

Order For Steel Rails.

Montreal, Jan. 24—A director of the Dominion Steel Co. stated last evening that the Grand Trunk system had placed an order with the Dominion Steel Co. for 25,000 tons of steel rails. It is understood that this quantity will lay about 200 miles and will be used to relay the main line.

Yankee Gets a British Medal. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Prof. Lewis Ross, astronomer of the Dud-

Lewis Ross, astronomer of the Dud-ley Observatory of this city, yester-day received official notice that he has been awarded the medal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Eng-

SELL YOUR COLD FOR SI

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Queerly Procured Evidence.

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en to Port Royal for trial. There was

nothing on board to sustain the charge of slave dealing, and there seemed ev-ery likelihood of its owner recovering

damages for illegal seizure and deten-

tion. But another ship had passed in the night in the wake of the others.

She had witnessed the chase and flight.

but had stopped to catch a shark by

the way. In the stomach of the shark

the way, in the stomach of the shark the sailors found a tin box. In the box were the papers of the fugitive vessel. These proved her to be a slaver of the most unequivocal character, and upon their evidence she was condensed and

BROKEN SLEEP - TIRED NEXT

Eugenie and the Cholera.

nith of his power there was a terrible

outbreak of choicra in France. Every day the Empress Eugenie visited the hospitals to do what she could by su-

perintendence and example to forward the noble work of allaying the suffer-

"two hours ago my curate was break,"
"two hours ago my curate was breakfasting with me, and now he is dead!"

The empress smiled calmly. "That is
well," said she.

"Well," school the priest.
"Yes, it is well. When once cholers becomes as violent as this is it ceases."

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your majesty," said the priest,

a dying man.

confiscated.



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"CHILTREN HUNDREDS"

BRITISH M.P.'S QUEER WAY OF GIV ING UP THEIR SEATS.

Parliament-How the Chiltren Hundreds Method Came to Be Employed on Occasion-By Accepting Position of Stewardship the Member Forfeits His Place in

I would rather write about the Chiltern Hundreds than accept them, says J. H. Toxall, M.P., writing in a London paper, and must politely decline to consider the editor's request for this article a hint to resign my seat. Indeed, the British constitution forbids it: at your peril you pass the guarded gates of Westminster; a member cannot resign. By the unwritten law of the constitution it is once a member always a memit is once a member always a mem-ber, until death or a general election

ber, until death or a general election supervenes.

But there are devices, and this article should make clear to some of my fellow members a method by which they may meontinefully disappear. The rash man who wins an election, pays for it, and going to Westminster pays for it again by finding himself a fish out of water, need not wait till the last gasp. He cannot resign, it is true; but there are expedients. He may go up in a balloon and vanish forever—as a member once did; he may absent himself from the House in a prolonged manner, as not a few have done; or he may accept a place of profit under



THE CHILTREN HUNDREDS.

the Crown, which is the mad ambition of many. But some such device he must adopt; the act of Parlia-mentary suicide which he may not perform, upon any pretext or con-sideration whatever, is freely and openly to resign.

It is this which lends to the Chil-

member of Parliament they seem an oasis in the sands, a green haunt of rest. The thoughts of the tired or badgered legislator turn gratefully upon certain hamlets and meads among the pleasant hills of Bucks. Bucks! The very name suggests the sylvan chase.

"I do not die," thinks the mem-

ber; "I can't resign and the Govern-ment won't; but, thank heaven, there's a door of escape!"

Forthwith he accepts the Chiltern

Eures a door of escape!
Forthwith he accepts the Chiltern Hundreds and goes out from Westminster in peace.
That is, he accepts the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds themselves. The distinct...on accounts for the comparative rarity of the transaction. Could the Hundreds themselves be given and taken, same hundreds of us in the House would beg the gift.
For the Chiltern Hundreds comprise some of the fairest parcels of English soil. The river that laves them is the Thames; fine old market towns, bowery villages, splendid "seats of the mighty" and romantic memories cluster there. The Chiltern Hundreds are a type and microcosm of Old England herself; even to such a Western millionaire as the one who dwells among them the Chiltern Hundreds in fee would seem an inestimably precious gift.
But the Crown cannot grant them nor money purchase them, What the retiring member of the House of

Sleep not only rests, but builds up the body. Cut down the hours of sleep, and you cut down health in the same proportion. Rebuilding then reason nerves go to smash, you grow tired, weak and wretched.

To restore sleep you must get more bodily strength, more nutritious blood, healthier nerves. Ferrozone solves the whole problem, makes you sleep soundly, gives endurance, vim, ambition. No more morning weakness—instead the fire of youth will ran in your veins, supplying abundance of energy and vigor. Witchery expressee the instant effect of Perrozone; try it. nor money purchase them. What the retiring member of the House of Commons gets in them is the brief tenancy of a phantom office, and an office which, however unreal, is incompatible with a seat in the Commons House of Parliament for the Common for t

compatible with a seat in the Commons House of Parliament, for by a legal fiction—one of the many fossils which the strata of the constitution embed—the stewarship of the Chiltern Hundreds is still "a place of profit under the Crown"

There are several disqualifications in law for membership of the House of Commons, and among them "Rogers on Elections" thinks well to mention "mental imbeclity" as one. That, of course, is a matter for the judgment of electors. But among the disqualifications is also the acceptance of "a place of profit under the Crown."

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Alban's arose in his wrath and cleared away both beeches and banditti. But a part at least of what we call Burnham Beeches is coeval with lawless times, when it was needful that the King should send some stout steward, "a good man of his hands," to harry the knaves and foster the true men of the region. Such was the origin of the figmentary stewardship, which ailing men of peace accept in our day.

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Not one modern steward and bailiff Not one modern steward and bailiff in a score, I may safely warrant, was ever aware that his brief and phantom suzerainty extended over Eton and "Patchet meads, Magna Charta Island and Stoke Pogis, Chalfont, St. Giles and Chenies, Slough and Hughenden, Medmenham and Beaconsfield, Taplow and Burnham Beckes.

The three hundreds enclose a region of haunting memories and rural charm.

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A judge more nobly famous, Chief
Justice Coke—the "Coke-Upon-Littleton"—had in this hundred his scat.
At Stoke the poet of the 'Elegy"
passed his youth, and to Stoke returned for burial—by all report it
was in the churchyard here that
Gray heard "the curiew toll the knell
of parting day." of parting day."

Hard by lies the Hundred of Burn-

ham. In a letter to Horace Walpole Gray wrote: "I have, at a distance of half a mile, through a green lane, a forest all my own—at least as good as so, for I spy no human thing in it but myself. It is a little chaos of nountains and precipices; mountains, it is true, that do not ascend much above the clouds, nor are the declivities quise so amazing as Dover Cliff, but just such hills as people who love their necks may venture to climb, and crags that give the eye as much pleasure as if they were dangerous."

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Empty "places of profit under the Crown" were once numerous. The Stewardships of Old Sarum and of the Manor of Poynings have fallen into Parliamentary desuetude; the Escheatorships of Munster and of Ulster were formally abolished in 1838.

The phantom offices of the kind which still remain in use are the Chiltern Hundreds, the Manors of East Hendred in Berkshire, and of Northstad and Hempholme in Yorks. The last three come into play when there are more than one or two applicants for freedom from Parliamentary duty at the same time.

The Manor of Northstead has become so archaic that even antiquaries and gazetters of the eighteenth century do not catalogue it, but I believe it is now a suburb of Scarborough and affords a site for the barracks there.

So late as 1861 Lord Palmerston

of his constituents anew by meass of a bys-election the above notice appears in The London Gazette:
Treasury Chambers, March 22, 1004.
The Chancellor of the Exchoquer has appointed to be Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds.
This being brought to the cognizance of the House of Commons, a writ of election is issued, and in the Votes and Proceedings of the House the following record appears:

New writ for the county of in the room of (Chiltern Hundreds).
The retiring member has put into operation once more a Parliamentary practice that is 155 years old.

Should a former member who thus causes to be a slave of the division bell occupy some of his new atew ardship he will find it a very delightful district indeed.

The Chiltern Hulls are a range of chalk downs that gently undulate from Hanley-on-Thames, in Oxon, through Buckinghamshire to Tring, in the County of Herts. Though the Chiltern Hundreds are three in number, they occupy only a part of this area, for a "Hundred"—a division of a county mentioned in Domesday Book—is supposed to have indicated the land occupied by a hundred families in eleventh century days.

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Three centuries ago the great statute of James I, came into operation. It made felons without benefit of clergy all who "shall use, practice or exercise any injuration or conjuration of any evil and wicked spirit, or shall consult, covenant with, entertain, em-ploy, feed or reward any evil and wicked spirit to or for any intent or purpose, or take up any dead man, woman or child out of his, her or their

grave or any other place where the dead body resteth, or the skin, bone or any part of any dead person, to be employed or used in any manner of witchcraft, enchantment, charm or sorcery, whereby any person shall be killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed, pined or lamed in his or her body or any part thereof." Under this act witches were accepted. es were executed for more than a century.

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The popular view of the relation of the blood to human character and conduct is marked in many a familiar expression. We speak of there bear as much pleasure as if they were dangerous."

Tradition reports that these beech trees—"those reverend vegetables," as Gray called them—were first polarided by Cromwellian soldiers in search of gunstocks. Cromwell's Sectorary for Foreign Correspondence, John Milton himself, was once housed tived Waller, a poet of a different order. Milton left London in the time of the plague to live at Chalfont St. Giles, in the Desborough Hundred, and there complete the manuscript of "Paradise Lost."

A Milton of the tongue, Edmund Burke, was member for Wendover in 1768, and dwelt at Beaconsfield, at Hughenden.

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Famous and infamous in its day was Medmenham Abbey, by Thames, side, in Desborough Hundred, where John Wilkes, Rubb Doddington and Charles Churchill practiced, with shameless license, the "Fals ce que twoudras" which they wrote up over the door. By contrast Chenies lies not far away, enshrining honorable memories of the great Russell family, No doubt the other Stewardres which year a send the series of the great Russell family.

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We often hear of love at first sight but after that love is just as blind as

CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS,

FEMININE FIDELITY.

Increasing Demand For Women In Positions of Trust. The increasing tendency toward the employment of women in positions of trust by financial institutions is thus the largest banks in the country: "The feeling is gaining ground that women men. A considerable number of wom en are now rendering satisfactory serven are now rendering satisfactory service as cashiers and tellers, handling large sums daily without loss or error. One of the most conspicuous traits in the feminine nature is fidelity to trust. Speculation, the chief pitfall of defaulting employees, does not attract women as it does men. Cards and drink also drag down many a male employee, and these, again, are more particularly masculine vices. Some of the largest banks in New York are employing banks in New York are employing women in positions of heavy responsi-bility. Banking is an occupation in which men no longer have a monopo-

As to the question whether we are by nature more honest than men, certain masculine critics aver that women have gained that reputation women have gained that reputation only because they are subject to fewer temptations to steal than are men. But is this the case? asks Robert Webster Jones in the Housekeeper. What occupation offers a more severe test of cupation offers a more severe test of honesty than domestic service? It is impossible for a mistress to lock up her belongings from her servants, and opportunities for pilfering are numerous, yet stealing is comparatively rare.
The majority of business men are convinced of woman's fidelity in responsible positions and her ability to discharge investment. charge important duties. Never were there such opportunities for capable getic women as at present await in the business world.—Brooklyn energetic wo

HINGE YOUR WINDOWS.

Then No Thief or Burglar Can Puel Here is a simple scheme by which to prevent thieves entering a house through the windows at night. Prima-rily the device is just an ordinary hinge. Whatever the pattern, this the way to use the hinge: Open the

window, say six inches, enough to get a plentiful supply of air, but not enough to permit anybody to crawl

CAN'T PUSH THIS WINDOW UP. through the space under the sash hinge to the window frame (or use two, putting one on each side of the two, putting one on each side of the window frame), putting the screws, however, through only one half and setting the hinge in such a way that the free half may be so swung about as to project into the space through which the sash would have to pass if it were raised any higher. Could anything the sash would have to pass if thing be cheaper or simpler? In the daytime the free half of the hinge may be folded back against the other half so that the window may be raised to any height desired. Of course this is not the best possible safeguard, but it certainly serves its purpose pretty well in the dark.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Ashestus Fireplaces.

If the ashestus of stoves or fire-places becomes discolored or black-ened from the gas smoking, as it frequently does, the thing to do is to sprinkle the feathery fiber with common table sait, then light the gas and let it burn the same as usual. The sooty appearance of the asbestus departs like magic, and the mineral soon parts like magic, and the mineral soon resumes its natural whiteness again. It happens, too, that the tiny apertures through which the gas flows become gummed and partially filled in. When such is the case run a hatpin through the holes or a round toothpick, and it will readily free them.

Passing of Orange Blossoms.

The orange biossom seems fated to perish, matrimonially speaking. There was a time when a nice girl hardly felt like a bride if she did not face the altar from under a chaplet of orange biossoms, but that is passed, and now a wreath of white roses may erown the bridal veil or a coronet of white or-chids. Several brides in these latter days have reverted to the myrtle, with its classic traditions. The advent of the seedless orange seems to be synchronous with the passing of the erange blossom.

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