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**FOR SALE, Block on Government Street, in the vicinity of New Hotel. This** property will increase from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. in value within the next two years. Good buildings on the property which may be made to return a fair present interest on outlay. Contemplated improvements to James Bay will also raise value in this vicinity. PRICE, \$45,000.

**FOR SALE, Corner lot on Government Street. First class Business property.** A building on this property would pay handsomely. PRICE, \$30,000.

**FOR SALE, Business Building Lot on Government Street, near Bank of British Columbia.** Lot at present for \$600 per annum. Frontage, 22 1/2 feet. Land in the vicinity held at \$1,000 per foot. PRICE, \$15,500.

## FOR SALE.

8-Room House and Lots, Spring Ridge.....	\$ 2,500
Double Frontage, Superior and Michigan Streets, James Bay, 30 feet on both streets, by more than town lot depth. Superior Building sites.....	1,500
7-Room House, new. Bath, hot and cold water, inside closets and modern improvement. Lot 50x120, James Bay.....	8,800
Corner Lot, Menzies and Niagara Streets.....	1,100
Esquimalt Road, desirable acre.....	3,500
Cheap Lot, Cloverdale Estate.....	850
Lot, Niagara and cross Street.....	900
Lot, Niagara Street.....	800
2 Lots, South Turner Street.....	each 800
Building Lot, King Street.....	1,150
18 Building Lots, on bloc, James Bay.....	10,400
2 Lots, Johnson Street, commanding position.....	2,100
8-Room House, bath, pantry, etc., etc., Victoria West.....	3,000
6 Acres, with water frontage to the Gorge. Beautiful site for a handsome residence.....	12,000
2 Lots, 60x240, double frontage, near the Mills and Factories.....	2,500
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Corner Lot and a half, Quadra and Fisgard. Valuable cottage site.....	2,000
Acre Lot, Oak Bay Avenue and Richmond Road. Cheap. Will cut into 7 lots.....	
<b>Farm Lands in Lake, Saanich and Suburban Victoria Districts.</b>	
<b>Frontage on Cowichan Lake. Lands on Denman Island.</b>	
<b>Frontage on Burrard Inlet suitable for Mills and Wharves. And Acres on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, etc., etc.</b>	

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### FATHERS.

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### JEST IN FUN.

Is an Intelligence Office—Agent (to female applicant)—“Are you married or single?” Applicant (blushing) “Single, mum, I’m engaged.”

Her husband—“Thank Heaven our cook will soon be bald.” Wife—“If I had a husband—She can not wash her hair in the soup in this way long, you know.”

Visitor—“What are you painting?” Artist (sarcastically)—“Can’t you see? I’ve just painted a picture of a man who has decided what to call his wife.”

Seavast—“Yes, Mrs. Jones is a very good name, isn’t it?” Visitor—“Prof. Vandenspinkenhimer.” Seavast—“Oh! Sure, you’d better go right in and take it with you.”

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### IN TIME OF PEACE.

The Russian Government has just ordered that new ironclads put on the stocks.

The regiments of Serbia, disarming the regular army, are busy arming the reserves with 50,000 rifles, presented by Russia, and will not allow ex-King Milan to visit the military camps.

By attaching an electric motor to a galling gun, it is claimed to be possible to discharge 1,000 shots per minute, the heating of the barrel offering the only limit to the rapidity of firing.

It has been found that in the long run no powder is satisfactory for quick firing guns that is not absolutely safe from explosion by detonation, and that the only satisfactory and safe system of quick firing is by electricity.

In some of the enduring tests of the Maxim gun in Germany 54,000 rounds were fired from a single barrel, 39,000 rounds of cartridges with steel-covered bullets being fired from a single barrel before the rifling was materially injured.

The energetic manner in which Emperor Wilhelm is wounding old men out of the German army is shown by statistics. At the end of 1884 there were 3,948 officers of the Prussian contingent in retirement; today there are 4,472. Generals of infantry and cavalry have been remorselessly mowed down.

A chair has been made at Criva, Vercelli of a material, ball invented by Signor Balsanelli. It is seven feet in diameter, and can hold four persons. When closed it sinks and is steered and propelled under water by rudder and screw. It has windows and gratings, and besides fishing up things, it may be used for destructive purposes in time of war.

It is proposed to use the electric motor extensively in military operations in England. One of the latest ideas in carrying on active warfare is to build a railway at some of the frontiers for the transportation of ordnance. It is highly desirable that the train used for this purpose, which are “armor-plated” and armed with galling guns, should be as rapid and inconspicuous as possible.

The pneumatic dynamite gun, which has been making for the British Government, is finished, and was subjected to a range test. The conditions of the contract, which called for a gun that should hurl a 300-pound shell to a distance of 3,500 yards, were exceeded, since the gun propelled a 500-pound shell at a distance of 4,000 yards. Many more experiments must be made before the weapon will be delivered. There can be little doubt that they will be successfully done.

FRENCHMAN has developed a new explosive for military purposes. It is condensed liquid gas. Three hundred drops of this compound are contained in a small steel receptacle under the rifle barrel, and each time the trigger is pulled one drop falls into the breach behind the bullet. Contact with the air causes this drop to volatilize instantaneously with an explosive force far exceeding that of gunpowder, which expels the bullet with terrible velocity, accompanied by neither noise or smoke.

PRACTICAL SIDE OF SCIENCE.

ELECTRICALLY deposited copper is so ductile that it can be drawn down until it resembles the finest hair, and this too, without annealing.

Recent experiments have proved that aluminum is particularly well adapted for treatment in the drawing press, one of its chief advantages being that it can be worked with very little annealing.

A COMBINATION fuel, consisting of coal and petroleum, has been tried for firing the boilers of an Italian man-of-war, with the result that her normal speed of fifteen knots was increased to seventeen knots.

MOSTAN oil is being manufactured in Germany for lubricating purposes. It is said to be unaffected by cold above a temperature of about fifteen degrees Fahrenheit, and does not readily become rancid or form fatty acids likely to attack metal.

By adding the special ferment obtained from certain wines, M. Jacquemin, from mail and from pure solutions, has obtained fermented liquors having the special bouquet of the wines in question. He has similarly produced cider from barley.

One method of producing an artificial fuel consists in grinding corn stalks and coarse prairie grass, moistening them with water, reducing them to a coarse pulp, and then subjecting the mass to heavy pressure, compressing them into blocks of convenient size; these, when thoroughly dry, are said to furnish more heat than ordinary bituminous coal.

RAILWAY collisions, from the inability to stop the locomotive, are likely to be made impossible when the electric light is substituted for the oil lamps now in use. Recent experiments prove that the electric headlight casts light from half to three-quarters of a mile ahead. A train going at the rate of sixty miles an hour can thus be stopped in time to prevent any accident.

A BESSEMER paper, in comparing horsepower with electric power in the operation of street-car lines says: The added pull upon the electric motor for the starting of a street-car amounts to twenty-five or thirty horse-power on a level track, and on an up-grade to start, use up fifty or seventy horse-power. Yet the electric motors start, of course, more promptly and surely than horses. This shows that a cruel temporary overstrain of horses must be employed every time they are made to start up a car.

THE commercial practicability of solidifying petroleum, upon which doubt was cast some time ago, is established, is proved by the exhibition of Prof. Milne-Edwards, before a meeting of Parisian scientists, of several bricks of petroleum, which he has produced by an original process. The bricks were hard enough to be handled without inconvenience, yet soft enough to be cut with a stout knife. They burned slowly when touched with a lighted match. Prof. Milne-Edwards claims that they are non-explosive and inexpensive.