

**THE NEW METAL.**—A novel use of Aluminum has been the casing of a Chicago house in shining white sheets, in place of the familiar facings of brick and terra cotta. As the new building is a sixteen story one the material will be brought well before the public. The new metal is swiftly making itself of use—opticians claim that it is far superior to other metals for making fittings for delicate instruments—photographers have taken advantage of its extremely light weight to utilize it for the tripod legs of their cameras—jewellers have seized on it for making ornaments, and hardware men have brought out a great variety of household utensils in a most attractive and pleasing form.

**THE KHEDIVÉ GIVES IN!**—Lord Cromar has, as we predicted, scored another diplomatic victory in his dealings with the young Khedive of Egypt. The Khedive now realizes that he has been rather imprudent, to say the least, in his conduct. By a frank and timely apology and a promise of prompt obedience for the future he has won back the position which a week ago he seemed almost to have forfeited. A slight concession was made on the part of Lord Cromar, by which the Khedive is permitted to make the change in the Egyptian cabinet which he has long desired. Otherwise Egyptian matters remain unchanged, excepting that the British power is a whit more firmly established than ever before.

**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ADVOCATES OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS**—Although the privileges of lady visitors of the British House of Commons are to be much curtailed this session, the friends of the women's progressive movement are not a whit disheartened. The last year has been very promising for the future of the movement. St. Andrew's University was opened to women, the fellowships of the Royal Geographical Society were extended to them, and at the recent Church Congress every concession was made to the women church-workers who were present. The most remarkable fact is, however, that that permanently conservative body, the British Medical Association, has called a general meeting to discuss the claims of the 140 registered female practitioners to entrance into that august society.

**A WORD TO THE FRUIT GROWERS.**—The present season may be both a busy and important one to the owners of orchards, who in the past have seen their fruit trees, especially those of the plum variety, slowly destroyed by the disease known as "black-knot." This troublesome growth is easily seen in winter, when the leaves have been well shaken off the trees. The wise arboriculturist will now occupy himself for a few hours in his orchard and will carefully cut out the knots wherever they have appeared. The little work of excision will amply repay him, as the knots now neglected will ruin his crop for the coming season. He will also find to his interest to topdress the soil around his fruit trees, and in the very earliest spring he will carefully prune and thin out the branches of his too-crowded trees.

**THE PENNY DREADFUL.**—It was hoped that the sale of the "Penny Dreadful" story books had been partially checked in New York, but the discouragement given to the book venders has resulted in the cheapening of their wares so that the books may be bought for a mere trifle by far-sighted tradesmen. One greener has induced many servant girls to bring the trade of the families in which they are employed to him by wrapping in each parcel a leaf of sensational literature, until if the purchases were regular, a whole volume of "Dare Devil Jack," "The Bone Yard Terror," or some other high spiced romance might be amassed. There are far too many of these demoralizing books sold in Nova Scotia, but in applying a remedy we must be careful that we do not assist in spreading the disease, as the New York authorities certainly have done.

**THE REVOLUTION IN HAYTI.**—The little disturbance in the Island Republic is not especially noteworthy, except for the fact that it has aroused considerable diplomatic feeling between the Island and the United States. President Hyppolite, who seems to have been over-anxious to secure his re-election, placed Military guards at the polls, it is alleged, to intimidate the people. A revolt against his authority quickly followed. Minister Durham, of the United States, is taking advantage of the present turmoil to appear at Port-au-Prince on board a Man-of-War to demand an apology from the Haytian Government for its treatment of several American citizens, who have been most insecure with regard to the possession of freedom, life and property since taking up their residence in the realm of President Hyppolite. The President is in an unfortunate position, for he has lost the confidence of his own people, and is at variance with the nation who might, under other circumstances, have given him a helping hand.

**COMFORTABLE QUARTERS FOR THE WORKERS!**—The board of lady managers for the World's Fair has devised a scheme by which women, especially of the working classes, will be cheaply and comfortably put up during the World's Fair. Four huge dormitories are being erected for the use of such intending visitors. The great rooms are to be partitioned off in sections so that a certain degree of privacy may be secured. Temporary sites for the dormitories have already been donated, and an amount of the \$125,000 of stock taken up. The shares are fixed at \$5.00, each shareholder being entitled to the face value of her share in room rent. Non-stockholders wishing to secure this accommodation will be supplied with beds at 30c. per night, and this small sum will also include a comfortable parlor accommodation. As the management is entirely by women for women the dormitory idea will speedily become most popular.

**THE NEW METROPOLITAN.**—Members of the Church of England have been much interested of late in the efforts made to select a suitable person to fill the high office of the Metropolitanship of Canada. Many names have been suggested, but few of their owners were possessed of all the qualifications which are deemed necessary for the discharge of the many and onerous duties entailed on the position. At last the Right Rev. J. Travers Lewis, D. D., L. L. D., bishop of Ontario, has been chosen as the successor of the late Bishop Medley. The new head of the Anglican communion is of Irish birth and education. He has had over forty years experience in church work in Canada, and has a practical knowledge of the duties of deacon, priest and bishop. The now famous Lambeth Conference were devised by him, and he has rendered a marked service to Canada by securing through his great personal influence the removal of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to Montreal. Although His Lordship has well passed the three-score years allotted to man we trust that he may serve in his new office for many years to come.

**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION.**—Halifax has suffered greatly in the past from the ravages of diphtheria, and at times our citizens have been protected from the spread of this infectious disease by the precautions of the Board of Health. During the last few weeks the disease has again appeared among the children of some of our public schools, and the proper precautionary measures have not been taken. In the north end of our city there seems to have been much negligence on the part of the authorities. The cases of illness have not been isolated, the houses have not been placarded, and inmates of the infected houses have been seen repeatedly in public places. Such a state of affairs is disgraceful. Our city cannot afford to save a few dollars by negligence or indifference to the public demand. A proper care of the cases, the isolation of the patients, or the use of the infectious hospital, and the placarding of houses in which there are diphtheritic patients, are absolutely necessary for the safety of our younger citizens. The memory of the little ones of our city who have perished of the disease because of the indifference of officials should not be quickly forgotten.

**PROTECTION FROM THE PRESS.**—A curious question has recently arisen in Paris, which demands a speedy and just settlement. Great license is allowed to the French Press, and of late each new issue has been filled with highly colored and inflammatory articles denouncing the men engaged in the Panama enterprise. Naturally the foreign press correspondents resident in Paris have adopted the same tone, and some of them have even gone so far as to accuse the Ambassadors of unfriendly countries of being accessories in the fraud, with the design of creating a bad feeling between France and the countries of the Triple Alliance. The foreign Ambassadors are entitled by right and courtesy to protection from such an outrage, and the first action of the French Government was to expel from the city the foreign correspondents who had made the unfounded and scandalous imputations, and a correspondent of an Hungarian journal who was especially virulent was arrested. Vigorous protests are now being made against the discriminating action of the Government, in allowing the utmost license to the native correspondents, and disallowing the same freedom in the foreign press representatives.

**CANADIAN CATTLE.**—At a conference held recently at Glasgow by the Clyde Navigation Trust the question of the exclusion of our Canadian cattle from the British markets was well discussed. The chairman of the association stated that during his long experience he had handled from 30,000 to 40,000 head of Canadian cattle a year, and that he or the officials under him had never detected a single case of pleuro-pneumonia among them. He doubted the statement of the Board of Agriculture and was extremely desirous that the exclusion of the Canadian cattle might be done away with. A representative of the Dundee Harbor Board attested to the value of the Canadian cattle trade to the receiving ports, and a prominent farmer pointed out the serious loss that the small farmers have experienced because they have been unable to procure the Canadian cattle to fatten for the market. The Scotch farmers seem to be especially vigorous on the question, and they assert that one of their chief means of livelihood, under the present depressed state of agriculture, has been the sale of our fattened cattle. As we have said before we consider if the business is so profitable it is a pity that the whole preparation for market should not be made in Canada.

**STAY IN CANADA.**—California has never quite emerged from the golden halo which surrounded her in the summer of 1849. Scores of young men, Canadians as well as Americans, still flock to that State, hoping to be at once placed on the high road to fortune. The real condition of affairs, however, if more widely known, would check the emigration, and would in many cases prevent our young citizens from straying from their natural homes. California has ceased to be a progressive State—the population is decreasing in both the mining and the agricultural counties—many mines have been worked out and deserted, and the big ranches have crowded out the small landowners. The number of free-hold farmers has decreased noticeably in the last ten years, and unless the young emigrants have capital to invest in manufacturing enterprises they are strongly advised not to leave home in the expectation of amassing great wealth. We cannot too strongly urge on our young people that their prospects in Canada are quite as good as their prospects would be in any State of the neighboring Republic. Steady work, pluck, enterprise or capital are as valuable in Canada as elsewhere, and the prospects of the good times coming should cheer the heart and dissuade the purpose of the intending emigrant.

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