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Useful Hints.

Add an ounce of alum to the last water used to rinse children's clothes and they will be rendered uninfamable.

Rice baths must be thoroughly dried after use or they will rust, and clothes put into them will be stained with iron mould.

Washed white silk can be cleaned by washing with stale bread crumbs to which a little powder blue has been added. Black silk can be renovated by responding with fig leaves (obtained at a florist's), a good handful, have simmered in two quarts of water for ten minutes, let the liquid cool before using.

Wash silk stockings with pure soap in water that is only just warm. Soap and hot water destroy the fibres and make the threads brittle, and "ladders" soon appear.

Unbleached calico will make nice window curtains for a bedroom window. It costs half the price of others,

and looks as well, besides lasting longer.

A Brussels carpet is best cleaned with oxalate, to be had from the butcher. Empty the bladder into half-pail of warm water, rub the carpet all over with a clean flannel dipped in the mixture, and the colours will be like new.

To lengthen the life of a wringer off all its bearings regularly, and when not in use loosen the screws regulating the rollers or they are liable to become warped and the springs strained.

To remove a photograph pasted in an album, cover it with blotting paper that has soaked in warm water. When the paste is sufficiently softened, draw the photograph off carefully and slowly, so as not to tear it.

FOR RHEUMATISM.

MUSTEROLE

AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

WEEK-END NOTES.

(C. C. MORRIS.)
CHAPTER XII.

Perhaps no feature of our commercial life, as it applies to the water-front, has undergone a greater change than that of the personnel of the business firms, whose names were prominent in the sixties. Some of these names were amongst the first to engage in the fisheries, and they were instrumental in that system of credit which prevailed at that time. These firms were very typical and representative of the British Isles, for they directly represented the three-fold nationality of the English, Irish and Scotch. It would seem that the colonization of Newfoundland lay exclusively with those three countries, and as a result the people of Newfoundland always have been, and still are, representative of what is generally accepted as the Anglo-Saxon race.

Amongst the English firms we had such names as Brookings, Bennett Bond, Mudge, Bowring, Rendell, Newman, Duder, Goodridge, Job, Tessier, Hutchings, Kellegrew, Clift, Stabb, Warren, Gully, Holmewood, Woods, March and others. These names represented some London and Liverpool firms; but some of them represented the west of England firms, principally Devonshire, while the name of the LeMessurier represented the Jersey firms. There were, of course, other names, but they were not directly engaged in the shipping business consisted principally in dry goods and general merchandise, which represented a more direct cash trade. But those names which I have mentioned were directly interested in shipping, and in the foreign export trade. At that time ships were owned more directly by a firm or by an individual, than they are now, as there were not as many shareholders then in a ship as one finds to-day. Amongst the Scotch names, there ranked some of our shrewdest business men—men who left their impress upon their times, and who had strong outstanding characteristics. Such names as Robertson, Boyd, McLean, Stewart, McDougall, McBride, Muir, Baine Johnson and Grievie. Amongst others of that class, who were foremost in business, but were not then interested in shipping, were such names as Pitts, Sellars, Baird, Ayre, Wilson and Cairns.

FAMILIAR NAMES.

In the history of the Irish firms, we had such names as, Shea Barron, Alsop, Brennan, Kent, McLoughlin, O'Dwyer, Meehan and Fox. These with others, comprised the list of Irish gentlemen, who after the ninth of June fire, and on to the sixties, occupied the water-front of St. John's. Whether those men had any faith in Newfoundland other than a fishing country, may be opened to doubt; but it is certain that they believed in the fisheries of Newfoundland, and they put their all into them, and took great risks, and whatever development we have made, or improvements we have attained, to those men whom we have mentioned, must be accorded the honour and praise, for having laid the corner stone of our present commercial fabric. They had many serious drawbacks to contend with, but they displayed their ability, and showed themselves men of sterling worth. Not their's to flash a message across the ocean,

but their's to ring up a contemporary or nearby towns, not their's to get regular mails, but rather had they to wait and to wonder what the result of their enterprise would be. At that time the entire business of the country was conducted by the enterprise of pounds, shillings and pence, and the result of their enterprise was so small that it is to-day, because there were the four columns of figures, and four denominations to be reckoned, in shillings and pence. It was in the early sixties that dollars and cents were first introduced into Newfoundland, but it was not until twenty years after that system was adopted in general commerce. It was late in the sixties that the battle of Confederation was fought, and as our readers are aware, lost. Had Confederation been adopted, the currency of dollars and cents would have been adopted also. But the cry against Confederation was very bitter, and the people wanted to save the equality from the Canadians, and their window panes from being taxed, so they would have none of their ways, and so the old routine of pounds, shillings, and pence was continued until education and the conditions of business demanded the reader, and quicker, and more simplified system of dollars and cents.

GREAT CHANGES REVEALED.

A glance at the sign-boards of the water-front to-day, reveals a great change, for not many are left of those who were once so prominent, and whose influence was so felt in our commerce. The old links which connected the past with the present have been gradually severed; and a new and more advanced order has been introduced. If some of the older men to whom we have referred, could come back to St. John's some Saturday night, and look into such establishments as Bowring Bros. of to-day, or Messrs. Ayre & Sons, or G. Knowling, Ltd., or James Baird, Ltd., or the Royal Stores, Ltd., they would hardly believe that these spacious and well-stocked, and well conducted establishments, are the outcome of their little shops, some of which had comparatively small and antiquated windows. Amongst the many changes of Water Street, we must not overlook the change of the residence of the proprietors of those firms. Fifty years ago the average merchant lived over his shop or office; and a great many of them boarded their staff of clerks. The second floor of the building was usually the living flat, consisting of dining room and parlour, and kitchen. The bed-rooms were usually located on the third and attic story. The stairs in those buildings were narrow and round about; and when one occasionally visits these old-styled buildings which are left to-day, and sees these conditions of the past, one is readily convinced that life in the middle of the nineteenth century was a very much simpler experience, than it is to-day. So much then for the names, and so much for the firms, which held sway in St. John's from the ninth of June fire, in 1846, until the close of the sixties and seventies; for about the latter date some of the old names began to decline, and die out; hence the changes, which the water-front presents to-day.

Silvia Arrives.

SHIP MAKES GOOD WINTER PASSAGE.

S. S. Silvia, forty-six hours from Halifax, arrived in port yesterday at 4.30 p.m. The ship met the first ice at 8 p.m. on Thursday, when S. E. of St. Pierre Banks and was steaming through it all night until yesterday morning at daylight when heavy slob was encountered. Capt. Mitchell reports that he did not see any sailing vessels en route, but as previously reported, the Rosalind spoke to Rita M. Cluett and supplied her with provisions. While at New York this trip the Silvia went into dry dock, where her bronze propellers were replaced with steel ones in order to avoid any

damage while steaming through ice. The Silvia is making a record for winter passages, and her longest trip between Halifax and this port was 53 hours, which demonstrates the ability of the ship under exceptional conditions. The following passengers arrived by the ship:—Charles Dingle, W. Bentley, F. Harvey, F. Allen, H. Shaughnessy, Jas. West, John Carver, Antonio Continauri, Miss Amy Dennis, Miss Ida Moulton, Miss Lottie Sainsbury, Miss M. Davenport, Fred Briske, Dr. C. Howlett, Wm. R. Neal, Geo. M. Barr, C. Wiseman, Rev. Dr. Whelan, M. E. Martin, L. C. Mews, J. F. Lawrence, E. Manuel, D. A. Summers, F. J. Shortall, Mrs. A. J. Miller, W. B. Comerford, W. C. Pearce, Mrs. K. White, J. White and five second class. The Silvia will sail again on Monday night or Tuesday morning.

BILLY'S UNCLE



"Watch Your Step" An Attractive Picture

LAST TIME AT THE NICKEL TO-NIGHT.

Two of the most attractive young players on the screen portray the leading roles in the new Goldwyn picture, "Watch Your Step," now being presented at the Nickel Theatre. They are Gullen Landis, who will be remembered for his excellent work in many earlier productions, and Eddy Ruth Miller, a charming ingenue appearing for the first time with Mr. Landis. The acting of these two is fresh, spontaneous and altogether delightful in a charmingly wholesome way. For the most part, the action of the story is laid in a village where the young hero finds himself under rather trying circumstances. Because of an automobile accident which he believes has resulted in a man's death, he wishes to conceal his identity, and finding himself in the secluded village, concludes that he may as well remain there.

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Spring Cleaners!

IF YOU WANT TO SUCCEED—

Don't wake up one morning and decide to begin spring cleaning right away. Make a clear plan well in advance as to what is to be done, and work by method.

Don't begin at the bottom of the house and work upwards. Begin with the attic or top rooms, and finish with the scullery, and follow the same "from top to bottom and outwards" working scheme where individual rooms are concerned.

Don't thoroughly spring-clean the drawing-room and then remember that the chimney has not been swept. Don't try to work a sixteen-hour day. Such acts of domestic martyrdom only upset everything and everybody, including the housewife concerned. It is much better to arrange so that a little spring cleaning is done on a number of different days than to attempt to cram the whole job into a hectic half-a-week.

Don't go the best part of a day without food. It lowers the vitality and causes unnecessary tiredness, also increases labour in the end. Casseroles and gourmet cookery are both convenient for spring cleaning days, and tasty dishes can be prepared.

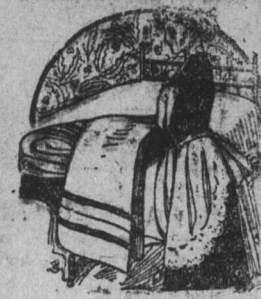
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At the Balsam.

The following guests are at Balsam Place:—John Parsons, Bay Roberts; John Bishop, Bay Roberts; A. M. Calpin, Bay Roberts, M. Pike, Carboneau; John J. Lawrence, Halifax; Miss Amy Dennis, New York; Miss Ida Moulton, New York; Charles Dingle, New York.

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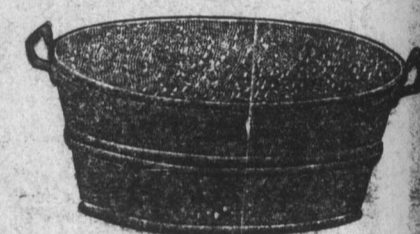
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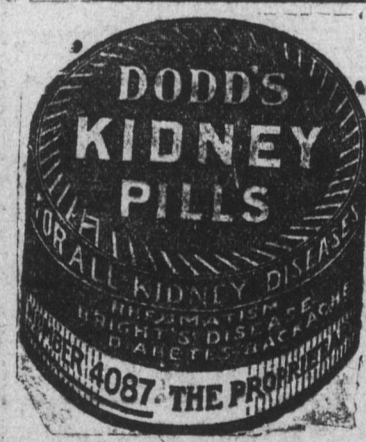
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