General News.

—A piece of zinc placed on the live coals in a hot stove will effectually clean out a stovepipe, the vapor produced carrying off the soot by chemical decomposition.

— Great Britain has annexed Durnford, on the coast of Zululand, and will occupy the coast as far north as Gloa Bay, thus baulking Germany's rumored plan of occupying the territory and opening communication with the Transvaal.

Just so.—The *Presse* publishes this little rhyme as it stands here in English:

If Xmas day on Thursday be,
A windy winter you shall see;
Windy in each week
And hard tempests strong and thick

—The mail bags passing between Kamloops and Victoria, British Columbia, have been robbed of nine thousand dollars by unknown parties. The postmaster at Kamloops loses five hundred dollars. As the mail bag was not carried direct to Victoria it will be difficult to trace the robbery.

—The Washington Monument at the United States national capital was completed on the 6th, when the American flag was unfurled at the top, a distance of 600 feet from the ground, and a salute of 21 guns fired. The monument itself is 550 feet high, and 'far overtops every other structure of human hands.'

—A curious fact in relation to the Greely Arctic expedition, is not generally known. According to Lieut. Geely's account of the 19 men who perished, all but one were smokers and that one was the last to die. The eleven survivors were non-smoking men. This is an important argument for the anti-tobacconists.

—Ireland has a coast line of between 2,000 and 3,000 miles, and her seas teem with all kind of fish in common use, such as herring, cod, ling, haddock, mackerel, whiting, turbot, soles, plaice and salmon. Yet this harvest of an ocean abounding in life is not half reaped; and year by year the Irish boats are decreasing in number, and those from England and Scotland increasing.

—A correspondent says that a Philadelphia girl, who has lived in Europe since she was a child, will create a sensation at Long Branch, where she will spend the summer, by the extraordinary beauty of her complexion. It is said she owes it all to the old receipt of sleeping every night with a piece of raw beef on each cheek. She has practiced this for eight years, and she is now only nineteen.

—One of Shakespeare's pall-bearers lies buried on this side of the Atlantic, according to an inscription in the cemetery of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The epitaph runs; 'Here lies the body of Edward Holden, practitioner in Physics and Chirurgery. Born in Bedfordshire, England, in the year of Our Lord 1542. Was contemporary with and one of the pall-bearers of Shakespere, of the Avon. After a long illness his spirit ascended in the year of our Lord 1628, aged seventy six.'—*Week.*

Drowned.—Two young men by the name of Spinney and Irvin, while crossing what is known as the Sunken Lake, on Scofield Mountain, Gasperean, last Wednesday, broke through the ice and were drowned. Their cries were heard by their parents and family, who live near the lake, and search was imediately made, but they failed to find any trace of them. On Christmas they made a further search and the places were found in the ice where they fell through. The bodies were recovered and taken to their homes. They were evidently in the water sometime before drowning.—*Western Chronicle.*

One of Nature's Curious Freaks.—*New York*, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Chas. Tracey, of Kings Bridge, on Monday last gave birth to a healthy child that weighs exactly 11 ounces and is but six inches long. The baby's body could be circled by a fourteen year old child's thumb and fingers. The head is perfectly formed and is about the size of a crab-appie. Its mouth is so small that it is unable to partake of natural nutrishment, and a small nipple the size of a straw, attached to a small glass bottle, does duty in that particular.

—The customs officers at Victoria, British Columbia, have succeeded in capturing the American schooner Fleetwing, one of the most daring smugglers on the Pacific coast. She had just landed her cargo of Chinamen, which was run in near Foul Bay during the night, and when daylight appeared the vessel lay off one of the islands becalmed, and was easily taken. She has been employed during the summer in smuggling Chinamen into the United States from British Colmbia and on her return trip would smuggle the cargo into Canadian territory.

Trotting In America and England.—Pendragon of the *London Referee* says about the performance of Mr. Robert Bonner's Maud S., 2:09¼: "Again I say what I have so often said before, that with all our wonderful developments in the way of horse breeding, it is likely enough no English-bred horse lives which is capable of getting within half a minute's start in a race which only occupies two minutes nine and one quarter seconds in all seems an impossible allowance, doesn't it? I don't suppose there is ten seconds' difference between the best miler we have, say St. Simon, and anything on four legs which is able to get the distance and has the least claim to the position of a high-mettled racer."

Purchasing Sails in the United States.—The recent action of the Collectors of Customs, in fining Canadian vessels for purchasing sails in the United States, without reporting the fact to the Customs authorities, has created a doubt in the minds of shipping men as to what course they should pursue, if circumstances compelled them to buy sails in the States for their vessels. The Collector states that the rule does not apply to vessels that have been compelled through accident or stress of whether to go into a foreign port to procure sails. In the case before him he was satisfied that the purchase of sails in the United States was the result of design on the part of the owners, and not of accident, hence this action.—*St. John Globe.*

—The Boston *Journal* says: "Receipts of apples are not as large as a few weeks ago, but the market is well supplied and prices are without much improvement. No. 1 Baldwins are selling by the car loads at $1.50 to $1.75 per barrel, and only a few fancy varieties go above that range. The exports last week from Boston were 20,000 barrels, but shippers are not satisfied with returns, and some of them propose to hold up after the close of the year. Some of the recent arrivals in Liverpool were in poor order and sold low. Others advanced a little, and the last quotation for Boston Baldwins were 11 shillings 6d to 12 shillings 6d or $2.78 to $2.90 per barrel, in United States. Deducting $1 per barrel for expenses, a very small margin for profit is left."

Audacious Advertising.—*London, Dec. 25.*—A leading manufacturer of pills in London has conceived an advertising scheme which is as novel and audacious as the most brilliant flights of American genius in this direction. He has forwarded to Gen Wolseley, who is now marching toward Khartoum, ten thousand copies of a handbill in which the virtues of his pills are extolled in the highest terms. Accompanying the handbills is the manufacturer's check for £150, which he asks Lord Wolseley to award to the first soldier of his expedition who shall reach Gen. Gordon's palace at Khartoum and shall post upon its door a copy of the handbill. In his letter the enterprising pill maker says that his offer is made from patriotic motives, and with a desire to stimulate the soldiers to reach and rescue Gen. Gordon at the earliest possible moment. He says he has sent a large number of the handbills so that each soldier in the expedition can be furnished with a copy, and thus have an even start in the race as far as he can provide for it. His object in prescribing that the bill shall be stuck on the palace door is simply to show who is entitled to the prize, and he adds that the name of the winner will be published in every paper in England, thus giving him undying fame.

Local Matters.

—Sep[illegible] Skates, in Stock at St[illegible]'s. 1[illegible]

—Berwick [illegible] a post office savings' bank.

—The schooner [illegible]ning Packet, of Canning, 100 [illegible]ples master, for Boston, with [illegible] cargo consisting of apples, pr[illegible]nips and wood, went ashore on [illegible] morning of the 25th, at Point [illegible]Digby, in a snow squall. It is [illegible] she will be a total wreck. The cre[illegible] was saved.

—The St. [illegible]ograph says: "F. W. Bowes, for [illegible]me business manager and after[illegible] local reporter of the Moncton [illegible], has accepted a position on the [illegible]x *Chronicle*. He will begin his [illegible] at the opening of the new year."

—The pre[illegible]nated on the corner of Gra[illegible] Queen streets, known as [illegible] Hotel, has been purchased by [illegible]sers Primrose Brothers, of Lo[illegible]wn, and J. G. H. Parker, Esq., [illegible] town. The purchasers inten[illegible] a good and substantial bri[illegible]re on the site of the present [illegible] ground floor of which will be [illegible]d as a drug store and 'offices [illegible] another store for general trade. The second story will be finished [illegible]lic hall.

This piece [illegible] will be hailed with pleasure by [illegible]nts of the town. The house, [illegible] outbuildings on the above property [illegible] are old fashioned, and in very [illegible] repair, and their being replaced by [illegible] handsome brick structures will make [illegible] material difference in the appearance of "the square."

—The Halifax *Chronicle* republishes the Directors' Annual Report of the Windsor and Hantsport Railway, R. Raffairs for the year, from the London Canadian the Gazette. The net returns of the road for the year ending the 30th, of Sept. last have been $[illegible],5. After deducting interest on debentures, etc., the net revenue for the year was about £1,000. Referring to the "missing link" between Annapolis and Digby the report says:—

"During the last session on of the Canadian parliament, a sum of $[illegible]4,000 was voted in aid of a line to fill up the gap which at present exists in the railway communication between Annapolis and Digby, and a resolution was passed in the Nova Scotia legislature, authorizing the local government to negotiate for the construction of such railway. Having been invited, under authority of that resolution, the directors have made certain proposals to the Nova Scotia government for the construction and ownership, by this company, and the [illegible] of line referred to (about eighteen miles), which when completed, will complete the company's system with that of the Western Counties railway to Yarmouth. The proposals in question are subject to approval by the shareholders [illegible] debenture stockholders of the company, and they are favourably received by the government, and full details will come before the proprietors in due course for their consideration.

—The January Number of Harper's Magazine is a worthy successor to the beautiful Christmas number.

The frontispiece is from one of the six drawings by E. A. Abbey, illustrating the Second Part of "The Scoop; or, Conquer." *Apropos* of the five hundredth anniversary of Wiclif's birth, Mr. A. W. Ward, contributes a sketch of the great reformer which is beautifully illustrated. Mr. Ward's article is especially interesting from the light thrown upon the England of the fourteenth century.

Seymour Haden, [illegible] a very interesting paper, making a strong plea for Mezzotint as a painter's art, preferring it to etc[illegible] His paper is illustrated by six from his own [illegible]. These all represent [illegible] and subje[illegible]ed with the [illegible] Prebble will illustrate the [illegible] that island by Miss [illegible]

Barnet Phillips co[illegible] ing account of a re[illegible] coast of Florida [illegible]

Woodrow [illegible] her daughte[illegible] from a dr[illegible]

The [illegible] which [illegible] ber [illegible] a[illegible]

—The Gloucester fish[illegible] not to permit a renew[illegible] ton Treaty if the [illegible] despatch of the [illegible]

"A large [illegible] interest was [illegible] national [illegible] that in[illegible] throw[illegible] fis[illegible]

—Two men have recently been killed in the North West by unknown assassins.

Mr. Editor.—Permit us through the columns of your Paper, to tender our sincere thanks to those who nobly assisted us in saving our buildings on the evening of the 27th, inst.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Fairn.

Lawrencetwn Dec. 29th, 1884.

—There is no remedy top of the earth that posses so much real absolute merit as *Johnson's Anodyne Laniment.* It is both for internal and external use and is worth more in a family that a seventh son.

— The Fredericton *Reporter* says:—His Lordship Bishop Medley was 80 years of age on the 19th December. He had been Metropolitan five years, and has held the See of Fredericton for 40 years. He is the oldest colonial bishop and has been preaching 56 years. His Lordship is still vigorous, and we trust that he may be spared many years to be minister to the church.

—One single box of *Parson's Purgative Pills* taken one a night will make more *new* rich blood, and will more effectually purify the blood in the system than $10 worth of any other remedy known at the present time.

—The best business man in the city of Albany said yesterday that he spent the most money for advertising when people felt poorest. "That is the time," he said, "when people read advertisements. If they find a store advertising bargains they will leave their old places and go to the newer, and the new one, if it is smart, will keep them every time. The old fashioned business men will feel that he must do things in a modern style if he wants to swim with the current."—*Albany Journal.*

If You will not Hear Reason,

How can you hope to escape those evils which experience has demonstrated may be avoided, if her voice be listened to. How foolish it is to resort to dangerous drugs when a simple domestic remedy will answer the purpose. In the case of corns some resort to the razor and peril their lives, as lock-jaw is not impossible. While others use dangerous and flesh-eating substitutes for the great sure pop corn cure—Putman's Painless Corn Extractor. It never fails nor ever can, for it is just the thing for the purpose. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Take no other.

— A great painting, or cyclorama, is now on exhibition in Boston. It is called the "Battle of Gettysburg," and covers a stretch of canvass 400 feet in length and 50 feet in height, or 20,000 square feet in all. It is exhibited in a building built especially for it, of solid brick and iron, and although only 300 people can see the painting at one time, the building would accomodate 20,000. The painting is the work of the French artist, Paul Philipputraix. A critique in the Boston *Herald* describes the work as possessing great merit, both in fidelity of detail and in thoroughness of execution. The exhibition will be a permanent one.

TELEGRAPH NOTES FOR THE WEEK

London, Dec. 24.—The police authorities claim to have made an important discovery in connection with the recent attempt to blow up London Bridge. The body of a man has been found floating in the Thames and from his appearance and size they believe that he is the person fired the dynamite, and that [illegible] by the explosion. Whe[illegible] whether there [illegible] documents [illegible] came [illegible]

New Advertisements.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an *accepted* bank cheque, made Payable to the order of the honorable the Minister of Public Works, *equal to five per cent* of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called on to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
F. H. ENNES,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, Dec. 16th, 84. 2it30

APPLES! APPLES!

Gentlemen.—At the earnest solicitations of friends, fruit growers and shippers, I have decided to spend the remainder of the present season in London, engaged in the sale of apples. I have secured an office in the centre of the trade, near the auction rooms at Monument Yards, and shall aim to keep my patrons supplied weekly with the most reliable information in reference to the market and its requirements. The best methods of packing, the proper varieties; the proper time of shipping and such other information as they need, in order to secure the very best returns for the capital invested. I have felt for years that the fruit growers of this valley were losing large sums from the lack of such information as could be supplied by one who has had a long experience in growing and shipping, and is therefore fully competent to advise them.

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