

ch a guinea-pig's tail in a lemon-squeezer. All you can do is to make a few scriptural remarks, and then figure out how it is that, with a three-minute service, it is 27 minutes before the next car comes along. Then you can gather yourself together and make a wild spring for the rail. Perhaps you land on the platform. And perhaps you are towed behind for a block, with your eyes sticking out like the pegs on a hat-stand, and your legs streaming out behind like the ribbons on an electric fan, until the motorman stops with a jerk and you are propelled into the interior of the car with the velocity of a dynamite gun. But it is no use arguing with the conductor. You might just as well argue with the wife of your bosom, except that the conductor will not enforce his views on you with the rolling-pin. You feel that your presence or absence on the car is about as important to the company as that of a lineman to a wireless telegraphic concern. And thus the virtues of modesty and humility are inculcated by a series of continuous object-lessons, and barrels upon barrels of profanity, which we might otherwise use in lacerating the feelings of our fellowmen, are expended instead upon a soul-less corporation. In its moral benefits to the public, the trolley car system stands unequalled. It teaches us patience, resignation, reckless courage, and blind submission to fate. In addition, it is eradicating the surplus canine population of this great city, and elevating the practice of blasphemy into a fine art. SIXTH.

GABRIEL'S WEEKLY FORECASTS.

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Three forecasts are made for each day of the coming week. The first applies to the world at large; the second shows how persons, born on this day in any year, will fare during the next 12 months, and the third indicates how children, born on this day in the present year, will fare during life. The present series began with December 1, 1899, and back numbers of LIFE, when available, cost 10c. each.

Sunday, January 21.—A desirable Sabbath in many ways. Friends will rejoice much in each other's company, the needy will receive substantial help from charitable persons, and church collections will be larger than usual.

The main affliction foreshadowed for this year is some family trouble, perhaps illness. In other respects the prospect is encouraging. Business will prosper, and the salaries of many employees will be increased.

Much good fortune awaits the children born to-day, and that they will rise in life is certain. Let them, however, guard their money carefully, as otherwise they may come to ruin.

Monday, January 22.—A disagreeable day, on the whole, though not absolutely unfortunate. Many will worry over trifles, and few will be in good humor.

Those whose birthday this is should refrain from risking any money during the year, and should not let themselves become entangled in any business or legal complications. In the family circle some illness may be expected.

Quick-witted will be the children born to-day, but the truth they will not always speak, and their duplicity will be a bar to good fortune. Girls, born now, may expect happiness in married life.

Tuesday, January 23.—This is a good day for business transactions, but an unfavorable day on which to ask favors of persons in authority.

Persons working for others should be peculiarly circumspect in their conduct during this year as, if not, they will probably lose their positions. Care, too, should be taken to avoid law-suits and disputes of any kind.

Rash and impetuous will be the children born to-day, and many obstacles will they meet with during life. In sagacity they will be lacking, and their greatest troubles will be the direct result of their own blunders.

Wednesday, January 24.—There is little promise of good or evil in any direction to-day.

Business will flourish during this year, and in the family circle there will be much happiness. Maidens, too, will receive many compliments from young men. Those who are financially prosperous are cautioned not to be too extravagant with their money.

Prosperous will be the career of children born to-day. Many friends they will have and their conduct will ever be upright. Girls born now are certain to marry well.

Thursday, January 25.—Legal papers may fittingly be signed to-day. Good fortune is also likely to attend travelers and those seeking employment.

A very fortunate year. Women will receive excellent proposals of marriage, and all engaged in business will meet with success. Many, too, will receive valuable assistance from powerful friends.

Exceptionally clever and quick workers will be the children born to-day, and a rapid rise in life is foreshadowed for them. For girls it is an excellent birthday, as they are practically certain to obtain good husbands.

Friday, January 26.—Business will flourish to-day, and many speculators will make money.

This is an uncertain year. Fortunate it will be in some respects, but this good fortune will be preceded or followed by bitter disappointment. Some journeys or other changes are clearly foreshadowed as well as anxiety on account of domestic affairs.

Children born to-day will travel much, and good fortune is likely to attend them in all their undertakings. Few will be more ingenious and clever than they, and hardly any will meet with greater success.

Saturday, January 27.—Hardly any good or ill-luck is foreshadowed for to-day.

Business will go on as usual during this year, and persons blessed with good tempers will not meet with misfortune. The quick-tempered, however, will have many an anxious hour owing to foolish quarrels.

Uneventful in most respects will be the lives of children born to-day. Great joys or sorrows will not be theirs, and little will occur to mar the placid routine of their daily existence.

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WHAT A UNIT IS.

WE hear a good deal about "units" of the South-African army, and it is not always easy to know what it means.

When an army—that is, several army corps—is fighting, the unit means an army corps.

When an army corps is fighting, the unit is the division, or one-third of the corps.

When a division is fighting, the unit means a brigade, or one-half of the division.

When a brigade is fighting, the unit means a battalion, or one-fourth of the brigade.

Usually, however, a unit is used to mean one of the following:

A battalion of infantry—1,000 men.

A squadron of cavalry—160 men.

A battery of artillery—6 guns.

A company of mounted infantry—116 men.

A company of Royal Engineers, of the Army Service Corps, and of other accessory troops.

Mr. J. Bert Sutherland has returned to the city after visiting friends at Coaticook, Scotstown, Gould, Lennoxville and Sherbrooke.