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**Lost: A Home.**

The country mouse envies the city mouse. The country wife thinks with longing of the concerts, the theaters, the tempting shops and the congenial people of the city, and compares them with the solitude, the drudgery, and the poverty of resource offered by village or farm. But the country woman has one treasure that many of her city cousins may well covet. She takes it for granted—as she takes the sky, the air and the music of her children's voices; to a great many city women it has become a lost dream.

It is a home—a real home, where the chairs and the dishes and the beds and the walls and the roof belong to the family; where a new curtain or a new rose-bush is a permanent acquisition; where even inconveniences are problems to be solved, not miseries to be endured.

The city family of moderate means is driven more and more frequently to the boarding-house, the hotel or the apartment-house. One is scarcely better than the others so far as the gracious atmosphere of home is concerned.

Poor and expensive service, high rents in the city, railway expenses in the suburb, the perplexities of market and kitchen and furnace and sidewalk dismay more and more the men and women in the city. The boarding-house offers relief, and the tired house-keeper flutters to it, as a moth to the candle, regardless for the moment of what she is losing.

When she realizes that her home has gone, the whole family may have acquired the hotel habit, a habit as pernicious as it is permanent. One after another the selfishnesses that flourish in a home have dropped away. In their place have come a passion for ease and a cynical disregard of the finer sacrifices of domestic life.

This is the dark side of the picture. Life may be well lived anywhere, but it is a deeper truth that a real home is the best soil for the cultivation of family love and of mutual helpfulness.

**Car Famine.**

From the Atlantic to the Pacific is heard the familiar fall wail of a car famine. All branches of commerce are suffering, but perhaps none so severely as the lumber trade. The situation, taking the Dominion as a whole, is the worst that has ever been experienced, with a consequent heavy loss and little prospect of better things in the near future. The large grain crop in the Northwest has this year more heavily taxed the rolling stock of the railways. The annual recurrence of a car famine is due simply to the inability of the railways to move the vast quantity of freight that is congested into the fall months, and the difficulty is not easy of solution. It cannot be expected that the railways will provide and keep standing idle for perhaps eight months in the year sufficient rolling stock to accommodate prompt movement of all the fall trade, nor does it seem reasonable that shippers should suffer to the extent they have. It would seem incumbent upon the railways to increase the supply of rolling stock, and upon shippers and consignees to load and unload cars as speedily as possible.—Canada Lumberman.

**Raft of Oak Under Water.**

Somewhere beneath the mysterious surface of the Scugog river, a few miles from Lindsay, Ont., a large quantity of oak timber, worth tens of thousands of dollars, has lain for about fifty years. The facts connected with the sinking of the timber are now known only to the oldest inhabitants. Away back about 1850 Mr. Alex. Dennistoun operated largely on the waters of the Scugog, Cameron and Balsam lakes, and in those days square timber was the chief product of the forests in this locality. The timber was floated down on vast rafts made up of hundreds of cribs, the whole being run through Peterboro to Lake Ontario, and towed to Quebec.

Mr. Dennistoun had a foreman in one of the camps, named Joe Demoe. Demoe, in

stead of cribbing his oak with a few sticks of pine to keep it afloat, built his raft entirely of oak. This timber was floated down in one huge block to a point near the mouth of the Lindsay river, where it was tied up for the winter. In the spring the rafts had disappeared beneath the surface of the Scugog, having become water logged during the winter. In those days oak was plentiful, and it was decided that it would not pay to raise it. In a few years the circumstance was forgotten.

The timber is as sound today as it was when cut, having been preserved by the water. Mr. John Thompson, of the Dickson Company, Peterboro, says that the timber, judging by what he has heard about it, is worth \$100,000 or more. Some time or other it will be recovered, and will make some one immensely rich. Canada Lumberman.

**Wealth and the Law.**

A Boston clergyman made the statement from his pulpit a few years ago that it should be illegal for any man to be worth over \$1,000,000. Of course such a suggestion could have been the emanation of only an unpractical mind. Even the selfish use of great wealth benefits thousands, while its unselfish distribution blesses everybody. Wealth is a great responsibility, but when in the hands of those who realize that fact and govern themselves accordingly the more they have the better. It is not fair to judge a man by his possessions, but only by the use he makes of them, provided we can assume that he has acquired them without trampling on the rights of others and unscrupulously crushing out weaker workers in the general field of competition. Many men so acquire wealth that it is a blessing in the making as well as in the distribution.—Boston Transcript.

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**'Tis Folly to be Wise.**

(An American scientist has come to the conclusion that the tendency of too much education or intellectual development in women is to make them lose their beauty.)

O Phyllis, once no task to me was sweeter  
Than, grasping my enthusiastic quill,  
To hymn your charms; erratic though the meter,  
It gained in fervor what it lacked in skill.  
But now, alas, those charms are like to vanish,  
Without preamble duty bids me speak,  
The rumor runs that you are learning Spanish,  
And also—simultaneously—Greek.

Those eyes, to which I loved to dash off stanzas,  
No longer gaze, as erstwhile into mine;  
They're fixed on Quixote's deeds, or Sancho  
Panza's.  
Or rest upon some Aeschylean line.  
Or, as you spell Thucydides his speeches,  
Your face assumes a look of care and pain.  
O Phyllis, heed the moral that it teaches,  
And cease to run the risk of growing plain.

Shun, I implore, the vampire Education,  
Be guided by my excellent advice.  
You owe a solemn duty to the nation—  
Simply to give your mind to looking nice.  
Learning may be acquired, but beauty never;  
Dry books, believe me, were not meant for you.  
Be fair, sweet maid, and let who will be clever;  
If brains are wanted, I've enough for two.  
—London Punch.

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**"The Picture Thing."**

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One day a certain Mr. Miller, passing through Derby street, saw a woman beating clouds of dust from a carpet. Something peculiar in its appearance made him stop and look closely at it, when he discovered, to his astonishment, that it was a splendid piece of tapestry with life sized figures wrought from Raphael's cartoon, "Feed my lambs."

The woman was quite willing to tell how she obtained it; it was, in fact, a standing grievance to her. Her husband was a sailor, and when he went out on one of his voyages she had begged him to bring her a carpet for her best room. As it happened he did not visit a port where he could buy a carpet, but rolled up in a little shop on the quay at Malta, he had found the tapestry and purchased it, thinking it might answer the purpose. It was too large for the room, and the woman had had to turn a big piece under; she folded the piece back, revealing part of the superb border of fruit and flowers, wrought in silk and gold thread, as fresh as when it was first worked. But the owner eyed it with contempt. She never did like the queer picture thing, she declared.

It was the opportunity of a lifetime. Mr. Miller promptly offered her the choice of any carpet in the stores in exchange for her "queer picture thing," and the woman promptly accepted the offer. They went down-town together, and she selected with unbounded delight a hideous pattern of glowing reds and greens. Her face was full of triumph when she returned; the best room at last was to have a carpet that was a carpet!

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**Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed Dead.**

Ex-Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed died at Washington on Sunday morning.

Thomas B. Reed was easily one of the foremost Americans of his time. His greatest service to his country was as speaker of the national house of representatives, in which position he was able, sometimes perhaps by exceeding the limits of his authority, to forward sound legislation to the disadvantage of undesirable bills. The Americans never had another such man in the speaker's chair. In literature and law, Mr. Reed stood high, but it was as a giant at Washington that he will be remembered. On several occasions his name was before the Republican national convention for the presidential nomination, but some other man always proved too strong for him. Had ability been the sole standard he would have been the candidate of his party once at least. He was born in 1839 and educated in the public schools in Portland (Me) and Bowdoin College. Colby University made him an LL. D. He was assistant paymaster of the navy in 1864-5, member of the house of representatives and senate of Maine, 1868-70; attorney-general of Maine, 1870-73. He went to Congress first in 1876 and was elected speaker of the house in 1889. He was the author of many essays, was a magazine contributor of note and wrote Reed's Parliamentary Rules, an authoritative work on procedure.

**The Liquid Fuel Question.**

The adoption of liquid in place of solid fuel has not taken place so rapidly as some experimenters anticipated. In the opinion of Mr. Edwin L. Orde of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers the trouble arises from the exclusive use in boiler furnaces of crude oil, which contains a considerable percentage of water, 10 per cent, at least, and this destroys the conditions necessary for perfect combustion. It is averred that some of the crude oil shipped from the wells contains as much as 40 per cent of water, and when used on shipboard the constant agitation prevents the separation of this water, which consequently enters the furnaces. The experiments of Dr. Paul show that liquid fuel is capable of giving 50 per cent more efficiency than the best coal.

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