

"OR TILL I DROP."

Mr. Borden's Unconscious Confession.

Montreal Herald: Perhaps nothing so well illustrates the one-sidedness of the present campaign as the remark made by Mr. Borden yesterday to a friendly interviewer. "I shall have to be in Quebec," he said; "I shall have to be in Ontario, and I shall have to be in the Maritime Provinces." He would not have time to go to the West, but would "go right on till polling day, or until I drop."

It was said, evidently, in one of those moments when out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaks. When Sir John Macdonald was Conservative leader he could leave Quebec to Cartier, Langevin or Chapleau; New Brunswick to Tilley; Nova Scotia to Tupper. Sir John could afford to run around a bit, because he had men like Dalton McCarthy to look after the local organization for him. Mr. Borden has to do it all himself. The Liberal organization is pretty much in the same condition that the Conservative used to be. Quebec takes care of itself, leaving Sir Wilfrid free to go where he pleases. Ontario is secure with Mulock, Paterson and Hyman. Mr. Sifton can be trusted with the West. Mr. Fielding knows Nova Scotia to the last tidal meadow. Mr. Emmerson can devote his time to New Brunswick.

No wonder Mr. Borden talks of "Till I drop." He is plucky, but the fates are against him. His party, ruined in 1895, has not yet recovered. He can only fight on in the hope that five years hence a brighter sun may shine.

MOTHER OF MANY TWINS.

An Englishwoman who had Fifteen Pairs of Them.

Denver, Col., Oct. 4.—"One of the most remarkable patients at the County Hospital, to my mind," said Dr. Charles Swindt of the County Hospital recently, "has just died. She was Mrs. Mary Gillespie, a woman of eighty-six years. During her lifetime she was the mother of thirty children, and, what was strangest of all, they consisted of fifteen pairs of twins."

"Mrs. Gillespie came to the hospital in 1901. She had emigrated to the United States in 1840 from England, where she was born. In 1896 she came to Colorado for her health, as she was suffering from tuberculosis."

"When she came to us at the age of eighty-two practically all signs of tuberculosis had disappeared, and the woman was suffering from nothing save old age and generally decrepit condition. In this condition she might have lived on had she not, about three days before her death, fallen and broken her thigh bone. The utmost that medical skill could do for her was done, but all to no avail. Her system was too feeble to stand the shock."

An African Rat Story.

There were a lot of rats in the storage room of my stable and we had great difficulty in getting at them. They were shy of all traps and did a tremendous lot of damage at night time, lying quiet all day.

At length I put in the room a square tin box, about two feet deep, and placed in it some burned cheese. The rats immedi-

ately got interested in the cheese, climbed up the outside of the box, and, having got inside, could not ascend the slippery tin lining. In this way we killed a great many. One morning my children took a cat, which was a very good rat-ter, and placed it in the box where there was already a good sized rat.

The cat, instead of tackling the rat, appeared to make friends with it. They put their noses together and frisked around, but no harm was done and eventually the cat jumped out, refusing to tackle the rat. The children then put in a keen dachshund, who immediately suspected at the rat and missed it. The rat then ran around the box two or three times, dodging cleverly, and eventually, by climbing on the dog's back, a traitly jump out of

the box and escaped.—Johannesburg letter in The Field.

Lays Success to Spool of Thread.

New York, Oct. 4.—A despatch to the World from Chicago says "A spool of thread and a needle which during nearly 70 years had been a potent factor in the life of Frank Parmelee, founder of the transportation company that bears his name, have ended their usefulness."

Mr. Parmelee is dead at the age of 88. In the pocket of the coat he had last worn, carefully wrapped, reposed the thread and needle. He had carried them so throughout a long career of successful activity. Mr. Parmelee often declared that they had made him successful and his children believe it. The thread and needle are to be buried with him. They were given to him by his mother in Byron, N. Y., with the injunction "be neat." This was when he left home in 1834.

A Little Girl's Loves.

Bessie, aged five, was accustomed to come to her mother's room before the family was up. One Sunday morning, while making the customary visit, the odors of breakfast in preparation managed to reach the sleeping quarters. Bessie, with her arms round her mother's neck, gave one or two vigorous sniffs, then, with an air of anticipation, announced, "Mamma, there's two fings I dess love mos' of enyfin in der world."

"What are they, Bessie?" asked her mamma.

"God and baked beans!" Bessie replied, smacking her lips.—Lippincott's Magazine.

In the Jungle.



Mrs. Monkey—Mrs. Snake, will you please bring your family over to my house? Mr. Monke is drinking again. I want to stop him.—New York Evening Journal.

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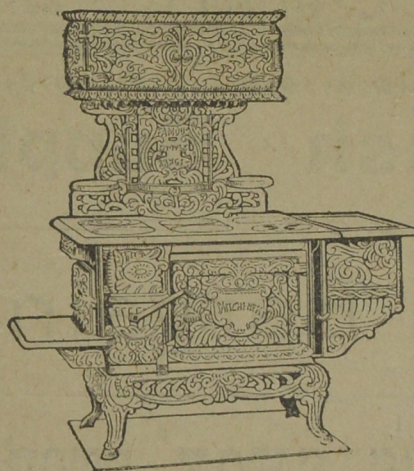
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