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measure upon the circumstances. If the would be half as valuable to the editor. I family with whom you board, have a private always did love them, bless them! ever sitting room in addition to the general since I could walk, and family history says, he has lived in so long, and from the parlor, you would naturally fell much more long before. You see, I never had any tree to occupy the latter. But I do not sisters, so I naturally had to play with my | neighborhood of Charles Sangster. Mr. think the boarders are ever expected to brothers' friends from my earliest youth, remain altogether in their own rooms, it is and they used to say that I was as good as customary for the entire family to gather a boy, for I never cried when I got hit, together in the parlor after meals, at least and I could climb trees and steal cherries, for a little while; and chat, or perhaps with the best of them, I remember, work, or have some music. Very often, once - but I am not writing my own boarders and boarding house keepers grow memoirs yet, so to business - I really I have only to add in prose that I hold fast to be firm friends, and enjoy each other's think if I were you, I would take an society immensely. But it is an excellent opportunity of breaking off the corresrule, to be a little sensitive about being de pondence unless you know him to be so trop and never to remain in the room when occupied that he really has scarcely any your boarding mistress has visitors, unless

(3) Your last question is more difficult to answer, but I really do not think I at once, and not allow him to be the one should feel justified in taking possession of who suggests that things should come to lots of things about Progress different the general parlor for myself and my an end. I think it is such a satisfaction from other papers. And then another friends, even one evening in the month. afterwards to think that you did not wait

time for writing. You see, when a man shows the least symptom of growing tired, it is best for the girl to take the initiative



HON. M. ADAMS (NORTHUMBERLAND).

all suggestions to the editor.

ounce of vaseline. Apply it three or four

lid, as near the roots of the lashes as possible.

The easiest way is to use a pencil made of

not know that it will injure them, but it will

make them feel sore in the morning.

of the lashes, as I can say from ex-

Can any reader tell me the author of the

Will the day's journey take the whole long day?

I should be most grateful for the author's

name as it has been eluding me for the

last few weeks with all the persistence of

FLEURETTE, Quebec .- Return the ring

at once! It is not unusual for two people

who have been engaged, but who part

without bitterness to retain some little

token of friendship as a sort of link

between past and future; but I don't

think the engagement ring is ever chosen

as the souvenir. It is invariably returned,

and I should think too many memories

would surround it for any girl to wish to

keep it in her possession. I am afraid

your ex-lover must have thought it very

strange that you did not send it to him

Dainty, Fredericton.—I am afraid you

must have been paying a visit to Blarney

castle, Dainty, and that you have worn a

thin place in the celebrated stone. Never

mind! I can absorb an unlimited amount

of taffy, and it never disagrees with me in

the least. So you are very fond of me,

are you? I like people to be fond of me,

and I generally pay them back by good,

long answers to their letters, so your

object is attained if your motives were

place her on the level of a servant

by using your title. It would only be

necessary in that case, to say-"Will you

please tell Mrs. Jones, that I called?"

When you are obliged to introduce your-

self to a stranger, always use your title,

never your christian name, "I am Miss

Smith," is quite correct, and never place

your name on your cards without the Miss.

There is comfort for the man with a prematurely

grey beard in Buckingham's Dye, because it never

fails to color an even brown or black as may be

(2) I think it would depend in a great

interested ones.

From morn to eve, my friend.

Does the road wind up hill all the way? Yes! to the very end!

following lines?

a will-o'-the-wisp.

MAJOR VINCE (CARLETON CO.).

thing, you must not imagine for a moment | You see, you only pay for your room and | till the old friendship died of utter ennui, that I am Progress-not by any means! a place at the table; so your only right to but put it aside while there was yet some very welcome in my boarding house, but I that "Astra" is three-quarters of the whole should not think of taking advantage of establishment, in my calmer moments the kindness. When my evening visitors are conviction forces itself upon me that I am ladies, I always take them to my own room. only a column or two, at the outside. So And if they are gentlemen, who intend you see if you wish the make-up of the paper | making more than a short call-old friends, for instance, who wish to spend the evening changed in any way, you will have to send in my society, I always manage to take them out, after half an hour, to finish the evening at the house of some mutual triend, YOLANDE, Sheffield .- Get your chemist rather than monopolize the parlor all the to make you up an ointment composed of evening. But you see, many people might one grain of red oxide of mercury, to one

think differently. I hope my answers will help you, and that the last one is not too vague. Retimes a week, on both the upper and lower member, so much depends on the private sitting room, if there is one; the other parlor is supposed to be for the exclusive use of the boarders.

rolled paper, to put it on with. Be careful that it does not get into your eyes, I do was very glad to get your letter. It was nice of you to let me know what you Wash the ointment carefully off in the morn- | decided to do, and I was glad to hear that I helped you. No! I don't think "that ing, with warm water. This is an exhorrid actor was only talking to hear himcellent remedy for promoting the growth self." I think he was talking to lure three innocent girls away from their home. If I do him an injustice I am sorry, but it looks very much that way, and I certainly would not think of keeping up a correspondence with him; I would break it off at once.

HON. A. H. GILLMOR (CHARLOTTE).

it to their parents. You are far too good

Young People, or the Youth's Companion

HEARTSEASE.—Are you any relation to

"Pansy," I wonder. She is a cheeky

young woman with a talent for joking, who

of Boston.

out losing much time. Thank you your kind words about helping girls.

CANADIAN AND LITERARY NOTES.

"There are no giants in these days, but the rank and file average better," was the remark of one who compared the preachers past and present. This may be true alike in divinity and literature. We have no supreme universal minds like those existent in the past; but it is probable that there is a higher average of poetic faculty and appreciation than in that bright Elizabethan era; and that poets comparatively obscure have perfected the art of verse to that ALEX. DI and NAN .- My dear girls I degree which would have given them reputation in the years of the Georges. So, as the world rolls on, it requires vaster proportions in him whom the people will regard as magnificent.

Charles H. Lugrin, a New Brunswick poet, shows a considerable fancy in his treatment of "A Milicete Legend," and in his use of the musical flowing exhameter. Let me tell you one thing! Your parents | The lady who said, "Me no care for Ingin poem," may turn

unmoved from this production; but to us there seems a charm in the poet's romantic story Surely Mr. Lugrin will not cease to be a devotee of the muses, and we will have occasion to hail him with pleasure.

A writer in the Daily Press savs of the late Mr. Bancroft:

In his writing he was so careful to strip away every form of color, every superfluous adjective, that in the end his style, though elegant, precise and simple, is vet without life. Many people have read Ban croft's History of the United States, but I never yet have seen any one who did not regard it as the dryest reading of almost any work in the English language. Bancroft's History can hardly be called

"dry," for by com-(1) Certainly, tell whoever opens the ought to be proud of having three such parison with some other authors, door to say "Miss Smith" called, it would honest girls. Very few indeed would have as Rollin or Hallam, he is not be most incorrect to say "Mary Smith," had the courage to make a clean breast of But it is often easier to be sparkling or unless, of course, you knew the lady who to tall into any such trap. Have any of sententious than to be just. It is true that answered your ring quite well, when it you a gift for writing short stories? Good that his great work is not to be pursued as would be priggish in the extreme to short stories always sell well, and if you we would the plot of a novel; and since place her on the level of a servant can do anything in that way try Harper's Macaulay Prescott McKay and Irving he Macaulay, Prescott, McKay and Irving, he education is in favor of free text books. may indeed seem deficient in warmth, color and picturesque power; but, as a keen critic says, in replying to the above, "a style that is 'elegant, precise, and simple,' cannot be 'without life,' unless the reader makes a practice of writing to ask me all sorts of hard questions, and I verily believe does not care for the subject."

she just wants to see what I will say, and whether she can puzzle me or not. But We have a very pleasing communication somehow I like her, all the same. Well, from Thomas C. Latto, "a brither Scot," yes! Heartsease, I may as well admit that I have had a good deal of experience in that line. If I had not, I don't suppose I Utica avenue), by which we learn the terest.

whereabouts of the venerable singer. Evan MacColl. He is absent from the Canada Latto says: "He has now migrated, and settled, I suppose permanently, in Alpine street, Newark, N. J., which makes me feel somewhat lonely. He is now in his 83rd year, while I am in my 73rd. . . .

to all I aimed to stammer forth in most unrhythmical verse." Mr. Latto writes briefly and with difficulty, for, because of the writer's cramp, the pen is interdicted. He is the author of "The Mosque of Omar," and of other poems.

We learn from Douglas Sladen's New York letter, that the Rev. Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, who was born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, and two years ago brought out a charming book of poems called Acadian Legends and Lyrics, is collaborating with another Canadian, the New Bruns wicker, Mr. Betts, over a volume of new world garrison tales centering around Halifax. Glad to hear of our Canadian brother and his collaborator.

By the sudden and regretted death of James H. Maclean, of the World, the press of Toronto sustains the loss of a young journalist of unusual ability, energy and bonhomie, who was a credit to the profession of journalism.

The Summerside Journal, of Prince Edward Island is to be commended for its patriotic zeal in devoting space in its editorial columns to a series of thoughtful articles on Canadian literature. Were its example generally followed, a healthy and progressive stimulus would be given to the literary life of the various provinces which compose our great dominion.

We have to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the above mentioned journal, containing one of the excellent articles. The Week.

The Land We Live In, determines to achieve a genuine success, and moreover, includes in its proposition-"We'll deserve it." It is constantly setting in some new my dear young friends. I am only "Astra," and though I often try to imagine that "Astra" is three quarters of the whole voices of Pat. Sandy and Jacques are still heard in the market-place. Articles of interest in the February number are a sketch (with portrait) of Miss Maud Ogilvy, by Mary Henderson; "Memories of Childhood," by a Kansas Canadian; "A Pleasant Trip Near Home," "Nil Desperandum," by Maud Ogilvy; and a Letter of J. M. LeMoine concerning a "Monument to the Founder of Quebec." Published by

D. Thomas & Co., Sherbrooke, Que. The wish of many of Bliss Carman's admirers is liable to be gratified. It is said that David Nutt & Co., of the Strand, London publishers, have invited him to collect a volume of his poems for them.

Nothing is more fitting than that from Dufferin Terrace, Quebec, should rise a monumental figure of Samuel Champlain, the founder of the city, asked to begin the work of commemoration. Of the proportions of the work, Mr. Lemoine writes in the article referred to above: "All agree that \$25,000 must be raised-\$20,000 for a monument and \$5,000 for a statue. . . An advisory committee, comprising many

of the most cultured men in Quebec, has

been struck for the selection of a design



GEORGE J. CLARKE.

and of a site for the monument." A similar work has been held in advisement at Montreal, in honor of Maisoaneuve, the founder of that city.

Mrs. H. M. Stanley and her mother, Mrs. Tennant, were shown the honors of Quebec in the absence of the famous explorer, whose engagements kept him away. They were made free of Spencer Wood, Laval, St. Louis, the Royal Society, etc.

It is satisfactory to learn, on Mr. Premier Mowat's authority, that our minister of

Some weeks have elapsed since Prof. Roberts sent the manuscript of his third volume of poems to Longmans, his London publisher. Considerable delay occurred in correcting and arranging the sheets by the pressure of much work; but now before very long, the public may ex-