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THAT TENDER TOUCH.

After tea. She trails her loving fingers through his hair;
Sits on his knee
And cures him of a day of care.
With witching wiles of one who well knows how
To move the trace of wrinkles from his brow,
She makes his troubles disappear
By woman's magic tender touch to man so dear.
That tender touch—
It means so much.

After tea. He asks her what she did all day.
She says "Who, me?"
Then tells him that she was away
Down town, where with the girl next door
She popped into a millinery store
And saw the swellest mix-up of an Easter hat,
Which she tried on. It looked so lovely that
She was sure she never looked so nice
In anything before—and the price
Was only sixteen dollars. She
Knew he'd let her buy it, wouldn't he?
That tender touch—
It means so much.

Rub.

Purchase of Horses in Canada for the Imperial Army.

A great deal of understanding having arisen concerning the objects of the Imperial Government in sending officers to this country to purchase horses, or rather to see if horses suitable for the British Army can be purchased, the following short summary of the position should prove of value. This statement may be regarded as absolutely correct and authoritative.

First and foremost, the demands of the British Army in peace time can be easily met within the four corners of the United Kingdom. That demand is not large, and may be taken as a normal one of 2,500 horses annually, rising in certain years to possibly 3,500 of all kinds and classes.

There is an idea abroad, and certain Ministers and statesmen in this country have brought it forward and may be considered responsible for it, that if the Imperial Government will purchase annually a fixed number of horses, say from 300 to 500, in Canada, a great stimulus will be given to horse breeding generally, and to breeding of the military type of horse in particular. Failing in with this idea, the Imperial authorities are anxious to put it to the test and, for reasons of their own, they fully recognise the advantage that will accrue to the Empire from the opening up of a large and limitless market that can be drawn upon to meet the immense demand that will be created in time of war. The real question then that has now to be answered by the practical experiment of purchase during the next few months is, can suitable horses be procured, and at an average price that will, when the horses are landed in England, favourably compare with that paid for remounts throughout Great Britain and Ireland?

The average price in England is an open secret; it is £40, or say \$200. The cost of freight and insurance will certainly not exceed another \$50, leaving \$150, or possibly slightly more, to be paid for the animals selected on the spot. A higher price can be paid for horses of special colour and type, such as horses suitable for officer's chargers and Household Cavalry. It is therefore obvious that Canada is on its trial as to its ability to supply a suitable horse for Army purposes.

It is, further, of more importance to Canada than to anyone else that, as the horses purchased will be regarded in England, as well as in this country, as typical, it will be in every way a great misfortune if those sent home are of a class and quality that will engender a belief that the Canadian horse is of an inferior type. Such a belief will probably do more harm to Canadian horse breeding and the reputation of Canadian horses than anything else.

Two classes of horses are to be bought.

1st. Riding horses, fit for heavy and light cavalry, from say 15 to 15½ hands.

2nd. Draught horses fit for being driven postillion, with horse and field artillery. The latter must not be less than 1,230 lbs. 15 2 to 15 3¼ hands in height, strong, active, and with good shoulders to enable them to move fast and even to gallop, when required the age should be from 4 off to 6 years. In all cases the British Government require horses with short backs, good shoulders, plenty of bone and distinct evidence of quality.

In the case of riding horses, those with a near cross of the thoroughbred are most likely to take the eye of the inspecting officers.

The British Remount Officers are in possession of detailed specifications, showing the exact type and qualifications of the horses required.

The Conductor's Revenge.

"Ain't you got anything smaller?" demanded the conductor, as he hung on to the car with his toes, and scowled at the bill. He spoke through a mouthful of transfer slips.

"Smallest I've got," said the passenger, lying cheerfully. "Don't you give me all nickels." The conductor sidled along the



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footboard with speed, and with the motion of a crab, and sat upon the back rail of the car. He had stuffed the bill in his pocket. The passenger looked over his shoulder suspiciously. After a few blocks he began to get uneasy, and three blocks farther on he also sidled along the footboard.

"Where's my change?" he demanded. The conductor eyed him coldly.

"What change?" he made answer

"Why I gave you a \$10 bill away back there," said the passenger vaguely, "and I want my change. I got off at the next corner." Here the conductor saw a woman trying to stop the car by pulling on the cash register cord and hurriedly stopped the car. He walked along to assist her, while the man who owned the \$10 bill loped along behind him, saying things.

"What was that about a \$10 bill?" inquired the conductor after the car had been started. The man hopped up and down in a frenzy.

"Here, you," he shouted, "I'm past my corner now. Gimme my change, or that bill, I want to get off." The car whizzed past the next corner.

"Gimme my bill and stop the car," howled the passenger. The conductor took a roll of bills from his pocket, looked it over calmly, and then took a handful of small change out of his breeches' pocket and carefully and painstakingly counted out \$9.95, which the passenger grabbed and leaped from the car.

"He had a nickel," grinned the conductor. "I seen him look at a lot of small change before he gimme that bill."—[Dallas News.

The Hero Fund.

A correspondent of the Chicago "Record-Herald" has these words to say concerning Mr. Carnegie's millions for heroes:

Carnegie has again struck the world with amazement, and a large number of people have gone into ecstasies over this wretched piece of "benevolence" which he calls a hero fund. The American people lack woefully in analytical power or they would certainly not be humbugged by a scheme so nakedly selfish.

The first point is this: Can heroism be put upon the market and handled like merchandise? Is heroism a barterable commodity? Can money "inspire men to heroic deeds"?

That a hero is rewarded at times for act of self-defence is as it should be, but to put up a fund for the purpose of manufacturing heroes is incongruous in the extreme. The true man, the man capable of heroic deeds, will shrink back and cover his face in sight of so crude and vulgar a picture as that presented by Mr. Carnegie—"a fund to inspire men to heroic deeds."

To the real hero this must be excruciating, nauseating. It is an insult to all manhood and a contemptible attempt at mixing money with divinely instinctive character.

The supreme thought of the hero is not how much he may get out of his deed, but how much he may sacrifice. His joy comes not out of the reward he may chance to get, but out of the consciousness of actual service for his fellow-man. Carnegie is very much

like the man who came to Peter and wanted to buy the Holy Ghost for money. Peter answered, "Perish thy money with thee." The hero whom Carnegie wishes to prop up on money will probably give the same answer.

No. Heroism will not banker after a swim in Carnegie's blood money. Heroism is too exalted and too chaste to be dragged down into such vile pools. It is a pity that those finer sensibilities of heroic men and women must be submitted to this vulgar shock that Carnegie has succeeded in administering to the world. But we should not be surprised at anything that this man may do. He is in for novelties in giving.

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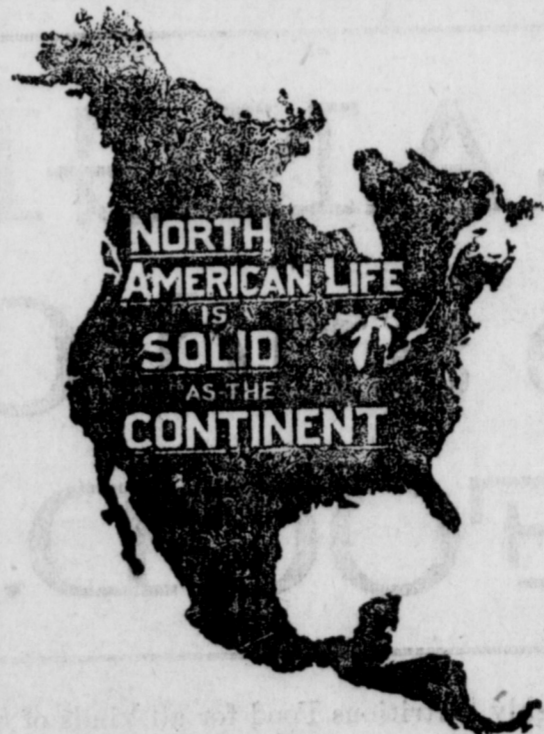
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