformation that Pierre Beaudette settled on the island which bears his name and on which he built a comfortable log house. There he employed himself in netting pickerel and an occasional trout which he carried to the Sherbrooke market, and sold at a remunerative price. He also used to let his skiff and canoes to pleasure parties, which he sometimes accompanied as guide and campmaster.

It sometimes Peter saw a white handkerchief fluttering on a well known dry birch high stool ghost like on the shore opposite his landing, he would exclaim with animation, "Tiens la mere V'la Monsieur Cal," and in less than twenty minutes the writer was snugly equipped with gun and rod, bag and baggage, in Beaudette's canoe en route for his favorite haunt and camping ground of other days where he was made welcome and whence excursions were made to the rapids for speckled trout or to the deep bays of the lake for lunge (lake trout), but alas! these excursions were becoming less remunerative every succeeding year, and as to game it has disappeared with the pine and the spruce.

It was whilst on one of these excursions that I took it into my head to introduce a colony of goats on a long tongue of land which formed the bank of the river half a mile from the island which, itself, formed a part of the opposite or western bank. This tongue of point of land formed a peninsula, on one side of which, for a considerable distance flowed the Magog river and on the other was a deep crescent-shaped bay which curved down the lake thus affording an extensive and well wooded shelter for my goats. I explained my scheme to Peter who fell in with my views and agreed to look after the animals, keeping one of the "nannies" on the island for a supply of milk. So the herd consisting of four "nannies" headed by a patriarchal "billy" with formidable horns and a beard which would not have disgraced a Barmecide, were driven to the landing which I have mentioned, embarked in two canoes and turned loose on the peninsula.

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On the day of the race just conceive the surprise Of the folks, and the manner they opened their eyes, When Clodhopper's mare, The bony and spare, Appeared on the course looking quite twice the size.

Her coat it was glossy and sleek as could be; She was sound in her legs, and of heaves she was free Such a wonderful sight Gave the people a fright, For they thought 'tust as soon the d—l to see.

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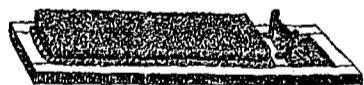
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The tide of immigration has once more set in. Every inward steamer brings its quota. Crowds of them are shipped via the Canadian Pacific Railway to Manitoba and the Northwest. If they are farmers with a little capital, success will undoubtedly crown their efforts, otherwise they may prepare for untold miseries and trouble. But one class of immigrant is needed in Canada; the farmer and farm laborer.

California, which since the gold craze, has retired to the average line, has once more come to the front in securing the attention of the world. This time by a bill in the Legislature to regulate the size of ladies' hats worn at theatres, and like entertainments. The hat must not now exceed three inches in height. The individual in the back row, will now be enabled to ascertain if the curtain is raised or not, without the assistance of the small boy in the "gods." A peculiar feature of the bill, is, that it does not apply to ladies over thirty-five years of age. They will likely all wear the low hat anyway.

A German officer has discovered a new powerful explosive for shells. There seems to be a boom in explosives just at present. How profitably the nations of the earth are enjoying these periods of peace. While America is experimenting with dynamite guns, England converts her Martini into a rapid firing magazine rifle, France is improving her smokeless powder, and Germany has the whole thing in a shell. Austria, Italy and Russia are all at the grind stone, sharpening up, and little Switzerland has bought a bunch of firecrackers. Altogether, as the boy said when the bull charged the picnic party "there

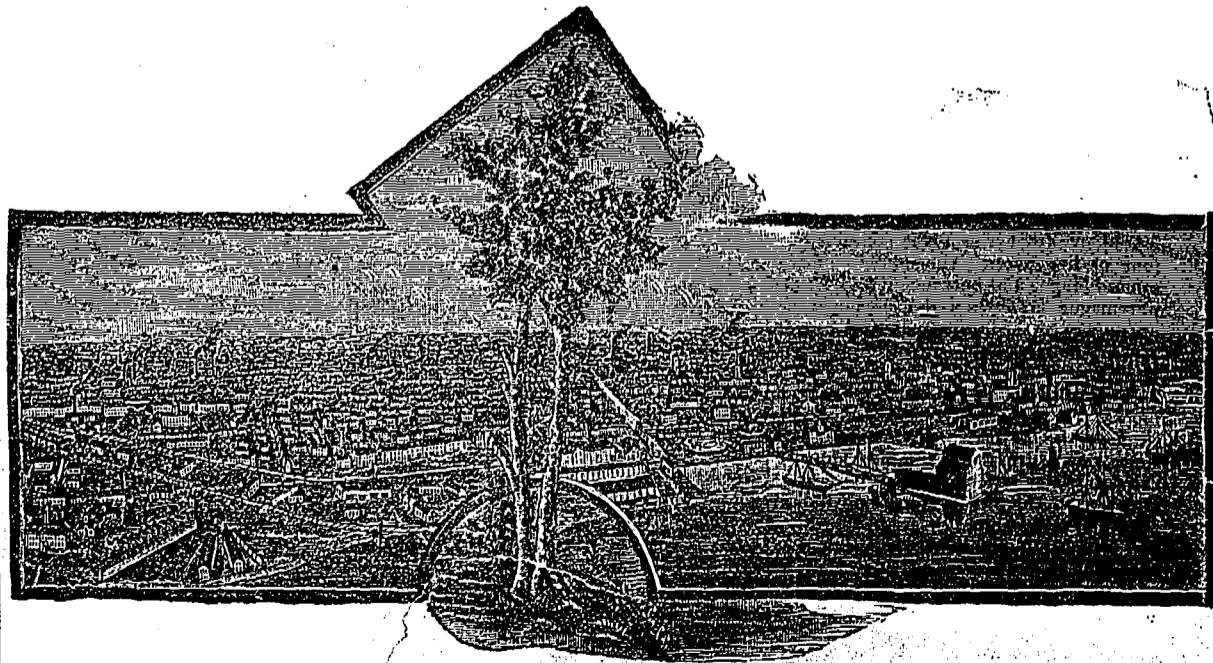
h'aint nuthin' in signs if nobody h'aint hurt."

Mr. Adam Brown's anti-pigeon shooting bill has been shelved for the present. Considerable attention has been paid this particular phase of cruelty to dumb creatures, and the question is doubtless very much open to discussion. The humanitarian insists, that as much sport can be derived in using the clay bird. To the sportsman on the other hand, the pastime is robbed of its existing character if the feathers are not seen to fly. As these birds are, in the first instance, raised for the market, it seems but a minor matter which particular death, they should suffer, before being placed upon our tables. The objection of course is, that the killing on the one hand is done in sport, while the other is but a matter of necessity in connection with the business. In this case consequently, the question is not so much one of actual cruelty to the bird, as that of questionable taste in connection with the nature of the sport. On this point the tender hearted philanthropist and the keen sportsman are very unlikely to agree. For our part we are of opinion that if Mr. Adam Brown could be induced to join some local gun club in his vicinity, the paper upon which his bill is written, would be likely used up in gun wads before the end of the season.

Mr. Cook, M.P., presented a bill before the House at Ottawa, which would have likely filled an aching void in many a traveller's heart. It was to better regulate the handling of baggage by trainmen. The bill was thrown out however in committee, on the ground that the evils it proposed to remedy are already covered by the present law. As a cover, the present law has not proved "all wool, two yards wide," by any means. If there is an act that applies to the handling of baggage, we would infer by experience that it reads something about as follows: "It is hereby enacted that the person or persons in charge of said baggage, commonly called baggagemen, are hereby authorized to throw, ear, heave, smash, bruise, fling, hurl, all and any baggage, which he or they may at any time have in his or their charge, to

or from said railway carriage, on to or from any railway station platform whatsoever. Though said baggageman is hereby empowered to act with said baggage, as herein before stated, it is provided always that said train is not moving at a greater rate of speed than forty miles per hour, when said baggage is hurled therefrom. It is also enacted that said baggageman or men are hereby empowered to stow, one and one half cubic feet of baggage per one cubic foot of space, said baggageman being authorized to use for purpose of stowage, one iron hammer not exceeding eighteen pounds in weight, the handle thereof not to exceed four feet in length. Said baggageman also being empowered to use said hammer on any passenger who at any time, place, or hour, may interfere with duties of said baggageman." No, Mr. Cook will please not interfere with the baggageman in his rights.

The trial in Montreal of Benson for wife murder, resulted as was generally expected in a verdict of acquittal. The comments of the press were, with few exceptions, adverse to the decision, some going so far as to see in such verdicts the necessity of remodeling or abolishing entirely, the whole jury system. Several able letters appeared in the Gazette of Montreal, on the subject, the writer maintaining that our Judges were as fully capable of judging in criminal cases as in civil suits, that perfect justice could be expected from them, that the decision of a learned man of the law, was preferable to that of twelve ignorant men. This is all very well, but as law is not justice at all times, it is as well that these verdicts should not be at all times based upon the strict letter of the law, if justice is to be expected. In the eye of the law, a man who shoots his wife's betrayer, is equally guilty as the murderer who poisons his unsuspecting victim. It calls but for proof in either case and judges accordingly. Justice however goes further, it considers the circumstances, allows for provocation, and becoming tempered with mercy, frees the one and convicts the other. It must be acknowledged that there is not a judge existing, who, after receiving positive proof of the guilt of a prisoner charged



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ed with murder, though the act may have been committed under the most extenuating circumstances known to man, but would immediately return a verdict of guilty, and forthwith pronounce the sentence of death, though in his heart, he would acknowledge that under similar circumstances he would have acted likewise, and though the prisoner was justified in committing the deed, still according to law he was found guilty of the charge, which was that of murder, so consequently must hang. Not so however with a jury of twelve men, to them it is as much a question of, why did he do it, as that of actual proof. Though possibly at times a miscarriage of justice may ensue, is it not better to err on the side of mercy. Moreover, our trials by jury is one of the corner stones of liberty, 'a vigorous plant of liberty' as it has been called, which will likely prove a difficult one to root up. It has existed for centuries and has become inextricably interwoven with other national customs, and using a familiar term, 'it's here to stay.' It might with advantage be reinvested with some of its original powers. In early times the jury could not only recommend but could also exercise the prerogative of mercy. Thus instead of being obliged us at present, to save the justified slayer by a verdict at variance with the evidence adduced, it would render a verdict of guilty, and immediately pardon the convicted prisoner. Let us retain our jury system.

Hon. John Henry Pope.

It is only a few months since we published a portrait of Mr. Pope and alluded to the public dinner given to him, and the enthusiastic reception accorded to him by the leading men of the Eastern Townships. It is now our sad duty to chronicle his death, which occurred at Ottawa, on Monday the 1st April instant. On such occasions, when one whom we have honored and respected departs to be no more seen, words can feebly express the feelings. We were more or less intimately acquainted with Mr. Pope for nearly thirty years, and on several occasions indebted to him for counsel and advice, which profoundly impressed us with a sense of his great ability and judgment. Of his political life it is unnecessary to say anything. His record speaks for itself, suffice it to say that few men comparatively have the ability to place themselves in the strong position which he occupied, honored and respected by all creeds and nationalities, including his political opponents. It was in his private life, however, where to see and know him was to esteem and reverence him. He was naturally a man of a very social disposition, and it was our privilege on many occasions to meet him when there was nothing to curb or interfere with the display of humor which he so largely possessed. It is only three or four years since we accompanied him on a day's outing to Spider Lake and were more than ever impressed with his sense of the humorous, and noticed the boyish delight which he displayed when beyond the reach of business worry. He will be missed by many, but by none so much as those who knew him best.

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Gold Hunter's Adventures.

Castlemaine when I first knew it was a neatly and regularly laid out little town tolerably substantially built of brick and wood, with the streets running at right angles, and situated at the junction of Forest and Campbell's Creeks. A large square occupies the centre of the town which is solidly built up on three sides, the side fronting the creek being then open.

Two theatres faced each other on opposite sides of the square, one of which was then closed, the other being controlled by a party of the name of Gingell who managed to give some kind of an entertainment every evening. A refreshment room and bar stood at one side of the entrance and if one didn't care about the trouble of "going out to see a man," all he had to do was to attract the attention of one of the two policemen on duty, who would do the errand for him, returning with the result seen dimly through a glass, and keeping the balance of the half crown for his trouble. I will not attempt to maintain that this means of seeing a man was available at all times, nor by all parties, but I can assert that it always was as far as my party was concerned.

The post-office and Commissioner's camp stood at the outskirts of the town in the Campbell's creek direction. In rear of the town was Barker's creek, a shallow gully which yielded a very large amount of gold.

All these old gullies had been worked out, and were deserted except by a few who worked puddling machines and made fair wages by reworking the old workings, which had been very imperfectly done by the old tub and cradle process. These gullies in the dry season presented the appearance of dried up rivers of mud.

At a distance of a mile or two down Campbell's creek the leads of gold had left the present bed of the creek and followed what is known as "made hills," that is hills of gravel formed by the action of the water, the bottom or bed rock, in which is about on a level with the present creek. These hills, or rather the site occupied by them, doubtless formed the original bed of the creek, although distant half a mile from the creek as it now exists, and the

sinking is usually about fifty to sixty feet. The Campbell's creek and the gullies intersecting, have been very rich in gold.

Although only some thirty miles from Bendigo the country round Castlemaine presents a much more attractive appearance, and some of the gullies—Green gully for instance—are very rich in vegetable matter. As a general thing the leads of gold in these have followed the sides of the gullies, and prospecting holes sunk in them show eight or ten feet of rich black mould.

The hills are not lofty but finely undulated, with well wooded summits, and the valleys especially that of Campbell's creek where not disturbed by digging operations are green and pleasant. This creek unites with the Loddon river at a place called Guilford, where a bridge was in process of construction during my time, and below this the valley of the Loddon was all taken up for agricultural purposes and yielded large crops of wheat.

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Another crossing of the Loddon below Guilford was called Muckleford, Donolly and Jones' creek diggings.

About the time of which I speak Norborn O. Felton, of Sherbrooke, resided at Muckleford, and Lucius D. Osgood, also of Sherbrooke, managed the trading establishment of Ross and Hobby on Campbell's creek. I met the latter on two or three occasions as we since discovered by comparing notes.

Two brothers of the late Col. Jubal Wheeler who resided for some years in the vicinity of Sherbrooke, carried on an extensive brewery on Campbell's creek. One of them represented that constituency in the Legislative Council.

Business being dull on Forest creek Mr. Warren and I spent two or three days in looking round Fryer's creek, Sailors' gully, Morepork gully, German Flat, and other diggings in that vicinity, and finally decided to shift quarters to a locality rejoicing in the euphonious title of Donkey Hill, forming part of the Camp-

bell's creek leads, where there was quite a large mining population. So we erected a pole and canvas store and dwelling and commenced business at Donkey Hill.

Here I continued in the employ of Mr. Warren until I had earned money enough to start me in digging, when I joined some of the members of a Lancashire band whose tent adjoined, and one of them—George Coleclough—and myself set to work to sink a shaft where the sinking was about fifty-five feet deep.

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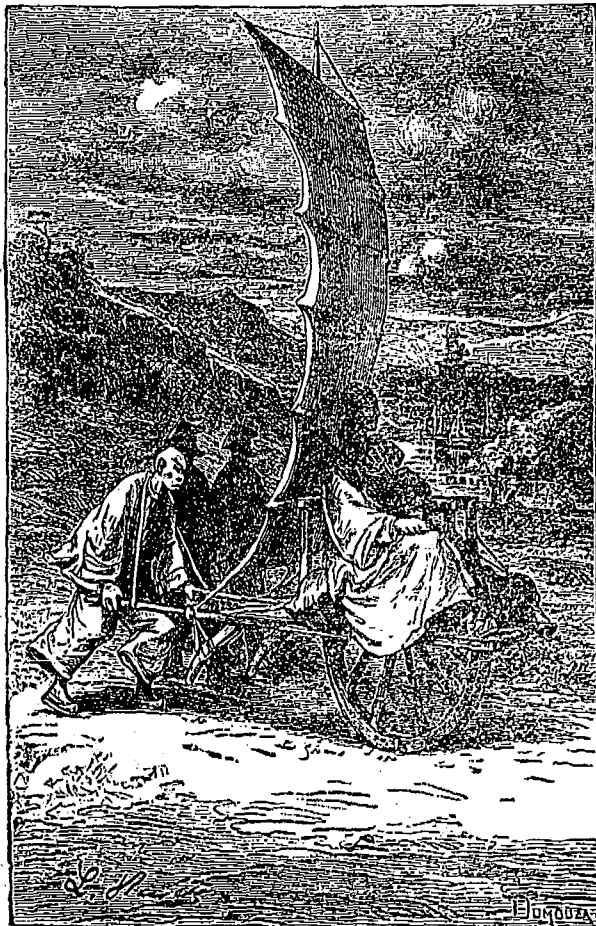
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In the year 1855— I was the happy possessor of two horses, that had the reputation of being among the best, if not the best in the district; one was a beautiful black, not very fleet and rather aged; but of great powers of endurance, without a blemish, and gentle almost to a fault; the other, a roan, was almost the antipodes of the black one, as he was not at all handsome, but as fleet as a stag, and I believe as untiring; but with a fearful temper, that was at times dangerous to his rider; in fact after I had become his owner, at a price that appeared to me ridiculously low, I was informed that he had nearly killed two of his previous owners, and the number of those could scarcely be counted, so often had he changed hands within a short period.

I however did not have very much trouble with him, although he did break out at times; on the other hand I found his good qualities were so marked that I kept him until I left that part of the country some years after the date of the following episode.

I was stationed at that time at a place in the mountains, at a distance of about seven miles in a northerly direction from the City of Guanajuato, and was in the habit of riding down to that city nearly every Sunday morning and returning in the evening accompanied by a mounted man servant, who sometimes led one of my horses while I rode the other.

I had received one or two friendly cautions from Mexican friends to return early on these occasions, which I had hitherto quite neglected; but as for some time past robberies with violence and even murders had become rather frequent on that road, I had determined in future to follow the advice I had received and to return by daylight. I however found it more difficult to carry out my intention than I had anticipated, as I could not convince my friends in Guanajuato that their existed any greater reason for prudence than than in the past, some of them even twitting me with showing the white feather. This discussion amongst other reasons kept me on one occasion later than my usual hour of departure, and when I started for home mounted on the black, the sun had long sunk beneath the horizon, but in compensation the moon was rising in great splendour, enabling us when the road was moderately level to trot on without any inconvenience.

So soon as we had passed the last houses and had entered on the lonely part of our ride, I took out a Colts' revolver (of which I carried two) and carried it in my hand ready prepared for any emergency, and well it proved for me that I had taken that precaution, as on our reaching a small stretch of tolerably level road on the crest of one of the spurs of the mountain we were ascending, I heard a whistle near me; my man had barely time to say "¡Qui estan los compadres Señor" when four well mounted men with their faces covered all but the eyes with white handkerchiefs, put in their appearance, two of them ranging themselves one on each side of my horse, and the other two performing the same manœuvre with my servant. The act was so sudden and so neatly executed that it appeared as if it must be successful, but by some sudden inspiration which I cannot account for even now, I lifted my revolver and put it in the face of the man on my right hand, threatening him with instant death unless he immediately sent away his comrades, and as I felt how much depended on this being done, I suppose he saw that I was determined to carry out my threat; he after a moment's hesitation gave the order to disperse, which they immediately obeyed. He then wished to leave also, but I thought it would be safer for me to take him on with me, so I compelled him much against his will to accompany me the few remaining miles to my destination. During the center home he tried to bolt but found I had the heels of him. I told him

not to try the experiment again as my patience might possibly give out, and in fact he well knew that if I had been a Mexican he would have been shot then and there, he thought better of it, and on our arrival at La Luz I let him go, when he quickly disappeared down a bye street, and as good old John Bunyan says "I saw him no more."

A few days afterwards I was privately informed that the parties were well known that they had no desire to do me any grievous bodily harm, their intention being merely to rob me and leave me tied in some secluded spot, where some friend of their own would probably be entrusted with the task of finding and releasing me. The main objects of their cupidity were my horses, which they hoped to sell for a large price at the fair of "San Juan de los Lagos" which was then being held. However true this may have been I know not, but this I know, that although robberies on that road did not by any means cease, or even diminish in number, and that I continued to make my weekly visits as before, I was never again molested on it.

Those rides in the mountains on the table land have a strange and strong fascination for all those who have any taste for equestrian exercise; the climate is so exhilarating, so equable, and the air so balmy; no burning sun to enervate the frame, and no chilling frosts to dampen the sense of thorough enjoyment; but generally a clear sky, a moderate degree of heat, and, nearly always, a gentle breeze to keep the air in motion; one appears to be breathing anew the breath of life; the rainy season is short, and if possible still more pleasant than the dry; storms are few and far between, and seldom or never violent; in fact, I know of no part of this beautiful earth where life ought to be so thoroughly enjoyable as on this table land in the Middle States of the Republic of Mexico; but this bright picture has its reverse side as well as all others; it appears to be almost universally the case, that in those countries where God has done the most for man, man has done the least for himself; it certainly is the case in Mexico; a country that possesses within itself every requisite to human happiness, in the greatest abundance, and with the need of but little exertion; from some cause that is to me incomprehensible, there appears to be a lack of every thing, at times of the most necessary articles of food; the country is almost a wilderness, the cities are crowded with inhabitants, nine-tenths of whom are in a chronic state of poverty, and a very large number indeed in a state of complete destitution; immense tracts of fruitful land in the immediate neighbourhood of populous cities have not a vestige of cultivation. Land, that before the Spanish conquest teemed with inhabitants who cultivated it like a garden; the Indian descendants of those inhabitants who are still so happy as to possess some land of their own, are almost the only exceptions to the general rule, their properties are in their own style, well cultivated and very productive.

It is quite a sight to see those poor Indians on their way to the cities with their produce for sale. Some of them possess burros (donkeys); these little animals are almost hidden under the bulky loads under which they have to trudge. Those who are too poor to possess a four-footed beast of burden, themselves take the place and do the work. I have frequently seen them, I might say by hundreds, men, women, and children, plodding along on the dusty roads, each one carrying his burden on his back, kept in its place by a strap of leather or cow-hide, passed across the forehead, following each other in true Indian file (I never saw two Indians walking alongside each other unless they were drunk), with their heads down, and their bodies bent at a most painful looking angle, but trotting on where the road would be level, as if their loads formed part and parcel of themselves. The magnificent railroad movement will in time remedy this, as well as many other antiquated customs, and may even tend to break up the monopoly in land, and taking it up in small lots suitable to men with

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And all around the sun shines bright,
'Tis a transporting view.

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PART II.

BY RUFUS REDDY.

There were even times in which we had our little jokes at our parents' expense, with the good fortune of escaping detection. But it was necessary to handle the matter very delicately to ensure such favourable results. If there was one subject upon which the old gentleman never tired, it was of personal courage, specially applicable to himself. His many tales of adventure in his early hunting days invariably terminated with some incident highly favourable to his reputation for courage. I was however never thoroughly convinced as to the exact extent of all this bravery, visions of recent derelictions in that line, floated continually before me.

The old gentleman was once relating a thrilling adventure with a bear which he had discovered in the pig pen and though immediately attacked it, but after a desperate fight the bear escaped. The story was taking well, when with childlike simplicity I broke in with a few enquiries. "Pa!" I asked, "a bear is a very big animal, eh?" "Yes my son," was the reply. "And very strong and savage, eh?" "Yes, very savage." "And you attacked it at once, eh?" "Yes, at once." A pause. "How many bears would it take pa, to kill a dog?" "Now, now, what infernal nonsense are you talking about," replied the old man bristling up at my run of questions. "Oh nothing, only Mr. Brown's dog you know—". The sentence was never finished, as I was immediately led off for repairs. Mr. Brown's dog had treed the old gentleman that morning and kept him there till his cries attracted half the neighbourhood, and my allusion had spoilt his bear story.

I felt very sore over the result of my enquiries, and bemoaned my ill treatment to brother Jim, whom we had nicknamed the Philosopher. "Rufus," remarked the Philosopher. "You are an ass, or something closely allied thereto. Have you not yet learned that one of the most glorious privileges of old age is to prevaricate on the question of youthful prowess. Did you ever hear of any old man, who in his youth, wasn't the hardest man in the town to knock off his feet, or who didn't out jump all creation at one particular time, and who didn't excel in numerous other feats. And though one is morally convinced that, after making all due allowance for shrinkage, through the ravages of time, those old men must have been but very average youths, still these statements are allowed to pass unchallenged, consoling ourselves with the thought that we also hope to reach that age, coupled with all its privileges. No, Rufus. You are too much inclined to question such statements. Now the other day when the governor related that fish story, you gave a long whistle, which fortunately attracted the attention of the dog, and thereby conveying a doubt to the old man's mind as to its exact meaning, or otherwise you would have likely whistled to another tune that morning." I acknowledged the force of these remarks and promised to reform.

The old gentleman possibly possessed a very fair knowledge of that ennobling virtue courage. Upon the subject of earthquakes however, he was particularly nervous. He had often been heard to remark that a man could hear up against nearly all dangers, but it seemed beyond human power to resist the terrifying effect of the solid earth's heaving and rolling under one's feet.

One dull November afternoon several friends were congregated in the old gentleman's office, discussing the various questions of the day, when a low rumbling noise was heard, soon a slight tremor startled those present. A second vibration was felt. Some one cried "earthquake," and there was a sudden rush for the door. Though the exit was general and extremely hurried our parent was noticed to have been particularly anxious

to leave the edifice. His scrambles indicated a fervent desire to head the stampede, and altogether his actions betrayed a lamentable lack of coolness. The vibrations presently ceased, the rumblings travelled rapidly eastward and soon died away, and we returned to the office.

The conversation naturally turned on earthquakes and the like; the old gentleman, likely fearing that his hasty exit at the first alarm might reflect upon him began describing the result of his observations during the tremors, a convincing proof that his coolness had not deserted him; how he noticed the rows of brick grinding against each other, the mortar flying out in clouds of dust. He also remembered reading that the brick buildings in the terrible Lisbon earthquakes stood the shocks better than those of stone, offering by their construction more resistance to the heavings of the earth's surface, in fact the interior of a brick building was considered a place of safety during an earthquake, though he invariably went outside at these times to take observations for scientific purposes. He would judge by the movement of the ground as indicated by the peculiar motion of the grass, that this earthquake, which was a slight one anyway, travelled in north east by eastwardly direction. And so the old man discoursed till he considered himself firmly re-established among his listeners.

At about the close of his harangue, my brother's attention was drawn to a heavy loaded lumber waggon approaching the rear of the office, with a low rumbling noise. Soon furtive glances passed between those present, who were all ignorant of the waggon's approach. The governor stops his discourse, a breathless silence ensues, broken by the rumbling of the lumber waggon, which gradually increases. Jim takes in the situation at a glance. "Watch the old man!" he whispers in my ear, and with a yell of "earthquake!" makes a dash for the door.

Gentle reader, would that you were present to have seen the old gentleman pile out for the second time. All was forgotten in his mad rush for the door, with a howl he dashed through the railing that surmounted his desk, the broken panels hanging to his shoulders like a garden gate about the horns of a refractory ox. His first spring landed him on all fours in the centre of the room, from which point he leaped clean through the door like a flea through a knot hole, to the edge of the veranda, down the steps of which he rolled till the centre of the grassy plot immediately in front, was reached. With a wild frightened look he rose to his feet, the garden gate still hanging to his neck, and stared vacantly around. The last few seconds had evidently been to him a blank. He wished to know if the force of the shock had buried him there. Those present thought it had, at least to spare his feelings, they said so. With the appearance of one who was not quite satisfied with himself, he returned slowly to his desk, where he remained the rest of the day in silent reverie.

Jim's little scare had worked; earthquakes were seldom after the subject of conversation, at least not with the old gentleman.

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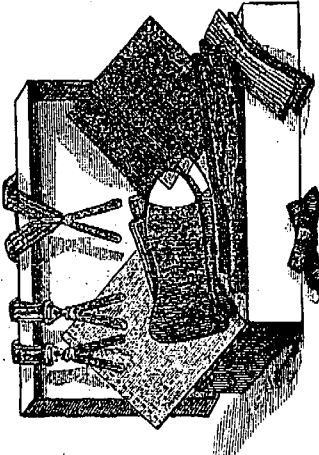
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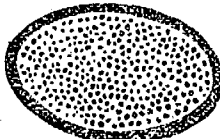
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To keep thy colder bosom warm,
While a last hope, from either driven,
Had been in both—to be forgiven—
But now, I know, my name will live,
Though linked with thy last destiny,
A thing on which, by passion borne,
To breathe thy hate, regret, or scorn;
For though within thy inmost soul
There dwell a thing whose stern control,
In echoing back some half-breathed curse,
May whisper even something worse;
Yet still, in thy relentless pride,
See even conscience soft and kind.
—But, ah, when on some wild field flower
Thy eye shall rest in lonely hour,
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Shall wander thence to things as far,
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of the fox and the deer. To be sure only
now and then did a deer come into the
region where we lived, but when it came
William's father was the man who took
him home, after a few hours in the chase.

William was older than I and I knew
him at school as one of the big boys. Ever
gentle there and brave to see no larger
boy harin a smaller one he won my love.

There was a fox run across the west
part of my father's farm which the unini-
ated must be told means a place where a
fox is very likely to pass near you when
the hound is on its track, i. e. if you are
there waiting to see him and give him a
salute.

The frosty morning in late autumn
awakened the well trained hound Wil-
liam's father kept from his summer's idle
dreams and he struck out upon a track
not waiting for snow. This led me out
toward the fox run, not knowing that I
was but a second hand on the field; but
bang went a gun before I was half there,
and the accelerated speed of the hound
had brought him to the spot, he passing
swiftly beyond me, now leaping rocks,
now fences. Here William and I met
first on the hunter's field. His gun had
been the one I heard discharged. He had
shot at his first fox.

But we hear no more of the baying of
the hound. What does it mean? The
dog not killed! We learned he was not
in sight when the gun was discharged.
But it means something. Over the fence
are we pressing thro' the bushes and on
the dog's trail—don't let the printer say
twil—we see the dog thro' the bushes and
his head bent low. Ah, ha! His nose is
on William's fox. Poor Reynard, he
could not carry off the little load William
had given him as he passed. In came the
father, in came the uncle, William was
there, and I, and Mr. editor if you have
time you can picture to your readers how
we all looked standing around William's
first fox, only don't forget to have our
mouths all open wide, or our faces spread
over with smiles.

Daniel Webster with his Congressional
friends all "in at the death" as was their
ambition and rule, chasing the deer near
his home, could not have been a happier
group.

Put in the hound and fox and make it
complete, and don't forget that my par-
tridge dog, Gunner, was there, strange as
it may seem. In those boyhood days why
Gunner was not to be left out of anything
much less a fox chase. But the uncle did
suggest that when I went again to take a
stand for a fox that it would not be best
to have "a pup" with me, as the fox was
sure to smell him and run aside so I would
lose "my chance for a shot."

This day began my intimacy with Wil-
liam, but this is not the day I have in
mind when I say as above "A day with
William." Another frosty morning in
autumn I have in mind.

I guess Gunner is dead, for after having
been seen with those eggs in his mouth,
and that lamb in a neighbor's pasture
being so wearied out by him I "don't see
him much more." Surely we have no
dog with us, and by agreement meet to
have our autumn hunt in the boundary
woods separating or joining (as you please
to call it) the counties of Kennebec and
Knox of Maine.

Strange to say in the very center of
these three mile woods—woods on each
side of the road—is the upright stone, the
mark of their separation. In the morn-
ing we start in on the Kennebec side.
What is my surprise to hear William say
"Bend your neck around the trees, Herb,
and we'll have some game to-day. I will
go you halves." "Will you, said I?"
"Yes," came the answer back and the ex-
planation, "You can shoot as well as I
now, and let us take care." Just above
where we were and near the outer edge

a rustle, a whirr, a sight of running legs,
a bobbing head. We have struck them
and surely bobbing ceased to bob, and a
pair of running legs to run. Each had his
bird. There, over those logs they had a
perch last night in that clump of ever-
greens. The frosty morning had kept
them from being as yet much astir. Wil-
liam moved on to bag his second bird
while my inspection gave me this dis-
covery.

Now we strike more into "the heart of
the woods." The bird loves to greet the
morning sun from some ridge. Here we
started more. Off they fly to the alders
of the gully between the ridge here and
the neighbor ridge beyond. They do not
rise but run in these alders. As well as
they the alder's trunk is grey. Do they
reason they cannot be seen. But they are
—some of them—and shot.

Crossing the road the land we find high-
er and gun on the shoulder now we as-
cend the long wood-road. Shall we not
find partridges in the wood road such a
day? Usually we do. We have more
than half a mile in it. Not a bird! We
turn to the left toward a stream in the
valley and just a gun shot that way from
the road they rise. But ever on the alert
William took one bird off his legs. When
we reached the stream there was a wake
on the water and I heard the word 'hush!'
I saw a gun thrown to the shoulder. Not
a second after the word "hush" I heard
the scream "a mink!" just by our trav-
elled road again and two miles of wood
from us toward home. Here we began to
retrace our steps homeward.

We count up our game on the travelled
way as we saunter along. We are even on
birds. By agreement the mink is common
property. We are happy, satisfied boys,
but looking still for partridges; we are wil-
ling to take them as they come. It soon
proved that we were ready too, for com-
ing out at the place we entered in the
morning just as the sun set, a lone bird
started out of the road so quick we could
scarcely see it, and when it came from be-
hind a pile of wood in its flight our pieces
were heard as one, so simultaneous was
our fire. Our bird fell and we rated our-
selves even still as it was not possible to
say that both charges had taken effect.

When game was put into cash we found
we had each made a good day's work with
the fun thrown in—more valuable a day's
work indeed than men usually make in
country towns or villages.

William long since was called to the
land where there is no setting sun. Beside
my double barrel of London make
there is an American three dollar gun,
which shows some marks of age, but aged
though it may be, it is not older than
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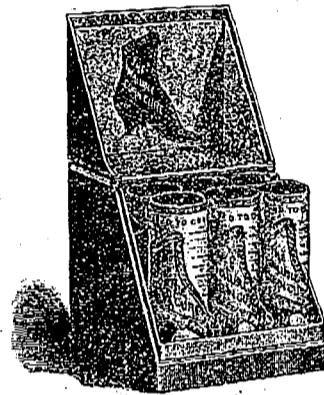
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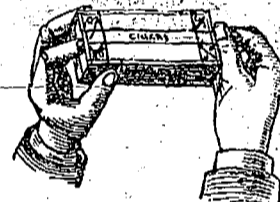
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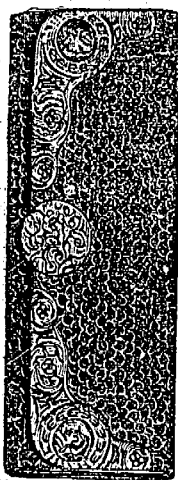
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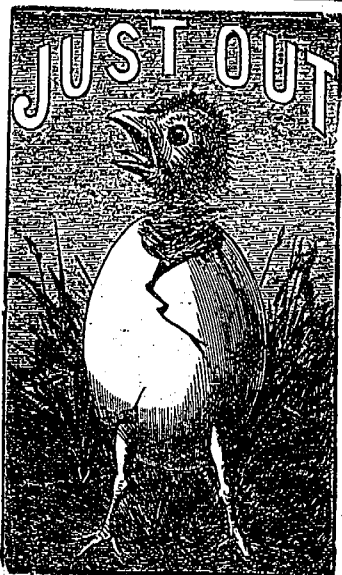
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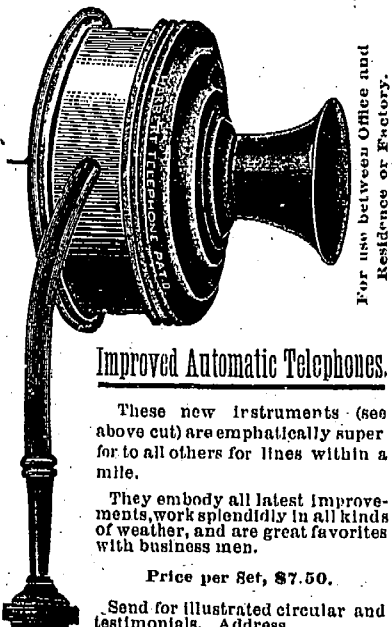
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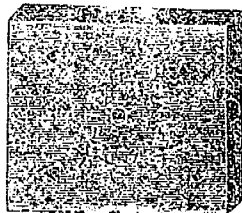
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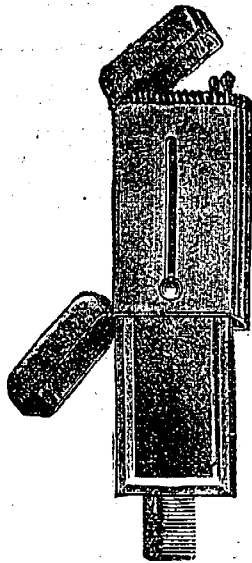
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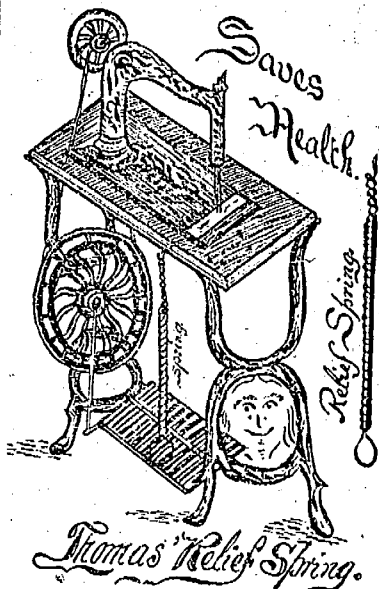
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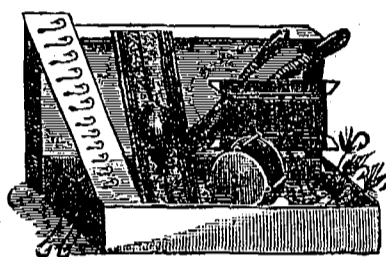
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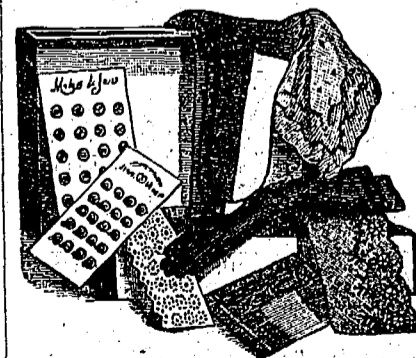


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