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## SHANNAHAN ON THE "FIRST AID" FAD.

"I suppose," said Tucker, "you heard tell of the new society called the 'First Aid to the Injured.' I see by the papers that all the gentry are on the list, but though I've scanned it pretty closely, not a tradesman or fisherman or laborer can I find there. In fact I don't see the name of Mr. F. M. Jackman, the man who did more to aid the sick and injured while he was member than the whole jolly fit-out of them. I have seen that man at the railway station at all times and in all weathers, freeze or blow, rain or snow, he was there awaiting the arrival of the train on which there would be a constituent, or a constituent's wife or son or daughter, who would be coming to the Hospital. Why he is not on the list I don't know, but I suppose it is another sample of man's inhumanity to man. Sure, I might ask also why he was defeated in Placentia. It's a fool of a man that will lose any sleep over politicians or constituents, for the run of a government, any government is only for a limited time, and suppose you stood on your head for four years to please the crowd, when the time comes the government goes, so there you are."

"What is the business of this First Aid Society?" asked Mrs. Tucker. "What are they going to do, give out grub in the winter, or give us free lectures on opening our windows?"

"Not at all," says Tucker. "Do ye women ever read the papers; or if ye do read them, have ye any brains to retain the information—the valuable information that they publish? The 'First Aid to the Injured' Society is a society to help people in a hurry. They don't wait till your good and dead to come over to look at you, nor

do they wait to send wreaths to you just before you're buried. Oh no! This society will be composed of smart athletic men and women—men who are not altogether what you'd call athletes, but men who one time in their life pulled on the pond or gave a ham as a prize for the greasy pole on the day of the races. These people don't want to be placed on the shelf, as it were; they want to be in the swim. It's too hard a job for them to contest an outharbor district, and then that is a very uncertain game; so the only safe way to get in the public eye is to join this grand society. Supposing it is the day of the races," said Tucker, "and I stop home to shingle my house, all the First Aid Society are down to the races, and supposing, for instance, the scaffold that I got rigged up gives way about twenty minutes to two and I come down head over heels to the ground, no one is allowed to pick me up only one of the society, and as I said before, all that crowd are down to the pond, and I have to wait till the races are over before I can receive any aid. Or supposing—

"That will do," said Mrs. Tucker. "You're a daisy for taking things wrong. You'd better make some further inquiries about that society before you let any one else hear you talking in that style. We are living in a grand age," said Mrs. Tucker. "Just the same. Before now you never knew how much a captain made at the ice, but now you get it in black and white. I see Capt. Keam made \$3,600, a pretty nice bill; but somehow or other it hardly looks square that one man gets \$3,600 for his share and another \$154 for his. Brains are a wonderful thing. But I don't think they are worth that difference. Sixteen hundred dollars more divided between the men and taken off the captain would appear square to me. But what's the use of talking, you can talk till you're black

in the face and no one minds you if you haven't a pull."

"Having a pull," said Tucker, "reminds me of one time I was chairman of a political meeting, and while the contest was on merchants, who were interested in our party, used to nod to me, in fact they sometimes went as far as to speak, while a half-holiday smile like a penny candle came over their phizes; but as soon as the election was over and we were turned down, those important men froze up again as hard as nails, and now they pass me like a cow that lost a calf. But I suppose they think we'll thaw out when they want us again. They say to themselves, 'I can get that fellow at any time.' But I would advise those would-be high-falutins to keep us thawed while we're thawed, for it might be difficult to find out just where we are frozen."

TIM SHANNAHAN.

## Marine Notes.

The Mildred arrived at Oporto today all well.

The Puma and Lynx sailed for Rose au Rue to-day to engage in the whale fishery.

The s.s. Rosalind left Montreal for St. John's to-day.

The whaler Lynx was out on the harbor yesterday having her compass adjusted.

The s.s. Durango sailed last evening for Liverpool taking a large freight and two passengers—Messrs. Dotteridge and Chatterton.

The schr. J. P. Bartram, Capt. Keough, has been chartered by Job Bros. & Co. and will take a load of oil to Glasgow.

The launch Minnow left here at 5 a.m. yesterday for Harbor Grace with a load of provisions and arrived there at 11.30 a.m.

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## Sixty Feet in Air Asylum Patient Laughs at Guard.

Perched on the roof of a building, 60 feet in height, and turning a deaf ear to the threats and cajolments alike, a patient of St. Benoit's Asylum gave his keepers a very anxious and exciting time of it this morning.

When finally the import of the messages directed at him dawned upon him, he threatened to join his pursuers by the long jump route, if any attempt were made to capture him. The officials of the asylum were not in favor of this mode of transit and used every effort to wheedle him into a more reasonable state of mind. All efforts, however, proved futile and it was not until it occurred to one of them that, perhaps, a more determined stand should be taken that the patient was induced to descend from his perilous position by means of the ladder he had employed to reach the high altitude earlier.

An unloaded revolver was brought into play and the man was told that, unless he came down within a certain time, he would be shot. This was not particularly to his liking and he descended, much to the relief of the officials of the asylum.

The affair was witnessed by a crowd of spectators, who were thrilled by the dramatic action of the scene, but who shared the relief of the man's keepers when he finally reached terra firma.

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## Brave Mother Saves Children.

Moncton, N. B., April 27.—Fire this morning destroyed the house of William Brown, Georgetown, two miles from the city, with a loss of \$3,500, and the insurance amounting to \$1,500. The furniture was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 with no insurance. It is supposed that tramps, who were lurking about yesterday, set fire to the Brown home. The blaze was first discovered by Mrs. Brown, who was awakened at one o'clock by a bright glare. She carried one of the children through the flames to safety and later returned for another one. For a time it seemed as if she could not make her way from the burning building, and finally had to break open the front door window and escape by that means.

## Here and There.

**ROW AT LIME STREET.**—Two clerks who had imbibed too freely had a fierce set to on the head of Lime Street last night. They pummelled each other severely. They were pretty badly cut about the face and had to be parted by bystanders.

**A FIRE ALARM.**—At 11.30 to-day an alarm of fire was turned in from box 231, bringing the Central and Eastern firemen to the residence of Mr. Greene, Merrymeeting Road. A few sparks from the chimney alighting on the shingles set fire to them. A few pails of water quenched the blaze.

**GETTING NEW BOILER.**—The s.s. Mary, which plies between this port and Bell Island, is having a new boiler, made by the Angel Engineering Co., installed. It is one of the finest boilers of its type ever made in the city and will greatly accelerate the speed of the ship.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**—Messrs. C. O'N. Conroy and Cyril Cahill of this city, and Rev. Dr. Whelan and M. O'Brien of Harbor Grace leave by this evening's express for Moncton, N.B., where a general convention of the Knights of Columbus of Canada will take place. These gentlemen will represent the Councils established in the Capital and Harbor Grace.

Job Printing of all kinds.

## Colossal Spring Cleaning.

What it Costs to Sweep the "Cobwebs" From Clubs, Big Public Buildings, and Palaces.

Spring cleaning is the biggest job of the year for every housewife in the country. But the largest and most wholesale private house cleaning sinks into insignificance compared with the annual task of renovating a great club or a public building like the British Museum reading room, or the House of Parliament.

Take the Carlton Club for instance. Once a year the members are turned out for the space of three weeks, while a small army of cleaners, washers, dusters, and decorators are let loose within the immense building. There is over an acre of wall space to be cleaned down, and more than 2,000 square feet of windows to be washed, besides ten thousand books to dust.

The floors and passages have an aggregate area of 13,000 square feet, and all this is carefully washed, while the carpets and rugs are cleaned by vacuum process. It takes twenty men to handle the enormous Axminster in the morning-room. As it weighs two and a half tons, this is not surprising.

All the clocks, of which there are about three score, are taken to pieces and cleaned. So are the billiard tables. The china and crockery and cooking utensils are inventoried, repaired, and broken pieces replaced. The chimneys are swept, and it may be mentioned that one item of the cleaners' account is half a ton of soda.

£750 for Beating Carpets.

Large as is the Carlton Club building, it is nothing compared with the House of Parliament. A staff of 45 charwomen are always at work cleaning and scrubbing the endless passages and rooms. The Houses does not get a regular spring clean, but during every recess there is a great turning out. Beating the carpets costs £750 a year, cleaning the windows costs a couple of hundred, and the total bill for keeping the home of the Mother of Parliaments in apple-pie order amounts to a trifle of £55,000.

Three years ago Olympia had its first thorough cleansing since the day it was built, about a quarter of a century before. The great height of the roof proved a bar to the employment of ordinary workmen, so the services of sailors were requisitioned, and about ninety were set to work, at a height of 140 feet, in travelling cradles. They dislodged from the rafters more than ten cartloads of fine dust.

After the cleaning had been finished thirty tons of paint were used to decorate the girders and woodwork, and 300 fresh panes of glass, each seven feet by two, were put into the roof. The cost of the whole job was over £9,000.

When a place has remained uncleaned for nearly a hundred years on end, even a Hercules might be pardoned for shrinking from the task of getting rid of the accumulated dust of ages. There are some old wine vaults in the Eastgate, Chester, which were noted for the extraordinary festoons of cobwebs which hung from the roof, and clung about the old casks and puncheons.

It had become a sort of point of honour with the proprietors, to whom the license had descended from father to son, not to sweep away the works of the busy spider.

Last year the proprietor died, and the magistrate ordered a thorough cleaning of the place. It may be hard to believe, but the fact remains that the vacuum cleaner extracted nearly 200 pounds dead weight of cobwebs alone.

**Cleaning Buckingham Palace.** Buckingham Palace is a large building than many people imagine, and its annual cleaning costs as much as the price of a nice property. Two thousand pounds is the bill. Every few years there is a cleaning on a larger scale, when a quantity of painting is done, and this means an expenditure of about £5,000.

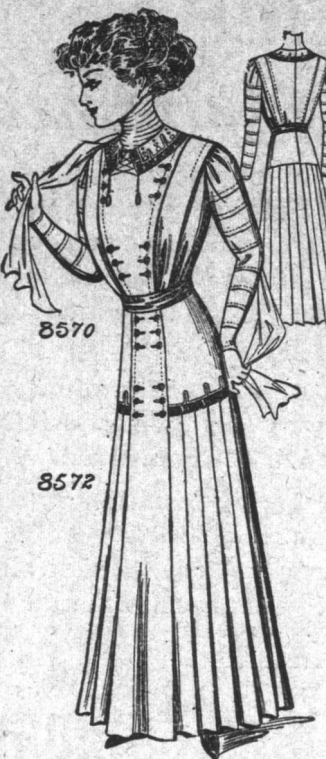
About fifteen years ago the whole place was painted, seven coats of paint being put on. This meant an addition of £10,000 to the annual estimates.

Cleaning a theatre is no child's play, for the work must generally be done at racing speed. As an example of what can be done in this way, a London firm of cleaners and dyers contracted to clean all the box curtains and draperies of the Empire Theatre at Nottingham in twenty-four hours. These were taken down immediately after the show, and put on a train leaving at 1 a.m.

They reached London at 4.30. They were cleaned, finished, and packed by one o'clock the following afternoon, were in Nottingham again by 4.30, and up in their places by seven.

## EVENING TELEGRAM FASHION PLATES.

The Home Dressmaker should keep a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Pattern Cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.



**8570-8572. A MODISH GOWN.**

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