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THE FUTURE OF CANADA. The son of Louis Papineau, who in 1837 was the leader of the French-Canadian rebellion against British rule in Canada, has published a letter denouncing the agitation against the proposed confederation of the British provinces.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy; westerly winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.

AN ISSUE IN FORMATION.

Events are conspiring to bring the tariff issue prominently before the country, and with high tariff the issue the Republicans will lose the elections of 1904.

A trust in protected products is prima facie evidence of a conspiracy to all end of protection. The theory of the protective tariff is that by keeping out foreign products we make sure of domestic competition sufficient to reduce prices to the home consumer.

Most ominous, also is the impending struggle of our protected interests to deny justice to Cuba and the dependencies. Large numbers have never fully perceived that our policy toward the dependencies is very far removed from the European system called colonialism.

BY THEIR OWN HAND.

It is easy to say that Dr. Babcock was temperately insane from Mediterranean fever and that General Kapus was deranged from a gripe. But there are at best uncertain gropings after explanations where we do not know.

wife, and there is absolutely no evidence, except the fond faith and hope of friends, that the suicide was anything but deliberate. We shall never know the sad mystery of his taking off his life.

value of bacon and hams exported in 1890 was some \$500,000, now they have a value of \$13,000,000. Her cheese exports have risen from between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 to \$13,000,000.

WISCONSIN'S NERVOUS GOVERNOR.

It is unfortunate for the State of Wisconsin that its campaign for a primary reform law should have been interpreted by his friends as a movement in antagonism to so able and efficient a statesman as Senator Spooner.

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According to this French verdict, a man who has driven his wife to leave him by abuse has a right to murder her on the mere suspicion of an intrigue with the lawyer she employs to press for divorce.

THE LATEST REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

The latest report of the Bureau of Statistics shows that Portland has shipped more than one-ninth of all of the wheat exported from the United States for the first ten months of the current cereal year.

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A reader contributed the following: She was returning from the links on foot, along a shady by-street, but the April sun was golden, she was wearing a new dress. She was young, and best of all, she was with her. She was radiant.

"Hello, Pictorial Lady!" and dropping his bread and molasses he ran after her to the corner. "Hello, I've got a horse!" he announced with much importance.

"Why no, Ricard, I don't know," she answered sweetly. "Is it a rocking horse?"

"No," contentedly; "It's a 'live' horse, one that can eat hay, an' trot, an' go 'he-he'!"

"Oh my!" gasped she, endeavoring to appear suitably impressed, and in an evil moment added: "Is it a big horse, Ricard?"

"Yes, sir," with emphasis, "It's as big as—Ricard looked vainly around for a suitable object of comparison.

"Well, it's head is bigger'n your head," he asserted. "Did you know it's head is bigger'n your head?"

"No, I didn't know."

"It's 'lots bigger,' and its ears is bigger'n your ears, too!"

"Mercy what a giant horse it must be!" he said.

"And its feet—Here Ricard stopped to peer under the hem of her golf dress—'Oh, its feet's even so much bigger'n your feet.'"

A faint tinge of pink stole into her cheeks at this, and he saw it and smiled mischievously; but Ricard was oblivious of everything except the necessity of impressing her with the enormous size of his horse.

"Did you know it's feet's ever an' ever so much bigger'n your feet?"

"No," faintly.

"Well they are; an' its le—" "Ricard!" The word out the golden sunshine like a knife, and Ricard's innocent eyes were lifted to hers in amazement.

"I was only telling you that my horse's feet was bigger'n yours, and I started at him and seized his dirty little hand. 'Good-bye, Ricard, good-bye, dear; the car is coming.' She precipitated herself into the middle of the street so recklessly that the motorman rang the alarm bell, yet, as she lifted her foot to the step Ricard's keen little eyes were making notes, and he shouted after her, triumphantly:

"There, I knowed my horse's le—" The car door slammed, and she looked down at down beside her, but looked dreamily back toward the grocery store.

"Dear, picturesque little chap," he murmured.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Short Term Usually—Tourist—How long does the Sheriff hold office in this county? Native of (Bloody Gulch)—Just as long as he continues to draw first—Punk.

Grains (who is giving a party)—What do you get for an evening for waiting at entertainments? Waiter—Five shillings, sir; but there is to be singing I must ask six, sir—The title.

And Now Look at Him!—See that magnate over there?—'Yes, what of him?'—'Well, 20 years ago that man arrived in New York City with only a million dollars in his pocket—'An'—'Life.'

The Difficulty—Manager—I am sorry that you wish to resign. What is the trouble? Star—It is too much of a strain on me to try to get to the salary your press agent says I get—Baltimore American.

Greening (shopping with his wife)—Here is something that will make you a nice dress. Mrs. Greening—Oh, nobody is wearing that color with this place? Mrs. Greening—Oh, that's too common. Everybody is wearing it—Chicago News.

AMUSEMENTS.

In "Arrah-na-Pogue," the play presented by Charles Erin Verner at Cordway's last night, that intimitable Irish actor proved that he is possessed of really great talents for his art.

The support was strengthened last night by the addition of Ida Maloon, a decidedly pretty little actress, who in the name of her own sex, evinced of considerable talent.

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