

LONG DISTANCE RIDING.

During the war in South Africa there were many examples of so-called record-breaking performances of the British cavalry in the Transvaal. There was, for instance, the fine ride of the Natal Mounted Carbineers, who rode eighty-five miles in twelve hours over the sun-scorched veldt, or the dash of French's horse for the relief of Kimberley, when the troopers stayed in the saddle for more than seven hours and then rode for five miles at full gallop into the beleaguered town. While these rides are worth boasting of, they can not be classed as record-breakers. Of course, the ride of a body of cavalry in their full equipments, which burdens every horse with nearly two hundred and fifty pounds, must not be compared with long-distance records achieved by single riders in racing trim, such as Count Stahrenberg, who rode one horse over a distance of three hundred and fifty miles in seventy hours, or Baron Cotter, who rode from Vienna to Paris, a distance of six hundred and twenty-five miles, in twelve and a half days. One of the most famous long-distance rides in history was that of King Charles XII. of Sweden, who in 1714 rode from Demotica in Turkey to Stralsund in Sweden, a distance of thirteen hundred miles, in a fortnight. On that occasion the king rode night and day, accompanied only by one officer, both taking care of their own horses and never changing their clothes.

The present South Africa records were eclipsed as long ago as 1842, when Dick King, a British despatch rider, covered the six hundred miles from Port Natal to Grahamston in nine days, crossing seven large rivers and numberless smaller spruins on the way. King's ride resulted in the relief of the hard-pressed British garrison of Port Natal, which was then besieged by Boers. Many years afterward, Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, made another South African record when he carried the first news of the battle of Ulundi to the nearest telegraph instrument, riding one hundred and ten miles in fifteen hours to do so. Thanks to the wide stretches of plains and ceaseless depositions of elusive Indians, the American cavalry and Northwest Mounted Police of Canada, perhaps, have more opportunities for creating records in riding than any other army in the world. Thus the recent record of the Natal Carbineers was anticipated, but a few years ago, by a troop of United States cavalry commanded by Captain S. F. Fountain, who rode eighty-four miles in eight hours. Then there was the celebrated half-day ride of sixty miles done by the Texas Rangers at the time of their last unpleasantness with Mexican cattle thieves on the Rio Grande. Another famous long-distance ride stands to the credit of the late General Lawton. As the bearer of certain important despatches in 1876, he rode to General Crook's headquarters at Red Cloud from Sidney, Neb., covering one hundred and twenty-five miles in twenty-six hours without changing his horse. It is recorded that, although his mount arrived in fair condition, the rider looked five years older than he did the day before.—Collier's Weekly.

FANCIED ILLS.

Bread pills have ever been regarded as potent factors in the practice of medicine, but it remained for the modern school of physicians to discover the true value of psychic influence in the treatment of mental and bodily disorders.

Under this heading the methods most often used are hypnotism, suggestion and deception, which, taken collectively, are dignified by the name of suggestive therapeutics. Almost every day some remarkable cure is recorded in the Cincinnati hospitals through these agencies. Their influences are especially felt in cases where the nervous system is involved, such as neurasthenia, hysteria, hypochondria, insomnia and melancholia.

There is at the city hospital at the present time, a young woman who has not slept in weeks without first receiving a hypodermic injection of pure water. She believes she is getting a quarter grain of morphia with each injection, and as there is no way of her learning of the deception, the treatment works like a charm. Another case at the institution is that of an elderly man suffering from imaginary paralysis, who could not be benefited by the use of drugs or the electric current. By prearranged plan, he was informed by a person supposed to be uninterested in his case that magnetism, not electricity, was what he needed, and since then he has shown marked improvement.

STORIES OF LORD RUSSELL.

PENALTY FOR BIGAMY. — One day, a legal correspondent writes, before the late Lord Chief Justice took sick, he was sitting in court, when another barrister, leaning across the benches, whispered: "Russell, what's the extreme penalty for bigamy?" "Two mothers-in-law," instantly replied Russell.

THE LEAP YEAR WITNESS. — Although unrivalled in the art of cross-examination, on one occasion he was distinctly beaten by a witness. "What is your age?" he asked. "Is it my age you are asking?" replied the witness. "Yes sir. Now, speak up and be exact." "And be exact! Well, of all the—" "The court does not desire to hear any comments of yours. Tell the court your age." "Well," said the man, "I celebrated my twelfth birthday last week." "Don't trifle with the court, and remember you are on oath." "It's quite true, I was born on Feb. 29, in leap year, and my birthday only comes once in four years."—London News.

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LADIES' FINE BOX OALF SKATING BOOTS, in Black and Tan, with nice Lamb's-wool lining. Really cheap at \$1.00. We sell it for \$1.50

MEN'S OIL GRAIN SKATING BOOTS. This boot is all solid and is the lightest and strongest Skating Boot. Others sell it for \$3.00. We sell it for \$1.50

JUST RECEIVED, a new line of Men's Rubber Sole Boots, made in the best American Calf, Felt Insole, etc. Every pair guaranteed. \$5.00

A few pairs of Men's Sample Rubber Boots at Factory cost, \$4.00.

LADIES' FINE SATIN BED-ROOM SLIPPERS. A large lot just received which we will sell for \$1.50.

Ladies' and Gent's Slippers, Over-shoes, Felt Shoes and Boots, suitable for Xmas Presents; a large variety to select from.

SKATES PUT ON FREE.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! TO THE LADIES.

THE QUESTION: What shall I buy him for Christmas? READ OUR HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS.

We generally talk to the men folks, but if our advice is acceptable to the ladies, read the following suggestions we have to offer in regard to buying suitable Christmas gifts for gentlemen. We are so intimately acquainted with the wants of fathers, brothers and sons, as well as the smaller boys, that we can materially aid you in making a Present of a wise choice and shall be pleased to have you call in and look over our assortment.

OUR OFFERINGS.

Table listing various items and their prices, such as Neckties, Mufflers, Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Linen, Umbrellas, Suspenders, Winter Cloth Caps, Hair Brushes, Razor Straps, Shaving Mugs, Shaving Cases, Hats, Fur Caps, Overcoats, Socks, Underwear, Night Robes, Pajamas, Sleeping Suits, White Dress Shirts, Colored Dress Shirts, Flannel Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Cardigan Jackets, Fancy Vests, Sweaters, Smoking Jackets, Tuques and Sashes.

Warm Bedroom Slippers and House Shoes at all prices and many other suitable Gifts

It is an accepted fact that the most satisfactory Christmas shopping can be done in the early part of December. The stocks are yet complete. Clerks are not rushed, the buying crowd comparatively small, and the assortment of goods large. We exchange goods not satisfactory after Christmas. We lay aside and deliver goods on desired day.

ALLAN, Corner Craig and Bleury Streets And 2299 St. Catherine Street. OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 O'CLOCK

SCORES OF PENNIES IN THE COLLECTION.

Rev. Father J. M. Galligan, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, in West Ninety-sixth street, is one of the most earnest workers in the church and his parish is a large one. The contributions at the services have been scrutinized lately and on a recent Sunday Father Galligan spoke to the congregation about the matter. He said that the subject which he was about to bring up was one delicate and difficult to speak of.

"I would not have you think that the amount of money which is contributed for religious purposes measures its value in the work for which it is intended," said Father Galligan. "For it is the spirit of the gift that counts: Nor am I forgetful of the widow's mite and its blessing. But," he continued, "in a recent contribution in this parish there were 1,900 pennies contributed. I do not question the spirit in which they were given, but I do hesitate to believe that I have in my parish 1,900 widows."—New York Sun.

It is said that immediately Lord Wolsey has shaken the dust of the War Office from his heels on December 1st, he intends speaking his mind to the English people.

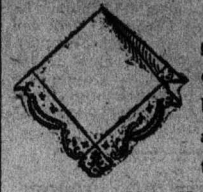
For the Holidays! OUR BOYS' UNEQUALLED DRESS.

Boys' Winter Overcoats or Ulsters, ages 14 to 20, made of heavy blue and black beaver and freeze-tweed lined and well finished, worth \$7.50. Here only \$4.75. Boys' Very Fine Overcoats, ages 14 to 19, in new rough materials and Moscow Beaver, well cut, lined and trimmed. Reduced from \$7.00 to \$5.00. Boys' Knee Pant Suits, ages 4 to 16, in Vestee, Brownie and plain double-breasted styles, and handsomely trimmed, worth \$5.50. Sale price \$3.00. Boys' Long Pant Suits, ages 14 to 19, single and double breasted, sack styles, pure all wool fancy tweeds, regular \$10.00 values. Sale price \$5.75.

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Handkerchiefs are recognized acceptable gifts. They are here in thousands for the holidays. Never before such a marvellous stock of beautiful kinds, Real Lace, Lisse, Silk, Linen and Lawn, the conjuring of the best makers in the Handkerchief world.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in pretty boxes for Xmas gifts. No. 1 contains 3 pretty Handkerchiefs and box complete 25c. No. 2 contains 4 plain and fancy Handkerchiefs, 1 bottle rich perfume, and box complete 50c. No. 3 contains 6 exquisite Handkerchiefs, in plain and fancy, 1 bottle perfume, and box complete 75c. No. 4 contains 6 fine Handkerchiefs, 1 bottle perfume, and pretty embossed box: complete \$1.00. Also two better lines \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Pretty Tea Gowns.



A very pretty lot of Tea Gowns specially imported for Xmas trade; drop in and see them. Ladies' exquisite Cashmere Tea Gowns satin basque, trimmed Plauen Lace, fancy collars and cuffs, full skirt, in pretty shades of Red, Pink and Blue. Special \$3.75

MEN'S ULSTERS



Make yourself a Christmas present of one of the stylish Ulsters. Men's Heavy Storm Ulster Coats, double breasted, high storm collar, lined in fancy tweed, special \$4.35. Men's Extra Heavy Fancy Tweed Ulster Coats, side buttoned pockets, storm collar, well lined and finished, from \$6.50. Men's Imported Frieze Ulster Coats, double breasted, high storm collar, extra well made, finished equal to custom made, \$12.00. Special \$12.00

KID GLOVE NOVELTIES.

"Kathleen" Ladies' Fine 2 Dome Kid Gloves in new shades of tan, brown, gray, purple, navy, black and white fancy silk points, \$2.00. Special \$1.75. "Tant Moux" Ladies' extra quality 7 hook Kid Gloves in all the leading shades, perfect fitting, \$2.50. Special \$2.25. "La Rabant" Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves, 3 dome fastener, in all the latest novelty shades, with pretty silk points, all sizes, \$1.25. Special \$1.25

BIG DISPLAY OF TOYS!

This is undoubtedly the biggest and best display of Toys in Canada. Eight large sections filled to overflowing with Toys, Dolls, and Games of every description.

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Market Report.

GRAIN—The market is quiet, with value of oats steady. We quote: Oats, ex-store, 30 1/2c; peas, 80c to 80 1/2c west freight; barley, 49 1/2c to 50c east freight; rye, 47 1/2c to 48c; buckwheat, 40 1/2c to 41c east freight. Liverpool cables are: Spring wheat, 6s 2 1/2d; red winter, 5s 11 1/2d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 2 1/2d; corn, 4s 1 1/2d; peas, 5s 7 1/2d.

CHEESE—The market is quiet at about the same range of values. We quote finest Western Sept. at 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c; Octobers, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; finest late Easterns, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; undergrades, 10c to 10 1/2c. Liverpool cable quotes 5 1/2d for white and 5 3/4d for colored.

BUTTER—Demand continues to exceed supply of finest goods, and prices are consequently strong. Prices are as follows: Choice creamery, 21 1/2c to 21 3/4c; seconds, 20 1/2c to 21c; dairy, 18c to 19c.

FLOUR—The market is moderately active on home account, and values are unchanged. We quote as follows: Manitoba patents, \$4.35; strong bakers, \$4.05 to \$4.10; straight rollers, \$3.20 to \$3.40; in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.70; winter patents, \$3.65 to \$3.85.

BEANS—The demand is fairly active, and prices are firm. We quote \$1.40 to \$1.45 for primes.

LIVE STOCK—There were about 600 head of butchers' cattle, 20 calves and 600 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir on Monday. The below zero weather did not prevent the butchers from coming out in large numbers, and there was an active demand and firm prices for fair to good cattle, but the common stock were neglected. Mr. G. Martel bought nine good steers and heifers, paying from 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per lb. Pretty good cattle sold at from 3 1/2c to 4c, and the common stock at from 2c to 3c per lb. Calves sold at from 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c do. Fat hogs sold at from 5c to 6c per lb. for coarse, heavy hogs, up to 6c per lb. for select, weighed of the carcass.

ROLLED OATS—Demand for rolled oats is less active and prices are weaker. We quote \$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel, and \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bag.

FEED—The market is active and firm. We quote as follows: Manitoba bran, \$15 in bags; shorts, \$17; Ontario bran, \$15 to \$16; shorts, \$17 to \$18 per ton.

HAY—Receipts continue light and demand good, making a firm market. We quote as follows: No. 1, \$9.50 to \$10.50; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.00; clover, \$7.75 to \$8.25 per ton in car lots on track.

PROVISIONS—Demand is fair, supplies moderate, and values steady. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.25; bacon, 12c to 14c; hams, 11c to 14c; heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, \$18 to \$18.50 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, 10 1/2c to 11 1/4c per lb.

Liverpool advices quote lard at 8s 6d; bacon, from 4s to 4s 8d; pork, 7s; tallow, 2s 6d to 2s 8d.

CANADIAN HAY.—"Canada has done a big export trade in hay," said a Toronto dealer, "but as far as Ontario is concerned, shipments to South Africa are practically over, although large shipments have been ordered. The west has sent probably 3,000 tons of the new crop, but as we want Tory at the late elections, we are not receiving any more orders, the Government sending everything to the French in the low-price province, and the west will receive no more of the export trade."

POULTRY—Demand is good, and prices are steady. We quote: Turkeys, 8c to 9c per lb.; ducks, 8c to 9c per lb.; geese, 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c per lb.; chickens, 6c to 7c per lb.; fowls, 5c to 6c per lb.

EGGS—Demand continues fairly active, and prices are steady. Strictly new laid are quoted at 24c; No. 2, 15c to 16c; Montreal lined, 15c to 16c; western lined, 14c to 15c.

DRESSED MEATS—The demand for dressed meats is fair, and the market is moderately active. We quote: Hindquarters, best, \$14 to \$20; forequarters, \$14 to \$20; hams, 8c to 7c; cutlets, 8c to 9c, and real city shoulders, 10c to 12c.



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When Christmas...

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