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### J. E. Collins on English-Canadian Literature.

Mr. Joseph E. Collins, the rather clever but eccentric editor of the now defunct *Fredericton Star*, who is now engaged in literary work at Toronto, contributes an article to the *Week*, on English Canadian Literature, in which fearless criticism and patronizing adulation, are curiously combined. Mr. Collins starts out with the proposition that there is no Canadian Literature, and then he hammers away in criticism and adulation combined, as we have said, to the extent of two and a half columns. "There is no Australian Literature," says Mr. Collins, "no Heliogoland Literature, no Rock-of-Gibraltar Literature; neither is there a Canadian Literature. A number of books have been written by English-speaking colonists here, but the majority of them have the tone of the kitchen of the empire; the histories are the record of happenings which are regarded only with respect to their relation to the Motherland; the fiction and *belles-lettres*, generally, have the limits of the municipality and the flavor of the log-bush. I suppose some will call this an attack on Canadian Literature; but it is really nothing of the kind; it is saying nothing better, absurd. We are yet only the pioneers of the future Canada; our wealthy classes are not yet born, and a people who have their sleeves rolled up could be no more expected to read than to produce polite literature."

### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. Alex. McKenzie, the premier of Canada, have both been warmly received in the North West.

Sir John A. Macdonald, in November next, will complete his fortieth year in public life, and in honor of the occasion he is to be banqueted at Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities.

The St. John *Globe* pokes a little mild fun at the *FARMER* for its admiration of Lady Macdonald. Well we can stand it, if the editor of the *Globe* can afford to go back on his own record of female worship.

The report comes from Toronto, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate have purchased a controlling interest in the Toronto *Globe*. If the report is true, the *Globe* will not be of much use to the Grit party in the future.

The American navy has to submit to innumerable jokes, since one of its members—the war ship *Talapoosa*—was sunk by collision with a coal laden schooner. The Toronto *Globe* suggests that the officers of the ship were guilty of great recklessness in venturing out upon the sea.

The Maine State elections occur on Monday. There is no doubt but that the Republicans will carry the State by a large majority. The candidates for the Governorship are Governor Robie, Republican, and Redmond, Democrat. The result of the contest on Monday next, will be a fair indication of Blaine's prospects in that State in November.

France and China, after prolonged conference, have gone to war over a small matter. The Chinese massacred some French soldiers who were on their way to fight in Tonquin, but the Chinese Government did not hold itself responsible for the act. However, they apologized, and France asked for indemnity. The nations' representatives could not agree on this point, and hence the declaration of war. The offensive measures, so far, include the destruction of the Chinese fleet and the bombardment of Foo Choo and Kinnai.

Since the Dominion general election of 1882, twenty-two seats in the House of Commons have been opened, and of these, seventeen have been carried by the Macdonalds, and five only by the Grit party. Sir John, himself, is said to feel well over the certain prospect of his continuing in power for several years to come. The Halifax *Mail* says, that in conversation the other day with a friend, the Conservative leader, when speaking of the Government's prospects remarked that, "We shall hold our own till the general election, and then carry it by a large majority than we had, either in '78 or '82."

The *FARMER* has a jealous enemy, who lies about it, but the *FARMER* goes on to success all the same. The *FARMER* is constantly increasing its circulation, its list of advertisers never was so large as at present; and they never paid as high prices, for space as now. The *FARMER* is conducted on strictly business principles. It pays for all its ads and gives good value to its patrons. It is subsidized by no individual, body of individuals or Government, and is subject to no control, except that of its proprietors. The *FARMER* has no bills of sale on its stock or plant, no creditors, and therefore no liabilities. It does not go begging for patronage, or ask the Banks for discounts. If any individual, corporation or community has a claim against the *FARMER*, it will be settled in full on presentation.

The first particulars of the race in Australia between Hanlan and Beach are at hand. The race was well contested for two miles, both carmen making a desperate struggle for the end. Amid the wildest enthusiasm and tremendous cheering Hanlan for a few seconds appeared to shorten stroke, and at the same time Beach gained the lead. Hanlan pulled hard and vigorously to close up the gap, but Beach, who was rowing in splendid form, appeared to have more strength than his rival, and he continued to widen the gap. Hanlan tried all he knew to keep up with Beach, but the space was terrific for half a mile, when Hanlan showed signs of exhaustion. Beach kept the lead and won easily by 6 lengths. The scene at the finish beggars description. After their cheer came from thousands of throats, flags were waved and on Beach reaching his boat he was carried to his boat-house amid cheers given for the champion of the world.

The best Cough Medicine we know of is Allen's Lung Balm. See adv.

### Eaten by a Bear.

A terrible story comes from Shrewsbury, Province of Quebec, which will be long remembered in that village. A short distance from Shrewsbury there is a farmer named Leblanc, a French Canadian. On leaving home a few mornings ago to work in the woods, he told his wife to send their daughter, who was 12 years old, with his dinner to him. After waiting until 3 o'clock in the afternoon he concluded to go home, as no dinner had arrived. He shouldered his gun and started, but before he had gone far, he noticed an immense bear apparently eating something. He watched it for a moment and fired, missing his mark. While reloading he heard a deplorable cry, which he followed to within easy gunshot, discharging his rifle into the bear, which rolled over, revealing the body of his little daughter, disfigured and almost beyond recognition. Her feet had been torn off, and her face, which she still held in her little hand the tin containing her father's dinner.

### Where she drew the Line.

Israel Pinkham and wife moved from Maine many years ago to Utah Territory. They passed through Salt Lake the other day on their way to their home, and the lady made no secret of the cause of their return. To the reporter for a *Gentle* newspaper she said: "My husband and I have lived together these forty-three years, and though we have the Mormon women's reputation, nothing was ever said about polygamy until this spring. Then some sneaking priests came around and got the old man worked up with the idea that he had one or two more wives. 'Not much, Israel Pinkham,' says I; 'we've travelled together this far, and no Mormon will separate us now; we've got a better home here than we have anywhere else, and we won't have anybody put fun at us; and there's the two little boys that we buried back in Maine, who won't have an occasion to put their fingers at us when we cross over to the other shore. This thing has gone just as far as it's going to. Israel Pinkham, we're going back to Maine, says I, 'and whether we've got one year or ten years to live, we'll end this thing as it begins, as we begun it. Ain't that what I told you, said she, addressing the old man, who had been a silent listener. He smiled in a faint way, and nodded assent. 'I've estimated the back to Maine,' continued the old lady, 'poorer than when we came out here, but wiser and no wiser, so far as I can know. There'll be no more Mormon in this family.'

### A Rattlesnake and a Mouse.

John Maby, who lives on Wawayanda Mountain, in Sussex county, N. Y., stumbled over a couple of large rattlesnakes while berrying recently. He killed one, and by means of a forked stick and a shoestring succeeded in capturing the other alive. As it was a female, with nine young ones, he emptied on him, and he was knocked about and handcuffed. When the Mayor of the place heard of the outrage he caused an investigation and the Jew was released.

### Her True Heart's Love.

Valentine Michael Gerth, a nineteen year old, who lives with his parents at 14th street and New Avenue, Morrisania, was arrested in the licensed vendor's business by his father about three years ago. Since that time he has managed to pay his father's debts and purchase a neat little cottage in East Morrisania. Thursday he was arraigned in the Harlem Police Court, before Justice Wells, on the charge of deserting his wife, Wigie, of Claremont avenue, High Bridge, who charged Gerth with abducting his daughter, Ethel Christina, who will be fifteen years old next Christmas.

### Not Abduction but Devotion and Marriage.

On Sunday morning Ethel left her parents' house, and when she did not return in the evening her mother went up to her room and found on the bureau a letter, which read as follows:

DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER—When you receive this letter I will be the wife of my dear, darling Val. He is my true heart's love, and although you dislike him, I love him more than I love you. I would not have taken this step had you encouraged his attentions to me. You say that he is not as good as we are, but I differ with you there. He is all the world to me, and I willingly give the food of a home and father for his sweet sake. Farewell forever.

Your loving daughter, ETHEL.

Monday morning Mrs. and Mr. Wigie appeared in the Harlem Police Court, and on Wednesday afternoon the latter was arrested, and after being locked up overnight was arraigned in the Harlem Police Court, because there was no return of the child to the Morrisania Sixth District Police Court, where the case should have been heard.

After Mr. Wigie made his complaint charging Gerth with abducting his daughter, Justice Wells called the prisoner to the stand. The young woman, who was attired in a pink cambric Mother Hubbard gown and a white ship straw hat, without waiting to be questioned, said: "I want to say right here, Judge, that this is no case of abduction. Val asked me if I would marry him and I told him I would, because I loved him dearly. We went to the house of the great pastor Grace Church, in 11th street, near Third Avenue, Sunday afternoon, and he married us. I am under no restraint whatever, and if I desired to return home I could do so at any time. I am perfectly happy with my husband, and I do not care to be separated from him. My husband is well able to provide for me, and I think we can get along together very nicely."

After the young woman ceased talking, Mrs. Gerth's mother-in-law, who accompanied her to court, said: "I have a marriage certificate which certified that Valentine Michael Gerth and Ethel Christina Wigie had been united in marriage on Sunday, August 10, by Rev. D. Brainard Bay, D. D."

After reading the marriage certificate, Justice Wells remarked that there was no need to show that the girl had been abducted, and that he thought the young couple were well able to take care of themselves. He discharged the prisoner, and the young couple walked out of court arm in arm. They had a number of other company, which was applauded when the Justice gave his decision.

### A STRONG ENDORSEMENT.

The Clergy, the Medical Faculty, the Press and the People all endorse Burdock Blood Bitters as the best system renovating blood purifying tonic known. It works bears out their best recommendation.

Mr. Vanderbilt's account with Maud S. shows a profit of \$19,000, ninety-nine per cent, leaving her with a net income of the best and her driver. It is said that Mr. Vanderbilt behaved queerly when he sold Maud S., avowing for a while that there was a strange fast to get to the bottom of it, and going away that he visited her stable and put his arms around her neck. Yet her mare was sold.

### Do You

Wish to be kindly remembered for all time to come. If so send half a dozen of TAPLEY'S REMEDY to those of your sick friends who are suffering from Neuralgia, Nerve or SICK HEADACHE. It acts directly upon the nervous system, and if properly used will bring joy and comfort where the most distressing pains now exist. Hundreds of persons have been made happy by its use during the last year.

### RESPECT AGE.

Age should always command respect, in the case of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry it certainly does, for 25 years that has been the standard remedy with the people, for Cholera, Malaria, Dysentery, Hæmorrhoe, Colic and all Bowel Complaints.

### A Step in the Right Direction.

We are much gratified to learn from an authentic source, that the Board of Cavalry Equipment of the United States Army, comprising experienced and able Cavalry officers has concluded to recommend for exclusive use in the Service, the Specific Veterinary Equipment of the Jenrette and Company's Medicine Company. This determination has been arrived at only after a most thorough and exhaustive examination of the subject. The above Board of officers, in the line of duty, applied to this Company for information upon the subject more especially referring to two points—the relative loss of stock and the cost of treatment. The Humphreys' Company simply referred the Board to the Jenrette and Company's Medicine Company, and large stock owners for information, and the result of the inquiry was such that the Board recommended these specific and the recommendation has been approved by the Quarter-Master General and the General of the Army, and the Specifics are being duly issued to the various Cavalry Regiments, Posts and Troops. Now we have every reason to believe, from the known character of the house supplying the Veterinary Specifics, and the reputation of the medicine as a whole, that the Jenrette and Company's Specifics will prove entirely successful.—*Davenport Democrat*.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Bradford is announced to lecture in the United States in October and November. The Woodstock Field Battery will go into Camp at the Trotting Park, September 10th.

P. H. Sharp of Upper Woodstock, this season gathered about 300 bushels of gooseberries.

Judge Botsford has allowed an application to be heard for a scrutiny in the recent Boston Act election. Westwood, N. H., has set down to law for hearing the application.

NO LADY who delights in flowers, and likes to see them do well and bloom abundantly, should not be without *Hampden's Flower Food*. Ordinary packages 30c. Sufficient for twenty plants one year.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* estimates the value of the agricultural products of California for the year 1884, at \$81,000,000. About \$56,000,000 will be exported, consisting of wheat, barley, flour, wine, brandy, wool, salmon and canned fruits. Wheat leads the list of exports, 1,600,000 tons, valued at \$40,500,000.

The total muster of the House of Lords is 518. Of these five are members of the Royal Family, who, in accordance with usual practice, are exempt from military and naval service. Of the remainder 288 rank as Tories, and 218 are usually classified as Liberals. But many the nominal Liberals, are in fact Tories, and vice versa.

The heavy guns of modern invention have very nearly replaced earthwork in the same category with masonry as discarded material for the defence. Experiments with the best constructed earthworks have shown that the rifled gun projectiles will penetrate them fifty feet. Forts of chilled iron or steel or masonry are apparently not to be relied as defenses against possible attack by iron war vessels.

A DILAPIDATED PHYSIQUE may be built up and fortified against disease by the incomparable promoter of digestion and fertility, the British, Norman & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. It counteracts Biliousness and Kidney complaints, overcomes bodily ailments, special and general, and is a safeguard against malaria and rheumatism.

The revision of the Old Testament, which it was hoped would be out this year, will probably not make its appearance before the end of 1885. The eighty-fifth and last session of the English Revision Committee has been held, but months must intervene before the complete work can be given to the public. Experiments with the best constructed earthworks have shown that the rifled gun projectiles will penetrate them fifty feet. Forts of chilled iron or steel or masonry are apparently not to be relied as defenses against possible attack by iron war vessels.

Particulars are published of the project for constructing a ship canal across Ireland. The canal, which would be 127 miles in length, and would contain 30 locks. For ships of 1,500 tons the cost would be \$2,000,000; for ships of 2,500 tons \$12,000,000; for ships of 5,000 tons and upwards, \$20,000,000. If built on this scale the canal would be 200 feet wide on the surface, and 100 feet at the bottom. The passage through the canal would be effected by means of a large number of locks, and the passage of a ship from Galway Bay to Kingstown would occupy between 24 and 30 hours.

A strange story of outrage on a Jew comes from France. He had left Russia for Paris in order to attend his brother's wedding, and ignorant of French, was unable to understand a demand made for his ticket at a station in the neighborhood of Paris. The Jew, who would not give up his ticket, was struck in the direction of the nose. Presuming that she was hungry, a mouse was caught alive and dropped into the box. At first the mouse was not noticed, but soon recovering, played at stepping on the coils of the snake. The snake had evidently lost her appetite, and made no attempt to molest the mouse. In this way they were left for some time, until the box the next morning Maby found the mouse with the snake, both a lively as ever, but the nine rattles were gone, and only a short thread projected from the end of the reptile's tail.

Mr. Maby has come to the conclusion that the mouse may have mistaken the rattles for corn during the night, and having emptied on him, and he was knocked about and handcuffed. When the Mayor of the place heard of the outrage he caused an investigation and the Jew was released.

After careful inquiry it has been found that the value of the island of New Guinea, certain concessions from native chiefs, on which the assumption of Dutch sovereignty was based, have long since been abandoned. When the Queensland Police Magistrate hoisted the British flag some time ago, he limited his proclamation of the Queen's rule to such portions of the island as were under the control of other than native chiefs. This annexation was subsequently disavowed by him, under the new scheme of Colonial federation, New Guinea be annexed to Australia, it is assumed that the Colonists will be allowed to take possession of the whole island.

New Zealand according to the report of Mr. Griffin, the United States Consul, has advanced wonderfully in civilization. Some of the most important of these advances are in the way of agriculture, and the latter through their efforts have brought them out a state of degradation and cannibalism to their creditable state of civilization. Sweet potatoes are raised, and have exceeded their former articles of diet. The island, he says, is undoubtedly the most prosperous of Australasia. It now has over 600,000 population, embracing a large number of European and Chinese immigrants. Besides, there are 1,465 miles of railroad in operation, and 171 miles more in course of construction, and 12,000 miles of telegraph lines and 12,000 miles of telegraph lines.

TO BE DYSPYPTIC is to be miserable. Dyspepsia is a disease in which a thousand ills seem to be combined, yet its origin in very many instances may be traced to nothing more than improper eating and drinking. The best remedy is to use the medicine. Beware of imitations. See that you get "Hampden's," the original and genuine. For sale by all druggists and general dealers in Canada.

The New York Yacht Club, of which James M. Smith is president, has elected Field as members, entertained the officers of the Greely relief expedition at dinner a few days ago. Chief Engineer Melville, formerly of the *Jenrette*, made a long speech, in which he set forth the feasibility of setting one for all the question of an open Arctic Sea, and that, too, without loss of life. He said he was willing to take command of such an expedition, and that moderate sum would be sufficient to cover all the expenses. Young Mr. Field, in answer, said that he was convinced of the theory of the open Arctic Sea, and that he would be perfectly willing to advance half of the sum required to meet the expenses of the expedition, provided the other members of the club should put the matter down for the remainder. This they at once agreed to, and he was subscribed on the spot, and there is said to be no doubt that an Arctic expedition will be sent to the Arctic Sea, and will return from an American port in the fall of 1885.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has established several industrial schools, at which youths of both sexes are taught, free of charge, the different trades, employment, etc. The city government of Vera Cruz, Mexico, has been humane enough to pass a law requiring butchers to kill beasts either by cerebral concussion or by cutting the spinal cord. Certain portions of the Alps have been covered with snow this summer to an unprecedented extent; not only did the winter snow not melt, but a fresh supply fell in July. The German physicians have to study in an ordinary college for five years, then attended a medical school six years, and end up with two years in a hospital—thirteen years in all. A Nebraska lawyer in arguing a case said that a man who is so mean as to sue a widow ought to be kicked to death by a jackass, and he would like the court to appoint him to do it. A swarm of bees administered a stinging rebuke to a train load of passengers in the neighborhood of Chicago the other day. 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In Missouri hugging societies have been introduced to ward off various diseases, and a paper gives the following scale of prices:—Girls under 16, twenty-five cents for each hug of two minutes; from 16 to 20 years of age, fifty cents for each hug of two minutes; school ma'ams, forty cents; widows according to looks, from ten cents to two dollars; old maids, three cents apiece, or two for a nickel, but not any limit of time. Miss Mary Campbell, Elm, writes: "After taking four bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, I feel as if I were a new person. I had been troubled with Dyspepsia for a number of years, and tried many remedies, but to no avail, until I used this celebrated Dyspeptic Cure." For all impurities of the Blood, Sick Headache, Liver and Kidney Complaints, Constipation, &c., it is the best medicine known. A lady of Portland, England, has met with a singular and painful accident. She was engaged in canning fruit, and had a dish of water and another of melted sealing-wax on the table by her. She would dip her hand in the water and then take a portion of the lid to be put on the water. The sealing compound adhered to her fingers and hardened as soon as they were withdrawn, and there it still remains, she not being able to remove it without taking away all the skin from her fingers. There are very few babies in Saratoga who are better tended than a certain little poodle. A fashionable young lady gives the following account of her silver poodle. "He is a daisy, he is so nice and clever. He has a tooth brush, and keeps just as still when the maid uses it with the powder. He barks to show his silver teeth, and takes a shampoo with perfect delight. When he goes to bed he lays his head on the pillow, and goes to sleep like a tired boy. He is always worked in the house, but he is always dressed in the morning. The *FARMER* only one dollar a year.

### CURRENT COIN.

The present crop is expected to pan out 4,000,000 bushels. Marine divers do not care to go a depth of more than eighty feet. A very common tavern sign in British India is: "Animals of all kinds stuffed on the shortest notice."

Geological examination reveals that in the Delta of the Mississippi, along the distance of 300 miles, ten distinct forests are buried. The Mexican Government has established several industrial schools, at which youths of both sexes are taught, free of charge, the different trades, employment, etc. The city government of Vera Cruz, Mexico, has been humane enough to pass a law requiring butchers to kill beasts either by cerebral concussion or by cutting the spinal cord.

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