Sweep the Continent From End to End.

Trains Crash Together in a Blinding Snow Storm.

Street Car Service Demoralized and Travel Seriously Impeded.

Hurricane in Chicago and Bad Blizzard in the Western States.

Terrible Havoc Created by Storms in England-Many Vessels Wrecked and Aumerous Buildings Are Blown Down With Fatal Regults.

"The memory of the oldest inhabitant" has to stretch away back before it finds a parallel to yesterday's weather. It was a blizzard, a cyclone, a cold snap and a snow storm combined. It seemed as if old Jupiter Pluvius was making up for lost time with a vengeance, and was determined to get even with the individuals who were growling about the mild winter. The wind blew faster than an express train, and seemed to delight in piling up huge drifts where they weren't wanted, and in hurling the snow in the faces of everybody who was out, to the special discomfort of the man with whiskers. It even crept down the neeks of those with big coat collars, and many of them had to be turned down to prevent their owners from smothering. And then they were chary about opening their mouths for fear of being blown inside out. The exertion of battling the hurricane and wading through a yard of snow, besides being blinded by it, made walking harder than sawing wood, and the streets were deserted save for the policeman on his lonely beat, the street cars and floundering opera-goers, who wouldn't have been out, perhaps, if they hadn't paid for their seats in advance. The great mass of London's inhabitants thought there was no place like home, and they stayed there. The wind was perfectly impartial and blew in every direction - generally the opposite way to which a person was going. The streets were in an almost impassable condition and the pedestrian's feet had to perform the functions of a snow-plow. The street railway system was paralyzed for a little while. Up to 6 o'clock the cars remained on duty. Then the blizzard commenced to build snow banks on the track. A car full of passengers started up Richmond street and stuck in a heap near St. Paul's Cathedral. The two horses tried to pull it through but the driver was forced to hitch them on the

had to ride when they couldn't walk. Telephone connections were somewhat tangled. The lady subscriber who called up her bosom friend found herself taking to a stranger at the "club" and some wires sounded like a cross between a buzz-saw

other end and drive back. All the cars were

at once called in, and by 8 o'clock the com-

pany had a complete set of "bobs" and vans

ca the system. The drivers and horses

were to be pitied, but the nelpless public

and a boiler factory.

The policeman plodded his weary way from 8 o'clock at night until 5 this morning and listened to what the wild winds were saying, brushing the icicles off his mustache at intervals and sighing for the dawn, home and breakfast. The veterans say they do not remember such a night in

The storm affected the railway systems centering in this city to a considerable degree. The C. P. R. probably escaped lighter than either of its neighbors, the day trains being on time and the midnight express from Toronto being only about an hour late. The snow drifted so badly at Richmond street that a C. P. R. freight train stuck for about three hours.

The train on the Stratford branch of the G. T. R., due at 9:15, had to be canceled. The accommodation from the east, due in London at 9:50, was at Paris at 12 midnight, and got through about 2 a.m. On the Sarnia branch the snow drifted badly. The Erie express, due from Chicago at 11:30, was three or four hours late. No. 20 from Windsor, timed to arrive at 11:20 p.m., was also a couple of hours be-

The M. C. R. train left for St. Thomas at 7 o'clock, but only got as far as Wellington street. At that place it got stuck and could not get either way. That train was canceled, as was the one due from St. Thomas shortly before 11 o'clock.

Country roads in the vicinity of the city are simply impassable. A huge drift, 5 or 6 feet high, formed on Richmond street between the Grand Trunk station and Dundas street on the east sidewalk. Liverymen did a rushing business in cabs and coupes until an early hour. The attendance at all the public schools during the day was very small. As it was, the children had a difficult task to reach their

In London West the storm did considerable damage. The railway people managed to keep the electric car going until about 2 o'clock, when it was run into the Oxford street shed. The 'buss, however, made regular trips until 10:30 p.m. The drifts on the Wharncliffe are in many places three and four feet deep.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AT HAMILTON. HAMILTON, Feb. 12.—One of the worst storms which has struck this section in a good many years is prevailing to-day. The street railway company attempted to keep their cars running as usual, but were obliged in the afternoon to abandon the fight with the elements. The snow is drifting greatly and the country roads will

RAILWAYS TIED UP AT WINDSOR. WINDSOR, Feb. 12.—The Windsor, Sandwich and Wakerville street railway lines were tied up by the storm about 10:30 this has swept over the territory within the morning, and the cars stood in the street past few days and stories of awful sufferwhere they were deserted by their crews. ing are coming in from various points. Traffic and business of all kinds were almost Twenty persons have been frozen to death. irely suspended. The ferry boats were deserted, and it was almost impossi- of the territory that six persons of one make a landing on either side. The family were murdered by the father to prein Detroit River is rapidly backing vent their suffering while dying of the lakes below and has risen nearly cold. The seven bodies were found tion to us than a virtue.

being at a perfect standstill.

AT ST. CATHARINES. ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 12 .- A fterrific wind and snow storm prevailed nearly all day. Traffic generally demoralized. EIGHT-FOOT DRIFTS.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 12,-The worst snow storm of years struck this town this morning. Towards evening the gale reached a terrific force, piling the snow up in heaps of eight to ten feet, completely suspending trafficon the streets. The horse cars to Drummondville shut down for the night early in the afternoon. The after fighting the storm, gave up in despair. frozen to death. Freight traffic abandoned.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—The storm here was one of the worst recollected by the average blocked early in the afternoon, and the outlying lines. Drifts were formed in houses. many streets to the depth of several feet. Trains coming into the city were very late.

EXETER, Feb. 12.—One of the worst wind and snow storms ever seen in this part of the country has been raging with unabated fury all afternoon and to-night. ACROSS THE BORDER.

A SCORE OF LIVES IN PERIL. MILWAUKEE, Feb. 12.—There are twenty men on the new intake tunnel crib, and the wind has raised such a sea that it is impossible to take them off. The wind is now blowing about 40 miles an hour, and if it rises very much more there will be danger of the crib house being washed into the lake and all the men drowned, just as happened last spring.

NEBRASKA SNOW-BOUND. Омана, Neb., Feb. 12.-Nebraska is snow-bound. For the past 24 hours a terrific blizzard has prevailed throughout the State. The fall has been about twelve inches, and, following the eight-inch fall of Thursday, makes the depth at least twenty inches. The cold is extremely severe. With few exceptions Omaha traffic of every description is suspended. Reports from the interior show stock to be in good condition, and farmers are pleased with the immense snowfalls, as it assures a fine winter wheat

HURRICANE AT CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The worst blizzard that ever struck this city, so far as the weather bureau record shows, for 23 years, is raging here. Street traffic is greatly impeded, and walking is accompanied with great danger to life and limb. Many persons have been injured by being blown to the ground against walls and street posts by the wind. The velocity is 80 miles an hour, the highest ever recorded for this city and almost double the velocity of the wind which is blowing a blizzard in the Western States. The wind was so furious at the corners where sky scrapers are built especially, the Monadnock annex block, bounded by Jackson, Van-Buren and Dearborn streets and custom house place, that extra policemen gave all their attention to pedestrians. Dozens of women were litted off their feet, and blown to the ground or else pushed across the

with walls, posts and other obstructions. Mrs. Brohany, of 361 South Clinton street, a charwoman at the Art Institute, was lifted in the air and dashed against the fire plug at the Dearborn and Vanburn street corner. Two of her ribs were broken and it is believed she is internally injured.

streets until they came in violent contact

STREET CAR TRAFFIC NEARLY STOPPED. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 12 .- A severe wind and snow storm from the northwest struck this city this morning. Street car traffic is almost entirely suspended. FATAL COLLISION IN A BLINDING SNOW-

STORM. TREMONT, Ohio, Feb. 12.—In a blinding snow storm which had been raging all morning, freight train No. 28, west bound, and east bound light freight No. 25, on the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway, collided two miles west of Belleville, about 10:30 o'clock. Both engines and several freight cars were smashed and piled up in confusion. Engineer Connel, of the light freight, No. 25, Fireman McMullen, of engine 25, Brakeman Johnson, of freight engine No. 28, and Engineer Samuel Stowell, of engine No. 28, were killed.

WIDESPREAD. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 12. - The worst snow storm in years raged all over Kansas and Missouri last night and to-day. Not a single train in the two States was on time. In many places schools were closed to-day. In towns with street railways the service was paralyzed. The snow was dry and the telegraph service was not injured.

ST. Louis, Mo., Feb. 15.-Wifhout warning from the weather bureau a veritable Manitoba blizzard struck this city at 11 o'clock last night and continued up to 6 to-night. Rain, hail, sleet and snow alternately swept over the city before a high wind. Two horses were shocked to death by coming in contact with a broken live wire.

Telegrams from all points south and west show that the storm is widespread and

disastrous. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 12 .- A violent snow storm raged throughout Central Illinois all day to-day. The snow is ten inches on the level and is badly drifted. Many trains are delayed and one passenger on the Big Four is stuck in a drift near Tremont. There are drifts hear five feet

ON THE PRAIRIE. WARSAW, Ind., Feb. 12. - The heaviest snow storm of the season raged here yesterday and to-day. The wind blew 60 miles an hour. The thermometer stood 2° below zero, and the euffering among the poorly-clad and half-housed people on the big prairie north of here is fearful,

A TOWN WIPED OUT. NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 12.-Advices received I re to-day and to-night indicate that a storm approaching in violence to a cyclone is raging in Mississippi. The town of Newton has been wiped out of ex-

FATAL CYCLONE. A special from Jackson, Miss., says: A terrible cyclone passed between Martinsville and Beauregard, 40 miles south of here, at a late hour at night. Several people were killed and a great many

seriously injured. TERRIBLE SUFFERING IN OKLAHOMA. GUTHRIE, O. T., Feb.—Terrible cold has been experienced during the storm that A report comes from the northern part

three feet since yesterday, the current in the house with their throats cut, In the house was also found a note signed by the father, who left word that he had killed his wife and children to save them from freezing. He added that he himself would commit suicide, and the evidence of his wounds and a knife clasped in his right hand as it lay beside him bears

out his promise of self-destruction. At Anandarko two Indian pupils were found yesterday buried under a snow bank. One of the children died. The other shows signs of ultimate recovery. A report reached the city late last evening that a family named Sears, residing on a electric lines on both sides of the river, claim near Woodward, had been found

A courier just in from the vicinity of Alva, another Strip town, reports a dreadful state of affairs in that locality. More than citizen. The street car service was badly and voluntary relief committees are now 100 head of horses and cattle were frozen, scouring the country gathering together the electricity gave way to horse power on the people and taking care of them in school

AN HEIRESS MISSING.

Miss Jennie Johnston, a young Indian school teacher, who went to Alva recently from Scranton, Pa., left her school house Saturday night for her boarding house. She has not been seen since. It is feared she was caught in the blizzard and died from exposure. Miss Johnston recently fell heir to \$20,000 at her old Pennsylvania home, and was immediately surrounded by a score of admirers. She thought all of her lovers were mercenary, and gathered up her effects and went west, where she secured a school.

INDIAN CHILDREN LOST. EL RENO, O. T., Feb. 13.—The storm of Sunday was the most severe in twenty years. There is much suffering in this section but only a few fatalities are recorded in the immediate vicinity. Three Indian school children lost their way in the heavyfalling snow and perished Saturday night. In the sparsely settled and in inland towns west of here the suffering and fatalities are greater than in any previous winter in years. Overland mail routes are blockaded and all communication is cut off by lines to this city from the west. All railroad traffic is impeded.

IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

MANY BUILDING DAMAGED. LONDON, Feb. 12.—The gale which set in in Great Britain last Saturday night continued to gain in violence during yesterday, and in the afternoon the wind was blowing with hurricane force. At Teignmouth, in Devonshire, a church in course of erection was entirely destroyed. The spire of St. Mary's Church at Shrewsbury, county of Salop, was blown down. At Peterborough, county Northampton, the pinnacle I the parish Church of St. John was blown over, and the glass roof of the stroyed.

among the buildings wrecked. A boarding dence was entered and a large school and many dwelling houses in the town were also blown down.

have been blown off a number of houses. At Dudley, in Worce ershire, a number of factory chimney stacks were blown down. In one or two instances the falling chimneys struck the factories, causing Preparing For the Argument on Local great damage. In this town many persons were injured. Scores of houses were un-

The roof of a house at Iron Bridge, Shrop-

roofed.

The wall of a factory at Oldham, Lancashire, was blown down. Close beside the wall there stood three cottages. Upon these the huge mass of brick and mortar fell, crushing the buildings into splinters. Nearly all the inmates of the cottages were injured, but none were killed outright. In West Cork the gale has caused immense damage to property.

TWO GIRLS KILLED. Two girls who were in bed asleep at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, were instantly killed by a chimney falling upon them through the roof of the house. Five persons were injured by a falling roof.

The wind overturned a traincar running between Wolverhampton and Dudley. I wenty passengers were slightly injured.

TWO CHILDREN CRUSHED TO DEATH. Hartlepool, county of Durham, which is situated on an almost isolated promontory, was exposed to the full force of the storm, and considerable damage was done in the town. Tall chimneys on a number of dwelling houses in the town were blown down. The bricks crashed through the roof of one, falling upon the family who were congregated in the top story. Two children were instartly killed, and their parents were badly injured.

At Stockton-on-Tees, also in the county of Durham, a number of dwelling-houses and shops were unroofed. IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Feb. 12.—A heavy storm is sweeping over Austria. Many trains have been stopped by the trees blown across the

SHIPPING DISASTERS. A dispatch from Greenock states that the Norwegian barks Bertie and Tancred have been wrecked.

The British bark Wilhelm Tell, from Calcutta, which was discharging cargo at the Alexandria dock Hull, was sunk by the Several vessels have gone ashore off Margate and Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet,

Devonshire. The Yarmouth steamer Resolven went ashore yesterday. The Caister lifeboat went out to the wreck, and succeeded in He spent half a dozen fortunes. taking off the 75 passengers on board of

The fishing smack Favorite sank in the Thames off Greenwich. Everybody on her got ashore. The Valisdoof is ashore at Silloth, on Solway Firth.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The Right Hon. Sir Harry Verney is

The Farmers' Mutual Elevator Company at Crookston, Minn., has failed. The company owns six elevators. Liabilities. \$240,000; assets, \$200,000.

The original United States Declaration of Independence is rapidly becoming in-distinct and consequently has been withdrawn from public exhibition and placed in a tin box.

Steamships Arrived. Feb. 12.
State of Nebraska. Glasgow. New York
Scandia. London. New York
Duddledam. Rotterdam. New York
Edam. Rotterdam. New York A mistake is apt to attract more atten-

The Nova Scotia Legislature Soon to be Dissolved.

A Windsor Aldermanic Protest-Death of a Talented Young Man at Embro.

The Wilkinson Plough Company offer to compromise at 75 cents on the dollar. Evangelists Crossley and Hunter will open a series of meetings at Belleville in

Joseph Cameron, caretaker of the St. Catharines cemetery died suddenly on Sunday night of heart disease.

Hugh Gillespie, dry goods merchant, of Alvinston, has assigned to Henry Barber. Liabilities, \$9,000; assets, \$12,000.

President Cleveland has sent to the Senate this nomination: Geo. W. Nichols, of New York, as consul at Clifton, Ont. The Nova Scotia Legislature was closed on Monday with the customary speech, one clause of which says: "The Assembly will be dissolved at an early day."

Word has been received of the death in Victoria, B. C., of Henry George Morgan, eldest son of P. J. Morgan, of the Secretary of State Department, Deceased was not 20 years of aga.

Clarence Bigelow, who pleaded guilty on Saturday at Hamilton to forging the name of Peter Ray and James Crane to a promissory note for \$100, was, because of extenuating oircumstances and previous good character, let off with three days in jail. At the last municipal election in Wind-

sor, Ald. Will was apparently elected to represent the fourth ward and Joseph Mar- make the attempt and the writ was actin defeated by a small majority. Mr. Martin entered a protest, and on Monday morning Judge Horne gave jndgment unseating Ald. Will.

Leon M. Carrier, the C. P. R. absconding broker, was up at the Quebec police court Tuesday morning. He pleaded not guilty to eleven different charges, all of which were for illegally disposing of flour and meal to the amount of \$35,000. The proceedings were adjourned for a day.

The death of Donald McRay, B.A., Ph.D., a graduate of Toronto University, took place at Embro on Sunday night. He was 35 years of age and had accepted a position on the professorial staff of the above university, but owing to failing health was compelled to give it up at the opening of last session. He was highly respected by all.

Burglars have been busy in Dundas lately. The houses of well-to-do residents Great Eastern railway station was de- of that place have been entered and articles of more or less value carried off. Sunday The English Presbyterian Church at night while Mr. Charles Wilson and his Holywell, Flintshire, Wales, was also family were absent at church, their resicostly jewelry carried away. The value of the property stolen amounted \$362. Eight At Newport, in South Wales, the roofs or nine hundred dollars' worth of jewelry

WILL BE A BIG FIGHT.

Option.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., holds the brief for the Untario Government in the approaching argument in shire, fell in, crushing the occupants of the the Supreme Court on the constitutional power of the Province on the prohibition question.

Dr. Maclaren will be assisted by J. K. Cartwright, Deputy Attorney-General. The two counsels have instructions from the Ontario Government to take every step that can be conscientiously done toward establishing the right of the Province to deal with the question. It will also be argued that the prohibitory powers enjoyed by the Province before Confederation still

remain. The Supreme Court will open on the 18th inst., when application will be made by Dr. Maclaren to fix a day for commencement of the argument. For the Dominion Solicitor-General Curran will appear.

So far as known, the temperance and liquor interests have taken no steps to be represented at the argument. It is expect. ed that the liquor party will ask to be represented by counsel when the court opens. The other Provinces, which are as much concerned as Ontario, will probably also ask leave to be represented by counsel.

Though all sides concede that the matter must go to the Privy Council, the end of the whole business may be witnessed this year. The Supreme Court will give judgment by May. Then the appeal to the Privy Council will be argued a month or two later, and the final judgment will be had by next December.

Crushed to Death by a Sawlog. Rosseau, Ont., Feb. 12.-Mr. John Richardson, of Windermere, was engaged in shoveling snow off some sawlogs this morning, when one of them started to roll, striking him on the head, instantly killing

Death Was Trump.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 13.-Billy Deutsch, the weil-known New Yorker, died here last night. Deutsch was a famous gambler at Monte Carlo and was in 1875 in the theatrical business with his cousin, Maurice Grau. In the latter business he made \$125,000 profit. He won \$500,000 at Monte Carlo, and was charged with writing the book, "The Man Who Broke the Bank."

ALL MEN

Young, old or middle-aged, who find themselves, nervous, weak and exhausted, who serves, nervous, weak and exnausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the boart emissions less of opening in the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face and body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLE , oily looking skin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring or vital force having lost its tension every function wanes in consequence. Those who tin gh abuse committed in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and 10c in stamps for book on diseases peculiar to man, sent sealed. Address M. V. LUBON, 21 Macdonnell avenue, Toronto, Ont., Please mention this paper.

Ald, Parnell Attacked.

A Mean Attempt to Deprive Him of His Seat,

Because He Sells Bread to the County Jail.

Political and Liquor-Dealing Enemies Alleged To Be at the Bottom of the Lawsuit.

A dead-set is being made to deprive Ald. E. Parnell, jun., of his seat in the council chamber as a representative of No. 6 ward. It was decided to spring it while he was on his sick bed, and yesterday he was waited on by Richard M. C. Toothe, a local lawyer, who served papers notifying Ald. Parnell to appear before Judge Wm. Elliot in eight days to defend a motion to unseat him. Ald. Parnell placed the matter in the hands of Macbeth & Macpherson, who will defend him when the case comes up.

The people behind the move, it is understood, are Conservative politicians and liquor dealers, though Mr. G. Park. butcher, has been prevailed upon to accept the position of nominal plaintiff. Ald. Parnell does not hesitate to say so. The fact that he announced his intention of running for the mayoralty in 1895 had a good deal to do with determining it too, hethinks. The attack has been under consideration min, chlorid, morphin, sulphid, dropfor some time. They had six weeks after the date of the election in which to enter the protest. It was decided on the very last day permitted by law-yesterday-to lish forms, and shown "that the present cordingly issued.

The ADVERTISER understands that the frivolous reason for objecting to Ald. Parnell holding a seat in the City Council is that he sells bread, under tender, to the County Council, which is paid 60 per cent. of the cost of maintenance of prisoners by the city authorities, the other portion being defrayed by the county and the Ontario Government. The jail is in no sense under the management or control of the City Council, and the city in no way interferes with its affairs. The contracts for jail supplies are under the sole control of the County Council, and the bonds are prepared and certified to by the county clerk, while the sheriff and jailer must certify to all accounts, on behalf of the Government, before the County Council can pass them. That the present attack is an afterthought is further shown by the with his seat, and indeed it has been con- them. ceded on all hands that the jail contracts are comings on the part of aldermen have been

alleged to be bound to push this attack to the end. That Mr. G. Parke, butcher, is only the nominal prosecutor, was proved by an AD-VERTISER representative who visited him this afternoon. He acknowledged that there were others in the "deal," but on being pressed to tell who were his associates he firmly declined to say. He further states that he is personally friendly to Ald. Parnell as an alderman, and this statement but emphasizes the remark made by a leading liquor man, at the close of last meeting of No. 1 committee, when a threat was made that at as early a day as possible Ald. Parnell would be prevented from further voting on the license reduction by-

overlooked by the individuals who are now

It is understood that Ald. Parnell refuses to be intimidated, and when the question comes up next Monday night, if he is able to leave his sick bed, he will be found in his place in the council chamber. Those attacking probably hope that he will take a different course, but the stalwart No. 6 representative has the courage of his convictions.

A GREAT DICTIONARY.

Far More Words in It Than in Any Reference Work Ever Before Published. The notable publication of 1894 is the

Standard Dictionary of the English Lan-

guage," the first handsome volume of adian office of the publishers, Funk & Wagnalls, of New York (11 Richmond street west, Toronto). This volume bears unimpeachable evidence of extraordinary care and research as well as of great liberality, and the publishers' statement that over \$500,000 has already been spent in its preparation can readily be believed. The dictionary complete will cost nearly \$1,000,-000. The dictionary is well printed on good paper, and the illustrations actually assist the definitions, which is not always the case. The staff of philologists and contains many noted names, and it is evident also from the opinions already ventured by learned celebrities that the whole English-speaking world of letters will hail the Standard Dictionary as a full realization of its name. In the prospectus which Funk & Wagnalls issue with the first volume of the dictionary practical evidence of the pains bestowed upon the publication in every particular is afforded in photo-engraved pictures of the proof sheets showing the corrections made in a single page at various stages and by the different editors and specialists. As for the vocabulary, some idea of its richness may be had from the fact that it contains under the letter A alone something like 4,000 words more than any dictionary now extant. To those who have frequent occasions to use a dictionary the handy and compact size of the two volumes into which the Standard is divided will seem a great recommendation. There is to be an edition in one volume

During the four years that the dictionary was in preparation there have been engaged upon it 247 office editors and specialists, 500 readers for quotations, and hundreds of others, men and women, who have assisted in defining words or classes of words. The magnificence of the undertaking is seen best in the statement that the publishers began it with the expectation that \$1,000,000 would have to be spent on it before a single copy was ready for market.

Concerning new words the editors proceeded on the principle: "Omit no word Cairneross & Lawrence CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS. 216 Dundas St., Corner Park Ave.

Branch-Corner Richmond and Piccadilly LONDON · ONTARIO

now read by any considerable number of people-and whose meaning is likely to be sought for in an English dictionary." In the matter of spelling the editors say: "Weight has been given to the phonetic canon, write as you speak.' That there is a drift, conservative, yet real, toward the simplest forms of spelling, has been recognized throughout the work. In all words fully anglicized e is preferred in the Standard to the diphthongs e or ce, as in fe(ce)tus, home(ce)opathy, e(æ)sthetics." Words in chemistry are spelled in accordance with a recommendation by the Chemical Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as broping the final e. Of the simpler forms of spelling the editors say that investigation has shown them to be old Engcumbrous and awkward forms are the result sometimes of typographic error, sometimes, as Dr. Samuel Johnson would have confesed it, of 'sheer ignorance,' sometimes of the mere caprice or whim of an author."

On the compounding of words, in which there has been great confusion in the dictionaries, the editors of the Standard lay down these rules:

1. Thatall words should be separate when used in regular grammatical relation and construction, unless they are jointly applied in some arbitrary way.

2. That abnormal association of words generally indicates unification in sense, and hence compounding in form. 3. That no expression in the language

should ever be changed from two or more words into one (either hyphened or solid) without change of sense. In some large dictionaries and in not a

few books "black sheep" is found as "black sheep." "Black" is in regular grammatical fact that though Ald. Parnell has been a relation and construction with "sheep" and tenderer for jail supplies for years, no at- should be a separate word, for hyphenating tempt has hitherto been made to interfere the words does not change the sonse of

in no sense of the word civic contracts | many eminent scholars are assuredly wellwithin the meaning of the statute. Even deserved, and prediction that it will reif they were, and Ald. Parnell has strong main the standard dictionary is made upon legal advice to the contrary, it will still re- good grounds. We should not fail to add main a fact that many more flagrant short- what was nearly forgotten, that the fullpage illustrations in colors are a real triumph.

Burned.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A big tannery at the village of Sandbank, this county, has been burned, causing a loss of \$100,000. It was owned by Lane Bros., of Boston, and employed 100 men.

The Wrecked Kearsarge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Secretary of he Navy has received a dispatch from the Panama Railroad Company stating that the City of Para arrived at Colon this morning, and Admiral Stanton and the officers and crew of the Kearsarge, all safe and well.

The London Postoffice Entrance.

The disagreeable means of ingress to the postoffice in this city afforded by the chief entrance has for some time been the subject of adverse criticism. The Board of Trade has proven itself particularly active in demanding that the Government should do something towards remedying the defect in point. At present the doors which admit to the public portion of the interior are at the south side of the lobby; these it has been proposed to cut in the west wall. A direct and straight-ahead access would thus be established. A prominent postoffice official, to an ADVERTISER reporter, has pointed out one of the chief reasons why it would be inadvisable to adopt the suggestion mentioned. Even as the doors are at present situated when a person opens a private box the contents, on a which has now reached us from the Can- windy day, are often blown upon the floor in the enclosure. Time and patience are generally wasted in securing some one on the other side of the wall to pick them up. Sometimes they are even left undetected. The reporter was shown a scatteration of letters which had been made without the boxes being opened. And, indeed, considerable draft was to be felt. All this, the official in question stated, would be greatly aggravated if the main doors were changed from their present location. What was sadly needed, he thought, was a general and complete remodeling of the inlexicographers by whom it is being made terior arrangement of the postoffice build

> The weather to-night will be dark in places.

> > DROP IN AND ORDER A

OVERCOAT OR PANTS.

The best goods and fit at mighty Low Prices.

TAILORS,

found in a living box that is, in a book 136 DUNDAS STREET