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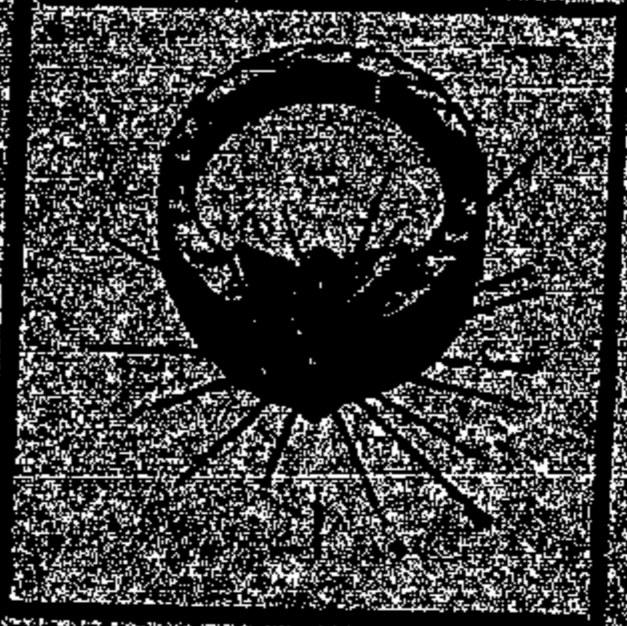
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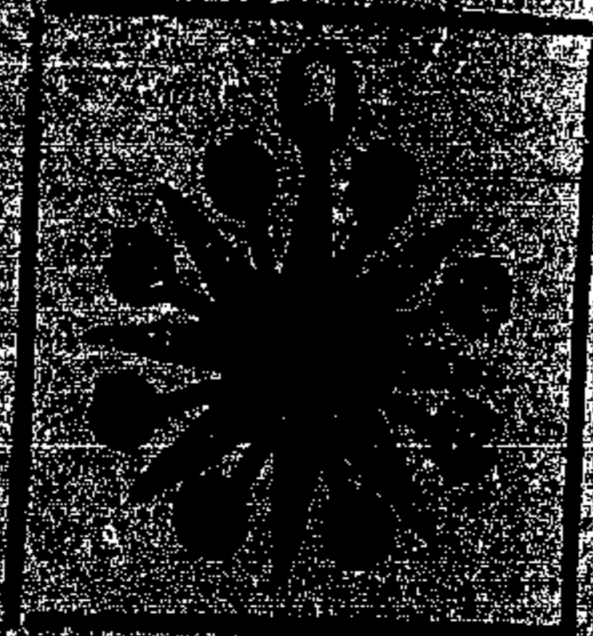
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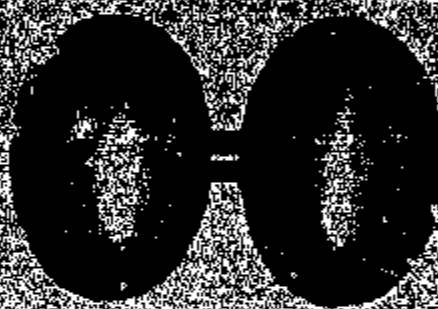
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NOTICE.—There are several hundred readers of *THE ECONOMIST* behind in their subscriptions. No doubt this is attributable to neglect and all that will be required to ensure a hasty response is this gentle reminder.

BY a majority of 10—in which is included the *Tribune* staff—it has been decided that John Houston will fulfill the duties of Mayor of Nelson, for the year 1900. The vote was close, and while the victor may be complimented on his splendid fight, he cannot claim that it was an overwhelming triumph, such as was predicted by the *Tribune* and his champions. However, there were many things in connection with the contest that the observing man will store away in his mental repository. One is the fact that there is a vote in this constituency that will make itself felt in every future election. That vote was cast to a man for Mayor Houston.

The electors selected an excellent council; in fact it would have been an exceedingly difficult matter to have done otherwise with the material in the field. Every man elected is more or less interested in the progress of Nelson, and no doubt the aim of all will be to advance the interests of the city. They are all reasonable men, and fully realize that in harmonious action the best results will be achieved.

The contest for Mayor and aldermen was carried on in a most creditable manner. The mayoralty candidates met each other from day to day on the street and good-naturedly joked with regard to their chances, and nothing was said that left behind it unpleasant feelings. Indeed, it was, as it should be in all municipal elections, only a friendly contest between neighbors.

Of the many matters that should engage the immediate attention of the new city Council is the question of permanent street improvements. Nelson has survived the experimental period in her history, and every improvement made in her streets should be in the way of acquiring an asset. Expenditure of money on temporary improvements is no longer

desirable, but instead, every dollar spent in this way should be accounted for in the way of leaving streets that will last for years to come. The practice of depositing clay on the streets should be at once discontinued, as when rain falls it only makes the thoroughfares so much worse.

JOSEPH MARTIN occupies the centre of the stage in the political drama now being enacted at Victoria. When it is stated that the members of the present Government are so far lost to honor as to be unworthy to associate with Joseph Martin, the public can form some idea of their utterly lost condition. But Joe's appearance on the side of the Opposition must not be regarded as a subject for congratulation to that side of the House, for the great Manitoba statesman has announced that he is there for but one purpose, and that is to contribute to the defeat of the Government. That he will succeed is the earnest desire of the majority of the people of British Columbia. Indeed, at the time of writing, it looks as though his most laudable aim was about to be achieved.

There is an old saying that when rogues fall out honest men get their dues. This is particularly applicable to the break between the Semlin Government and Joseph Martin. The latter has made an exposure of the disreputable methods adopted by the Semlin-Cotton clique to hold office, and the best evidence that the scandals have in them the merit of truth is supplied by the refusal of any member of the Government to attempt anything approaching a contradiction. Instead, they have sat sullenly in their seats and by their silence admitted the truth of the charges preferred against them by a man who was until a few years ago their advisor and counsellor, but who has now turned Queen's evidence.

THE *Ottawa Citizen* thinks it a pity Hugh John didn't accept that commission in the first contingent? Judged by the way he routed the Greenway majority and captured the Manitoba laager, he would ere this have had old Cronje's scalp at his belt, relieved Kimberly, and be now hurrying up to Pretoria to pay his respects to President Kruger and take over the reins of government in the South African republics.

THE *New York Medical Record* in its latest issue quotes Dr. John H. Pryer, of Buffalo, as saying that "last year the death rate from consumption in this state had increased by 339, and had increased so far in the present year that if this rate continued there

would be in the year over one thousand deaths from consumption—probably the highest death rate ever known."

THE flag of the Transvaal is a very simple affair. it consists of one broad vertical bar of green next the flag-pole, and three horizontal bars, respectively red, white and blue, the red being at the top. Take, for instance, the simple red, white and blue flag of Holland and sew a vertical bar of green on the flag-staff end of it. That is all. The Boers speak of their flag as the "vierkleur," the four color, just as the French call their flag the "tricolor." The Orange Free State flag is a simple rectangle of vivid orange.

A *Citizen* correspondent, writing from Cape Town, tells the following: "A young fellow by the name of Bell, about nine years of age, and dressed in an imitation kharki costume, came to the Ottawa boys while they were lined up on the wharf at Cape Town and made himself useful filling the water bottles of the men from a near-by water tap. He refused emphatically all tips. The boy's father used to live on the Montreal road near Ottawa."

THE news from South Africa grows more and more unsatisfactory from day to day. The daily papers have scarcely contained one dispatch that has not been corrected the day following. Ladysmith has fallen and been recovered half a dozen times during the past week, and Generals Buller and Warren have crossed the Tugela as many times more. What is needed in this country is a censorship that will prohibit the daily newspaper from publishing war "news" altogether.

WHAT is most needed in Nelson at the present time is a hypnotist who will persuade the citizens they are walking on paved streets instead of ploughing through six inches of mud.

THE British officer who led his men up a hill within thirty yards of the enemy and then began delivering an oration is an instance of the danger attending the art of speech-making. The men who make speeches rarely win battles—political or otherwise.

THE Universal Peace Commission are hereby notified that the electors of Nelson have decreed that John Houston and Dr. Arthur will occupy seats at the Council Board the current year.

JULIAN RALPH may be accepted as an unprejudiced observer and he writes as follows of the style of warfare adopted by the Boers: "One word as to that phase of their warfare which must be touched upon in justice, in every account we correspondents write of. With my own eyes, being upon the scene, I saw the Putt-Putt gun and the fire of the sharpshooters trained upon our ambulances three times and

upon our stretcher-bearers on innumerable occasions—in fact, whenever they rose to their feet (on the right of the line) and attempted to perform their work."

GEN. Roberts arrived in South Africa this time before the war was over. With a disheartened army he and the Sirdar have an immense task before them. It is the old case of hindsight being better than foresight. It is easy to see now that the British war office underestimated the work before it. It remains for "Bobs" to show that he can retrieve disaster and successfully carry forward the desires of his government. His opportunity is great, his responsibility even greater.

THE *Toronto Telegram* suggests the title of "Canada Mounted Rifles" as the best that could be given to the horse soldiers who are about to leave this country for service in South Africa. "Canadian" or "Royal Canadian" would be good enough, but Canada is a better and simpler word. The imperial idea is amply recognized in the mission of those men, and national idea can best be honored by the good name of "Canada Mounted Rifles."

THE Fenians do not appear to be moving on Canada so rapidly as was given out recently. Perhaps they are censoring the news preparatory to a turning movement by way of the north pole.

MR. HIGGINS will move for a royal commission to investigate the troubles existing between mine-owners and miners. This commission should have unlimited power to summon witnesses and hear evidence bearing on every phase of the trouble. We have no doubt the revelations on both sides will be sufficiently sensational to startle every resident in British Columbia. By all means let us have a royal commission.

IN the municipal election Nelson beat Rossland nearly one hundred in the vote polled. This will furnish outsiders with some idea of the relative populations of the two cities.

THE headline, "A Great Battle Impending," which has adorned the front pages of the papers the last few days, has no reference to future proceedings of Nelson City Council.

THE *Toronto Telegram* admits that Joe Martin may be the Horned Beast of Canadian politics, but believes the *Vancouver Province* ought to be able to curse him without stealing the metaphors which the *Toronto World* originated for the extinction of Edward Farrer.

It would be interesting to hear the rest of the conversation between James Dunsmuir and Dr. McKelmie when the former told the doctor that Martin had

said if Dunsmuir and his party would stick to him he would stick to them, and together they would defeat the Government. Evidently Mr. Dunsmuir and Dr. McKechnie have been exchanging confidences.

THE editor of the *Kamloops Standard* may be brought before the bar of the House for too free expressions of his opinion of the Lieut. Governor. If the editor had confined himself to thinking bad things of His Honor instead of printing them, they could not bring him before the bar of the House.

IN its request for colonial troops, the war office has so far overlooked the superior fighting qualities of Joseph Martin.

IT is understood that Mayor Houston has held several secret conferences with Hypnotist McEwen, with the view of being able to bring the new City Council into a proper condition of subjection.

HERE is a sample of the dispatches from the seat of war: "Capetown, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the *Argus* dated Friday, says: "The authorities have received news that General Warren has occupied a strong position north of the Tugela River. The report is discredited in official circles."

ON the petition being circulated asking the Government to refrain from interfering with the eight-hour law, the autograph of our distinguished fellow-citizen, Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, does not appear.

ONE year ago, the *Victoria Colonist* was engaged in painting Joe Martin in darkest colors, while the *Times* was persistent in comparing the same person to an angel. Now the *Times* regards Joe as a fallen angel and the *Colonist* is administering repeated applications of whitewash to the Manitoba statesman.

THE title, "Lord Strathcona's Horse" sounds well, and will probably survive the term employed by the late lamented Sir John Macdonald to express his opinion of Lord Strathcona, (then Donald A. Smith) in 1878.

THERE appears to be something in the announcement this time that the C. P. R. will build at once to Procter's Landing. The statement has been made so often and so persistently that the people are inclined to express doubts as to the truth of any reference to the subject.

GREAT credit is due Lieut. Beer for the interest he is creating in the drills of the Rifle Company. At no time in the history of Canada has it been so essential to maintain our infantry in a state of efficiency as at the present.

DURING the holidays the departmental stores of the East shipped thousands of dollars' worth of goods

to Nelson. The majority of our citizens are anxious to see Nelson a great commercial centre, but with a population that would rather pay \$10 for an article in Toronto than \$9 for the same article at home how will this be possible? It has been clearly demonstrated that there is nothing to be gained by buying from the Eastern department stores, yet how many are only too anxious to be humbugged!

THE editorials on the war in South Africa appearing from day to day in the *Spokesman-Review* are written with apparent acquaintance with the subject, and are free from the bitterness towards Britain that has been manifested in the past by the United States press.

THERE seems to be some jealousy between the *Tribune* and Hypnotist McEwen. The latter can handle only a class of fifteen each evening while Mr. Houston succeeded in subjecting 308 electors one day last week to his magnetic influence.

G. G. HENDERSON, of the *Fernie Free Press*, came down to Nelson this week to have a ride on our tram-cars and otherwise enjoy a short holiday.

AS AN engine of destruction the armored train is not in it for five minutes with Joe Martin.

WHEN J. M. Kellie opens his capacious jaw in the House, all the world smiles.

IT is His Worship Mayor Houston now, if anybody should ask you.

WITH the settlement of the mining troubles in the Slokan, business will boom in Nelson.

THROUGH the generosity of Duncan Ross Greenwood is enabled to indulge in the luxury of a daily paper.

AT noon to-day it was reported that the New Zealanders had a skirmish with the enemy. This report will be probably denied to-morrow.

JUDGING by his vote, "Blake" Wilson may regard himself an exceedingly popular citizen.

A GOVERNMENT with a majority of one cannot last long. A provincial election will certainly take place within the next three months.

THE new council would be making a good investment in the purchase of a rock-crusher.

IGNORANCE in the marking of a ballot at the recent municipal election may result in litigation that will eat up a lot of money.

NELSON architects are very busy preparing for the work of next season.

## EVENTS AND GOSSIP

I HAVE on many occasions noted the lamentable lack of interest our young ladies manifest in intellectual subjects and pursuits, and I am not the only one to whom this fact has been made forcibly apparent. I have frequently been asked the name of some refined, intellectual lady, capable of sustaining a conversation on subjects requiring thought and penetration, and I have regretfully replied to the enquiries that I knew but very few—even by reputation.

Young ladies should recognize the importance of their position in society sufficiently to observe their shortcomings, and wherein they have failed to please their male companions. Unless a woman possesses a substantial attraction, she must expect to be given the go-by, and nothing is so attractive as a good conversationalist. Yet how few of our young women seem to appreciate this fact.

It is painfully apparent that the chief attractions of society—the sole amusement, it would appear—is the card table. Young men are invited out to spend an evening only to find that whist is the first, last and only resource of his lady friends. If of a thoughtful turn of mind, he is disappointed. Finding nothing of interest in the rooms, and failing to discover a single refined mind among the ladies of his church, (if he attends one), his only resource for obtaining benefit is seclusion, or the companionship of his own sex. Yet young ladies complain of the lack of attention they receive from young men, attributing it to every cause but the real one.

A recent article in an Eastern paper has been the means of opening up a discussion, which has extended to other newspapers, on the subject of overcrowding the professions. A parent was asked why when young men obtained a certain amount of education in the universities, they did not take off their coats and work at trades, such as bricklaying, etc. The explanation offered was that educated young men prefer professions to trades, and because the world holds a doctor in greater estimation than it does a bricklayer. No doubt an honest doctor may be as good and respectable a man as an honest bricklayer; but it is safe to say that, while honest bricklayers have no difficulty in earning their living, there are thousands of honest doctors who cannot earn honest livings by their profession. Why then do parents, in view of this fact, educate their sons to be doctors, uncertain that they will be able to earn honest livings as such, while they might become proficient bricklayers, whose services would always be in demand at remunerative wages? But if these conceited young men must become doctors, let it be at their own expense. It should certainly not be at the expense of

the bricklayers and all other classes of the tax-paying community.

There seems to be no doubt of the fact that there is a great over-production of graduates from the universities. No objection can be made to the manufacture of professional men, but the contention is that those who desire such education, or their friends, should pay the cost thereof, and it should not be saddled upon the general public. They are luxuries which those who enjoy should pay for. It may be asked if the poor man contributes to the support of the university. Of course he does. He contributes in the greater rent he has to pay for his cottage, for, the university being untaxed, the cottage pays a higher tax. And this higher tax, which has also to be paid by the manufacturer who employs this poor man, tends also to lower wages, for the manufacturer, in estimating what wages he can pay his employees, must take into consideration the question of taxes. Indeed, it is entirely out of the question for the poor man to have his son educated in the university, but for the contributions forced from the poor man in the way indicated.

The fact is, under the existing system of hot-house education which flourishes in the United States and in the Eastern Provinces, all of the professions are becoming overcrowded and congested. It cannot be denied that the supply of professionals is far in excess of the demand, and the production of them is carried to a ridiculous extent. In certain walks of life the idea is scouted that a young man should contemplate being anything else than a professional, and as there are but few variations in the occupations of professionals, it follows that these are over-loaded and that the community must of necessity be unnecessarily taxed for the subsistence.

Of the many exponents of hypnotism before the public, very few have attained the success of Mr. McEwen. Exhibitions professing to be tests of the power of mesmerism are frequently given, but in many cases these are nothing more than feats of clever conjurers. Mr. McEwen has demonstrated that he does not belong to the latter class, although he may deceive in some respects. He accomplishes phenomena which must satisfy the most sceptical. The power of animal magnetism is not new, and is now accepted by physicians as a scientifically demonstrated fact. Haydn's Dictionary of Popular Medicine and Hygiene devotes a page to a review of the development of animal magnetism since the days of its first proponent, Anton Mesmer, a German physician, born at Baden in 1734. While admitting many of the claims of its exponents, the authority above referred to says, the time has not yet come when the combined physiological, pathological and psychological phenomena of mesmerism can be rationally explained.

It is worth noting that the medical practitioners of Nelson are among the most interested spectators of Mr. McEwen's experiments.

The supporters of Hon. J. Fred Hume in Nelson have pursued the reports of debates in the House in the vain hope of finding one word from their member. Evidently Mr. Hume believes that silence is golden, for he has so far refrained from participating in the discussions in the House. Of all the members of the ministry, Hon. J. Fred is the only one who has escaped the lash of Joe Martin.

The Liberals are now apologizing for the conduct of Mr. Tarte in opposing the dispatch of Canadian soldiers to South Africa. Indeed, Mr. Tarte appears to have changed front, and no longer regards "the constitutional question" as an obstacle to the rendering of assistance to the motherland. The Liberal newspapers continue loud in their denunciation of what they consider an effort to excite racial prejudice between English-speaking Canadians and French-Canadians. If by his action a French-Canadian gives the impression that he is disloyal, is it not better to speak plainly in the matter?

The probability of hostilities between France and China may cause unpleasantness in the Canadian Cabinet. Sir Wilfrid Laurier wears the badge of the Legion of Honor of France, while Sir Henri Joly has had bestowed upon him by the Emperor of China the Imperial Order of the Dragon.

The military spirit appears to be thoroughly aroused in Her Majesty's colonies. The offer of 100 mounted men by the British Columbia Government will be a token to the old land that this Province places a very high value on British connection. Lord Strathcona's 400 mounted men will be gotten together without any effort. If half a dozen other Canadian millionaires supplemented Lord Strathcona's patriotic offer, there would be little difficulty in raising 5000 mounted men. Then, again, it is proposed to contribute \$3,000,000 from the Dominion treasury to carry on the war. Canada could not contribute money in a better cause, and it will be casting bread upon the waters that may return before many days. British investors are desirous of placing their money where it will be most secure. What better security can they have than the stirring British sentiment of Canadians at the present time.

The attempt to bring the editor of the Kamloops *Standard* before the bar of the House is an exercise of authority that is rarely practised these days under the British flag.

P. G.

Play Fair, Gen. Hutton  
(Toronto Telegram)

It is an outrage if a Canadian officer possessing the practical qualifications of Col. Sam Hughes is left without employment at Cape Town on account of

black marks put against his name by Major-General Hutton.

Objections to Col. Sam Hughes as a politician do not hold against him as a soldier. Many Canadians who have never been counted as warm friends to Col. Hughes have an idea that he is being unjustly treated by Major-General Hutton.

Britain has an over-supply of officers like Major-General Hutton in South Africa and too few officers with the qualities which Col. Sam Hughes would display in active service. Bravery may be taken for granted in the case of all officers who wear Her Majesty's uniform, but Col. Sam Hughes has more adaptability, more shrewdness, more capacity for leadership in the sort of warfare which Britain has to wage in South Africa than Major-General Hutton is ever likely to possess.

#### Good Roads.

(Greenwood Miner.)

The *Inland Sentinel* has inaugurated an agitation for the improvement of the existing system of road building throughout the Province, something that should receive the support of the press whether Opposition or Government. The building of roads has recently had a great deal of attention. In many States of the Union and in the Province of Ontario Road Commissioners have been appointed, whose business it is to supervise and to give instructions in scientific methods. Perhaps in no way can money be so easily wasted as in the construction of roads, and where it forms one of the largest items of expenditure in a country like this the importance of saving at every point is self-evident—not to speak of the advantages in other respects which a scientific system would afford. As has already been stated, a Road Commissioner has been appointed in Ontario whose efforts have given very general satisfaction and who has done much towards creating a strong public opinion in its favor. Of course, the conditions in Ontario and British Columbia widely differ, the one being a flat country and the other a mountainous country. Nevertheless the necessity for improved methods exist as much in the one as in the other.

#### A Great Success.

The *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, of Montreal, is meeting with unprecedented and well deserved success this year. The publishers' efforts to make the *Family Herald* the greatest family paper in existence has resulted in the addition of over twenty thousand new subscribers in December, and the rush continues. It is said that never before had they such a large percentage of renewals of old subscriptions. We learn the publishers guarantee the beautiful pictures, "Alma" and "Pussy Wil-lows" to all who subscribe during this month, but not later, as the supply is limited. They are beautiful pictures and alone well worth more than the price asked for the *Family Herald*.

**On the Margin of the Nile.**

I had banqueted at Berlin, seen a festival in Rome,  
Had a midnight lunch in London and a heap o' things at home;

But I never knew what life was till I lingered for a while  
Where they used to have a harem on the margin of the Nile.

Where the swaying palm and pepper fling their graces on the air,  
And the moaning camel kneels to take the burden he must bear;

And, rising, shakes his silvery bells and shuffles down the Nile,

Where they used to have a harem on the margin of the Nile.

Where dreamy, dark-eyed women came to loiter in the leaves

That begirt Ghezireh palace, where, like rain from dripping eaves,

Runs the endless song of summer, for the heavens seem to smile

Where they used to have a harem on the margin of the Nile.

**When Your Purse is full of Money.**

When your purse is full of money

And your heart is free from care,

All the world seems bright and sunny,

Beauty blossoms everywhere.

People often stop to greet you

And admire all your style.

All seem very glad to meet you

When Dame Fortune on you smiles.

When your purse is full of money,

You can taste all kinds of honey,

But without it you must drink life's bitter gall.

While you're rich your friends are many;

When you're poor, you've scarcely any;

All forget you when misfortunes on you fall.

When your purse is full of money,

You are perfect to a dot,

And your jokes are always funny

Whether they have points or not,

But when hardships overtake you

Then your joy in sadness draws,

For your friends will soon forsake you

When Dame Fortune on you frowns.

**The Names of the Dead.**

W. A. Frazer

We're Irish: they said we'd not fight

For the Queen. Was that right?

Ask for the names of the women who cried—

For the heroes who charged to the cannon and died;

Go ask for the names of the dead.

Our brothers are dead in the Transvaal:

English and Scotchmen—and is that all

Who died that the whole world might know

That watered by blood the empire would grow?

Go ask for the names of the dead.

We've drunk to the Queen—God bless her!

We've fought with the Boers—who curs'd her!

And we're Britons! We're true to the flag!

When the fighting was on did one of us lag?

Go ask for the names of the dead.

English, and Scotchmen, and Irish—all Britons, yet

When WE fall, there'll be rooms in the empire to let;

We have wrongs, we are poor—God knows, but we'll wait,

Like Fusilleers, not traitors, we'll fight against fate,

Go look at the names of the dead.

We'll pray for the names of the honored dead;  
We'll drink to the empire their dying has made;  
It's their blood, and our blood, the banner has stained;  
It's their land, and our land, the dying has gained.  
Go pray for the souls of the dead.

**CURRENT COMMENT****Reduced to Impotence.**

(Rossland Record.)

The Semlin government has been saved for the time being from the defeat which is evidently impending. A change of one vote to the side of the opposition would put it in a minority. Thus it is at the mercy of any one of its members in a full house. The simultaneous absence of any two of its supporters from a sitting at which all the members of the opposition are present would have the same effect. It is powerless to accomplish anything for its own credit or the good of the province and therefore has no excuse for prolonging its useless life. The people of British Columbia elect representatives to the legislature for the purpose of passing laws for their benefit and their only use for a cabinet is to carry on their business and initiate legislation. The government has sunk to such a position that it is incapable of rendering a valuable equivalent for the money expended on it and the legislature. The only rational way out of the difficulty is to dissolve parliament and go to the country for a new expression of the popular will. It may reasonably be expected that after the recent experience, this will result in a decisive majority for one party or another, which will thereby be enabled to transact the people's business and legislate for the people's needs. Mr. Semlin and his friends appear to have forgotten that these are the purposes for which they were put in office, and have transformed the legislature into a wrangling debating club.

**Time for a Change.**

(Vancouver World)

That it is high time for a change in the Government of this Province is demonstrated by the fact that according to the *London Canadian Gazette* of the 21st of December, another slump in the quotations, or market value, of British Columbia's 3 per cent. bonds had taken place: the market prices for that week had ranged from 91 to 93 per cent. For a considerable previous period the quotations varied from 94 to 96 per cent. Two years ago, when the late Government was in power, the prices of these bonds, for a long time, averaged 104 to 106 and even as high as 107 per cent., then ranking in the estimation of investors and financiers in the money centre of the world next to the bonds of the Dominion of Canada, which were the favorite of all colonial securities. With a deficit of close upon \$700,000 and an alarming depreciation in the price of the previous bonds in the London market, every lover of his country who deserves to see it flourish will join in

the refrain that it is high time for a change in the complexion of the powers that be at Victoria. They have practically ruined the credit of British Columbia in the money market of the world and the longer they are allowed to retain office the greater will our degradation in that respect become.

#### What Critics Do.

(Dwight L. Moody.)

Very often a man will hear a hundred good things in a sermon, but there may be one thing that strikes him as a little out of place, and he will go home and sit down at the table and talk right out before his children and magnify that one wrong thing, and not say a word about the hundred good things that were said. That is what people do who criticize.

#### The Earl's Court Exhibition.

(Victoria Colonist.)

Mr. Turner did not too strongly condemn the omission of the government to provide for the representation of the province at the Earl's Court mining exhibition. The *Colonist* directed attention to the matter some time ago, but to no purpose, the government has made up its mind not to participate in that exhibition, reserving its whole effort for the Paris exhibition. There can be no doubt in the minds of those who have given this subject their attention that a special mining exhibition is a better place to advocate the

resources of the province than an exhibition of a general nature. This is not wholly a matter of opinion as Mr. Semlin seems to think. Doubtless he is quite sincere in that respect, but he does not know. Some few years ago certain special exhibitions were held in Great Britain. Among them were the forestry exhibition at Edinburgh, the fisheries exhibition at London, and the Indian and Colonial exhibitions, also in London. These special exhibitions were participated in by nearly all the provinces and colonies and it is a matter capable of demonstration that very large commercial benefits resulted from them.

#### Emigration to Canada.

(B. C. Review.)

The Dominion Government, through the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, London, are making unusual exertions to bring the advantages offered to settlers in the different Provinces of Canada promptly before the public. They claim that in all the Provinces, unlimited opportunities exist for the investment of capital, either in manufactures or in the natural industries connected with the forests, the mines, the fisheries, and agriculture. The mineral development both of Ontario, of British Columbia, and of the Yukon district, is attracting much attention. Persons with moderate incomes will find in the Dominion many advantages not to be obtained elsewhere, and for those with growing families

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#### Manitoba's New Premier.

(The West, Regina.)

Mr. Greenway has resigned and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald has been called upon to form a government. The new premier of Manitoba has a career containing the grandest possibilities opening up before him. He commences his term of office as premier of the province under auspicious circumstances. He has succeeded in overthrowing a government that had been deeply rooted in office for a long term of years, added to which he was opposed by all the forces which the Federal government could bring against him. The fight was against great odds but that fact only made the victory a more notable

one. He has promised great reforms, which if carried out, as we have no doubt they will be, will give him plenty of scope for a statesmanlike policy. Mr. Macdonald possesses one of the most charming personalities of any man in Canada. His amiability and magnetic personality withdraw him to a great extent from the attacks of political enemies which almost every prominent public man has to suffer. He is yet a comparatively young man, but he has already displayed many of the best gifts which made his great father's name famous, not only in Canada but throughout the British empire. Everything seems well for Mr. Macdonald and he will much bely his present promise if he does not make an historic name for himself.

#### Cotton's Literary Aspirations (Nelson Review.)

It is said that Mr. Carter Cotton will devote himself to his literary labors and architectural researches after the dissolution, finishing his crude works, "How To Avoid Creditors," and "Transoms: Their Uses and Abuses." Mr. Smith will study Manson's "Complete Letter Writer," whilst Dr. McKechnie will peruse "The Compression of Abnormally Enlarged Craniums," by Hon. Joseph Martin.

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Drummond Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where Located: On westerly slope of and near the headwaters of Rover Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.E.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for Robert Reindle, Free Miner's Certificate No. 11,531, Benjamin F. Butler, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,616 A, and B. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,841 A, and Thomas R. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,843 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this second day of October, 1880.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

#### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Baldern Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where Located: On the Half Mile Wagon Road, 1 1/2 miles south of Nelson.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for E. W. Cleverley, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,781 A, E. J. Moore, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,782 A, and Peter Meegan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,783 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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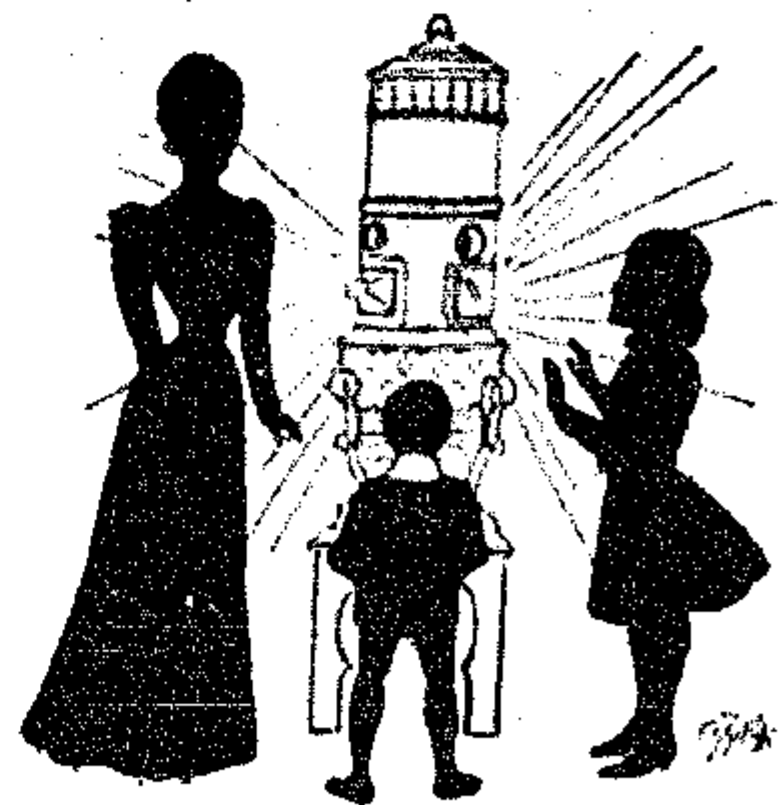
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## The Taciturnity of No. 13

THE Chicago hustler was a very busy man that September morning. He was always a busy man, but just now he seemed to carry about all the steam that could be considered safe. At least, that's the way it struck No. 13.

The Chicago man had come down as usual to help somebody or something out of a tight place. When some particular project came to a point where nobody else could move it an inch further, they sent for the Chicago hustler, and he pushed it through. He was a fellow of infinite nerve, was the Chicago man, with a thorough contempt for money, and that's what No. 13 particularly liked about him. At luncheon time he would toss No. 13 a half dollar, and tell him to fill up. No. 13 knew where he could fill up on fifteen cents, but he made no bones about accepting the half-dollars. And sometimes No. 13 took a ride with the hustler in a carriage, for carriages were daily necessities with the Chicago man. When he came to Bluffland, he had the best suite of rooms that the best hotel could provide. In short, there was nothing too good for the man from Chicago.

When he came to Bluffland, he always sent for No. 13.

No. 13 was a model messenger boy, as the Chicago man had speedily discovered. He knew the topography of the city as well as if he had laid it out. He was a walking gazetteer of commercial men and marts. He was a quick boy, a sure boy, and, above all, he was a boy who rarely talked.

"That's what I like about the cub," said the Chicago man one day. "He does exactly what he's

told to do and asks no questions. He's one boy in a thousand. Unlucky number? Pooh, pooh! I'd hire him for that very reason if no other. There's no blanked superstition about your friend John Dexter."

And so every time he came to Bluffland, he telephoned over and secured the services of No. 13 by the day. Once they sent him another No. 13, whom he promptly returned.

"Give me the original Jacobs," he telephoned to the messenger office, "or all is at an end between us."

He got him.

No. 13 was a medium sized boy of perhaps 18, inclining a little toward stoutness, with a large pale face and coarse black hair. He had one other peculiarity besides his limited speech. He always wore his official cap. He was wearing it on this particular morning in September as he stood studying a large map that hung on the wall of the private office of the eminent vessel owner who had offered the hustler the use of the room during his stay in the city. The eminent vessel owner and the bank president from down stairs were with the hustler now.

"You see, Dexter," said the bank president, "if we don't show a clear title to that tract by noon to day the deal with the New York syndicate is all off. Now, how do you stand?"

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"Well, land him this morning without fail," said the bank president. "What do you propose to offer?"

"The whole Finkelstein outfit would be dear at \$6,000," said the hustler. "That's what I expect to offer."

"Offer him up to \$20,000 if you have to," growled the vessel owner. "We must have that corner. The eminent promoter smiled.

"Trust me," he said. "I'll have him here in forty minutes and square him in half the time."

He drew forward a sheet of paper and rapidly scribbled a note, the vessel owner and the bank president retiring while he wrote.

"No. 13," he said as he addressed the envelope. The boy came forward. "Take that to the address given and wait and bring the answer."

The boy took the note and briskly started out.

It was just forty minutes later by the Chicago man's infallible watch when he returned. He was not alone. A plainly dressed man a little past middle age, with an unmistakable German face, was with him. The hustler looked up as they entered.

"Mr. Finkelstein?" he half inquired. The stranger bowed awkwardly. He was evidently ill at ease.

"Take a chair here," said the Chicago man, and as the stranger came forward No. 13 slipped around to the big map on the wall directly behind the man from Chicago.

"Mr. Finkelstein," said the hustler. "I'm a man of a few words. A client of mine has seen your

little bakeshop and thinks he might buy it. Do you want to sell?"

The baker had shifty little eyes that roamed all over the apartment.

"Vell," he slowly said, "I ton't know. I ton't think much about it."

"My client will give you \$6,000 cash," said the Chicago man briskly.

The baker breathed hard. His eyes traveled about the room.

"I ton't wish to sell," he murmured.

"Oh, well," said the hustler pleasantly. "we'll call it seven."

The baker looked very warm.

"I haf lived in dot house dwenty-seven years," he said. "I guess I keep it a little vile yet."

The hustler appeared a trifle bored. He glanced at his watch. It was just 11 o'clock.

"Oh, come!" he said. "You know that's a big price, an extravagant price. The old building—twenty-seven years old, you say—really counts for nothing in the trade, and you know the lot alone isn't worth any such figure. Come, now! I'll give you eight."

The perspiration stood in big drops on the baker's bald head.

"I put a new roof on dot building only dree years ago," he hoarsely whispered.

"I guess you don't care to sell, Mr. Finkelstein," said the hustler coldly. A look of relief came over the baker's face. "If you did," the hustler hastily added, "you would take \$10,000 for your place and

#### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Yakima Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Sandy Creek, adjoining Tough Nut Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for Columbus M. Parker, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23,656 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, A. D. 1909.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

#### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"East End," "Sunnyside" and "Badger" Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Trout Mountain, east of and near the "Grizzly Bear" Claim.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for E. J. Palmer, No. 19,919 A, as to two-thirds, and J. H. Wright, No. 21,912 A, as to one-third undivided interest in said claims, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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Where located: On Morning Mountain.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of Nelson, acting as agent for Herbert T. Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,900 A, David T. Mowat, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,718 A, and Malcolm Heddlie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,611, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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have this bother all over within ten minutes."

The baker seemed to shrink in his chair. His little eyes assumed a pitiful expression and rested apparently on the map behind the hustler.

He feebly shook his head.

The hustler snatched out his watch. It was 11.15.

"Come, come!" he cried. "This is all nonsense. I admire your sentiment, Mr. Finkelstein, of course, and can see that you do not desire any change, but I'll help you make that change and find you a better place at half the money." He paused expectantly.

Again the old man, his eyes fixed on the map, shook his head.

"Call it \$11,000."

"No," said Mr. Finkelstein quite boldly. "I do not wish to sell."

The hustler slightly gasped.

"Well, \$12,000 then."

"Nein - I mean no."

The hustler stared at the baker. It looked as if the estimable German was getting what in sporting parlance would be called his second wind.

The Chicago man was evidently bothered.

"Mr. Finkelstein," he said impressively, "I admire your firmness. You are an honor to your inflexible race. I will testify to my regard for you in a practical fashion. Listen. I will give you \$15,000 cash for your place if you sign the papers before you leave this office." He leaned forward and tried to hold the baker with his sharp glance.

But the honest Tueton had gone all to pieces again. He slipped back in the seat. Beads of perspiration were bursting from his forehead, and his long, thin hands clutched the arms of the chair. He muttered something in German under his breath, and his little eyes stared vacantly above the hustler's head.

"Himmel! he murmured. "I can't stand dis." And he half rose from his chair.

"Sit down!" cried the hustler sternly. His face was white; his eyes blazed. "Will you tell me just what price you have decided to set on that infernal corner of yours?"

The baker gurgled in his throat.

"Out with it!" cried the hustler.

The baker writhed in his chair.

"I want twenty thousand dollars," he hoarsely

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Summit, Band M. Buckhorn and Little Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On the north fork of Wild Horse Creek, near the headwaters thereof.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for the Summit Yule Mining Company, Limited, Free Miners' Certificate No. B 26,005, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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murmured. Then he faintly added, "and not von cent less."

The hustler snatched out his watch. It lacked just twelve minutes of noon.

"Here are the papers," he briskly cried. "No. 13, step in the next room and bring back two of the clerks for witnesses. I think the bookkeeper is a notary. Bring him and his seal too."

At exactly seven minutes of 12 the papers were executed and ready for delivery.

"No. 13," said the hustler, "take this man down to President Plympton's private office without delay. Here is an order for \$20,000. Deliver these papers to him, and he will give Mr. Finkelstein a check in exchange for the order. Hustle."

The boy, stolid as ever, made no reply. He stepped quickly from the room, followed closely by the dazed and extremely moist baker.

Two weeks later the Chicago man was back in Bluffland for a day's stay. As usual, he had secured the services of No. 13. It had been a busy day for both, especially so for No. 13, and yet when the hour for dismissal came he lingered in the doorway.

Presently the Chicago man looked up. He saw that the boy was waiting to attract his attention.

"Well?" he said in some surprise.

"Going to quit my job, sir."

"Sorry for that my boy. Going to better yourself?"

"Yes, sir. Going to New York."

"Alone?"

"No, sir. Going with Mr. Finkelstein."

"Eh! Finkelstein? Why, that's the stubborn baker."

The boy nodded.

"Very stubborn, sir."

"But how does it happen that you are going with him?"

For the first time since the Chicago man had enjoyed No. 13's acquaintance he saw the boy smile.

"Mr. Finkelstein is my father, sir," said No. 13.

"What?"

"Yes," said No. 13 sweetly. "We're going into business with the \$20,000, sir."

The hustler from Chicago stared after the retreating boy.

"Well, I'll be jammed!" was all he said.

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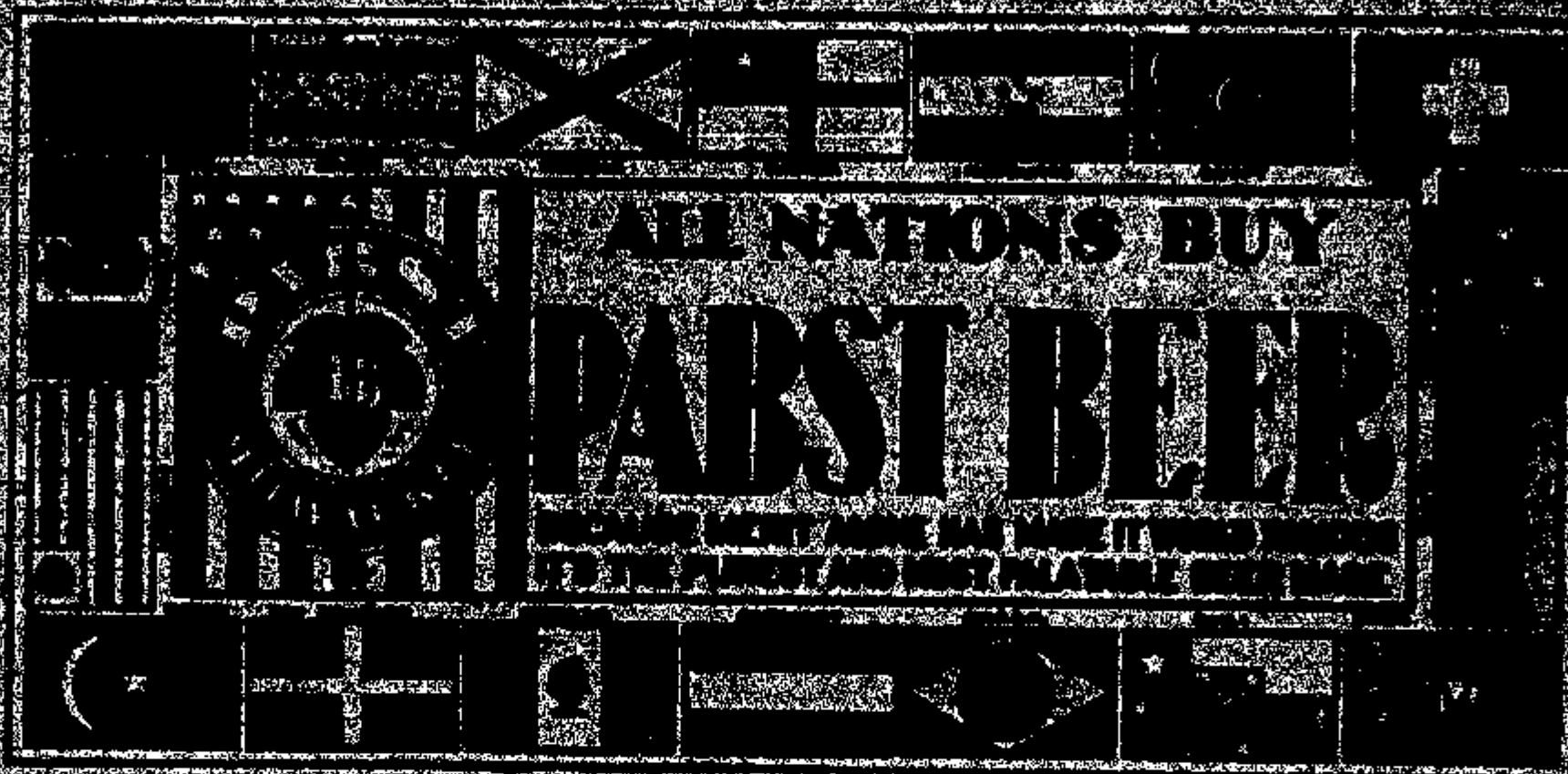
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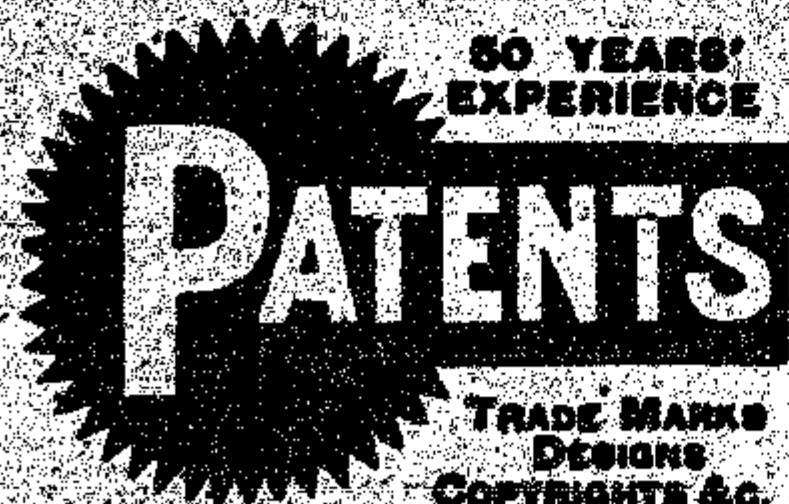
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