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For God and Home and Native Land.

The Mothers of Criminals.

MRS. J. McNAIR WRIGHT. Here's Clara again? "Fear me, Clara, will you never be married?" said Clara, setting her...

"Nursed by a drunken mother and fed gin from her birth," said the doctor; "all her veins filled with poison, her inheritance: unchained appetites. Back of these prodigies of vile lie the mothers of criminals. And who can say how well the money would have been invested that took Clara out of that criminal mother's hands at her birth and brought her up in quiet comfort, to habits of self restraint, order, industry? Ought not the state, ought not society to step in and insist that these children should be rescued from the slums, allowed to know what decency and peace are, and taught to read their bibles and do honest work?"

"There are other mothers of criminals in higher stations than Clara's," said the superintendent, "mothers who turn over the care of their children to servants; give them no moral training, no immediate supervision; the heredity of their children is often appetites as unrestrained as those of Clara's mother, though with less coarse exhibitions. I know two lads, under twenty-one, who are practical outcasts from all decent society; one dying of debauchery, the other phenomenally bad. And each of these lads inherits eighteen thousand a year, and comes out of what is called a 'high family.' Balls, operas, late hours, cards, wine, days spent in idleness, rising at noon-day to sit up until the next sunrise, no high ambitions, no useful occupations, no deep moral inspirations, worn-out, fevered, nervous constitutions, these make mothers of criminals just as surely as the conditions of Clara's mother, the pawn shop, the slum, the jail, the street. The criminals resulting are perhaps less numerous in the first case, because the children are less in number, and the personal influence of outsiders upon them may be better, and more numerous opportunities opened by their environment for an escape to better things."

"You find the mothers of criminals in the two extremes of social life," said the matron. "How about the middle-class mothers?" "I find mothers of criminals wherever there are mothers unconscious of their great calling, neglecting of their children, indifferent of their religious training, given to self-indulgence, blind to the moral grandeur of self-restraint. The necessity of personal labor, the pressure of general industry, the safeguards of education, may make the ill-reared child of the middle-classes less likely to be a criminal. Take this reformatory, let us end where we began. As years go on we shall find that while some are really reformed here, many will return again and again; and the children of women who are and have been there, will be coming to us. It will not be all heredity, not all environment, not all the indifference of the state of infancy, not all the neglect of society shown to its infant members, but all of those combined, in greater or less degree, produce criminals."—National Temperance Advocate.

CLARA was marched off. She'll act like a fiend; and then will come the dungeon, and she'll try to starve herself or choke herself, and she'll get herself over into the hospital, and she'll serve out her year without learning to iron a shirt or sew a decent seam, or learn one thing by which to earn a respectable living. And she don't want to earn it, either. Why, the girl served a six months' sentence, and the day she left she said: 'Now, I'm going to get as much whiskey as I can hold,' and in three days she was back, raving, sentenced for a year. And she's only twenty-one."

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—Mr. A. M. Patton, of the G.T.R., is probably the owner of the largest dog in town. The animal turns the scales at about 125 pounds.

Crops are suffering very much from drought, in the district around Onemee. There has been only one good rain since seeding time.

—The extended dry weather has caused some of the wells in town to give out and the parties interested look towards the much advised Scugog for a steadier supply.

—When butter is strong enough to draw the vehicle in which it is brought to town the farmer should leave it at home. That is not the article that town people desire for use.

—Mr. Richard Staples is busy putting the finishing touches on the new dwelling house of Mr. Stephen Dundas in West Ops. The building is a neat and tidy brick one.

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There was an accident on Irondale and Bancroft railway on Saturday night. The small engine ran off the line and was dumped in the ditch. Miss Eva Austin, of Haliburton, was in the carriage and sustained some serious injuries, but she is recovering. A teamster named Hoban of Peterboro had his leg very badly crushed on Friday last, by a large stone falling off a wagon. The stone weighed nearly three tons, but fortunately he escaped with a fractured knee. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

It is simply wonderful the proportions to which the banana trade has grown in Canada. Once a week a train of ten or twelve cars loaded with this tropical fruit leaves New York city for Toronto, which is the distributing centre for Ontario. It is but a very few years ago that one car of bananas would supply the demand for the whole province. The red variety which is seldom seen outside of the large cities, is probably the choicest banana grown.

Salem, Mariposa, is noted as one of the best wheat growing centres in the fine township of Mariposa. Mr. Thomas Reazin's farm is said to be the highest point of land in the township, and is noted for the fine fields of wheat and other grain it produces; but this season the extremely dry weather has proved too much, and Mr. Reazin as well as other farmers in that section will have a small yield of grain; if rain comes freely there is yet a chance for the root crop.

An Otonabee farmer named Mulcahy, applied to Clerk Woods, of Ashburnham the other evening for a warrant for the arrest of a tramp. He did not know the man's name, and consequently did not get the warrant. Mulcahy said the tramp had chased his little girls in the morning, but he headed him off and went at him with a club. The tramp had hung around all day evidently waiting until darkness to get revenge, and he was afraid would do him some injury during the night.

Should Be Well Endowed. It is a question of some moment whether or not we have too many colleges in America. The Englishman, in whose country there are but two universities worth speaking of—Cambridge and Oxford—is apt to laugh at the small colleges, many of which are termed universities, that are scattered over the United States. The friends of Yale and Harvard think it would be well if there were no universities on this side the Atlantic except in New England, and urge men who propose to leave money for educational institutions to add to the endowment of the two largest and oldest universities instead of founding new ones or helping those still struggling.

In the minds of many thoughtful friends of education, however, the small college is a good thing. Its students may come in close contact with the president and the best members of the faculty instead of meeting tutors chiefly. The leavening influence for culture of many colleges scattered over the country upon the mass of the population is much greater than the influence of only a few really large universities would be.

One of the most interesting of all the smaller institutions of higher education is Whitman college, at Walla Walla, Or. This college was founded in commemoration of Marcus Whitman, who when Tyler was president, rode 4,000 miles in midwinter to arouse the United States government to the importance of taking in the territory now divided up between Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Whitman lost his life at Walla Walla, and his name is held in great reverence there, as it should be. The college, however, has had to struggle for its existence, since the endowment has never been adequate. Now, however, it is proposed to raise at least \$200,000 to add to the present fund, and at least \$130,000 of this sum is known to be ready. For the remainder the friends of the college look to New England, where descendants and relatives of Mr. Whitman reside. These include ex-Governor Russell of Massachusetts and other well known people. The movement for the endowment of Whitman is attracting wide attention, and we are sure the New Englanders who have been appealed to will be generally and generously applauded if they respond with liberality.

A Lightning Photographer. Business Man—Can you write shorthand? Applicant—Yes, sir. "How many words a minute?" "I never counted 'em, but the other day, when my wife found in my overcoat pocket a letter which she gave me to mail last fall, I took down every word she uttered as fast as she said them."

"You'll do."—Toronto Truth.

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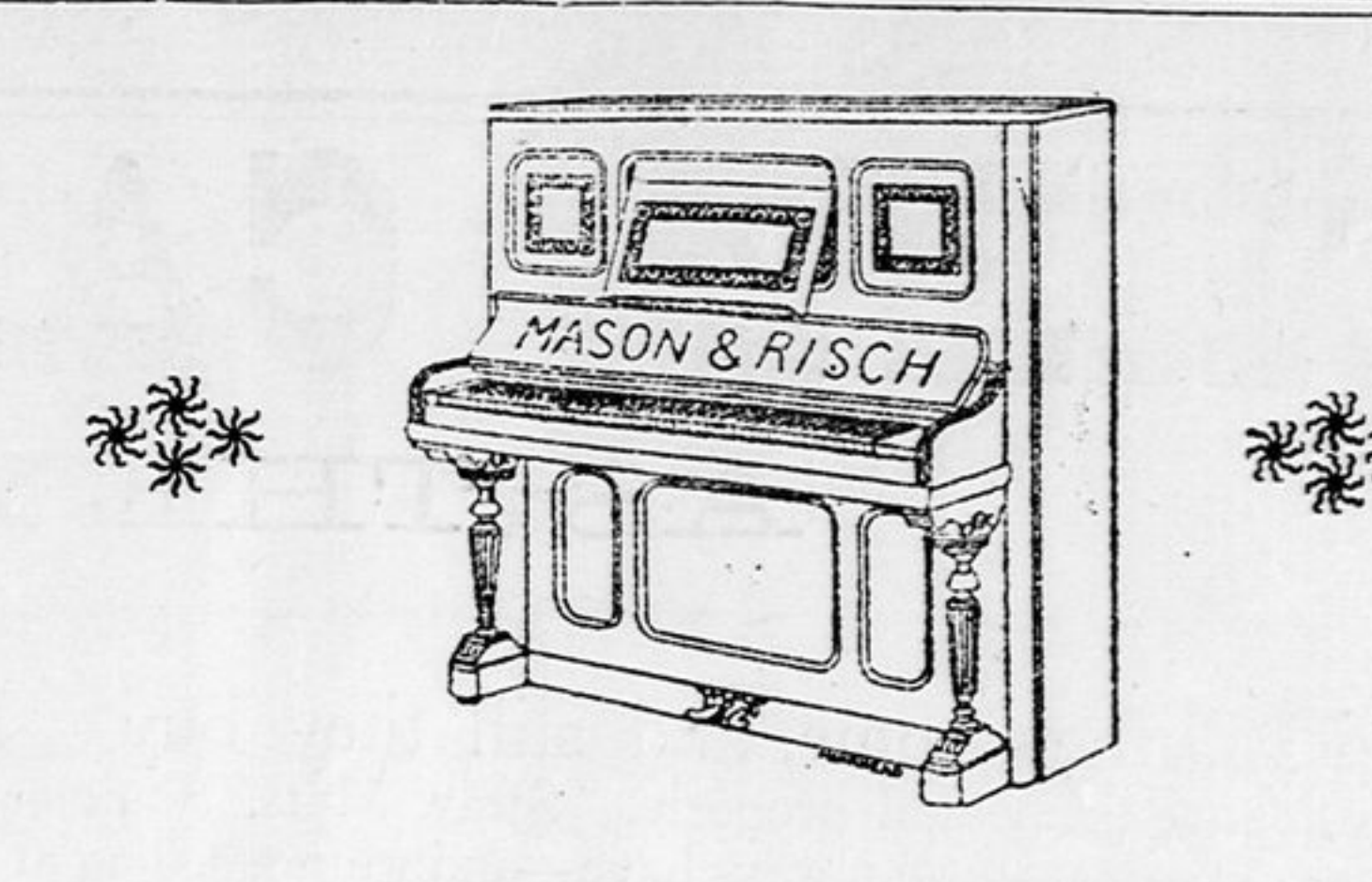
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