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CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Let politicians rule their hill,
And poker print what passes will.
The common folk on either side
Of the invisible divide—
Canada's sons are provident working mates.

Each with an continental task,
A neighbor's helping hand we ask.
Each under heavy burdens bent
We bear our load with a glad heart,
Each holding Britain mother-dear,
We ask a brother's loving cheer.

Three thousand miles without a fort,
What confidence does that import?
The path the world has built for all
There's not a single who's afraid!
And now, with 'muth' an' 'treasure,
A blessed country of peat!

Both are the heirs of boundless wealth
And of naturally nation-healthy.
We give our all to health and hands,
To honest poor of other lands.
The same high hopes of splendid
And growth—world-wide service move us
both.

Now on our lengthened border-line
We give but ungrilled contributions—
But we're still here, and still stand by.
That's—"Who goes there?"—A friend!

And let us to all nations prove
That nations can as brothers love.

—Amos H. Wells.

DOING TWO THINGS AT ONCE.

It is very difficult indeed for ordinary people to do two things at once, especially when they are unable to dictate several letters at once, and many famous chess players are unable to conduct a score of games, moving from table to table and keeping the pieces in play, and without letting one game become confused with the other!

Most of us, too, can carry on a considerable amount of simple manual work, such as cleaning windows or sawing a piece of wood without the one thing interfering with the other. And it is quite possible to walk along a road, talking, thinking, and doing absolutely unconnected with the act of walking—it does automatically.

When both tasks require real attention, however, few can manage more than one thing at a time.

A simple experiment will illustrate. How many people can draw with one hand, while with the left hand and a circle—with the right, using both hands simultaneously?

This, however, is a simple task compared with the feats accomplished by a girl who has been tested by English scientists.

Not only can she write simultaneously different words with both hands, but can write simultaneously with one hand and feed with the other.

Another performance, demonstrated before scientific observers, was the writing with three separate pieces of chalk, while holding them held between her teeth. On other occasions three messages have been written at the same time in English, French and German.

She is also a clever artist, and finds no difficulty in painting a picture with one hand whilst she plays the piano with the other.

THE INDIAN'S PSALM

The Indian language is not easily subject to translation, and their intercourses with one another the various tribes use a sign language, more or less universal, which they have evolved.

The following is a translation of the Twenty-third Psalm, which can easily be interpreted by this sign language:

The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief, I am His, and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love, and He draws me to where the rope is green and the water is not dangerous and I eat and He down satisfied.

“Satisfied my heart is very well, as fall down, but lifts it up again, and draws me into a good road. His name is Wonderful.

Some time, it may be very soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time. He will lead me through the mountains. It is dark there, but I'll draw back not. I'll be afraid not, for it is in there between those mountains, Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He sends a stark to lead on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hands upon my head, and all the “fired” is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over.

“What I tell you is true, I've nothing. These roads that are “away, ahead” will stay with me through this life, in the “Big Tap” go down with the Shepherd Chief forever—Missionary Review of the World.

HIS BUSINESS FOUNDED ON PENSIONS

When our son was a lad of ten years, I suggested to my husband the idea of raising onion plants to sell to people living in the next town. We did so. He had moved to the city a few years before to a little “country” place and because of John's impaired health, we took up gardening as an occupation, so as to help him in making a living. We worked at this for some years with increasing success but I wanted also some way for Son to make a little money for his “very own.” So that he could earn a little value of money and how best to use it for necessity and pleasure.

When I suggested going into part-time business, I had growing flower plants for the house, so I said to my husband, “I think we could raise our stock and there should double our sales the second year.”

Twelve years have passed. The boy is now a young man and a full partner in the business, and the greenhouses to manage and a continued growing demand for the products.

“Well, we should not despise the old and the beginning. In the most wonderful and successful structure there must be the laying of the first stone.”

HARD ON THE LAWYER

One afternoon a stranger debarked from a train at a bustling “town in the West” and headed up the street. Finally he met a man who looked like a lawyer.

“Excuse me,” said this stranger, “are you a ‘resident of this town?’

“Yes, sir,” was the ready reply of the other. “I have been here something like fifty years. What can I do for you?”

“I am looking for a criminal lawyer,” responded the stranger. “Have you one here?”

“We think we have, but we can't prove it to him.”



The Pioneers.

Our fathers toiled, but in a glorious fight
The sons of nations led them by the hand;
With pillars smoke by day and fire by night.
They fought like heroes in their promised land;

Theirs was conquered by their might;

They made for God the marvel we had planned—

A land where where toll could make men free;

The final masterpiece of Destiny.

—Peter McArthur.

CREWSON CORNER MEMORIES

I stated in my last contribution that I heard in the Dryden house on July 1st, 1914, that Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hopkins, of Guelph, were to be married in the “Circles of Action,” which as a matter of fact was launched two days previously, viz., on July 1, I also suggested a possible divergence with some reference to the Circles.

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