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ABOUT CURIOSITY.

Curiosity is a very common trait in human nature, and it is by no means confined to the sex, sometimes called the weaker. We are all curious. Take the case of a railway accident. We hear that it has been a terrible affair, much life lost, and we are in a great hurry to read the papers which give a graphic description of the affair. The paper that contains the fullest details will be the most generally read. Or, if we read of a battle we will dwell on the description of the saddest accidents. It is our curiosity that is at fault, if this desire for details may be called a fault.

But curiosity has other fields than the sad and serious. Probably our readers have noticed that the treaty between Spain and the United States was recently signed at Paris. The relic hunter was at hand. One of the Spanish commissioners threw down his pen in disgust, and it was seized by a relic hunter, and will be shown in public for many years to come. The Spaniards complain of the bad taste of the Americans in showing this curiosity for relics, this desire of triumphing over their fallen foe. Probably the relic-hunters did not mean to be rude, but the relics must be secured at all costs.

If it had not been for the useful side of the curious, visitors to London could not see the block on which Chas. I. was beheaded. They would miss the thousand and one relics on view in England, and which make it such a popular land for the curious to visit.

PENNY POSTAGE.

Conservative papers should know better than to attack the Penny postage scheme even if it does come from a liberal government. What is the use of raising the question of the farmer paying three cents to send a letter within Canada while the merchant sends his letter to England or India for two cents. The farmer will not suffer, and he would be the last person to complain if not urged on by his party organ.

Penny Postage is an imperial idea. Let anyone read the article published in another column from the London Times on this subject. It says "The penny post is the symbol of the unity of the Empire"

This journal is strongly in favor of Imperial Federation. It expects to soon see members of the Imperial parliament at Westminster from Canada.

And it favors penny postage just as enthusiastically as does its hardly so well known contemporary, the Times.

It is weak to attack penny postage and Conservative leaders should call off the papers that are so doing.

Pooled Somebody.

[From the Detroit Free Press.]

It was the head of the household doing the talking in the direct manner that men have with their wives. "I like oyster soup well enough. 'Tis satisfying for the time, and I suppose that it's healthy, but I'm opposed to making an entire meal of it, as I was required to do for lunch. Milk, and butter, and salt, and pepper and oysters may constitute a variety, but when you mingle them all in one concoction and then have crackers for a side dish, my imagination is not equal to maintaining the fiction of variety."

His wife placidly informed him that he would be lucky if he never made a meal on anything worse than stewed oysters, and incidentally asserted that she did not allow any interference in her sole management of the culinary department.

That afternoon he called on a friend to have a friendly game of cribbage, and the game became so warm that he was invited to stay for the evening meal in order that the exciting contest might be carried to a finish. Word was telephoned to his wife, who agreed to come in the evening.

"I know why he stayed," she began as soon as they were seated for a four-handed game. "O you needn't kick me," as she looked laughingly at her husband, "I'm going to tell you. We had nothing but oyster soup at noon, and he was so put out about it that he thought he would stay here in order to get a good square meal. I'm glad he did."

The husband was blushing, and the host and hostess were laughing inordinately. "What in the world is the matter with you people?" she inquired, with a puzzled expression.

"Oh, nothing, nothing at all," from the host, between explosions. "We didn't have a thing this evening but oyster soup; not a thing."

Then there was a long and animated discussion as to whom the joke was on.

Wonderful Watches.

During the recent watchmaker's convention at Berlin Germany there was an interesting collection of rare and curious watches exhibited where the progress of the art of watching could be studied from its first beginnings in the fifteenth century to this day. Comparisons between the earliest and the latest products of the art brings out the enormous progress made in this, as in every

other industry. There were shown, along side of each other the first known specimen of a watch constructed by the young Nuremberg locksmith, Peter Henlein called for short Hele, and the smallest watch ever made, recently completed in a Swiss factory. Hele was the first to employ a spring in a watch, all the parts of which he made of steel or iron. His watch weighed a couple of pounds. The face of the little watch is six millimetres, or about a quarter of an inch in diameter, and it would take about 500 of these watches to weigh a pound. Yet the price is in no proportion with the amount of material employed in its construction, for it costs \$2,000. This price merely represents the cost of making this one watch for in its production entirely new machinery and tools had to be used and invented in part, which are useless for any other purpose.

Tricks of an Opium Victim.

A Chicago physician gives this account of a colleague's recent medical experience:—"I could give you the name of the patient," he said, "but that would be a breach of professional confidence, and anyway it is not essential. She was divorced, but I hear has married again. She is good-looking, clever, rich, and quite well known in society, but for a long time was addicted to the use of opium. The habit became so strong that her relatives advise her to go under an assumed name to a sanitarium for treatment. She refused until they threatened to have her committed to some asylum for the insane, when she sullenly yielded, taking a nurse with her."

"The sanitarium doctors were surprised to note that she did not seem depressed, as are most patients during the first few weeks of abstinence from the drug. One day the doctor said to her:—"You don't seem to miss your opium?"

"No," she said, with a smile. "It did not have such a hold on me as I thought."

"Later, however, the doctor discovered by mere accident the cause of her cheerfulness. One of the regular attendants caught her in the act of taking opium. When he asked her where she had obtained the drug she refused to tell. But after a little urging she confessed that she had brought a supply with her. "The matron searched the room, and when she came to the office to report she had a strange story. The woman had hidden little packages of opium in every conceivable part of her dresses. There was opium sewed inside her garters and in her undergarments. She even had opium concealed in the papers which she used to curl her hair."

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JUST A BAD COLD.



A sharp stinging pain in the back—you think it doesn't amount to anything—be all right in a few days—but it doesn't get all right—kidneys are not doing their duty, and the poisonous matter that they ought to remove is going all through the system—causing rheumatism, gout, dyspepsia, headaches, backaches—all sorts of ills.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

[From the Chicago News.]

The blunt man often makes the most cutting remarks.

The wise man gets a lot of free instruction from fools.

It's always a great bore for the burglar if the safe is locked.

An actor is naturally spiritless when the ghost fails to walk.

Pleasure that isn't shared with another loses half its power to please.

There is always a tender connection between the locomotive and the train.

A man should never tell his wife to hurry up when she is coming down stairs.

Women are naturally given unto self-denial. No one ever heard of "Jennie the Kissed."

The man with a narrow mind usually makes up for it in the length of his arguments.

It's a consolation to some men who are short on hair to know that they are long on brains.

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Religion in the Schools.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12.—The Victorian Education Act only permits religious instruction in state schools outside of school hours. Mr. A. J. Peacock, Minister of Education, recently expressed his willingness to amend the Act so as to allow religious instruction within school hours by recognized teachers

of religion, with the consent of both the parents and the children. Sir Henry Wrixon moved a resolution in the Legislative Council approving of Mr. Peacock's suggestion, which was carried by a large majority. The Minister of Defence and the Solicitor-General both declared that the discussion was a waste of time, and declined to vote.

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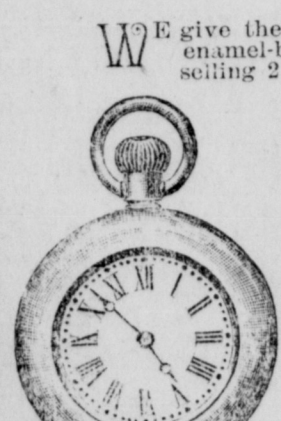
in the market, consisting in part of the CELEBRATED No. 21, 30, 8 and 6. They are guaranteed not to be Chilled Plows, but Genuine Crucible Steel Mouldboards, Hard Outside with Soft Centres.

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Yours respectfully, NORMAN CAMPBELL.

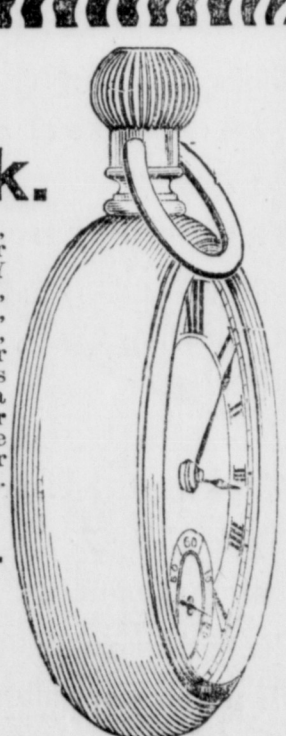
THE LEVER BUTTON CO., GENTLEMEN,—I have used my chum's Daisy Air Rifle that he got from you and it's a dandy. Please send me 30 buttons so that I can earn one for myself.

33 LEWIS STREET, Toronto, Dec. 7th, 1898. Yours honestly, J. BARNES.

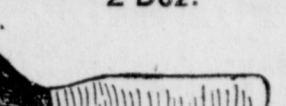
CORNWALL, Nov. 12th, 1898. DEAR SIR,—I received my watch yesterday. It is a little beauty, and it is much nicer than I expected. Please accept my thanks, LIZZIE McDONALD.

PORT ELGIN, Oct. 30th, 1898. DEAR SIR,—I received my watch and chain Saturday night. It is twice as good as people say I could get. Many thanks for your kindness and also for your honest way of doing business. I never could have got a prettier watch easier in my life. Yours truly, YVONNE McLEAN.

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