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"Big fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em; little fleas have smaller fleas, and so ad infinitum." Without attempting to minimize the troubles of the larger variety it will be admitted that they have many advantages over the smaller; they will stand more killing; they have more room for the application of remedies; they are powerful enough and resourceful enough to destroy the little enemies that plague them. And the destruction goes on space until the big ones alone survive.

This intermixture of contending interests is not confined to the insect world. We have it in our commercial life. Perhaps it is an essential provision of evolution leading to that goal which is known to science as the survival of the fittest. The big commercial interests, plagued by the smaller fry, proceed to exterminate them and they usually succeed, eventually holding the field exclusively, after which we call them monopolists.

In a little community like Prince Edward Island the influence of the large interests is very keenly felt. We talk of our possibilities, of our opportunities for the establishment of industries. We have these in abundance, we have opportunities and facilities for the carrying on of certain lines of manufacture, those lines the raw product for which we can produce as cheaply and as abundantly as anywhere else in the world.

Could we stand up against the exterminating methods of our larger brethren? With the proper spirit of patriotism we could; with selfishness dominating our actions we could not. True to ourselves and to the interests of the province we could maintain certain industries to the exclusion of such goods as canned and preserved fruit and vegetables, beans, peas, onions, pickles, &c., along lines indicated in previous references to the subject, but in doing so we would be obliged to run the gauntlet of the exterminating influences above mentioned.

Do we fully understand the power of the larger interests and their methods of working? They control tariffs, transportation, markets and even the production of raw material. Most of them are very large "fleas" and their power over the little ones which interfere with their financial comforts is correspondingly great.

There are in Canada today, for instance, three factories, one at Cardinal, one at Port Credit and one at Brantford, all in the Province of Ontario, engaged in the manufacture of starch, glucose and corn syrup. The factories at Cardinal and Port Credit are manufacturing starches, glucose and corn syrups; that at Brantford starch only. The tariff protects these three factories against competition from the United States and they protect one another by working together.

This is their tariff protection: The duty on starch is one and a half cents per pound or \$450 on a car of 30,000 pounds; the duty on syrup 6 1/2 cents per 100 pounds, or \$450 on a car; on glucose \$187.50.

Against shipments from England the duty is as follows: On starch one cent per pound or \$300 per car; on syrup and glucose \$120 per car.

Starch in bulk at the factories in Ontario, before being packed up for the trade, costs the manufacturer an average of \$2.46 per 100 lbs. The duty on starch from the United States is 1 1/2 cents per pound or 61 per cent on the cost to the Canadian manufacturer. Glucose and corn syrup costs the Canadian manufacturer an average of \$2.05 per 100 lbs. The duty on importations from the United States is 31 per cent on the cost to the Canadian manufacturer, and on corn syrup about 20 per cent of Canadian cost. Thus we have only three Canadian factories making these commodities and protected to the extent of 61 per cent and 41 per cent on starch and 31 per cent and 20 per cent on corn syrups and glucose from the United States and England. Needless to say, with this enormous protection, a very small quantity of starch, corn syrup and glucose is imported into Canada from the United States or from England.

Further than this, the raw material, corn, used in the manufacture of these commodities is grown in the United States and imported into Canada free of duty. These three factories have no competitors in Canada and any competition from outside sources would be handicapped to the extent mentioned. This is only one instance. The manufacturers who have become established and who have had time enough and influence enough to induce the government to manipulate the tariff for them, are pretty "big fleas" now and the little ones that undertake to interfere with them will have a contract on their heads. The remedy is in so adjusting the tariff as to curtail the power of the big fellows.

of it, is what matters. In the excitement of the game, in the race for the prize, we are liable to forget the means, looking only to the end, to the winning of the game. "Get money, my son, honestly if you can, but get it," said a father to his son, on sending him out into the world to make a living, and with or without the advice life's great game is played by many on this principle.

Our sports are more closely related to and have more influence upon our life's work than we generally think. The boy watching the game, sees the foul, the surreptitious move behind the Umpire's back. He sees the game won by a clever trick or by a mean advantage. He sees the trophy won, the plaudits bestowed upon the winner, no questions asked as to the fairness of the game, the only thing noted being that the game was won. He has learned his first lesson in ignoring the rules of the game. He goes into his class to play the game for the prize at the end of the term. He has seen that the winning of the game was the only thing that counted, and he goes in to win, not to play the game. He can "critic" or he can palm off another's work as his own, what matters so long as he wins?

He goes to his life's work, not to play the game, but to win, to make money honestly, if he can, but to make it.

Sport is as necessary to the making and developing of character as it is to the development of physical strength, but on the manner of sport will depend the kind of character it will develop. To cheat in the game, to win unfairly even in our most trivial sports is to lay the foundation of and set an example in dishonesty. In all our sports let us remember that all the merit is in playing the game manfully, honestly, fairly, the winning or the losing is only an incident.

In the great game of life which we all must play for the necessity as well as the pleasure of it, the manner of the playing will determine the win-

ning. The Umpire's back is never turned, the fouls and the unfair methods are strictly counted and there will be no winning through fraud.

NOTES.

It is gratifying to find that already quite a number have entered the competition in original prose and poetry intended to boost Prince Edward Island and to develop the literary talent that, it is felt, is not wanting among our people. We trust that very many more will yet enter. Our country is many sided, it has varied attractions. It has a special beauty for each and each can tell his or her story in his or her own way. The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong. There may be among the competitors some whose names are already famous in literature; this neither argues that they shall be successful in this race nor that there are no others. We have our mute inglorious Miltons. Why should they be mute? There is a story to tell, tell it; there is help to give, give it. There is room for all the good that can be done.

It would appear that the wonders of scientific discovery are only in their infancy. A late issue of the London Daily Mail tells of the invention of an apparatus which will bring wireless telegraphy within reach of all. It was invented by a French scientist, M. Duroquier. The instrument is a detector which needs no wires and is more sensitive than any now in use. The machine is mounted on a base six inches by four and with the use of ordinary telephone receivers messages can be received from all over the world. The whole apparatus costs only ten dollars. What next?

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SALT AND ICE.

The Process That Begins When the Two Are Mixed.

It is not correct to say that salt dissolves ice, since real solution only takes place when a solid, liquid or gas is dissolved in a liquid.

The true explanation of the fact that ice melts when common salt is added to it depends upon the simple physical principle that when a salt is dissolved in water heat is absorbed and its temperature is lowered. When salt and ice are mixed together some of the salt dissolves in the small amount of water which is always present, the temperature is thereby lowered, and a new freezing point is established.

The remainder of the ice, being at a temperature higher than this new freezing point, slowly melts, and more salt is dissolved until the solution is saturated. The temperature can in this way be lowered to 22 degrees C, which is the freezing point of a definite compound of salt and water.

The salts dissolved in sea waters serve a very important purpose, as it requires a greater degree of cold to cause the formation of ice on them than on fresh water.

Bonaparte and Mile. Montanier. The Cafe Corazza, in the Palais Royal, had many interesting clients in its time. It was there that General Bonaparte, then only a general of brigade, asked his friend Barras to find him a rich wife, and Barras suggested Mile. Montanier, the proprietress of the adjacent Theatre Montanier. She was thirty-three, but she was well preserved and might have passed for forty-five, and she was believed to have accumulated a fortune of \$48,000. Bonaparte asked to be introduced, and Barras presented him and assures us in his memoirs that the match would have come off if it had not been for the events of Vendemiaire. After that memorable day of the "whiff of grape-shot" the future emperor broke off the engagement, feeling himself too important to marry a superannuated actress, even for the sake of having the spending of her savings.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Example Better Than Precept. John Wesley, accompanied by one of his preachers, was once dining at the house of a rich Methodist. The tables were spread with a liberal meal, but Wesley's companion no sooner saw it than he said: "Ob, sir, what a sumptuous dinner! Things are very different from what they once were. I fear there is but little self denial among Methodists in these days."

"My brother," said Wesley, pointing to the table, "this is a fine opportunity for self denial now."

The hint was not taken, but the rebuke did its work. Label Paste. To make a good paste for labels mix together with cold water until they form a smooth cream four ounces of flour and an ounce and a half of brown sugar. Then pour in boiling water, stirring all the time till the right consistency is obtained. Add five or six drops of carbolic acid to keep the paste from becoming sour, and when it has been well stirred in the compound will be fit for use.

A Truth Teller. "Do you think I'll get justice?" asked the culprit of his lawyer. "I'm afraid not," answered the lawyer, who had taken the trouble to collect his fee in advance and could therefore be candid. "You know they don't hang in this state."—Lippincott's.

Working Him. "George, dear," said the young wife, "you are growing handsomer every day."

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