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## OLIVER GOLDSMITH

By Emory Dean

There was once a little Irish boy, the most idle, blundering, comical creature that ever was seen; but he had one gift so perfect and so pleasant that he has been famous and well-beloved for a hundred years. His father was a poor country clergyman; and the queer child, pockmarked and ugly, careless in his lessons (his teacher declared him a dunce), was laughed at and scolded by the folks at home.

When he had grown to be a big boy, and had learned to play the flute and write verses, his uncle sent him to college, but he had lost none of his old ways, so he did not like it, or get on well with his teachers, and finally packed up his few possessions, one of which was his flute, and went away to study medicine.

This he soon abandoned, and having a great wish to see the lovely places in foreign lands, he went travelling on the Continent, a part of the time as a companion to a young gentleman of wealth, and then by himself, on foot, playing on his flute for a night's lodging and some supper with a peasant's family. He came back in a year's time with a poem ready for print—such a graceful, pleasant production that the most famous authors cannot equal it.

But he was the same vagabond as ever, working for a while as a chem-

ist's assistant, then as usher in a school, where his life was one ceaseless torment and low drudgery; afterwards as corrector of proof in the printing office, and at last as his easy, charming style of writing became known, as an author and man of letters.

He wrote innumerable pages on miscellaneous subjects for very poor pay, and if by chance he earned any amount of money, scattered it at once in his reckless, generous way.

He used to write ballads for street singers, and go out after dark to hear them sing. He wrote plays for the theatre comedies—one of which, "She Stoops to Conquer," is founded on a youthful blunder of his own. Nobody else would have been half so likely to make the mistake.

Even when his genius had made him many famous friends, and his works brought him an ample amount for thrift and comfort, he lived among the poor in a little dirty court, where Dr. Johnson, going to see him, found him in a narrow lodging so small and ill-furnished that, as guest, he occupied the only chair, while Goldsmith himself sat in the window.

It was in such a place that he wrote the "Vicar of Wakefield," and some of the finest and most finished productions of English prose.

He must have been a very funny little man, with his homely scarred face, his real genius, his silly vanity and love of fine clothes. He wanted to shine in conversation, too; but in fine company he always blundered and

## HOMESTEADING AND LAND SETTLEMENT IN CANADA

That homesteading is still an important phase of Canadian land settlement and that the day of the acquisition of free Western land is by no means over, though lying farther and farther from existing railway lines each year, is made evident in the last report of the Federal Department of the Interior. This shows that in the last fiscal year a total of 3,843 homestead entries were made in Western Canada, 1,899 being in Saskatchewan, 1,326 in Alberta, 632 in Manitoba and 186 in British Columbia. A homestead consists of a quarter section of 160 acres of land, so that this method of land acquisition alone in the past year resulted in the settlement on 614,880 acres. To this should be added soldier homestead grants which made an additional 113,800 acres, bringing the total settlement upon free Government land in Western Canada up to 728,680 acres. This is not a bad showing in view of the state of immigration in that year and the reputed sparsity towards land settlement.

Approximately 100,000 acres were homesteaded in Western Canada in the first three months of the present year with 620 persons filing. A total of 236 filed in Saskatchewan, 227 in Alberta, 80 in Manitoba, and 27 in British Columbia. In addition, in the first quarter of the year one hundred soldier grants were taken up, representing settlement on 7,000 acres.

It is gratifying to find that the English-speaking races continue to preserve their majority in Western Canadian land settlement. Though nearly thirty nationalities are represented in these homestead filings last year, Canadians led with 1,277 entries, followed by citizens of the United States with 639 and then those from the British Isles with 576. These three classes accounted for nearly 70 per cent. of the total registrations. More than

four hundred of the British settlers were English and more than one hundred Scotch, whilst the leading states in the forty-two represented were Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

That homesteading continues to be a factor in Western land settlement is evident from the observation in the Department's report that in the last year newly surveyed lands in fifty-nine townships were made available for homestead entry, thirty being in Manitoba, ten in Saskatchewan, and nineteen in Alberta.

Land settlement in Western Canada is more systematized and regulated to-day than it has ever been, a situation forced on the country by steadily increasing settlement. In addition, new homestead districts are being made available by survey each year.

Another agency—a non-profit, purely service organization—which brings land owners and prospective farmer purchasers into touch with each other, is the Canada Colonization Association, with headquarters at Winnipeg, which last year located settlers, to their apparent satisfaction, on farms comprising nearly 90,000 acres, and already this year give indication of exceeding the record of 1924.

Whilst the conveniently located supply of homestead land in Western Canada is dwindling, and increasing settlement is elevating land values, yet prices of farm lands are, in view of their productivity, lower than similar lands located anywhere else on the American continent. The average value of the occupied farm lands, including both improved and unimproved land, as well as houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings, was returned by the Federal by the Federal Government for the year 1924 as \$23 per acre for Manitoba, \$24 per acre for Saskatchewan, and \$25 for Alberta.

made mistakes in a pitiful, comical way. They say that once, on a gay evening, the persons present agreeing to try their hands at one another's eyes, Garriek, the actor, gave his of Goldsmith:

"Here lies Nolly Goldsmith, for shortness called Noll, Who wrote like an angel, but talked like poor Poll."

He was always poor, but he counted among his friends the most learned and famous men of his time. Everybody laughed at him, but everybody loved him; and those who read his writings love him now.

Not always to the swift the race, Not always to the strong the heat, The woman with the prettiest face Sometimes may wear the ugliest pout; Sometimes the richest man may be The poorest sort of company.

If women loved but clever men, And friends by strength and skill were made, The world would be a desert then, Where little children seldom played, The humble and the meek and low A dreary dismal life would know.

If wealth and fame and power and place Were vital things to hold and gain, You'd never see a smiling face, Where wants are few and tastes are plain. But fortunately love can bless The humble heart with happiness.

Love searches for the brave and true, With gentle ways love journeys far, It little cares what we can do, But blesses us for what we are, And he whose gifts of skill are spare Of love may win the greater share.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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The Inca's Ring.

Fame comes suddenly to few men, but it came to Sir Rider Haggard in a single night. From the moment of the publication of "King Solomon's Mines," the name of this popular writer, whose death recently came as a great shock to his countless admirers, was a household word all over Britain.

Sir Rider wrote "King Solomon's Mines" as the result of a five shillings bet. His brother had just finished "Treasure Island," then a new book, and declared it was the finest thing he had ever read. Rider bet him five shillings he would write a book that would sell as well.

His brother laughed, but Rider was in earnest. He started work at once, and presently finished his book. He spent much time in these days travelling between London and Norwich, and the story was written in the train.

One of the big scenes in "King Solomon's Mines" was inspired by a memory of his school days. A private tutor, to whom he went when he was nine years old, always wore a ring, which, he told Rider, had been taken from the finger of a peruvian mummy. This mummy had been found in a mound sepulchre in the land of the Incas, and as the discoverer touched the ring the whole mummy crumbled into dust.

Some time after "King Solomon's Mines" had been written, the novelist was able to secure this wonderful old ring, and presented it to the British Museum.

Nature's Barometer.

The following are signs of fine weather, writes C. Cordley in Chambers' Journal: A low dawn, a grey sky in the morning, a rosy sky at sunset, sheep lying down early in the morning, if ponies on the moors make their way to the tops or other high ground about the "dimpley," gloaming, or sunset, the following day will be fine; rocks, going a long way from home to feed early in the morning, skylarks soaring and singing, swallows flying high.

Indications of storm and rain: The loud quacking of ducks, the calling of the "yaffie," or woodpecker, pea-fowl, guinea-fowl, etc., pigs carrying straw in their mouths; dogs eating grass; rooks circling high in the air, then darting suddenly and quickly downwards; frogs changing color from yellow to brown, and becoming unusually noisy; toads coming from their retreats and crawling about the grass and paths; sheep feeding early in the morning; small birds gathered together in flocks; spiders shortening and strengthening the filaments supporting their webs; sea-birds flying inland; wildfowl leaving the marshes for higher localities; swallows flying low; wild deer leaving their haunts and getting nearer habitation; cattle and donkeys turning their sterns to the wind; the shining of the glow-worm; robins singing in the morning; the cry of the mistle-thrust or "stogcock"; the pink-eyed pimpernel closing its flowers.

His Accidental End.

There are all sorts of ways of putting things, and some sound much better than others. For example, there is the case of the man of whom Lord Coleridge used to tell, whose father was hanged for highway robbery. Some one asked him how his father died.

"Sir," said he, "he fell from a scaffold outside Newgate while he was talking to a clergyman."

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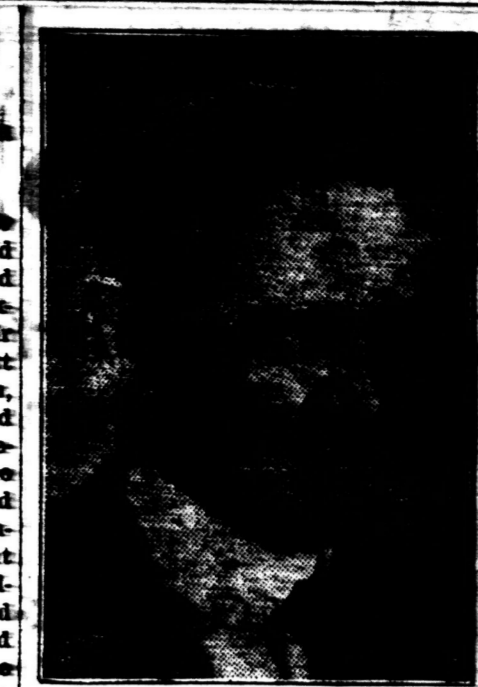
Her Suffering.

Mrs. Al Falls—"I do wish, Al, that you would not go to town again wearing those old socks that are not mated."

Al—"Why, not, mother? They're terrible comfortable."

Mrs. Al—"Yes, but just suppose you should be hurt in an auto accident and taken to the hospital, and the doctors and nurses and everybody would see your socks weren't mated. Think how mortified I would be."

In business as in baseball, the breaks of the game go to the man who plays hard and plays square, with the right spirit of team work all of the time.



H. J. Page, Director of Investigation, Canadian National Railways, who has been elected President of the Chiefs of Police Association of Canada. Mr. Page is Director of the police force of the Canadian National Railways, which comprises a complement of 275 officers and men, on the lines of the System in Canada and the United States.

## Working Life's Problems.

"I got it, but I don't think I ever would have got it if the teacher hadn't helped me."

That is what the little boy called to his mother as he burst in at the door. He had tried and tried, and the teacher had watched all the time till just when it seemed that he must give up she sat down beside him. He moved over, a little embarrassed, but her kind words and her smile put him at his ease.

"Did you add this in before you carried over?" she asked.

Rather shamefaced, he confessed that he had not.

"Did you subtract here before you combined the two?"

Again he confessed that he had not.

"Did you divide at the end?"

Again he murmured out his confession. Then a bright smile lit up his face as he wrote down the answer.

"Why, it is easy when you do it right!" he said.

As the teacher went on down the aisle she thought of the problem that she had herself been struggling with—the problem of how to make a real success of a work that she did not love, but that she must continue to wrestle with because of circumstances. She seemed to be a pupil again, and the Great Teacher was asking as he walked by her side: "Have you added the promises, 'The Lord will give grace' and 'My grace is sufficient'?"

Humbly the confession rose from her heart.

"Have you subtracted selfishness and pride and jealousy?"

Again a humble, "No, I have forgotten."

"And have you divided here your heart, your life, your possessions with God and man?"

"Oh, no, I have been keeping all my efforts to carry out the other plan that I liked so much, but that the Master says is not to be a part of my life at all."

And then a bright smile came upon her face, for she had found the answer to her problem. "Why, it is easy when you do it right!"

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"Yes, sir."

"Where is it?"

"Posted, sir."

"Posted, Why, I had not written the name and address on the envelope!"

"I know that, sir," was the reply, "but I thought it must be in answer to one of them anonymous letters you've been getting lately."

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

Canadian Platinum Output.

Final revised statistics for 1924 on the production of platinum, as reported by the Bureau of Statistics, show that except for a small amount of five ounces, which was recovered from British Columbia placers, the total output of 9,186 ounces was derived from the copper-nickel ores of the Sudbury district.

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