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The Local Cannery.

About a year ago the Penticton Farmers' Exchange took up the consideration of erecting a cannery plant in Penticton to handle the surplus fruit and vegetables that would be left over from the sale of fresh produce.

Owing to a number of causes the canning plant which was authorized by the shareholders was late in being installed, and a considerable amount of tomatoes which might have been canned had to be shipped in their fresh condition to a market that was overstocked and demoralized, with the result that they sold in many cases for less than freight charges, netting the grower nothing, and entailing a loss in time, package, etc. After the canning plant arrived and was set up, there was a considerable amount of time lost in breaking in the operators, as, owing to the scarcity of laborers, it was almost impossible to obtain men who would remain long enough to learn the business, so that the end of the season was at hand before the plant was in full running order. The consequence was that the number of cases packed was very small, but sufficient to show that, with proper facilities for another year, the output could be considerable.

So far as quality is concerned they have certainly proved that Okanagan tomatoes far surpass the Ontario product, and wherever they have been placed the trade has expressed the highest satisfaction.

The directors are now discussing the question of running the cannery in connection with the Exchange for the coming season; and, as the plant would be in operation from the beginning to the end of the season, there would, of course, be a much larger pack to handle, and consequently a much greater amount of money would be required to successfully finance it. The time for preparing for the coming season's tomato plants is not far off.

People will want to know in a short time whether or not the cannery is going to run, so that they may prepare for it by putting in their hot-beds; and it was suggested that a public meeting be called in the near future to get an expression from the people generally as to whether or not the necessary increase of capital can be raised in Penticton. Some of the directors favor the selling of the plant entirely as the ordinary business of the Exchange will be in a short time all that the association can handle. There is a good deal to be said on each side. In a few years our peach crop will require a cannery of very much larger capacity than anything our Exchange seems to contemplate, and to provide for this would mean the outlay of a good deal of money; and one of the questions that will have to be faced within less than two years will be a large cannery owned by the fruitgrowers themselves, or one owned by private capital. It is understood that the meeting is to be arranged for about the middle of February, and it will be a good thing if those who have the interest of the project at heart, which means their own private and individual interests, will do some thinking along this line, and when the time for discussion comes, some conclusion may be arrived at concerning the matter.

Rev. Jas. Hood, wife and twins, after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson and family, returned to their home in Summerland on Thursday.

Scotch Concert.

The dinner and concert given on Friday evening of last week by the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid in honor of Bobby Burns has been pronounced one of the best entertainments ever given under the auspices of a church in Penticton.

A dinner which left nothing to be desired in the way of eatables, was served from five-thirty to seven-thirty p. m., and was enjoyed by nearly everybody in the town and community.

By eight o'clock the tables had been removed, the seats re-arranged, and most of the crowd comfortably seated in anticipation of a good entertainment. In this their expectations were more than realized, for although none but local talent took part, every item was a treat, a fact which was evidenced by the hearty applause and the encores to many of the selections.

PROGRAMME

Chorus.....Hundred Pipers
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Mahoney
Address.....Rev. J. A. Cleland
Solo, "Caller Herrin'".. Mrs. Mitchell
Recitation, "Bairnies Cuddle Doun" in three parts, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Dexter and Miss Bessie Thompson.
Violin Solo.....Mr. Wallace
Solo, "My Ain Folk".. Miss Thompson
Address.....Rev. R. W. Hibbert
Piano Solo.....Miss Rowe
Solo, "Bonnie Dundee".....Mr. Miller
Chairman's Address....Rev. Jas. Hood
Quartette, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton" Mr. Miller, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Thompson.
Solo, "Mary of Argyle" Mrs. Mitchell
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Swinton

The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to eighty-two dollars.

Government Telephones.

The purchase of the Bell Telephone Co.'s system in Manitoba by the government has given an impetus to the movement for government ownership of telephones, and Saskatchewan is preparing rapidly to follow the lead of her sister province.

It is the intention of the Saskatchewan government to construct long distance and rural telephones, and as an experiment, rural systems will be established at three points in the province, one of which is Wapella, provided the farmers favor the scheme, and will promise in sufficient numbers to become patrons.

Hope and Princeton.

What apparently is a well founded report comes through private sources from Hope regarding the V. V. & E. railway construction. It is asserted that a considerable amount of real estate has been sold recently at greatly advanced prices, due to the activity in railway construction. A well known Great Northern official has been purchasing some eligible property in the vicinity of Hope and two important sales of business locations are included in several other minor transactions. Formerly an old Indian trading post of the Hudsons Bay Co., Hope now seems to be awakening after about a century's sleep.

Engineer Tracy of the V. V. & E., who located portions of the line in the Similkameen is now at work revising the line eastward from Hope via Coquihalla Pass preparatory to actual building. He is under instructions to push the work. Construction will begin early in the spring.

The suspension of work on the coast portion of the V. V. & E., caused by the trouble with the contractors, has now been resumed under the direct control of the Great Northern Railway, and construction is going on apace, day by day reducing the distance from there to Princeton, drawing nearer the time when Jim Hill's iron horse will afford that much delayed and long looked for trip by rail to the coast.—Similkameen Star.

Local and Personal

R. C. Reed, of Kelowna, was in town this week.

Mrs. J. W. Macfie returned from Vancouver on Wednesday.

Pansies were blooming in J. Fleming's garden as late as Jan. 20.

G. H. E. Hudson, of Kelowna, spent the latter part of the week in town.

L. A. Rathvon is building a house near J. W. Thompson's on Winnipeg Street.

Dr. C. W. Cross returned last Saturday after spending a week or two at Kelowna.

Mr. Weaver, of East Delta, arrived on Wednesday to visit friends in Penticton.

Remember the concert to be given by the Penticton Quadrille Club on Feb. 14.

Skating has been exceptionally good during the past week on the pond across the river.

Mrs. (Rev.) Hood addressed the meeting of the Young Peoples' Union on Tuesday evening.

A. S. Smith, local manager of the S. C. Smith Lumber Co., spent most of the past week in Vernon.

Mrs. and Miss Fisher, of Kelowna, spent most of the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mitchell.

G. F. B. James, representing James Bros., electrical and mechanical engineers, of Kelowna, spent some time in Penticton this week.

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Galarneau and McKenzie are engaged in putting up a blacksmith shop on Smith St. for Jno. Partridge. Mr. Partridge will open up business shortly.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church desire to thank those who helped to make the concert and supper given by them on Burns' night such a success. The proceeds were $82.00,

I beg to advise my patrons that I am placing in stock a full line of Cameras and Photographic Supplies from the Eastman Kodak Co., and shall be in a position to fill all orders after Feb. 1st., 1908. Yours Respectfully, HENRY MAIN.

Pierre Philip, an Indian, was again brought before Justices Mitchell, Wade, and Clement last Saturday on a charge of criminal assault. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail with hard labor. Constable Tooth left for Kamloops with the prisoner on Tuesday morning.

A gentleman at McLean reports that blackbirds have peen in that neighborhood all winter and adds that this is the first winter he has seen them remain in this country. — *Progress*, Qu'Appelle, Sas. (Saskatchewan appears to be enjoying an exceptionally mild winter as well as the Okanagan.—Ed.)

A steam laundry is soon to be established at Kamloops at a cost of about eight thousand dollars. The company, known as The Kamloops Steam Laundry Co., is capitalized at fifteen thousand, the capital to be subscribed by residents of Kamloops and other parts of the interior. Shares are being sold at five dollars each. It is the intention of the laundry to take work from all outlying towns and settlements. The number of employees, exclusive of office help, will be fifteen.

The Literary.

The entertainment given by the bachelors of the Literary on Thursday evening was a great success. The Woodmen's Hall was crowded to the door with a most appreciative audience so that there was scarcely standing room.

The stage was rigged up to represent a bachelor's cabin, and the three occupants were busily engaged at washing dishes and other household duties when the voices of singers were heard outside, and over a dozen additional bachelors enterd from the rear door as a surprise party. Songs, recitations, and music then followed making up the first half of the program, after which some one in a more serious vein intimated that it was time that Penticton were incorporated.

Thereupon it was at once decided to organize as a city, and to elect the city officials from among those present, as it was considered that all the men of prominence were among the number on the stage. A mayor, aldermen, and other officers were at once appointed, after which the council met to frame a set of by-laws for the government of the city. The by-laws were all of a most ridiculous character, containing local hits, and were the cause of much merriment.

A debate will be held at the next meeting, the subject of which will be posted on the bulletin board in the post-office.

PEACHLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover returned Monday after spending a couple of weeks at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlan returned home Friday. They have spent two months at the coast, and Seattle, and Bellingham and say there is nothing which comes up to the Okanagan Valley. And we all agree with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lang got back Monday after spending the last couple of months in California.

Miss Sutton, who has been ill for some time, is able to be out again.

Mr. Logan, a cousin of Mr. Thompson Elliott's, came in for a visit last week, and was so greatly taken with the prospects here that he purchased the 10 acre lot, partly planted in peaches, which Mr. L. Finlay owned. He returned to his home in Carberry, Man., and intends closing up his affairs there and returning with Mrs. Logan to enjoy life growing peaches.

Miss Jean Pollard, who has been suffering from pleurisy, is recovering slowly.

Principal Murray had to close school for a couple of days last week, but his many friends are glad he is able to resume duties.

Little Mary Vickary is able to be out again after her illness.

There was a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association Friday evening. The attednance was poor and not much business was done, but it is expected a central packing house will be built for the coming season.

Miss R. Moore and Mr. F. Pratt were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents at the Lambly Ranch. They are cosily settled in town. All wish them a happy life.

Miss E. Keyes and Miss Brant who spent a pleasant holiday at Kelowna returned home Monday.

Dr. Smith of Summerland was up on a professional trip Monday.

The Quadrille Club held its semi-monthly dance Tuesday.

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The New Portfolio.

The division of the Department of Lands and Works necessitates the creation of a new portfolio. Hon. F. J. Fulton will remain Minister of Lands, and a member to qualify for the position of Minister of Public Works is being sought. Two names have been mentioned, that of Price Ellison, member for Okanagan, and Thos. Taylor, member for Revelstoke.

Whatever the claims of Revelstoke for the portfolio may be, we are convinced that the claims of Okanagan are much greater. The Okanagan portion of the province has now assumed such importance that representation in the cabinet of the Legislature is imperative. The extent, the climatic advantages and the fruit growing possibilities of the Okanagan are certain to make it the most populous, as well as the most prominent section of British Columbia, and justice to the district that has, heretofore, been overlooked demands that the portfolio go to the member from this electoral district.

Mr. Ellison has been in the Legislature for ten years and is as strongly intrenched in his constituency as any supporter the government has. He is a good speaker, and, if given the appointment will doubtless prove himself capable in a business way of managing the Public Works Department to the best interests and entire satisfaction of the whole province.

Canadian Politics.

The politics of Canada have for the past few months presented a disgraceful sight, such as would make an honest minded person, who was possessed of a reasonable amount of common sense, wonder whether there were such a thing as honest politicians in the country. Premier Mc Bride has been charged by the Liberals with advising Lieutenant - Governor Dunsmuir to withold his assent to the Natal Act, and Hon. Mr. Bowser has been charged by Duncan Ross in the House of Commons at Ottawa with being the solicitor for Gotoh, and with purposely drawing up the Natal Act defectively.

Bowser and McBride have both hotly repudiated the charges, and they, together with the whole Conservative party and press, have hurled the responsibility for the killing of the act back at Ottawa. It is apparent to any fair minded person that the desire to make political capital out the question is greater than the desire to get at the facts of the case, or even to meet the wishes of the people regarding Oriental exclusion.

After nine months of bickering, the correspondence between Lieut.-Gov. Dunsmuir and Secretary of State Scott, which has been read in the House of Commons, goes to show that the Lieutenant - Governor witheld his assent upon his own responsibility. How far that dignitary's action was the outcome of other, and unpublished correspondence from Ottawa, cannot at present be ascertained, but, as matters stand, the responsibility for the affair rests upon him alone. Throughout the past nine months he has remained silent, fortifying himself in his office, and permitting the two political parties to attack one another for what he alone was responsible.

One thing very much needed in Penticton at present is some standard by which to regulate time. At present every person keeps his own time with the result that times vary as much as half an hour. We would suggest that everybody regulate their watches and clocks by the time of the local jeweler. Mr. Harris professes to keep standard time, and people cannot do better than to regulate their timepieces thereby. A great deal of inconvenience is experienced in starting public meetings, church services, etc., by some people coming too early and others too late, and the regulating of time pieces by a common standard would obviate this.

Jap Immigration.

The arrangements relative to immigration from Japan to Canada, the United States and Mexico recently arrived at, but not yet announced in detail, appear to be meeting with general approval in Great Britain, while they are likely to meet the requirements of British Columbia as well. Enough has been made public to assure this province that immigration will be limited. The Japanese government has issued an order prohibiting the emigration of its citizens to the Hawaiian Islands except in the case of relatives of Japanese already residing there. This will probably get over the greatest difficulty, as most of the immigration into this province during the past year came from those islands.

That an amicable settlement of the difficulty has been arrived at will be appreciated by every resident in this province there can be no doubt, provided the restriction goes far enough to be of practical benefit. However, if it proves to be restriction in theory only, a continuance of the agitation for total exclusion may be expected.

Weather Report

Compiled by the Dominion Government Meterological Observer at Penticton, for January, 1908:

Date	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.
1	38	33
2	39	35
3	40	33½
4	45	37
5	46½	29½
6	41	31½
7	40	29
8	43	32
9	44	27
10	40	32
11	33	28
12	33	28
13	43	18
14	33	23
15	33	26
16	34	24
17	35	28
18	38	31
19	41	33½
20	49	25½
21	38	18
22	32	22
23	39	18
24	37	21
25	38½	21
26	40	20½
27	40	14
28	34	16
29	34	22½
30	33	4½
31		

January	Rain	Snow
1	.32	
2	.01	
5	.08	
8	.04	
14		1½
19	.31	
28		.5

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"But what is it that alarms you?"

"Look at Sir Charles's death! That was bad enough, for all that the coroner said. Look at the noises on the moor at night. There's not a man would cross it after sundown if he was paid for it. Look at this stranger hiding out yonder, and watching and waiting! What's he waiting for? What does it mean? It means no good to anyone of the name of Baskerville, and very glad I shall be to be quit of it all on the day that Sir Henry's new servants are ready to take over the Hall."

"But about this stranger," said I. "Can you tell me anything about him? What did Selden say? Did he find out where he hid, or what he was doing?"

"He saw him once or twice, but he is a deep one, and gives nothing away. At first he thought that he was the police, but soon he found that he had some lay of his own. A kind of gentleman he was, as far as he could see, but what he was doing he could not make out."

"And where did he say that he lived?"

"Among the old houses on the hillside—the stone huts where the old folk used to live."

"But how about his food?"

"Selden found out that he has got a lad who works for him and brings him all he needs. I daresay he goes to Coombe Tracey for what he wants."

"Very good, Barrymore. We may talk further of this some other time." When the butler had gone I walked over to the black window, and I looked through a blurred pane at the driving clouds and at the tossing outline of the wind-swept trees. It is a wild night indoors, and what must it be in a stone hut upon the moor. What passion of hatred can it be which leads a man to lurk in such a place at such a time! And what deep and earnest purpose can he have which calls for such a trial! There, in that hut upon the moor, seems to lie the very centre of that problem which has vexed me so sorely. I swear that another day shall not have passed before I have done all that man can do to reach the heart of the mystery.

CHAPTER XI.

The extract from my private diary which forms the last chapter has brought my narrative up to the 18th of October, a time when these strange events began to move swiftly towards their terrible conclusion. The incidents of the next few days are indelibly graven upon my recollection, and I can tell them without reference to the notes made at the time. I start then from the day which succeeded that upon which I had established two facts of great importance, the one that Mrs. Laura Lyons of Coombe Tracey had written to Sir Charles Baskerville and made an appointment with him at the very place and hour that he met his death, the other that the lurking man upon the moor was to be found among the stone huts upon the hillside. These two facts in my possession I felt that either my intelligence or my courage must be deficient if I could not throw some further light upon these dark places.

I had no opportunity to tell the baronet what I had learned about Mrs. Lyons upon the evening before, for Dr. Mortimer dined with him at cards until it was very late. At breakfast, however, I informed him about my discovery, and asked him whether he would care to accompany me to Coombe Tracey. At first he was very eager to come, but on second thoughts it seemed to both of us that if I went alone the results might be better. The more formal we made the visit the less information we might obtain. I left Sir Henry behind therefore, but without some misgivings of conscience, and drove off on my new quest.

When I [illegible] Coombe Tracey I told Perkins to run the horses, and [illegible] the lady whom I had come to interrogate. I had no difficulty in finding her rooms, which were central and well appointed. A [illegible] without ceremony, [illegible] the sitting-room a lady who was sitting before a Remington typewriter sprang up with a [illegible] welcome. Her face fell however, when she saw that I was a stranger, but she bade me sit down again [illegible] object of my visit. [illegible] left by Mrs. [illegible] extreme beauty. Her eyes and hair were those of the same rich [illegible] color, but her cheeks, though considerably faded, were flushed with the exquisite bloom of the brunette, the dainty pink which lurks in the heart of the sulphur rose. Admiration was, I recollect, the first impression which she made, but this was speedily merged in criticism. There was something subtly wrong in the face, some coarseness of expression, some fullness, perhaps, of the lips which marred the perfection of her beauty. But these, of course, are afterthoughts. At the moment I was simply conscious that I was in the presence of a very handsome woman, and that she was asking me the reasons for my visit. I had not quite understood until that instant how delicate my mission was.

"I have the pleasure," said I, "of knowing your father."

It was a clumsy introduction, and the lady made me feel it.

"There is nothing in common between my father and me," she said. "I owe him nothing, and his friends are not mine. If it were not for the late Sir Charles Baskerville and some other kind hearts I might have starved for all that my father cared."

"It was about the late Sir Charles Baskerville that I have come here to see you."

The freckles started out on the lady's face.

"What can I tell you about him?" she asked, and her fingers played nervously over the stops of her typewriter.

"You knew him, did you not?"

"I have already said that I owe a great deal to his kindness. If I am able to support myself it is largely due to the interest which he took in my unhappy situation."

"Did you correspond with him?"

The lady looked quickly up with an angry gleam in her hazel eyes.

"What is the object of these questions?" she asked, sharply.

"The object is to avoid a public scandal. It is better that I should ask them here than that the matter should pass outside our control."

She was silent and her face was still very pale. At last she looked up with something reckless and defiant in her manner.

"Well I'll answer," she said. "What are your questions?"

"Did you correspond with Sir Charles?"

"I certainly wrote to him once or twice to acknowledge his delicacy and his generosity."

"Have you the dates of those letters?"

"No."

"Have you ever met him?"

"Yes, once or twice, when he came into Coombe Tracey. He was a very retiring man, and he preferred to do good by stealth."

"But if you saw him so seldom and wrote so seldom, how did he know enough about your affairs to be able to help you, as you say that he has done?"

She met my difficulty with the utmost readiness.

"There were several gentlemen who knew my sad history and united to help me. One was Mr. Stapleton, a neighbor and intimate friend of Sir Charles's. He was exceedingly kind, and it was through him that Sir Charles learned about my affairs."

I knew that Sir Charles Baskerville had made Stapleton his almoner upon several occasions, so the lady's statement bore the impress of truth upon it.

"Did you ever write to Sir Charles asking him to meet you?" I continued.

Mrs. Lyons flushed with anger again.

"Really, sir, this is a very extraordinary question."

"I am sorry, Madame, but I must repeat it."

"Then I answer, certainly not."

"Not on the very day of Sir Charles's death?"

The flush had faded in an instant, and a deathly face was before me. Her dry lips could not speak the "No" which I saw rather than heard.

"Surely your memory deceives you," said I. "I could even quote a passage

"It's a great day for me, sir."

of your letter. It ran 'Please, please, as you are a gentleman, burn this letter, and be at the gate by ten o'clock.'"

I thought that she had fainted, but she recovered herself by a supreme effort.

"Is there no such thing as a gentleman?" she gasped.

"You do Sir Charles an injustice. He did burn the letter. But sometimes a letter may be legible even when burned. You acknowledge now that you wrote it."

"Yes, I did write it," she cried, pouring out her soul in a torrent of words. "I did write it. Why should I deny it? I have no reason to be ashamed of it. I wished him to help me. I believed that if I had an interview I could gain his help to induce him to meet me."

"But why at such an hour?"

"But I have only just learned that he was going to London next day and might be away for months. There were reasons why I could not get there earlier."

"But why a rendezvous in the garden instead of a visit to the house?"

"Do you think a woman could go alone at that hour to a bachelor's house?"

"Well, what happened when you did get there?"

"I never went."

"Mrs. Lyons!"

"No, I swear it to you on all I hold sacred. I never went. Something intervened to prevent my going."

"What was that?"

"That is a private matter. I cannot tell it."

"You acknowledge then that you made an appointment with Sir Charles at the very hour and place at which he met his death, but you deny that you kept the appointment."

"That is the truth."

Again and again I cross-questioned her, but I could never get past that point.

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Montesquien and Lord Chesterfield at Venice.

President Montesquien and Lord Chesterfield met each other whilst travelling in Italy. Their dispositions were of such a nature that they quickly struck up an acquaintance. As they went along they were always arguing about the prerogatives of the two nationalities. The Lord admitted to the President that the French had more wit than the English, but that as a set-off they had less common sense. To this the President assented, but maintained that there was no comparison between wit and good sense. The dispute had already been going on for several days when they reached Venice.

The President moved about a great deal, went everywhere, saw everything, questioned and talked with everyone, and in the evening wrote down the observations he had made. He had been at home an hour or two engaged in his usual occupation, when a stranger announced himself. He was a badly dressed Frenchman, who said to him: "Sir, I am a countryman of yours. I have been living here twenty years, but have always preserved a kindly feeling for French people and have sometimes had the opportunity of doing them a service as I now have with you. You may do anything in this country except meddle with state affairs. An ill-advised word about the government may cost you your head, and you have already uttered more than a thousand such. The State Inquisitors have their eyes on you; they are spying out your actions and following your footsteps and are taking careful note of your plans, for they have no doubt but that you are keeping a record of what you see and hear. I know for certain that they will pay you a visit, if not to-day, at least to-morrow. Remember sir, if you have in reality written anything, that an innocent, but maliciously interpreted, expression will cost you your life. That is all I have to say. I wish you good day. If you meet me in the street I have to request that, as a reward for this service which I believe to be of some importance, you do not recognize me, and if it should turn out that it is too late to escape and they capture you, I beg that you will not implicate me."

The man then disappeared and left Montesquien in the greatest state of alarm. His first thought was to go straight to his desk, seize his papers and throw them into the fire. This was hardly done when Chesterfield came in. He had no difficulty in perceiving his friend's terrible agitation and inquired what could have happened to him. The President told him of the visit he had just had and of the order he had given to have his carriage ready by three o'clock in the morning, for his purpose was to get away from a place where a moment's delay might be fatal to him.

Chesterfield listened quietly and then said: "All right, my dear President, but compose yourself and let us coolly examine together your adventure."

"You are making sport," said the President to him. "It is impossible for my head to keep cool when it is hanging, as it were, by a mere thread."

"But who is this man who so generously comes and exposes himself to the greatest danger in order that you may be immune from it? Love of country will not prompt him to take these perilous steps, and especially on behalf of a stranger. This man is not your friend?"

"No."

"He was badly dressed?"

"Yes, very."

"Did he ask you for any money as the price of his advice?"

"Not a cent."

"That is still more strange. But how did he come to know what he told you?"

"I really don't know."

"From Inquisitors? Besides, that this is the most secret conclave in the world, this is not the kind of man to approach them."

"But he is perhaps one of the spies they employ."

"Don't tell me that. Do you suppose they would take a stranger for a spy, and that this spy should be dressed like a beggar whilst following an occupation sufficiently vile to be well paid, and that this spy should betray his masters for you, at the risk of being strangled if you are captured and report him? This is all nonsense, my friend."

"But who can he be?"

After both had exhausted every possible conjecture, and the President still persisted in clearing out as quickly as possible, Lord Chesterfield. walking up and down and rubbing his forehead as a man to whom a bright idea occurs, stopped short and said: "President, wait. If by chance . . this man . . "

"Well, do you know him?"

"Yes, I think I do. Supposing he had been sent by a man who is sometimes malicious,—by a certain Lord Chesterfield who wished to prove to you that an ounce of common sense is worth a hundred pounds of wit; for with common sense . . "

"Ah! rascal," said the President, "What a trick you have played me."

The President could never pardon Chesterfield and started off early next morning without saying "good-bye."

"I" (adds Diderot the writer of this) "would have embraced him and said: 'Ah! my friend, you have proved to me that in England there are people of wit, and another time, perhaps, I shall have an opportunity of proving to you that in France there are people of good sense.'" —From the French by J. Barker.

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