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Can you guess the missing words, marked by dashes? When complete it is the "quotation" used by over 8000 people now residing in Canada?

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If you do not wish to see the doctor, write the doctor about it. Address: Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

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"But you don't have to renew it every year," returned the dog owner in an aggrieved tone.

Valuable Patent.

Mr. Joseph Weber has just received his patent for an ingenious fruit picker, a simple contrivance by which the picker may stand in the tree and lower fruit and empty it into a barrel or box beneath without bruising fruit or descending from the tree. The affair is simplicity itself, being nothing more or less than a rope or string with one end fastened to the pail, and the other end attached to the bottom of the pail. When the pail is lowered a pull on the string turns the pail upside down and the fruit is thus released. Mr. Weber's patent completely covers this idea so that any infringement is impossible. Mr. Weber proposes selling patent rights and values his invention at \$15,000. We trust he may be successful in acquiring a fortune from his bright idea.—Advance.

Sweet Innocence.
"When I grow up," said Ethel, with a dreamy, imaginative look, "I'm going to be a schoolteacher."
"Well, I'm going to be a mamma and have six children," said Edna.
"Well, when they come to school to me I'm going to whip 'em, whip 'em, whip 'em."
"You mean thing!" exclaimed Edna as the tears came into her eyes. "What have my poor children ever done to you?"

W. C. T. U.

The Extinction of the Liquor, Opium, and Slave Trades, and all Hindrances to Christianity

How proud we are of our fair Canada, with her mighty rivers, majestic lakes, snow-capped mountains, broad plains, and rolling prairies, reaching from ocean to ocean! Yet within her breast there is a canker, which if not removed, and that speedily, will consume her very life-blood, and bring this beautiful country to premature decay. This curse is the liquor traffic, and until this evil is removed from our land we cannot expect the national prosperity promised to that people whose God is the Lord. Canada's drink bill each year is nearly \$40,000,000, this being spent directly for strong drink. Besides this we have the money spent in keeping up our jails, etc., that used for misdirected labor, and so the money lost to the country through this terrible traffic is \$143,258,716 each year. True, by the plebiscite vote, taken last autumn, a majority of the people in all the provinces but one declared themselves in favor of prohibition, but our government declares that the majority was not sufficiently large and nothing can be done to abolish the evil which is doing so much to curse our boys and blight the lives of our girls.

This traffic is doing a great deal to hinder the advance of Christianity among the Indians of British Columbia, where the hearts of our missionaries are often wrung to see the ruin brought to the Indians through this traffic.

We are proud of our position as British subjects, and sing lustily:
"Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves,
Britons never will be slaves."

But alas! this government of which we are so proud, licenses, yes, forces upon poor, helpless people which make them slaves, body and soul. This is the opium traffic in India and China which is completely under the control of the British Government. How sad the testimony of a Chinaman: "China has been a hell ever since you brought opium to us." So great are the evils resulting from this traffic that our missionaries confess they are ashamed to call themselves British subjects.

Africa is cursed by two great evils, the liquor traffic and the slave trade. Great quantities of liquor are imported every year by the government of Great Britain, the United States and Holland, and so much evil is wrought thereby that much of the good that our missionaries could otherwise accomplish is rendered impossible. The slave trade is also a great curse; this traffic in human beings has, however, been restricted by the great evil, and many Asiatic powers, Turkey and Persia among the number, have pledged themselves to prohibit the importation of slaves.

All these traffics are enormous hindrances to Christianity. At it, they are resorted to for selfish gain, without regard to the harm resulting therefrom. Men are afraid they will lose in their business if they oppose the liquor traffic, and so this terrible curse continues to exist. The British government reaps vast harvests every year from the opium traffic, and so fails to abolish it. But the people make the governments which control these things and we hope and pray that when our Mission Band boys are old enough to vote, they will see to it that such men will compose our parliaments that this condition of affairs will no longer be possible; and all such selfish greed of gain will be unheard of.

But while we condemn others, let us look deep into our own hearts, and see whether there lurks therein any form of selfishness which hinders us from doing all we can to forward the progress of Christianity throughout the world.

Out.

A. C. W.

Head of the Earth.

It is well known that a great deal of effort has been put forth in all parts of the world where mining is carried on to a great depth, to determine as a satisfactory average, the increase of the earth's temperature with depth. A few years ago it was commonly assumed to be 1 degree for each 90 feet in depth, but more recently deeper workings under other conditions have led to the belief that it is something over 200 feet for each degree of increased temperature. It is admitted, however, that the depth to which mining has thus far been carried is so shallow as compared with the great distance to the center of the earth that it is really not known what the average increase of temperature at the various places have been where the surrounding conditions were so different that the tests were not satisfactory, as for example, those made in the Lake Superior and Nevada regions.

Becoming a British Subject.

It is an easy thing to become a British subject. All that an alien has to do is to declare his intention to reside within the British dominions on leaving his own country, and forthwith he takes out his naturalization papers, issued to him by the secretary of state upon his taking the oath of allegiance.

These papers invest him with the rights and privileges of a Britisher, except that he is barred from becoming a privy councillor or a member of parliament and also barred from accepting office under the crown. But if an alien be naturalized by special act of parliament passed for his own benefit then he becomes as much a British subject and has all the rights and privileges as though a native.

Couldn't Keep Him Out.

"The brightest reporter I ever knew," said a newspaper man, "was Billy Gaylor, who died at Hot Springs in 1895. He was a most persistent fellow after an item, and that reminds me of a little story, about the last incident of his career. He had been assigned by a certain Chicago daily to interview an eminent bishop about a schism in the church. The bishop didn't want to talk and wouldn't see him, but Gaylor bribed a servant to let him into the hall and waylaid the dignitary as he was coming through. He was ordered out for his pains, but next day he penetrated the house again on some pretext or other and was again fired.

"He repeated the exploit three or four times with similar results, and at last the bishop coming home late at night, found Billy sitting in his study reading the Bible. Nobody could explain how he got in, but the prelate witted and told him what he wanted to know on condition that he would go away and stay away.

"Shortly after poor Gaylor got galloping consumption and died, and, happening to meet the bishop at a church conference, I told him that the young man who had once molested him would never do it again.

"Let us hope that he is in heaven," said a clergyman standing by.

"The bishop's eyes twinkled. He loved a joke. 'No doubt he is,' he replied gently. 'I don't think they could keep him out.'—Exchange.

Occupations Affect Faces.

"A man's occupation or condition has more to do with making his face than most people think," observed a gentleman who is somewhat a judge of character. "Intellectual pursuits, like the studies of the scholarly profession, when coupled with temperate and good moral habits of life brighten the face and give the person a refined and superior look. Magnanimity of nature or the love of study and art will make a bright, glad face, but contrary to this a man may have a face that does not please anybody because of a love of self to the exclusion of others, notwithstanding his learning and worldly shrewdness. Soldiers get a hard, severe look; reporters look inquisitive; mathematicians look studious; judges look grave, even when off the bench; the man who has had domestic trouble looks all broken up.

"An example of the ludicrous side of this subject is to see a third class lawyer stalling around a police court looking as wise as an owl. The business makes the face, I say. There's the merchant's face, the ministerial face, the lawyer's face, the doctor's face, the hoodlum's face, all so distinct each from the other and singly that I seldom fail to recognize those callings shining through the faces. And what city bred boy cannot recognize a genuine farmer the moment he sees him on the street?"—Washington Star.

How to Kill Them.

Although every housekeeper may not be a member of a band of mercy or humane society, she can help on the good work if she will practice some of the society's rules. For example, let her bear in mind that crabs to be properly killed should be boiled by thrust through the mouth and body with a sharp steel at one blow.

When a lobster is required, insert a narrow bladed knife into the third joint of the tail, severing the spinal cord. This will cause instant death and is much less cruel than to put it into the water alive, especially if it is not boiling, as the lobster then suffers a slow, lingering death.

Terrapin also should be mercifully killed before being cooked.

The eel tribe is said to be a terrible sufferer from man's inhumanity to fish. So difficult is it apparently to kill eels that people have even ceased to try to kill them at all. If their heads were cut off before they were otherwise handled, they would at once be out of misery.—Buffalo Express.

Hale Old Age.

Sad to see people advanced in years suffering from Backache, Lame Back, Urinary Troubles and Kidney Weakness. A hale old age, free from pains and aches, can only be maintained by keeping the kidneys right and the blood pure.

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