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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Harper's Weekly declares that there is "no reason to expect any agreement between the British and the United States Governments in the subjects that were considered at Washington," and adds, "we wish devoutly that the difference between the two countries might be so wisely settled as the Canadian Premier suggests; but Congress will we fear have one of its, even should Mr. McKinley agree."

—Mr. W. Osler expressed the opinion of a great many Canadians, Liberal as well as Tory, when he said a few evenings ago in Centre Toronto: "I think Canada has been humiliated by the visit of the Premier and other ministers to Washington. Counting reciprocity with a country which has repeatedly spurned the reasonable offers of Canada is not dignified work for our Cabinet ministers, and it is not likely to be successful."

WHEN GIRLS USE SLANG

They Lose the Esteem and Respect of Refined People.

"It is unfortunate that slang phrases are so easily slipping into our every-day conversation, and taking apparently so fixed a place in our talk," writes Edward W. Bok in the December Ladies' Home Journal. "And the worst of it is that so many people are using slang entirely unconscious of the fact that they are doing so. It is common usage of slang were confined to a particular order of girls, it would, perhaps, serve as an indicator of character, and pass unnoticed. It would at least, not touch the sensibilities of gentler folk. But it is not so confined. Slang is invading the very nicest of circles; it is beginning to influence the talk of our most carefully-reared girls. And this is why the habit should receive closer attention. Girls are forgetting that slang phrases and refinements are absolutely foreign to each other. A slang phrase may be more expressive than a term of polite usage, but it is never impressive, except to impress unfavorably. It is high time that our girls should realize that they should speak the English language in their conversation, and not the dialect of the race-track, nor the lingo of the base-ball field. A girl may cause a smile by the apt use of some slang phrase. But inwardly, those who applaud her place her, at the same time, in their estimation. No girl ever won an ounce of respect by being slangy. On the contrary, many a girl, in the course of the cause, has found herself gradually slipping out of people's respect by the fact that her talk was dotted with slang phrases. 'Oh, she is clever,' said a woman not long ago, of a girl who can keep a company constantly amused by her apt use of slang. 'She amuses me greatly. But I should not care to invite her to my home nor

have my girls know her.' It is a poor popularity for a girl, which has as its only basis the cap and bells of the jester. The life of the jester is never long.

EMPTY STOCKINGS.

Oh, mothers in homes that are happy,
Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where the children are dreaming already
Of the merriest day in the year,
As you gather your darlings around you
And tell them the "story of old,"
Remember the homes that are dreary!
Remember the hearts that are cold!

And thanking the love that has dowered
you
With all that is dearest and best,
Give freely, that from your abundance
Some bare little life may be blessed!

Oh, go where the stockings hang empty,
Where Christmas is naught but a name,
And give—for the love of the Christ-
child!
'Twas to seek such as these that He
came.

—Ellen Manly in Christmas Ladies' Home Journal.

Montreal Gazette: Speaking at a banquet given by the Calgary Board of Trade Mr. Sifton said that in giving the Northwest Territories responsible government, he had been ably assisted by his friend, Mr. Davin, of Western Assiniboia. This is a new feature in western politics. Mr. Davin has generally been attacked with the utmost virulence by the western Liberals, and he has generally given back as good as he got. But he is not to be left behind when compliments are going round, and we may be sure we will have something pretty ready for Mr Sifton by the time they meet at Ottawa.

SEWARD'S BIG BARGAIN.

Russia Made the Mistake of the Century
When She Sold Alaska.

Thirty years ago Commissioner Paulus Hersen persuaded the government of the czar to sell all Russian America for \$7,200,000, or a little less than 2 cents an acre. He had coasted along Kotzebue sound in 1863, and after taking a farewell peep at St. Michael's inlet and the mouth of the Yukon did not hesitate to report that the value of that polar district consisted chiefly of its seas and its swampy plains, both of which the Yankee trespassers would be sure to exhaust within the next 20 years. Within a week the folly of the transfer was consummated. Four-fifths of the territory has never yet been surveyed, but the explored portions of the humid coast lands are known to contain larger and more valuable forests than Maine and Michigan taken together.

The fur yield of Alaska has slightly increased on terra firma, but the value of the fisheries has doubled since 1867 and has now reached an average of 46,000,000 cans a year for salmon alone, besides thousands of barrels of herring and about 10,000,000 pounds of cod. Every man, woman and child forming the population of this planet could consume a barrel of Alaska salmon every month in the year for the next 100 generations without affecting the extent of the yearly arriving shoals to any perceptible degree.

Coal in six varieties, including lignite, but also the valuable bitumen known as cannel coal, has been discovered at half a hundred different points of the great northland and may yet exclude carbon impurities from the Pacific markets as far south as Los Angeles. And to all that luck has now added a treasure trove of precious metals, though it would be a mistake to suppose that the discovery of placer mines dates from the west Klondike bonanza.

The Muscovite monarely, it is true, is so large, so unreasonably and unconscionably overgrown, that the czars could sell nine other provinces the size of Alaska and still have a comfortable remnant of real estate, but it might be questioned if that special czar did not almost give away the most valuable tenth of his world empire. For the southernmost 500 miles the climate of Alaska is milder than that of European Russia. Sitka thermometers rarely register 5 degrees below zero; those of Odessa sink to 15—not to mention Moscow and St. Petersburg, where old settlers do not begin to growl till the frost consolidates their beards and their bedposts. The truth seems to be that Major Hersen did really not suspect the extent of the Alaska forests and judged the value of the mines from his experience in Siberia, where the gold bearing rocks can be worked profitably only with the cheapest kind of convict labor.

Secretary Seward, on the other hand, made a shrewd guess at the real value of the coveted peninsula. There is an immortal story about a sportsman who had abducted the wife of a "Pike," an unkempt squatter of Pike county, Mo., and, being overtaken by the exasperated ruralist, tried in vain to excuse his escapade on a plea of intoxication. "We have to settle this matter with lead, sir," said the Pike, cocking his revolver. "Can't we settle it with silver?" asked the kidnaper, exhibiting a good sized pocketbook. "Just name your own terms, sir," he added when he noticed that the avenger had reduced his menace to a half cock. "Well, stranger," said the Pike in a voice still husky with excitement, "how would 75 cents strike you?"

Our Yankee commissioners must have remembered that anecdote when they received the first reply to their hypo-

thetical inquiry. "In case you have been rightly informed that the government of his czarish majesty finds the expense of maintaining that distant possession to exceed the revenue, for what amount in cash would they consent to dispose of it altogether?" There had already been conferences about fishery privileges. "Not for less than 16,000,000 or 12,000,000 rubles"—about \$8,000,000—was the astonishing reply. If it is true that eastern Alaska also abounds in silver and petroleum, the Russians must admit that the blunder of our Tennessee shotgun negotiator has been considerably eclipsed. "What have we done?" says a correspondent of the Moscow Gazette in commenting upon the news from the placer mines. "We have thrown away a country which, acre for acre, is worth more than the Caucasus."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Diamond Jubilee of Telegraphy.

It is curious that this present year should record the diamond jubilee of telegraphy and at the same time bring into prominent notice the possibilities of wireless telegraphy. On June 10, 1847, Cooke and Wheatstone's first patent for electric telegraphs was signed by William IV. The Pall Mall Gazette states that on July 4 of that year the first telegraph wire was laid. The circuit was between Exton and Camden Town railway stations, under the permanent way of the London and North-western railway, then named the London and Birmingham Railway company. The line consisted of five wires, each wire laid in separate grooves cut out of long blocks of wood. There are many of these blocks in existence. A year or two ago one was dug up and actually formed part of the circuit through which was flashed to all parts of the empire the message from Buckingham palace on jubilee day. So that a portion of the first telegraph wire is dug up and serves as an aid to the royal message in the very year in which it is proposed to telegraph without wires.—Paris Edition New York Herald.

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