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THE KISS IN AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

St. Catharines—where, the other night, the comic opera "Chimes of Normandy" was presented—is not the first town to become excited over a kissing act in amateur theatricals, points out the Toronto Star. Wherever there is a play put on the stage by local talent the difficulty arises of acting the love scene without permitting the hero to actually kiss the heroine. The usual solution is that adopted in St. Catharines. In the rehearsals some elaborate deception is practised. It is agreed that there shall be no kissing. But the stage manager tells the hero that this will not do, that he must kiss the heroine. "You wait until the night comes," replies the hero, and so, before all the people he violates the agreement, and really kisses the startled and blushing belle of the town. Not having rehearsed the kiss, knowing that she does not expect it, and will evade him if she can, he usually grabs his victim savagely, kisses her forcibly, and looks as if he thought she would scream. It is always a fine sight, especially for those who have been told that Bill is really going to kiss Sue in the third act. They excitedly wait for it, and make bets as to what will happen.

It is in the interests of art. True art requires that the hero shall kiss the heroine, and he does it. He will not spoil a good scene by being too modest. Even at the best he knows the love scene will be awkward enough.

"That great world power, The Chatham Planet," Bobby Bubbles in Banner-News et al.

Right you are, sonny. That's the time you rapped the nail on the head.

Just our luck! Now, why can't some newspaper with a circulation give this great home journal an everyday front-page, preferred-space, display-typed advertisement?

A local contemporary announces the Stevens Strike was "pumping yesterday," but it carelessly neglected to add whether the "consistency of the oil" was still "as thick as maple sugar," or whether the writer had discovered any new "curious features."

Ah! This is getting better. The Banner-News et al now records its new Raleigh "kushers" and "strikes" and "yields," with the foot-note that they are "rumors" and "lack confirmation." We are glad to see The Planet's counsel is taking some effect on the obstreperous imagination of the misguided one. But it should be pointed out, in candor to our contemporary, that it is now unnecessary for it to announce that the reports in its columns are "rumors lacking confirmation." The people learned that long ago.

HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM.

Montreal Gazette.

If ex-Lieutenant-Governor Tilman, who shot Editor Gonzales, should escape punishment, as some people expect he will, and desire to clear his reputation in the same manner as in the Gonzales case, he will have to kill the larger proportion of the editors of the United States. Most of them have expressed opinions of the statesman now behind the bars, which in comparison with those of his first victim are as vinegar to water.

CHARLES A. DANA'S LOGIC.

Atlantic Monthly.

They tell a good story of Charles A. Dana,—how Dana once summoned a boy reporter and said, "To-morrow you write up the yacht race."

"But," said the lad, "I don't know how, I'm a Nebraskan. I only came here last night, sir, and I haven't so much as seen New York harbor yet. As for yachts—why, I never saw a yacht in my life!"

"Just the reason I sent for you, my boy! You'll write a story that people can read; you'll picture the thing; you'll write with enthusiasm because it's all new to you."

Sane logic! The poetry of the sea has always been written by landsmen; it always will be. The barrack-room ballads are best sung by a gentle civilian. The inside of anything is clearest seen by an erstwhile outsider. Mr. Bryce, not Mr. Lodge, writes The American Commonwealth. Emerson, not Carlyle, writes English Traits.

Was your last book a success?
Oh, immense. The publishers sent the entire edition up to my house just as we ran out of coal.

She's suffering with a dreadful disease.
Does she take anything for it?
Oh! Yes, everything she can. Why it's kleptomania.

SOCIETY

PLEASING BALL.

The Bachelors and Benedicts, of Chatham, gave a very pleasant and successful ball Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium. There were about 100 present and the time passed merrily. The patronesses were Mrs. George A. Gray, Mrs. Fred. Trudell, Mrs. D. E. Russell and Mrs. Geo. J. Peace. The stewards were J. W. Aitken, D. E. Russell, Geo. E. Clark, W. A. Jahnke, Frank M. Bechard, F. H. Briscoe and Reginald Miller. W. W. Turner was honorary secretary. The London Harpers furnished excellent music. W. S. Richards was the caterer.

THE SEWING MACHINE.

Unsuccessful Inventions That Preceded Howe's Patent In 1846.

The technical beginning of the sewing machine industry in this country was Sept. 10, 1846, when Elias Howe, Jr., obtained a patent for what grew into the first really practical sewing machine. Only three of the first Howe machines were made, however, and one of these was deposited in the patent office in Washington as a model. It was not until after 1850 that a factory for the making of sewing machines was built, so the enormous business of today has grown up in a short half century.

While Howe's invention marked the beginning of a successful industry, he was by no means the pioneer in efforts to substitute mechanical for hand sewing. As far back as 1770 Thomas Alsop patented in England a machine for embroidering. Another machine for embroidering in a loom was invented by John Duncan in 1804, and twenty-five years later another Englishman named Hellman patented still another embroidering machine.

The first recorded attempt at mechanical sewing was the invention of Thomas Saint, who took out a patent in England in 1790 for a machine which executed the old crochet stitch. It was not a success, but some of the features of the Saint machine appear in the perfected machine of today.

Bartholmey Thimmonier patented in France in 1830 the first sewing machine put to practical use. Eighty of his machines were in use for sewing army clothing in 1841, when a mob destroyed them because convinced they would drive seamstresses out of employment. Thimmonier built new and better machines, but all his work was again destroyed by angry artisans in 1848.

John J. Greenough took out the first patent for a sewing machine issued in the United States in 1842. It was intended to sew leather, but was of no practical use.

Walter Hunt of New York built a sewing machine in 1834, but failed to protect it by a patent. After Howe's machine appeared Hunt declared it embodied the ideas of his machine of 1834, but he was unable to establish his claim.

A small army of inventors appeared after Howe's patent had proved successful, and their genius was devoted to perfecting every part of the machine. How well they have succeeded is shown in the 8,500 patents for sewing machines and attachments issued by the United States since 1850 and in the fact that the American sewing machine leads all others in every country in the world.

WOMEN AT COAL MINES.

Lasses That Work as Hard and Like Men in the Pits.

Pit-brow girls are among the most remarkable women workers in England. They work as hard as men and dress almost like men. Very few pit-brow girls are found in Britain outside Lancashire, and 5,000 of them find employment at the coal mines. Their work lies on the pit brow—at the surface and not below. Once women were employed in the coal seams, but in 1842, in the face of great opposition from colliery owners, an act was passed prohibiting women and children from being employed below the surface in coal mines.

At present the duties of the pit-brow lasses consist in dealing with the coal as it comes up the shaft to the pit-head. When the cage reaches the top the girls haul out the wagons, which contain several hundred-weight of coal each, and run them on rails to a tipping machine, which shoots the coal down below to the screen or riddling machine. This is an iron slide, several yards long, with holes through which the coal drops at various stages into true waiting beneath. It is jerked about by steam power and the coal moves downward while the girls stationed alongside pick out the rubbish. It is dusty work.

The girls start work at 6 o'clock in the morning and finish at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. As may be judged, their work is arduous, and for its performance they receive 50 cents or less a day. Men who do the same work get \$1. Taken altogether the pit-brow lasses are a strong, healthy lot, ranging in age from 18 to 25.

Their dress is distinctive and peculiar. The working costume consists of trousers, a close coat which has at one time been worn by a brother or has come from a rummage stall. When going to and from work the girls wear petticoats, which they roll up round the waist while engaged on the pit-brow. At most pits nowadays the trousers are hidden in front by a short apron, but this is a comparatively recent departure in the way of dress. The headgear is also worthy of note. The hair is closely covered with a handkerchief, on the top of which is a soft bonnet.

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Stocktaking.
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PERSONATION INQUIRY.

Chancellor Boyd Considering the Nomination of a Judge.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—Chancellor Boyd has now before him the application of Crown Attorney Dewar for the nomination of a Judge to hear the charges in nine cases of personation arising out of the vote on the liquor act on December 4th. The application was made to the Chancellor at Osgoode Hall yesterday, and judgment was reserved.

Breathing Disease.

Infectious diseases are breathed into the system from those affected with disease or from bad smells; yet how many women breathe daily the offensive steam from common soaps made from rancid fats, and keep their hands for hours in such solutions, and the clothing from such soap suds is worn next the tender skin. No wonder disease and eczema are prevalent! Users of Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar—know the difference between that and the pure, healthful smell from the vegetable oils and pure edible fats in Sunlight Soap. 208

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Smallpox has made its appearance in Brook, Westworth County.

Provincial bye-elections in North York and Centre Bruce will probably be held February 20.

A man named Blatchford was struck by a Grand Trunk engine near Deseronto and had his back broken.

The German machinists discharged by the Kingston Locomotive Works will sue the company for damages.

The Council of Stratford has decided to submit a by-law to raise \$5,000 for the improvement of city streets.

Killmaster's block, at Port Rowan, containing his hardware and grocery store and a number of other stores, was destroyed by fire.

William Grocott was sent to the penitentiary for three years for stealing from W. J. Reid & Co., his employers, at London, Ont.

The Porte has informed the foreign Embassies that the Macedonian Committee is organizing for an invasion of Macedonia this spring.

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Mrs. Thos. Plowman, of New Lowell, Ont., is seventy years of age and Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets relieved her of the pains of Dyspepsia. Her husband, Alfred Plowman, writes: "My wife, Emma Plowman, is free from Dyspepsia, thanks to Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. Anyone wishing to know about it we will be pleased to answer with pleasure."

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Margatroyd—I was one of the 400 when I lived in New York, don't you know.

Blunt—So? One of the two ciphers, I suppose.

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Ladies' Coats—Your pick of all our finest coats, sold regular at \$10.00 to \$15.00 each, clearing at \$7.90	46 inch pillow cotton, superior quality and finish, sale price at 15c.	64 inch heavy cream damask, fine quality, new patterns, sale price 35c.
Ladies' Coats—Your pick of 16 coats, this season's best, assorted lengths, black, Oxford grey and fawns, regular price up to \$5.50 each, now at \$4.00	40 inch circular pillow cotton, fine pure bleached finish, sale price at 12 1-2c.	64 inch heavy pure linen damask, in large range of new designs, special at sale price 50c.
Ladies' Coats—Your pick of 14 hand-made coats in beaver, frieze and boucle cloth, up-to-date styles, worth regular up to \$6; clearing now at \$3.48	42 inch circular pillow cotton, fine heavy quality, sale price at 15c.	Pure grass bleached double damask, warranted pure Irish linen, fine satin finish, large range of handsome designs, full 2 yards wide, special at sale price per yard 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
Ladies' Fur Coats—For quick buyers, 25.00 coats now \$21.90	44 inch circular pillow cotton, superior quality, sale price at 18c.	WHITE COTTONS—
\$30.00 Coats, now \$25.00	46 inch circular pillow cotton, extra quality, sale price at 20c.	Pure bleach, fair quality, full yard wide, sale price per yard 5c.
Ladies' \$40.00 Coats, now \$34.90	SHEETINGS—	36 inch white cotton, fine cambric finish, pure black, smooth, even weave, a good 10c quality, sale price 8c.
1 only, Ladies' Greenland Seal Coat, best quality, worth \$50.00, now \$40.00	2 yards wide, fine heavy unbleached sheeting, even round thread, special per yard at sale price 17c.	36 inch English long cloth cotton, superior quality, pure finish, full yard wide, sale price 10c.
1 only, Ladies' Greenland Seal, best quality, choice mink collar and lapels, worth \$65.00, now \$50.00	2 1-4 yards wide, extra quality unbleached sheeting, plain and twill weave, special at sale price 22c.	36 inch Lansdowne cambric, fine soft finish, regular 12 1-2c, sale price 10c.
Capelines, Boas, Ruffs, Gaudinets, and all small furs, clearing at \$1.00	Bleached sheeting, 2 yards wide, extra fine heavy quality, pure soft finish, plain and twill weaves at sale price 22c.	36 inch Lansdowne cambric, superior quality and finish, special at sale price 12 1-2c.
8c. and 9c. Flannellettes at 6c. yard—2,000 yards fine heavy stripe flannellettes, soft, fleecy finish, choice patterns and fast colors, at sale price, 6c.	Bleached sheeting, superior quality and finish, free from dressing, full 2 1-4 yards wide, plain and twill weaves, worth 35c a yard, special at sale price 28c.	36 inch Lonsdale cambric, extra fine quality, pure finish, sale price at 15c.
300 Yards Heavy Grey Flannel, full width, warranted unshrinkable, plain and twill weaves, at sale price, a yard 12 1-2c.	White bed spreads, full size, full heavy quality, pure bleached finish, over-cast edges, choice designs, worth \$1.10 each, sale price 99c.	36 inch grey cotton, good heavy quality, clean finish, even weave, sale price at 5c.
27 inch Japan taffeta silk, superior quality and finish, in white and cream, regular 50c yard, sale price 39c.	Extra large size crochet quilts, superior quality in desirable patterns, extra good value at \$1.50 each, sale price \$1.25.	Heavy grey sheetings, 36 inches wide, full round thread, even weave, pure clean finish, special at 7c and 8c.
23 inch white and cream Japan taffeta, fine quality, regular 35c yard, sale price 25c.	Extra heavy white crochet quilts, fine quality and finish, full size, over-cast edges, in new patterns, regular \$1.25, special at sale price \$1.00.	TABLE CLOTHS—
PILLOW COTTONS—	42 inch plain pillow cotton, fine quality, free from dressing, pure bleached finish, regular 12 1-2c yard, sale price at 14c.	Size 2 yards by 2 1-2 yards, fine pure bleached quality, in Lansdowne bordered patterns, special at \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
44 inch pillow cotton, fine heavy quality, pure bleached finish, sale price at 10c.	44 inch pillow cotton, fine heavy quality, pure bleached finish, sale price at 10c.	Table cloths, extra fine heavy double damask, warranted pure grass black, rich satin finish, worth \$3.50 each, at sale price at \$2.89.

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