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The leading ultramontaine organ, the Cologne Volks Zeitung, in an extensive article on Germany's attitude toward the Monroe doctrine, asserts that the assurance of Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassabor to the United States, with regard to the Venezuela matter, indicates Germany's recognition of the Monroe doctrine in a more absolute manner than has heretofore been done. This paper says Germany alludes to the expression of the late Prince Bismarck, that the Monroe doctrine was a "Piece of Impudence." This utterance of the German statesman, which is doubtless authentic, has just been published for the first time by the Hamburg-Nachrichten, Bismarck's household organ. Nevertheless the Cologne Volks Zeitung admits that "The impudence of the United States is succeeding brilliantly, and that Enrope is already accustoming itself to the idea of tutelage of the United States in South America." The Cologne Zeitung concludes by saying: "Must Germany really ask Washington's permission to collect three million marks from Venezuela? Must we pocket all sorts of warnings and concealed threate?"

The Venezuelan Revolt.

Port of France, Island of Martinique, via Haytien cable. Dec. 24.—The Venezuelan gunboat Restarador. Formerly George J. Gould's yacht Atlanta, left here during the night. Her destination is wakeown.

The British steamer Baurigh said to be loaded with arms and ammunition, intended for the adherents of Senor Matos, the alleged leader of the revolt against President Castro, of Venezuela, has arrived here from Antworm, which port she left on November 29th. An-

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used one bottle of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.
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you enough for your kind advice and the good
your medicine has done me.

"I have a sister who is taking your medicine
and it is helping her."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant

Next Saturday afternoon another game of the intermediates series will be played at Beacon Hill. The match will be beween the old rivals—the Columbias and Boys' Brigade. Up to the present the Victoria West team has the lead in the league, the Boys' Brigade coming next, cne point ahead of the Columbias. For some time past, in fact ever since the last game, the Columbia aggregation has been gradually improved. Their forward and half back line has been slightly altered for the better, and everything postand half back line has been slightly altered for the better, and everything possible has been done to make it stronger than formerly. C. Newcombe, a well known local player, has been added to the half back line, and is certainly a splendid acquisition to the Columbia aggregation. The Boys' Brigade have also been practicing hard, and although the team has not been materially altered, it is expected they will be able to hold their own against the red sweaters on Saturday next.

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The next senior game of the City League series will not be played until Saturday, January 4th, when the Garrison and Fernwood teams will meet.

In the Junior League next Saturday a match will be played between the Northwest and Boys' Brigade teams.

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New York, Dec. 21.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church, it was decided to endorse and work for the proposed amendment to the constitution so that polygamy may be made impossible in the United States. Mrs. W. P. White, who for some years has been doing missionary and educational work among the Mormons, told how her school house had been attacked and wrecked by a mob. She declared that the Mormon church had political control of seven western states. Mrs. White also said that under their marvellous system of colonizing What makes you think so: asked little sister.

"Cause he was telling me that it wasn't right to impose on Santa Claus just because the old feller was good-

natured." their marvellous system of colonizing doubtful states, the Mormons before long would control thirteen states, and it would then be impossible to kill polygamy without civil war.

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EXCITEMENT IN CHUROH. Five Women Overcome by Natural Gas

From Heater. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23.—During services in the Second Baptist church five women were overcome by natural gas escaping from a heater. The gas escaped into the choir gallery. All were resuscitated, and will recover. During

Christmas hymn, after which the children took charge of the programme and Master John Whittier was elected chair-

Broken Jar," by Miss Milne, Miss Phililips, Miss A. Gordon; song, "Gypsies" We," by scholars; recitation, "The Boy Who Helps His Mother," Master Fred Milne; recitation, "Turning the Tables," Miss Alice Gordon; recitation, "A Grievous Complaint," Master J. Whittier; games; refreshments; song, "Home, Dearie, Home," by Miss H. Boorman; reading, Mr. Parr; song, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mrs. J. Murray; reading, "Paw, Maw and the Weans," by Miss Murray.

Christmas is such an old and universal festival, too, that even those who do not look at it in the higher sense, but regard it as Scrooge did, as "a time for paying bills without money; a time for paying bills without money; a time for inding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer," might show it a little outward respect on the score of its antiquity. It peeps out at us from the grows of ancient Rome, and even beyond them, while the same is true of purpose, which should be on rings, so to run easily, and these can be obtain the provided with the provided state of the family to the provided the provided state of the family to the provided the provided state of the family to the provided the provided state of the family to the provided the provided them firmly to the provided the provided them from the second of the legend "A Merry Christmas To All the legend "A Merry Chri

pressing that venerable gentleman's re-grets at his inability to be present and which have descended to us from a informing the children, to their great delight, that the gifts this year would be distributed by Sparkling Dewdrop, Queen of the Fairies, and her attendant sprites, Sunbeam and Snowflake. The sprites, Sunbeam and Snowflake. The they were led by the Star in the mast charming appearance and graceful move to the manger where the Christ-Child ments of these messengers more than compensated the children for the absence of their old friend. After the gifts time. Christmas is essentially a festivation.

A CHRISTMAS NONSENSE VERSE. To see a Christmas tree in May All decked in candles, candies, cakes and gifts such as the family makes Yet Christmas trees greatways, found growing all the year around.

"Heigh-ho! Sing heigh-ho! unto the holly;

sang the Bard of Avon, and as holly is they are intended only for the lat associated with Christmas, we, most of purpose. us, in our heart of hearts, re-echo his sentiments: anyway the last line.

Christmas is such an old and unimost of the customs now inseparable At this stage a special messenger arrived bearing a letter from Santa Claus addressed to the children of Sooke ex-



the way of your guests. Also do not use vases with unstable feet, or if you do, place them so that they are not likely to AN IMPOSSIBLE thing to find is get knocked over; while lastly, keep the ter equal to "The D. & L." Menthol centrepiece low, so as not to interfere is being imitated. Get the genuing with conversation between those sitting sideaches, backaches, stitches, opposite to each other

The next sketch is a very appropriate Ltd.

of the order noper "

the fashion, and the younger member of the family can exhibit their talen amateur theatricals, charades, or leaux. It represents a simple thoroughla practical way of arrangi an impromptu stage in any suita room, while the hints given could v probably be adapted to a village sche room or hall, should a larger put than the home-circle be desired, th

To arrange this stage, stretch pieces of copper wire tightly across room, attaching them firmly to the



equals it. Made by Davis & Lawren

## BIG BATTLE WITH THE STORM

NKBURN'S NARROW ESCAPE LAST NIGHT

ve Under Bare Poles From Race Rocks to Trial Island-Damage in the City.

eight, and it was fortunate that they ere not, for sign boards, chimneys, nees and even steeples came down thlessly in the path of the storm ng. Old Boreas toyed with heavy ma as airily as though they had been paper, and cast them in wrecks upon paper, and but the paper in th

The night, bad enough on land, was t even more on the sea, where its full y was experienced. The Australian of got away to Vancouver about 9

ry was experienced. The Australian at got away to Vancouver about 9 lock, and thus narrowly escaped the most, but the steamboat which passed the sea last night would get the full neat of it. This morning the tossing the whitecaps on the breakers at actually Point and along the Dallas at tell of the fury of the waters. There was a more striking example of a strength of the gale in the narrow capes of two of the ships off this port, it is almon vessel Bankburn, 1,352 as Gott. Wyllie, lay at anchor well win, between William's Head and the Rocks where a safe berth for the carfit is generally found. But hen the wind arose her anchors began drag, and the sport which the wind do of the big craft may be judged in the fact that she was carried right with the Trial is fand, over ten miles. Her ster was in the city, and made an un-

each of the promontories along the wall, the master, favored by the moonlight, would hoist sufficient to carry her clear of the points, and lower again, until obliged to re-set as to save his craft from the break-

the while the barque was being ed swiftly down toward Trial island ng up and down like cork on the acc of the big waves, and present a fine sight to the eager company on