

Cost of Our Militia.

At the present time Canada spends about a million dollars annually on her Militia, and recently, at a cost of between two and three millions, has returned her entire force with modern magazine rifles and carbines, and up-to-date field artillery guns, all taking the same ammunition as those in the hands of the Imperial Regular troops. Many consider that having done this she should rest content, well pleased at having made this provision for what at worst is generally looked upon as a very improbable "might-be." Without, however, entering into the argument as to the chances of war with the United States, it should be remembered that if there is reason in providing a workman with the best of tools, it is imperative, if good workmanship is to be expected when he does use them, that he be skilled and trained in their handling and use. Arms of precision, delicate in their parts require careful handling, and are only really effective when in the hands of men trained and practiced in their use. Canada's capital expenditure will be unremunerative in days of trouble unless a sufficient annual expenditure to train our whole force yearly is made. Knowing that the matter of expenditure for Militia and defence is by the majority of our citizens looked upon in an indifferent sort of way—it is tolerated, but many do not just see its just necessity or utility—it may be mentioned that the cost per head of our population for all military services and works of every description, in 1895, reached a total of 32 cents; while the average cost to the people of the United States during the same year for military (Regular army) and militia (State Guards) services and works amounted to 57½ cents. This notwithstanding their immense population, and not taking into account the Navy, which, of course, in a most important factor in their defence. It would be very unfair, of course, to contrast Canada with Great Britain, where the expenditure for military purposes alone in 1895-6, averaged \$2.24 per head of the population, but it might not be out of place to remark that Switzerland, a country more advantageously guarded by Treaty guarantees of the Great Powers from hostile attack than Canada, yet expended an average of \$1.55 per head of population, in 1895 at a national insurance against disaster in the form of military expenditures. From this one can realize at a glance how favoured Canada has been in this respect, inasmuch as her people have been mulcted for military purposes of all kinds to the extent of but 32 cents per head one of the very lowest rates for similar services paid by any people in the world at the present time.—Canadian Magazine.

SEVERE HEADACHE CURED.

DEAR SIRS.—Being troubled with a headache, I was advised by a friend to try Laxative Pills. I only used half a bottle, and have not since suffered from the complaint. They seem to be a perfect cure.

MRS. JOHN TOMLINSON,
Hamilton Ontario.

Politeness in the Home.

When we were children and demanded, "Do this!" or "Give me that!" our nurses would ask, "What is the little word that makes everything easy?" To which we would sheepishly reply, "Please."

In the opera "Pinafore" we used to hear a man sing:

I think that on the seas
The expression "If you please"

A particularly gentlemanly tone implants.
To which the chorus unanimously subjoined:

And so do his sisters and his cousins and his aunts,

But to the shame of young America be it said, we have changed all of that now. Among the present generation "please" seems to have gone out of fashion as completely as has "Pinafore." Both are what the youth of today would call "back numbers." One girl says to her brother or his friend, "Pick up my fan," or "Hand me my Gloves," and receives them often without any remark, or if she vouchsafes an acknowledgment it is by that briefest and curtest of all brief and curt expressions, "Thanks."

Young husbands and wives, too, seem to feel that the "little word" is unnecessary. I heard a wife say to her husband: "John, go up stairs and get me my shawl. I am chilly."

Perhaps it was the first time she had spoken in that way or perhaps John resented the fact that she spoke thus in the presence of an outsider, for he said laughingly:

"A certain word of six letters seems to have gone out of fashion."

Of course the wife was vexed and ran away up stairs after her own shawl and returned wrapped in it and her offended dignity.

Nevertheless her husband had right on his side. Although life is short, it is quite long enough to take time to be polite. I sometimes think that life would be sweeter and perhaps longer—who knows—if we would all take more time to say the small words that smooth the rough places of every day life. The omission of one little word from a line of poetry will change the measure and check the rhythm. Add the seemingly insignificant word and the verse flows on smoothly.

The "little kindnesses" which, as Lowell tells us, "most leave undone or despise" are the grains of sweetness that make the cup of life palatable.—Hrper's Bazaar.

Tommy: "Paw, what is an egotist?" Mr. Figg: "An egotist is a man who thinks he is smarter than anyone else." Mrs. Figg: "My dear, you have that wrong. The egotist is the man who says he is smarter than anyone else. All men think that way."

"When I am rich," he said, haughtily, "I will return and taunt you with the opportunity you have missed." "When you are rich," she answered, calmly, "I trust you will offer to pay for the broken leg of that spindle-limbed gift chair." And he went forth with a hollow groan.

D-O-D-D-S

THE PECULIARITIES OF THIS WORD

No Name on Earth so Famous—No Name More Widely Imitated

No name on earth, perhaps, is so well known, more peculiarly constructed or more widely intimated than the word DODD. It possesses a peculiarity that makes it stand out prominently and fastens it in the memory. It contains four letters, but only two letters of the alphabet. Everyone knows that the first kidney remedy ever patented of sold in pill form was named DODD'S. The discovery startled the medical profession the world over, and revolutionized the treatment of kidney disease.

No imitator has ever succeeded in constructing a name possessing a peculiarity of DODD, though they nearly all adapt names as similar as possible in sound and construction to this. Their foolishness prevents them realizing that attempts to imitate increase the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Why is the name "Dodd's Kidney Pills" imitated? As well ask why are diamonds and gold imitated. Because diamonds are the most precious gems, gold the most precious metal. Dodd's Kidney Pills are imitated because they are the most valuable medicine the world has ever known.

No medicine was ever named kidney pills till years of medical research gave Dodd's Kidney Pills to the world. No medicine ever cured Bright's disease except Dodd's Kidney Pills. No other medicine has cured as many cases of Rheumatism, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Lumbago, Dropsy, Female Weakness, and other kidney diseases as Dodd's Kidney Pills have. It is universally known that they have never failed to cure these diseases, hence they are so widely and shamelessly imitated.

Royal Girls' Hobbies.

As a girl of 7 Queen Victoria was devoted to horticulture, and Lord Albemarle was fond of telling how impartially she divided the contents of her watering can between her flowers and her own little feet. She was especially fond of her donkey, too and divided her attention between it and her natural history museum, which was crammed with specimens mostly collected by her own hand. Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg) early made a hobby of wood carving, in which work she evinced great original talent, and it is not generally known that the Princess of Wales mastered the art with very considerable success. This popular lady is also greatly interested in the subject of lace making and lace. She has a collection of specimens worth a king's ransom. She keeps them in a scrap book with ivory covers pasting them in herself, with accompanying notes. She cares little for jewels and uses instead lovely lace for adornment.

It is well known that in her youth the Queen of Italy contracted quite a mania for collecting the gloves and shoes of sovereigns past and present. At the present day she has quite a valuable collection, among her treasures being the shoes of Marie Antoinette, Mary Stuart, the Empress Josephine, Queen Anne and the Empress Catherine of Russia.

The Princess May (Duchess of York) as a girl was especially fond of sketching, and in addition, made herself quite a specialist in precious stones. Queen Christina of Spain as a girl chose the study of scientific matters as a hobby; she was particularly interested in aeronautics, and is probably the only queen who has been up in a balloon.

The Czarina, when still the Princess Alix, made crazy patchwork her favorite hobby, and very handsome work was turned out by her deft fingers.

At the present moment the children of Princess of Waldemar of Denmark are trying various hobbies, though perhaps they are most likely to adopt photography, which has also been greatly in favor at the British court. Another follower of this pastime, the Crown Princess of Sweden, has been a most skilful photographer since she was quite a child.

THE HABITANT and other French Canadian poems by Dr. William Henry Drummond, is a very pleasing book, just issued Dr. Drummond allows the French Canadian to tell his own story in his own way as he would relate it to an Englishman not conversant with the French tongue. Some of the poems are already well known and popular; others will become so. The book is illustrated in excellent taste. W. H. Everett has it for sale.

It Is Time

To turn over a new leaf!

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New Year's Resolution

FOR ALL

Weak and Nervous Men:

"I will make a determined effort to regain my manhood, to be restored to perfect health and vigor. IT IS NOW OR NEVER!"

HOW TO REGAIN VIGOR.

Health and manhood is fully told in an interesting little book, which should be read by every thinking man. Plain facts plainly stated. No "Electric Belt" nonsense, no "free prescription" fake, no C. O. D. humbug, no quackery. BUT AN HONEST BOOK, BY AN HONEST DOCTOR. Mailed FREE, in plain envelope, securely sealed, if this paper is mentioned. Address the author: G. H. ROBERTZ, M. D., 252 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. Established 1874.

"Papa, how old was you when the war broke out?"

"I was about 21."

"You went to the war didn't you?"

"Oh, yes; I was a sutler."

"A sutler is a— is an army man, that generally leads in the charges."

"You must have been awfully brave, papa. Why don't you get a pension?"

(With some reluctance) "I do."—Chicago Tribune.

Piles Cured Without the Use of Knife by Dr. Chase.

I was troubled for years with Piles and tried everything I could buy without any benefit, until I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment. The result was marvellous. Two boxes completely cured me. JAS. STEWART, Harness Maker, Woodville, Ont.

"Do you take this woman for your lawfully wedded wife?" asked the minister, or words to that effect.

The young man, who had eloped by tandem twenty miles over a dirt road with the object of his heart's desire, looked at the perspiring, dusty, red-faced, limp-haired object that stood alongside him, set his teeth firmly, clenched his hands and answered in the voice of a martyr:

"I do."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Is that a new rug your mamma has, Bobby?" asked Mrs. Von Blumer of the youthful Bings. "No," said Bobby, "that's one she brought in from the other room. But you mustn't take it up." "Why not?" "Cause there's a hole in the carpet."

Jones had been quite ill. One day the doctor called and found him in a bath-tub. "Why, man, are you crazy? You must be anxious to die!" "No, I am not," protested poor Jones; "but didn't you say that your last medicine was to be taken in water?"

She: "Yes, they live very happily, together." He: "I thought you knew them only slightly." She: "But if there was any family trouble I would be sure to hear of it."

Notice.

ANNUAL ELECTION

FOR

Mayor and Councillors

MONDAY JAN. 17, 1898.

The place and time for the nomination of Candidates for election as Mayor and Councillors is at the Council Chamber, in the Town Hall, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, the 13th day of January instant.

Blank nomination papers and declaration of qualification of Candidates, can be had on application at the office of the undersigned.

Dated this 3rd day of January A. D. 1898.
J. CHIPMAN HARTLEY,
Town Clerk.

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- PUFF BOXES,
- SOAP BOXES,
- ASH TRAYS,
- TEA SETS,
- SALAD BOWLS,
- CHOCOLATE POTS,
- ROSE JARS,
- PANELS,
- CHAIRS,
- TABLES,
- SLEDS,
- TOYS,
- BOOKS,
- DOLLS,
- GIRLS' & BOYS' ANNUALS.

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We also have a good line of Parlor and Cylinder Stoves

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PLOW

We can supply you with the well-known Hussey Pattern which always proves satisfactory, or if you wish for a Steel Plow, we can furnish you with the \$21 which is proving itself to be the Best Steel Plow in Canada,

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Woodstock, N. B.

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FALL OF 1897.

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Probably know that fashion has decreed a number of changes in Men's Garments for the winter of 1897-98. As Shakespeare said; "The apparel oft proclaims the man," and it is indeed true that a man is often judged by the clothes he wears. Men who wear my clothes are not only well dressed, but are always dressed in good form. My stock of

Fall and Winter Cloths

is large, varied and excellent. Come in and look it over. Look at the fashion plates and see what you want. I can satisfy you. That is my business.

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