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TORONTO, ONT.

In spite of all the disparaging re- always say it comes from the other marks that people on this side of the side. But the truth is that his hu-Atlantic make about the alleged mor contains all that is best in the slowness of the English and Scotch humor of both hemispheres."

morists visited the old country they the customs and immigration offi- and mysterious thing "the city." Behind the Beyond" and "Sunshine them was rudely unbuckled, while Sketches," have had such a big sale the lid of the other was actually lift. with in England and Scotland that he was ed at least four inches. The trunks other side, and I understand that his chalk, the lids slammed to, and that lecture trip last winter was very suc- was all. Not one of the officials Tickets and full information from cessful. Leading literary men in seemed to care to look at my things J. P. Hanley, C.P. and T.A., G.T. Ry., England greeted him as a brother or to have the politeness to pretend beloved and Sir Owen Seaman, editor to want to. I had arranged my dress of Punch, did him the honor to act suit and my pylamas so as to make as chairman at his first public ap- as effective a display as possible; a pearance in London. With a shrewd- New York customs officer would have ness characteristic of an expert in been delighted with it. Here they economics, Prof. Leacock has capital- simply passed it over. "'Do open ized his British tour by recording his this trunk,' I asked one of the offiimpressions in a book, "My Discov- cials, 'and see my pyjamas,' 'I den't ery of England" (S. Cundy, Toron- think it is necessary, sir,' the man to), which will probably net him as answered. There was a coldness

> Lethargy of Immigration Men. The immigration officials showed no curiosity whatever regarding the humorist's ancestors, physical oddities, or political views: "' Do you want to know,' I asked one of them. whether I am a polygamist ?" sir,' he said very quietly, 'Would you like me to tell you whether I am fundamentally opposed to any and every system of government?' The man seemed mystified. 'No. sir.' he said. 'I don't know that I would.' you care ?' I asked. 'Well, not par-Sir Owen Seaman's Swimming Feat. ticularly, 'sir,' he answered. I was Before passing on to the subject- determined to arouse him from his

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come in all right, he answered."

Daylight Saving as Practised in

In giving his impressions of London, Professor Leacock pretends to adopt the point of view of an unlettered American. Artemus Ward said that the tower of London was "a sweet boon"; Leacock says "it is the denied that the works of Artemus Brutality of Liverpool Customs Offi- principal penitentiary of the city, where Queen Victoria was imprisonceived greater eurogies in London Every traveller to the old country ed for many years." He heard many then in New York. And when hu- is impressed by the carelessness of Londoners talking about that strange were accorded a royal welcome. cials. The former, politely enquire am still unable," he says, "to de-Sooner or fater all American humar-, whether you have any spirits or to- cide whether the city is a person, or ists go on lecture tours to the old bacco in your luggage and pass every- a place, or a thing. But as a form country to be lionized there. It was thing else; the latter are even more of being I give it credit for being the appear through the clouds. The London winter is, however, one which belongs rather to the tech-

The Purity of English Politics.

grand to get such quick results. Re- A Bouquet For the Humorous Scot. of the hall and was laughlag uproar- ed, or a place secured in the front In his chapters on "Business in jously. All of a sudden i realized ranks of screen. Incidentally ing to England"? Professor Leacock man had collapsed sideways on to that immorality is fostered, or in injects amid his fun some of his own the floor; a little group of men gahapters of his book, "We Have out, a silent inert mass. As in duty With Us To-night" and "Have the bound I went right on with my lec-English Any Sense of Humor?" In ture. But my heart beat high with the former he gives some very funny satisfaction. I was sure that I sketches of chairmen and his own ex- killed him. The reader may judge periences in being introduced by how high these hopes rose when a them both in Canada and in Eng- moment or two later a note land. In the last chapter he de- handed to the chairman who clares that audiences are much the asked me to pause for a moment in same on both sides of the Atlantic my lecture and stood up and asked. and he goes out of his way to combat 'Is there a doctor in the audience?' the assertion that the Scotch are A doctor rose and silently went out. not keen at seeing a joke. He thinks The lecture continued; but there was that the more intelligent people are no more laughter; my aim had now the quicker they are to apreciate humor and as the Scotch are "a truly educated people in the sense of having acquired interest in books and a respect for learning," there is no better audience in the world for a humorous lecturer than one in Glasgow or Edinburgh. So the old standing joke about the Scotch lack of a sense of humor is mere nonsense.

> The Big Man With the Melon Face. ical things to tell us concerning his responsible for more deaths, especialtrials as a lecturer. He hates people who listen in stolid silence. "I find," he says, "that wherever I go the City of Toronto alone, in the past there is always seated in the audi- five years out of 1008 deaths of childon the market for the past 77 years. and has been proven to be the best that all other lecturers have the same experience. Wherever they go the B., writes:-"Dr. Fowler's Extract ficial histories are almost always as there. He never laughs; an matter four of my children when all other if the people all around him are con- remedies failed. It stopped the Booth Tarkington, who, according vulsed with laughter, he sits there which they were troubled. I will almovelist in the United States, has exknow. Why he comes to lectures I emergency."

him in the corridor. It had been althey knew it. They were aware that 'What you mean is something y the humors of the House of Parlia- rather gloomy evening; the audi- if they started laughing they might cughtn't to have. The character ment, is his reference to the custom ence had hardly laughed at all; and die. In a few minutes a second note make their own plot—all the of "asking questions" in the Com- I know nothing sadder than a hum- was handed to the chairman. He there should be. Think of them mons. He hits off the House of orous lecture without laughter. The announced very gravely, 'A second their relation to one another, a When they meet they are said to ing that to-night.' His tone of syn-announcement. It came. A new nancy that makes a plot unusual, no

STRAIGHT

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and then adjourn for two years." tion. This much, however, know read it, he recovered. I sent back ter; they are lacking in structura Speaking of the purity of English to look at him from the platform is next morning from London a telepolitics, he says the main difference fatal. One sustained look into his gram of enquiry (I did it in reality politicians will do anything for mon- upon one's lips—the basilisk isn't in tient doing well; is sitting up in bed

tivity'; no danger of relapse." -W. T. ALLISON.

"Souls For Sale."

hundred years and the Reform Bill rubicund face that is seen in coun-brow, midst pain and tears, through tries where they don't have prohibi- all of which the successful artist tion. He was seated near the back must go before proficiency is attainauthor combats the erroneous idea serious views on economics. He is thered about him; they lifted him up thing to which the actors and acat his best, however, in the last two and I could see them carrying him tresses are peculiarly exposed. In the stern realities of film production the very best is demanded of those elected to interpret the various parts of the theme presented, and only chose possessing superior qualifications attain the distinction of stars. In this story the author rescues a beautiful young girl, the daughter of a minister who preached against the movies, from the consequences of brought honor to her family.

> Literary Notes. One of the soundest histories of Canada that has ever been written is Sir John Bourinot's volume in the "Story of the Nations" series. I am glad to hear that the English publisher, T. Fisher Unwin, has just issued a third edition of this work

"DR. FOWLER'S"

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Four Children

Diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera in- by Mr. William H. Ingram. fantum and summer complaint are ly among children, during the sum- London must be living in clover just hearing, beware of Catarrh. Mr. mer months than any other form of now, if the statement is true that the A. Hammil writing disease. According to statistics, in British government, or some department of it, has already paid out over worse Catarrh than I had for year the ren, from diarrhoea, 757 died during £400,000 upon the official history of It caused partial deafness, bad tas the four summer months. It there- the war. An official historian must after her children on the first sign extras as an architect. In view of of any looseness of the bowels by us- the urgent demand for economy in ing Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild England just now, it seems almost in-Strawberry, a remedy that has been eredible that the most careless cabinet minister could authorize such Mrs. Harold Sellers, Pennfield, N. necessary expenditure as this, for of-

velopments. This has been written

ways recommend it, and now always pressed his illerary creed in a letter to a friend. What he says about worry about plot, or your alleged route.

"That man, I regret to say, got ins, and the weakness of

But I should make an exception o. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's official his and reading Lord Haldane's 'Rela- his volumes on the late war. He his the happy faculty of making ever thing that he writes interesting. A I feel sure that whether it can hold our attention. At present he Guards. After all that Rudyard ha said in disesteem of Ireland, it seem strange that he should have taken up this theme, but perhaps he think that Ireland's military Mulvanys re studios a: Los deem her reputation

> Speaking of Kipling, a writer in that excellent London publication "John O'London's Weekly," says tha he is perhaps the most even-selling author of our time. Other writer are now up, now down, in the selling lists, but Kipling's books continue go forth in tens of thousands mont after month, year after year, into a parts of the world. His best-sellin books are "Barrack-Room Ballads, the "Jungle Books," "Kim," a "Plain Tales from the Hills." can lean back on his oars now watch his royalties coming in jjust securely as John D. Rockefeller dividends fr w Standard oil stock.

Comes," under the title, "If Summe Don't." Mr. Hutchinson can afford to take this alarming news calmly for his novel has already sold 365 600 copies in the United States and is still going strong both there and n Great Britain

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-W. T. A.

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STEPHEN LEACOCK DISCOVERS ENGLAND

The Montreal Humorist Gives Some Amusing Impressions of His Recent Trip to the Old Country-He Asserts That the Scotch Are Really Quick in Seeing a Jokes

By Professor W. T. Allison.

in picking up a joke, it cannot be Ward and Mark Twain at first re-Meals and lunches served at reason. assured of large audiences on the were then roughly scrowled many pounds, shillings and pence, to about it that cut me to the quick." say nothing of American and Canadian dollars, as his performances on the lecture platform. It is a book with hills and hollows, as are most humorous works, but I derived as much enjoyment from it as from anything our facetious fellow-countryman has written. In reading it one has to remember that it has been prepared with one eye on England and the other on America, for an audience there and here. Prof. Leacock

matter in this entertaining volume, lethargy. 'Let me tell you, then,' I let us linger for a moment over Sir said, 'that I am an anarchistic poly-Aug. 3 Sept. 9 Oct. 14 Saxonia Montreal man of mirth. After exforms of government, that I object this respect seems to be that "our would be lost; inspiration would die death) and received the answer, 'Pa-Owen Seaman's introduction of the gamest, that I am opposed to 18 Samaria first fecture, that the speaker was all-British, being English by birth and spirit of American humor by force of association. "This puts him similar position to that in which I found myself once when I took the large loch in Scotland. After chimb- takes only a minute or two and the convention on the question, settled dreamed of doing this," he writes the author, who shows them in their ing on the other side.' In the same way, if anyone on either side of the member Putnam's Painless Corn Exwater is unintelligent enough to cri- tractor, the antiseptic corn remover. England" and "Is Prohibition Com- that something was happen ig. The ticise Mr. Leacock's humor, he can At druggists.

has had, so to speak, one eye on the

Aug. 31|Sept. 28|Oct. 28 - Scythia pot and the other up the chimney.

I regard the state and property and. marriage as the mere tyranny of the buorgoeisic, and that I want to see class hatred carried to the point where it forces every one into brotherly love. Now, do I get in ?' The official looked puzzled for a minute. 'You are not Irish, are you, sir ?' he said, 'No,' 'Then I think you can

therefore a foregone conclusion that hospitable. Prof. Leacock points the most emotional, the most volatile Prof. Stephen Leacock should try to contrast between New York and Liv- the most peculiar creature in the clean up some golden guineas in the erpool officials in this amusing way, world. You read in the morning pafield where Atremus and Mark gath- affording us a good example of Am- per that the City is deeply depressared bumper harvests in years gone erican humor in his use of exaggera- ed.' At noon it is reported that the by. He is not a producer of as high tion: "Without wishing in any way City is 'buoyant) and by four o'clock grade humor as either of the afore- to disturb international relations, that the City is 'wildly excited.' He mentioned masters; he is not nearly one cannot help noticing the rough admits that London people are a so original as either of them, but for and inquisitorial methods of the little sensitive about the salubrity one who has immersed himself for English customs men as compared and charm of their climate. "The Aug. 11th and 21st many years in political economy, with the gentle and affectionate weys notion that no sunlight ever gets otherwise known as the dismal sci- of the American . officials at New through and that in the London winence, he is surprisingly gay. In fact York. The two trunks that I brought ter people never see the sun is of his humorous works, such as "Liter- with me were dragged brutally into course a ridiculous error, circulated turning 1/2 cent per mile to Winnipeg, ary Lapses," "Nonsense Novels," an open shed, the strap of one of no doubt by the jealously of foreign the aid of glasses, on a November day in broad daylight; and again one night about four o'clock in the afternoon I saw the sun distinctly whole subject of daylight in the

nique of astronomy than to a book of description. In practice daylight is but little used. Electric lights are burned all the time in all houses, buildings, railway stations and clubs. This practice which is now universally observed is called Daylight sav-

One of the best paragraphs in the chapter with which Professor Leacock deals with English politics and Lords in these senences:—"I is gon- man with the big face, find ng him- doctor is wanted." The lecture went they will make your story. erally said that somewhere in the self beside me, turned and said on in deeper silence than ever. All struggle should be against ever building is the House of Lords. Some of them people weren't gett- the audience were waiting for a third thing extraneous. It is unusual pol come together very quietly before the pathy seemed to imply that he had message was handed to the chair- unusual plot." This may be all ver dinner hour, take a glass of dry got it all himself; if so, he mus man. He rose and said, 'If Mr. Mur- well for a man of genius, this car sherry and a biscuit (they are all have swallowed it whole without a chison, the undertaker, is in the au- lessness about a plan for a story, but abstemious men), reject whatever sign. But I have since though: that dience, will he kindly step outside.' bills may be before them at the this man with the big face may have moment, take another dry sherry his own internal form of ap. ecia- well. Disappointing though it is to their stories lies just in this quar ey and the English politicians won't; it with him." do a thing for it." He notes that How Leacock Nearly Killed a Man. English politicians love to cherish The most satisfying experience of question that is insoluble. "This and what will strike most readers as guarantees that it will last. Take one of the funniest stories for example the rights of the Crown book, is to be found in his brief time. The hot water method as against the people. That lasted of a lecture in the Midlands. He etc. (New York, Harper and Brotakes the place of knife or the finger for one hundred years—all the sev- tells us that he nearly had the pleas- thers, publishers). nail, which often causes blood pois- enteenth century. In Oklahoma or ure of killing a man with laughing. oning. You proceed in this way, it in Alberta they would have called a "American lecturers have often sented in an admirable manner by

> him from the platform. And I find movable. What he thinks I don't

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