

LOVED LIFE TOO WELL.

One of the repulsive features of the laws under which the Natchez Indians were governed was that when a member of the royal family of the nation died it was necessary that several others of the people should accompany him to the tomb by suffering death at the hands of executioners. When the "great sun," the hereditary chief of the whole nation, died, all his wives, in case he were provided with more than one, and also several of his subjects, were obliged to follow him into the vale of shadows. The "little suns," secondary chiefs, and also members of the royal family, likewise claimed, when dying, their tribute of death from the living. In addition to this, the inexorable law also condemned to death any man of the Natchez race who had married a girl of the royal line of the "suns." On the occasion of her death he was called upon to accompany her.

"I will narrate to you upon this subject," writes an old French chronicler of Louisiana, "the story of an Indian who was not in a humor to submit to this law. His name was Etteactel. He had contracted an alliance with the 'suns.' The honor came near having a fatal result for him. His wife fell sick, and as soon as he perceived that she was approaching her end he took to flight, embarking in a pirogue on the Mississippi, and sought a refuge in New Orleans. He placed himself under the protection of the governor, who was at that time M. de Bienville, offering himself to be the governor's hunter. The governor accepted his services, and interested himself in his behalf with the Natchez, who declared, in answer, that he had nothing to fear, inasmuch as the ceremony was over, and as he had not been present when it took place he was no longer available as a candidate for execution."—New Orleans Picayune.

Flower Painters.

About the last literary work completed by the late Cora Stuart Wheeler was a beautiful tribute to "Some Court Painters to Queen Rose" published in The Woman's Home Companion, in which she says:

"As a rule, women make the best flower painters. The men who excel in this branch of art are comparatively few, even when we consider the small number of artists of both sexes who have acquired reputation in the picturing of flowers. The reason is not difficult to see. The average woman has a fondness for flowers which brings her into the closest sympathy with them and enables her to appreciate and understand them as men seldom do. In the interpretation of certain subtle phases of floral life her sensitive temperament and the peculiarly sympathetic feeling that she is apt to bring to her labor of love especially qualify her for engaging in this department of picture making. In point of technical ability some marvelously clever work has been done by artists of the gentler sex in the reproduction of flowers and in the treatment of difficult subjects."

A Bad Beginning.

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The Guest—Oh, I meant the tureen.
—Jewelers' Weekly.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Quebec Chronicle remarks: "A relic of Canada's pre-confederation days still flourishes on Prince Edward Island, in the form of an antiquated system of direct taxation. One of the taxes is an annual impost of \$15 on commercial travellers representing houses from the outside provinces. Not content with this, the legislature has just supplemented the taxing act by a law declaring that if any outside house sells goods in the province through an agent who has not paid the required fee and received his license, the price of such goods shall not be collectable." The Chronicle is in error in supposing the tax referred to be a relic of pre-confederation days. It is a pure product of our latter day local Liberal Government.

—The New York Tribune prints the following from its London correspondent with reference to the meeting of the Anglo-American League on Wednesday: "The most significant remark which was made at the meeting was Lord Farrer's declaration that prudence was unnecessary as enthusiasm in the direction of a movement for the promotion of better relations between two countries. He emphasized the statement by an explicit reference to the policy of expansion upon which the American people were entering, and by a pointed reminder that the 'open door' was England's principle in the development of her commercial empire whereas other nations closed the door in establishing colonies; consequently, he urged that it was a matter of the utmost importance for England to ascertain whether the Americans in their career of expansion, would keep the door open or closed."

—A vernacular paper called the Hindustani of Lucknow, the leading Congress journal of Oudh, in a remarkable article on Mr. Gladstone's death, says: "We (Indians) are yet far from true progress. Englishmen rule over us because they are possessed of those high moral virtues of which we have not a vestige. Nor are we likely to acquire them for centuries yet. Leave alone political matters, is there among us a pious, highly moral man? Does he get justice done? Are not the people ever ready everywhere to put him into trouble? In municipal committees the only work entrusted to us is the repair of drains and roads, and yet how badly we acquit ourselves. Old friendships are broken, lifelong feuds begun; brother fights with brother; all social amenities between political opponents are forbidden. But look at Englishmen! They rule over large empires. They divide themselves into political parties, and in debate or discussions often use strong, even unwarrantable, language against each other. But they have virtue and generosity enough to entertain esteem and regard even for political opponents. The behavior of the English nation in the matter of Mr. Gladstone's death is without parallel in the world. It is impossible for our narrow minds to understand how a man can devote himself to the service of his nation. It is very essential before we demand political rights and privileges from the Englishmen (our rulers) that we should endeavor to acquire those virtues which alone have made Englishmen great among the nations of the world."

GERMAN MOTIVES.

The reason why the German warship interfered at the Philippines is given in a recent despatch. It appears that the German Government holds the position that Aguinaldo, and the men operating with him, have never been recognized as belligerents by the United States or by any other power, and that this government does not publicly recognize them even as allies. The Irene prevented the insurgents from attacking the Spaniards for humanitarian purposes, and because her commander did not think they had a recognized place in warfare to conduct military operations. As soon as the American warships put in an appearance the Irene, although almost equal in tonnage to the two American ships, withdrew, and paid the representatives of the United States due deference. There is no disposition at present to formally dispute this position of Germany, but the explanation is looked upon with suspicion by the authorities at Washington.

KEITH AND DEWEY.—B. F. Keith, the widely known theatrical manager, was a mess boy on the steamship Ashland in 1868. "I made him quit the sea," said Capt. Norton, "because he was always terribly seasick in heavy weather. We have kept up our friendship ever since, and indulge in an occasional correspondence. Keith is a patriotic American, and he has no use for Europe, with all sides of which he made himself familiar during a recent journey covering eighteen months of time abroad. Here is a paragraph from one of his recent letters to me, showing that he is abreast of the times in general matters, as well as in those pertaining to his business as a theatrical manager: When we learn to respect ourselves and what we have in as proportionate and as dignified a way and manner as foreigners do themselves and what they have, we shall be vastly more respected abroad. Admiral Dewey has driven a great entering wedge in a naval way in this respect, which can be successfully followed up by Americans generally, in private as well as in public life."

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ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

Mail and Empire: While he is giving his attention to the legalizing of direct votes and thereby securing a majority in the Legislature, Mr. Hardy should pass an act declaring all the votes recorded against Messrs Gibson and Dryden to be illegal. What is the use of doing things by halves?

Montreal Gazette: Richard Harding Davis complained that General Shafter was fonder of talking than of fighting. The upshot has proved that it was negotiation and not fighting that was wanted. It is as much of a diplomat as a military victory. Shafter's abilities as a general may be doubted; but his success as a diplomatist is beyond dispute.

Guelph Herald: Either constables had, or had not, a right to vote at the last election. If they had the right, according to the law of the land, the courts of the land will protect them. If the right was not theirs, their votes were not legal, and the men who, by their votes, were elected are not the legal representatives of the people. Mr. Hardy has called together representatives the legality of whose election is seriously questioned, and by their votes he proposes to enact legislation that will legalize their election. The men who have no legal right to sit in the Legislature are going to give a reading to the statutes that will make them duly qualified legislators.

Mail and Empire: The party organs are publishing lists of factories that are extending their area and their operations. We welcome the lists because they show that while Providence by giving us good crops, also gives us home markets, protection saves those markets for our own workmen. Wherever a factory enlarges it is enabled to do so because free trade has not struck it. Wherever the artisan is employed he enjoys his employment because in his case the old policy of the Conservatives remains. The Ottawa men were driven from the all-along-the-line assault upon industry which they had contemplated. Would that we could drive them also from the policy of greed and from the deals.

ST. PETER'S BAY NOTES.

The crops of this vicinity are looking well, particularly the potatoes. C. E. Pratt, Esq., has a field of clover on his farm, north of the village, which will compare favorably with any in the province.

The lobster factories along the north shore closed on Friday, most of them having made a very poor season's work. Many of the men had their traps landed on the day of the closing.

The Caledonian Club gathering on August 17th, at St. Peter's, will be the event of the season. It will be held on the grounds of D. McLaine, Esq.

Mr. R. E. Smith, teacher of Middle school, who has been appointed to a position on the teaching staff of Queen Square School, Charlottetown, leaves here in a few days.

Mr. Aylmer McEwen, teacher of St. Peter's Bay North, School has also resigned his position. This is to be regretted as Mr. McEwen was an industrious and painstaking teacher. We understand he intends taking the Arts course in McGill College at the beginning of the term. His many friends wish him success.

Mr. John C. McDonald of Boston, Mass., spent a few days visiting his relatives at Cable Head during the past month. He returned to Boston a few days ago.
NEWMAN NOGGS.

B. Y. P. U.—The Baptist Young People's Union, in session at Buffalo, N. Y., has elected the following officers: President, John H. Chapman, Illinois, re-elected; first vice-president, R. H. Pitt, D. D., Virginia; second vice-president, H. O. Rowlands, Nebraska; third vice president, A. G. Wells, Nova Scotia; recording secretary, H. W. Reed, Wisconsin; treasurer, Frank Moody, Wisconsin.

A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.—Buffalo, N. Y., has been visited by a frightful accident. In the Niagara Starch Works five tubular boilers were wrecked by the explosion of one of them. The cause of the accident is not known, for the engineer, the fireman and a miller have been killed. A woman passing the building with a child in her arms was crushed by a falling wall and the child killed with her. There were only six people in the works and two escaped. A number on the streets were injured by falling bricks and flying debris.

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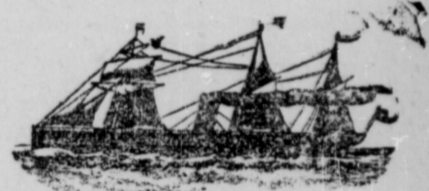
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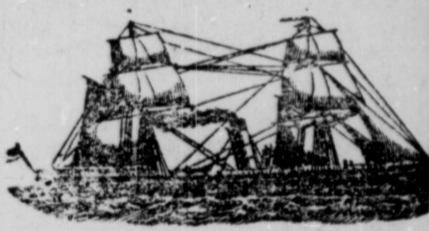
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