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I've seen old Scotia's lofty hills
All clad with purple heather,
Green Erin's rocks, and Cambria's, rill Felt Albion's balmy weather.

Thave dwelt in Southern gardens, The land of birds and flowers. Where summer reigns throughout the

Where all are golden hours.

Whose icy summits riso To snow-line height, while at their feet. The sweet hodelweiss lies. I've wandered east, I've wandered west

I have climbed wild, rugged mountains,

Thro' many foreign lands; But only find my home and rest On fair Canadian sands. Where Norman, Dane and Celt reside, All equal in degree, Where lurks no foolish high-born pride,

Men, brothers all, and free. As wind-tossed, feathery snowflake free, Flying its home to seek, With hearts warm as the crimson blush Mantling a maiden's check.

No other skies seem half so blue When far away I roam No other hearts one half so true As those I find at home.

My song is o'er of Canada, Of Canada the free, Where skies are blue and hearts are true, Fair Canada for mo!

OUR STORY.

Aunt Beulah's Advice.

BY AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR.

Bundlecombe Farm was one of those magnificent places which everybody stops o admire-a square house painted white, with green blinds and substantial brick chimneys. The paint was always fresh; the fence pickets always in perfect order; the crops of hay were harvested earliest in the meadows on Bundlecombe Flats, and

the wheat and the rye nover failed. No wonder that Mr. Bundlecombe showed his farm with natural pride to his Auut Beulah Breed, when she came down from Vermont to make the promised visit to her

Penusylvania relatives. "It's a fine place," said the old lady. "There's no such farm in Monroe County," said Mr. Bundlecombe. "And it is work, solid work, that has got it into shape. Margaret and I are up at daybreak every morning of our lives. We board five hired men, and Margaret does all the work herself; and Litell you, there's no running

behind in our affairs!" "How many children have you?" said unt Beulah. "Three," said Mr. Bundlecombe, " and

they're all regular working bees, too. And dont mind telling you, Aunt Benlah, that I've got a thousand dollars in the bank, ahead of everything." "Margaret looks pretty slim, though," remarked Aunt Beulah, doubtfully. "Oh, women are always complaining,"

said Mr. Bundlecombe. "They'd wheedle me into keeping a hired girl if I'd givo 'em the least encouragement." "That would bo a terrible extravagance." said Aunt Beulah.

"Of course it would," said Mr. Bundle

combe, unobservant of her concealed irony. Eat up the profits in no time." And then he went on to show her the new reaper he had purchased, the steam-rake and numberless devices for economizing

Aunt Beulah went thoughtfully into the The sewing-machine agent was "It's the only house in the neighborhood here they haven't got a machine," said

he. "But I mean they shall buy one yet if constant pecking will do it." "I should like a machine," said Eliza beth, the eldest girl, who was toiling amongst some new unbleached sheeting. But there never seems to be any money

to spare." " Humph!" said Aunt, Beulah. Kate, the second girl-a pretty little lass f fourteen-was patiently pitting cherries "Didn't you ever see a cherry-pitter?" said Aunt Beulah.

"What's that?" innocently asked Kate "It's a labor-saving machine," explained Aunt Beulah, "which will do work of yours twice as well in half the time." "Does it cost money?" asked Kate

whose pale face had momentarily bright-"It can't be got for nothing."

with a shrug of the shoulders. "Where's Lucy?" said the old lady. "She is peeling potatoes for dinner, said Kate. "It takes the | whole morning to shell the peas and peel the potatoes."

"But when does she go to school?" "Oh, she don't go at all," acknowledged Kate. "There's too much to do! She does lessons in the evening, sometimes, when there is time and mother isn't too tired to hear her. But I don't think she learns

very fast," with an odd little elevation of her eyebrows. "Humph !" again commented Miss Beu lah Breed. "But I don't see your mother." "She's boiling starch at the stoye," said Kate. " Father says the boughten starch costs too much, so we always make flour starch. It's washing day, and we don't see much of mother until evening. We wash wringing the things out that they nearly every week."

"Did she never bear of a wringing ms chine?" said Aunt Beulah. Oh, yes," said Kate. "They have one

lars; and father, says its all nonsense to spend seven dollars on what you can do vourself with a little effort." Aunt Beulah uttered a peculiar sound,

took off her black silk apron, and replaced it with a capacious garment of gingham. "Niece," said she to Mrs. Bundlecombe, who stood, pale and perspiring, over the fire. "I'll stir this starch. Go to your

"I am sorry to trouble you," said Mrs.

Bundlecombe, feebly : "but the work seems

to be a little behindhand to-day. I feel the hot weather more than I ever did before, all under nominally Christian Government,

mpossible to describe. She took her knitting out upon the porch that night, where her nephew was resting is called by Canadians, "The Queen City himself, while Mrs. Bundlecombe set sponge for the morrow's baking of bread, Kate darned stockings, Elizabeth put pat-

by the light of a single tallow candle. "Nephow," said she, "you was askin' me about Selah Squire's folks, up in Ver-

"Cousin Selah-yes, I was." "He's a dreadful miserly creetur,"

" He always did worship the almighty dollar," observed Mr. Bundlecombe. " His sister Sarah and her children came home to live with him, after John was killed on the railroad," began Aunt Beulah, " He's a powerful forehanded man, with

money at interest." "I hope he treated 'em well," observed the farmer. " Sarah and the children,

"Well, I'll just tell you how it was," said the old lady. "He put Sarah to work exactly as if she was hired help, and kept the children doin' late and early."

"You don't tell me so!" interjected Mr. Bundlecombe. "Why, the mean creetur! "She does every stitch of the washing and ironing herself for that big family,' said Aunt Beulah, knitting away until herneedles glittered like blue lightning, " and a lot of hired folks into the bargain."

"That's fairly heathenish," said Bundle-" He makes her do all the sewing, and baking, and scrubbing, and soft soap

"The cold-hearted brate!" cried Mr. Bundlecombe, with genuine indignation. "The children," added Aunt Beulah, 'don't get any schooling, because they're

kept close at work, poor things !" "Why don't the selectmen interfere? roared the good farmer. "Who would suppose that such barbarism could exist in this age of the world?" " Well," said Miss Breed, " the man has

"Then it should be shaken out of him, said Mr. Bundlecombe, sitting straight up in his excitement. " I've no patience with such idiocy. It's downright wicked." Aunt Beulah laid down her knitting, and

got the money-making craze on him."

looked her nephew full in the face. "Nephew," said she, "I've been holding looking-glass up before you." "Eh?" said Mr. Bundlecombe.

"Selah Squirer is a bad case," said Aunt

Beulah. "But he's no worse than you Your wife is a delicate woman. Your girls are growing things that need to be fostered and cared for. Instead of which, you grind 'em down worse than the slave-driver grinds the African. Your wife does the work of three servants, at least. Your girls have no advantages, not even those of the commonest district schools. Why, if was they, I'd rair away."

Mr. Bandlecombe sat helplessly staring at the energetic old lady. " They don't complain," said he. "What good would it do if they did?

retorted Aunt Beulah. "They've made their feeble little remonstrances, and you've pooh-poohed them. You spend a mint of money on your own labor-saving machines but what have you done for your wife and children? I declare, Nephew Bundlecombe you're worse than the heathen."

And then she went into details, unti poor Farmer Bundlecombe was fain to cry, Hold! Enough !" "I see it all now," said he. "Strange

that it never occurred to me in this light before. Margaret does look like a shadow and the girls don't have 'no chance," with a regretful glance through the window a little Lucy nodding by the round table over her geography. "You gave me a little start just at first, Aunt Beulah, but I'm thankful to you now for tellin' me just what s consarned fool I be."

The next morning he and Aunt Beulah drove into town, and brought back a clothes wringer, a sewing machine, and a stout German maid-servant.

"And I'll hire Betsey Brown to come "Then father won't buy it," said Kate, here once a week and put the mending through," said Mr. Bundlecombe. " And you and the girls, Margaret, shall dress up and sit in the best parlor afternoons. guess you can afford it as well as Abial

Martin's folks." Mrs. Bundlecombe opened her faded blue eyes, and wondered if the millennium was

While Aunt Beulah chuckled and said to

"I always knew Nephew Bundlecomt wasn't a fool. All he ever needed was for some one to call his attention to a fault and he'd mend it 'quick enough. I don't but now children bring parents down. often give advice, but when I do I give it

in good earnest." After years of suffering, persons who ave vainly sought remedical help from other sources, have obtained the long desired. refief from Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable activity of the Bowels and Liver, relieves "the remains." maladies incident to the gentler sex, and

"BEST ON THE CONTINENT."

Visitor's Verdict on Toronto, the Queen Bey. Wilbur F. Crafts, of New York,

who recently paid Tgronto a visit, under the heading of "Notes From the Best Large City on This Continent," contributes the following to The New York Christian

We shall soon have completed four hundred years of New World history. In 1492 the whole continent was pagen. Now it is with probably less than a million pagans "Oh, it's no trouble," said Aunt Beulah, in the unchristianised tribes | The ripest And she stirred the starch with an energy | Christian city of large size on this coutinent, a sample of what its other cities are to be when they get ripe, is Toronto, which of the Wost," but might fitly be called the "The Queen City of the Americans," Its pre-emineuce may be seen, especially in

ches on her father's overalls, and poor little three points:--Lucy nodded over a bethumbed geography 1 It is the only city of its size (140,000 that, on a square, anti-saloon issue, lus twice elected a Christian temperance man for mayor, with a majority of the same sort in the city government. Twelve hundred Christian women (widows and single persons who pay taxes and have no mun to vote for them), and the Salvation Army who are all Prohibitionists, were right and left wing in this victory, the churches forming the centre. The saloons have just been out down by these Christian aldermen | the archives of the Grand Army of the

> will be enforced. 2. Religious (not sectarian) education retained in the schools, and is made moral force, the scholars all participating n sacred song and Scripture reading and

he Lord's Prayer, 3. Toronto's greatest glory, however and the secret of her other glories, is having the best Sabbath of any large city in the world. The right to Sabbath rest i not taken even from the conductors and drivers of the street cars, the postoffic employees and the printers of the daily papers. Barbers, grocers, butchers, bakers, tobacconists, confectioners, also rest. Telegraph operators all rest, except ten at the central office. Druggists and milk dealers are free most of the day, The latter have resolved hereafter to make no delivery of the Sabbath in cold weather, as it is entirely unnecessary. Livery stables car legally be used only for sickness and church going, and it is expected, by the co-opera tion of the drivers themselves (who ar licensed and made responsible), that al pleasure driving will be stopped, and near-

ly all the drivers get the whole day for rest, the few others detained for permitted work baving part of the day. Indeed, it is probable that the City Council will require that no persons engaged in work of necess ity shall not be employed more than six hours, and so not kept from both church services. This will guard the rights to rest and culture of conscience of the employees in hotels, and restaurants, in the milk and livery and drug basiness, and the few employed in the railway station by the three "through trains" kept up by American competition-this being the most serious offence against Sabbath rest that one sees. It is out of control of the city authorities, the Provincial law allowing Sunday trains, starting in the United States, to go through Canada to theirdesti-

This sort of a Sabbath is kept up alone out of regard for God's law, but also because it is found to be for the best good of men. Efforts to get Sunday horse cars or Sunday papers have found no popular support and utterly failed. Workingmen see that "the Subbath was made for man" Druggists think ours a "horrible country for men of their trade, in that not even half of a Sabbath is allowed them for rest Toronto is "a city set on a hill, a light

to the world," as to what can and should be done in all large cities in regard to nunicipal reform, moral education and If a city would not suffer from hot boxes there is any compensation going it would of Socialism, let it give its workingmen, as be to those who have been mined both in

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lish tongue. - Harper's Magazine.

as some men are all through life.

The first thing in a boot is the last. No one has been able to hear the bark of a dogwood tree.

Life is short, but it is not half so short

Pat hit it about right when he spoke o

the Church sociable as " so-shyable." In old times parents broughtchildren up, Some claim that the pulley is the oldest mechanical invention, but probably the

crowbar has a pryer claim. "I wouldn't be a fool, if I were you," you wouldn't be a fool," was the reply. "We will now sing the 320th hymn,"

purity to the blood, and tone to the whole dropping a banana skin at the head of the see you plainly among the other lawyers, stairs and then stepping on it.

I hear it going down the streets,
I hear it in the shops.
No matter where I go, that word Always on my ear drops.

Chestnuts. It I but talk of the weather, And say it's a fine day, I'm sure to hear a freezing laugh, And all around me say,

If I remark that times are hard, And strikes are frequent, too, Of course, I hear some person say! "Why, that news is not new." "Chestnuts."

And say the little game Of Edward Blake is falling through, The auswer's just the same,

"Chestnuts."

Should I talk of war, and say that This peace shall not remain, Some one will give a weaty yawn And answer me again. "Chestnuts."

From ev'ry lip, 'most ev'ry hour. I hear it with a group, I never from it can get a rest. Until I also moan, "Chestnuts."

-By Maude L Ranford.

A Beecher Letter, A most interesting and characteristic letter from Henry Ward Beecher is found in from 220 to 150 at a stroke, and the law Republic. It was written in 1378 for the celebration of Memorial Day services in Booth's theatre, in New York; It was at the close of the first year of President Hayes's term, and partisan feeling growing out of the electoral contest of 1877 was intense. General N. P. Banks was the orator of the day. General Sharman had been persuaded to be present at the parade and to make an address at the meeting. It was the occasion when the National Guard first acted as an escort to the Grand Army of the Ropublic, and the ovations General Sherman received along the whole line of parade were perhaps the most demonstrative and impressive ever heard in this city. The great theatre was crowded, and Mr. Beecher was present and opened the evenng ceremonies' with a most impressive prayer. Subsequently it was decided to publish the proceedings in pamphlet form, and a letter was sent to Mr. Beecher re-

> acteristic reply ; PEERSKILL, July 11, 1878. Gen. N. A. Barnom, Grand Murshall, etc. You request me to send you my prayer made on Decoration day evening. If you will send me the notes of the driole that whistled from the top of my trees last June, or the irulescent globes that came in by millious on the last waves that rolled in on the beach yesterday, or a segment of the rainbow of last week, or the perfume of the first violet that blossomed last May, I will also send you the prayer that rose to my lips with the occasion and left me forever. I hope it went heavenward and was registered; in which case the only record of it will be found in heaven.

juesting him to furnish the text to his

exhortation. The following was his char-

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Very truly yours,

Compensation.

Are brewers and distillers to be compensated when Prohibition is carried? Others go further and say they must! Why? The have made lots of money hand over fist. The original Gooderham was a very poor, hardworking man, glad to shoulder a sack of grain and pick up a quarter in any honest way. What has made the diffe ence? Whiskey has made the whole tribe "carriege people," while it has corsed and beggared and bedevilled thousands of those. who have been fools enough to purchase the vile decoction. It is the same thing all over. Why should such people be compensated for having made their fortunes, and made them at the expense of the country? They never had anything but a yearly license. Does a man who gets such a license forthwith have a vested right in it? Truly we are a wonderful people. I

A Business Pointer

soul, body and estate by the abominable

traffic, which law has licensed. The im-

pudence of such a proposal is too great.

It would be more like the thing to fine

them, rather than compensate them .-

Keep your troubles and your failures to ourself: the world cares nothing for them Let your successes be known. 'Twill help to advertise you, for people worship proserity. No great prize is won without a severe struggle, no matter how atrong appearance may be to the contrary. With every business "knock out," pick yourself up with the determination to have one more 'round." That's the kind of push which will win single-handed, or where other qualities are wanting. Do not be content with that self-satisfied feeling that you are " about as smart as they make 'em." Ex amine yourself and see if you are really making as sturdy an effort for business as you ought .- Ameridan Storekeeper.

"Plain" and "Conspicuous."

The following interesting conversation occurred between ah attorney and a witness in a case in which a certain tree played a pronunent part:-Lawyer : "Did you see this tree near the road-side?" Witness: "Yos, sir; I saw it very plainly?" Lawyer: "It was very conspicuous, then?" said Jones to a friend. "If you were me | Witness: "Well, I can't say that. I saw the tree very plainly, though. Lawyer: ness. Interfering horses carefully shod and | work. And mother's hands are so sore Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, which puts | said the minister at the close of a spathetic | it was plain, it was pla a stop to the torments of Dyspepsia, renews funeral sermon. "It was a favourite of is the difference between plain and conspiouous? Answer that, will you?" "Well" People who don't know what a toboggan replied the witness "it is this-I come into builds up failing health and strength, gives | slide is can get a pretty accurate idea by | this court-room and glance over the bar. I

although you ain't a bit conspicuous."