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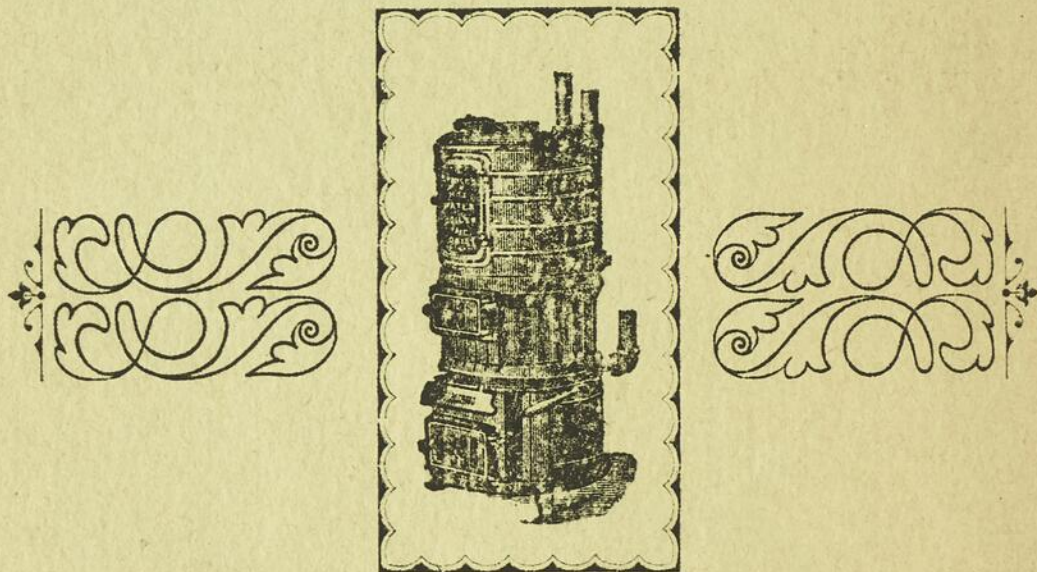
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INTRODUCTION.


Tired of travel throughout Europe and the East I turned my thoughts to the land of Columbus, and here am I now in the Dominion of Canada. This is truly a fine country and France must constantly regret having lost it. British arms and British pluck wrested it from her during the reign of Louis XV, and to heal their wounded pride the prime Minister Choiseul and Madame de Pompadour, in a moment of pique are said to have characterized these vast possessions as : " A few acres of snow." Sour grapes!

The Canadian Pacific Railway having a through route of cars, with every accommodation, out to the Pacific Coast, I will avail myself of this easy means of transition to have a glance at the Rocky Mountains, to breathe the air of the Western Ocean—thence by way of return I may be tempted to join the *cowboys* or seek hospitality among the *Ranchers*, or even roam the Prairies with some dusky Aborigine. The days of cannabolism are over, it is to be hoped, for the North West Indians are either christianized or partly civilized, so the dear ones at home

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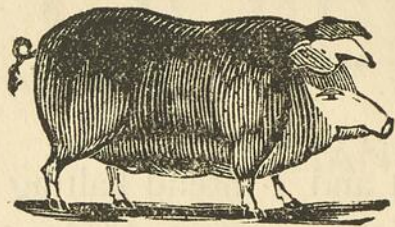
need have no fear for my safety. I am not a *rarebit*, therefore I'll escape uneaten.

It is the month of May 1894 and I intend halting for a few days here in Montreal, the prettiest of Canadian Cities where churches and convents abound. As strangers are admitted into the latter, I shall, in a few minutes, visit the much spoken of "Grey Nunnery."

I have for coachman, one of the politest of Jehus, all bows and all information. He is exactitude itself, so I hear his voice. Ensconced in his comfortable carriage I'll start on my voyage of investigation. As I have never been inside a convent I am all curiosity and promise my readers a detailed, circumstantial and veritable account of my visit.

Passing through streets bordered on each side with fine houses we halt before a very large stone building, fronting on Guy street. My Jehu descends from his elevated position, opens the carriage door, salutes, and hat in hand with a sweep of the arm announces: "The Grey Nunnery, Sir."

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One hundred and fifty years ago, this part of the Island, from the summit of the Mountain to the pebbly shore of the St Lawrence, was a thickly wooded forest. Where Dorchester street exists to-day, there was then a narrow path, beaten by the feet of the passers-by from Lachine, St Laurent and the environs. It bore, however, the high sounding title of : “ The King’s Highway. ” Here and there, at irregular distances, a few farms bordered the simple thoroughfare. At the point where Guy street crosses Dorchester lived an honest farmer, Jean Favre and his wife, Marie-Anne Bastien, Being an industrious couple, they were supposed to have realized a good sum from the produce of their prosperous farm, which sum, in all probability, they hoarded away in some corner of their dwelling. In the same spot where now stand the iron gates, which open on the avenue going up to the Convent Church, was a small house occupied by a petty farmer, named Belisle. The demon of covetousness had taken hold of his soul and the unfortunate man brooding constantly over his neighbour’s supposed wealth, resolved to become its possessor.

The month of May 1752 had again decked nature in its garb of green. The sun, his daily course over, had sunk behind the mountain and the last echoes of the evening *Angelus* bell had ceased to vibrate on the air. Peace and security seemed to reign throughout the Colony, as the shades of night crept over the Island, lulling its inhabitants to slumber and to rest.

Alas ! an unholy shadow lured on by the evil one, glided through the darkness, with the tread of the panther to seize its prey, and drew near the dwelling of Favre. Suspecting no ill, the honest man sat quietly smoking near the hearth, from whence a brisk fire cast a mellow light through the room, showing the table, with its two covers set for the evening meal. Finally rising, the farmer took from his pocket a key with which he opened a cup-

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
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board near hand,—drew forth a small well filled sack and added to its contents the proceeds of the day's sale. Through the open shutter, from outside, the wretched Belisle, with glaring eyes, watched every movement of Favre, while his hands kept spasmodically clutching the knife he held. Wresting from his bosom the pistol, hid therein, he burst, like a wild beast, into the dwelling and fired at the old man, then finished him with the knife. The wife, terrified by the unusual noise, rushed in from an adjoining room and was at once attacked by the murderer, who plunged the knife repeatedly into her breast, and then crushed in her skull with the blow of a spade which he found near by. Side by side lay the unfortunate husband and wife, victims of man's cupidity. For a moment, the murderer contemplated his work, then, like another Cain, he fled from the spot, haunted by the dread spectre of the "*Lex talionis.*"

The absence of the old couple gave rise to surmises. Search was made and the horrible crime discovered. Suspicion rested on Belisle, who was soon after arrested, tried and convicted. The following copy of the "*Requisitoire du Procureur du Roi,*" dated 6th June 1752 shows that the terrible punishment of "breaking alive" was then in force under the French regime in Canada. Belisle was condemned to "torture ordinary and extraordinary," then to be broken alive on a scafold erected in the market-place (the present Custom House Square) in this city.

This awful sentence was carried out to the letter, his body buried in Guy Street, and the Red Cross erected to mark the spot, as fully described in the following document historically valuable :—

*Extract from the Requisition of the King's Attorney.*

" I require for the King that Jean Baptiste Goyer dit Belisle be arraigned and convicted of having wilfully and feloniously killed the said Jean Favre by a pistol shot and several stabs with a knife, and of having similarly killed the said Marie-Anne Bastien, wife of the said Favre, with a spade and a knife ; and



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“ Done at Montreal this 6th June 1752.

“ (*Signed*),

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The exigencies of the time requiring the high-way to be widened, the Red Cross was removed inside the fence, on property belonging to the Seminary St. Sulpice, to which land it gave its name.

When the Grey Nuns became, in turn, proprietors of the land, which they purchased from St. Sulpice, in order to erect thereon the new Convent, the Sisters had the Red Cross raised on a mount, within their grounds. It occupies a pretty spot inside the enclosure, where Dorchester and Guy street meet, and from

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### DESCRIPTIONS.

After turning over these few pages of my manuscript I think I hear Gwen and Muriel exclaim, "Why Mamma it is just like Jack. He must always be so historical. Why keep us so long before speaking of himself or treating us to his impressions inside the Convent? He has been marching us like the Israelites around Jericho and I have been waiting in vain for the trumpet to sound our admittance."

Hark! here it is at last, interrupts Gwen.  
Now, all attention.

To the dear ones at home.

A smiling face saluted me as I stood inside the entrance door, and although I had not yet made known my desire of visiting the Institution, my intention was divined and I was at once invited to follow my conductress. She was habited as young ladies generally dress, with the exception of a prettily frilled white cap, which framed in a face, though no longer young, was still handsome. Passing down a transverse corridor, with "Ateliers" on each side, I was first shown into the large pharmacy. Here several Sisters were busy, although to judge from the amount of well filled phials,

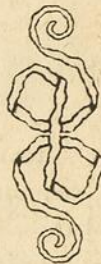


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bottles, pots, etc., no labor was necessary. In an inner room the Sister dentist was using all her arts of persuasion to tempt a youngster to have his tooth extracted. He finally consented to sit in the commodious chair—then to partly open his mouth, so that the dentist might examine the refractory molar. In the mean time the Sister prepared some pungent essence to place in the cavity, having at the same time her instrument deftly hid in her spacious sleeve. Before the youth had time to realise the deception, the tooth had already left his jaw. With a bound of surprise and a boyish shout the young fellow leaped from the Chair. He stood a moment looking at the Sister, then with a smile he added: "You cheated me, Sister, but I am glad you did so, for now I am free from pain." A little glass of cordial to steady his nerves and the boy went off as jolly as a prince. Leaving the Pharmacy we entered the Ateliers of divers works. All kinds of fancy cards, hair beautifully done up in chains, flowers, or scenery. Objects of devotion, relics, scapulars, rosaries, etc., etc. Thence to the Statuary department. Wax figures of all sizes; and a variety of representations of the Infant Saviour, such as are exposed in the Churches at Christmas time. From this room we passed into the printing office. The press is worked by hand, but the printing and book binding are certainly as good as any that come out of first class printing establishments. The Sisters only print for the needs of the Convent. Our next move was to the Flower department. Here was a veritable green house of artificials, fac similes of nature. To cheat the senses some of the flowers were perfumed. I purchased a rose bud to carry away in my button hole and was then told it was the work of a Sister, who had spent 66 years in the Convent, as a nun. I was brought into the inner apartment and introduced to her. She does not look as old as 82, for she is still erect, walks well and has all her faculties unimpaired. She is gay and laughs as heartily as a young girl. It appears as if time feared to touch the Sisterhood, though death wields his scythe in the Convent as he does elsewhere. No door can be closed against this inexorable reaper. The sound of a hammer, on leaving the Floral Depart-

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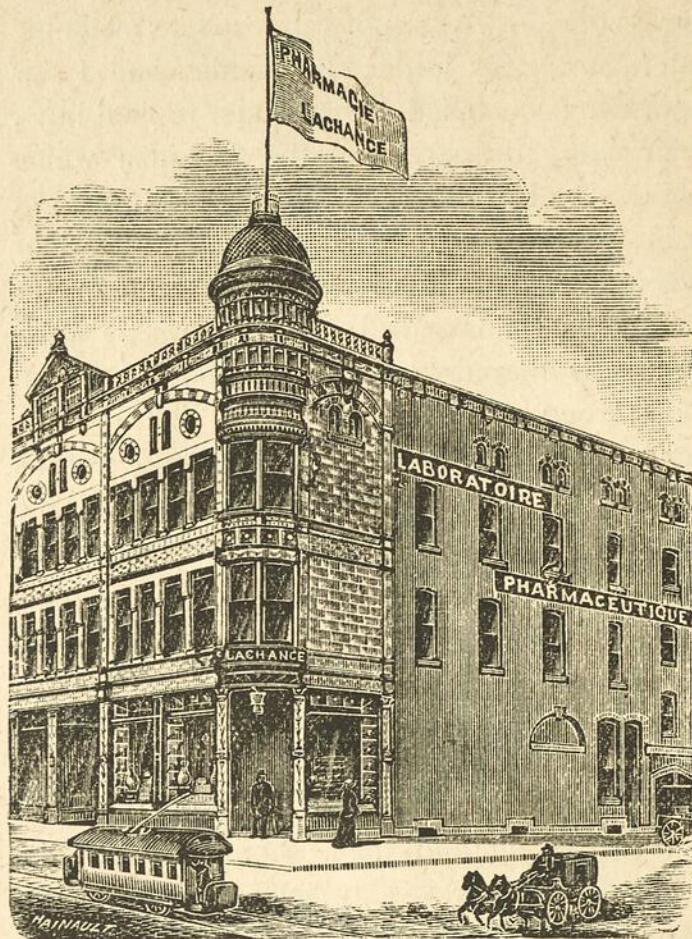
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whir of the steam gave notice. The vapory atmosphere made me soon turn away, and following my leader into another hall I saw on each side the apartments occupied by the elder orphan boys. Rows of cots in their snowy drapery filled the dormitory which was a model of neatness and of order. The measured tread of little feet drew my attention to the opposite side, and the door thrown open showed a large room in which some seventy-five or eighty boys were undergoing military drill. The youngsters seemed to enjoy it, and willingly obeyed every order of the young man who was putting them through the exercises. At a sign from the Sister the young regiment formed a single file on both sides of the room and then gratified me with a well sung chorus in three parts. As I was leaving, the little fellows raised their caps with perfect grace and then gave me the military salute. I never saw a finer set of boys ranging from nine to twelve years of age. What an extensive building, I exclaimed, as hall after hall, crossing each other, puzzled my vision — a veritable labyrinth. “Do not fear,” was the laughing assurance of my guide; “we’ll find the way out again.” Turning aside, she pointed out to me the finely laid out grounds of the Convent, and then ushered me into the Baby boys’ Ward. Some sixty or seventy little fellows from 18 months to seven years of age were gaily flitting through their play room. Some of the young toddlers were yet perambulating on all fours, others rocked their wooden horses with a vengeance, while all filled the air with the lusty shouts which characterize this diminutive species of manhood. The Sisters seemed not at all incommoded by the noise of the youngsters, though there was a veritable babel of sounds, and to the remark I made in allusion thereof, they smiled and said, it was play hour and unless the little folks became unreasonably boisterous, they were left free. I have only to give a sign for silence said the Sister and my little troop obey. In proof of which, placing herself so as to be seen by all she raised her hand placed a finger on her lips and lo! as if by magic, every little fellow stood as still as a statue with finger on its mouth. It was a pleasant sight. The next moment at a given signal, the statues became all life, and the babel sounds

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Passing through the vestibule with its doors of solid oak we turned into a large corridor, inundated with the rays of the mid-day sun. To our right, as we proceeded onwards, was the large infirmary for the old men, then came the *Salle* or Ward, which they generally occupy. Though called the old men's Ward and it really contained all kinds of suffering humanity — the rheumatic, the feeble, the epileptic, the blind, the scrofulous, with those in their dotage, yet it grieved me to see youths and young men prematurely old, through spinal disease or otherwise, condemned to a life of inaction, with only a rolling chair to replace the limbs that no longer responded to their owners' will. With pity in my heart and commiseration on every feature I stood, softly, saying to myself, what desolation reigns here ! Werily this must be a Tartarus on earth ! These thoughts had hardly had birth before I was startled, yes startled, then most agreeably surprised, hearing one of the merriest and joyous laughs issue from the farther end of the room. It was soon followed by others, then a commotion in which several joined, all the result of a merry trick

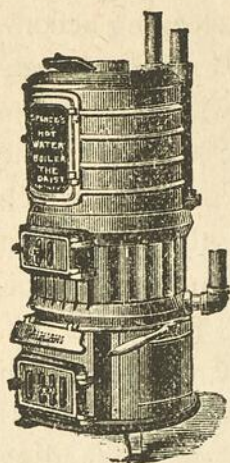
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played on one of his comrades, by a blind young man. After sending off his squib he struck up a merry tune on his accordeon and hardly had the first bars been played, before several of the old folks were stepping out briskly and footing a reel as in their young days. Out of the circle of lookers on others came forth to replace those who first took the floor, and bowing with grace to their vis-a-vis circulated, in turn, "on the light fantastic toe." The occupants of the rolling chairs were busily engaged in games of Chess, Dominos, or Cards, while the lovers of the "Weed" were in an adjoining "smokerie" puffing away like so many engines. Just imagine my pity was wasted on the desert air, for even in the midst of the ills of humanity fun and jollity had engaged apartments.

We strangers have no idea of life within Convent walls. How often have I pictured to myself those thus excluded from the outer world ; crying out like Crusoe in his desert island :

" Oh solitude where are the charms,  
That sages have seen in thy face ?  
Better dwell in the midst of alarms,  
Than reign in this horrible place."

With a new experience I left these merry *old children*, no longer the miserable or discontented beings I have supposed them to be, and ascended to a higher story of the Building. I only gave a glance in passing as the second flat of the southern wing was occupied by pay boarders, ladies and gentlemen, in search of quiet, with facilities for assisting at Church ceremonies. There were bedrooms, large dining room with numerous small tables, and large drawing room &c., &c., exclusively for their use. Still going upwards, I was agreeably surprised at the beautiful view, from the windows, on both sides of the wing. Facing Dorchester street the eye roved over a good extent of the St. Lawrence, spanned by its gigantic bridg, the verdant shores on the opposite side, now pretty country villages and towns, steamers and boats of many kinds stemming the current upwards towards Quebec or

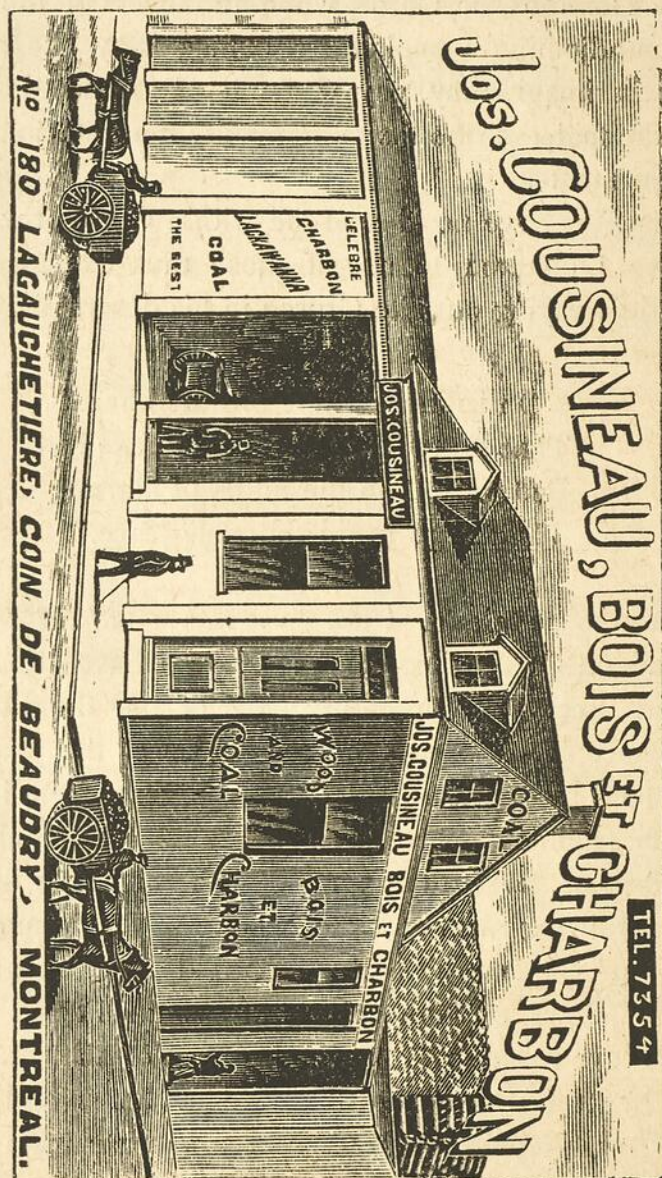
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drifting rapidly into port. The pretty island called "St. Helen," was plainly visible. It was once a military post, now a park for the working classes to pic-nic thereon, and breathe the good air so necessary to health and vitality. Turning from out door contemplation, my conductress pointed out rooms in all directions whose occupants were either bedridden aged or harmless old women in their second infancy. Entering the large Ward, crowded with inmates, were young and old busily chatting, laughing and singing. Here again the varied phases of human ills were manifest — the lame, the blind, the paralytic &c, &c, occupying chairs of every variety, arm-chairs, rockers, low seats, high seats, settees, couches and sofas, while many drawn up in the embrasure of the windows were busily plying their knitting needles and enjoying the view.

It is hardly credible, yet to me it was apparent that all seemed not only resigned, but perfectly content. On each of the flats I was shown tribunes or galleries, where the inmates of the Wards could assist at all the services going on in the Church. Leaving this large apartment we proceeded down the old womens' reception hall and thence stepped out on their spacious verandah or gallery. Oh, what a glorious sight! The vast Building stood forth in all its gigantic proportions, with out-houses and accessaries, seated as it were in the midst of verdure and flowers. The beautiful mountain rose up in rear, its sides dotted with rich châteaux of various architecture. In one of these, which had the British flag waving from its roof, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, dwelt during his short visit to Montreal, in 1860. This remark was made by a Sister, who happened to be on the verandah when, I came on it, and who saluted me with extreme politeness. In answer to one of my remarks regarding the beautiful view, she added, that she remembered the Mountain when only a supposed haunted house, at one end and the ruins of a shanty at the other rested on its sides. I remember being very curious about the ruins of the latter which I was told had once been the cell of a hermit who dwelt there alone in the beginning of the Colony. -He was wrapt up in mystery—no one knew whence he

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came, nor could I learn what became of him. Now, continued the Sister with a merry smile, some of the romancers should take that up and write a tale called : “ The Hermit of Mount Royal.”

I’ll try it, Sister, said I, and I’ll send you a copy. At this she laughed pleasantly and we both bowed our adieus.

—I am going to take you still higher up, to the orphan girls’ apartments, said my kind conductress.—What higher up ? at that rate we’ll soon reach the sky.—Such is, the hope of every inmate of the Establishment, said she, but we aim at going beyond.—So do I, also, Madam, although following a different route from yours. She bowed, and as we had come to our destination I followed my guide through school rooms, refectory and large dormitory, with beds of all sizes, from those of girls of 12 or 14 years, to the tiny cots of little ones hardly over their second summer. What precision, what order, what cleanliness reigned everywhere. The curtains, coverlets &c, all snowy white. The floors, where devoid of paint, were as yellow as gold, and the stained ones shone like glass. The rooms I had just gone through were devoid of inmates, but a busy hum and singing were signs that the youngsters were in the vicinity. This is the recreation room, said Miss H., as she opened the door and bade me enter. I was within a spacious apartment beautifully lighted up, with windows on three sides, while the view from the end opposite was a perfect panorama. Some twenty little ones, from seven to ten years, were gaily dancing round a May pole, winding and unwinding the coloured ribbons with graceful dexterity. Quite a number of little toddlers were occupied in a game of *grab*, each one trying to seize her neighbour’s doll or mount a rocking-horse. The ribbons of the May-pole hung loose—the dance was ended. The elder girls now formed into rows and keeping time with their own voices went through a graceful Calisthenic exercise. I left them in the midst of their Terpsichorean evolutions, and pondering over the gayety reigning throughout the whole establishment I had to acknowledge, that Convents were not prisons after all. The Sisters, whom I had imagined to be a lot of sad faced women, neither enjoying life themselves, nor wishing others to enjoy it, now

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| Sub-Novice Mistresses.....      | 3 |
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| Bookkeeper.....                 | 1 |
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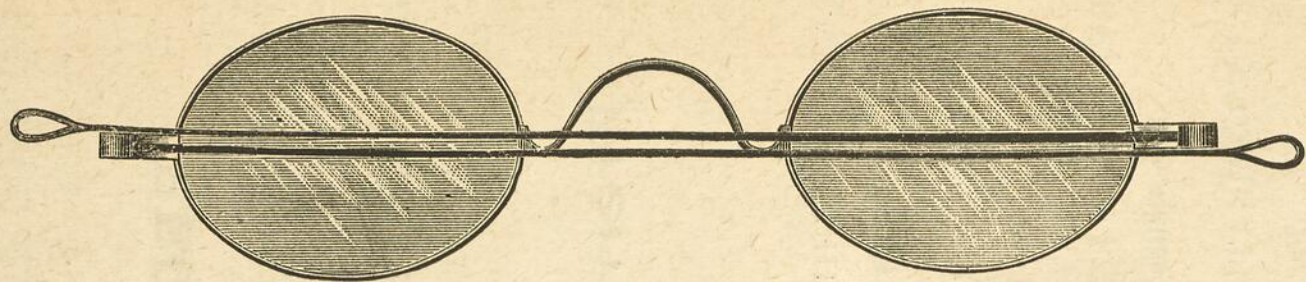
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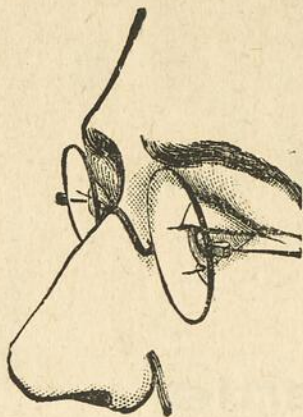
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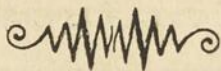
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**C**ETTE institution a été établie en 1842 par M. Valois. En 1854, Madame Larocque fut chargée d'y recevoir les vieillards. En 1846, Mgr Prince coadjuteur de Mgr Bourget bénit la première chapelle de cet institut.

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## HOSPICE STE-CUNEGONDE.

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