WHAT TO BE.

I'd rather be a sour crab, and have an honest healthy core, sound in every Than be a luscious lookin' peach with

velvet cheeks and rotten heart. I'd rather wear a flannel shirt and cow hide boots and suit that fitted ill, Than duck and dodge to miss the tailor

with his bill. I'd sooner be a lily of the valley, fightin upward through the cold and snow

for light and life, Than be a petted hothouse rose, a ripen-

in' for the knife Victory that is dearly bought, and where the flush of conquest is always twice

As the surrender, where scarless, the conquered lays his sabre at your feet. If y'er a crab, be a sound one, rather than a rotten-hearted peach; don't dodge,

Don't be nurtured in a hothouse, but like the lily of the valley, rise,

Through cold,

Through frost, Through glom, Steadily upward.

-Charlie Churner.

BY FRANCES HENSHAW BADEN.

"Ab, here we are!" said a pleasant voice, as the driver, having jumped from his seat, opened the carriage door.

"Yes, sir, I think so. This is the street and number-244 or 246, which did you

"'Pon my word, I've forgotten, and lost the card," answered the pleasant

"The name, sir? I'll inquire."

'Never mind. I'll take a look at both houses, and see if I cannot decide, I'm earlier than expected, so I can look well before they come out to welcome me Just dump my luggage down on the sidewalk, and make off for another job," said the old gentleman, handing the fare to the man, who soon after drove off.

"Well, here are two cottages alike, and very unlike, too. This one is Charley's home, I know. Why? Because it is newly painted. The fencing all in perfect order. The grounds, although very limited, are prettily fixed up. Flowers and vines-ah, I like the looks of this place! And I'm sure I'm right in fixing it in my mind as Charley's. Some don't-carish fellow lives there-loves his pipe, cigars and wine, may be, better than his home, wife and children. Dear, dear! how those blinds are suffering for a coat of paint! A few dollars would make that fence all right. How different that entrance would look with a little rustic seat like this one! I wonder that fellow does not notice how much he might improve his place, if he only did as Charley. But here comes the servant. I'll get her to let me in."

"Rather sooner than you expected me. ain't it? Folks not up yet? Just go back and open the door, my girl; let me in. and then tell Mr. Charles Mayfield that his uncle has come!"

"Oh, sir, you mistake! It is next door Mr. Charles Mayfield lives," answered the girl.

'Next door? No; you mistake, surely.

My nephew Charley can't live therel" "Yes, sir. But his-" What the girl was going to say was stopped by a jovial voice in the next door, calling ouc: "Uncle, here! How are you?" And a moment more the pleasant old gentleman was caught by both hands and drawn along to the next house. His nephew Charley saying: "I'm so delighted to see you!

Come in!" Into the parlor he was carried, and seat ed in a very comfortable arm chair. The interior was more inviting than the out side. It told very plainly that the wife did her duty toward making everything as nice as possible; in a word, making the best of her means.

A very short time after a sweet-faced little woman entered, and was presented

by Charley, saying: "Here is your niece, uncle."

The old gentleman received her welcome greeting by a return of real affection. His heart warmed immediately to his nephew's wife. She bore the traces of beauty which had been chased away by an over amount of care, the uncle very soon felt sure. There was an unmistakable look of weariness and anxiety in her eyes.

Very soon Nellie, as Charley called her, excused herself, and went out, saying she had a very inexperienced servant, and had

to oversee and assist her in her work. Breakfast was announced, which was one that Uncle Hiram enjoyed, notwithstanding the feeling which was uppermost in his mind, that the strong, fragrant coffee, the delicate rolls, and the steak which was cooked just as it should be, in a word. all that was so nice, was the result of Nellie's skilful hand. And she looked so tired and heated when she sat down to do the honors of her table. Again Uncle Hiram noticed that constantly her eyes wandered from the table to a door which entered the next room, which was par tially opened. Her ear seemed strained to catch every sound. At length a little, feeble wail told the cause of her anxiety.

"Will you excuse me a moment, uncle?" she asked, and continued: "Our babe was quite sick all night, and I feel anxious about her."

A moment or so after Nellie withdrew. the servant came in, bringing a fresh supply of hot rolls. Then Uncle Hiram had a chance of seeing the help Nellie had with her many duties -a nalf-grown girl. | mind from any care for her. He knew

"Inexperienced, truly, inefficient and insufficient," said the kind old man to himself; and he made a note of that on the tablets of his heart.

Soon Nellie came back, looking much | from the table Henry said: relieved, and said, smiling:

"She seems much better this morning. How these little ones fill our heart with | sav so." anxiety! I was up with her all night!"

Down went another note on Uncle Hiram's tablets. Awake all night with a sick baby, and up cooking breakfast in the morning! No wonder her youth and beauty have been chased away, poor, weary, overworked mother!

"Who lives next door, Charley?" asked his uncle, after they had withdrawn from the breakfast room.

"Why, I have a surprise for you-Henry lives there."

"Henry! Henry who?"

"Why, Henry Mayfield, my brother." "No! Why, the last time I heard from him he was in St. Louis."

"Well, he is here now, and has been for five months. His wife's relatives are all here. And so he having been offered a position in the same firm with me, accepted it. We agreed to keep it as a pleasant little surprise for you."

"Well, I'm glad of it."

of their conversation came in. Henry Mayfield was not the jovial, merry fellow that Charley was, and not likely to be so generally a favorite. But there was an earnestness and determination in his bearing that inspired respect | Hiram. immediately.

"Come, uncle! Go in with me to see my wife and little ones," said Henry, after sitting and talking a while. "We have a and then, if you like, we will go down town together."

Henry's, parlor, into which he ushered his uncle, was furnished better than his so plainly visible. Immediately Henry's

youthful, well-preserved look, an easy, for it. quiet, peaceful air about her that made Uncle Hiram feel quite sure, if he stayed her guest a month, it would not put her out a bit. If any extra care or worry came, it was not to her. Some one else's mind and hands would have to overcome any difficulties.

"Henry, dear, have our boy brought in to see his uncle," she said.

"Ah, ba!" thought Uncle Hiram, "I see -the shoulders best able to bear the burden of family cares have it. Just as it

A few moments, and the baby-boy was brought in by the nurse and presented to the uncle. Baby, like his mother, looked happy and healthy.

When they were about leaving for down town, Uncle Hiram heard Henry

"Ada, please order the cook to delay dinner an hour to-day. I've business which will delay me so long."

"Very well," was the smiling reply. "A cook and a nurse. That is why Ada looks so calm, healthy and happy. Just as it should be. Poor little, patient, over-worked Nellie! I wonder how it is, both having equal means. I must find out what the trouble is," said Uncle Hiram to himself.

Now, Charley was not a drinking man. his uncle felt sure. He knew, indeed, that when he first grew to manhood he had vowed never to touch rum in any form.

The dinner at Charley's was better, if possible, than the breakfast. It was a real treat to the old bachelor, whose life was spent in a boarding-house, to partake of such good, healthy fare as Nellie gave him. But always he felt like partaking of it under protest. Nellie-little, weary tired Nellie-ever filled his mind and heart. At dinner Charley brought forth his ale, declaring it to be "the very best in town." And after dinner his cigars, "none finer to be found," he said.

Now, Uncle Hiram could partake o both without serious disadvantage either to his health or purse. But caring very little for either, he seldom used them. During the evening several gentlemen friends came in to call on Charley's uncle, and again ale and cigars were put out.

Uncle Hiram went to calculating. Ale, fifty cents, at least, that day; sometimes less, sometimes more. Make the average half as much-twenty-five cents. Cigars always as much; frequently, as that day, treble the amount. In a month it would sum up, to the very lowest, fifteen dol-And who could tell how much more? What would not that money, worse than lost, have secured for Char-

ley's wife and children? Rest, health, peace and length of days.

most likely. Now, Uncle Hiram knew well enough how it was Charley did not have things beautiful without and around his premises, and why Nellie's weary mind and

tired hands could not have help and rest. But, next, he must find out how it was that with Henry things were so very dif-

The following day Uncle Hiram dined with Henry. Everything was excellent and well cooked; and Ada sat at the head of the table, with an easy, quiet grace, which perfectly relieved Uncle Hiram's very well Ada's husband sought in every way to relieve her of all unnecessary care and anxiety. After dinner came tea and coffee-nothing more. When they retired

"Uncle, would you like a cigar or pipe? I'll get you one in a few moments, if you

"And will you join me?" asked his

"I do not use either. I care not for the weed, and think it better not to cul-

tivate a taste," answered Henry. "You are right, my boy-and how about wine or ale?"

"Nothing of the kind, uncle." "Total abstinence, is it, Henry?"

"Yes, sir." "I knew you were a temperate man, as is Charley. But he takes his ale, I notice," said Uncle Hiram.

"Yes, I wish he did not; a man has no idea how such little things, as he thinks them, draw upon his purse."

"I know, I know!" said Uncle Hiram. And he no longer wondered at the difference in Charley's and Henry's style of living. And so he had a good talk with Charley, and showed him how Henry, with the same salary, could keep two servants and beautify his home, and he not Just as Uncle Hiram said so the object | be able "to keep his head above water," to use his own expression.

> "Yes, my boy, the cause is just thisthe difference between temperance and total abstinence. You'll try it now, will you not, for your wife's sake?" said Uncle

"Indeed I will, sir, and with many thanks to you for opening my eyes," answered Charley, who really loved his wife but was thoughtless, and never for a mohalf hour yet before business requires us, ment had considered himself at all responsible for Nellie's failing health, strength and beauty.

made, he saw, before he entered the house, possible with the general conception of brother's; but still it was not so prettily that Charley had kept his word And the de jure system of enumeration. arranged-the "woman's touch" was not when Nellie's joyous greeting was sounding in his ear he knew then that all was wife came in to welcome her husband's 'just as it should be' with Nellie, as well as Ada. And the grateful little wife She was a bright little woman, not near knew to whom she was indebted for the so delicately featured as Nellie; but with happy change, and blessed Uncle Hiram

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ORDERS FOR THE CENSUS TAKERS.

WHO IS TO GIVE THEM INFORMATION AND WHOM IT IS TO BE ABOUT.

OTTAWA, March 6. - In brief the instructions to the census enumerators made known are as follows: Every person whose habitual home or place of abode is in an enumerator's district in any part of the Dominion is to be entered in the schedule, irrespective of age, sex, or condition, taken in order from the head of the family. The population will be grouped for census under the heads of families, households and institutions. The heads of these families, households or institutions are to furnish the enumerator with all the particulars. In cases where the members of the family are temporarily absent from their home or usual place of abode their names and records should be When Uncle Hiram's next visit was dealt with, so as to conform as nearly as

NAME TO BE GIVEN.

Regarding forms of entry, the Christian name and surname of each person should be entered in full, but if the person has a middle name it will be only necessary to write the initial of it. In describing the place of birth it will be only necessary to give the name of country where born such as Canada, England, France, Germany. United States without giving the smaller sub-divisions, counties or states. If Canadian-born, the name of the Province or Territory will be given, and it will be important to know whether born in the city or country. In designating the races, only the pure white will be classed as whites. If a person is foreign-born the year of immigration to Canada will be entered, and if born in some other country than the United Kingdom, colonies or dependencies, the year in which the person has been naturalized or accorded rights of citizenship should be noted.

Among whites the racial or tribal rela tion is traced through the father, and care must be taken not to apply the words American, Canadian, in a racial sense, as there are no races of men so called. On the other hand, Japanese, Chinese and Negro are proper racial terms, but in the case of Indians the names of the tribes, as Cree, Chippewa, should be given. Persons of mixed red blood will be known as breeds, and persons of mixed white and red blood will be described by an initial letter, as "F. B." French Breed; "E. B." English breed.

WHO IS A CANADIAN?

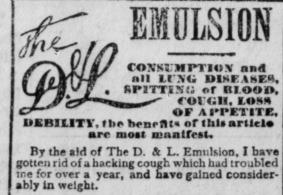
Regarding the definition of Canadians nationality is a term of more or less conventional meaning, but it is proper to use the word Canadian, as describing every person whose home is in the country and who has acquired rights of citizenship in

In classifying the people by their religious faith, it must be borne in mind that in Canada there is no State Church, and if he does not adhere to or favor any church or denomination he must not be classed with one or another. If he is an agnostic or a non-believer, or a pagan, or a re-incarnationist, or whatever he may be he should be so classed.

The date for taking the census will be the same as that set by the Imperial parliament, being Sunday, March 31, the decisive hour of reckoning to be at 12 midnight of March 31 to April 1. Unless otherwise instructed the numerators will commence on Monday, April 1, and work every day except Saturdays. Ten hours will be a day's work and twelve a day and a half.

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