

# The Planet

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## RAISING THE LAKE LEVELS.

Congressman Corliss only proposes to raise the level of Lake Erie from two to two and a half feet. This, of course, would not affect Lake St. Clair to a great extent, because Lake St. Clair is nine feet above Lake Erie. If the latter were raised two and a half feet the present free out-flow through the Detroit river would be obstructed and the low lands around Lake St. Clair would be more liable to submergence. Much damage in the same way would result along the northern shore of Lake Erie. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is hardly likely the Canadian government will agree to the artificial raising of Lake Erie just to accommodate Mr. Corliss' friends.

Dr. George B. Russell, of Detroit, who has a farm and residence near the Puce, on this side, has lived in Detroit for 60 years and was a close observer of the state of the water. He says:

"It would be a universal annoyance, and regret, too, if our beautiful Belle Isle park were brought back to its condition in 1838 and 1876, when it was nothing but a mosquito swamp and snake and hog pond."

"I speak of what I know," continued the doctor. "My residence on the shores of Detroit River and Lake St. Clair extends through the full period of 60 years from April, 1836, to date. I was 20 years or more in the active practice of medicine and surgery on both sides of the river and lake, and knew every resident and the shore of every farm."

"Both rainfall and warm seasons were the factors which caused high level in 1836, 1837 and 1838, and the flood that made a vast lake and swamp of all the lands on the shores of the river and Lake St. Clair. For months in summer and for part of three years the road for the traveller on horseback was marked by stakes in the ditches. Water, water, everywhere. Four thousand acres of what is now beautiful residence property this side of Grosse Pointe were overflowed and boggy, abounding in frogs, snakes and mosquitoes, causing malaria and inflicting fever, ague, neuralgia, and all the dire troubles consequent. All this was caused by a rise of level not exceeding 18 inches on the average of the years thereafter."

"In past days the travel on both sides of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair was on the sandy beach, dry and above the level. When the high water came the beach and all evidences of former roads were washed away. On the Canadian side from 'Little River' to Pike Creek, for miles the inhabitants moved back and built new homes, where is now the gravel road, one and one-fourth miles back from Windsor to Belle Isle."

"Another exceptional time of high water was in the year 1876. It was the highest level in 55 years, or since 1837-1840, the average being one foot above the present, and one foot below the high mark of these years. And yet this one foot rise swamped thousands of acres on these shores."

## A Happy New Year.

Monday is swearing-off day.

A number of citizens who voted early and after last year will cast but one aldermanic ballot this. Consequently, the vote, which will be light anyway, owing to the absence of a majority contest, will be further reduced by from 100 to 200.

## STIR IN KENMORE.

Durham Brown's Letter Published last Week Cause of Comment.

One of Many Such Cases in Kenmore—Dodd's Kidney Pills Well Known There—Unanimous Corroboration of Brown's Statement.

Kenmore, Dec. 29.—No little comment has been caused here by the publication of a letter signed by Durham Brown, in the papers last week. Mr. Brown is one of the most expert boxmakers in the country, his cheese boxes, while models of good workmanship, being turned out in remarkably quick time. He has the reputation of being able to drive one-and-a-quarter inch nails at the rate of five hundred in eighteen minutes and keep it up steadily.

Mr. Brown is an enthusiast about Dodd's Kidney Pills. He cannot say enough in their favor, and he means every word of it. His brother also thoroughly believes in Dodd's Kidney Pills, having seen how they affected Durham. Durham Brown's letter, as published last week, is corroborated by his brother and all who know him.

Many other people in Kenmore know from personal experience the value of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Whether for the two formerly incurable and fatal maladies, Bright's Disease and Diabetes, or for any of the other forms of kidney disease—Rheumatism, heart complaints, dropsy, urinary and bladder disorders, female troubles, blood disorders—Dodd's Kidney Pills are considered infallible. Dodd's Kidney Pills is the only medicine that ever cured Bright's disease or diabetes, and the people here have a wonderful faith in them.

Winston Churchill hasn't been long in South Africa, but he seems to have already learned to trek like a native.

Our neighbors, the Fenians, may not know it, but we can assure them that Canada can yet send a dozen contingents to the Transvaal and still have enough drilled men left and willing to make the finest of funerals out of every mother's son of them without half trying.

The Fenian blatherskites who talk nonsense about invading Canada, say they expect help from the French Canadians. For this libelous charge against the French Canadians, the Liberal press of Ontario is responsible. Papers like the Globe and London Advertiser have been raising the question of French-Canadian loyalty to try and shield Mr. Tarte. Hence the false impression that has been sent abroad.

The school board scrap at Belle River looks as if there were something radically wrong with another part of Hon. G. W. Ross' wonderfully mixed-up school law. There surely must be some method provided for establishing a separate school without trustees resorting to acts of violence. And the school act ought to be clear enough to show what that method is. These disgraceful doings at Belle River are not by any means a desirable advertisement for Ontario's school system in the neighboring cities of Michigan.

## THE CROSS THAT LAURIER BEARS.

Detroit Tribune. It's pretty hard on Premier Laurier to have his loyalty cost him the support of his followers.

## PRODUCE LITTLE SHOCK.

London Telegraph. In South Africa all the wounded men agree as to the very small amount of shock produced by the Mauser bullet, many stating that they went on some distance after feeling they were hit, one man telling me that he did not notice being hit at all until he began to feel dizzy and found that he had lost a lot of blood. One notable circumstance is that the vast majority of the wounds are in the extremities. This the men attribute to the wild firing of the Boers, and to the fact that they were generally hit just at the moment of leaving or taking cover.

## SOME SENSIBLE DOOLEYISM.

Mr. Dooley. "If 'th' British had said, 'This unclean an' r'apeecious people that we're against is also very tough. Dirty though they be, they'll fight. Foul though their nature is, they have courage in their belts. This not bein' English an' th'ir inimy we have again us not bein' our friends, we will forget th' glorious traditions iv' th' English an' Soudan armies an' instead iv' r-rushin' on 'em, sneak along you kindly fence an' hit 'em on th' back iv' th' neck, they'd be less 'I r-regret-to-states, and more 'I'm plazed-to-ports.' They wud so, an' I'm a man that's been through columns an' columns iv' war. Ye'll find, Himmis, that 'tis only ar-rmies fights in th' open. Nations fights behind three an' rocks. Ye can put that in ye're little book. 'Tis a sayin' I med as I wint along."

## THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

We praded out at the stroke of four But the girls was there two hours before, Wept along thro' mud an' mist, Each with 'is love clung close to 'is wrist; The kiddies' torches paled the moon, An' my girl called f'r the roarin' toon, 'Taka-rara-rara, "The girl I lef' be'ind me." 'Er eyes was red, but 'er smile was brave, She'd brogt a t'up'ny flag to wave; She perched it up in 'er sailor 'at, An' she lef' the cheerin' smart an' pat, As the band burst out with a sudden skirl, While every trooper kissed 'is girl— 'Taka-rara-rara, "The girl I lef' be'ind me." She's 'ard at work in a garrit, I guess, Stitthen like fun at a big swell's dress, An' 'mid the whirr of 'er old machine, I'll back she'll fancy th' roar between. When the reg'ment leaps in the foe's man's hair, An' then she'll breathe a tiny pray'r, 'Taka-rara-rara, "The girl I lef' be'ind me." An' if, as we carry the 'eighty, I fall, With the girdling smoke f'r a soldier's pall, When we rush the bush an' the artful treach, Or ford the river's chilly drench, You'll find in the breast o' me bloom in 'is shirt, The face, with a frame o' ribbon be-girt, 'Taka-rara-rara, "The girl I lef' be'ind me."

The Planet is in receipt of a copy of Kerry Mills' new cake walk, entitled, "Impassioned Davis." Mr. Mills is the composer of "Whistling Rufus," "Rastus on Parade," and other popular two steps.

## A FINE NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate, published in London, is really a credit to that excellent agricultural journal. The colored front-

piece is very artistic, and the edition is otherwise profusely and handsomely illustrated by photo engravings. The reading matter is very abundant, and covers a wide range of information. Many valuable articles have been written expressly for this edition by leading British, American and Canadian agricultural experts, among the latter being the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Hon. David Ferguson, of Prince Edward Island; Hon. F. R. Black, of Nova Scotia; C. Marker, of Alberta; N. W. T. Prof. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Doctor—"I can do nothing more for you. You may live a week, but you cannot hope for more." Jeweler—"Die before the holiday rush is over? Never!"—The Jeweler's Weekly.

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There was a young man Vaughn, Who arose one day with the daugh'n, To find himself broke, Which was no joke, For his overcoat he had to pawn, Chicago News.

## ARE KIDNEYS FIT TO EAT?

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