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**TRIALS AND PATIENCE.**

Patience cannot be said to be altogether the proverbial virtue of the farmer. He regards it as his special privilege to grumble, particularly about the weather, and very often he does a deal of grumbling, when there is little to grumble about. The story is well-known of the agriculturist who, when congratulated on the fine hay weather, remarked that the weather was bad for the turnips, and when someone again rejoiced with him on the refreshing rains, still declined to be thankful, and remarked "It's bad for the potatoes."

This season the farmer has had cause for rejoicing and cause for grumbling. Up to haying time, the weather was all that the most exacting farmer could desire. Everything seemed to promise an abundance. The grass was exceptionally luxuriant. But, when has there been such a trying season for the harvesting of the hay crop. The mind of man scarce remembereth when there have been two fine days in succession. And, now, what of St. Swithin? Did it not rain on the anniversary of that estimable and holy man, and what has been the sequel. Well! if not rain every day since, certainly, rain about every other day.

Here we are at the close of the Summer. A week from today we say good-bye to the lovely Summer, and with our most hypocritical smile we will welcome Autumn—Autumn that comes in the garb of Summer, stealing the clothes from her departing predecessor, and when these clothes become unsuitable for the time, borrowing, before she goes, the apparel of her successor, pitiless Winter. And Autumn sees us with haying just concluded, with field after field white unto harvest, and with the reapers away behind their work. September has a good chance to make a name for herself by being a moule month, and we trust, like a wise governor-general-elect, she will study the wants of the people before she comes to govern.

There is dissatisfaction with the result of the wheat crop. It did not come up to the mark. A big acreage was in seed, but weevil, rust and the unknown bug, have so done their work, that, as one farmer tells us, the crop is only worth harvesting for the sake of the straw. It is only fair to say that in some sections, the crop is not so bad.

What with the dull weather for haying, the failure of the wheat crop, the danger from rust to the potato crop, the farmer has some cause to grumble, and we may be sure that he will not allow such a grand opportunity to slip away. In the spring and early summer, we wondered of what he would have to complain.

However, the world wags on. This year we will have big crops, and, on the whole good crops. It would be a rare season, indeed, that was equally beneficial to all cereals and roots.

Now comes the question of a market. With potatoes selling well, and with something of a boom in oats, the farmer's trials of the past, may be in a measure compensated. We can hope for such fair prices, and ever see signs that proclaim that it is not this time the wish alone that is the progenitor of the thought.

Who knows what may be accomplished at the Quebec Conference, and who knows that our monied man, may not yet discover some conduit to connect the supply of New Brunswick, with the demand of England?

Cheer up, brothers, there is yet hope!

**The Prince of Wales' Mishap.**

[From Harper's Weekly.]

The accident to the Prince of Wales has produced a deep impression, especially as the serious character of the disaster was at first withheld or suppressed. Since the prince's dangerous illness in 1871 no incident has so roused the sympathies of his future subjects. No less than 15 folio pages of the visiting book at Marlborough House were filled by the signatures of callers on the first day. The newspapers naturally deny that the accident is a full serious. It is to be hoped they are right. But in spite of a cheerful disposition and a courageous spirit, the stamina of the prince's constitution is not altogether satisfactory. It is understood that, while there is no danger, the effect of enforced inaction excites apprehension. The prince has already suffered from the veins of the same leg that is now injured. His health greatly depends on the annual visit to Homburg or Marienbad and it is assumed that his visit will be postponed.

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**BAD GANG BROKEN UP.**

Johnson Family of Counterfeiters at Last In the Law's Clutches.

Detroit, Aug. 20.—David Henry Johnson, the youngest of the four Johnson brothers, notorious counterfeiters was arrested at the house of Joseph J. Wetherall, farmer, living two miles from Blenheim, Kent County, Canada. Johnson was locked up at Police Headquarters at Windsor. He was the third of the family to be arrested in this city within the last week. Two of the other brothers Charles and Edmund, were arrested here Friday. The fourth brother, John, alias "Shang," Johnson, is in Kingston Penitentiary, Canada. Young Johnson is known to the police and secret service as the most dangerous man in this country, and the whole family were artists in their line. The man arrested yesterday eluded even suspicion for the last ten years. The official secret service say there is positive proof that David Johnson though only 35 years old, was the author of counterfeit bills in 1888 and the authorities have been looking for the man who did this job ever since the bills first came into circulation. The bills in question are \$2 notes, with heads of Hancock and Wincom. The counterfeit Hancock note came out 10 years ago. The difference between it and the original is in the signature and in the vignette. The discrepancy is so small that many experts have been fooled. The Wincom \$2 note was issued Aug. 4, 1891 and the imitation was discovered in 1893.

The detective force of this city has been looking up evidence against the Johnsons for a long time. More than three months ago they went to work, and the first point scored was the arrest of Charles and Edmund. Saturday last the house in which David had been living was searched, and a hollow place behind the baseboard bedroom panel was removed, touching a spring, and showed a small cabinet. Detectives found in here plates and other apparatus for making counterfeit money, also between \$7000 and \$10,000 in counterfeit notes. A letter was found in the house giving information of the death of Wetherall of Blenheim, who is a relative of the Johnsons. Detroit officers, with officer Mahoney, visited Blenheim, and Mahoney made the arrest. Johnson was every obstinate, but was finally taken to Windsor, and says he will fight extradition to the last. In searching the house of the other brothers, the officers found a large number of dies and colorings. The arrests are regarded as of the utmost importance, Washington authorities connect the Johnsons with the issue of a number of other bills, including \$100 silver certificates, which are among the best counterfeits ever turned out. Treating notes with glycerine gives them the appearance of having been used. David Johnson is married, and has two children. He lived in Detroit more than a year under the guise of a traveling agent.

The arrest of David Henry Johnson, the youngest of the four Johnson brothers, brings to an end the operations of one of the most skilled gangs of counterfeiters that ever existed in America. He was arraigned before Commissioner Bartlett of Windsor this morning and decided this afternoon to come across without extradition papers. Charley, Dave, John, alias "Shang," and Ed. Johnson are the surviving members of the family of counterfeiters. The family, when living in Trenton, Mich., 24 years ago, consisted of the father, five sons and one daughter. Thomas Ira Johnson, the eldest son, and a cracksmen of national reputation, died several years ago, and Jessie, the daughter, who is also dead, was quite famous as an expert penwoman, and to her was given the credit of having signed the \$50,000 worth of \$10 Treasury notes made by the famous Pete Mc. Cartney and Old Man Brockway. Ed Johnson went to Montreal, Que., just 14 years ago, after McCartney was settled in the Northern Indiana Prison. The U. S. authorities were then in hot pursuit after the counterfeiters and Ed Johnson, concluded not to work at his trade until the chase became slack, so he engaged in another line of criminal work. He and a pal broke into a store in Montreal one cold winter's night and stole a safe, which contained \$6000 in money. They loaded it on a cart, which was driven down the river, on the ice, between Hochelaga and Longueuil. They broke the safe open with dynamite and took possession of its contents.

Ed Johnson was arrested for the daring robbery a few days later and sent to penitentiary for 14 years. He was released last January. Charley Johnson also has a record. A dozen years ago he was arrested in Toronto, Ont., for making counterfeit \$2 bills. He was in Sarnia and was sent for 12 years to Kingston. He was also released last January. Dave Johnson the youngest of the quartet of brothers now alive, has no prison record, although John Webb, the United States Secret Service operator, says he is the most dangerous one of the gang. He has lived in Detroit for upwards of ten years, having purchased the house where the counterfeit money was found seven years ago. Previous to that time he lived with his mother o

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**Beaver shreet.**

When Charley and Ed were released from the Canadian prison last January, they took up their residence with their mother in the house at 103 McGraw avenue.

David Johnson had a wife and two daughters, aged 11 and 13 years living with him in his twenty-sixth street home. A piano and organ are among the furnishings. They were used to accompany the girls in the singing of Gospel songs in connection with religious services, which were often held in the house. The place is comfortably furnished, and appears to be the home of a man in the middle station of life. The neighbors of the Johnsons held them in high esteem.

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**Demagogues Blackguards.**

New York Journal of Commerce.

Congressman Dolliver of Iowa has been taking account of the profits of the war and finds among the beneficent results the harmonization of the North and South, and "the same influences that have restored the perfect union of our country have brought back also the harmony to which broad-minded men of both countries have long looked forward to in the relations of the English-speaking world." The South was just as loyal twenty years ago as it is now; the war has not changed the attitude of the South; it has simply opened the eyes of Mr. Dolliver and a good many other politicians to things that men who were politically blind have been able to see for a long time. Nor has the war changed the opinions and feelings of Englishmen or the attitude of the English Government; it has simply closed the mouths for a time at least, of a lot of our own demagogues and blackguards, who have been shrieking for years that England was our traditional enemy; that we ought to hate her that she supplied money to corrupt our elections, and fortified Halifax and Esquimaux to endanger our independence. Of course men are ashamed to say these things now just after England has rendered us the immense service of blocking a conspiracy of Continental nations to interfere with our relations with Spain. In both cases the good attributed to the war would have been secured by a wider diffusion of a moderate degree of intelligence, and most of the work had to be done not only in Mr. Dolliver's own country, but in his part of his country. We hope it is true that the people whose political stock in trade has been "stirring up the Confederate brigadiers" and "twisting the lions tail" have been permanently silenced.

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