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Meeting of St. Bon's Ladies' Association.

The St. Bonaventure's Ladies' Association held their quarterly meeting yesterday afternoon. The work of the past quarter was reviewed. The President Mrs. T. J. Edens. It was decided to hold the annual sports in connection with the College on July 2nd, and arrangements are now going on to make the event as successful as in former years. Several ladies volunteered as table holders for that day. A resolution of condolence on the death of her deceased husband, was passed to Mrs. J. J. Channing. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Keegan and the ladies and gentlemen who helped to make "Irish Night" the success it was; also to the Holy Name and Blessed Virgin's Societies for donations.

C.L.B. Dance.

The annual spring dance under the management of the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the C. L. B. took place last night in the British Hall. Upwards of three hundred persons attended, including officers from the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment. A programme of fifteen dances, including waltzes, two-steps and lancers, was taken up at nine o'clock and indulged in until shortly after midnight. The music was supplied by the C. L. B. band, the members of which were in exceptionally good form last night as they had to respond to encores repeatedly. During the evening refreshments were served.

Football Meeting

The Casual Football Club held their annual meeting in A. Harvey & Co.'s office last evening and elected officers for the ensuing term, as follows:—
Captain..... G. Dick.
Vice-Captain..... W. Searle.
Sec.-Treasurer..... H. Foster.
Mr. Foster was also appointed to act as League Delegate. The Casuals will soon commence training and hope to give a good account of themselves this season. It is the intention of the club to be represented in the Football Race at the coming Regatta.

50 Sacks Irish Potatoes.

By s.s. Sardinian: 50 sacks Irish Potatoes.
By s.s. Stephano, Thursday, May 1, '13:
N. Y. Turkeys.
N. Y. Corned Beef.
N. Y. Chicken.
Grape Fruit, Bananas.
Wine Sap Apples.
California Oranges.
New Cabbage, Tomatoes.
Cucumbers, Celery.
Rhubarb.

T. J. EDENS,
DUCKWORTH ST and MILITARY RD.

REPORTER DETECTIVES.

Newspapermen Often Make Pretty Fair Sleuths—The Work of Following Criminal News on a Big London Daily Sometimes Results in Triumphs and Frequently in Disaster—Neither Time, Energy Nor Money Spared in Ferreting Out Truth About a Story.

Every great modern newspaper has its own staff of detectives, whose business it is to be ready at a moment's notice to investigate any crime that has attracted political interest. These men—who are engaged as reporters, and are known as "crime investigators"—have a wider experience than many detectives, and their enterprise in search for exclusive news is often responsible for queer incidents, says a London paper.

One of the earliest experiences of the writer taught him to temper pertinacity with discretion. He had reason to suppose that an old woman who lived in a back street might have some valuable information concerning a case he was engaged on. He knocked at the door—it was late at night—and the lady popped a dishevelled head out of the window above.

"I represent the —," said he. "I —."

The old woman put her hand to her ear. "Eh?" she said. "Speak up, I'm rather deaf."

Again the journalist, with as much suavity as circumstances would permit, stated his object at the top of his voice, adding that he was a reporter, the old woman said never a word, but closed the window with a bang, doggedly the man below plied the knocker. A moment later a deluge descended on him, and the woman, a bucket in her hand, contemplated his bedraggled retreat with a smile of vicious satisfaction.

Even this mishap, unpleasant as it was, paled before the experience of a colleague who, at the time of the search for Dr. Crippen, was detained one night, and left in a police cell for several hours, on suspicion of being the murderer. And, speaking of Dr. Crippen, it is interesting to recall that Scotland Yard first had its attention directed to the possibility of poison and its nature by a crime investigator.

When a crime investigator has once started on his quest he spares neither effort nor money to beat his competitors. Recently, during a trial of some consequence at a little country town boasting one small post office, two keen rivals on evening newspapers, whom we will call A. and B., were present.

Whoever was first in despatching the news would prevent the other from sending anything. A concocted a little plot, and bought a sensational novel before the case began. He tore out a dozen pages, and pasted them down on official telegraph forms.

"Hand that over the counter, and tell 'em there's more to come," he said to his messenger boy.

The solitary clerk began telegraphing the novel, and A. continued to send sections interspersed with the report of the case, while poor B.'s copy was kept aside till the first telegram had finished. At last the case came to an end. A. put the result on the wires, pasted down another chapter of the novel to be sent afterwards, and had the satisfaction of learning later that his paper was on sale with a full report before the rival journal got anything.

But B. treasured a determination of revenge, and his opportunity came the following week. There was a murderer mystery at a remote village and the nearest railway and telegraph office were seven miles away.

B. arrived a day before the inquest, and went to the only two motor garages in the town, and chartered for the following day all the cars they possessed. When A. arrived, the best vehicle he could find was a dingy brougham and a decrepit horse. This was absolutely useless for conveyance of messages, and this time he had the chagrin of seeing his rival sending off his account every ten minutes, while he had to wait till the whole thing was over.

In crime investigation the case is not always to the swift. I was delayed on one occasion, and arrived an hour or two after the majority of other newspaper men. Not a vehicle not so much as a bicycle, had been left to get to the village, several miles distant, where the tragedy occurred. Then an idea occurred to me. A brake with coroner's jury was about to set off, under the guidance of one of the chief police officers concerned. I called the driver aside, slipped five dollars in his hand, and became a member of the jury for the time being.

I had the satisfaction of seeing my colleagues being kept outside gates

by uniformed constables, while I was being told every fact about the case by the man most qualified to know. In a little time I abandoned the jury, as I was now inside the cordon and witnessed the finding of a gold watch that had been stolen from the victims.

But luck had not done with me yet. As I crossed a field I met two women, one weeping vehemently. I asked her if there was anything I could do.

"No," said the second woman. "She is upset. Her two sons have just been arrested for murder."

My paper had a "scoop" on the arrest, which had been kept rigorously secret, the next day.

What About Your Cough?

Is it gradually growing from bad to worse? A person contracts a cold some way or another. Very often you do not know how you contracted it. The symptoms do not begin until 1 or 2 days after.

1st—it affects the head, causing a nasty, uncomfortable feeling for about 36 hours, leaving the head and affecting the throat and gradually settling on the chest, which 9 cases out of 10 neglected. This is the time when the danger is at hand.

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Back Door Farming

BY H. L. RAN.



Back door farming is a general occupation pursued by people who have grown tired of consorting with decrepit vegetables and potato-generian eggs. It is a healthful pursuit, as it causes two drops of perspiration to grow where but one grew before.

Back door farming is usually practiced by disgruntled tax payers who own a piece of real estate which is too large for an ornamental flower pot and too small for a croquet ground. After a man has lived in the city for several years and subsisted on radishes with a hollow center and green corn that will never see forty again, he will begin to look around for a few square feet of land where he can lay the foundation for lima bean soup and the pie plant pie.

There are several advantages about back door farming which appeal to men who are averse to donning the rude habiliments of toil, such as the tube skirt overall and the bloated green denim blouse. The back door farmer can come home in the evening, eat a light supper and plunge headlong into the onion bed and the serried ranks of the rutabaga without changing anything but his appetizer, which will rise up about 11 p.m. and have to be appended with the remains of a sponge cake.

It is not necessary to grow anything in order to be a successful farmer. The idea is to euthuse an appetite to the point where it will not attempt to run away from a 35-cent dairy lunch. There is nothing that will remove the inbred inertia from an enervated floor walker quicker than to get up before breakfast and gallop around a tomato bed on his hands and knees.

This is hard on trousers, but it is better to ruin a pair of \$4 pants than go through life dodging hot biscuits and buckwheat cakes.

The henery is a pleasing adjunct to the back door farm, and every once in a while somebody harvests a couple of waxen eggs therefrom. If proper restraint is placed upon the prying setting hen, so that she cannot scratch the bedding off the beans, she will repay all the love and care showered upon her.

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Among the members of a working gang on a certain railroad was an Irishman who claimed to be very good at figures. The boss, thinking that he would get ahead of Pat, said: "Say, Pat, how many shirts can you get out of a yard."

"That depends," answered Pat, "on whose yard you get into."

Lieutenant (to his orderly): "Bring me a beefsteak and a poached egg."
Orderly: "Excuse me, sir, but haven't you forgotten that you are to dine to-night at Countess Stingle's?"
Lieutenant: "That's so! I had forgotten. Bring me two beefsteaks and two poached eggs."
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