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HUNGER FOR OFFICE.

We have noted that in recent years, the hunger for office has developed with alarming rapidity.

This is the result of the machine politics which we have borrowed from our cousins across the line.

The people of the United States are trying to get their politics on a higher plane.

The following extracts from an article in the Toronto World sum up the situation pretty well.

"The hunger for office is the curse of Canadian politics. Our political parties are so bound up in the idea of holding office that they resort to discreditable means, once they are in possession of it, to retain it.

The World has the correct idea. We should have frequent changes. Five years is long enough for any government.

Continuing the World says:—"The party, is so bent on holding office that they are not disposed to resign or to accept the decision of the people. They are tempted to resort to every questionable means to retain power.

It is this unnatural and immoral strain of the party system that is ruining good government in this country. Parties ought to go out of office frequently.

DOGS OF WAR.

It must be decidedly unpleasant to have some fellow shooting at you from across a creek or ravine, particularly when you can't get a shot at him.

Two men are born into the world, the one in England, say, the other in Russia, or the one in Spain and the other in Maine.

But a war breaks out and these two strangers, shoot at each other, and try to kill one another, and yet they have no quarrel, whatsoever.

It seems all very absurd, and one wonders when the power that be will see the absurdity.

We are not so free from disease, accident and misery, in general, that we need to go to war to find out, what these things mean.

The wiser heads say there will be no war. Time certainly should make for peace.

Let us have peace and plant our potatoes. Harness the dogs of war and make them do the spring ploughing.

CHILDREN'S COUGHS

Are quickly cured by a few doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; and best of all it's so nice the youngsters take it without any fuss.

Why is an oyster the most contradictory thing there is? Because he's got a beard without a chin and you are obliged to take him out of bed to tuck him in.

REQUEST FOR LEE'S RECALL.

Mrs. Halstead Thinks he Detects There in the Fine Hand of Ex-Minister De Lome.

Mrs. Halstead has an interesting theory as to the origin of the Spanish request for the recall of Consul-General Lee.

"This request for the recall of Gen. Lee," he said, "is an indication of an aggressive and offensive spirit on the part of the Spaniards.

"I think," he continued, "that the suggestion for the call was the work of De Lome. He has been in touch with the Spanish government.

"Gen. Lee is a friendly companionable, good-fellow sort of a man, and he treats everybody pleasantly, but he is a pretty pronounced fellow, too, and I expect that De Lome, through the Spanish spies, has picked up some scraps of the consul-general's conversation."

Mr. Halstead said that the Blanco administration, the autonomists, who have played the humanity roll in Cuba, stand on a very slim foundation in Spain.

A BOON TO CYCLISTS.

A bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil should be in every cyclist's kit as it is the most effective remedy for Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Stiff Joints, Contractions of the Muscles, Cramps in the legs, etc.

The Plays of Shakespeare.

A correspondent sends the following: It will be observed that the fourth letter from the last of the first 16 plays, spell Shakespeare's name, and the final letter of the 20 following assert the author of the immortal plays:

- All's Well that Ends W ell. Twelfth N i ght. Love's Labor L ost. Romeo and Ju L iet. Titus Andron I cus. Coriol A nus. Ha M let. Measure for Mea S ure. Much Ado About Not H ing. Antony and Cleop A tra. As You Li K e it. Troilus and Cres S ida. The Tem P est. Oth E llo. Comedy of Er R ors. Julius Ca E sar. Taming of the Shre W. King Lea R. Othell O. Romeo and Julie T. Measure for Measur E. The Tempes T. Macbet H. Cymbelin E. Coriolanu S. Winter's Tal E. Much Ado About Nothin G. Julius Caesa R. Merchant of Venic E. Antony and Cleopatr A. Twelfth Nigh T. Love's Labor Los T. Troilus and Cressid A. All's Well That Ends Wel L. The Rape of Lucrec E. Timon of Athen S. -Ex.

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A Selfish World.

Jack: It's a selfish world; the people who own railways think nothing of running over a poor man's heels.

Ted: Yes; and the man who is rich enough to have a horse runs down the poor fellow on a bicycle when he can manage it.

Jack: And the poor fellow on the bike runs over the poor pedestrian.

Ted: That's it; and the poor pedestrian stumbles against the poor cripple who goes on crutches.

Jack: That's the way; and the cripple spends most of his time jamming his crutches on other people's corns. Ah: it is a selfish world, as you say.

The Baby Boy Covered With Eczema and Cured by Dr. Chase.

Mrs. Jas. Brown of Molesworth, Ont., tells how her boy (eight months old) was cured of torturing Eczema. Mothers whose children are afflicted can write her regarding the great cure, Dr. Chase's Ointment. Her child was afflicted from birth and three boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment cured him.

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"Do you know, Miss Willing," said young Woodbe the other evening, "that your face reminds me of a perfect mirror?"

"Does it?" she asked; "and why so, pray?"

"Because," he replied, "it reflects nothing but the truth."

"Oh!" she exclaimed in a tone of disappointment, "I thought it was for a better reason than that."

"What did you expect me to say?" he asked.

"I thought," continued the blushing maid, "that it was because every time you looked in my face you saw your own."

The engagement has been announced.—Chicago News.

"You love my daughter?" said the old man. "Love her!" he exclaimed, passionately; "why, I would die for her! For one soft glance from those sweet eyes I would hurl myself from yonder cliff and perish, a bleeding bruised mass, upon the rocks two hundred feet below!"

"I'm something of a liar myself," he said, "and one is enough for a small family like mine."

Mother: "Where were you during that thunderstorm?" Son: "Over in that field with the big tree in it." Mother: "But I told you distinctly many times never to stand under a tree during a thunderstorm." Son: "I didn't, I sat down."

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