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Island of Anticosti.

Recently the Salvation Army has given surprising evidence of growth and expansion. The evidence is supplied by the announcement that General Booth has about completed arrangements for the purchase of the Island of Anticosti. Menier, the chocolate king, is sick of his bargain. Some years ago he bought this barren island for \$150,000, and since then has spent a couple of million dollars on its improvement. It has proved a most unsatisfactory investment, however, and once M. Menier discovered, to his chagrin, that his possession of such a large territory conferred on him no royal privileges, the joys of ownership departed, and now he is willing to be relieved of his bargain. The money which will change hands when the deal is completed will represent not more than a fifth, perhaps, of M. Menier's outlay. He will take what he can get and gladly relinquish the role of Canadian Jacques Lebaudy.

FARM COLONY AT HADLEIGH.

Just what the Salvation Army intends to do with this island has not been announced, but one is justified in assuming that its 5,400 square miles will be divided into farms; the whole to form a gigantic colony where the Army will work out its social and economic theories on a larger scale than has been possible heretofore. At the present time there are several Salvation Army colonies in America and the British Isles, the most important of them being Hadleigh Farm, on the Nore. Several years ago General Booth established this farm as a partial solution of the problem to which his life has been dedicated. The farm differs from the great farms which we anticipate on Anticosti, in that it is merely a training school for intending emigrants. Human waifs and strays picked up in London are despatched to the farm to work at one of a dozen trades which they may learn there, or to fit themselves for making a new start overseas. Hundreds of Hadleigh Farm graduates have come to Canada, and are today useful citizens.

THE TRINITY OF WASTE.

The economic idea of the Salvation Army in its colonizing schemes was aptly expressed by Frederick de L. Booth-Tucker in a magazine article some years ago. He said: "The Salvation Army's method of dealing with the unemployed is to place waste labor on waste land by means of waste capital, thus combining the trinity of waste, the separation of which means the destruction of each, the co-operation of which means the prosperity of all. In Anticosti the Salvation Army will find a large and comprehensive assortment of waste land, and London will supply enough waste labor to make it blossom like the rose. There remains to be found the waste capital. Lack of capital the Salvation Army has always struggled against, and it has always won at least a partial victory. If it could not get a dollar, it would take a dime, and, if need be, could find use for a penny. We do not expect to see the Anticosti project fail through lack of funds. We believe that if the Army had M. Menier's resources and opportunities it would by this time have made Anticosti a fairly populous province. Anticosti is described as a sterile and inhospitable rock, but it is no more inhospitable than was Salt Lake district when settled by Brigham Young and his Mormon followers seventy years ago. The Salvation Army is capable of performing on Anticosti the Mormon miracle in Utah.

ARMY IS SELF-SUPPORTING.

The most important feature of the great work done by the Army is that it is practically self-supporting. Those who are helped are obliged to pay for this help in labor. They truly work out their own salvation. For example, in 1896 an average of 5,000 people a day were maintained in London at a cost of \$493,000. Of this sum \$470,000 was received for the product of their labor. This is better than charity. A secret of the wonderful method which accomplishes such results is that the work of the Army itself is given for almost nothing. General Booth draws only his traveling expenses from the funds and has paid in thousands of pounds. His son Bramwell draws the largest salary

paid, \$1,000. It has been estimated by business men that his services are worth \$20,000 a year. Another Booth gave up an income of \$6,000 to work for the Army. He gets a few dollars a week.

THE ISLANDS REPARATION.

Looking at the wonderful results achieved by the Army in every part of the world where its standard has been raised, there is every reason to believe that if General Booth and M. Menier conclude their negotiations satisfactorily, the future of Anticosti is assured. Be its soil never so sterile, its approaches never so menacing, men who are working not alone for their bodily needs, but for their moral salvation, will wrest from this reluctant land that for which they seek. It is a happy destiny for Anticosti to be thus conquered and made to bear the yoke of crop and harvest. The island which has been the scene of religious persecution and class intolerance is to aid the one great spiritual organization in the world which is no respecter of persons, nor regards any man's professed religion. To make reparation for the wrecks which have strewn her iron coast, Anticosti will receive with joy the thousands of human wrecks which will find safe harbor there.

CLEVER, BUT FAILED.

Posed as a Dummy to Steal a Fine Gown.
PARIS, Aug. 20.—Mlle. Desire, a young Frenchwoman with some acquaintance with the police, spied a gown on a dummy in a shop window last Saturday that just suited her fancy. She passed and repassed the place many times, and the more she looked at the gown the more she coveted it.

About nightfall she entered the shop while there were still many customers in the place and dodged behind a big placard that reached above her head. No one saw her and soon the clerks closed the shop and went home.

Once alone in the shop Mlle. Desire slipped the gown off the figure, ran behind the big placard and put it on. Then she passed in front of a tall mirror and her eyes danced with pleasure to see that the beautiful gown fitted perfectly.

After admiring herself to her heart's content she crept back of her screen, lest some watchman should spy her, and dozed fitfully all night long.

When the hour for opening the shop came Mlle. Desire took the position of the lay-figure or dummy in the shop window until the shutters should be taken down and she should get a chance to slip through the open door. Minutes, then hours dragged slowly by as she stood rigid for the "figure." Finally the sound of church bells struck her ear—it was Sunday.

Not being wouped up for the task of playing "dummy" for a stretch of thirty-six hours the situation wore on her delicate nerves. She lacked courage to give the alarm and fall in the hands of the police. That meant another sentence. So she waited on and on in the hope that something might turn up to let her slip out undetected in the finery.

The porters opened the door the next morning and found what they supposed to be a "dummy" fallen on the floor. They tried to stand it up, but it was limp. Then they discovered that it was a woman in a faint dressed in the rich show gown.

To the police judge Mlle. Desire related all the details of her long imprisonment.

"You've suffered nearly enough to expiate your crime," he remarked, "so I shall give you only two weeks in jail."

The London Tablet, published under Roman Catholic auspices, makes an interesting point regarding the recent decision of the House of Lords in the Scottish Free church case. It says:—"The reasoning which justifies the handing over of this vast property to the remnant that has been faithful to the old teaching of the Free church of Scotland would seem to require the restoration to the Catholics of this country not only of all the old cathedrals, but of the tithes and glebe-land and all the pre-Reformation endowments now enjoyed by the Established church. Those endowments owe their existence to the piety and faith of men who acknowledged the jurisdiction of the Holy See, who believed

in the Mass and the Seven Sacraments and the intercession of the saints, and prayed for the dead. A majority of their descendants, believing none of these, took these ancient endowments and to-day apply them to the support and promulgation of quite another set of doctrines. The Established church in this country is doing with impunity what, in the case of the so-called United Free church of Scotland, the House of Lords forbids as an intolerable injustice."

Precautionary Treatment.

The Dutch peasant lives with canals all about him, and reaches his cottage by way of a drawbridge. Perhaps it is in the blood of the Dutch child, says a writer in M. A. P., not to fall into a canal. At all events, the Dutch mother never appears to anticipate such a possibility.

One can imagine the average English or American mother trying to bring up a family in a house surrounded by canals. She would never have a moment's peace until the children were in bed. But then the mere sight of a canal to the English child suggests the delights of a sudden and unexpected bath.

An Englishman inquired of a Dutchwoman, "Does a Dutch child ever by any chance fall into a canal?" "Yes," she replied, "cases have been known."

"Don't you do anything for it?" continued the questioner.

"Oh, yes," she answered. "We haul them out again."

"But what I mean is," explained the Englishman, "don't you do anything to prevent their falling in? To save them from falling in again?"

"Yes," she answered, "we spank them."

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'Taking Cold.

Of all causes of 'cold,' says 'Health,' probably fatigue is one of the most common. A jaded man coming home at night from a long day's work, a growing youth losing some hours' sleep over evening parties two or three times a week, a young lady heavily 'doing the season,' or young children over-fed and with short allowance of sleep, are common instances of the victim of cold. Luxury is favorable to chill-taking. Very hot rooms, feather beds, and soft chairs create a sensitiveness that leads to catarrhs. Probably many chills are contracted at night or at the fall end of the day, when tired people get the equilibrium of their circulation disturbed by either over-heated sitting rooms or under-heated bed rooms and bed. This is especially the case with elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done simultaneously, or in a single night. It often takes place insidiously, extending over days or even weeks.

Injury to Teeth From Biting Thread.

(Philadelphia Record.)

A practicing dentist says this is the season of the year when his business is given a slight boom by the women who bite their threads. Only professional dressmakers and seamstresses may be relied upon to eschew this practice, and all other women who make any of their own clothes are more or less addicted to it.

The incisors are used for the purpose, and it makes the edges of several of the front teeth as uneven as a saw, and at a time, as now, when there is much sewing on summer dresses, produces a state of affairs that no dentist can remedy with any satisfaction to himself or his patron, so that the boom is nowhere welcomed. Most women, when shown the evil effects of thread biting, are horrified and make all sorts of promises of reform, but nearly all of them are backsliders.

A Baltimore avenue boy, aged six, seems to have an imaginative mind as well as a humane disposition.

Recently his mother noticed that at bedtime every night he laid his boots together upon their sides instead of setting them upright.

"Please tell me why you always place your boots in that way," she said.

"Why," answered the little boy, "it's because they must be tired walking so much all day. I lay them sideways so they can rest."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"It's ridiculous for a young man to get married as soon as he comes of age," said the elderly bachelor.

"Think so, do you?" said Henpeck, languidly.

"Of course. Why, he's scarcely old enough to be his own boss."

"Well, he isn't if he gets married."—Philadelphia Press.

Dan O'Connell and the Press.

The Liberator's famous battle with the reporters of the house of commons is, says The St. James' Gazette, one of the landmarks in the history of the press gallery. It occurred in 1833 while antipathies to the reporting of parliamentary speeches still lingered in the minds of many members. Aggravated perhaps by frequent inaccuracies due to the unfavorable position allocated to the reporters in the old house, O'Connell suddenly declared war upon the press men, whom he charged with malice towards himself. The result of his unfounded charge was a deadlock. The press men published a joint resolution to report none of O'Connell's speeches till the imputation was withdrawn. Day after day the Liberator "perceived strangers." Day after day he stormed eloquent but unreported, much to his chagrin, till the farce was finally ended by the intervention of peacemakers on O'Connell's behalf.

The Young Infidel.

As little Jim was going to bed, crawling under the coverlet, his mother asked him if he had not forgotten anything.

"Nope," he answered.

"Didn't you forget to say your prayers?" "Nope, I didn't say 'em last night, an' nothin' didn't happen to me, I ain't going to say 'em tonight, neither; an' if nothin' don't happen to me tonight, I ain't never goin' to say 'em."

But he did. Something happened.

A certain Judge has a five-year-old niece of whom he is very proud. A few days ago she came to him and said, with a very serious air:—

"Uncle, there is a question about law I want to ask you."

"Well, dear, what is it?" patiently inquired the Judge.

"Uncle, if a man had a peacock, and it went into another man's yard and laid an egg, to whom would the egg belong?"

The Judge smiled indulgently, and replied: "Why, the egg would belong to the man who owned the peacock, but he could be prosecuted for trespassing if he went on to the other's property to get it."

The child seemed very much interested in the explanation, and then observed, innocently:—

"Uncle, did you never think that a peacock couldn't lay an egg?"

James M. Beck is one of the most distinguished members of the Amateur Journalists' Association, and is the life of its conventions.

At one time he was talking about fishing.

"The best day's sport I ever had," he said, "was off the Florida coast. There were three of us, we each had three rods, and all day long we pulled in fish as fast as we could throw out our lines. I forget," he added, thoughtfully, "what kind of fish they were."

"Perhaps they were whales," someone suggested.

"Whales!" said Mr. Beck, "why, man, we were baiting with whales."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A farmer, driven to the roof of his barn by the flood was gazing over the rising waters. "Washed all your fowls away?" asked a man in a boat below. "Yes, but the ducks swam." "Tore up your orchard trees?" "don't mind it much. The crops would have been a failure." "But the water is right up at your windows, man!" "Well, them windows wanted washing."

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