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[Correspondents seeking information in this de-
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Progress, St. John.]

I am very glad to welcome some old
correspondents back this week, for though
I am always glad to hear from new ones,
and so add to my circle of unseen friends, I
like still better, to know that the old ones
have not forgotten me. Who was it that
said "Old friends, old wine, old shoes,
for me?" He was a clever man, at any
rate, and deserves to be remembered, for
although most journalists are too poor to
know much about old wine, they can at
least appreciate old friends, and feel a
warm thrill of gratitude for the sage who
placed a stamp of respectability upon old
shoes, for since fate, and impetuosity
combined, have decreed that our shoes shall

am always glad to do anything I can for
"the girls."

YOLANDE.—Why should you think I
would shut you out, now when I took you
into the fold long ago? I am glad you
liked the remedy. I do not think I would
have the summer dress of any black ma-
terial, because unless you have a great
many changes you will get tired of it, and
black catches the dust so quickly in sum-
mer that it will get shabby very soon. Why
not have light grey, if you are dark, or
fawn color if you are inclined to be fair?
Have it made with one of the plain skirts
so fashionable just now, finished at the foot
in front with a five inch hem turned up on
the right side and finished at the top with
either a piping of a darker color or with a
silk cord; the back breadths should be fan

the earliest opportunity of assuring that
person that there was really no cause,
there is no pain on earth like
jealousy, and it is none the less bitter for
being causeless, because when one is jealous
they always think they have cause to be so.
(4) No! of course I don't think any-
thing of the kind; love at first sight is a
very unusual thing, and a most unreliable
thing also; the truest and best love is gen-
erally that which grows slowly, day by
day; and if a man undertook to "try to
learn to love" every pretty girl he saw, he
would never be out of hot water! Pretty
girls do not usually make the best wives,
by any means. I don't know anything
about reading the character by the hand-
writing, but I should say you were the
very reverse of "foolish." I am glad you



THE STRANGER.

often be in an aged and infirm condition,
it is nice to think that we may be supposed
to wear them from choice, not necessity.
But still they wear out in time, don't they
girls? and sometimes I am tempted to be-
lieve that friends do the same, so when I
find that someone has remembered me I am
so delighted that I don't "want to be a nun"
any more.

I believe I have the blues this morning!
Like Charles Lever's man, who "seemed
very much disjected, and wouldn't interlo-
cute" I feel disinclined to talk, even to the
girls. Just opposite the window of my
sanctum is one of the public buildings,
and from its flagstaff droops the dreary
half-mast ensign, which tells of the Old
Chieftain laid low, and sends a chill to
every Canadian heart. There is no breeze,
and the flag is hanging dejectedly from
the staff, and trying to wrap its
folds around the base of the pole, it
looks so melancholy, that it has a depress-
ing effect on my spirits, and I feel con-
vinced that the country will soon go to the
dogs now, and will all be annexed to the
United States in a few months time, and
have to pay 50 cents a pound for our own
codfish. Perhaps if I went to work I
would feel better!

Through the kindness of Mr. Walter L.
Sawyer, of Portland, Me., I am enabled to
give "Lady Clare" a list of works on
palmistry, which he has been so thoughtful
as to send me. The following works can
be obtained from The Occult Publishing
Co., 152 Boylston Street, Boston: *Gram-
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Will Mr. Sawyer accept my very warm
thanks for the trouble he has taken in
hunting up this list for me? and will he
also accept my thanks for his words of
encouragement and approval, and convey
the same to the appreciative lady. A word
of praise goes a long way towards helping
one over the rough places in this world,
especially when it comes from one whose
opinion is of so much value. By the way,
I have another message for "Lady Clare,"
who is getting almost more than her share
of attention this week. "Lochinvar" wishes
me to thank her for her kindness in wishing
to keep him company, by choosing a titled
name, and to assure her that he appreciates
it, and feels highly flattered, and he also
expresses a respectful hope that he may
see her some day, as he contemplates visit-
ing Fredericton in the near future. He
also reads me a homily on my unchristian
spirit in advising her to tar and feather a
certain young man we were talking about,
and says he would not treat a dog that way.
I really believe he thought I was in
earnest. So you see what a peck of
troubles you have got me into, "Lady
Clare!"

INQUIRER, Newcastle.—Did you think I
had utterly forgotten you? Well, I had
not. I have had you and your query con-
stantly in mind, and I have searched faith-
fully for the quotation you asked about,
with the result of discovering that it is one
of those things which has simply grown,
passed from mouth to mouth, and finally
become a proverb, without any one knowing
from whence it was taken originally. After
reaching this conclusion, I consulted an
eminent literary man on the subject, and
his verdict was the same, so I feel satisfied
in my own mind now, and give you the re-
sult of my researches.

DOROTHY DEAN.—I have great pleasure
in telling you, Dorothy, that the address is
Dr. Foster, 391 Yonge Street, Toronto.
But I am afraid you will be disappointed
when I tell you that you cannot have it
done any nearer home, as Dr. Foster is the
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pleated and simply hemmed at the bottom
of the skirt. Have a Louis XV. basque,
if you like one of those utterly fetch-
ing little capes, which do not quite reach
to the waist, and have high shoulders and
a medecis collar. Yes, I am sorry to say
that Geoffrey gets more utterly broken
upon that girl every day; but he is always
in love with some one, so I am used to it.
So you are in love with him too, are you?
Well, as you include me in your love, and
are not very close at hand, I will forgive
you. No, your picture of me is not true
at all. I wish it were. I am not
"light" at all, and I only wish I had
"lovely grey eyes," mine are as blue as
indigo, and I am five years older than the
last mentioned age; how in the world do
you suppose I would be able to give you
girls such a lot of advice, and the benefit of
my experience if I were as young as that?
You may write whenever you like.

CARRIBOU.—That means that you are a
deer, of course. I have lots of deers on
my list already, but they are all bipeds.
As you say the young lady deceived her
lover, who seems to have been faithful to
her. I scarcely see how he could still care
for her, but men are often very constant,
and forgiving to a degree which we can
scarcely understand, mind—I say often,
not always—and it is possible he loves
her still in spite of everything. I should
certainly think so, from his writing, as you
describe. I have known good, honest
fellows, who absolutely wished to get over
loving a girl whom they knew to be de-
ceitful, but who found it impossible, and so
decided to love her in spite of her faults,
and to try to be as blind to them as pos-
sible. Your writing is original, and
rather like a man's. I am glad you enjoy
this column so much. Write whenever
you like, I shall be glad to hear from you.

ROBIN, St. John.—Welcome back again,
little Robin. I have missed you lately,
and I am delighted to hear you chirping
once more. No name bird shall take your
place with me, and whenever you peck on
the window pane, I shall answer, "Wel-
come little Robin with the scarlet-
rest." I would not have you tamed
for the world. I would rather have
you come and go at your own sweet
will. I tamed two robins once, put them
loose in the woods afterwards, and I don't
think they wanted to go. So perch on my
finger, Robin whenever you like, you
clever little bird. I think you must be that
little bird who tells people things, for you
tell me so many pleasant things. Perhaps
if you really were a boy you might think
differently. No, I don't think your writ-
ing at all boyish. Was it a photograph?
because if so, that is a very common trick
amongst men, and they really think they
are paying a girl quite a compliment, in
refusing to return it; but I think it most
unpleasant and rude, whatever the
article may be. Write again Robin.

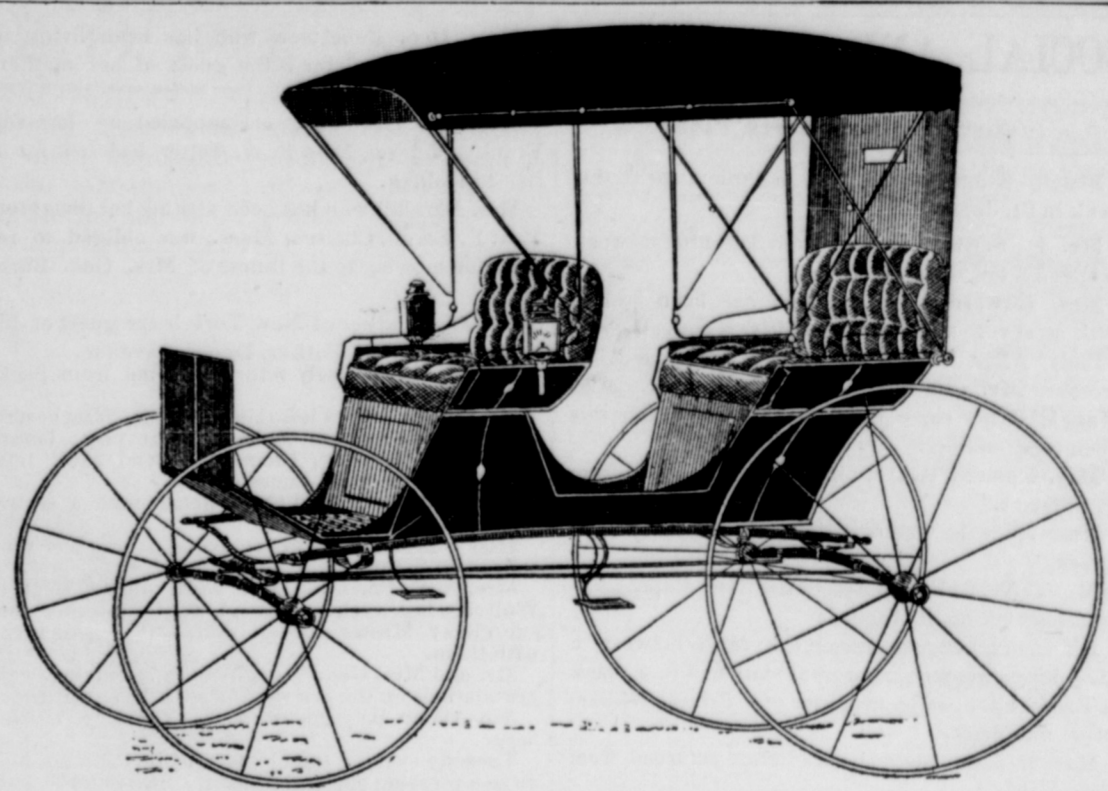
LORD OF THE ISLES.—Gracious! I will
soon have a whole peagerie if this sort of
thing goes on! I don't believe you are
bashful at all. (1) Don't go about it in
any particular way at all; trust to impulse,
and if the young lady shows a preference
for you, why the road is all clear before
you. Don't set about it timidly though!
We all like a little audacity, and I once
knew a young man who "scooped in" a
very flirtatious and uncertain girl by sim-
ply grasping the opportunity one day when
he thought she looked unusually charming,
administering a heartfelt hug and an
equally cordial kiss, and informing her
with the greatest confidence that she was
going to be his little wife,
and before that girl had time
to recover her breath they were
engaged. I would not recommend this on
every occasion though, because it might not
always work as well. (2) She usually
avoids the favored one as much as pos-
sible, and treats him very badly, because
she is so afraid he will find out how much
she thinks of him before she is sure he
cares for her. (3) I think I should take

are in love, for you know "All the world
loves a lover," and it is said that love
makes us all bashful—that is true love.

KATHERINE E. T., Indian Town, St.
John.—I hope you will understand the
initials, as I did not like to put your full
name. What made you think a stamp was
required for your answer? You know I
always reply to the girls' questions through
this column. I could not possibly answer
them privately, so now what shall I do
with your stamp? Hypnotism, as I under-
stand the term, is merely a higher develop-
ment of mesmerism, a sort of modern and
improved version, as it were. The mes-
merist threw his subject into a sleep, in
which the victim obeyed every motion of
the dominating will, and saw, heard, acted
and felt just as the mesmerist directed, was
absolutely under his control, in short; but
the hypnotist goes even further, he holds his
subject in such absolute thrall that at his com-
mand all sensation ceases, and the subject
becomes for the time being, to all intents
and purposes, a stiffened corpse, dead to
sensation and insensible even to the most
violent pain, the victim can be cut, bruised
or burned without feeling it, and I have
read of cases where the art has been ap-
plied in surgery and the patient rendered
perfectly incapable of feeling while an
operation was being performed. It is a
dangerous power and liable to great abuse,
since the hypnotist's influence over his slave
is so great that it can be exerted even dur-
ing absence, and the theory has already
been advanced that the victims may be
compelled to commit any crime their tyrant
wills, so completely are they under his
control. I think I should define hypnotism
as mesmerism intensified.

LOCHINVAR, St. John.—I was glad to
hear from you again. You are always
welcome, and I have missed you lately, but
remember that if you can't take a joke, we
"have no use for you" in this column. The
idea of any grown man standing up and
preaching me a sermon on my duty towards
my neighbor, because I told one of the
girls to tar and feather an objectionable
young man. I am perfectly ashamed of
you, Lochinvar, you ought to have more
sense! I am sure "Lady Clare" had, and
that she laughed heartily over the idea,
which was too absurd for even a child to
take in earnest. Tar and feather a dog!
No, I should think not. I would a great
deal rather tar and feather you, for sug-
gesting such a thing. I gave your message
to "Lady Clare." How do you know she
is fair, or rich either? She may be just as
poor as you or I, and not any fairer either,
but somehow, I think she is a nice girl,
and that is better than anything else. Dear
me, how can I explain about followers
without blushing myself into a fever?
You know a "follower" is a bean, and the editor
does not allow any beans. If I had sent
you what you asked for, he might have
thought you were a bean of mine, and dis-
charged me at once. Do you understand
now? I have tried kissing Geoffrey, and
I have kissed him quite often, but it has
no effect. He will flirt, and the girls encour-
age him in it. By the way—that reminds
me—you wanted to know the difference
between a delusion and a flirt? I don't
think there is any at all. No! I don't
think you are a "sap head," at all. Some-
times I think you are too clever for me.
I am glad you are such a good boy, and I
hope you will always live up to that noble
motto of yours.

A BACHELOR IN LOVE, Boston.—Shake
hands, Bachelor, I am proud to know you.
You are the second boy who has brought
his love troubles to me this week, and I
tell you as I told him, that "All the world
loves a lover." I do at any rate, and
Geoffrey, notwithstanding, I will advise
you to the best of my ability. Don't
talk any nonsense about your "very moder-
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tage indeed, with the man they loved?
I have known of several myself,
and though you may look upon
it in a different light and imagine
that it would be the height of presumption
on your part to dream of transplanting so
rare an exotic to a cottage garden, still
you are sound to look at the matter from
the young lady's point of view also, and if
you have the least reason to suppose she
cares for you, it is your duty to give her
the option of choosing between love and
wealth. Your letter has the true ring
about it, and I believe you really do "wish
she had not a cent." Don't you know that
love is the only coin a true woman really
values? Don't be afraid of being called a
fortune hunter. She will not think you one,
if she is a girl worth having, and you know,
if you are not one yourself, so the opinion of
others cannot matter. Try your fate and
I think you will win, but be sure to let me
know if you do, for I shall be anxious to
hear about it. I am sure that if her father
is a sensible man he will far prefer that his
daughter should win a loving and faithful
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to "the Isthmus," as it is more usually
described. How many people are buried
out in Monkey Hill? Certainly 8,000 or
9,000; probably 12,000 or 15,000, but it
is all a matter of guesswork as to the
exact number. But the ground about
Aspinwall only holds a small percentage of
the men who have died on the Isthmus.
The city of Panama, of course, lays
claim to the largest number of burials,
but I can say, without exaggeration, that
the entire line of the railroad and canal,
from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is a con-
tinuous graveyard. At Matochin alone
over 3300 Chinamen met their death in one
day. That was 25 or 30 years ago, while
the Panama railroad was being built, and
long before work on the canal was begun.
Ten thousand Chinamen had been brought
from China to work on the canal. Over
one-half of them were camped
at what is now Matochin. Small-
pox broke out among them, and the
mortality became so great that the Chi-
nemen, always easily excited, became panic-
stricken, and, preferring to die by drown-
ing, ran down the steep sides of the hills
near their camp and threw themselves into
the Chagres River. As I have said, 3,500
of them were drowned. It was because of
this fact that the name of the camp was
changed to Muertechino, muerte meaning
"dead" in Spanish, and China signifying
Chinaman. The name has since become
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increase of eight per cent. during the de-
cade. Of the continents, Asia has the
largest population, 850,000,000, and the
lowest percentage of increase, six per cent.
Australasia has the smallest population,
4,730,000, and the smallest average per
square mile, 1.4, but the highest rate of in-
crease during the decade, 30 per cent.
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tinent, with a population of 380,200,000,
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