THE FIRE FIEND SETS TO WORK.

The explosion was so terrific that nearly every building on Jackson avenue, from Fifth street to Borden avenue, was either destroyed or badly damaged. The structures include the post-office and Sylvester & Cols. factory. A fire immediately started in the debris and is now burning.

At 9 o'clock nine bodies were reported to have been taken from the shaft.

10 a. m.—So far as learned three persons were killed outright by the dynamite explosion. They were Mary Graden, aged 19, of No. 27 Jackson avenue; Mrs. Roceri, wife of Peter Roceri, a barber of No. 27 Jackson avenue; Henry OBrien, clerk, of No. 25 Jackson avenue.

Among the injured are William Krepp, of Green Point, and John Palmer, of Williamsburg, both of whom were at work in Gray's refrigerator factory opposite where the explosion took

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Davren's flats will be totally destroyed. The fire is still bursing. A workman says two barrels of dynamite was taken from the storehouse on the Meadows to the lot on Fourth street, where the tunnel shafe is situated, and a number of men were thawing it out when the explosion occurred. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Those in the vicinity at the time of the explosion say that the shock which followed was like an earthquake. The tenements Nos. 21 to 29 Jackson avenue were shattered, with the stores and offices below. post-office was in No. 27.

The three persons killed were all in their homes, which were contiguous to the scene the explosion. O'Brien, one of the killed, had his threat cut from ear to ear, his face was badly mutilated by flying glass. He was lying on a sofa when the xplosion took place. A pane of glass was mashed directly over his head, and a large piece acted as a guillotine.

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MOST HORRIBLE DISEASE.

It is the Wages of Sin and is Called

The severity of British justice was well illustrated at Northampton recently, where a trial for murder was in progress. The jury having been permitted to partake of a lunch in their room, one of their number profited by the opportunity to step out of doors to post a letter. The judge, to whom this act was reported, promptly gave the offending juror a sharp lecture and fined him \$250. He dismissed the jury and a new offending juror a shi him \$250. He dismiss one was empanelled.

Inches high was recently sold in London for \$7,205.

Husband—Will you go to the theatre with me to-night, Mary? Wife—Thank you; no. H.—Why not? W.—You know you; no. H.—Why not? W.—You know you you have a supposed to have a

THE TRIALS OF A BRIDE. Advertising Wife Hunter She | The He

A BRUTAL HOTEL CLERK.

husband. The clerk agreed to take care of her, and gave her a room in a remote part of the house from that occupied by her husband, saying he would assist her to leave the house in the morning. Later the clerk entered the room and attempted to assaulther. As the door was locked her only means of .escape was by jumping from the window. The woman was badly bruised about the feet and ankles by the jump.

Mrs. Jefferson says the marriage took place in the parlors of the Atlantic Hotel, and vas witnessed by two men and two women, none of whom she knew. The police are after the night clerk.

THE ST. GEORGE'S DISASTER.

Settlement of Suits Against the Gran Trunk Bailway Co. Settlement of Suits Against the Grand
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A Woodstock despatch says: "The last
of the St. George cases have been settled by
the Grand Trunk Railway Company. About
a year ago several of these suits were settled by the plaintiffs getting only a small
amount more than they had already paid
out in costs. In June judgment was given
by the Chancery Division Court in favor of
the plaintiffs, and at that time all were settled, with the exception of those of Mr. D.
W. Karn and Mr. R. W. Knight. The defendants gave notice of appeal, and the
time for setting the cases down for argumen: expired on December 30th last. Mr.
Karn gets \$7,500, of which \$500 represents
his solicitor's costs. Mr. Knight gets
\$7,000, over half of which amount is com-

as "softening of the brain." Its unvarying history entitles it to precedence over consumption, cancer, Bright's diesaes; in short, places it peerless in bad preeminence. It changes a man's personality, dethrones reason, simost eliminates the mind, and steadily weakening the body, leaves towards the last a mere skeletal, vegetative being scarce recognizable as the vestige of his former self; unknowing, unfeeling, mindless, to the friends at once a tearful memory and dath comes in a form of the comes i

He, a bright young newspaper man, and ahe, lovely as an Indian summer day, were out driving.

"Do you know," she said, "I should like to be a newspaper man."

"You can be the next thing to it."

"What is that?"

"His wife."

And just then a shadow fell. The sun was holding a cloud in front of his face while he anickered.

Be therough in whatever you undertake make that measurement read like this:
1 Chest, 32; abouldars, stooped and sloping; back, very narrow; arms to match. N. B.

—Pad so as to have garment correspond to measurement first given.

Hunker—Miss Flypp, will you have cysters or ice cream? Miss Flypp—Beth, please.

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If it Reforms Not Every Family Will Have to Be up its Own Shirts.

There must be something done to reform the current laundry processes; else we shall have to "do up" our shirts ourselves. Since the trip hammer double back-action besom emaculator has been added to the some emaculator has been added to the desire trip hammer double back-action besom emaculator has been added to the some system of doing laundry work properly on a large scale. The improvement in the laundry of the white shirts turned out in bulk by makers of well known brands indicates that the dull finish can be successfully achieved in wholesale manufacture.

This is laundrying on as big a scale as in any regular laundry; and why the same methods cannot be employed in the latter, where they make a business of washing and ironing shirts, collars, ouffs, etc.—unless it is one of those short-sighted phases of quick money making that is ultimately its own detriment—is a mooted matter. There was a time when all linen shirts were generally worn by the rich men of the town, and there are a number of the old guard, and many of the younger men of the town, that pay so much as \$12 each, or \$144 per dozen, for their all fine white linen shirts. These are with and without collars and cuffs. The laundrymen do not get a chance at them. Some old fashioned retainer handles them tenderly, and gets the home-like dull-finish on the starched shirt front.

A Hint.

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casting. During dinner Friday the steamer came to a standstill, which caused some speculation among the passengers, though as the weather was rough, it was not at once perceived that the machinery was not in motion. About 7.30 o'clock in the morning as the men in the smoking room were lighting their cigars, Capt. McKay came in. "Gentlemen," he said, "I am very sorry to inform you that we have broken our shaft and shall be unable to proceed at present. I shall, however, accept a towing offer from any vessel large enough that comes within halling distance."

The conditions that confronted the company on the Umbria were not entirely gleeful. The big steamship lay disabled in lat. 43.48, and long, 57.17, about 200 miles from Halifax and 500 miles from New York, with a heavy gale blowing. Nevertheless there was no actual danger and almost overy passenger on board accepted the situation cheerfully. There was very little commotion when the ladies were informed of the situation. They took it as calmly as the men. The principal anxiety to every one indeed was on account of relatives and friendes thome.

Chief Steward Gore said there was nearly provisions on board to last three weeks more without anyone being in the slightest degree stinted, or even for four or five weeks with the deprivation of a few luxurier.

Following is the list of spring sittings of the High Court of Custice:

Armour, O. J.—Toronto (civil), March 6th; Toronto (criminal), April 13th; Milton, April 24th; Brampton, April 27th; Orangeville, May 1st; St. Catharines, May 8th; Fort Arthur, June 6th; Sault Ste. Marie, June 13th.

Rose, J.—Owen Sound, March 7th; Goderich, March 13th; Stratford, March 20th; Walkerton, March 27th; Geelph, April 3cd; Berlin, April 10th; Brantford, April 17th; Woodstock, April 24th.

Falcombridge, J.—Perth, March 7th; L'Orignal, March 13th; Ottawa, March 16th; Pembroke, March 28th; Corawall, April 3cd; Kingston, April 10th; Brockville, April 17th; Napanee, April 24th.

MacMishon, J.—Pitton, March 6th; Belleville, March 9th; Barten, March 21st; Whitby, April 3cd; Lindsay, April 10th; Cobourg, April 17th; Foterborough, April 24th; Hamilton, May 1st.

Street, J.—Welland, March 21st; St. Thomas, March 7th; Simoce, April 3cd; Cayuga, April 6th; Sandwich, April 10th; Sarnta, April 17th; Chatham, April 19th; Sarnta, April 17th; Chatham, April 19th; Sarnta, April 17th; Chatham, April 24th; London, May 3cd.

CHANCERY SPRING CIRCUITS.

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The Grand Duchess of MecklenburgStrelit has once more taken up her winter
residence at Cannes, where she holds a
miniature court. Though more than 70
years of age she is as gay and bright as at
50. Her hobby is lawn tennis, and despite
her portliness of figure she makes a point of
playing every day. She ususly invites an
expert to match her and the game comes of
in the tennis ground of the Reunion Club.
This owes its origin to the Grand Duke,
who has repeatedly helped it out of financial
difficulties.

COUNTESS CAUGHT IN THE BAINSTORM.

The following piquant anecdete occurred

difficulties.

OUNTERS CAUGHT IN THE RAINSTORM.

The following piquant anecdete occurred a few days ago to the Countess de Bayonne a young married lady well-known in Parislian society:

The Countess was coming out of an exhibition of paintings in the Champs Elysees, Paris when a heavy rainstorm setting in rendered the famous Elysian fields nothing but a muddy marsh. To add to her misfortune her victoria—through the great crowd of carriages which were there—happened to be on the other side of the road. She hailed her coachiman, who, inattentive, did not look for his mistress; consequently did not see her signa, nor could he hear her at that distance, and the pretty woman was obliged to give up her efforts in despair. Of a sudden she heard a masculine voice at her side making a proposal. "Give me six sons, madame, and I will carry you through the crowd."

The Countess turned round. The author of this interested offer was a handsome young man dressed as a workman. After a moment's hesitation, the lady said bravely, "Be it so; take me to my carriage," And lifting up her skirts, she put one arm around the round. Alter a mean and ally commenced his expedition. All went well till they arrived about half way across the

"pony," "you must kiss me"
"Plait-it?
"Kiss me or I will put you down and leave you!"
What was to be done? The situation

to the say that the compass points to the true north, for it doesn't, except in certain places. The compess points to the magnetic north, which is at present considerably west of the north pole. When Lieut. Gree.ey was at Lady Franklin Bay the declination of his needle was found to be very great, the needle pointing toward the magnite pole in a direction nearly southwest. When you are writing a novel don't get your geographical facts badly mixed. In one of the popular novels of the day the writer introduced his hero into the antarotio regions in January, and speaks of the "inky blackness" of the nights he experienced there. The month of January is the height of the antarotic summer, and the entire month is one continuous day.—Gold-thwaite's Geographical Magazine.

Voice of a Philosopher. The man, be he editor or reader, who magines that the public feels the faintest degree of interest in his envies, jealousies. complaints, grumblings, quarrellings, is a diot.—Pascagoula (Miss.) Magnet.

" Annie Rooney" Defended. Everybody has made a lot of fun of "Annie Rooney," but if it's sung right it's a mighty pretty song.—Somerville Journal

First boy—No, sir; you don't catch me shamming off sick to stay home from school and get all dosed up with castor oil and such stuff. Second Boy—Oh, I'm all right on that. We're homecopaths at our house.

At the play, and removed nor has,
And the thought possessed my mind.
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A.—Well, we had spoken about it.
Q.—Ivow, as a matter of fact, where increased to marry him when your sia was shot? A.—Yes, we were.
Q.—Was there any token given to be the bargain, and

when you were to be married ? A .-

it.

Q.—Now, about that ring, it was to seal your engagement, and show that you were both in good faith? A.—Yes, it was an engagement ring, and a sort of Christmas

YOUNG BENNETT TALKS. Young Bennett, a young Scarboro' town ship farmer, was then swore. He had known the prisoner for two years, and heard Minnie asy five weeks ago to-day that Pat said he would shoot her. When the statement was made Minnie Davis and he were driving between Markham and Stouff-ville. He couldn't remember any more of their conversation, but was positive that Minnie said, "Pat says he'll shoot me," without giving any explanation. There was no rivalry between the witness and Fenton so far ashe knew. There was no thing mo

Sarah Jane Davis, secret, and sa to bed, "I kn