

REVERIES OF LIFE.

BY A BANKER.

As we look backwards down the long chequered vista of life, what a flood of memories crowd in upon the mind; memories of joys and of sorrows, of triumphs and of victories, of glad sunshine and of cloud. And as on the wings of thought we take flight back to the far off threshold of that long avenue, scenes of childhood and of early youth, long since forgotten and shrouded in oblivion, float in strong relief before the mind as sharp and as distinct as though they were but of yesterday. We recall to mind perhaps the strange, though somewhat perturbed fascination with which we witnessed, for instance, a fine display of summer sheet-lightning, the entire southern heavens from time to time lighted up with a brilliant gleam of momentary refuge, and we think it must be the heavens of heavens opening, and with earnest gaze we endeavour to catch some glimpse of the angels flying to and fro in the land of glory, or to see the rainbow-circled Throne of which we had heard at our mother's knee. Or we remember what a vivid impression other natural phenomena made upon our young mind: the thunderstorm, the beautiful annular eclipse, or the great comet.

And the surge in reveries of early manhood or womanhood, of that

bright halcyon age when the heart is young, and all is illumined with a glow of sunshine; when we hungrily yearn after the acquisition of more and more knowledge; when we delve into the mysteries of nature, or are thrilled through and through at her glories and her beauties; the high snow mountains and icy glaciers; on the ever entrancing seashore; in the flower bedecked lanes, the shady forests and the sunlight glades; or when gazing at the magnificence of the vaulted canopy of the midnight heavens, gemmed with scintillating many-hued suns and resplendent planets, and perhaps from time to time varied with the rapid flight of a brilliant, gleaming meteor. And with some too there rise up reveries of the first meeting with the one with whom they are, hand in hand, to fight the battle of life, and to share all its joys and all its sorrows; reveries of the glad plighting of the troth, reveries of that solemn ceremonial which links them together until death doth them part. And then comes the golden age of late middle life; the age when the mind is at its prime, and all its energy is unimpaired; when the bodily powers, though not perhaps capable of quite such endurance as when but half the allotted four score years had been passed, yet in other respects are strong and vigorous; when experience is riper; talents, whatsoever they be, more practised; and the powers of appreciation more enhanced and discriminating.

Aye, truly the retrospect of life indelibly inscribed upon the tablets of the memory, and the reminiscence of all its halcyon days, must to multitudes give rise to the desire to offer a poem of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good for his unbounded beneficence. And those who have loved and served him, who, with the aid of His Holy Spirit have lived a righteous life, and whose misdeeds have been effaced from the great record through faith in the Redeemer's atonement, have the added supreme pleasure of a sure and certain hope of infinitely greater joys in the glories of the life to come.

HONOR TO EDISON.

His fellow electricians have just been bestowing merited honor on Edison, the inventor of the incandescent lamp, and whose services to civilization it would be difficult to estimate, indeed, it is too soon yet to attempt to fully measure these services. It is to be hoped that he will yet make many important additions. Those already rendered, however, will entitle him to the honor of having a medal struck in his name to encourage further research in electric science. Unquestionably Edison's greatest achievement was the perfection of his system of lighting. This has not yet entirely driven gas out of use, but it has found a wider application than any one dreamed of a quarter of a century ago.—*Scottish American*

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Canned And Evaporated Goods
Trade 1903.

ARTICLE 1.

The Canadian Export Trade in canned and evaporated goods is a comparatively new one, but it is steadily increasing and promises to develop into one of large volume in the near future, says Mr. A. W. Grindley in his annual report to the Dominion Department of Agriculture, of which he is one of the representatives in Great Britain. The British

merchants have little or no idea of the large assortment of preserved meats, fish, fruits and vegetables which are packed by Canadian firms.

Great Britain in the past has bought canned goods largely from France, Germany and Italy, but owing to the friendly feeling that has arisen between the "Mother Country" and her "Colonies" Canadian firms may expect a large increase in orders providing their goods give satisfaction as regards quality and price. The leading American firms who export canned fruit, vegetables, meats and fish to Great Britain have more push than Canadian houses. The Americans either have representatives of their own in Great Britain to push their goods or if they consign to British firms to sell on commission they fix the price at which their goods are to be sold, allowing a good commission, but not allowing prices to be cut in order to effect sales. In addition to this they enclose handsome embossed cards in each case of goods upon which is plainly marked the retail price in English money.

The goods themselves have attractive labels making a nice window ornament and the embossed card with reasonable price in plain figures attracts customers and sales are made where Canadian goods of equal quality, but not having such an attractive label, and having no fixed price are "sidetracked."

It has been found that large quantities of tinned and bottled peas, beans and spinach have been "greened" by a treatment with salts of copper. The public have been warned against the consumption of these goods by leading medical and food journals and it only remains for Canadian packers to show that they put up goods of a reliable quality as the British merchant has been getting from other countries (but which are entirely free from adulteration) in order to create a large demand for Canadian brands.

CANNED AND BOTTLED PEAS.
The British consumer prefers a smaller sized pea than is usually packed in Canada.

The following grades are wanted:—
Ex fine (size mesh for grading) 7 millimeters.
Fine do do do 7½ do
Medium do do do 9 do
French peas are generally colored by using 6 (six tenths) grain copper per pound of peas.

A preference is shown for the French style of tin for peas, the French tin being taller and narrower in diameter than the tin generally used in Canada.

A slight addition of sugar will improve some varieties of peas.

CANNED APPLES.

Canned apples in one gallon tins are in good demand but fault has been found in Canadian goods on account of some firms putting different varieties of apples in the same tin. Some varieties cook much faster than others. Another complaint is that some packers apparently use "cull fruit" and have not sufficient fruit in the tins, the goods being turned "sloppy."

The best grades should be exported if we wish to hold, or increase our trade with Great Britain as there is keen competition from all parts of the world for the British markets. The United States, France, Germany, Italy, the Australian Commonwealth, and New Zealand are shipping heavy lines of canned goods. During cool seasons like the past two, only the best grades are in demand. It is during hot weather, when cooking becomes a burden, that people turn to canned goods.

GOODS PRESERVED IN GLASS.
Great care should be taken with goods packed in glass that all roughness is ground off the necks of bottles before they are filled as pieces of glass have been found in the contents and a prejudice created against goods put up in glass.

Yours very truly,

W. A. CLEMONS,
Publication Clerk.

Last year 5,723 miles of new steam railway track were built in the United States. That was 39 miles more than the total mileage constructed in 1902.

The largest bronze statue in the world is that of Peter the Great at St. Petersburg. It weighs about 1100 tons.

Skyscrapers Stand Fire.

One of the lessons learned by the Baltimore disaster is, that the skyscrapers stand fire. Experts who went over the field of fire ruins found the great steel and tile buildings practically intact, requiring only a minimum of expenditures for repairs upon the structural parts. Floor arches, main partitions and tile floors remain in rooms where the heat fused typewriting-machines into molten masses. Ornamental marble work, wooden floor strips, and glass and various fixtures, all have disappeared, but the gigantic steel frameworks stand. These experts are of opinion that if the tall buildings were fitted with iron shutters and metal window-frames and equipped, as many of them in this city are, with water stand pipes, they would not only be well-nigh invulnerable themselves, but would prove invaluable obstacles to the spread of fires.

THEY CURE MEN
AND WOMEN TOO

Dodd's Kidney Pills Keep Up
Their Good Work in
Newfoundland.

Christopher Bishop Tells How His
Wife and Brother were Brought
Back to Health and Vigor.

CLARK'S BEACH, Nfld.—Feb'y 22.—
(Special).—Among the splendid cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills in Newfoundland is that of Mrs. Christopher Bishop, of this place. The story of her suffering and cure is told by her husband as follows:

"My wife suffered for three years with a weakness in the lower part of her back followed by a shivering causing weakness. Her legs were swollen from her knees to the feet and she had a pain in the left side just under the ribs.

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If you don't cure the pain in your back by using Dodd's Kidney Pills it will grow into something worse—Dropsy or Rheumatism or Bright's Disease.

Why He Would Not Insure His
Wife.

A certain Dutchman, owner of a small house, had effected an insurance on it of \$4,000, although it had been built for much less.

The house was burned down and the Dutchman then claimed the full amount for which it had been insured, but the officers of the company refused to pay more than its actual value, about \$3,000. He expressed his dissatisfaction in powerful broken English, interlarding his remarks with some choice Teutonic language.

"If you wish it," said the agent of the insurance company, "we will build you a house larger and better than the one burned down, as we are positive it can be done for even less than \$3,000."

To this proposition the Dutchman objected, and at last was compelled to take the \$3,000.

Some weeks after he received the money he was called upon by the same agent, who wanted him to take a policy of life insurance for himself or his wife.

"If you insure your wife for \$10,000," the agent said, "and she should die, you will have the sum to solace your heart."

"Donner und blitzen!" exclaimed the Dutchman, "you insure fellows

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Grey horses are to be exclusively used by the artillery in the Russian Army.

It looked as though the Japs would have scored against all comers with the fearsome hairy Ainu from their northern island of Yezo, but the Russians have beaten them by drawing into the war zone the Samoyed Mongolians from the Arctic circle. They are described as an interesting race, full of smallpox, raw spirits and degradation. When they are at home the Russian traders beat them out of their pelts and walrus teeth.

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