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WINNOWINGS.

BY WILLIE WAGSTAFF.

To Pre-Ad.

The rambling verses by Pre Ad Bespeak a nature grieved and sad; My tender pity I extend To thee, my sad and unknown friend.

Thou art a lady, I surmise, And keeping from the public's eyes Thy name and calling, from thy grief In poetry hast sought relief.

Thy writings all most plainly show A youthful heart bowed down with woe;

'Twould seem thou had a lover who A wayward course do'st now pursue;

And, strive against it as you will— With all his faults you love him still; Hoping some day he yet may prove A man well worthy of thy love.

Now, if that man is worth his salt, He right away will call a halt, Then "face-about"—his steps retrace, And shun a course which brings disgrace.

And if he don't—just let him go— There's others just as good, you know, Perchance some day you'll live to bless The one who pities your distress.

And now, adieu, my unknown friend, My pity I once more extend; And pray your lover soon will be An honor to himself and thee.

The Russian Bear now is quite sick— He thought that his hide was so thick He would not mind the raps— He received from the Japs— But found out his mistake pretty quick.

P. Dugan is the proud possessor of the very latest and most useful style of automobile, which was presented to him by the city, and with which he makes his daily rounds of the streets collecting loose scraps of paper, which he deposits at the city dump.

They were strangers, and he took them in.—A couple of girls from St. John, who recently came up to this city with a pair of male companions, will no doubt remember their trip for some time. After arriving here, it seems that their gentlemen friends started out to take in the sights and also a considerable quantity of booze, leaving the girls to enjoy themselves as best they could. The girls also started out to see the city, and being

rather attractive in appearance, they soon had a large crowd of young fellows following at their heels. They went into a drug store, and the crowd, who make a practice of having something to say to every young woman whom they meet, stood around the corner until they came out; now this attracted the attention of one of our policemen, and he immediately escorted the fair visitors to the lock up, where they spent the night. After appearing before Col. Marsh the next morning they were set at liberty, and lost no time in shaking the dust of the "Celestial City" from their dainty little feet. A great many are of the opinion that the officer should have arrested some of those ignorant rubber-necks who were the cause of the girls' discomfort.

That large and handsome structure recently erected in rear of the Opera House has been the subject of much speculation as to what it is, and for what purpose intended. An item in The Gleaner said it was rumored that it was P. Dugan's office, and also gave currency to the report that it was Elbridge Yerxa's summer resort; but since then there have been several reports as to its origin. Some say that it is the large furniture factory which was talked about some time ago others claim that the People's Light and Power Co. are to erect their plant there; and again others state that it is the large hall to be erected by the "Sons of Rest." But a report from a reliable source says that it was built to protect the new city weigh scales, which are being built on the installment plan, by the City Council. If that is the case, the people will undoubtedly get full "wait" from the scales.

Cable advices from Pretoria, South Africa, announce the marriage of John Gyde of Pretoria to Miss A. L. Carr of St. John, one of the Canadian volunteer teachers. We hope that John will always "Gyde" his "Carr" along the right track in their journey through life.

The Russian court now doth rejoice skil O'er the birth of the Czar's baby boy skil, While the Nihilists swear That the young son and heir Is never the poor people's choice skil