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rounding country that we are again in full
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ness, I feel that I can guarantee all custom-
ers who favor me with their patronage,
perfect satisfaction.
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poultry, fish, etc., in season, will be found
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ronage.
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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, 1887.
POETRY.

THE STORY OF GRUMBLE TONE.

There was a boy named Grumble tone, who
ran away to sea,
I'm sick of things on land," he said, "as
stuck as I can be!
A life upon the bounding wave will suit
me like me!"

He wandered into foreign lands, he saw
each wondrous sight,
But nothing he had heard or seen seemed
just exactly right.
And so he journeyed on and on, still seek-
ing for delight.

He talked with kings and ladies fair, he
dined in courts, they say,
But always found the people dull, and long,
and so he journeyed on, still seeking
for delight.

To search for that mysterious land where
he should like to stay.
He wandered over all the world, his hair
gray with his snow,
He roached that final bourne at last, where
all of us must go.

But never found the land he sought, the
reason would you know?
The reason was, that north or south,
wherever his steps were bent,
On land or sea, in court or hall, he found
himself discontent.

For he took his disposition with him every-
where he went.

OUR STORY.
The Pretty Shop Girl.

"Unusually pretty girl; a carriage equal
to Eugenie's—the very poetry of motion,"
said Darcy Stockton, a young exquisite,
came in hand, and a cigar between the
glowed fingers of the other, looked critically
at the regal figure of a young woman who
passed slowly by, evidently versed with
her work.

"Yes, John, I've a mind to follow her
and see where she lives. Those dark,
drooping eyes and that oval face are just
what I want for my Madonna. I would be
willing to pay her well for a few sittings.
Come on. What a pity she is only a shop
girl!"

Darcy didn't take the trouble to look
into his companion's face; but he does so
he would have discovered a sort of ominous
knock-a-fellow-down expression which
would have effectually deterred him from
further confidence.

"There she goes round the corner of
Duane; and she goes in!" as the subject
of his inspection walked into a rickety hall-
way. "There is no telling about this.
Rather awkward to call for a girl at such a
place, especially when a fellow doesn't
know her name; but I must have her for
a few sittings, at all events, and at any
hazard."

The gentlemen separated, each to cogi-
tate on the same subject, but as differently
as two natures so differently constituted
would be likely to.

"Not a sitting, Darcy Stockton, shall
that girl give you?" muttered John.
John Blake was thoroughly acquainted
with the man he had to deal with—had
previous occasion to note his indomitable
perseverance when a pretty woman was the
object of his pursuit, and realized that to
be master of the situation he must proceed
to business immediately. So, without more
ado, John Blake presented himself at the
door of the old tumble-down stairs in Duane
street.

An old man, bent and unshaven, opened
the door.
"Please tell me, sir, the name of the
young lady who lives here," said John, re-
spectfully.

"There's only one family besides me
and my old woman that lives on this floor;
their name is Stockton. I don't know any
of the folks above. There's two of 'em—
the young women, one on 'em in consump-
tion. That's the door," and the old man
limped away.

John Blake's heart thumped wildly
against his breast. Once he had a mind
to turn back. What should he say? How
introduce himself? The same Stockton!
Curious coincidence. His timid knock
was answered by the young lady herself. The
rich blood mounted to cheek and brow as
she stood, secretly aware of what under
the circumstances was the proper thing to
do—invite the gentleman in or inquire his
business at the door; but hospitality con-
quered, and John, twisting his hat around
his fingers, a great lump in his throat all
most choking him, as he noted a young
lady about the same age as the one he was
addressing, and very much resembling her,
propped up with pillows, her large, dark,
spirituelle eyes gazing wistfully at him.

"I have come, ladies," said John, put-
ting on a bold front, endeavoring to swat-
low the troublesome lump, "to see if I
could be of service to you. I understand
your name is Stockton. I am very well
acquainted with a family of Stocktons in
this city."

"Oh, sir," said the invalid, her beautiful
lips trembling, "if you have only brought
us good news. Our father died in Califor-
nia a few months ago—"

"Hush, sister; I will tell him all that is
necessary," said the other, still standing.
"The gentleman will not probably be in-
terested in our history."

"Allow her to go on," said John, with
great dignity. The good fellow drew his
chair a little nearer the bed, and she con-
tinued:

"Like many another California he fell
a victim to apoplexy and lost all his
property. Before he died he gave me a
letter to his brother, Darcy Stockton—"

John jumped nearly out of his chair.
"Commanding us to his care until we

could obtain positions as teachers, for which
we are well qualified. (Oh, sir, we have
looked for him until we could look no
longer, and, finally, after spending all our
money—I became ill, and poor sister Blanche
has to work out every day. If you
know anything of our relatives, for the love
of mercy tell us quickly.")

"In a half hour's time John, with heart
beating wildly, rang at the ad-
mission of the Stocktons.

"Strange to relate, Darcy, just passing
out, opened the door to his friend.
"Bless my heart! John, come in, old
fellow. But what in the world started you
up here?"

"I want to see your mother, Darcy. I
have a couple of cousins of yours in the
carriage there—your uncle William's chil-
dren from California."

"What the dickens do you say? Blanche
and Grace I've heard so much about? Here's
mother. Let's have it all, quick!"
John explained as speedily as possible.

"It's a great pity, Darcy," said John,
on their way to the carriage, "that your
sister Blanche is nothing but a shop girl,
but then, you know, there is no accounting
for the fates of these people."

"What under the skies are you driving
at, John?" inquired Darcy, under his
breath.

But there is no time for explanation.
The invalid was assisted into the house,
and both orphans were lovingly greeted
by their aunt.

John Blake's revenge was complete.
These young ladies were twin sisters, and
under the tender care and nursing of her
aunt, Grace speedily recovered health and
strength, and became, after a year's ac-
quaintance, the wife of John Blake.

"I loved you the first time I saw you,
John," said Grace, when pressed by her
ardent lover to name the day, "so name it
yourself. I shall be satisfied."

Temperance Work.
Over 100 colleges in the United States
have prohibition clubs.

Neither wine, ale, porter nor brandy has
ever been manufactured in Japan.
The sum of \$600,000,000 is spent annu-
ally by Great Britain on intoxicating
liquors.

Prohibition has driven the last saloon
from Sioux City, and closed the last brew-
ery in Iowa.

The temperance papers of the South are
protesting against the manufacture of
"orange wine."

The membership of the Church of Eng-
land Temperance Society is at present not
less than three-quarters of a million.

It was stated at the Alliance meeting in
Exeter hall that 5,000 clergymen of the
Church of England are total abstinents.

Jackson, Miss., is now a "dry" city.
The last saloon disappeared on March 6,
under demand of the Law and Order League.

Some Southern tourists report an in-
crease of 500 per cent. in trade in women's
and children's clothing since the adoption
of prohibition.

The liquor men of New York and Phila-
delphia pay \$20,000 a year to one attorney
to remain in Washington and resist all
temperance legislation.

The Young Conservatives of Pembroke
have placed their club room at the service
of the W.C.T.U. of that place for temper-
ance meetings.

A Popular Cyclopaedia.
A Cyclopaedia which presents concise
and readable biographical sketches together
with choice and characteristic selections
from the writings of eminent authors of all
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every popular demand if its cost were not
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"P. R. S."
"Ah!" said the stranger, "this is a
strange country. There are all sorts of
people here, and it shows how wild and
marginal are the 'vicissitudes of fate.'"
"Yes," said the Californian, "people rise
and fall here. I knew an English baronet
who drove a hack." "Dear me! You
don't talk!" "Yes, and I know a Ger-
man baron who keeps a boothlike stand."

"It's incredible! But look up there. That
is the most curious thing I ever saw."
And he pointed to a sign over an oyster
shop which bore the legend, "Peter Simple,
F. R. S." and underneath, "Oysters."

"Bless me! Bless me! A Fellow of the
Royal Society keeping an oyster saloon!"
"Well, no; that's hardly so strange."
"F. R. S." doesn't mean Fellow of Royal
Society; it means "Fried, Roasted and
Stewed."

—Scotch, English and Canadian sayings
in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

MANUFACTURING
IN A MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY
(BY W. H. STORREY.)

This subject embraces points too num-
erous to discuss successfully in the time at
my disposal, and I shall necessarily be
brief.

It may be said without question that the
first qualification for success is intelligence.
The successful manufacturer of this, or
any other country, may ascribe their suc-
cess very largely to this qualification. An
undoubted verification of this assertion
may be seen in the remarkable influence
wielded socially, and politically, by the in-
dustrial nations of the earth, noted for
manufacturing supremacy.

Ignorance is nowhere more fatal to
success than in the different branches of
industrial pursuits, striving for a foothold
against the keen competition of the nine-
teenth century. In the matter of intelli-
gence, I do not consider as alone essential
the culture of the scholastic institutions
with which our country is favored. But a
thorough knowledge of the business to be
conducted, in all its primary details.
There must be the mind for application
and detail, indeed the Alpha and Omega
of many of our manufacturers may be
summed up in this word detail, a disregard
for this important matter may be looked
upon as fatal to success, and this applies
to all departments of the business, without
a single exception. In order therefore to
observe details, there must be diligence and
well directed energy; "Slouch, like rust,
consumes faster than labor wears," and there
are duties which cannot be entrusted to
any but the principal. It is said, if you
would have your work well done, go, if not
send, and there is no class of labor to which
this better applies than a manufacturing
enterprise. Therefore, the successful
manufacturer must be diligent.

Another primary factor of success is prob-
ity of character, and the character of the
goods, to secure respectful consideration at
the hands of the mercantile classes, must
bear the honorable impress of well made
goods. Whether the class of goods pro-
duced be of an inferior or high grade, they
certainly should be the very best of their
class. A house noted for honest well made
goods will thrive, where others fail, from a
word of regard to this important particular.
The successful manufacturer aims at the
highest state of perfection in his products,
and there is no question of its being the
surest method of securing the results
sought, and a verification of the well worn
proverb, "Honesty is the best policy." To
be successful implies a close study of the
wants of the trade—hence the successful
manufacturer must be cosmopolitan in
character, and searchingly investigate his
customers, wants, otherwise, he will find at
the end of the season, he has mistaken the
demand, his warehouse stocked with un-
popular goods which, too often, are sacrificed
at a loss. The question of cheapness is a
secondary matter if the goods have not in-
trinsic value, and he who hopes to succeed
by deluding himself with the belief that
the sacrifice to do will yield him nothing
but disappointment in return.

To be successful implies method in
management, and aptitude for the business
engaged in. There is perhaps no more
important decision made in life than that
of deciding (not by inclination) but by
aptitude and capacity for the business con-
templated. How many wrecks are stranded
on life's shoals from a disregarded
capacity for the conducting of a business
the commercial bulletins of our country
amply attest.

The question of attention to the minutest
details of an customer's order is of the ut-
most importance. It is certainly much
easier to obtain a customer than to retain
him, where the disposition is absent to
study his interests. There is no class of
people on the broad earth better entitled to
rank and file of intelligent Canadian buy-
ers—and it is certainly of first importance
to study their interests and thus secure
their hearty co-operation in the develop-
ment of Canadian industry.

In every department of manufacture,
but especially in every description of goods
done up in packages, the utmost neatness,
taste, and skill should be exhibited; but
judgment is nowhere more visible, and
gone more keenly criticized than in the
packing department of the manufacturer's
business. Indeed, the buyer's first impres-
sion of the goods is very often taken from
the neatness, or want of it, surrounding the
packing of his goods. It matters little
what care may be taken in the manufac-
ture of the article itself, or what merit the
goods may possess, a want of care and
neatness in this section of the business will
meet a just reproof from the merchant,
and in nine cases out of ten condemn at
first sight the best productions.

The question of a profit is of sufficient
importance to command a place in this
paper owing to the keen and too often
senseless competition prevailing at the
present day. The belief seems to be cur-
rent with a certain class, that to be a man-
ufacturer must be the sure road to
wealth and opulence. How often is this
delusive idea the means of bringing into
competition with legitimate trade, and I
may add by way of parenthesis (narrowed
profits), a class of persons totally unfitted
to meet it, and who after a bitter though
wholesome experience, and with disappoint-
ment and the loss of means invested, I
fear that an intelligent estimate of the cost
of the article produced, together with the
cost of conducting the business, is too
often wanting in those who give the great-
est trouble to legitimate business.

In estimating the cost of an article it is
of importance that the utmost care should
attach to every detail of its primary com-
position. No assumption as to the cost of
this or that should be permitted, or indeed

too sanguine a view of the cost of any
article embodied therein.

Having obtained the primary cost of the
article, including labor, there are legiti-
mate loadings which it should bear. If
the business is an established one, and not
extravagantly conducted, the expenses of
conducting it the previous year should be
ascertained, and a searching analysis of
the following accounts made: salaries; in-
surance; rent; interest on capital; dis-
count, fuel, light, and general expense
account. Now it should be ascertained
what per centage these accounts in the
aggregate have borne during the preceding
year; to the amount of business done.
Having so discovered the lawful expenses
of conducting the business let it be a factor
in the estimated cost of the article before
striking a per centage for profit.

I am well convinced that without the
closest examination and scrutiny of these
details, there can be no regard for exact-
ness, the absence of which leads to loose-
ness and want of economy, either of which
are fatal to success.

I can not discuss this paper without advert-
ing to another important factor necessary
to success, and that is the hearty co-opera-
tion of our operatives. How many indus-
tries have been arrested in their develop-
ment by some "unseen" dispute between
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