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Amid loud laughter "the minority" sat down.

A Good Arithmetician.

One day a Northumbrian miner happened to step into a compartment which was occupied by only two mashers.

As the train rolled on the mashers thought they would have a bit of fun at the cost of the pitman.

"Well, my man," began one of them, "how many persons do you think there are in this compartment?"

Geordie, smelling a rat and not to be outdone, replied:—

"One hundred, sir."

"One hundred!" exclaimed both the mashers in great glee; "how do you make that out, my good fellow?"

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Scarcity of Farm Labor.

The scarcity of farm labor was discussed by the Dominion Grange, and the Committee on Agriculture made a report urging the Local Legislature to induce farm laborers to remain in Ontario. That fortunate difficulty, a scarcity of labor, is peculiar to all new countries. It is this feature in which new countries are superior to those long developed. An abundance of labor means a surplus population, and that is the first symptom of decay. Wakefield, an English economic writer, in an essay on colonization, suggests that in new countries the land be withheld from settlement so as to force men to hire out. That is, in brief, his plan to create a supply of labor, and he points out the need of it by instancing parts of Australia where new arrivals, instead of adding to the supply of labor, established themselves on land of their own. Both the distress and the remedy may seem strange to Canada, but the writer knew only the European ideal—an employed and an employing class. While Canada has so much land awaiting the energetic settler she will be blessed with a scarcity of labor, and it would be unwise to unduly hasten the day when the opportunities will all be filled.

It is quite possible, however, to make it easier for those who are desirous of extending their operations by the aid of employed help. It is a familiar economic law that while opportunities for self-employment are open the wages of labor must average as high as the returns of the worker from his independent efforts. Men will not work on farms in Canada except for wages commensurate with their prospects on western homesteads. This must be taken into account by employing farmers. They must make the work more attractive, financially and otherwise. A few years' work on an Ontario farm is an excellent preparation for a young man intending to go into farming on his own account. An effort should be made, in accordance with the recommendations of the Dominion Grange, to induce young men and all intending settlers without farming experience to engage in such preparatory work. It would be mutually advantageous, Farmers might be more successful in obtaining help if they made preparation for engaging married men and their wives. Some farmers do this, and find the cottage for the married help a profitable investment. It would be a great mistake to encourage a lower grade of immigrants in the hope of providing farm laborers. Such people would inevitably drift into the cities to swell a growing and undesirable class. Canada wants men with the ambition and ability to be independent, and it rests with the employing farmers to make it profitable for them to spend two or three preparatory years as farm hands.—Toronto Globe.

Mixed Music.

Pedestrians in a certain provincial city recently were much puzzled by an old woman who was playing a barrel organ.

At one end of the instrument she had pasted this notice:—

"Help the blind."

Beneath this appeared a second appeal:—

"I am the father of seven motherless children."

The old woman wore a pair of blue spectacles, behind which her eyes were completely hidden.

A few streets farther on the mystery of the inscription was cleared up, for there sat an old man turning music out of another organ as dilapidated as the one whose faint strains could almost be heard from up the street.

He, too, wore glasses, and his organ bore this legend:—

"Help the Blind."

And under it:—

"I am the mother of seven fatherless children."

A man stepped up to him and said:—

"Look here, my friend, next time you go out you had better get the right label on your organ."

The grinder must have guessed what the error was, for, pushing the glasses back from his eyes, he peered quickly up and down the street as if looking for a policeman.

Seeing none he leaned over and read the sign.

"That's the old woman all over," he muttered, replacing the glasses and turning his instrument to leave; "she's mixed them blooming organs up again."

Without Doubt.

A bright girl in a certain large school applied to her teacher for leave to be absent half a day on the plea that her mother had received a telegram which stated that "company" was on the way.

"It's my father's half sister and her three boys," said the pupil, anxiously; "and mother doesn't see how she can do without me, because those boys always act so dreadfully."

The teacher referred her to the printed list of reasons which justify absence, and asked if her case came under any of them.

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Two Scots in London were passing Whitehall, where one said, "I wonder from which of these two windows it was that King Charles was lead out to be executed? I'll ask the 'bobby.' Can you tell me," he said, addressing that dignitary, "from which window Charles was led out to be executed?"

"Chawles! Chawles!" said the constable, reflectively; "I never 'eard on 'im; it must 'ave been afore my toime."

Sarah: "Mr. Rippler says that he is a confirmed bachelor."

Susie: "But he didn't say that every girl in town had assisted in confirming him, did he?"

Husband: "For whom are you knitting those socks?"

Wife: "For a benevolent society."

Husband: "Do you know, you might send them my address. Perhaps they would send me a pair."

Briggs—Did you meet any attractive people on the steamer? Griggs—Oh, yes. Why, I was seasick all the way over with a most charming blonde.—"Town Topics."

On Calling Terms.—Mrs. Riley: "Are yez on callin' terms wid our neighbour?" Mrs. Murphy: "Av course I am. She called me a thafe and I called her another."

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