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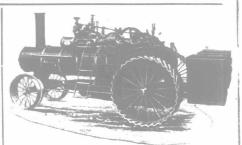
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## News of the Week

For purchasing beaver, otter and muskrat pelts during the close season the Hudson Bay Co. has been fined \$16,570 and costs.

A company has been incorporated with a capital of \$6,000,000, and headquarters at Toronto, which will control twenty-two theatres in Canada, and will undertake the manufacture and sale of moving picture films.

It is estimated that \$900,000 will be required to provide adequate relief for those dependent on the victims of the wreck of the Empress of Ireland; about \$400,000 of which will be required for the families of the crew. Less than half of this sum has been contributed so far, and the amount to hand is totally madequate to meet the requirements.

It is probable that nearly a hundred thousand persons will have lost their mail through the Empress disaster. The liner carried 31 sacks of letters, 58 sacks of newspapers, and six baskets of parcel post packages; the letters including 800 registered packets, the face value of which is not known.

According to the Russian Minister of Finance, Russia will spend, during the next five years, \$6,760,000,000 on the. army and navy.

In the course of an address given before the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Chicago, Mrs. Robt. J. Burdette, of Pasadena, speaking of the present fashions, made the following statement:

"The following of such dictates (of fashion) causes foolish women to eat their hearts out with longings they cannot afford to gratify; leads to unhappiness, the ruination of homes, and the bartering of virtue itself."

"No one thing to-day in a woman's life more saps her strength, time, means, and nervous vitality than the triple-headed lion that guards every event of daily life in the form of the questions, 'What shall I wear?' 'How shall it be made?' and 'How shall it be paid for ?' "

By a vote of 286 for, to 109 against. the report favoring Church Union was carried at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Woodstock, Ont.

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The \$2,500 gold vase given by the late King Edward for military horsemanship, has been won this year-lor the third time in succession-by Russian cavalry officers, and thus becomes the property of Russia. This trophy was competed for by teams from most of the European armies. It has already been won twice by Russia, twice by France, and once by Belgium. . . . .

W. T. Watts-Dunton, poet, novelist critic, died on the 7th inst. in his seventy-second year, he was a close friend of Swinburne's, and lived for thirty years in the same; house with him. He contributed essays, articles and monographs to the Encyclopedia Britannica, and wrote many of the introductory essays for The World's Classics and Every Man's Library.

In accordance with her last request, the ashes of Mrs. R. L. Stevenson will be placed beside those of her husband in a tomb on the summit Mount Vaca. Samoa. On the door of the tomb will be inscribed the last verse of Stevenson's lines to his wife:

"Teacher, tender comrade; wife. "Fellow-farer, true through life; Heart whole and soul free. "The August Father gave to me."

To this tomb there will be no access save by a rough mountain path. The ashes, which are now in San Francisco, will be taken there by her children Mrs. Strong and Lloyd Osborne, after the ttlement of her will.

At the International Congress of nlume dealers, held in Paris recently, 1t was determined to bring pressure to bear upon the various governments to call an international conference for the protection of birds useful to agricul-

On the 11th inst. an attempt was made by militant suffragettes to wreck the famous Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey. Fortunately the attempt failed, the damage done being very slight, and the "Stone of Destiny," which was first thought to be badly chipped, proves to be practically unin-

## The Art of Being Poor.

By Alice Grant, in Pictorial Review. We discovered through the Wilsons that being poor could be an art. At our very first meeting with that couple we were impressed with the fact that they were nice people, very nice people. the kind of people whom we wanted to meet and to know. As we became better acquainted we began to puzzle over their peculiar attraction. Apparently the Wilsons had everything that life offered. They dressed nicely, went occasionally to concerts and theatres. seemed conversant with the magazines and never were heard to complain of ill luck or lack of funds. Yet it was obvious that they had very little moneyfar less than we or the majority of our friends had.

"They certainly are poor," said my husband one night, as after the fashion of married couples we discussed these pleasant recent acquaintances.

"But it isn't their powerty makes them attractive," I argued. "We know quite a number of people as poor, who are anything but attractive. There are the Raynors for instance-"

"But they boast of it," interrupted my husband.

"And there are the Grahams-" "But they whine about it. It's a constant hard luck story with no intermissions.'

Then we sat still and thought. The Raynors are the kind of people who make a virtue of being poor. You never meet Mrs. Raynor without having her poverty-or comparative poverty-flung in your face. Mrs. Raynor seems to take a positive delight in gaily telling why she does not do this and that and in accounting for her made-over gowns or her last year's hat. It was attractive at first, for it sounded as if they were making the best of things and putfa But ere long it seemed as if it was after all but a novel appeal to your sympathy, and you grew tired of the constant gaily uttered, "Well, of course, poor folks like us you know do not do those things."

The Grahams on the other hand openiv signed and groaned over the limitations imposed by their small income. But the Wilsons neither boasted nor groaned, and yet they were the poorest of all. We had not been quite free from the faults of alternately boasting or groaning ourselves-not that we had anything really to complain of, but that we were comparatively poor and our ambitions exceeded our income. But when we got to the point of comparing these three families we straightened up and determined that come what might we would refuse to join the boasters or groaners.

We adopted the Wilsons as a model, and as we studied them the amount that that couple had managed to get out of life seemed marvelous to us. Mr. Wilson occupied an uninteresting position and received a small salary. Mrs. Wilson occasionally made a little money painting; but this was not very much They lived in three rooms which did not boast even the luxury of a bath; but they were three of the most wonderful rooms I have ever known. The main room, used as a sitting and diningroom, was large and fitted with the most exquisite taste and comfort. It was a room of easy chairs, comfortable couches of soft tones and lights placed exactly right, a room that fascinated the visitor. All the love and care and thought that had been spent upon it breathed through every picture, every book, every dainty hanging. The small bed-room was exquisitely neat, and the tiny combined kitchen and wash-room