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HOW MADAME ALBANI ENTERTAINS QUEEN VICTORIA AT AN INFORMAL TEA.

Once every summer Queen Victoria drives over from her Balmoral Castle to the Scotch Highlands home of Madame Albani, the famous prima donna, where the latter entertains her at an informal tea. For years the Queen has made a practice of this, a compliment which Her Majesty bestows upon no other woman in the kingdom. It is a return for Madame Albani's appearance each year at Court to sing before the Queen, and to the prima donna it affords an exceptional glimpse of England's royal sovereign.

"No outsiders are ever present," says Madame Albani, "and I see Victoria as a woman, never as a queen."

"How do you entertain your royal guest?" was asked of the prima donna by a friend.

And for more than an hour the great singer held the uninterrupted interest of a private dinner party with the story of how she served a tea for the Queen.

No fool of interest was the narrative that Madame Albani was induced to write out the account, and it will shortly appear in *The Ladies Home Journal*, of Philadelphia, under the title of "Victoria at My Tea Table." Of its freshness of interest the caption of the article is the best indication.

A copy of the last portrait taken of Queen Victoria, and printed only for Her Majesty and the royal family, will accompany the article. "It will be my last portrait," wrote the Queen on this presentation copy, which is the only copy possessed outside of the royal household.

Harper & Brothers have just published the eleventh bound volume of *Harper's Young People*, also *Freedom's Trispartite*, the concluding volume of Charles Carleton Coffin's history of the civil war.

A Startling Contradiction.

There is an old adage that says "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," and the saying is generally accepted as containing much truth. Indeed it is expanded into the generally accepted belief that true merit, whether it be that of an individual, or that of some mediocrity preparation, is much more likely to meet with popular approval at a distance than at home.

Nasal Balm, as is well known, is the greatest remedy for cold in the head and catarrh, ever offered the people of Canada, affords a striking instance of the fact that popular opinion, for once, at least, is wrong. From the outset its popularity in the home of its manufacture has been unbounded and constantly increasing. In evidence of this we offer testimonials from two Brockville gentlemen who are known throughout the Dominion.

Dr. Derbyshire, Esq., Mayor of Brockville, and for the past two years President of the United Veterinary Association, says:—"Your Nasal Balm is truly a wonderful remedy. I may say that I was afflicted with a distressing case of catarrh, accompanied by a number of disagreeable symptoms. I had tried other remedies, but without avail, and well nigh despaired of a cure, when I was induced to give Nasal Balm a trial. Its effects were wonderful, and the results arising from its use surprising. Briefly stated, it stops the droppings into the throat, sweetens the breath, relieves the headache that follows catarrh, and in fact makes one feel altogether like a new man. No one who is suffering from catarrh in any of its stages should lose a moment in giving this remedy a trial."

James Smart, Esq., Brockville, Sheriff of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, says:—"It would be impossible to speak too extravagantly of the wonderful curative properties of Nasal Balm. I suffered for upwards of a month from a severe cold in the head, which, despite the use of other remedies, was becoming worse and developing into catarrh. I procured a bottle of Nasal Balm and was relieved from the first application and thoroughly cured within twenty-four hours. I cheerfully add my testimony to the value of Nasal Balm."

These are but two illustrations out of the hundreds of testimonials the proprietors of Nasal Balm have had from all parts of the Dominion, but they ought to convince the most skeptical. If your dealer does not keep Nasal Balm it will be sent on receipt of price—50 cents small size and 1 dollar large size bottle—by addressing FETTER & CO., Brockville, Ont.

Should be in Every Home.

In these days of sensational newspapers when more which is untrue and false is inserted because it is likely to attract readers, it is a pleasure for the publishers of the *Messenger and Visitor* to send to Toronto SATURDAY NIGHT as being trustworthy, of an excellent quality and interest. The illustrations are numerous, artistic, humorous and timely; the faces of the great men and women of the day and reproductions of celebrated paintings being the leading pictorial features. The articles on the questions of the day are admitted of a high class, while being exceedingly entertaining and readable to attract and hold the attention of young people as well as older readers. Musical matters, the drama and the literary are specially requisite to the enlargement of the mind and cultivation of good habits, is made a feature of this excellent publication. Two serial stories—also of absorbing interest but more to be read by the young—are found in SATURDAY NIGHT—and by the way, they can be found nowhere else, as they are copyrighted by the best English publications which have not appeared in Canada. The independence and boldness of long characteristic of this paper has made it the personal advisor of its readers, and the strong attachment which seems to exist between the readers of SATURDAY NIGHT and its editors is certainly well explained in that its articles are signed and it has an individuality of a very pleasant sort, which makes the reader feel that he is personally acquainted with each article. The subscription price is \$2.00 per annum, either at your news dealer's or by sending your money direct to the Messengers Publishing Company (Limited), Toronto.

News Summary.

DOMINION.

—The surplus of revenue over expenditure for the first five months of the present fiscal year is \$4,375,000.

—A Digby telegram of the 28th Nov. states that large quantities of mackerel are still being caught in St. Mary's Bay.

—All the arrangements for the taking of the next census have been completed. The work will commence on April 6th.

—Hon. Wilfred Laurier is announced to speak in St. John on Monday evening, the 15th inst., and later in the same week in Halifax.

—The *Spectator* states that there is some talk of placing a new steel steamer on the direct route from Annapolis to Boston next season.

—During the last shipping season, 41 vessels of 35,968 tons carrying 32,566,186 sup. feet of deals, sailed from Parrsboro for the United Kingdom.

—Veni, Vidi, Vici! This is true of Halifax. Every there are, in the great conqueror of gray or faded hair, making it look the same even color of youth.

—The St. John International exhibition was a success financially. The total expenditure was \$21,074.74; receipts, \$21,859.05. The provincial grant was \$3,000 and the city \$3,000.

—The cost of the big gun which recently arrived at Halifax for McNab's Island fort, together with carriage and 250 pounds of ammunition, was \$15,000. Every shot fired will cost 40¢.

—The Sioux Indians at Regina, N. W. T., say they will shortly move across to the American country at the request of their brethren there. This is undoubtedly the result of the M-ssiah craze.

—The Springfield collieries have had another month of unparalleled success. The shipments of coal for November to total over 45,000 gross tons. About 2,300 tons were hoisted on Friday, which beats the record again.

—Petroleum beds of vast extent have been discovered in the Lake Athabasca region of Northwestern Canada. Above the Athabasca River there are beds of oil 250 feet thick saturated with oil and running for hundreds of miles.

—In Summerside, P. E. I., Saturday, according to the *Pioneer*, potatoes were changing hands at 25¢ on a bushel. Late were still at 42¢; peak from 5 to 5 1/2 cents—another drop of a quarter cent, and best seed selling from 2 1/2 to 4 cents.

—The W. C. Railway station at Saint-Nicolas was burned to the ground early Friday evening. The cause is said to have been a defective fuse. The building was occupied by a section man, named Bouette, and his family, who lost everything.

—Yarmouth Co., N. S., is to have an election on the 11th inst., to fill the seat in the local legislature made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Graydon. Mr. Foreman Hatfield is the nominee of the government party, Dr. A. P. Landry represents the opposition.

—Five carloads of sheep passed through Moncton Friday morning, their destination being Waterville, Mass. One of the names of John McDonald, contained 210; two cars in the name of Joseph Hayes, had 41, and 1 car in that of John Kane, had 1,064 sheep.

—The work on the ship railway is progressing well considering the unfavorable state of the weather. Capt. Howard has just made his last trip to the quarry, for this fall, with the steamers Anne. He will now be employed at the dredge for a time with the steamboat.

—The discovery of a nickel mine is reported from Queens County, N. S. Two miners viewed the specimens and pronounced them excellent. The owner of the property, it is understood, has already communicated with the N. S. York parties with a view to having the mine worked.

—The cruiser *Vigilant* was at Louisbourg, C. B., last week. She is bound for Halifax, where, upon arrival, she will go out of commission and her crew will be paid off. A number of American seamen were in Louisbourg last Sunday morning, most of them with poor fares. The mackerel fishery along the shores this fall has been a complete failure.

—The many friends of the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, of St. John, N. B., must be gratified to find that, though the cost of insurance in this company is so small, the stability of the system is recognized by the leaders in the insurance throughout, including the ablest actuaries, and the regular insurance press. In fact, no insurance man of reputation denies that this company has placed reliable life insurance within the reach of the masses of our people.

—The *Gleaner* says: "Here is a list of this season's lumbering operations in one comparatively small section of Aroostook, near Ashland. Above the Oxbow, John Giberson will get in 3,000,000; C. A. Nason, 2,000,000; W. A. Vinal, 4,000,000; D. Nickerson, on the St. Croix, will put in 1,000,000; Moses McNelly, 1,000,000; Peter Kearney, on Black Water Brook, 5,000,000; Bearse, on Moosehook, 5,000,000; C. A. Traflet, on the Machias, 3,000,000; Dunn Bros., 4,000,000 or 5,000,000; Chas. Sutherland, Fish River, 2,000,000; and Darius Sutherland, about 4,000,000. Here is an aggregate of some 30,000,000 representing a cash outlay of some \$200,000 in wages and supplies."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—Severe frosts and heavy snowfalls are reported throughout Europe. In Paris snow has fallen to a depth of several inches.

—For Neuralgia Peter's Lignum is a sure and safe remedy. One of our leading clergymen says: "I have used it with good effect in Neuralgia and Burns." Sold by all dealers, 25¢ per bottle.

DONALD KENNEDY

Of Roxbury, Mass., says

I have kept a *Scrap Book* for a good many years of letters received from patients; some are long, too long to publish, some are short, short and good. Rainy days I sit down and read them, and have learned a good deal about the human body from some poor, sickly woman or overworked man. Here is one of them. I call it a good letter:

THENTON, TEXAS, Sept. 25, 1888.
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Libraries and Infection.

It might well be supposed that the question whether infectious disease is carried by library books had long ago been answered. It is at all events indisputable that they, like any other articles in a sick-room, are capable of retaining the germs of contagion, and all the more so that their available surface is multiplied by the number of their leaves. Letters have repeatedly served as germ-bearing media, and though there is greater difficulty in detecting the influence of volumes that pass from hand to hand in a circle of readers, reason and experience forbid us to doubt that they also have acted in the same way. The degree in which this transference of contagion is ordinarily liable to occur would afford scope for profitable inquiry on the part of librarians and of family practitioners. The practical issue immediately arising out of the question is, of course, that which concerns the work of isolation and disinfection. Arguments directed against the leading system on account of the facilities it affords to infection are not, we consider, of much practical value. With perhaps equal justice one might condemn the common use of street pavements or of public vehicles. Like these, the library is an indispensable public boon, and cannot be set aside through dread of any ordinary and avoidable accident of illness. The only rational safeguards are to be found in a careful registration of infected houses, in the refusal of all fresh loans to such houses, and in the purification of any volumes known to be infected before their restoration to the library. The process would best be carried out in the library building, where a special disinfecting air chamber might readily be provided.—*The Medical Age*.

—The harsh, drastic purgatives, once deemed so indispensable, have given place to milder and more skillfully prepared laxatives; hence the great and growing demand for Ayer's Pills. Physicians everywhere recommend them for constiveness, indigestion, and liver complaints.

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