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Among the many modern conveniences, to get the best results, both in labor and economy, is the

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As the season is to hand for syrup making, call and see our supplies at The Ark.

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## PUBLIC TASTE DEGENERATED

Stage Director Macomber, of Hello-Bill Co., thus Accounts for Abandoning Standards.

An Interesting Interview on the Characteristics of Stageland and its Votaries.

George Macomber, stage director and manager of the "Hello-Bill" company which played this city with such success last week, in one of the old legitimate actors, having supported some of the noted stars of the past and present. Mr. Macomber's favorite roles are Brutus in "Julius Caesar," Othello in "Othello," Damon in "Damon and Pythias," Ingomar in "Ingomar," etc.

During his visit to Chatham The Planet secured an interesting interview with Mr. Macomber. When asked why he is now playing in farce comedy he replied briefly, "We have to cater to the public taste." "I am sorry," he continued, "that the public, as a rule, seem to have lost taste for the grand old drama. Some say there are no actors now to impersonate Shakespearean characters—but I do not agree with them. I believe there are, but it is suicidal for a manager to attempt to produce it as the public will not encourage it."

"When, for instance, I played Shakespearean parts, I felt—when the play was over—I had, in a way, enlightened my audience; but now, in a farce comedy part, it is merely a matter of dollars and cents and I do not feel that anyone has been really edified. How could they be? Think of it! Pardon me for dropping the subject." And Mr. Macomber made one of his characteristic gestures.

"Is there much superstition in the profession?" Mr. Macomber was asked.

"Oh, yes," he replied, "more I suppose than in any other business. I remember once, some years ago, when I was playing Pythias in Damon and Pythias, the star who was playing Damon and who was a very superstitious man, nearly broke up the scene in consequence. He hated to see a cross-eyed man. He considered him a bad omen. On the occasion I speak of we had twelve 'supers' acting as senators, and when Damon came on and appealed to the senators in the following lines—being a part of his address—'You have not voted, nor you, nor you' (looking up and down the two rows of senators) he espied a cross-eyed man among them, he immediately exclaimed, 'Oh, my God, I am hoodooed!' 'Tis needless to say the stage manager was severely reprimanded for putting the man on."

"As a rule do professional people save their money?" Mr. Macomber was asked.

"Many do," was the reply, "but I am sorry to say quite a number are spendthrifts. They have little or no thought for the future, but the wise ones never forget there is a summer before them when they are not drawing a salary and cannot live independent of their funds."

"Are many of them addicted to the use of intoxicants?"

"Yes, to a greater or lesser extent, but the man who drinks to excess soon loses the respect of his associates in the company—and eventually all self-respect."

"Are actors, as a rule, persons who are not addicted to what is commonly termed 'kicking'?"

"No. We have many chronic 'kickers.' But, with all due respect to the lady members of the profession, we find more 'kickers' in their ranks. It seems they cannot accustom themselves to the inconveniences that sometimes arise in one night stands particularly."

"Do you not find it very monotonous playing one part night after night, thereby almost unconsciously giving a bad performance of your part?"

"Yes, but the public and the press is the spur which calls forth the best efforts. The player never forgets that while his lines are old to him they are new to many of his audience and his best efforts are called forth."

Mr. Macomber said many young people had visited him from time to time asking advice as to their "going on the stage." He almost invariably counseled in the negative. The difficulties and inconveniences which beset a beginner are great and the possibilities of reaching the top very few.

Mr. Macomber created the part of General Fuller in "Hello-Bill" and has been connected with the company (except for three years, when he did a legitimate sketch in vaudeville) since the first production of the play. His home is in Baltimore, Ind., where the disastrous fire occurred in February.

Rev. W. H. G. Coffey, I. P. S., visited the school on the first Friday in the month, and the trustees, Messrs. Arnold, J. P. Walters, and Cummings, made their first official call of the year on the following Friday.

## COURT GRANTS DREYFUS' APPEAL

Plea for Revision of Rennes Trial Accorded to by Court of Cassation.

Sufficient Showing Made for a Re-opening of the Case—Great Point Gained.

Paris, March 5.—The criminal branch of the court of Cassation today granted the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of the trial at Rennes.

The court held a sufficient showing had been made to warrant a re-opening of the case, and ordered a supplementary investigation for the purpose of establishing the doubtful points which have been the basis for the present application to reopen the case.

The decision is another marked success for Dreyfus.

The decision was given at the close of the third day's hearing. Comparatively little public interest has been taken in the sessions of the court, and the court room was almost deserted. Most of the day was given to the address of Maître Morand, one of Dreyfus' counsel. He argued that the case against Dreyfus was a tissue of invention. He closed with an eloquent appeal, saying that the honor of the army and its officers demanded the removal of the stain of this unjust conviction. Counsel referred to Dreyfus' great qualities of heart and exalted character, and turned towards M. Labori, the lawyer who defended Dreyfus at Rennes, as if making a personal appeal to have his statements confirmed. Thereupon M. Labori arose and left the court room causing some commotion.

M. Labori was quoted as saying in the corridor that he did not wish his presence to confirm the eulogy pronounced upon his former client's heart and character.

The decision was then given. The criminal branch of the Court of Cassation will conduct the supplementary investigation and thereafter its findings will be presented by the united branches of the Court of Cassation, which is the supreme and final civil authority. It is the expectation of the highest government authorities that the court's final decision will rehabilitate Dreyfus, but the Court of Cassation has the right to order another trial before a military court.

## CANCER CURE

Dr. Rollin Stevens Uses Water Impregnated With Radium—Ex-Male City Man Making a Name for Himself.

The following press despatch from Ann Arbor gives prominent to a discovery in the medical world made by Dr. Rollin Stevens, eldest son of N. H. Stevens, of this city:—

The possibility of using radium to convert ordinary rain and well water into a mineral water more highly medicinal than any known natural mineral water, has been demonstrated at the University of Michigan in a series of experiments covering the last two weeks.

Dr. Rollin H. Stevens has hit upon the idea of immersing a glass tube in water tightly closed in glass bottles. He was looking for a method by which radium could be applied to a cancer without any danger of the terrible radium, or X-ray burns.

He worked on the well-known phenomenon that every substance brought even within a moderate distance of radium, absorbs the radium rays and afterwards gives them out exactly like a radium tube. By leaving a sealed tube in pure distilled water for twenty-four hours, he produced radio-active water, of powerful effects, as his tests immediately proved.

Injected into cancers this water stopped pain in ten minutes. His first patient was a man whose allotted life was one week, a sufferer from cancer and an X-ray burn. This man took morphine to endure his pain, but after one application of the radium water he was able to stop the morphine completely and life was prolonged two months.

Other patients now under the radium water treatment include one with a cancer of eighteen years' standing, and some of the ordinary nose and breast cancers. The eighteen year cancer has had six weeks of treatment, and from the first five minutes after applying the water pain has been almost wholly absent. In each of the other cases pains stopped immediately and several poor sufferers were released from the morphine habit, which has been forced upon them.

Apparently the water is curing every one of these cancers, even the ones with an eighteen year history, for all of them have steadily and consistently diminished in size, the worst one now being only half of its former bulk. By the beginning of March the mineralizing of pure water will begin on a much larger scale.

True greatness lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.

## JAPS ATTACK VLADIVOSTOCK

Town and Shore Batteries Bombarded for Nearly an Hour by Warships.

Japanese Advance in Corea will Not Commence Until 100-000 Men Have Reached Ping-Yong.

London, Monday, March 7.—Only Russian reports on the bombardment of Vladivostock have yet been received, and these give no indications as to whether the Russian squadron is still there. According to a report from Tokio, the squadron was seen off Gensan, Corea, last Thursday, but on this point there is no reliable information. Speculation, however, mostly inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostock, as neither the official nor the other reports of bombardment mention Russian battleships.

QUIET AT PORT-ARTHUR.  
Port Arthur despatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitering off Port Arthur, Friday night, during a heavy snowstorm. The Daily Telegraph's Corea correspondent says Russians are still employing thousands of coolies at Port Arthur and Dalny on entrenchments and new forts and that they are also mounting over 100 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

RUSSIAN SAILORS SHOT.  
The correspondent of the Standard at Tien Tsin gives a rumor that fifty Russian sailors were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur and that they were shot the same day.

NO ADVANCE YET.  
The Daily Mail's Chefoo correspondent describes a visit which he made to Chinampo. He says the country thence to Ping-Yang is impassable owing to the thaw. The villages were deserted and horses and provisions cannot be obtained, everything having been bought up by the Japanese. "I am informed," says the correspondent, "that there will be no advance till 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping-Yang. It is thawing inland and the waterways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every suitable landing place and are buying all suitable craft along the coast. At noon, Friday, transport steamers conveyed by the cruiser Takao and two torpedo boats, landed men and stores 10 miles below Hwangju. Cossacks kept a sharp watch on the Japanese movements."

HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL.  
The Daily Mail's Ping-Yang correspondent, under date of March 3rd, describes the great difficulties to be met with on the road from Seoul. He says that recent thaws broke up the roads, which again have become frozen over, while from time to time there are severe snow storms. One passenger with the correspondent traversed was covered with sheets of sloping ice. The country as far as Hwang is mountainous and impregnable from the north, but afterwards it became more open. He says it is piteous to see the terror of Korean refugees, fleeing through the snow with their household goods.

MISSIONARIES NOT ALARMED.  
Cabling under yesterday's date the same correspondent says the missionaries are averse to leaving Ping-Yang and are not likely to accept the offer of United States Minister Allen (to allow refugees to go aboard the United States cruiser Cincinnati), as they believe they will be able to escape later should the situation become acute.

Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

## Shoes.



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Reliable Makes  
Exclusive Styles

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## Turrill, THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.

### JAPS WITH DYNAMITE.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs, under reserve, a story to the effect that a party of Japanese, disguised as Tartars, were arrested by a guard of the Siberian railway bridge at Syran, on the River Volga, having packages on dynamite in their possession. A special despatch from Tien-Tsin estimates there are 30,000 Tungus irregulars in Southern Manchuria, largely led by patriotic Japanese who volunteered for the dangerous work.

The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived at Suda Bay, Turkey.

### VLADIVOSTOCK ATTACKED.

Vladivostock, March 7.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 10.25 this afternoon, and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes. The fleet approached from the direction of Asakof Island, at the east entrance of Ussuri Bay, and about 32 miles south-east of Vladivostock. Entering Ussuri Bay, the enemy formed in line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-third miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of the 200 lyddite shells failed to burst. The Russian batteries, commanded by Gens. Sceronez and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the

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## Beehive Novelty Supply Company PROGRAM.

WEEK OF MONDAY, MARCH 7th, 1904.

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