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HALIFAX, Jan., 2 .- Those who have

much to do with its execution say the new debt collection act for Nova Scotia is more of a failure than a success. Money cannot be obtained under its provisions with the facility that prevailed under the former system. The "good old capias" still retains its popularity. Here are some inow it was put into force during stances the past couple of weeks. There is a rel ish about these actions for they are not generally published in the papers here.

Mrs. Sharp was owed \$6 by a boarder whom she could not prevail on to pay up. The capias was sufficient to extract the dollars, though how long it would have oner under the collection taken a commis act to do the work it would be hard to say.

Thomas Doyle got two accounts through One was for \$58 37, and the capias. though the debter went to juil he eventually settled. The other account was owed by Charles Murdock, who paid \$14 under the pressure of a capias.

James K. Munnis was not so successful. James Small owed him \$15 for clothes. Mr. Munnis got his capios but Small ha been out of town for some days. There are impossibilities in law, as in everything else, and collecting \$15 under a capias, when the debtor has vanished for nearly a week, is one of the things that no policeman can do.

J. B. Shaffner had an amusing case He bought a quantity of potatoes from Captain McDougall, a P. E. Island dealer affner thought he bargained for them at 18 cents a bushel, but by some error paid at the rate of 20 cents. After the cheque was given the merchant discovered his mis take and asked the captain for a refund of the difference, which amounted to \$2. The request was refused with an aggravatingly supercilious air. Captain McDougall was about sailing for his island home and Mr. Sheffner lost no time in vindicating his position by capiasing the potato dealing mariner. It had the desired result and the two dollars was added by the merchant to the cash receipts of that day's business.

Peter Doelle bought a suit of clothe from James A. Halliday, one of our canny tailors. Peter did not pay the \$17 which the garments cost, and there were circum stances which indicated that he did not intend longer to continue his domicile in this good city of Halifax. Accordingly Mr. Halliday had recourse to the capias; the man was found and the money duly paid.

Thus the world wags on. The capias in a harsh measure but occasionally it is the only effective means of squaring accounts

Chief O'Sullivan and his men a e proud of the record the force has made for sobriety during the plat twenty months Not once during that period has there been a single complaint of drunkenness in a po iceman in this city. Any one who knows anything about the forse prior to the All orse and present reorganized form will see what as wonderful change has come to pass. In the old days hardly a week went by without an "investigation" by the police committee, and no matter how clear the evidence of wrong-doing, the change weak the evidence of that the offending officer would escape with nothing beyond a more or Liss mild reproof. Now a substant it de charge means disristing against a policeman for nearly two years, and nothing to found a charge upon. What is better still—the personnel of the police tore is such that there is no likelihood of any compliant of this kind materializing for twenty months more. The management of chief O'Sullivan and the police commission has worked admirrializing for twenty months more. Not whet the brides management of chief O'Sullivan and the police commission has worked admirrializing for twenty months more. Not whet the brides management of chief O'Sullivan and the police commission has worked admirrializing to twenthe of the the reserved the the matter work of the matter whom sho touched. The one numbered forty fprivates. Now, though the citv is extending its bounds, there are present reorganized form will see what a

France, and was regarded by the Hugue-those t at can do it.-() The Visible Writing is worth the money nots as a manifestation of the Divine wrath in a perfor Don't hesitate-, Ask free. humbered twistending its bounds, there are only 37. Notwithstanding this the streets are better patrolled than ever. The force is divided into six divisions with a sergeant in charge of each. A private's pay is \$500 in charge of each a private's pay is \$500 rs, Capitals, Figures, Frac-cels: It will do all that can be ors of the m against the authors of the massacre of St. Bartholomew. "All the previous night such a tempest of wind blew as not the old-est man had seen. Steeples fell with a horrible crash. Strong houses and palaces fell down flat upon the earth. Whole for-ests were levelled, and thousanos of deer destroyed, so that there was no hunting in all the realm for the space of six years. Some heard loud and terrible voices crying in the air, denouncing punishment upon the blood-guilty. Some heard the shattering blasts of vast trumpets, so that the soul tainted at the sound." At sunrise the storm died down to a breathless calm. It became so intensely hot that cattle died in the fields, men fell down in the streets, steam rose from stand-ing pools, and hayricks took fre. Yet there was no visible sun. The sky was a brilliant yellow, like that sometimes seen in the west at early twilight, deepening to-ward noon to a splendid orange, and later, to an ugly muddy brown. So frightful was the omen "that men, not daring tog of orth for the dreadful heat, confessed themselves to each other, forgave debts and old fonds. Those that ventured out of door drenched their loothing with water, which turned to vapor in a hundred paces. Many died in their houses, whether of the heat or fear, and half the world was overcome." Our own Yellow Day appears to have been very similar to the one described above, though it was not accompanied by the pretenstural rise of temperature. 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CANADIAN IN BALTIMORE.

They Had a Merry Christmas and Want their Friends to Know about It

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 29-The weather in Baltimore has been all that could be wished for during the fall season. The trees have lost their leaves, but the grass continues to be green. Christmas was ex ceptionally fine and warm and reminded us of June days in the north. The day was enjoyed by Messrs. W. Sprague. (Shediac.) F. S. Anderson (Dorchester.) Leiners, Woodstock. F. Lafergie P. E. I. W. Murray. Moncton. F. Thomas, Annapolis, C. Shorvenell, Sherbrook, who were entertained by Messrs Bert Armstrong, T. D. McLeod and C. H. McNutt, to partake of a Christmas dinner. Everybody thought the fowls were very especially the long legged lady, good which is generally known as a turkey. The turkeys down here are much larger than those of our native provinces, but they lack that peculiarly flavor, which so char-

acterizes ours Leaving turkey, as we had too, after it was all consumed toasts were proposed.

Things passed off as well as could be exected. The conversation became general and many different topics were discussed, which in time drifted around to the Venezeula question. All were pretty much of the same opinion, and concluded if Grover was not careful the "Lion" would catch the "Eagle" by some vital part, and in future the United States would have to get some other fowl to do the flapping.

In case of war the boys thought it would he expedient to ratire to the back woods, as bombardment from the British man-ofwar would cause great havoc, and it would take a smarter man than Columbus to discover where some parts of the United States now stands.

Christmas is over and by all appearance the "war" as well.

The boys wish the PROGRESS staff happy and prosperous New Year and many of th STUDENT.

### Valuable Advice

A Boston woman who bought a mechan ical toy of a street vender, and found when she got home that it wouldn't work, got some valuable advice from the vender next day when she took it back. "I didn't sel yon that," brazenly said the vender, "so I can't change it, of course. I only began salling toys like that this morning. But I'll tell you what you ought to do. When you buy a toy from a fakir on the street"— and here his voice assumed a confidential, friendly tone—"you be sure that you get the toy that he has just made go to show you how it works."—Boston Globe.

Mrs. Cleveland uses for note paper a

very pale blue paper, neither rough nor smooth, but comparatively smooth, which looks as if it were covered with lint of a deeper shade of blue. This paper, which she has used ever since she was married, she orders from a Boston house, to which she was introduced by her friend, Miss Ruth

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# PROGRESS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4. 1896.

SKIES IN QUEER HUES. HEN MEN WERE FRIGHTENED

A Red Terror of the Fourteenth Century -The Green Day and a Number of Yel-low Portente-The Famous Dark Day Which Alarmed Good and Bad.

On Jan. 27, 1306, from sunrise until nidnight, the churches of Europe were crowded with kneeling suppliants, while solemn chants and the smoke of the censers arose uninterruptedly. Thousands of terrified people lay prone upon their faces in the streets and squares. Women clutching their infants to their breasts ran, half naked, shrieking along the highwavs. Creditors forgave debts ; usurars pressed upon their ruined clients their illgotton gains; rich men distributed their wealth in the name of charity to all who would consent o accept. Criminals voluntarily confessed their misdeeds and besought the extremity of human justice. Kings and princes threw off their ermine, donned the rags of beggary, and vowed new crusades for the recovery of the Holy Sepulchre from the Turk. Men went mad. Anchorites and hermits issued from their cells, wild-eyed

clad in goat skins or sackcloth, and, stalking through the streets, cried aloud : "Woe! woe! the hour of judgement i

at hand !" It was the Day of the Red Terror, described by the ancient chroniclers. The

dawn broke clear and mild as in midsum mer, we are told, and "not a cloud of a handbreath's bigness was to be seen in all the sky." But just before the sun rose a strange red haze or mist overspread the heavens, deepening in hue and density, until at 9 o'clock the firmament was a crimson pall which obscured the sun and cast a dull, ominous glare upon the earth like the refluction from a tremendous conflagration at a distance. Despite the unnatural illumination the gloom was so profound, even at midday, "that one man knew not another, though he were his own brother. Toward 3 in the afternoon there came a great splendor of crimson, like blood, and some cried that now, indeed, 'the heaven were departing as a scroll when it is rolled together;' others that they beheld the angels battling against the hosts of the Apollyon in the upper air, and yet others that blood rained upon the earth." At about midnight the fiery pall disappeared, seeming to be dissipated as a light mist is driven before a strong wind; the stars came forth in their tranquil beauty, and and the panic-stricken world grew calm

again. In April of the year in which Columbu

set out upon his memoarble voyage to the Indies, incidentally discovering America, occured the wonderful Green Day. Dur ing the forenoon there had been a succession of light showers, but at 12 o'clock the sky cleared, and the sun shone brightly. At an hour past noon the sun grew pale, and lost its brilliancy, as if obscured by a winter fog, though there was no trace of vapor in the atmosphere. At the same time the azure hue of the sky changed to livid green, deepening gradually to a rich emerald tint. The sun became wholly invisible, and there was a sort of preternatural twilight upon the earth. The green hue was so intense that "all objects took the color of oak leaves, and men stared in affright at each other's faces," for they, too, were of the prevailing livid green. The populace poured into the streets to gaze in terror at the emerald sky, and to ask each other what had become of the sun, and if the end of the world was at hand. Bells were tolled, services were held in all the churches. In one French town several persons expired from fright. At about 8 o'clock in the evening the sky resumed its

normal aspect. There are several Yellow Days on record, the most remarkable being that which occurred in the reign of Charles IX. of

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Island lady, a cousin of Gen. Nathaniel "The sky was clear until near noon, when the sun began to tade, as if its light were withdrawn, until it needed very keen for a straight in the stars came out. The forus we have a sort of greenish twi-light, then everything became as dark as we have a sort of greenish twi-light, then everything became out. The foruls we have a sort of greenish twi-light, then everything became out. The foruls we have a sort of greenish twi-light, then everythe provest somehow have meeting houses were open. The bells tolled mournally. Some men stood upon the corpere preaching that this was the L:st Day forceld by the evangelist. Some people wrapped themselves in white abeets a start open windows or on roots, sing-light, the world was sate." The Black Day of the thirteenth century ing according to two fragmentary accounts whole day the sum was a disc of ebony in a function firmament, and the whole earth was the of weeping. The beakst crept into men's houses for confort."—N. Y. Paper.

THE PORKER'S RUM BLOSSOM.

He Likes Whiskey and His Nose Shows the Eff ct of His Indulgence.

Just across the line from Lawrenceburg, Ky., in Mercer county, there is a large distillery, owned by one of that county's most reputable and influential citizens This man made a discovery a few days since, the like of which was never heard of before.

He has for many years owned a whit pig, of the Berkshire variety, which was the pet of the entire family. The pig, in stead of staying around the house, his home constantly in the large whiskey warehouse near by and was fed at this place, never leaving except for a few mo ments at a time. About three months ago the distiller no iced that the nose of h pet was taking on a crimson hue. He thought rather strangely of this, but didn't give the matter much attention, thinking that possibly the pig's nose had been hurt in some way.

Last Sunday he had occasion to again notice the pig, and discovered that its nose was now perfectly red and it seemed very dro wsy. He at once came to the conclus ion, which proved to be true, that the pig was a confirmed drunkard of the worst type. It was a custom at the distillery when a leak was found to place a tin buck et under the barrel an catch the drops as they fell until time could be found to stop the leakage. This whiskey was given to the hands at the warehouse, and the never in a great hurry to repair the barrel.

Knowing that the pig could get whiskey no other way except out of these buckets, he was watched and was seen to go to a buck et and drink at least & quart, atter which

et and urink at least is quirt, after which he would smack his jaws together and utter a dissatisfied grunt. The distiller thinks the hog acquired the whiskey habit by drinking the distillery slop, on which he was fed for a long time. No attempt will be made to break him from the habit.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Presence of Mind.

Arthur Roberts, says Household Words, was once the means of averting a panic in a theater. Some odds and ends of scenery had taken fire, and a very preceptible odor of burning alarmed the spectators. A panic seemed to be imminent, when Mr. of burning alarmed the spectators. A panic served to be imminent, when Mr. Arthur Roberts appeared on the stage. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "com-pose yourselves. There is no danger-1 give you my word of honor there is no danger." The audience did not seem re-assured. "Ladies and gentlemen," con-tinued the comedian, rising to the neces-ities of the occession, "confound it all; do you think if there was any danger I'd be here?" The panic collapsed.

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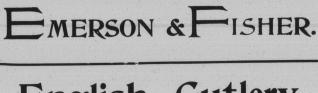
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