## The Planet

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ENGLAND'S CURIOUS ELECTION METHODS.

Curious old ways the English follow in their parliamentary elections, ways that have been out of date ever since modern transportation and communication came in. But they still

stick to them.

When dissolution is desirable, the Queen issues a proclamation in quaint old terms, declaring that: "We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people and to have their advice parliament, do hereby make known to all our loving subjects our royal will and pleasure

to call a new parliament." The chancellors are by this proclamation commanded to issue writs for new elections, and these writs must be sent out by that evening's mail to the sheriffs and returning officers, and they are returnable to the clerk of the crown in chancery in 35 days. On receiving the writs the returning officers must give notice of the time and place of the nominations within two days if in the country, and one day in a burgh; the nomination must take place within nine days in counties and four days in burghs, and the polling must be within six days after the nomination in counties and three days in burghs. Allowing one day for transmission of the writs by mails, the election must take place within 18 days of the dissolution in counties and nine days in burghs.

This is why the elections are fixed for different days instead of all on one day. It is a survival of the time when writs had to travel by special messenger in mail coaches and might get to their destination in a week or a fortnight. In these days the writs could reach any part of the country, except, perhaps, some of the islands should the weather be rough, inside of 24 hours, so that there is really no necessity for the present mediaeval

There are 6 600 000 in round numbers entitled to vote in a total population of ever 40,000,000, or about one in six. Each member represents on an average 10,000 electors or 60,000 persons. His legitimate expenses amount to about \$4,000, but that is a small mat ter compared with what he has to pay out during his term of office, for every foot ball or cricket club, every charitable organization, every church and hospital'expects a subscription from him. He gets no salary, no perquisites beyond a sheet of writing paper if he wishes to write a letter in the house, and practically no patronage, so strict are the civil service laws. His parliamentary duties compet him to live nine months of the year in London, which necessitates his maintaining two n is of the taining. His social positi best, quite equal to that of officers of the army and the navy, and he is welcomed in society circles which bar out many members of the aristocracy.

## MR. COOK'S REPLY.

Sr Wilfrid Lauvier having denied complicity in the sale of senatorships H. H. Cook, ex-Libera M. P., thus're-

"I have read the statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by way of denial that he or any agent, of his had demanded from me any sum of money. S.r Wilfrid is to speak in Toronto on Tuesday night, and I shall wait to see what he may have to say then upon this

"In the meantime, I say that the statement already made by me to Mr. Tucker is absolutely true, and I will very shortly make a full statement of the whole transaction, or what would have been a transaction had I consented to be bied. Possibly Sir Wilfrid may be willing to escape responsibility by denying the agency of the partiesthere were two of them-who approached me, but no such pretence will avail him. The connection of these gentlemen with the members of the government is known to everyone, and he will simply not be able to deceive anyone by pretending that they did not come to me directly from the government, or that the proposition they made was not made by au-1 11 1 thority."

Cannot we induce the Banner and Mr. Stephens to discuss the question of prices !

Wonder if those nice colored lithographs of Britannia, the old flag and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are also being distributed among Mr. Tarte's friends.

Why cannot the Liberals come down out of the clouds of generalities and discuss the everyday common wants and welfare of the people?

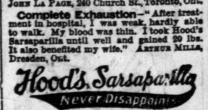
The Irish Catholics of Quebec West have endorsed P. J. Kerwin as a can didate for the commons in opposition to the Liberal nominee.

"Jimmy" Adams, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., left for the Klondike three years ago, penniless, on a freight train, and returned the other day in a private car, hauled by a leased engine, with a fortune of \$200, 000 in gold and titles to mining property estimated at \$5,000,000.

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Will you have a government of surpluses or a government of defi-cits?—The Globe. Will you have a Laurier dinner pail or a full one?

Does Ald. Stephens sell nails, locks, hinges, and the hundreds of ordinary hardware articles required by the people any cheaper to-day than he

We learn from the Hon. Bourke Cochran that "the annexation of Canida is the dream of every patriotic American citizen." Try to realize on the dream, and see how soon it will turn into a real genuine old fashioned nightmare.

It may be a most comforting thing o know that the country has a surplus on paper, but with currants and raisins and the other ingredients doubled in price that knowledge will not guarantee a man the same size! Christmas pudding as in the days of

The Globe has compiled a table of the British losses in South Africa. They amount to 3,902 killed, 13,302 wounded, 7,678 missing and prisoners, and 5,913 died of disease; total 30,795. The Canadian losses have been: Killed and died of wounds, 61; wounded 180, m'ssing and prisoners 52, died of disease, 43; total 336.

It is to be hoped with a change of government the country will be ab'e to afford enough spare cash to employ the best detective service in the world in running down and jailing every member of the "machine" gang. To bring this bribing, establishments and doing much enter- burning lot of purjurers to justice would alone be worth turning out the Laurier administration

## ANÆMIA

Pale, thin, weak, run-down, low spirits, no appetite.

Rosy and plump, fair strength, with pleasure in work, get hungry three times a day, and like good food.

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LEARNING TO COMMAND

In the oratorial duel in Brandon the Mail correspondent says Sir Hibbert Tupper had the best of it, while the Globe asserts the contrary. The Planet has already given the declarations of both without comment. 'At this distance we cannot really say which is right. But it must be remembered Mr. Sifton was in the midst of his own constituents, while Sir Charles Hibbert was a perfect stranger among them. That being the case, if the affair was so even as to be open to dispute, which would you say got the best of it?

AYE, HERE'S THE RUB. Hamilton Herald, Ind.

Mr. Tarte says he was misreported n Paris. Then why tloesn't he induce his sons' paper La Patrie, which reprinted his Paris speech, to point out wherein it did him injustice?

LAURIBR AND ROSS. London Free Press.

While Sir Wilfrid Laurier stands peerless for his lofty eloquence among the public men of Canada, Mr. Ross is without a peer for his brilliant wit and forceful logic—two commanding factors in a public speaker.—

ng factors in a Mitchell Recorder. That seems to be the limit so far as praise goes, but it might go a little further and tell how G. W. Ross takes poetry written by another man and publishes it in a school book as own, and also how he charges parents of Ontario three times actual commercial value for school books. It would take a great deal of "brilliant wit and forceful logic" to show the difference between either of these practices and common, every-day larceny.

### BRITONS EYESIGHT

An Optician Says the Strong Sunlight Here

"There are more people with defective eyesight in the cities of this country than you will find in Great Britain or Treland," said the naturalized New Yorker who served in the British army when he was a very young man and who is now an opti-"I do not judge by the number cian. of people who wear glasses here, as in American cities glasses are worn if there is the slightest trace of nearsightedness, while few persons wear glasses for this cause in the old country unless they are so nearsighted that the wearing of glasses is a positive necessity. But, taking it on the whole, there are more people here whose eyesight begins to fail at a comparatively early age than in England, Ireland or Scotland, and fewer people who have exceptionally keen eyesight.

"In the British army you will find a dozen men with exceptionally good eyesight for one you will find in the American army, and I know a good many soldiers in this country. I once knew a private of the First Leicester regiment who has since been killed in the fighting near Ladysmith. man had such keen eight that he could tell the time by a church clock at a distance of several miles, yet, strange to relate, he could not read very small print in a book. I also knew a man in one of the Lancer patrols who had wonderful eyesight. In the Transvaal jong ago what appeared to his watchful chums one day as a mass of veldt heather, dim and blurred in the distance, was seen by him as an ambuscade cunningly concealed and bristling with Boer riflemen. His splendid sight on that occasion saved him and

his comrades an unpleasant surprise. "I have heard of American soldiers who are sharp sighted, but, as I said before, their number is much smaller in proportion than in the British army. One of these Americans is a man named Cullen, who can see objects clearly at a distance of twelve miles. During the Spanish-American war, Cullen, who is an artilleryman, aided his battery very materially in sighting the guns for long ranges and

always by his unaided vision. "I account for the standard of eyesight being better in the old country than here principally because of the gray skies there. There are so few sunny days in Great Britain and Ireland that the eyes are not subjected to the same strain as in this country where there is a far greater proportion of sunny days, and the sun's rays are more vertical than in more northerly countries. The glare has undoubtedly much to do with bringing about the decay of the eyesight at an early age, Another reason is the nervous temperament of Americans. The optic nerve is very delicate and responds quickly to any strain on the nervous system. -New York Sun.

Best Fat for Puddings.

Marrow is an excellent fat for pulldings; its expensiveness, however, prevents it being largely used. The best use to which to put the marrow contained in the bone of beef for saiting is to make a marrow pudding, using the marrow instead of butter. This is most nutritious food for invalids.

A Steady Galt. "I haven't a word to say about it," he exclaimed, as he sank into a chair nd fanned himself. "I have suffered hour after hour and waited for a cold wave. But I haven't a word to say about the weather."

"No. I'm penitert. I'm the man the used to camplain about the variability of the chimate."

What distinguishes us from one another is our varying relations with infinity.

peak to be captain!" cried Luke Edwards, just as soon as he put his head round the corner of the

barn where the other boys were already assembled.
"Well, you won't be!" mmy Green, indignantly. "'Twan't fair coming on us that way. You're always doing things when we ain't ready, to get ahead. You didn't think of the company. Willie Jackson spoke of it first, and asked us to meet here and this is his barn, and we're to train

on his land, and of course he ought to have the first chance." "Then he ought to have spoke first," mocked Luke. "He didn't, so I'm

"But you don't know so much bout training," expostulated Tommy, al-though less vehemently. "Willie's brother's a soldier, and he understands things, and—and is int'rested."
"Well, I guess I can walk on ahead

and give orders and wave my sword, can't I?" demanded Luke, aggressively. "That's what a captain's for. then I'm the biggest, and I spoke

"Oh, let him be captain if he wanta to," interposed Willie, generously.

"But he can't do it as well as you." "He can learn," smiled Willie.
"That's what I'm trying to do. If I find out anything he don't know, I can

So, in spite of a general feeling of discontent, Luke became captain, and walked on ahead and waved his sword, and called out sharp and contradictory commands which the twenty boys tried to follow, because Willie assured them that a soldier's first duty was to obey. But as to accepting Willie's advice, that was something Luke would not do—it was a reflection on his dignity as captain to receive advice from the ranks. And more than that, he insisted on putting his brother in lieu-tenant and his two cousins second lieutenant and sergeant; and to keep the peace, Willie persuaded his compan-ions to accept the situation.

Thus it went on until along in October, when the town was thrown into sudden excitement by the unexpected arrival of an old resident who gone away, and in twenty years had risen to be a famous general. Of course there was a hurriedly arranged parade, in which the prominent men and the band and the school children took part, and in which-to their consternation and delight-the Invincibles were asked to join. They were at the very end of the parade, and when they came opposite the plazza of the little hotel, the spectators were astonished to see the general suddenly leave his chair and approach them.

"Very good, very good indeed," he commended. "It makes me think of a little company that I commanded on this very street some forty years ago. But I have a proposition to make, boys, that I hope you'll agree to.'

"We will!" they cried in chorus. "Wait till I get through," genially, "There are some defects in your ma-noeuvring which I noticed and would like to remedy. If you will let me reorganize the company, I will give you a full outfit of caps and, belts and wooden guns, and swords for the officers. Do you agree

"Yes! yes! yes!" cried the boys. "Good! Now go through all your movements carefully. 1 want to study each man." At the end of twenty minutes he

held up his hand. "That will do!" he called. "The boy with the brown cap will step from the line. He will be your captain." The boy with the brown cap was

Willie Jackson. "Now that boy in the base ball suit, and the one with the red tie, and the one who carries a broom-handle. They will be your first and second lieutenant and sergeant."

The boy in the base ball suit was Tommy Green, the others were two who had closely followed Willie's advice to obey orders. Luke Edwards stared at the general incredulously.
"But what'll I do?" he demanded.

"Oh, you will have to go back into the ranks, my boy," the general smiled. "It will be for your own good No one can command until he learns

Reading-Room for Children Perhaps no single feature of the new public library in this city has excited more interest or been more generally approved than the children's readingcoom. Here ample provision has been made for the comfort and pleasure of a class of readers who always, use a free library to a considerable extent, but whose needs have not hitherto had any especia! attention. The existence of such a department offers gratifying testimony to the excellent work among the young which this particular library is doing, and also to the growing recognition of the fact that any library is, or should be an educational force in the community.

Alphabetical Advice. All boys and girls, observe with care, Be neat about the things you wear. Content thyselves with what is thine

Do not for others' good repine. Eat slowly when you dine or sup. Fail not to hold your napkin up. Go willingly to bed each night. Have spunk to sleep without a light. In company respectful be; Join not in talk too forwardly. Keep good associates or none. Let kindness flow to everyone. Move honestly about your work No matter what the chance to shirk. Obey your conscience every time. Permit your nails to show no grim

Quick be to do as you are told. Remember to esteem the old. Six days devote to diligence-The Sunday you must reverence.
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—E. L. Sabin in The Gentlewoman.

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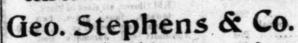
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All persons having business at the court are required to attend at the said time and place.

W. G. MERRITT,

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