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ALARMING FRUIT OUTLOOK.

Hamilton, March 9.—Fruit growers at Grimsby and throughout the Niagara district are viewing with alarm the outlook for a good crop this year. The severe weather has greatly injured many of the trees and the latest danger is a plague of field mice. These are damaging the bark of the fruit trees, eating it away from the ground up, and they are destroying the trees.

WHAT IS DYSPEPSIA?

Qualms, nausea, longing for food, yet dreading to eat. You may have the real thing, but Ferrozone will cure you like it did S. D. Huntingdon, of Hamilton, who says "I frequently was attacked with such acute dyspepsia that I thought it must be heart disease. I used Ferrozone and got relief. I kept on using Ferrozone and was cured. My digestion is in perfect order and I can eat anything to-day." Nothing is as good as Ferrozone for dyspepsia and those bothered with stomachs. Price 50c., at druggists.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Niagara Falls, March 10.—Harvey Smith, a resident of Niagara Falls South, employed in the power works, was killed by a M. C. R. train at Falls View this morning, his body being frightfully mangled. The unfortunate man stepped off one track out of the way of an approaching train and was struck by a train going in the opposite direction. He leaves a widow and two small children.

A SERENELY HAPPY MAN

Is Mr. Thos. McGlashan, of North Pelham, who was cured of muscular rheumatism by Nerviline, the most powerful rheumatic remedy in the world. "I suffered all manner of pain for years," he writes, "and Nerviline was the only thing that did me any good. I can heartily recommend Nerviline for all forms of rheumatism; it goes to the very core of the pain and brings lasting relief. Let every sufferer from lame back, aching joints and swelled limbs use Nerviline." It's sure to cure and costs 25c. for a large bottle.

BURNED HIS FOOT.

Windsor, Ont., March 10.—Albert Lesperance, an old farmer whose leg was amputated in Hotel Dieu hospital a few days ago, on account of blood poisoning, died last night from the results of the operation. He stood the shock remarkably well, but he was over 70 years old, and had not strength enough to recover. The trouble started by the old man burning his foot while trying to warm it with a hot brick one day last winter.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Even a versatile woman musician may have a propensity for harping on one string.

Woman is often referred to by man as "doubling his joys and halving his sorrows." That may be complimentary, but it would seem to be rather hard on the woman. For in plain terms it means that where things are going well with the man his wife makes them go better. But when things are going ill with him, he expects the wife to share half his burden. And there's more truth than poetry in this presentation of masculine selfishness. Men don't appreciate the fact that the strain of motherhood alone is a burden bigger than all the loads that rest upon male shoulders. They see the wife grow thin, pale, nervous and worn without a thought that she is over-burdened. Among the pleasant letters received by Dr. Pierce are those from husbands who have waked up before it was too late to the crushing burdens laid upon the wife, and in the search for help have found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a restorative which has given back to the mother the health of the maiden and the maiden's happiness. "Favorite Prescription" always helps, and almost always cures. It has perfectly cured ninety-eight out of every hundred women who have used it when afflicted with diseases peculiar to women.

Bachelors are abused if they are extravagant and despised if disposed to be thrifty.

WIT AND SENSE.

Capt. Hunter's Unique Lecture to Toronto Empire Club on "The Fatuous Insolence of the Young Canadian."

The other day, Capt. Hunter, LL. B., son of Dr. Hunter of the Registry Department of Ontario, delivered a rather unique lecture at the Empire Club luncheon on "The Fatuous Insolence of the Young Canadian." The World reported it as follows:

Capt. Hunter considered it one of the glories of the Empire Club that it was fitted by its organization for the beginning and ending of those family quarrels which make home life dear. He would not scorn the kangaroo, nor contemn the Africander, nor dilate upon the imbecility of the British, but wished to call their attention to "the fatuous insolence of the Canadian."

There were two elements in the national question. The fixed one was Canada; the variable, the Canadian. They had many books on the makers and builders of Canada, some of which they had subscribed for and some almost paid for, but while the older part of Canada had been made and re-made, conquered and reconquered, there had never been made a conquest of Canada. They had only hacked and whittled at it. It was a proof of the singular things which men took pride in to hear people glorying in the boast that the Northwest could support fifty millions, when the scanty population there looked like tacks on a map which hold it to the wall. The wealth and resources of Canada, the locked storehouse of nature, were the ultimate prize of the ultimate masters of the world. They were familiar with a native wine sort of ecstacy over the hyphenated This-Canada-of-Ours, its forests of immemorial age, and its business men of similar antiquity, but the day of the young country, which was to be mothered and nurtured, had gone, and there was not a man in Canada who would not back his opinion against that of any Englishman.

Canada Had Assumed Insolence.

Inspired by the heroism of a few of us at Paardeberg, Canadians had taken on the first requisite of a great nation—insolence. There were two kinds of insolence—the benign and the malignant; the sustained and the fatuous. When Napoleon moved with 200,000 men at Jena he exhibited the sustained variety. In popular language, he had the groceries. When another Napoleon in 1870 tried to move with 350,000 men he presented an example of the fatuous kind. The French had not Batoche and Paardeberg to animate them, but they had Jena and Fontenoy and the Malakoff and other little fights.

Great Need of Carefulness.

It was unnecessary to point out the reasons for carefulness in face of this growing insolence. When a man thinks he can fight you need not go to Woodbridge Fair to arrive at the result. The same warriors that had been filling us with post-prandial valor have also been spreading abroad the glory of our possessions. There are our glorious forests, which we are too stingy to cut; our unwrought mines, which we make a pretext for selling each other worthless stocks; our boundless granaries, which somebody else will make haste to get us a tenant for if we cannot fill them ourselves. We have immense resources and nothing to defend them with. Since 1812 we have had complete peace and have forgotten the source of it, which was that nobody knew we had anything worth stealing. Manchuria had drawn the attention of brass-knuckled peace, the emperor of the double-headed vulture. In an unguarded time Christian nations had learned of the timber and coal and arable land in Manchuria, and we know the result. Russia had more regiments in Manchuria than Canada had companies in the Dominion. We have been foolish enough to "show our wad," and now we must protect it.

How England Might Lose.

We relied on England, but in a sea fight of five or six hours England might lose the command of the sea for six months. No nation would invade Canada with less than fifty or a hundred thousand men, and they would not give us time to prepare as the British did the Boers. In 1895 the Boers were in the same state of fatuous insolence which we now displayed. Every Boer was a heaven-born rifle shot. Instead of the two million dollars Sir Frederick Borden spoke of spending they had spent two million pounds. They had a rifle for every man. We had 40,000 for two millions.

Greece, to whose military preparations in 1897 our own bear a singular resemblance, had a navy and a toy-army. But they had nothing ready, as Canada has nothing ready. If we had a war we should be breaking into the stores for sporting rifles as the Greeks did. He supposed Larissa was Helenic for Ridgeway. They might say the Greeks were degenerate; but give Lord Kitchener the Greeks and the money and he would take Constantinople with the Greeks as he took Khartoum with the Egyptians.

Had a Cafe Politician.

The Greeks had a sort of cafe politician who was omniscient, who talked of the indomitable courage of their ancestors and bragged of Marathon, which was a free translation of Paardeberg. Our climate did not permit of cafe politicians like the Greeks, but we had dining clubs in which the national glory was vaunted amid thunderous applause of our own making. That sort of greatness feeds upon itself. Something practical was needed. If Sir Frederick Borden had made it ten millions and got the job done some time ago, we should now have more land and less Alverstonian patronage.

In conclusion he thanked the club for their attention and the patience with which they had listened to words which he hoped to the Lord they would have allowed none but a native Canadian to utter.

ECZEMA ON LITTLE GIRL

Sleepless Nights for Mother and Awful Suffering of Child.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Had Given up All Hope of Ever Making Any Cure.

"My little girl has been suffering for two years or more from eczema, and during that time I could not get a night's sleep, as her ailment was very severe.

"I had tried so many remedies and spent much money, deriving no benefit, I had absolutely given up all hope of making any cure. But as a last resort I was persuaded to try a set of the Cuticura remedies, and to my great delight a marked change was manifested from the first application. I gave the child a bath with Cuticura Soap, using a soft piece of muslin cloth. This I did twice a day, each time following with the Cuticura Ointment, and at the same time gave the Resolvent, according to directions. One box of the Ointment and two bottles of the Resolvent, together with the Soap, effected a permanent cure. I submit this for publication if you desire, hoping it will add to your success and assist so many thousands of sufferers in curing themselves." MRS. I. B. JONES, ADDINGTON, IND. T.

The first step in the treatment of the chronic forms is to remove the scales and crusts and soften the skin, by warm baths with Cuticura Soap. The scalp, ears, elbows, hands, ankles and feet will require frequently a thorough soaking in order to penetrate the thickened skin and crusts with which these parts are often covered. Dry carefully, and apply Cuticura Ointment, lightly at first, and where advisable spread it on pieces of soft cloth and bind in place. Take the Resolvent, pills or liquid, in medium doses. Do not use cold water in bathing, and avoid cold, raw winds.

Cuticura Resolvent, liquid and in the form of Chocolate Coated Pills, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Soap are sold throughout the world. Depots: London, 27 Charterhouse Sq.; Paris, 5 Rue de la Paix; Australia, R. Towns & Co., Sydney; Boston, 137 Columbus Ave. Potter Drug & Chemical Corp., Sole Proprietors.

Send for "How to Cure Eczema."

MME. PATTI GOING HOME.

Chicago, March 9.—A despatch to the Tribune from Hot Springs, Ark., says: Adelina Patti announces that she will leave immediately for New York to take a steamer for England. She says she has cancelled all her engagements.

NO DIFFERENCE.

No distinction is made as to the Bleeding, Blind, Itching, Suppurating, etc., are simply names of the different stages through which every case will pass if it continues long enough.

Piles are caused by congestion or stagnation of blood in the lower bowel, and it takes an internal remedy to remove the cause.

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STOLE HIS JAIL

Indianapolis, Ind., March 9.—Somebody stole the Pulaski county jail and and two prisoners the other night and the sheriff's posse has searched for it in vain.

Pulaski county is to have a new jail at Winamac. It had one and the county decided to build the new one on the spot occupied by the old one. To do this, of course, the old jail had to be torn down.

Sheriff Wherritt borrowed an old box car from the Pennsylvania Railroad, which runs through the town, and announced that it would be used as a jail.

The car was placed on a little-used sidetrack. The other night two chicken thieves were arrested and locked up. The next morning the jail, prisoners and all had disappeared.

During the night a freight train came along and stopped in Winamac to do some switching. The train crew, not knowing the story of the car, coupled the jail to the train and when they left town the jail went with them.

Sheriff Wherritt has been trying ever since to find the jail, but it is gone for good and all.

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If you have a cold don't fail to take my Cold Cure. I know that it will relieve the head, nose, throat and lungs almost immediately, and prevent Rheumatism, Bronchitis, Grippe and other diseases of the throat or lungs.

Get a twenty-five cent bottle of these little pellets, and if you are not perfectly satisfied with results I will refund your money.—Munyon. 121

AS THE FIORDS OF NORWAY.

Newfoundland's Picturesque Coast Line Described by an Enthusiast—May Be in Canada Some Day.

Newfoundland has a unique, important and commanding position. It is at no great distance from the North American continent, and practically stretches across the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In shape it is quite roughly triangular, and its longest distance across in any direction is only about 216 miles. In approaching the island one is impressed with the thought that it is pretty completely 'rock bound,' which to a great extent proves to be a stubborn fact, but so varied in character as to render it exceedingly picturesque and interesting, says W. H. Yeamans in Country Gentleman.

The entire coast is indented with bays of various shapes and sizes—in some instances these extend so far into land as to almost meet from different directions, leaving only a very narrow isthmus for the connection of the land. In the larger of the bays there are many islands, giving in some instances as great variety and equal beauty as is found in the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence River. The general surface is as varied as the coast line, and presents almost every imaginable condition of land surface; mountains, hills and valleys abound, gorges, gulches and ravines, through which rush streams of water; lakes and rivers are numerous, and add to the beauty of the general landscape. If there is enjoyment in traversing and exploring the fiords of Norway, it can be duplicated in sailing in and about the bays and coast indentations of Newfoundland.

If the coast is rough and rugged, it is also picturesque and grand almost beyond description in some instances; nor is there uniformity in any line; in one case the cliffs and mountains will present a surface of bare rough rock; in another there will be sufficient soil upon the rock to sustain a growth of forest that presents a beautiful appearance in the various shades of the foliage; in still another case the hills will be rounded in form, well covered with soil, that has an abundance of herbage for cows or goats.

Within a few years there has been established various lines for steamboat travel, taking in all the principal bays, along a greater part of the coast of the island to Nova Scotia and to Labrador. The trips on and about the bays can be taken upon good steamers in a leisurely manner with stops between if desired.

Not a great time back in the past, settlements were confined almost exclusively to the seacoast, where the chief industry, fishing, was carried on, and is to a great extent at the present day; but quite recently little villages have sprung up in the interior on the line of the railway, induced by the establishment of the industries of lumbering and mining, the latter of which is assuming great importance.

Because of the interesting natural features of Newfoundland, taken in connection with the fishing and mining industries, that are an interesting study, and considering the delightful climate that the summer months afford, makes it a delightful resort for the weeks or months when the extreme heat of New England or middle states cities becomes almost unbearable. It is then that a trip upon one of the bays calls into use medium weight clothing and wraps, as experience has proved.

A. W. Wright Reminiscent.

Mr. A. W. Wright, Conservative organizer, who was a resident of Dufferin in 1854, half a century ago, was present at the recent annual gathering of Dufferin Old Boys in Toronto. President Kyles called upon Mr. Wright for a speech, and he regaled the audience with reminiscences of those early days, when the pioneers were hewing out homes for themselves in the woods. He remembered distinctly when the long-drawn howl of the wolf was a common sound in Dufferin county. The settlers of Dufferin were a sturdy rugged race, and no wonder was it that their sons had achieved success and fame in the various walks of life. Mr. Wright referred to his old school teacher, Dr. Frame, of Mono Centre, who had died at the age of 100 years. A kindly man he was, and only once was known to thrash a boy. He had not a first-class nor yet a second-class certificate, but he was second to none of the teachers of the present day, although there was no James L. Hughes to look over them at that time.

Death of Abbe Casgrain.

Rev. Abbe H. Raymond Casgrain, the well known author of valuable literary and historical works, and formerly president of the Royal Society of Canada, died at Quebec recently, aged 75. He was, according to Morgan, a son of the late Hon. Charles E. Casgrain, and brother of Senator Hon. Charles E. Casgrain. Born at River Ouelle, December 16, 1831, he was educated at Ste. Anne's College, Quebec, and at the Quebec Seminary. He was for a time priest at the Basilica, Quebec; visited Europe in 1858, 1867 and 1873 in quest of historical material, and found many valuable manuscripts relating to early Canadian history, among them the journals and papers of Marechal de Levis, and some personal papers of Montcalm. In 1874 he was compelled, owing to a serious affection of his eyes, to give up ministerial work. In 1877 he received the degree of LL.D. from Laval, and in 1889 was President of the Royal Society of Canada.

Tree Within a Tree.

At Moulton, South Lincolnshire, England, there is a willow tree which in consequence of having been beheaded and having reached an old age has become hollow and rotten. From a seed which has dropped into the hollow a healthy sycamore tree has grown to a height of ten feet.

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Tillson's pan-dried Oats is made from the large, meaty berries of selected grain. Rich in proteids, carbohydrates and fat. The business man who takes a steaming dish of Tillson's Oats every morning is ready for the day's business struggle. It's a food, not a fad.

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Swinging Round the Circle.

In the journey of life we often travel in circles. Therefore do today the good that is in you. Plant your blossoms. You will come back to them by and by. It is the beauty of the things that you do today that has most to do with making beautiful your tomorrow. One of the blessings of the sunset is in reaping the memories of what was planted in the morning.

The First Corset.

The first corset—not counting ancient modifications of the Grecian zone and girdle—was introduced into France by Catherine de' Medici. It was a strange affair and fashioned after the style of a knight's cuirass. The framework was entirely of iron, and the velvet, which decorated the exterior only, served to hide a frightful and cumbersome article of torture.

FOR SEVEN YEARS A DYING WOMAN

Terrible Suffering Follows Neglected Indigestion—Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Make a Complete and Permanent Cure.

"I believe Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets have made a sound cure of me after being for seven years almost a dying woman.

"Now, thank God, I am able to do my daily work as usual. I cannot praise Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets too much."

So says Jossia Louisa Sellars, of Western Bay, Nfld. She was one of those sufferers who wait for their Indigestion to cure itself. But that's something Indigestion won't do.

Unless you give the tired stomach a rest it keeps on getting worse. The Indigestion becomes Dyspepsia and the sufferers find their strength gone and their days filled with despondency and suffering.

Rest the stomach by using Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. They do the work of digestion while the stomach recovers. One or two of them after eating is the surest safeguard against discomfort now and suffering later.

Sam. Wellwood, Jr., arrived from the West on Monday last and is quite in love with the country out there. He is not likely to return, however, to become a resident of that country. On his trip back Mr. Wellwood happened on a train which had the misfortune to be wrecked. The only man killed in the wreck had just taken the seat Mr. Wellwood had vacated.—Merlin Mirror.

COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

How often you hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by All Druggists.

The petition that was circulated asking for the construction of a public dock at Shrewsbury, was largely signed, 560 names appearing on the list. The petition and signatures have been forwarded to Mr. George Stephens, M. P., who will no doubt use his influence to have the prayer of the petitioners granted.—Blenheim Tribune.

FOR A DISORDERED STOMACH.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets which have helped me very much, so that now I can eat many things that before I could not." If you have any trouble with your stomach why not sale by All Druggists.

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