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"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" A nation, no less than a man, may ask the question.

Temperance at St. Stephen.

Bangor Commercial, Calais news: Since the order was issued for the closing of Calais bars the wine merchants in St. Stephen have enjoyed a most lucrative business and real estate over the line has increased in value, particularly in the vicinity of the international bridge. The police across the line are not gainers by any arrest made, the result being that the number arrested for intoxication is surprisingly small, and although Calais furnishes a large proportion of the patronage of the bars across the river, very few of its citizens are pinched by the Canadian copper, and these only after all attempts at pacification have proved fruitless. The town fathers of St. Stephen have noted the increased amount of drunkenness on the streets and the very few arrests made, and have decided that this conditon of affairs should be speedily remedied; so they have appointed a special policeman, whose duty it will be to keep the drunks off the streets in order that the community may, upon the surface at last, have the appearance of being strictly law-abiding.

His Great Head.

(Puck.)

Farmer Honk-I s'pose your nephew has been a great help to you since he graduated from the academy?

Farmer Bentover-Well, no-not so's you could notice it. You see, he's been so busy figgerin' on a plan for interestin' capital in a sceme to build a railroad from Hudson Bay to Paragua; and make the everlastin' fortunes of everybody connected with it, by shipping icebergs to Paragua, where they dont have ice, and carrying back pampas plumes to Hudson Bay-its kept him so steadily engaged, in fact, he hain't had time to do anything else but eat.

Peter Dressier, an old Pennsylvania politician, and long the coroner of Allepheny county, had, among other traits, a peculiar fondness for free railroad passes, and never let an opportunity of securing one go by. On one occasion he was hearing evidence in a rather celebrated case when a neatly dressed, gentlemanly appearing young man was called to the witness chair. Looking him over carefully, the coroner asked: "What's your name?

'George Blank." "What's your occupation?" "Secretary of the Y. M. C. A."

Turning to his clerk, the coroner whisper-

WOODSTOCK, N. B., APRIL 27, 1904.

American Reciprocity.

That there is a growing feeling in the United States in favor of freer trade with Canada is evident enough, but it is equally certain that this feeling is not yet so strong or so general as to make reciprocity a practical issue in Canadian politics. This view of the situation is amply confirmed by the proceedings of the State Republican convention of Maccachusetts, held recently in Boston to elect delegates to the National Convention and to contribute its share of planks to the National Convention platform. The full significance of what took place on that occasion will be best understood when it is remembered that free trade ideas are supposed to have been spreading with exceptional rapidity in Massachusetts.

The platform submitted to the Committee on Resolutions insists on maintaining the principle of protection, but recognizes that particular tariff schedules are neither sacred nor immutable. The principle of reciprocity is reaffirmed, but it is added that "reciprocity with Canada" is a mere phrase until the concessions offered on one side and demanded on the other are stated in detail. Senator Lodge who is opposed to reciprocity with this country, pressed the resolution on this question, while Mr. Foss of Boston, a strong advocate of freer trade, offered an amendment which declared that the United States should take immediate steps to secure closer and more advantageous trade relations with Canada. In the course of his remarks in support of his amendment he asserted that "Canada possesses unbounded resources, that a marvellous development is in progress, and that nothing would promote so much the welfars of the United States as reciprocal free trade with Canada would do." The amend ment was voted down and the platform was then adopted unanimously. Fortunately such incidents leave not even a feeling of disappointment in the minds of Canadians. They are going on quietly but persistently in settling up their vacant lands, in improving their means of inland transporation, and in providing better steamship service on both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. As soon as our neighbors are ready for more liberal reciprocal trade arrangements they will find some way of letting us know .- Toronto Globe.

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In "Reminiscences of an Old Teacher" Mr. George B. Emerson gives the experience of himself and his roommate in reading much and sleeping little. It was during their sophomore year at college that they read the biography of a distinguished Englishman who said that to sleep more than four hours a night was to be an ox. Ambitious for more time to read, they eagerly began the fourhour scheme at once. They planned to sit up till two o'clock and then sleep till six, when the morning prayer bell would rouse them. To rest their eyes they took turns reading aloud to each other. The last two hours each night were given to a pleasing English novel.

Did we get sleepy? We did; being moderately healthy, vigorous boys, we suffered much at first from sleepiness, but we resorted to a number of prods to spur our nature. Our favorite resource was to plunge our faces and heads into cold water. And then we had a sort of a race with each other to see who could read the most Greek without using a dictionary. It was exciting work. We read far beyond our class. Our rule was never to look up a word more than once.

We got on famously, so we thought; we rose in the opinion of our classmates and instructors from a low to a high rank. My roommate and I were both out a part of the time, teaching, to help earn our expenses, and this had thrown us back. Making such good headway on the four-hour sleeping plan, I became fired with the desire to lead my of slaughtering lambs this season as class. I was getting on so well, and so was my roommate, that we seemed not to require more sleep. Indeed, I began to have great difficulty in getting to sleep at all after retiring at two o'clock.

So we went on for several weeks, until one morning I was taken with a severe pain in my side. I applied a blister, and was relieved temporarily. But soon a pain came in the other side, and then I seemed to ache in every part of my body. I felt seriously ill, and went to the president to ask leave of absence. He asked me some questions, and then said in his paternal manner:

"You have made a mistake. Nature will not allow her laws to be broken; you are too young to live with so little sleep. You are seriously ill, and must go home." So home I went for an illness of several months.

My chum fared just as bad, or worse. He was taken at about the same time with a severe pain in his neck, which drew his head ed, "John, have we got any passes over that | to one side, a malady from which he never fully recovered.

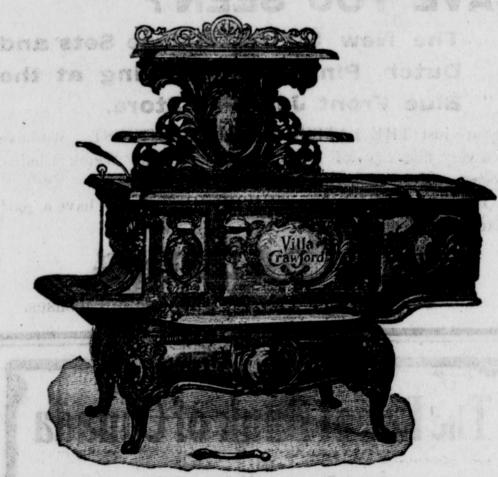
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