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Are Doukhobors Free Lovers?

Doukhobors recently setured in the Canadian North-West have, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, a series of grievances against the Dominion Government Their first objection is to their taking up homesteads individually on the ground that private ownership of land is opposed to the law of God. They wish to have a tract of land set apart for their brotherhood in the same manner that reserves are set apart for Indians, the title to the whole tract being vested in the sect and not in the individual members of the community.

But their chief objection is to Canada's marriage laws. They do not believe a civil or any other ceremony is necessary to constitute a marriage, and they consider it a violation of the law of God to be compelled to take out a marriage license and pay \$2 therefor. They also object that under Canadian law "a divorce can only be obtained in the courts, and that if a person should remarry without a divorce so obtained he is liable to imprisonment for many years." This, too, is opposed to their free love ideas and they cannot conscientiously submit to it.

They object also to the law requiring all births and deaths to be registered, on the ground that the Creator knows who is born and who dies, and does not require to have it recorded in a register.

The Dominion Government, apparently, sent a copy of their petition to Mr. Maude, the English Quaker, who was chiefly instrumental in their immigration to Canada, and he wrote them a letter of advice. He pointed out in regard to their desire to own their land as a community that after the individual members had earned their homestead patents they could transfer their land to the community, and that there is a provision in the Land Act whereby they can perform their homestead duties while still living in community. In regard to the marriage laws, he recommended that they comply with the formality of taking out a marriage license, but also pointed out that there is no law against adultery, and if they conscientiously wished to separate, and live with someone else, they could, therefore do so, provided there was no second marriage. He also recommended that they observe the formality of registering births and deaths, even though they do not believe in the necessity of doing

To this the Doukhobors wrote a long reply, contending that their consciences would not allow them to go through forms they did not believe in the necessity of. For a man to secure a homestead patent in his own name, even if he afterward transferred the land to to the sect, constituted a temporary private ownership, and was a sin; and as to the marriage, divorce, and registration laws, they regarded compliance with them as "equivalent to denunciation of the power of the law of God and human conscience." The Doukhobors have now decided that the Canadian laws are too oppressive, and they can no longer conscientiously live in this country. They have published an "Address to all Nations," setting forth what they regard as the iniquity of the Canadian laws, detailing their efforts to be relieved from the operation of these laws, and appealing to some nation to offer them an asylum in which they can emigrate and where they can live in accordance with the dictates of their consciences.

To Nervous Women

Mrs D W Cronsberry, of 168 Richmond Street, Toronto, says:—"My daughter's nerves were so exhausted and she was so weak and debilitated that she had to give up work, and was almost a victim of nervous prostration. Dr Chase's Nerve Food proved an excellent remedy in restoring her to health and strength. After having used four boxes she is at work again healthy and happy. 50 cts a box, at all dealers.

The Buffaloes.

The Hon. Carter Harrison of Chicago, was initiated into the mysteries of the noble or der of Buffaloes the other day, and is said to have found the proceedings cheerful but not inexpensive. It seems to be a simple society, absolutely liberal in the selection of members and far from exacting in its requirements and ritual. The Buffalo herds grow rapidly, and they are found all over the country. So far as can be judged by the unbuffaloed, however, the society is not intended for teetotalers or for persons averse to spending money. If one of these hears the mystic inquiry, "Are you a Buffalo?" he may, if he chooses, repeat the formal answer, "You bet your sweet life I am," an answer said to be matter of ritual; and then he should escape as rapidly as possible. There will be no money for him in staying. He must fly from the Buffalo wallows or be gored and trample.

If in the innocence of his heart he merely says "No," the crafty Buffalo replies: "I will initiate you for 11 cents." Beware of that sacred and cabalisto number, eleven. There is a good deal more in it than meets the ear. Yet if you happen to have exactly 11 cents, give the Buffalo that and you can make your escape alive. For the great principal of the Buffaloes is to return nothing which they receive. So they must be dangerous fellows to lend money to.

The Hon. Sol Bloom of Chichgo is said to have founded the Buffaloes at San Francisco in 1897. Allow him to describe their high

"The prime principle of the 'Buffaloes' is

Cold Settles ontheKidneys

phere and sudden changes in the weather close the pores of the skin and this throws the waste matter which should escape through the skin back on the kidneys. The effect upon these overburdened organs is what is known as "cold on the kidneys," which usually develops into regular kidney disease or Bright's disease

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never to return anything given to a member, and all members used their left hands for everything. For instance, when a member joins a party of friends, and the crowd adourns to a bar to get liquid refreshments, the one who hold his glass in his right hand has to settle for the drinks. Should a man give me his watch I cannot give it back to him, but he may buy it from me by buying refreshments for the crowd. In San Francisco, where the joke started, it was customary to tell a friend you would initiate him and tell him all the points of the order for 11 cents. But in that part of the country pennies are seldom seen and it is a hundred to one shot he will hand you anything from \$5 to \$20, expecting to get his change, but he doesn't get it. He receives the pleasure of being with the crowd that help spend his money. When it is a full fledged 'Buffalo.'"

Mr. Bloom says that a Chicago man is now suing to recover \$100 which he gave to a Buffalo to pay for 11 cents' worth of initiation. There is a man of niggardly spirit and unworthy to be a Buffalo.

The Buffaloes are said to be spreading in the East, but now that their hostility to making change is known and the 11-cents formula understood, their receipts may be impaired. But perhaps they have deeper mysteries of which the Hon. Sol Bloom has

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The army has twice as many men as in the first year of Victoria's reign, and the Navy has nearly quadrupled itself. Seventy out of 100 ship's on the sea fly the British flag The Empire to which Victoria acceded as Queen in 1837 covered one sixth of the land of the world; that of King Edward covers nearly one-fourth.

The Union Jack has unfolded itself, so to speak, over two acres of new territory every time the clock has ticked since 1800. Edward VII. rules over an Empire fitty-three times as big as France, fifty- two times as big as Germany, three and a half times as big as the United States, and three times as big as Europe. He has three times as many subjects as the Czar, and he reigns over more territory in America than the President of the United States.



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The Colonel's Subjectivity.

In a certain regiment was an expert gymnast, who taught his brother subalterns how to walk across the barrack-room on their hands. While thus engaged one evening the door opened and the colonel, a stern disciplinarian, entered the room, looked attentively at the inverted company, shook his head gravely, and departed without uttering a word. Extra parade duty next morning was the least punishment expected for this breach of discipline. Some days passed, however, and no notice being taken, it was thought that an apology and explanation should be offered by the prime instigator of these unsoldierly movements. A reference being made to the evening, the colonel amazed the intending apologist by exclaiming: "Hush, my dear fellow, I would not have anybody know it for the world. The fact is, I had been dining out with an old brother officer who had served with me in India, and, 'pon my life, I had no idea the wine could have had such an effect upon me; but when I looked in to see if you were all right in your quarters I could have sworn that I saw you all upside down!"-Tit-Bits.

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"The speaker was a fair, pale girl of some ineteen summers."

"The birds were twittering sweetly that morning in leafy June, when Clara Montmorenci-

"On a sultry day toward the close of August, 18-, the heir of Jagshurst lay dying." "Only a miller's daughter, and yet how

fair-how wondrously fair she was !" "It was Herbert Delancey's twenty-first birthday."

"A dull, drizzling day on the Cornish

"The sun was rising on a perfect day." "It was night - night on the lonely downs."

"It was night-night in the great city." " 'Push the eglantine aside, Hester.'

"I first saw the light of day-"Slush, slush, slush!"

What Would They Give?

It seems a waste of time to warn people against neglecting coughs and colds, but what would victims of consumption and pneumonia give if their disease were only in its beginning, if it were only a cough or cold. Deadly lung diseases be in with colds that could certainly be cured by Dr Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, the great prescription which not merely relieves but thoroughly cures cough and cold together.

Sir Hiram S. Maxim was once a victim of one of the War Office's sudden freaks. When the Maxim quick-firing gun was being tested by the Government with a view to finding out its weak points, its inventor was asked to have 10,000 rounds fired at the highest possible speed. The experiment was successfully carried out, but the chairman of the committee of investigation was still un-

"That's very well as far as it goes," he exclaimed "but could you guarantee your gun to go on firing automatically at the same rate for, say, twenty four hours?" "I can," was the quiet reply, "and I will

-on one condition."

"And that is?"

"That the Government finds and pays for the ammunition."

At first the committee were inclined to close with the offer, but when it was discovered that 864,000 rounds would be fired, and that the cost of the experiment would be something like £5,760, they dispensed with

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Careful of His Cash.

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He showed the farmer the apparatus for administering gas, remarking that it would cause him to fall asleep for a minute and before he awoke the tooth would be out. After a slight resistance the sufferer consented, proceeding to open his purse.

"Oh, never mind paying just now!" said

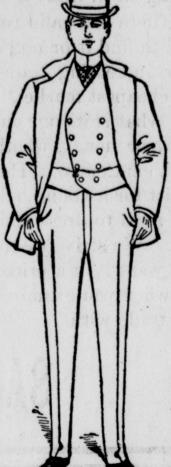
the dentist kindly.

"Hoots!" answered the cautious old Scot. "I wasn't thinking o' that; but if I'm gaen ta sleep I thought I wad like to count ma siller fust."

A Woman's Troubles.

Mrs. Chas. Keeling, sen., Owen Sound Ont., writes :- "It is a pleasure to tell what great benefits I have derived from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. am 5. years of age, and for about five years my life was one of great suffering from nervousness, weakness and extreme physical exhaustion. I could not sleep, and hot flushes would pass through my body from feet to head. I consulted our family physician and two other doctors, but they told me that about my time of life I was likely to be troubled in this way. I continually grew worse and despaired of ever being cured. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food came to my notice, and as we have Dr. Chase's Recipe Book I had confidence in the doctor. I was so surprised at the help I received from the first box that I bought three more. They built me right up and made me feel healthy and young again. They have proven a great blessing to me, and I hope this testimonial will be of help to some weak, nervous woman suffering as I did."

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