

## The Planet

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## THOU SHALT NOT SLANDER.

This practice of circulating false reports about the loyalty of your neighbor is one of the contemptible phases of human character which this unfortunate war in South Africa has prominently developed. It doesn't matter how patriotic a citizen is, or how liberal he has been to any or all of the various war funds, if he happens to have an Irish or German prefix, or in fact a foreign tinge of any kind to his name there is usually some miserable creature ready to use it as a basis to impugn his loyalty. It is safe to put down nine-tenths of this kind of thing you hear as pure slander.

## GIVE US A NEW SNOW BY-LAW.

So the snow-shovelling by-law is no good—legally. Well, it never was, any good actually, so it is no loss. Some time ago, when there was two or three inches of slush on the sidewalks, the chairman of the board of works promised to have the by-law enforced, if it were found valid. It was not enforced. In fact nothing more was heard of it until the present disgraceful condition of the city walks induced another inquiry concerning the matter at Monday evening's session of the council. Then its invalidity was reported. But the board of works brought forward no valid by-law to take its place. With matters in the condition they are, such inaction is unaccountable. There are sidewalks on some of the leading streets which have not seen a snow shovel this winter. No pretence has even been made at cleaning them. And these are around properties where the owners are wealthy men who, if they don't want to clean the snow off themselves, can afford to pay for having it done. They have not done so and the city has shied them with a bad by-law. Now, for gracious sake, let us have a decent measure passed. No twenty-four hours after the storm is over nonsense should be in it. A simple ordinance, setting forth that any one at any time who permits more than an inch of snow to obstruct the walk, shall be liable to a fine, or cost of imprisonment, will be found legal and effective. It will keep walks in good condition, and enrich the treasury by the receipt of fines. But it is no use passing such a by-law if the police are not going to enforce it. What we ask is a good by-law, passed as soon as possible and put in force effectively.

## ROBBING THE MUNICIPALITIES.

In the Ontario legislature the other day the opposition strongly pressed against members of the Ross government being so largely interested as directors and shareholders in various companies which expect and get legislation through the house favorable to themselves and inimical to the province. The recent amendments to the assessment act passed by the Hardy-Ross government, for instance, in favor of the private corporations, rob Chatham and other municipalities of hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes.

Assessment Commissioner Fleming, of Toronto, has, according to the Globe, obtained answers from the clerks of twenty municipalities showing the effect of the scrapion legislation and the amendment to the act regarding the assessment of companies. It is shown that in Toronto the loss in assessment on plant is \$1,829,341; on insurance and loan companies, \$1,379,163, making a total loss in assessment of \$3,208,504, and a loss in taxes of \$56,149.17. In Hamilton the loss is \$302,530 on plant; on insurance companies, \$24,276, resulting in a loss in taxes of \$23,736. In London the loss on plant amounts to \$131,200, on insurance and loan companies, \$284,450, resulting in a loss in taxes of \$9,562.25. In Ottawa there was no change in the assessment on plant, but the loss on insurance and loan companies was \$100,000 and the decrease in taxes \$2,000. Barnia's assessment decreased \$62,796 as a result of the legislation. Brantford lost \$603, Peterborough \$242, Guelph \$324, Belleville \$239, St. Catharines \$237, Port Hope \$194, the total amount lost in taxation in seventeen municipalities being \$95,646, and in assessment \$5,107,183.

Great climate this! You can have served out almost every kind of weather on earth all in 24 hours.

The Boers are accused of maintaining in South Africa, a seventeenth century civilization. They must possess pavements something like the present one on King street. It's about that long out of date.

Premier Laurier will strengthen himself and his party by permitting Mr. Tarte to retire from the cabinet on account of his "health," which is again said to be poor. As for the Liberal whip, Mr. Bourassa, he had better be quarantined until after the next election.

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Quebec.....	16 240
New Brunswick.....	3 106
Nova Scotia.....	3 131
Manitoba.....	1 52
British Columbia.....	2 61
Prince Edward Island.....	1 30

The Government has decided to fill the vacancies in the first Canadian contingent, which number something over twenty per cent. of the force. The official announcement will be made without delay, that the parties who are to go forward may be ready for the transport Monterey, which is to sail with the Strathcona contingent on the 15th. Who wants to go?

A number of King street property owners claim to have signed that petition against a new pavement, not because they were opposed to it, but as a protest against alleged or imaginary coercion by the council. In that case it seems to us that those who take it upon them should get up a petition for a pavement and pass it round themselves, just to show their good fides.

Discussing the franking privilege, The Hamilton Times, a Liberal paper, says:—"That franking privilege, which well be abolished. The Conservatives who abused it to the extent of sending out tons of franked campaign literature—even utilizing civil servants to address it—and in at least one instance permitting a Tory member to frank an enormous edition of a patent medicine circular, profess a desire to prevent the abuse in future. The Liberals can well afford to forego its use. Why not do away with it altogether?"

The man whose loyalty leads him to resort to violence against his neighbor because he suspects him of pro-Boer sentiments is not altogether the patriotic individual he imagines himself. The citizen who is most loyal to his country is the one who obeys its laws. It is the toast of British institutions that they permit freedom of thought and freedom of speech. Some persons in the exuberance of their own patriotism are inclined to overlook this fact and to put their own ideas and opinions into force against their neighbors contrary to the law of the land. They should remember that this is a free country and within reason a man may express any sentiments he cares to. If he goes beyond proper bounds the law and not his neighbor is the proper instrument to deal with him.

## WILL THE FOOT BE WASHED BEFORE BEING PUT DOWN?

Philadelphia Press.

If Canada is to take advantage of Great Britain's Imperial necessities, and in exchange for a handful of troops sent to South Africa is to exact an anti-American policy from the British government, it is time the American government put its foot down, firmly. Whenever the United States and the Imperial British government were about to come to any agreement Canadian intrigue began its evil work to defeat the high purposes of both countries.

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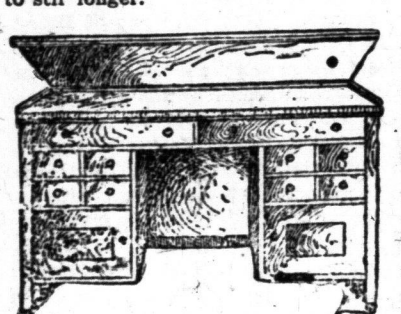
## THE KITCHEN.

The Housekeeper Should Fill This Workshop With Conveniences to Her Work.

It is by no means an ideal kitchen that the average housekeeper has at her command. Such luxury is reserved for the favored few who have sufficient means to build their kitchens with reference to every convenience, as well as to every known sanitary law.

Most housekeepers, however, must take their kitchens as they find them, and cook their meals in a room which, with the most meagre accommodation for the working utensils to be stored there. Of what use is it to this housekeeper to read an article which tells her that the walls must be painted, if hers are papered, and she has not the money to spare for having them altered, or that her refrigerator and coal bin should be built to communicate with the kitchen, if hers happens to be in the cellar, and must stay there? She must simply make the best of what she has, and, by degrees, fill this workshop of the household with whatever conveniences may suggest themselves for making her work easier.

If your floor is an old one, and shows unsightly cracks, instead of covering it with an oil cloth, try filling the cracks with a mixture made with one pound of flour, three quarts of water, and a teaspoonful of alum. Make a paste by cooking them well together, and after removing from the fire, stir into it a lot of paper torn in small pieces, and let it soak, stirring as much as you can, until the paper is a pulp, and the mass so thick that it is difficult to stir longer.

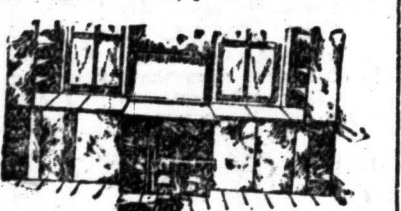


Apply this to the cracks, first making sure that the floor has been freshly swept and washed. Force the mixture into the cracks, smoothing it off even with the surface. Leave it to dry thoroughly, and you will find that it is more lasting, and a great deal cheaper than putty. It can be painted over the same as wood.

The kitchen table here shown, has two tops, the upper one hinged. This, when raised, reveals a kneading board, that is thus always kept scrupulously clean. The drawers and closets hold groceries and kitchen dishes, so that everything needed in cooking may be at hand without taking needless steps. One cannot realize until using such a cabinet as this how much of the labor of cooking comes from the necessity of going first in one direction and then in another for materials or utensils. The pantry is often inconveniently located, or too small to work comfortably in. In such cases this table, located in the kitchen, will be found of the greatest convenience.

Often in old-fashioned houses, especially in farm-houses, there are a few steps leading from the kitchen to a back room or shed. These may be converted into a convenient nook for the storing of bottles, wrapping paper, twine, etc.

The one in mind had two steps leading from the kitchen to the shed, and which were cased in; the mistress of the house who had an eye for utilizing all the space, as she was somewhat crowded for room, planned this scheme.



what novel closet; she had the lower tread taken off and fitted with hinges; in this way a convenient cover was made without interfering with the constant use of the stairs.

Often the soapstone tubs are set in the kitchen, when there is no laundry to the house. These are unsightly looking, unless covered over with a board made to fit them exactly. Above these tubs have two pine shelves; they will make an excellent closet for the storing of bluing, starch, soap, and other things needed in laundering. To make an attractive-looking, suspend a curtain of washable material over it. One can hardly have too many of these conveniences in a kitchen; there are always so many things to be stored away. When there are two windows on one side of the room, a convenient arrangement of shelves and cupboards may be made in like manner, as shown by the sketch.

The top of the centre cupboard forms a huge kneading board, and has a cover with fitted sides and ends to let down over this kneading board top, being hinged at the rear. Under this top is a broad drawer, in which are kept the rolling-pin, biscuit-cutter, measuring cups, and various other articles used in cooking.

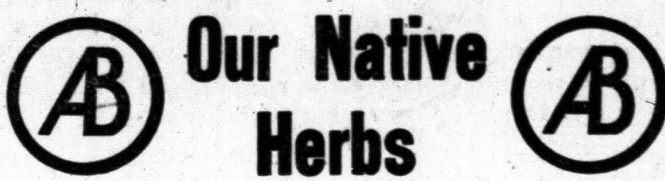
Upon either side are closets arranged, one for a four barrel, and the other for sugar and buckets of pastry, graham, and rye flour. The shelves will be found useful for all grocery stores, and may be screened from view by means of curtains suspended from rods.

Such an arrangement will be a boon to the woman who has a small pantry. The furnishings for one's range as for one's entire kitchen must be selected according to one's needs, with an eye to durability.

Alcohol lamps of cut glass, with silver top, have taken the place of wax candles in silver chandeliers for heating sealing wax on the writing table. These are dainty little affairs, very clean, and easily snuffed out. They are made in sets, to match inkstand, bristle penholder and mulligan bottles; and are a very pretty change from the solid silver formerly used.

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## MAN HAD TO FLEE.

A Boer Sympathizer Driven from Fort Erie, Ont.

H. V. Muelen Will Reside in the United States Hereafter, Where he Thinks Free Speech is Guaranteed.

Fort Erie Station, G. T. R. Ont., March 7.—Inquiries at the house of H. V. Muelen, the Boer sympathizer who was reported to have been kidnapped and carried away in a cutter last Friday night by some indignant citizens who visited Muelen's house and raised a large United Jack thereon, elicited the fact that he has not yet returned to his home. It is now stated that Muelen was not forcibly taken away in the cutter, as reported, but made his escape to Fort Erie village, two miles away, freezing one foot and two fingers as he ran through the snow. He sought the protection of Chief of Police Griffin, who had him cared for at one of the hotels. It is said Muelen intends taking up his residence in the future in the United States under the Stars and Stripes, where freer speech, he claims, is permitted at the present than under the Union Jack.

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Sealed, separate, or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned and addressed to John McKay, marked tender, and left at the office of the Architect, on or before noon of Saturday, March 10th, 1900, for the erection of a brick residence, stone foundation, hot air heating, etc. The building to be erected in the Township of Chatham. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN MCKAY.

## Tenders Wanted.

Whole tenders for the erection and completion of the House of Refuge of the County of Essex, will be received by the undersigned, on or before Saturday, March 17th, 1900, by Mr. Geo. F. Cronk, chairman of building committee at Leamington. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of A. G. Baker, Leamington, Ont., and at the office of H. J. Powell, Stratford, Ont. Separate tenders both for steam and hot water will be required. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A marked cheque for 2½ per cent. of the amount of the contract must accompany each tender, such cheque will be returned to the unsuccessful tenders. Successful tenderer will be required to give good and sufficient bonds for the due performance of the work.

H. J. POWELL, Architect.

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## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned as builders and contractors, in the City of Chatham, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to Cortland H. Rayment, at Chatham, above said, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Cortland H. Rayment, by whom the same will be settled.

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