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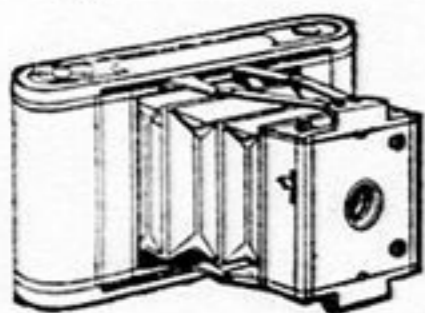
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Owning to the necessity of breaking the new land, the lack of capital and the distance from markets, many settlers in the North West naturally find the first few years rather trying. In order to assist the pioneer farmers to keep a few dairy cows which yield a modest cash income monthly, the Dairy Divisions of the Dominion Department of Agriculture several years ago established a number of creameries under government control. At the present time there are eighteen creameries of this sort in operation in the Territories, situated at Calgary, Innisfail, Edmonton, Tinastoll, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Blackfalds and Lacombe in the Territory of Alberta, at Churchbridge, Moose Jaw, Whitewood, Regina, Moomsion, Saltcoats, South Qu'Appelle and Grenfell in the Territory of Saskatchewan. Three creameries of the creameries formerly managed were closed by the Department of 1902, owing to the lack of sufficient patronage. The failure of the farmers in these districts to support the creameries does not appear to arise from any lack of confidence in the dairy business, but simply because they are now in a position to go into stock raising and grain growing, and because they prefer the latter means of livelihood. The changes of the past few years have altered the aspect of farming operations in many parts of the Northwest. Last year five carloads of butter from the government creameries were exported to Great Britain, one carload was sold for export to Queensland, Australia, and shipments were also made to China, Japan and the Yukon. The remainder was disposed in the local and British Columbia markets.

Up to October 1st of this year the output of butter from the government creameries exceeded that of last year by 100,000 pounds. The increase has been mainly in Alberta. This year all the butter has been taken by the markets of Western Canada, or has been exported to the Orient, none have been shipped to Great Britain. The exhibit of Canadian dairy products at the great Japanese Exposition at Osaka was an excellent advertisement and has already borne fruit; three new customers for butter have already been secured by the Department in that country as a direct result of that exhibition. The trade in butter for the Orient is for the European residents there and not for the natives, and Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Chief of the Dairy Division, hopes also to develop an extensive trade with the warships touching at Nagasaki for coal. It is a good thing that this trade with the Orient has been worked up by the government creameries, as it requires some financing and could scarcely be handled so well by private enterprise; as it is necessary to have every facility for studying the markets and also to be in a position to ship at once on receipt of cablegram. In the case of trade with the warships for instance; they sometimes stay several weeks at this coaling station and in that time it would be possible to get a supply of fresh butter to them from Canada. Part of the butter shipped this season, especially in the summer months, went forward in tins, but a considerable quantity has also been sent in boxes of assorted sizes. It stands the journey very well in the latter, and has been reported in very good condition on arrival. The Yukon trade is increasing, and shipments have been made to that district in boxes also.

Collecting Eggs.

In connection with the system of creameries, the Department has adopted the plan of collecting eggs from the farmers of the Territories and holding them in storage. It worked well the first season and has improved ever since, but greater improvement is noticeable, in the eggs this year than ever before. The plan adopted is as follows:—Each creamery patron has a number and he is required to mark this number in pencil on all the eggs he supplies. No driver will except the eggs without the number being on. These eggs are held at the creamery for a short time and then sent in refrigerator cars with the butter to the storage at Calgary. There all the eggs are examined and classified by an expert who has the egg lists in front of him, and every farmer is credited with the exact number of each class of eggs he has sent. The Department advances fifteen cents per dozen on the eggs at the time they are received and later the farmer gets the balance according to the classification. This year the average price to the farmer will be just about twenty cents per dozen for the season or fully double what could have been obtained locally. About 30,000 dozen will be handled. Last year 21,000 dozen were handled and the town of Calgary consumed them all. Shipping first class eggs greatly increases increases consumption, and it will be some time before this trade can possibly be crowded, because there is a market in the Kootenay and an ever growing market in the North-West Territories.

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Settling Under Difficulties.

BY ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

Strangers visiting the beautiful city of Burlington have not failed to notice that one of the handsomest young men they meet is very bald, and they fall into the usual error of attributing this premature baldness to dissipation. But such is not the case. This young man, one of the most exemplary Bible class scholars in the city, went to a Baptist sociable out on West Hill one night about two years ago. He escorted three charming girls, with angelic countenances and human appetites, out to the refreshment table, let them eat all they wanted, and then found he had left his pocketbook at home, and a deaf man that he had never seen before at the cashier's desk. The young man, with his face aflame, bent down and said softly:—
"I am ashamed to say I have no change with—"
"Hey?" shouted the cashier.
"I regret to say," the young man repeated on a little louder key, "that I have unfortunately come away without any change to—"
"Change two?" chirped the old man.
"Oh, yes, I can change five if you want it."

"No," the young man explained in a terrible, penetrating whisper, for half a dozen people were crowding up behind him, impatient to pay their bills and get away. "I don't want any change, because—"
"Oh, don't want no change?" the deaf man cried, gleefully. "Blessed to be, blessed to be. 'Taint often we get such generous donations. Pass over your bill."
"No, no," the young man explained, "I have no funds—"
"Oh, yes, plenty of fun," the deaf man replied, growing tired of the conversation and noticing the long line of people waiting with money in their hands, "but I haven't got time to talk about it now. Settle and move on."
"But," the young man gasped out, "I have no money—"
"Go Monday?" queried the deaf cashier. "I don't care when you go; you must pay and let these other people come up."

"I have no money!" the mortified young man shouted, ready to sink into the earth, while the people all around him, and especially the three girls he had treated, were giggling and chuckling audibly.
"Owe money?" the cashier said, "of course you do; \$2.75."
"I can't pay!" the youth screamed, and by turning his pocket inside out and yelling his poverty to the heavens, he finally made the deaf man understand. And then he had to shriek his full name three times, while his ears fairly rang with the half-stifled laughter that was breaking out all around him; and he had to scream out where he worked, and roar when he would pay, and he couldn't get the deaf man to understand him until some of the church members came up to see what the uproar was, and recognizing their young friend, made it all right with the cashier. And the young man went out into the night and clubbed himself, and shred his locks away until he was bald as an egg.

Magnetized by Lightning.

Among the curious effects ascribed to lightning is the magnetization of parts of rocks struck by it, says the Detroit Tribune. The existence of such magnetized rocks has long been known, but the supposition that their condition was due in many cases to lightning has only recently been confirmed by a curious observation of Dr. Folgerwater among the walls of ancient buildings on the Campagna near Rome. He found strongly magnetic points and zones in the walls, precisely like those occasionally encountered in rocks. The fact that the magnetization often included more than one block of stone in the wall was regarded as proving that the magnetic property had been acquired after the building was erected, and the agency of lightning was indicated by neighboring cracks in the walls.

Dissipating Fog by Electricity.

It is thought by many that the time is not far distant when fog and the smoke in the atmosphere of large cities will be dissipated by electricity. Already a patent has been taken out in Germany for an apparatus for smoke prevention by means of wires stretched inside a flue or chimney and rendered incandescent by an electric current. This simple method will consume the blackest smoke, but at present it is much too expensive for practical use.

Enough to Kill.

Doctor—I see what the matter is. It's dyspepsia. All you have to do is to laugh heartily before and after each meal.
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BARS TO MATRIMONY

FEAR KEEPS MANY MEN FROM THE BLISS OF WEDDED LIFE.

Some Instances of a Lack of Sufficient Pluck to Take the Fatal Trip to the Altar—Various Reasons That All Spell "Afraid."

"There is a great deal of speculation," said a well known lawyer, "as to why men are so reluctant to marry, but one reason never seems to occur to the speculators, and that is that many of them are afraid to. No, I am not joking. It is a sober and well considered statement of fact, for which I can adduce as many proofs as you want, that many men would almost as soon think of patting a fierce bull on the head or facing the midnight burglar as taking a trip to the altar."
"I remember as a boy an amusing specimen of this kind of man in Iowa. He was a farmer and was as notorious for his amorous entanglements as for his ingenuity in getting out of them when marriage began to loom near. It was said he had been engaged a dozen times, and though he left all his fiancées in the lurch he never found any difficulty in getting a successor. One day my father, who was his lawyer, asked him: 'Why don't you get married, John? It isn't for want of opportunities, you know, and it's quite time you thought of settling down.'"
"Well, sir," John answered, "it's this way: You see, I like cooing well enough, but I can never summon up pluck to go any further. To tell you the truth, I'm afraid of getting tied for life to one of 'em."

"If you have heard many breach of promise suits you will have observed that this wholesome dread of matrimony is the cause of a good proportion of them, though all the defendants have not the courage to say so.
"One client of mine had allowed matters to proceed right to the eve of the wedding day, when he disappeared mysteriously and was not discovered for some months. The young lady promptly sued him for damages for breach, and at the hearing the reason for his conduct came out. He admitted that he was fond of the girl, but sundry exhibitions of her temper and jealousy which he had witnessed had so scared him that he simply hadn't the courage to marry her. 'I meant to marry her right enough,' he said, 'but when it came to the point my courage failed me, and I thought it safer to bolt.'

"In another case in which a widow sued a widower for playing her false the defendant put in a singular plea. It seems that the widow's family strongly objected to the match, and as passive opposition was useless to prevent it one of the sons, a stalwart young fellow, called on the middle aged wooer and told him that if he persisted in his suit he (the son) would give him such a thrashing as would effectually cure him of any further sentiment. 'So what could I do?' the defendant pathetically asked.

"The more one sees behind the scenes the more one realizes that there is often a great deal to be said for the man who loves and runs away. One of my clients a few years ago found himself in an awkward quandary. He had engaged himself to three girls at different times and, having canceled his engagements with two, was on the eve of marrying No. 3. No sooner was his intention known than the two jilted ladies threatened him with legal proceedings if he persisted in his proposed marriage, and the favored lady in turn threatened a similar fate if he didn't.

"Here was a dilemma, for whatever he did would end unpleasantly. However, like a prudent man, he decided to run the smaller risk. He pacified his two former fiancées by canceling his engagement and prepared to face the music of the third lady.
"The mother-in-law is often a fatal disturber of love's young dream. One breach of promise defendant declared that he would willingly have married the plaintiff only he couldn't stand her mother at any price, and the prospect of having his married happiness disturbed by her interference so scared him that he decided it was more prudent to break off the engagement, while another frail lover actually stated in court that he was afraid to marry the plaintiff lest she should 'grow up like her mother,' whose 'tongue and temper' had shown him some of the less desirable possibilities of married life.

"One man whom I defended last year seems to have had a constitutional dread of matrimony. He had been engaged to the plaintiff no less than nine years. Four times the wedding day had been fixed, and as many times it was adjourned by his wish. Finally he cried off altogether, and in court he declared that, although he loved the girl, he felt he could never screw up the courage to marry her. When he was asked the reason for his diffidence he said that he had seen so much of the unhappy side of married life and the difference between wooing and wedding that he didn't feel equal to running the risk.

"These are but a few from scores of similar cases which have come within my own knowledge. One man feared to face matrimony on account of his fiancée's extravagance, another quaintly confessed a horror of his wife's cooking and domestic gifts generally, a third defendant was afraid to wed because a distant relative of his lady-love had died in an asylum, and so on. But, whatever the cause, you may take my word for it that the men who are downright afraid to take wives are legion."

Careful.

"Bridget, can I trust you with the china?"
"Sure ye can, ma'am. O'll save every piece."—Life.

A Valuable Book.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once entered the private office of Mr. James T. Fields, the publisher, on an errand. He had a book done up in paper under his arm. As he was going out he suddenly turned and said:
"I have here a most wonderful book. It is worth in money value any other book in Boston. In fact, it is worth a whole library. If it could be properly edited and illustrated, as I would do it, it would be worth the whole public library put together."

Nodding authoritatively, he shut the door, leaving those in the office looking at one another, too bewildered for conjecture. Presently the door opened again quietly, and Dr. Holmes put in his head, his face bubbling over with amusement, and said:
"Oh, I forgot to tell you what book this is. It is Nat Thayer's checkbook."

Then he shut the door. Mr. Thayer was understood at that time to be the richest man in Boston.

Are You Left Eyed or Right Eyed?

There are but few ambidexters either in the matter of hands, feet or eyes. It may sound rather queer, but it is a fact nevertheless, that ninety-five out of every hundred human beings are right handed, left legged and left eyed.

Felix Hement remarked that it is an established fact that we all use one eye more than we do the other, which establishes as clear a case of "left and right eyedness" as though the same terms were used to denote a preference in the use of hands and feet.

If you want to decide as to whether your friends or relatives are right or left eyed give them a small telescope or spyglass to look through or have them take aim with a gun. We all take great interest in ascertaining the color, size, shape and visual powers of our children's eyes, but how many of us stop to consider whether they are right or left eyed?

How Naval Officers Are Betrayed.

"You see that man pacing up and down while he waits for the car?" said the nautical looking man to a group of bystanders. "Well, I'll bet anything he's a naval officer."

"How do you know?" asked one of his audience.

"By his well kept hands I know he's not a merchant seaman. They work too hard. But, just the same, he's a seafaring man. Whenever you see a man pacing like that make up your mind he has paced the poop or quarter deck on many a night watch.

"I've paced a watch of four hours in a space that allowed only three steps and a shove each way. You have to do it to keep awake. I can tell that quarter deck pace in others because I've got it myself."

Fresh Air and Sound Health.

There are many persons who seem afraid of the fresh air. A little rain, a little wind, a little fog, a little chill in the air will keep them within doors. Going out, they bundle up in clothes so thickly that one would think they were tender shrubs transplanted from some more genial clime. The healthy people, however, are not the health cranks, not the people who run to the doctor every time they feel an ache. They are the people who walk a great deal in the fresh air, who live in the open as much as they can and who take a vacation in the country every year.

A Singular Forest.

The most singular forest growth in the world is encountered in the Falkland islands, a dismal region constantly swept by a strong polar wind. What appears to be weather worn and moss covered boulders are scattered about, and when one of these curious objects is seized in an attempt to overturn it strong roots are found to hold it down, these "boulders" being, in fact, native trees which the wind has forced to assume this shape. The wood appears to be a twisted mass of fibers almost impossible to cut up into fuel.

A Barnum Story.

A story is told of the meeting of Matthew Arnold with Mr. P. T. Barnum, the great showman, in America. Mr. Arnold when introduced said how proud he felt at making the acquaintance of a man with a worldwide reputation. "Ah, Mr. Arnold," said Barnum, "we are both public men, but the difference between you and me is that you are a notability, while I am only a notoriety."

Such Cases Are Serious Sometimes.

Late one evening a doctor received a note from a couple of fellow practitioners saying:

"Pray step across to the club. We are one short for a game of poker."

"Emly, dear," he then said to his wife, "I am called away again. It appears to be a very serious case, for there are two doctors already in attendance."

Advantages of Black.

Little Bobby (whose mamma is very particular and is always telling him to wash his face and hands)—Mummy, dear, I do wish I was a little black boy.
Mamma—My dear Bobby, you generally are.

Little Bobby—Oh, I mean really black. Then you wouldn't see when I was dirty.—Punch.

Servants in China.

A rich man's servant in China gets no salary, yet many are the applicants; while big salaries are paid to the servants of the common people, but few make application. The perquisites of the former often more than triple the salaries of the latter.

The first step to knowledge is to know that we are ignorant.—Cecll.

The wise man is cured of ambition by ambition.—La Bruyere.

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