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Hannah and English Jack—Some Remarks on Jail Visitors.

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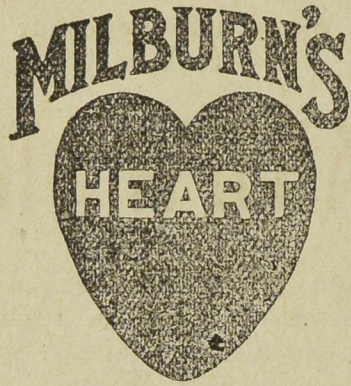
DEAR SIR:—This month; we have to record the departure of Queen Hannah. She has left the city and can be found at Coon Villa. Long and patiently she awaited the return of her Johnny D.; but that gent not coming on time, she has accepted the position of house-keeper for a period. The fortunate possessor of the matchless Hannah is known amongst his dusky friends as "Volver."

English Jack, the sailor, in conversation with some of his friends, related his experience in the "Bastile." He stated that he received weekly visits from a lady who represented the W. C. T. U. She gave Jack good advice both for his temporal and spiritual welfare. Jack was pleased with her visits and also thankful for the good advice given him. At the Christmas holiday season, she asked Jack how he fared, and the sailor replied "that through the kindness of the jailor, he and the other inmates of the institution were given a bountiful dinner. As it was approaching the New Year she asked Jack if he would get a lke tuck-out on New Year's day? "I think not," said Jack; "I should hardly expect it." "Well, never mind Jack, I will roast a goose for you and your room-mate; and you can have that for your New Years dinner." New Years came,—no goose—no lady. About a week following the lady paid Jack a visit; and, in talking to Jack, asked him if it would not be a good thing for him to attend church, when he regained his liberty. "Well marm," replied the sailor, "I never took kindly to churches when a boy, and when I joined, going to sea I did not think about them. Now marm you promised me and my mate a roasted goose for New Year's Day dinner; We did not ask you for it or hint for anything of the like; it was your own offer, and, beg pardon marm if I am a bit bold so to speak, you did not do as you promised; All talk is cheap anyhow, talk is but wind, but amrm I expected the truth from you, and if that is your religion, I'll steer clear of it on my voyage through life, and try to land safely in the haven of rest without the help of any living sky pilots: so good day, marm."—R.

Book Review.

We are in receipt of that intensely interesting novel, "The Forge in the Forest"—A Romance of Acadia, by our brilliant townsman, the poet C. G. D. Roberts, and published by the well-known publishing firm of William Briggs, Toronto. It treats in a plain, pleasing and succinct style of the stormy period in our country's history, when British and French power met in deadly combat for the possession of the fair land of Acadia. The issue has long ago been decided, but the momentous events that led up to the establishment of our young confederacy are always matters of deep and absorbing interest to Canadians. Of course there is interwoven the usual love story, which gives it added interest to young readers. His descriptions of the country are perfect, and the cruel and vindictive character of La Marne, the Black Abbe and the

weird and mysterious Grul, the seer are portrayed with telling and dramatic effect. It ought to have a good sale among all readers of their country's history and achievements. For sale at the bookstores. Cloth, \$1.00; paper, 60 cents.



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