# Ready for Battle.

Anything that gives a sensation from her face, where she felt the color of increased vitality is a fitting rising, hard as she strove to prevent it. preparation for the battle of life. he said, with gentleness. "It shall never

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# words of his? Why had he spoken of

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"The cases are different, Sir Philip. They were strangers to you, and most probably not the poor."

"I suppose you mean to insinuate." laughed the baronet, "that these poor apparent unconcern as she moved away fellows, with their overworked wives, and children, and sweethearts, would scorn to take advantage of a patron they were fond of. Wait and see."

He strolled away then, with the rest of the company, enjoying a little desultory chat here, and music there; now a game, at which he would laugh as heartily as a boy, and now a grave discussion on a work of art or scientific

"Mr. Keith," called Lady Somerson, from one of the mullioned windows, "that sandy bay would be a favorite resort of mine if I lived here."

"I fancy not," said Royden, joining her, "for you would soon learn its treachery. There are times when the tide comes sweeping into the bay with an almost sudden rush. It is two on her a strong affection." miles in width; and, unless you can be quite sure of the tide, and have a fleet horse, it is dangerous to venture there. I once rode home that way from the and then to mock her with this quesjunction, when the train did not come | tion! on to Westleigh, but my horse was fresh and the tide on the ebb."

"You will surely never do that again, Mr. Keith," put in Mrs. Payte. "Just more, please, Mr. Keith. Where are we fancy anyone standing at this window, and watching you start across those sands. You know that a couple of miles is not accomplished in a breath however fleet your horse may be; and people are. I'm tired of being alone." a year's agony might be condensed into five minutes, for anyone watching you from here anyone who cared for you.' "There is no fear," said Royden,

of anyone being frightened to

'That's ft,"laughed Sir Philip. "Keith knows that only a wife would be frightened; so, to save her, he will not bring a wife here at all. He says, like Benedick, 'One woman is fair, yet I am well; another is wise, yet I am well; another virtuous; yet I am well; but, till all graces be in one woman, one woman shall not come in my grace.' Is not that it, Keith?"

'Yes.' "But shall you ever find such a one?" inquired Mrs. Trent, with an effort at a place as this, Honore; but I hope he motherly interest, and a struggling ef- will not choose her. Come, are you fort, too, to discriminate between the jesting and the earnest. "Such a one as whom?"

"I mean-" began Mrs. Trent in reply, but then halted.

'We all mean," interspersed Mrs. Payte, without any hesitation at all, "that we are dying with curiosity to chamber. "Mr. Keith has made it very know what sort of a wife you intend to bring to this matchless home.' 'Rich she shall be,' " quoted Roy-

den, his eyes full of laughter as he looked down into the little lady's eager face; "what comes next? Oh, I knowwise, or I'll none; virtuous, fair, mild, noble, of good discourse, an excellent musician, and her hair shall be of what color it please God." "She is to be rich to begin with, is

she, Mr. Keith;" smiled Theodora, feeling herself in that respect, at least, the only eligible person present. 'Yes, rich first of all. It's a word with

a wide meaning, Miss Trent. That gong is summoning us to tea. Will you

They saw again that he wished to put a stop to the conversation, and so they sauntered on, talking of other things. At the far, dim end of the picturegallery, Honore stood alone, gazing in rapt admiration on a marble stattue of Leda, bending over the water's brink, and looking down with wondering earnestness upon the graceful swan which bore to her the spirit of the monorch of the gods. A light and faultless figure, with hands clasped and head bent forward, pausing among the flowers on the water's brim, listening, yet starting back a little, hesitating, yet smiling coyly; pleased almost as if the Olympian deity had wooed her in his own form. Honore stood with her back to contains four letters, but only two letthe window, and through the stained glass above her fell a richly-tinted light upon the chiseled picture; so beautiful! But someone, advancing along the carpeted gallery, saw the rich, warm light lie on the living figure, too, away from us while we stood talking and gave no thought to the beauty of

# WE HAVE IT ....

-That so much talked about,

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"Miss Honore, why did you creep a few minutes ago?" "I wanted to look once more at that," she said daintily, leading Royden's eyes

"And you were weary of our talk?"

weary you again. Of my own will I

oury that afternoon even a thought of

marriage has never entered my heart.

It never can again. You know the

answer to all their jesting questions.

You know whom I love, and whom

alone I could ever ask to be my wife,

and live with me in this solitary home.

You have told me, Honore, that this

derstand what a lonely life mine will

Oh, why had he come to her? Why

had he come just then, when her

thoughts were full of him as they used

to be before Theodora repeated those

this again, here in his own home, where

with all his power, he was so gentle and so kind? Why, above all, would

her heart beat even now at the slightest

Slowly and emphatically did Honore

insist on repeating to herself his speech

to Theodora, but even then the old

spirit of anger was scarcely invoked

ed, looking down the long gallery with

"Where is everybody gone?" she ask-

"Honore, I will never speak to you

of this after tonight. Only let me ask

you the question once more, now in

full earnestness. If you think you might

care for me at some future time, tell

me to wait, and I will ask you again.

Seven years' waiting would be nothing

to me, if, at the end of seven years,

you could lay your hand in mind, and

say you loved me and would be my

waiting hard?" said Royden, drawing

his hand wearily across his brow, "when, if you say 'No' to me tonight, all

the years I have to live will be but

"She does very well for an hour's

The unforgotten words started out

"I wonder where Mrs. Payte can be?"

again assume their original position.

ready? We have stayed late enough.

"I have enjoyed this day very much,"

observed the old lady while she put on

her bonnet, and Honore stood waiting

for her in the warm and beautiful

pleasant, but then, of course, any wealthy man could. L'argent fait tout."

"Don't argue, child. I'm generalizing.

[To be Continued.]

Word.

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done it, even with the 'argent.' "

have made us all happy?"

Honore laughed merrily.

girl said, almost eagerly.

amusement, but no man could bestow

Waiting! How could I think

with strength enough for armor.

from before the statue.

waiting years?"

going now?

tea-if you like."

"And with me?"

be. Is it not so?'

tone of his voice?

Outlook Bright for Well-Bred Canadian Animals. would not have mentioned that subject today. Since you and I walked in Kin-

Cattle Should Be Killed Here.

Cattlemen Demand Increased Accommo-

dation at Montreal.

Brantford, Dec. 7. — The annual meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association was held in the Grand Trunk reading room last evening. There was a fairly large attendance of representative cattle breeders. Mr. John I. Hobson, of Guelph, president, occupied the

His opening address was as follows: Gentlemen,-The members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association have much reason to congratulate themselves on the favorable conditions under which we now meet. For a number of years past the business of farming has been anything but prosperous, and it required men of a very sanguine temperament to see any bright lining in the dark clouds which pressed heavily on the farmer. At last those clouds have lifted and the business of the country shows a more healthy state. The higher price of wheat is apparently having a noticeable influence on many of the other products of the farm. Already the improved concondition of farming is being felt in every city and town in the country. Business men are more hopeful, manufacturers are busy everywhere and in many cases are crowded with orders and working overtime. Speaking, however, more directly of those interests which it is hoped will be benefited by the work done by this association, we find that the total shipment from Montreal up to the present time is very much greater than for the corresponding period of last year and at exceedingly satisfactory prices. What that means to the dairy farmer and the country generally can be realized when it is stated that it is estimated clearly and distinctly before Honore's by those competent speak on the mental eyes. He to speak so of her; matter that from twelve to fourteen million dollars will be received this year for cheese exported. In butter also an unusually large and profitable she said with the greatest nonchalance. business has been done, the increase "Don't let us talk on this subject any in the exports being greatly in excess of the corresponding periods of last year, while the prices obtained in the "Downstairs, where they are having latter part of the season at least leave a good margin for profit. Looking at "Yes; I like anywhere where other the business done directly in cattle, Honore's heart beat with a strange, sudden pain born of the consciousness that all weariness would lie on the "No fear of your riding home along the coast again," smiled Theodora, "or no fear of anyone below field and the tanenthan, and the tanenthan the tanenthan the tanenthan the tanenthan, and the tanenthan th appear to be very great. There is now Despite these thoughts-perhaps, inan absolute certainty that there are deed, owing to these thoughts-Hongreat mineral deposits in British Colore was one of the merriest of Mr. umbia. Northwestern Ontario, and the Keith's guests during that sociable Klondike, the development of which and luxurious tea; and Theodora's will certainly go on at an ever-ineyebrows were so constantly raised in creasing rate for some years to come. supercilious astonishment that Mrs. Besides the vast number of men en-Payte whispered to Honore a serious gaged in mining, there will be the doubt as to whether they could ever great work of railroad construction. Considering that these men will not She has a hundred extra airs and only be non-producers of food products. graces on tonight. She would have no but, on the contrary, will be large conobjection to reign as mistress in such sumers, it will be readily seen that it is not too much to expect that there will be a large western demand for live stock and its products. When out west "I am quite ready-quite ready," the

> month for twelve months. PROSPECTS IN THE WEST. "Hardly," said Honore, staunchly en-That the mines of this western counough now. "Everyone could not have try will add largely to our national wealth goes without saving, but it will not be the value of the minerals taken Il y a fagots et fagots. I know that, from these mines which will alone conbut I am accustomed to say what I stitute the increased wealth, but the mean. Even if Captain Trent had been impetus which it will give to farming our wealthy host today, wouldn't he and stock raising in that great western land will be of still greater value, and will be an important factor towards the more rapid settlement of the rich lands of Manitoba, and particularly of that splendid section of country so peculiarly adapted to stock raising, and mixed farming, familiarly known as the Red Deer and Edmonton country. While speaking of this western country we may for a moment refer to what has been done through the instrumentality of this association in the matter of obtaining greatly reduced rates for shipping all sorts of pedigreed stock to No Name on Earth So Famous Manitoba and the Territories. It is not

this summer I was told by some of the

large ranchmen that prices had at

and I was further informed that Pat

that time gone up \$5 a head for cattle,

have delivered to him 1,000 cattle a



too much to say that the good work

Every woman should realize that her health is like a bank account. At the out-set she has so much deposited to her credit in the bank of health. If she draws out more than she puts in she will soon overdraw her account. An over-drawn account in the bank of health means one of two things, a life of hopeless suffering or an

early death. The woman who neglects her health in a womanly way is making big drafts on her account with the bank of health and will soon be a physical bankrupt. Disorders of this description wreck a woman's general health quicker than anything else in the They soon transform a healthy, happy, amiable woman into a weak, sickly, fretful and despondent invalid. They utterly unfit a woman for wifehood or motherhood. For all disorders of this nature Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned in maternity, giving them health, strength, vigor and elasticity. It relieves pain, allays inflammation, checks debilitating drains, and quickly subdues all other symp-Last year the United States produced 15.465,000 bushels of buckwheat, most of which was consumed at home. There are about 4,600 cakes in one bushel, toms. It at once stops the dragging pains and sinking spells, the nervousness, the digestive disturbances and other complicamaking a total of 70 billion cakes in the tions that arise from the same cause. Taken during the months of expectant maternity, The fact is, however, that when the blood is poor and the system depressed, one becomes peculiarly liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength fails, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without

real money value to the country than New Brunswick, Mr. T. O. Peters. the whole cost of carrying on the work Directors—A. Johnson, A. Rawlings, Trade. the whole cost of carrying on the work Directors—A. Johnson, A. Rawlings, from the days of its inauguration until James Bowman, D. McCrae, H. Wade, the present time. It has given an impetus to the business of breeding good stock in the east; it has given us a market for all our surplus, and, what is of greater importance, the distribution of so much good stock will raise tion of so much good stock will raise the average quality of the stock throughout all that vast section of country from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains. There are yet some minor matters of detail to be attended to in this transport business, which came under my notice last summer when in that part of the country, and which I purpose bringing before the executive

of the association. SEND THE BEST TO BRITAIN. While in Britain during part of the summer and fall of this year, I made it my special business to inquire into the working of the live stock and dressed meat trade between Canada and that country. I inquired into it in a general way in Liverpool and Glasgow, but more particularly in London. In the latter city, where I spent nearly three weeks, I had letters of introduction to Mr. Philcox, superintendent of the Deptford live cattle market; to Mr. Cooper, chairman of the meat trade section of the London Chamber of Commerce, also chairman of the Meat Markets Association of the great Central Meat Market, as well as to Mr. Pridlen, the proprietor and manager of several large retail establishments, and others. From the information received in this way, and a pretty thorough looking into the business generally, the following deductions may be safely drawn: That there is no feeling whatever against Canadian meat simply because it is Canadian. It is a question of quality and the keeping up of a regular supply. It was the same story everywhere, that no better meat goes into the British market than the best Canadian. I was told that by the great dealers of London, and by the prominent men in the business in the larger cities of England and Scotland. We may depend upon it, if we hope to build up and maintain a large and profitable meat trade with Great Britain, that it can only be done by sending the very best. We do not want to do such a business as has been done during the season just now closed, when, in summarizing the transactions, it is estimated that between half and three-quarters of a million dollars have been lost by the dealers who have operated from this side. The same complaint is heard in all the great markets-a superabundance of poor and middling stuff. Englishmen must have the best. Even on the comparatively small quantity really high quality meat which goes from this country, we do not realize what we would do if the supply was more uniform. As we are told on every hand and glancing for a moment at what has by the dealers, there is no use in going been going on in Manitoba and the into the selling of Canadian beef unless western territories of Canada we see the supply of meat is kept up unithat business has been very profitable formly good, for no sooner is the taste fifth concession line of London townto the farmer and the ranchman, and of their customers educated up to ship, each municipality to pay half pear that no other outside country has a better opportunity of taking a large share of the British trade than Canada, and if we do not secure it and hold it we have ourselves to

Before we can make the most of the British markets for our beef, I am inclined to think that we will have to go more into the business of slaughtering on this side and sending home in cold storage. If a supply sufficient could be had to warrant the starting of such an industry on a large scale, then we would be enabled to do as the Americans are doing; that is, utilize the inferior meats at home. It may here be said that the dealers prefer cold storage meat to the fresh-killed meat from Liverpool and Deptford. As an illustration of the difference in values, on Oct. 16 this year fore-Burns, of Nelson, had contracted to quarters were selling in the Farringdon street market at 3d per 1b, or 2s

per stone, and the hindquarters at 51/2d, or 3s 8d per stone. In the summer months suet is often not worth more than 11/2d or 2d per lb, while in winter it not infrequently runs to twice that

IMPORT DUTIES ON LIVE STOCK. As it strikes me, the matter is largely in the hands of the breeders and feeders of this country. The minister of agriculture for the Dominion has shown himself fully alive to the importance of having a suitable system of cold storage in our railway and steamship service. In carrying out this work he has been ably supported and assisted by Prof. Robertson, a man of great ability, and one who has given his best efforts towards advancing trade between the Dominion and the mother country. Our own minister of agriculture for Ontario, one of the foremost agriculturists and breeders, not only in the Dominion, but on the continent, a man thoroughly conversant with our wants, has thrown himself with energy into the work of advancing our stock interests, and in doing so has kept prominently before the government of this province the importance of working along those lines which would develop our trade with foreign countries. In this connection we may well ask ourselves the question, are we not too much given to depend upon governments and legislation for removing difficulties and advancing interests which often can only be done by persistent individual effort? Mr. Hobson then argued in favor of the removal of import duties on the best breeds of British live stock, so that Canadian herds could be improved.

CENTRAL CATTLE MARKET NEEDED.

Mr. D. McCrae, of Guelph, in commenting on this address, called attention to the need for a central cattle market in Montreal. In the improvements that are being made in the harbor the cattlemen of Ontario should be considered. The handling of the cattle at Montreal was expensive and tedious, and every dollar added to the cost of a bullock there was taken out of the pockets of the farmers of On-

Mr. Brown, of St. Thomas, indorsed this, and also said that better railway rates should be secured, as the companies were squeezing the cattlemen on very chance. The executive were instructed to look

into the matter.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Snell. seconded by Mr. Fred Wade, that t' association mmorialize the minister .. agriculture to so amend the regulations with regard to quarantine of cattle imported from Great Britain as to admit such cattle on the certificate of veterinary inspectors in that country that they had passed the tuber-culine test there. This was carried unanimously.

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# County Council. Advices

Report of the Bridge Commissioners Received - Repairs Recommended -The House of Refuge-Application for the High Constableship.

The report of the bridge commissioner was received and referred to the board. The following bridges had been renewed during the past year: Bridge on the town line between Blanchard and Biddulph, \$298; bridge between West and East Nissouri, opposite lot 9, con. 7, of West Nissouri, \$465; one between Usborne and Biddulph, \$144; bridge on the boundary line between Adelaide and West Williams, lot 10, con. 4, \$497; bridge over Mud Creek, on the town line between West Williams and McGillivray. The contract price of these bridges does not include cost of building approaches.

During 1898 several bridges will have to be renewed, as follows: On the Coyne road, over the River Thames, between Elgin and Middlesex; Thedford bridge, over the River Aux Sauble, between Middlesex and Lambton; small bridge on the town line between Delaware and Westminster; one on the boundary line between Delaware and Southwold, and one on the boundary line between Westminster and Southwold. All the other bridges are in a fair state of repair.

The commissioners' report concerning the erection of the Kilworth bridge, which cost \$4,475, was adopted. The report of the House of Refuge was adopted. It showed that accounts amounting to \$1,078 43 had been paid. It also recommended that a refrigerator be purchased for the institution for the keeping of meat; that the water appliances and baths be repaired, and that the children now at the refuge be bound out as soon as suitable homes can be procured.

The report of the special committee re the lease of county property to the city was adopted. Ben F. Watterworth, deputy sheriff and court crier, presented an applica-

tion for the position of high constable offering to accept the same for \$200 per year. It was moved to empower and instruct the county engineer to act in conjunction with the council of the township of London to make all and any necessary repairs to the bridge on

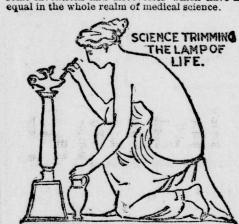
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