

News from a Far Country

When reading the cups, leaves in fish formation in liquor symbolise news from a far country—good news. A triangle typifies the receipt of unexpected money. Dark clouds presage misfortune, a planet, like

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LOCAL TRAVELOGUES.

Week-End Notes on Holiday Rambles.

(I.C.M.)

ARTICLE VI.
THE STORY OF ONE OF THE CROSSES BY THE WAYSIDE.
To write the story of all these Crosses, to which we referred in our last article, would make a volume replete with tragedy and pathos. Of the many stories which the writer has learned in connection with these Crosses, none seem more pathetic than this one which we now publish. It is the story of two brothers; who, in their haste to return home after an absence in foreign parts, were overtaken in a snow storm, and fell victims to its severity. The cross, which marks the scene of this tragedy, is erected near the Southern Shore road, and for nearly fifty years it has silently told its sad tale. The young men, as we have said, were brothers, and they decided to go abroad for the summer, as a change from the fisheries, and to seek employment at Boston. This they did, and were fairly successful, and worked until near Christmas time, when they packed their trunk and turned towards home. During their absence they wrote several letters to their parents, who were greatly rejoiced that the boys were so fortunate as to get constant employment, and fairly good pay, which at that date was about two dollars per day. Leaving Boston, the brothers came to Halifax by the Inter-Colonial Railway, and from Halifax to St. John's by the S.S. "Delta," which ship was one of the Cunard line, which at that time had the contract of running the mails and passengers between St. John's and Halifax. The Cunard Company were the first to run a line of ships across the Atlantic, but they were superseded in the local service by the Allan Line, which has since given way to the Furness Withy Company. The "Delta" made the usual passage of three days, and arrived in good time, and berthed at Baine Johnston's wharf, which firm were agents for the Cunard Line. The two brothers were stowage passengers, and paid the sum of four dollars each for their passage; this sum being the current rate between St. John's and Halifax at that period. The ship arrived in the afternoon, and the brothers with eagerness were looking over the rail, when much to their delight, they saw lying at the wharf, a boat from their own harbor. With haste, they disembarked, and made arrangements to take passage by the boat to their home, on the Southern Shore. They at once removed their luggage from the ship, and transferred it to the boat, and then had a look around the city. They were delighted to learn from the boat's crew that their parents and all at home were well, and were expecting them along for Christmas. There was not much in the town to delay the young men personally, hence they were eager to start for home; and so it came about, that the boat being delayed a little longer than was expected, they decided to go overland. They accordingly informed the skipper of the boat of their purpose, and the next morning they began their journey. The weather was fairly fine, and the chances for good travelling seemed favourable. Near Bay Bulls' Big Pond they put up at Fizzells; and having refreshed themselves they resumed their journey; but a few hours later a snow-storm burst upon them.

UNDIVIDED IN DEATH.

A day or two after the storm the boat sailed for home, well laden with supplies for the winter, and carrying also the trunk containing the effects of the two brothers. On the boat's arrival, the skipper and his crew, were

alarmed to find that the brothers had not yet reached home, and immediately inquiries were begun, and search parties set out to find the whereabouts of the young men. At that time, there were no telegraph lines, and very few lighthouses, and communication and intercourse was very slow; and it then took days to accomplish what is now done in hours. The good people of the Harbor, while fearful for the safety of the young men, still indulged the hope that they had taken shelter in some house along the road; but their hopes were shattered, for, in their search, they found the frozen forms of the brothers, quite near the road in question. The sight was truly a sad one, for there in the snow lay still and cold, the manly hearts that had beaten so high, and that had hoped so soon to be in the shelter of home, and the embrace of their loved ones. How many hours the brothers had wandered and suffered is not known, but the spot was marked by the erection of a Cross, and, no doubt, many who may read this article have seen it in their travels. The sorrow of the parents was indescribable, and when after awhile their grief had somewhat subsided, and the trunk of the brothers was opened, there was found amongst its contents the few letters which they had received during their absence, and also a present marked "Mother," and one for "Sister." With tender hands and burning tears the presents were taken from the trunk, and ever after treasured, as a keepsake from the dear ones that had selected them in a strange city.

It is such acts as these that touch the heart, and though the facts of this story are long past, they yet tell us of the fidelity and endurance of our people. Thousands of our sons and daughters have since left their homes to seek employment in other countries, and many a tragedy has occurred—some known and some unknown; but the plain wooden Cross by the roadside on the Southern Shore, is an eloquent, though silent reminder, of the two strong men, who faced duty, and fulfilled their part in the industrial world, and then turned homeward, but reached it not. Those brothers paid the price, which so often seems strangely to fall to the sons and daughters of men.

This story may not be generally known; but the few facts which we gleaned about this Cross have always impressed us as being very pathetic; inasmuch as they contain the story of the tragedy of honest, industrious men, and loving and dutiful sons. Such men are truly empire builders, and are a country's best asset; and little presents which those brothers had in their trunk told their own tale of the tale of their affliction. They told that in the big city, with all its temptations and its many snares, the boys did not forget their home—did not forget mother, did not forget sister; hence, did not forget themselves. Their hearts beat true; and thus, we say, their death was pathetic as well as tragic. Such then is the story of one of the Crosses by the Wayside.

MY COLUMN

(By the CUB-EDITOR)

TOO TIRED.

I am most awfully sorry to have to disappoint my vast concourse of readers but I am really too tired to write to-day. After the manner in which the Editor has been overworking me and my staff, it is doubtful if I shall be over able to write another article for this column. Poor old Horace is quite done up and has actually fallen asleep over "Hawkeye, the Indian Chief" and the office cat is curled up on an apology for a mat before an imaginary fire. And as they say sleep is infectious, I'm going to hit the "downy" too. Bye—e—e—e.

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

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STILL TIRED.
I am so tired to-day I find I cannot even write a verse.
For writing prose is bad enough
But scalded poetry is worse.

OTHER PEOPLE'S WIT.

The Harder the Freshener—Girls, beware of the hard-boiled egg. He will go fresh.—Minnesota Star.

The Movable Hearststone—Home nowadays is where the family auto may happen to be parked.—The Pacific Legion.

Changed Roles—"Pa, what is meant by spirit control?" "Formerly the butler, now the physician."—Boston Globe.

Pathos Up-to-Date—There is nothing more pathetic in life than the spectacle of a sturdy Boy Scout begging his mother not to smoke.—The Persico.

The Drawbacks—It is now proposed to deport alien violators of the Volstead act. But why send so much money out of the country?—Peoria Transcript.

Honors Are Even—A woman doesn't make much headway driving a nail, but did you ever see a man try to wrap up a bundle of laundry?—Akron Times.

Usually—Teacher—"Now, children,



STEEDEMAN'S SOOTHING POWDER
Contain no Poison

It is a curious fact that the bee stings only once.
Boy: "But, isn't once enough?"
The Bulletin, Sydney.

Improved Grammar—T.S. Wants to know how to keep the rising generation from saying "I seen" so extensively. Get them to say "I lamped."
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Appropriate—"I have decided to call my homebrew 'frog,'" remarked Nutt.
"Why?" asked Bolt.
"Because it has plenty of hops, but not much kick," replied Nutt.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Wrong Name—"Is this an accommodation train?" asked the traveling man.
"Only in a technical sense," replied Mr. Crosslots. "As a matter of fact it's one of the most disobliging trains I ever rode on."—Washington Star.

A Beginning—The Theosophist—"Does your husband believe that his soul leaves his body while he sleeps?"
The Materialist: "I'm not certain; but he's got a suspicion that his money leaves his pockets."—The Bulletin.

Things to Preach About—A newspaper gives a few sermon subjects which some ministers advertise as their Sunday themes:—"Slip, Slip, and Slippers," "Wobbling," "Swat the fly," "The Honeymoon," "My Mother-in-Law," "The Ace Tied at the Door Without," "Lop-sided Polka," "The Sentimental Journey," "Three White Mice," "Pulling Out a Plum," "A Big Hug," "Psychometric Readings," "Street-car Ventilation," "A Joke on the Conductor," "Hallowe'en Tricks and Pranks," "The Doll-makers of Nuremberg," "A Congregationalist in Columbus announced, 'A man with his Nose Out of Joint,' A Methodist minister in Dayton perpetrated, 'The Devil-Man's Life, Death and Funeral, in Five Acts.' A minister in California announced, 'Two Looks at Another Man's Wife.'—Christian Register.

Going Up—An Englishman went to a baseball game, and both sides made one run each during the first inning. The Englishman watched the scoreboard intently, as each team failed to make a run in the next inning. The game had gone sixteen innings, and the figure one and the zeros following had left their impression on the mind of the Englishman. Going down the street after the game, a small boy stopped him and asked what the score was. "Oh," said the Englishman, "I lost all track of the game; it's way up in the millions."—The Argonaut, San Francisco.

Breaking It Gently—A New York silk merchant went to the bank to get his note renewed.
"I am sorry," said the banker, "but it will be absolutely impossible for me to renew your note."

The silk merchant's face paled. After a moment of thought he looked up at the banker and asked:
"Were you ever in the silk business?"

"Why of course not," answered the banker.
"Well, you're in it now," said the silk merchant as he picked up his hat and went out.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Becoming Hats for Fall wear; Tam crown, trimmed with Ribbon, Berries and Fur edging; shades of Navy, Saxe, Crimson, Brown and Black. Regular \$2.00. Saturday 98c.

Ladies' Nightgowns

White Flannelette Nightgowns, long sleeved, round neck, full sizes. Regular \$3.50. Saturday \$2.00.

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All-Wool Coat Sweaters, some with Cap to match; shades of Navy, Saxe, Purple, Rose and White; to fit 6 to 12 years. Regular \$6.00. Saturday Special \$3.98.

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Fine Silk and Wool Vests, beautifully soft, long sleeves; to fit 6 months to 2 years. Reg. 85c. Saturday Special 59c.

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Dark Brown Corduroy Pants of exceptional goodness; ideal for the workingman. Special to clear Saturday \$3.45.

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