

## A WORKMAN'S LUCK.

OWNED LAND ON WHICH OTTAWA, CAN., IS BUILT.

Nicholas Sparks Was Obligated to Accept a Deed of That Land in Lieu of Money Due for Wages—He Accepted It Reluctantly.

Probably no workman ever felt less satisfied with his pay at the time than did Nicholas Sparks when he received a deed of the land on which a large part of Ottawa, Can., is now built. The deed was given in lieu of money due for wages.

Sparks was a native of Woburn, Mass. Having pioneer instincts, he had pushed up into the less settled parts of Canada, and obtained employment with a man named Wright, on the northern shore of the Ottawa River at a point known as the Gati-neau. The city of Ottawa was destined to be built on the southern shore, nearly opposite; but there was yet no evidence of the flourishing capital city of Canada. Sparks worked for his employer for some months; but, not receiving his wages to his satisfaction, he decided to make a change. He was obliged to accept for compensation a deed of a tract of land on the south side of the Ottawa river. The deed was taken reluctantly, as being the best that could be done under the circumstances.

It happened, however, that just about this time some activity began to be manifested along the southern bank of the river. The British government had commissioned Col. By to construct, for military purposes, a canal, which should join the Ottawa river with the great lakes. The point where this canal was to be cut was within the land deeded to Sparks. Operations on the canal brought together a large number of workmen, and a settlement soon sprang up, which assumed the proportions of a town. This settlement was called Bytown, after the engineer who had the work in charge. By this time Sparks found himself fairly prosperous, as he was able to sell small parcels of his land to the new settlers at a very good profit.

Bytown continued to grow and prosper until its crowning honor came to it when the British government, noticing the beauty and security of its inland position, selected the site for the capital of the newly confederated Canadian provinces. The name was changed to Ottawa, and the place grew rapidly into a large and handsome city, as it is at present. Nicholas Sparks lived to see all these changes. Some of the fine government buildings were erected upon the land deeded to him. The finest residences and business blocks are upon land the title of which is derived from Sparks. The principal street in the city is called Sparks street. Before he died the old man's wealth had become very great. He was quite illiterate, and it was a laborious process for him to sign his name. But his descendants form one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic families in Canada. It is one of the many romances of wealth on this continent.

### Evil Spirits Fled.

When Colonel Pilcher, who has recently been so successful in outwitting the Boers in their own country, was shooting in Cashmere, nearly twenty years ago, a native came into his camp and complained that he was possessed of a devil of which he could not get rid. Most men would have given the man a regulation pill and sent him about his business. Not so Colonel Pilcher. Making the man lie flat on his back, he placed on his chest a small pyramid made of damp gunpowder, much in the form of the blue-devils beloved of boyhood. Then taking the glass out of his binocular, he warned the native to prepare, as the devil was just coming out. Having focused the sun on the pyramid it duly ignited, and the spirit devil disappeared in a cloud of sparks and smoke. Colonel Pilcher, the devil doctor, then cried out: "See, there the evil spirit goes," and the native jumped up and went away in a perfectly contented state of mind.—London Illustrated News.

### Put Matches in Flower Pots.

The great foe to potted plants is the little white worm that feeds upon the roots and even bores up into the stems of plants. To get rid of the pest the simplest plan is to stick matches, heads down, into the soil and in a short time the worms will disappear. The phosphorus which does the work is beneficial to the plant besides being disagreeable to the worms. Carbolic acid may be used instead. Add about five drops of carbolic acid to a cup of water and sprinkle on the earth in the flower pots.

### Paddy's Definition.

An Irishman went to a lawyer with a case, but the attorney wanted a retainer. The Irishman was poor, and finally the lawyer said he would take the case on a contingent fee. It was settled; but the contingent fee part of the agreement bothered the client. He confided his ignorance to his friend, Paddy, and asked for an explanation. "An' its the meanin' of a contingent fee yer after knowin'?" Shure, O'll tell ye! A contingent fee manes that, if ye lose the case the lawyer gits nothin'; if ye win, ye gits nothin'."—Spare Moments.

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Little Birdie—Well, sister said she'd give a sovereign to know, and I thought I might get it.—Tif-Bits.

### PATENTS.

#### List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Madison Cooper, Minneapolis, Minn., cold storage apparatus; Edgar H. Finckle, Jackson, Minn., toe cap for boots or shoes; Hermann Hoppe, Sykeston, N. D., attachment for horse hay rakes; Hans H. Larson, Campbell, Minn., harrow; Otlin Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., grate bar; Emma Peach, Waterville, Minn., fruit cooker; Charles H. Pratt, Helena, Mont., napkin holder; Daniel U. Richards, Danvers, Minn., arch plate for steam boiler furnaces; Henry Tilden, Minneapolis, Minn., furnace; Lothrop & Johnson, patent attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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The extravagance of the poor is sometimes more pitiable than poverty itself.

A Lithuanian in Chicago bears the name of John Uppermost Short.

### Through a Pane in the Stomach.

A Canadian hunter, through an accident, got a wound in the front of his stomach. Through the opening Dr. Beaumont watched for many months the process of digestion. On giving an ordinary meal, with a moderate amount of drink, he could see a multitude of glands in the stomach throwing out little drops of white fluid—the gastric juice—and a slow moving of the stomach from left to right. After observing the process for an hour he gave the man a tumbler of water to drink. In about five minutes he saw the dots of white fluid begin to cease, and the movement of the stomach from left to right to cease; gradually the tumbler of water was swept up in the absorbents, and then, and not until then, the white drops of gastric juice again poured out.—Exchange.

### Gift to Wilhelmina.

Queen Wilhelmina is said to have profited by the failure of the shah of Persia to visit England, as she has received the tabatiere which had been carried about as a gift for Queen Victoria, to be presented at Osborne on Aug. 10. The tabatiere is of the finest enamel, covered with brilliants, and was valued by a Paris expert at 50,000 francs.—Philadelphia Press.

### Had Learnted Wisdom.

"Are you old enough to vote?" asked the tourist in North Carolina. "I dunno ezactly what my age is, boss," replied the colored man. "But I kin tell you dis, I allus was old enough to know better dan to try to vote."—Washington Star.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They often one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Somebody must have been slandering old Li Hung Chang very badly in the past. Joaquin Miller says he pulled off his boots in the viceroys' presence and showed that he had \$1,000 in currency in the two of them. Yet the aged Li let him go afterward without even keeping one boot.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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### Reformed.

"I love you almost better than I do my life!" he declared. "That," she replied, "isn't saying much, considering the way you've been wasting it." Then he threw his golf sticks away, and told his papa he was ready to go to work in almost any capacity.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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### Attracted by Laundry Work.

A great social change is going on in London in an imperceptible manner. While young women in humble circumstances are forsaking the laundries for typewriting and such "genteel" occupations, ladies of education are entering the ranks as laundresses. The work is hard, but the pay is good—much better, in many instances, than they earned as amanuenses, shorthand clerks or telegraphists, and those who have found moral courage enough to enter upon this occupation find it not only more remunerative, but, on the whole, healthier than the sedentary life in offices and small rooms they were formerly accustomed to. We have long been familiar with "lady helps," and it seems but a small step to the "lady cook," "lady housemaid," or "lady maid of all work," vice the old-fashioned servant, who, every year, shies more and more at domestic service.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

### NEW COLONY.

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### As to Strikes.

"What's the matter with that man?" asked the clock. "He doesn't seem to have anything to do but wind me up." "No," replied the calendar, "he isn't working." "He and his companions struck some time ago." "Huh! Suppose I should stop working every time I struck?" "That's so; but I notice it freshens me up every time he takes a month off."—Philadelphia Press.

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