POETRY.

your wife."

And then he looked for Ida. Where was

#### A GEM FOR EVERY MONTH.

#### JANUARY -

By her who in this month is born No gem save Garnets should be worn ; They will insure her constancy, True friendship, and fidelity.

FEBRUARY -The February-born will find

Sincerity and peace of mind, Freedom from passion and care, If they the Amethyst will wear.

### MARCH -

Who on this world of ours their eyes In March first open, shall be wise, In days of peril firm and brave, And wear a Bloodstone to their grave

#### APRIL -

She who from April dates her years Diamonds should wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow : this stone Emblem of innocence, is known.

#### MAY-

Who first beholds the light of day In spring's sweet flowery month of May And wears an Emerald all her life, Shall be a loved and happy wife.

## JUNE -

Who comes with summer to this earth, And owes to June her day of birth, With ring of Agate on her hand, Can health, wealth and long life command.

#### JULY -The glowing Ruby should adorn

Those who in warm July are born ; Then will they be exempt and free, From love's doubts and anxiety.

#### AUGUST -Wear a Sardonyx, or for thee No conjugal felicity;

The August-born without this stone, 'Tis said must live unloved and lone. SEPTEMBER -

A maiden born when autumn leaves Are rustling in September's breeze A Sapphire on her brow should bind -'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

#### OCTOBER -October's child is born for woe, And life's vicissitudes must know, But lay an Opal on her breast,

And hope will lull those woes to rest. NOVEMBER -

#### Who first comes to this world below With drear November's fog and snow Should prize the Topaz's amber hue -Emblem of friends and lovers true.

DECEMBER -If cold December gave you birth — The month of snow and ice and mirth -

Place on your hand a Turquois blue: Success will bless whate'er you do.

she? Ah! He found her at length out in Bella. At all events, he will work for me A Curious Case and a Russian Solomon's the little orchard, sitting under a pear no more." tree, crying bitterly. She had clung to "Good riddance, says I!" cried the irate him when he had kissed her, and smiling girl, spitefully; and with that she turned through her tears, earnestly prayed : and stamped her way out of the room. "May God and all good angels bless you, Philip, and bring you back safe and could have cried with a good relish when roba a peasant by the name of Goosein purpose of establishing the so-called re-I saw the poor man turn away. He was And then he had gone. They had heard not listening. I do not like to dispute few weeks later his neighbor, Kerimoff, hope, secretary of war, intimated that from him many times-most of his letters, Bella, but right is right; and I will not offered to buy his wife from him. He troops were being sent to British Becuhowever, had been to aunt Martha - but lend myself to the wrong, even my silence. was satisfied to sell her for cost price if hanaland in order to oppose the proposed never a word of what he was doing, or The man was quietly at work, but Bella Kerimoff would pay him 150 roubles Boer "trek." Recent advises state that how. At one time he would be here; at had been speaking loudly, and very, very another there; and at still another some- foolishly, and when she saw that he must where else. Finally, he wrote from Pike's Peak, the angry with herself, probably, than with woman, and Kerimoff took her to his scene of eternal snow; and from that time | anybody else." all his letters had been written within sight of that wintry summit. His last drawing the fair young head to her bosom, letter, received by aunt Martha only the and winding her arms closely around the village of Karadjaly, living with a man day previous to that on which we find the plump, healthful form, yet petite — "my named Abdaly-Effendy-Ogly, who had ley. The Boer movement is a South Afrigirls in the garden arbor, he said that he heart's darling - I am glad you were kind been her suitor before she was married to can movement in the direction of northshould very soon start for the old home. to him." He had written that he was well, and "Oh! how could I help it, aunt? In wife and of the 150 roubles he had paid with the claims of the British chartered that he had worked hard; but not a word the first place, there was something in for her, was in despair. He applied to - not a syllable - about whether he was the man's face that commanded my re- the administrative authorities and to the rich or poor. One word more in relation to these two I always strive to make better and bright-inter Dalla Abdaly-Effendy for the sum the replacement of the chartered company girls. Bella Mason had lived with aunt er the lot of those in misfortune; and that of 150 roubles which he had paid for his by a popular movement free from the im-Martha ever since her mother's death, and he has been unfortunate his looks plainly wife. The latter appeared before the the only labor she performed was to help showed." "the dear old soul" — that was her aunt - about her lighter house-work. She then the subject was dropped. During come to him of her own accord, and was scarcely ever worked in the kitchen. In the remainder of that day, and into the at liberty to go wherever she chose. The fact, she could be scarcely classed as a evening-through the evening-Bella justice dismissed the defendant and adworker in anything. She was a lady. Aunt Martha had offered her sister's did so, it was with a snap and a snarl. child-Ida Snelling-a home beneath But two days later the sun burst forth. court pleading that she had never reher roof; but the pure-minded, noble- Philip Trevor had arrived in Philadelphia ceived any money from Kerimoff and stitutional laws of the South American hearted, truly proud girl would not take from Washington, where he had been to owed him nothing; she was not responit. She had received a splendid education, exchange certain certificates of deposit sible for the money he had paid to and she made it support her. She had with the government agency in Colorado Goosein. Finally Goosein, her first hus- of South America. Another "little war" been assistant teacher in an intermediate for U.S. bonds; and a man who ought to band, was sued. All the three husbands school in a neighboring town since her know had said that he was worth some- of the woman, the Tartar, the Mussul- It will require many more British troops mother's death - her father had died where about half a million, certainly as man, and the Slav came to court; the several years before her mother - and she much as that. A clerk employed in the Slav, Kerimoff, as plaintiff, the Tartar, spent her vacations and holidays always treasury department, at a nation's capital, Goosein, as defendant, and the Mussulwith her dear aunt. She loved aunt had written home to his brother. To his man, Abduly Effendy, as the one who Martha-loved her with all her heart knowledge Philip Trevor had bought five had the woman in his possession. After and all her soul, and she was never so hundred thousand dollars' face value of much talking and arguing on either side, happy as when her two arms were around | four per cent. registered bonds. the dear one's neck, and her sunny head Bella was in high spirits, and she looked pillowed on the faithful bosom. It was a laborer in the garden to whom to fix her hair in the most bewitching Bella had spoken so roughly and so un- manner. As for Ida herself, her summer kindly; a young man, poorly clad, and vacation was almost at end; but aunt possession of the woman. But since evidently one of the waifs of the wide, wide world. His brown face had a sad, had come And Philip came. A heavy travelling pained look ; and Ida had at once felt inerested in him. She had thought if his skin had not been so coarse and freckled, or somebody - entered the house. The the paper in which this case is reported, and his hair so intensely red and thick, girls came down from Bella's room, where he would have been really handsome. He had good features; and his eyes, when Martha in the arms of a strong young man ercises as a human being may be the she chanced to gain a fair look into them, were wonderfully deep and beautiful. form of an Apollo. He turned as they en- purchasers take into the bargain at their grown on this continent, and should be Surely a man with such eyes must be in- tered and came towards them with a own risk." telligent. warm, kindly and loving smile. It was to Ida he first offered his hand O! what in a low, strug handome man he was! His hair was voice, with a touch of the outlandish in his idiom, "I am a poor man, as you can glossy brown and curling, his skin some- once a judge of the district court of San 000,000 bushels less was in New York see. The gardener on the place hired me. what dark from exposure, but as soft and Bernarnino county, California, who disap-I was not listening. My work called me clear as a woman's. And yet they knew proved of liquor and wine drinking, and then explained why American barley here. and -" "There! That's enough. I don't want its coarse tangle lying low on his expan- to public gaze all persons who had com- the new duty would not tend to increase kind of heart as he was when he went to hear any more. Take yourself out of sive brow, and the washing away of the mitted crimes or misdemeanors while un-"Oh! Bella! - Hush! hush!" "Ida, I'm surprised at you. Would you poor man with the hoe and the rake, plary man sat upon the bench a good other substitutes would be used in maltwhom they had met in the garden. "You talk, Ida, as though I was take the part of every ragamuffin that happened along when he isn't wanted. as she met the pained, reproachful glance frolicked with John Barleycorn until should be admitted free. "Hush! Oh! Bella, he will hear you!" of those eloquent gray eyes, she sank into they got the worst of it. There was "What! Aint he gone yet? - What a chair, bursting forth as she did so: are you stopping here for? Didn't I tell knew! O! how could you?" "Bella!" replied the old lady, in sor-"But the gardener bade me to stay. Whom shall I obey?" "You'll obey me. Clear out! and don't not at liberty to tell. It was the dear claimed : boy's own wish - his own plan; and he let me see your ugly face again." bade me be silent. Surely, he had every want you to -" The man bowed very low, looked right to employ so simple and innocent a squarely into Bella's face, and then, having shot a glance at Ida that thrilled her test, where happiness of a lifetime was I'll make out the papers and fix you up. through and through, he shouldered his involved. If it has resulted unfortuhoe and rake, and turned to depart. nately to yourself, I think your own good sense will tell you where to lay the "O! Bella! you do not mean that. I "Mind! don't come back!" called Bella blame." While aunt Martha had been thus then taken her hand. "Ida, do you remember the parting words you spoke when I went away?"

derstood me.'

'Come home rich, Philip, and I'll be mince matters, neither. I think he un-TRADING WIVES. "He certainly did understand you

## Decision

A curious instance of trading with ported Boer "trek" being prepared for wives is reported in the newspaper "Oh! aunt Martha, I am so sorry! I Kavkaz of Tiflis. In the village of Zad- and other South African territory, for the married a good-looking young woman. A public of the North, hon. Edward stanwhich he had spent on his wedding. The 20,000 well armed Boers propose to cross bargain was made. Goosein signed a the Limpoo in June and proclaim the rehave overheard she was angry - more paper renouncing all his rights on the public of the north. The leaders of the home. Two weeks later the woman dis- both the Free States and Cape Colony and "Dear child," whispered the old lady, appeared from her new home. A search all the steps taken are said to have met was instituted, and she was found in the with the approval of the famous Afrikan-Goosein. Poor Kerimoff, deprived of his ward expansion and is bound to conflict spect; and in the next place, as you know, clergy, but neither could help him. At justice and pleaded that he had neither Aunt Martha assented with a kiss, and robbed nor stolen the woman. She had scarcely opened her lips to speak. If she vised the plaintiff to sue the woman herself. She in turn appeared before the the justice rendered the following Solo-

monic decision : "Goosein has purchased for her most becoming dress, and got Ida a right on the woman for the sum of money he had spent on his wedding. The latter is consequently entitled to the Martha would not let her go until Philip Abduly-Effendy is now the actual owner of the woman, he must refund to Kerimoff the sum he had expended on the carriage drew up at the door, and he - article of trade." "Probatum est" says "The woman is estimated as an article they had been waiting, and found aunt of trade, but the free will which she ex--a man splendidly dressed, with the cause of trouble and litigations which her

HOW HE SWORE OFF.

TROOPS BEING SENT OUT. Another Boer War About to be Inaug urated by Great Britain.

Replying to a question in the house of ommons, London, in regard to the re-

the invasion of Mashonaland, Manicaland "trek" included men of position from der bund, recently in session at Kimber company, to say nothing of the claims of the Portuguese South African company One of the objects of the raid is said to be strong feeling against the company and against imperial control in South Africa. The leaders of the "trek," however, say little or nothing about the chartered company, claiming to base their proceedings upon concessions granted long before the chartered company existed. The new republic will be founded on the conrepublic and is expected to attract men of high character and ability from all parts in South Africa seems to be threatened than are now available to cope with the 20,000 Boers, who are dead shots and capable of suffering the most severe hardships without complaint. CANADIAN BARLEY.

## Russians Annihilated by the High

Tariff. The United States senate committee on trade relations with Canada met in the Merchants' Exchange, Buffalo, N. Y. John B. Manning, ex-mayor, was the first witness. He said he had been in the barley business for many years. He asserted that reciprocity with Canada would help the people of this country as well as Canadians. He pointed out that in Buffalo \$10,000,000 is invested in the malting interests. He showed that Canadian barley is the best for malting that is able conditions. He said, as a result of the high tariff, our Canadian barley business is annihilated, and that fifteen cents As strange as it may seem there was duty was high enough. He thought 3,him! The absence of the red wig, with lost no opportunity in sternly holding up was inferior to Canadian. He though unseemly freckles, and the exchange of der the influence of strong drink. There more barley was grown in the country it clothing, could not hide from them the lived in that town at the time this exem- would not be used for malting. Rice and many men who looked upon the wine ing beer. Mr. Manning said that he was Bella gave one long, searching look, and when it was good and red and who often a protectionist, but that raw materials CANADIAN RAILWAYS. The report of the minister of railways and canals shows that the number of railrow and sadness, "I did know; but I was tered his honor's study one day and ex- ways, including the government roads, in actual operation was 50. The number of miles of railway completed, irrespective of sidings, was 13,325, of which 12,539 were laid with steel rails. There were 12,628 miles of railway in actual operation. The paid up capital amounted to \$760,576,446. The gross earnings of all these railways amounted to \$42,149,615, and their working expenses to \$31,038,045, leaving the amount of net earnings \$11,111,570. They carried 12,151,051 passengers and 17,928,-626 tons of freight. The total number of miles run by trains was 38,819,380. During the year ending June, 1890, the dominion government paid out \$1,678,195 in earned subsidies to railways, and in the six months between that date and the 31st of December last, \$683,089 more. The total payments since 1883 amount to \$8,424,076, not including the C. P. R. subsidies, nor the subsidy to the Canada Central, nor the subsidy to the Quebec government for the line from Ottawa to Quebec. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of rest by a sick child crying with pain of Cutting Teeth Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little "Let's go and have a drink !" cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind, Colic, softens the Gums and reduces Inflammation. Is pleasant to the taste. The prescription of one of the There are but few cases of illness where oldest and best female physicians and nurses water should not occupy the highest in the United States, and is sold at 25 cents place as a medical agent. A strip of flan- per bottle by all druggists throughout the in the church of the Ascension at Hamil-ton on Thursday night, when members of **DOES CURE** 

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"But, Bella, if he should come home full of health and vigor, and as true and away, you wouldn't let his want of money | this till we are gone." stand in the way of your marriage, would you?"

solemnly betrothed to him?" "No, no, not that, dear Bella; but you | listening to what his betters are -" know it was the dearest wish of your mother that you should grow to womanhood and become Philip's wife."

"Oh! bother! what does that amount you to go?' to?"

"It would amount to much to me, Bella. A reverence for my mother's memory -"

"Your mother's fiddle-stick ! Miss Propriety! You were in love with Phil Trevor yourself! And I tell you plainly, Ida, if he comes home with one cent less than a hundred thousand you may have him in welcome."

did love Philip, but never with a thought after him. She did that simply because of marrying him. We were but children she was angry with herself; and perhaps at the time. I was only twelve years old, the man's coolness had nettled her. and in short frocks; and Phil was a great, stout, handsome young man of sixteen." "Good riddance!" she snapped out, after he had gone. "I wonder what pos-"And I was fourteen! Quite a mar- sessed old Hodges to hire such a fellow!

riageable age, wasn't it?" "You were certainly old enough to are you thinking of? Have I frightened

know whether you liked a youth like you?" Philip Trevor or not."

"Well, I didn't care that for him !" (A dream, and returned her cousin's look. snap of the finger and thumb, and a "No," she said, after a little thought. pause). "Still I might have arrived at "You didn't frighten me, but you hurt that stage where a good fat bank account me - you pained me. Bella, you - you would have turned the scale."

"Bella! Don't let aunt Martha hear you Hodges, and Hodges will tell aunt Martha; talk like that. She regards Philip as her and you know how her good old heart own flesh and blood; and, though he has | will ache!" been gone eight years, she thinks of him "O! pshaw! ---- Why! If there isn't continually, and is now counting the the rascal again, right behind us. He's hours until his home-coming."

"A fig for aunt Martha, and a fig for back! O! if I had a whip I'd see how your preaching! Wait till the hero long he'd stay on these grounds!" And comes. I shall claim the right of first with that Bella Mason sprang to her feet, choice. If he comes I shall take him. and out from the arbor; but the offender Should he be worth less than - well, say, had gone. He was just passing out by a hundred thousand - you may have him the turn-stile at the corner of the hotin welcome.-Ah! Who are you? What house.

are you doing eavesdropping upon us? The girls moved on towards the house Why, you long-eared snake! I'll have without speaking. Bella was angry with you kicked off'm the place! Who hired herself and with Ida; and the thought you? Who are you, anyhow?"

The foregoing conversation had been if she knew how she had been behaving, going on in a little vine-clad arbor, in Mrs. made her almost angry with her, also. Martha Cooper's garden. Mrs. Cooper The kind-hearted old lady had striven was a widow, still in the prime of life - hard to soften her manners, and especially say, about fifty - living very comfortably to moderate her speech towards those beon the income of her small, unencumbered | low her in the walks of life, with what property, and a widow's pension - widow success we can readily imagine. of a colonel who had lost his life in battle. As they came near to the dwelling — a The speakers had been Bella Mason, aged pretty white cottage, with a veranda twenty-two, and Ida Snelling, aged twenty. | along its whole front and at one end --Ida's mother and aunt Martha had been what should they see but the red-headed sisters. Bella's mother had been aunt laboring man conversing with aunt Philip Trevor of whom they had been the front veranda, before the main enspeaking had also been cousin german to | trance; but the man went away immedaunt Martha, and the same to Bella's | iately after they had come in sight.

were only second cousins. Ida held the aunt what I said to him?" same relationship to Philip through her "I don't believe he has done any such Though Philip Trevor's father and Bella tler.

Trevor-had died in the same year- magnificent." when Philip was fifteen and Bella thir-

"Yes," she answered, in a whisper, -Ida, what are you looking at? What trembling from head to foot. "Well, God and the good angels have

blessed me, darling; and I have come The younger girl started, as from a back safe and well. Will you add the I have taken up your time and I'm going crowning blessing by giving me this dear to pay you." hand for my own? Your heart is already mine, I am sure; as mine has been yours longer than I can tell." ought not to have done it. He will tell

Alas! poor Bella! For a time she would not forgive them for the wrong she felt they had done her. She even went so far as to declare that Ida had been in the plot from the first. But in been and doubled on his track, and come time she softened, and came down from her isolation of indignation. She found that she alone suffered. And when Philip and Ida were married she was one of the bridesmaids, and heartily, and-let us hope-lovingly, kissed both groom and bride.

## THE CHURCH AND THE PEWS.

[Toronto Globe.] The lamentable scene which occurred that her aunt would certainly blame her Martha's cousin. And the father of the Martha! The two stood near the steps of Saugerties, N. Y., a preacher was very applied promptly and thoroughly. roughly handled. "When the bell stopman lifted his book and sang the hymn Mason's mother had been only cousins, "Well, Ida, I'd like to know where, in through alone, the congregation remain-

they had loved one another like brother that mass of tan and freckles and red ing silent. The hymn finished, the pastor and sister; and for several years after the death of her husband Mrs. Mason had "In his eyes, Bella; and in his whole" took up the bible and commenced to read therefrom, but he had hardly finished a found a home with her cousin Trevor. face, for that matter. I thought his fea- verse when trustee Robt. Worthington The two-Mrs. Mason and Charles tures, really handsome and his eyes were ran up the aisle, mounted the steps and

"His eyes! I only saw that they were hands. Not content with that, he seized Stewart, Buckingham, Quebec, and Mary teen — and, as Ida had intimated, it had about the most impudently staring eyes I rev. Mr. Boyse by the arm and dragged A. Westaway, Georgetown, P. E. I. A

one young man in particular, who be-"O! aunt Martha! You knew! You longed to a good family, who was wont to paint San Bernardino scarlet when funds were not too low. This youth en-

"Judge, I'm going to swear off and I "All right, all right; I know - I know. It won't take ten minutes."

And tickled nearly to death the Judge made out a satisfactory document, the young man quickly subscribed to it, and then swore never again to drink anyspeaking, Philip had advanced to Ida, and thing intoxicating. Then he asked :

"How much do I owe you, Judge?" "Owe me! Heavens and earth, young man, you don't owe me anything. Confound it! I owe you! You have made me supremely happy! I can never repay you!"

"Now, see here, Judge, that won't do. "Never, never, never! My dear boy, I will not take a cent." "But you must." "Never!" "Well, you are the best man I ever

"That's all right," " And I am determined to demonstrate my thankfulness in some way." 'No. no. no!" "Yes, yes, yes! I'll tell you what we'll

HOT WATER CURES.

the congregation stopped the services be-that has croup, will usually bring relief in cause they considered them too "high," ten minutes. A towel folded several other way of expressing dissent than by hours yield to this in ten minutes. There creating a hubbub in the house of God. is nothing that will so promptly cut sore Last Sunday in the Baptist church at throat or rheumatism as hot water when Pieces of cotton batting dipped in hot A ST. JOHN ROMANCE.

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ped tolling," says the reporter, "Mr. water and kept applied to sores and new Boyse rose and gave out hymn No. 61. cuts, bruises and sprains is the treatment mother; so that he — Philip — and Bella "Do you suppose he has been and told Then, with a steady voice, he read two adopted in many hospitals. Sprained stanzas and stopped; but the volume of ankles have been cured in an hour by song was not forthcoming, for the organ showering with hot water, poured from mother that Bella did on her father's side. thing, Bella. He did not look like a tat-thing, Bella. He did not look like a tat-

snatched the bible from the minister's hotel, St. John, last week, were Wm. R.

goes to show that the pews are no longer times and quickly wrung out of hot water, mere receptacles of doctrine, but are be- and applied over the seat of pain in toothcoming the censors and judges of it by ache or neuralgia, will generally afford virtue of their contributions to the support of the pulpit. It is highly desirable, works like magic. We have known cases however, that they should adopt some that have resisted other treatment for

saw.'

do, Judge.

"What!"

