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SOME FORGOTTEN NOVELISTS.

A recent article in an English magazine recalls the melancholy list of Victorian novelists who were once popular but are now almost forgotten. Some great names, indeed, would have to be included among the little read. George Eliot, Mrs. Oliphant and Bulwer are probably suffering under only a temporary eclipse, as Trollope did, and Jane Austen before him. The two women, at least, are great enough artists to be beyond the reach of oblivion. If Bulwer has a touch of the meretricious, he is nevertheless at his best an artist, too. And is there a novelist alive today who could have written "The Mill on the Floss" or "Kirsteen" or "Kenelm Chillingly" or a dozen other of the novels these three wrote?

There is no occasion to disparage unduly the living; but it would serve a useful purpose in criticism if some of our transports over them were moderated by the historic sense. It would be futile to regret the fact that names well known a generation or two ago are now seldom heard. They had their day and ceased to be; and most of them were probably content with the applause of their contemporaries and thought little of future fame. Yet we fancy that a modern reader might find James Payn infinitely more entertaining than Theodore Dresser, or discover Charles Reade's pages more fascinating than Sinclair Lewis's. Reade was, in fact, one of the most determined of realists, as his many scrap-books showed.

Sometimes, of course, the literary dead are unexpectedly resurrected. Novelists older than the Victorians have suffered this happy chance. Who in these days, it might be asked, would read Matthew Gregory Lewis? Yet a new edition of "The Monk" has just been published. Nor would it be surprising if there were some day a call for "Thaddeus of Warsaw," over whose woes our grandparents and great-grandparents wept. A really greater writer, Wilkie Collins, was obscured for a time, but "The Moonstone" remains the most alluring of mystery tales. We would rather like to see what a publisher could do with a reissue of the novels of Miss Bradon, more particularly "Strangers and Pilgrims" and "Joshua Haggard's Daughter." But the catalogue of Victorians who deserve re-reading is too long to be given here. The point is that the whirligig of time may yet bring some of them back again.

EXPECTS A BOOM.

The following statement made by Mr. Murray E. Williams, a prominent financial leader in Montreal, should wake up any Canadians who are not already awake. Mr. Williams is not a politician, and not a partizan. He is engaged in financial affairs and reaps his benefits from the prosperity of every line of business from sowing potatoes to making steam-engines.

This is what he has to say: "I have voted Liberal more often than I have voted Conservative, and therefore I feel that I can speak with an open mind. I honestly believe that if the Conservative party is elected with a working majority, Canada will have a boom, the like of which the country has never seen before. If not elected, we shall witness another protracted period of tariff uncertainty and stagnation in many lines of industry and business. Surely the people of Canada are not so blind to their own interests, and the interests of their country, that they will reject prosperity and progress and again vote for slow suicide. Lord Atholstan put it in a few words when he said that a Conservative victory would mean a thousand million dollars to the people of Canada."

NO FIXED AGE LIMIT.

Laws fixing an age limit for retirement may be logical enough in some cases, particularly when the post is one that requires unimpaired physical powers. Still, there are so many exceptions to the rule that a more elastic system might be found. The case of Professor Max Planck of the University of Berlin, who will be compelled under a recent statute to resign next October at the age of sixty-eight, has aroused indignation among all who recognize his eminence as a scientist.

There is nothing to show that the man who won the Nobel prize in 1918 for his achievements in physics is any way disqualified for further labors. Many have won new fame at a greater age than his. The University may well protest against losing him.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., Conservative standard bearer in York-Sunbury opened his campaign in the rural section of the constituency with a well attended public meeting at Burt's Corner on Saturday evening. He discussed the larger issues of the campaign in an able and vigorous speech, which was well received by the audience. An outline of Mr. Hanson's address will be found in another page of this issue and is worthy of a careful perusal by the electors of this constituency. Mr. Hanson is a man of wonderful energy who has during his public career worked hard to advance the interests of this constituency and his return to Parliament by an overwhelming majority is a foregone conclusion.

Caruso's doctor says that when the great musician was dying he opened his eyes to behold a picture slightly crooked on the wall. Caruso asked to have it straightened and then passed into unconsciousness. That was neither a sign of artistic temperament nor eccentricity. It was the sign of an orderly mind. A man who is not neat in his personal habits rarely has an orderly mind. And without an orderly mind no man is likely to produce a good piece of work, no matter what his line.

The woollen industry is being literally bludgeoned to death; mill after mill is being put out of business, bringing disaster alike to farmers and retailers in and around the towns where these mills are located. The duty is too small and the preference too great. In Germany, wages in gold are 11 cents per hour or \$5.72 per week. French and British wages are less than half those paid in Canada. How can we maintain our wages and hold our market unless we protect our workers against these low wages.

The election campaign in the constituencies of North and South Oxford, Ontario, has developed in a sort of garden party. Meetings are held in the open air, with jazz orchestras in attendance and an abundant supply of refreshments. This method was originated by General H. H. McLean, ex-M. P., in Sunbury-Queens some years ago, and made such a hit with the electorate that the general was elected. In those days the women didn't have votes either.

An able British chemist warns us against using up our gasoline too fast. He predicts a world shortage. That wouldn't be so bad as it sounds. If the gasoline plays out, able chemists will be stirred into greater activity to give us new automobile fuel—cheap alcohol made from any sort of vegetation. Chemists have long been working on the problem. So far the manufacture is not cheap enough. It will be made cheap enough—and long before gasoline plays out.

Another form of groundhog is the overbearing individual who shoves the less aggressive driver out into the ditch.

Before marriage she was his dream. But that naturally was before he woke up.

One indication of our advancing times is the fact that bobbed hair is no longer a means of identification.

Judging from the way it takes dictation, Italy must be a nation of stenographers.

A girl may be "beautiful but dumb," but if she's beautiful, whatever else she is doesn't matter.

The average idealist usually has few ideas to list.

PUBLIC OPINION

SQUATTERS RIGHTS.

Editor of The Mail, Sir—Are "Squatters' Rights" entirely legal in this enlightened age? If so, then Law and Justice are not synonyms. The Law of Common Sense does not countenance it. In any case, "Squatters' Rights" (a misnomer) should be replaced by a more satisfactory and more substantial understanding.

Yours truly PERUSAL.

F. T. Kenyon and wife of Boston and E. J. Kenyon and wife of Providence, R. I., are at the Queen. J. M. Lowe and party of Moncton are registered at the Queen.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

People who pay as they go have no trouble finding the way back.

Static often amounts to a good excuse for shutting off the jazz.

The conscience can't be fooled by telling it a funny story.

Growing old gracefully is a great sport, provided you don't weaken.

For shaving purposes a dull razor blade is preferable to a paper towel.

To some men, keeping their feet off the desk for two weeks is a vacation.

A natural assumption is that in Utopia every man will be a prominent citizen.

Another way of putting it: This was, it is understood to be a summer without an electric fan.

"Where there are laws," Alfieri has said, "he who has not broken them need not tremble." In these days many who have broken them do not shake their teeth loose.

Self-reform surely would be all right. No man could make himself unpopular with himself by trying to reform himself. When others try it there is trouble for everybody.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. D. Vernon and party of Truro, N. S., are at the Barker House.

Dr. H. W. Peppers and party of Centreville were in the city Sunday.

C. W. Dunbar of Waltham, Mass., is at the Barker House.

Chatham World: Miss Frances Mac Millan of Fredericton was in town this week, the guest of Mrs. Anthony Adams, en route to Campbellton where she will spend her vacation.

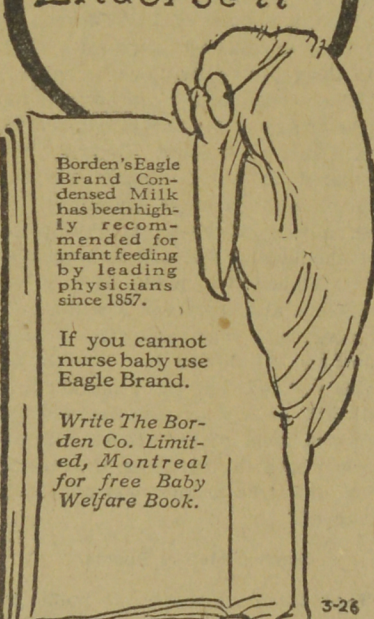
Boy Injured by Car.

William Saunders of Devon on Saturday night struck the little son of Gordon Gray with his car. The boy who is aged about four years was bruised but not seriously hurt. The accident occurred in Queen street West.

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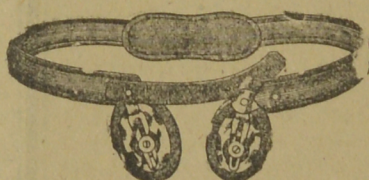
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