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DEFINING A BOODLER.

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Mr. Tarte has defined a boodler as a man who takes advantage of his official position to divert public moneys to serve his personal or other interest. This is correct, only so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. It does not cover all the methods resorted to which gains for the perpetrator the obnoxious name. Men can be boodlers without occupying any official position, as Mr. Tarte will probably admit on further thought. Indeed, there must, almost of necessity, be two parties to a boodie transaction, the man in the official position and one or more confederates. Such will generally be found to have been the case in all famous boodles. In the New York aldermanic deals, which were instrumental in bringing the word into general use, there was a man who wanted to purchase a franchise from the city, an intermediary, and a lot of corrupt aldermen. In some of the Ottawa cases there was only a member of Parliament using his influence to get public grants under their value. In others there were officials receiving gifts from men doing business with the departments in which they served. In others there were corrupt officials permitting the payment of falsified accounts. Then in Quebec, there have been developed other species of the fraternity. There have been cases where a man not in office at all has obtained from men doing business with the Government, sums even amounting to \$100,000 at a time, the return being the use of his influence in securing Government action in particular cases. This money was used in paying the personal debts of members of the Government whose action made the payment possible, and in paying the notes of friends of the Government. Though Mr. Tarte's definition would not cover the cases of all parties to this transaction, a man of his quick intelligence should be able to perceive that all who knowingly profit by such a job, either personally or otherwise, would be deserving of reprobation, would in fact be boodlers. There have been cases, also, that may have come to the knowledge of Mr. Tarte or his colleagues, of payments being made legitimately from a provincial treasury, but the minister who made them secured the return of a percentage thereof, which was later turned into the election fund of a federal political party, and used to secure the return of members of Parliament. Mr. Tarte will, no doubt, agree that such work, also, was boodling, and that all who knowingly profited by it, however high they may be placed, were sharing in a boodie transaction, and, were, in fact, boodlers, both those who gave and those who received. There are many other cases which will be recalled by students of this country's, and especially of this province's affairs, which are not covered by Mr. Tarte's definition, but which he would himself, on second thought, be obliged to admit include within the

condemned category. It is submitted that a boodler can be more properly defined as a man who, of himself, or through others, obtains from the public chest or from individuals having claims on the public chest, money that, were it not for his public position, or his presumed connection with those in a public position, would not be given to him.—Montreal Gazette.

GRAND RIVER BUOY SERVICE.

Sir,—I wish through the columns of your valuable paper to call the attention of the agent of Marine and Fisheries to the deplorable state in which the buoys and stakes, marking the channels of Grand River East from the bar to Bridgetown, are at present to be found.

In the early part of the present year tenders were called for the maintenance of the above buoy service, and I am informed that there were several capable men (including the contractor for the term then about to expire) who contracted for the service and who would have maintained an efficient service had any one of their tenders been accepted. But instead of awarding the contract to any one of those men it was given to a mere child, a lad of some seventeen years, who judging by the buoys now in use in Grand River does not know the difference between an ale cask and a can buoy or between a fence rail and a spar buoy.

I wish also to remind the harbor master that it is his duty to see that the buoys are of proper size and shape, and that they are placed in their position and instead of permitting an ale cask to be used to mark the channel over the bar to see that a proper can buoy be immediately procured, and placed in proper position, before the fall shipping begins. And also to see that spar buoys and stakes are of sufficient size and number and those placed properly along the edge of the channels and not allow them to remain as at present where there are only six stakes (and those no larger than fishing rods) in five miles of channel, viz. from head of the cut to Bridgetown, and those far from their proper positions.

MARINER.

Grand River, Oct. 2, 1897.

It is undoubtedly a fact that our grandmothers, the pioneer women of the country, led more laborious lives than the housewives of to-day. In spite of this fact, they bore their husbands' robust sons and daughters, and did not become weak, complaining invalids as a consequence.

There are probably several reasons for this. One is, that they lived more in the open air, and another, and probably the most influential of all, is that they were less prudish than the women of to-day. They were not ashamed to know something of their own physical make-up. They were not too nice to take care of their health in a womanly way. Women now-a-days suffer untold tortures in silence, because of weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism, rather than consult a physician, or even talk upon the subject to their own husbands. They imagine that troubles of this description can only be cured by undergoing the disgusting examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the average modern physician. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures all diseases peculiar to women in the privacy of their own homes. It does away with the necessity for examinations and local treatment. It acts directly on the important organs concerned, making them strong, healthy and vigorous. It fits for wifehood and the burdens of household duties. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration and soothes pain. It tones and builds up the nerves. It banishes the discomforts of the time of expectancy and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. Thousands have testified to its merits.

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Teutonic France.

The northern third of France and half of Belgium are today more Teutonic than the south of Germany. This is clearly attested by the maps which show the distribution of each of the physical characteristics of race. It should not occasion surprise when we remember the incessant downpour of Teutonic tribes during the whole historic period. It was a constant procession of Goths—from all points of the compass—of Franks, Burgundians, and others. France was entirely overrun by the Franks, with the exception of Brittany, by the middle of the sixth century. All through the middle ages this part of Europe was not only ethnically Teutonic—it was German in language and customs as well. The very name of the country is Teutonic. It has the same origin as Franconia in southern Germany. In 812 the council of Tours, away down south, ordained that every bishop should preach both in the Romance and the Teutonic languages. The Franks preserved their German speech 400 years after the conquest. Charlemagne was a German. His courtiers were all Germans. He lived and governed from outside the limits of modern France. The Abbe Sieyes uttered an ethnological truism when, in the course of the French revolution, he cried out against the French aristocracy, "Let us send them back to their German marshes where they came!"

The movement of population racially has been strongly influenced by the geography of the country. Were it not for the peculiar conformation of this part of Europe there would be no geographical excuse for the existence of Belgium as a separate political entity, as we have said, and northern France would be far more thoroughly Teutonized than it is today.—Professor W. Z. Ripley in Popular Science Monthly.

THE CUBAN REBELLION.

Liberal Leader Entrusted by Queen Regent With Task of Forming New Ministry

Madrid, Oct. 3.—Senator Sagasta, the liberal leader, has been entrusted by the queen regent with the task of forming a new cabinet in succession to the Azarraga ministry, which resigned on Wednesday last. Senor Sagasta, after leaving the queen regent had a long conference with the Marquis De Amajo, who accepts the presidency of the chamber.

Admiral Bejeco becomes minister of marine, in succession to Admiral Beranger. Marshal Blanco, it is stated, will in all probability accept the post of captain general of Cuba, in succession to Captain General Weyler.

The ministerial changes will not affect the instructions which United States Minister Woodford originally received from President McKinley. Both General Woodford and Senor Sagasta, the premier, maintain absolute reserve on the question of American relations to Spain.

Leading liberals, however, declare that Spain can never officially accept American mediation in Cuban affairs.

Senor Sagasta had a conference with the queen regent today, and it is expected that the new liberal cabinet will be completed tomorrow. General Correa has accepted the portfolio of minister of war.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The queen regent took a strong initiative during the crisis and profoundly surprised General Azarraga by leaving him no alternative but resignation. She frankly expressed her disapproval of the conservative administration. She said she had allowed Senor Canovas to remain in office in the hope that he would modify the rigor of his repressive policy in Cuba and that she had repeatedly called the attention of ministers to administrative scandals and abuses. Moreover, her majesty said she had waited patiently for two months after the death of Senor Canovas in the hope that the new government would correct these evils. On its failure to do so she took upon herself to consult Gen. Campos, Senor Silvela and others as to the best means of pacifying Cuba by an endeavor to satisfy the autonomists and thus virtually to steal a march on American diplomacy. Thereupon her majesty thanked General Azarraga and intimated her intention to appoint Senor Sagasta as president of the council."

The latter in offering the portfolios expressed his intention to give the largest possible measure of Cuban home rule, to reserve the conservative policy in Cuba and the Philippines, and to recall Captain General Weyler not resign

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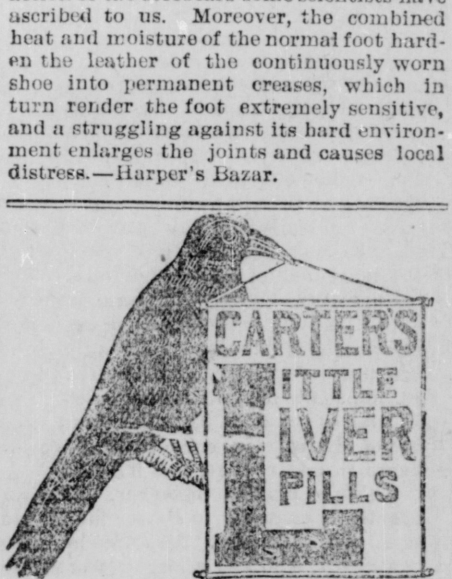
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Causes of Corns and Bunions.

The feet are surely pliant members when they can endure the variformed shoes that from time to time compel them into new habits with each new pair put on, yet they rarely rebel or give real trouble unless barbarously neglected. Corns and bunions are more often the result of wearing old shoes than in a wrong selection of new ones. A constant change of footwear injures the foot to variety, and even those who confine themselves wholly to the ready made article need suffer no ill effects if they will keep their shoe supply as carefully replenished as is the rest of the wardrobe.

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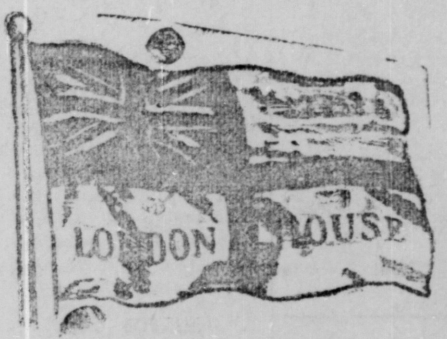
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