### The Colonist.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1897.

HECATE STRAIT.

The report that it was the intention of the Dominion government to permit Hecate Strait to be regarded as the open ocean has not been confirmed, and we most sincerely hope that it will not be. purchased, which as we have said, is missions added, to the total value of all Hecate Strait lies between Queen Char- much less than upon single small lots the exported farm produce of the counlotte's Islands and the Mainland. In its bought by individual miners. This pro- try at the port of shipment. In the narrowest point it is twenty-six miles portion of miners' outfits is not large, event of impending lean years, it will wide. In its widest part it is fifty-eight is in fact so small that it need not be be useless for the world to turn to the miles; the average width being about taken into account at all. forty miles. Hecate Strait is valuable as a halibut ground. There are other ment that "every steamship line but can be trusted to add very largely to the halibut grounds on the Coast, but none one leaves Seattle. You must go there wheat growing area. Siberia ought, after so near the market and none so favorably situated in other respects as this strait. The only reason why the United will not be true next year. It never does not seem to be any ground to ex-States wishes to have the strait regarded was true. as the open ocean is that its fishermen may have access to it. Fishing vessels must use the territorial waters of Canada the best of their city's case. We have that can produce wheat and is yet practo get there and must use Canadian not the slightest desire to say anything tically untouched. Mr. Davis, however, ports as harbors of refuge. The request which will detract from the business which our government is prepared, it is character of that city. We are sorry to into his calculations as possible sources said, to grant will admit United States have to brand the Chamber of Commerce of supply. He, indeed, believes that fishermen to equal privileges in the strait with our own. If this is done, farewell to the Canadian halibut fishery city, a growing city, a city with an way by which the impending shortage cality. The North Thompson is navigable been written on the subject in recent on this coast. We direct attention to assured future. Her representative of breadstuffs in that continent can be ble for ninety miles above Kamloops. years, and while he has in his own mind the point that the request is not that people ought to be above the exquisite averted. the right of fishing shall be conceded. meanness of deceiving men who will which might be coupled with permission come out to the Coast in the spring with entitled to speak ex cathedra upon this miles long and nearly two-thirds of it by became of the tribes referred to. Into Canadian fishermen to resort to the no more money than they will need, subject, his paper deals with a question water. This would be a very valuable deed, sad as the confession may read, halibut grounds of Alaska, and would be even if they exercise the closest econ- of prime importance, and the points to road, for it would open up an important the writer of the article on Moses must a sort of reciprocal arrangement. We omy. Many a man learned to his cost which he draws attention are worthy of piece of country. We hope the governation and the writer of the article on Moses must a sort of reciprocal arrangement. We hope the governation are worthy of piece of country. are asked efficially to declare that we last fall that the representations of the most careful consideration. If we ment will see its way clear to make an upon which he has read a great deal and have no exclusive rights in the strait, Seattle newspapers and business men on have exhausted the surplus of bread. appropriation for such a road, which investigated with considerable induswhile the United States will reserve all its exclusive rights in Clarence Strait man will find in the spring that, after he years of plenty, and if the area sown to ways in the whole province. What does less that he does not know. To know a and other waters, now claimed to be in Alaska. We desire to enter a protest against the alleged decision of the gov-

AN OFFICIAL FALSEHOOD.

ernment.

We have taken occasion to speak of vertisement is as follows:

> SEATTLE "THE QUEEN CITY." KLONDIKE-ALASKA.

SEATTLE, "The Queen City of the North-vest," founded 1852, the Commercial west," founded 1852, the Commercial, Manufacturing, Railroad, Mining and Agricultural Centre of Washington State, has according to Harper's Weekly, "practically monopolized the Alaskan outfitting business." The reason is that Seattle, 65,000 population, is the largest city in the Pacific Northwest. Look at the map! With three transcontinental railroads to any other city's one, producing her own flour, wool-lens, hardware, and other articles of minready for all. Her harbor perfect, climate süperb, death rate the lowest, people most progressive, commerce growing, manufactures flourishing. Volume of business in '96 was \$15,282,000. Steamship lines to Alaska, Japan, Central America. \$5,500,000 manufactures. Great Federal improvements under way. State of Washington is best in United States for agricultural settlers. Wheat crop nearly 25,000,000 bushels. Cereals, fruits, hops, coal, and minerals are the source of great wealth. Every steamship line but one leaves Seattle. You must got there before you can get to Alaska. superb, death rate the lowest, people most must go there before you can get to Alaska. Do not be deceived by misleading or false

Look at your map! Seattle is a commer-ial city, and is to the Pacific Northwest as cial city, and is to the Pacific Northwest as New York is to the Atlantic coast, All rai-roads in United States connect with three great transcontinental lines running to Seattle.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, U. S. We direct particular attention to the representations are made, know that they are untrue; but they do not care.

ourchases of miners. Our merchants buy enormous annual deficit. One of the contemporary. their goods of United States manufac- most startling facts in connection with ture in the same markets that the Seattle | the world's commerce is that the United merchants buy theirs and consequently States, so far from feeding the rest of they cost no more in British Columbia world out of her abundance, actually than they do in Seattle, with the excep- imports an amount of foreign agricultural tion of the duty on the wholesale lots produce equal, with freights and com-United States for relief. Argentine,

We also direct attention to the state- Uruguay and probably Southern Brazil

We have no objection to raise to the Africa. We have Canada left, and in Chamber of Commerce of Seattle making the Dominion there is a very large area the above points were wrong. Many a stuffs accumulated during the past fifteen would be one of the most useful high-

THE WORLD'S BREAD SUPPLY.

frontier.

have to draw deeply upon his pocket tainly confronted with a very serious

book when he reaches the Canadian problem, especially if we are on the eve of

An article by C. Wood Davis in the We have taken occasion to speak of the seattle by C. Wood Davis in the the falsehoods circulated by the Seattle Forum deals with the question of the morning paper and to correct them in morning paper and to correct them in world's food supply, and while previous would cease to export wheat by 1895. It can hardly be regarded as throwing these estimates made by this writer render uses the second of the them to be the second of the them expected that the United States and the little about metals. That is stance of modern discoveries." very positive language. Although these estimates made by this writer render us He would probably explain his mistake any light upon the value of the volunteer. He would probably explain his mistake corrections have been prompt and em- chary of accepting his conclusion, he dephatic, they have never in any case led serves recognition as a very careful comthe Seattle paper to rectify its erroneous piler of facts. He estimates that in statements. But the matter of misrep- 1871 there were 371,000,000 people who resentation has gone even further and could properly be termed bread eaters. we find in McClure's Magazine an ad- The number has now reached 510,000,000 vertisement from the Seattle Chamber of and he claims that, Russia and Turkey Commerce, which we do not hesitate to excepted, the diet of Europe and Amersay is as disreputable a thing as ever was ica is constantly improving. In Russia printed by an organization making any there is a steady decline in the amount pretensions to respectability. The ad- of wheat consumed by the people. In Turkey there has been no material change. While this great increase in the demand for wheat has been developing the area of supply has been far from keeping pace with it. Thus we see that the area devoted to breadstuffs, except barley and Indian corn, is 2,000,000 acres solution. It is an economic fact that the less than it was fifteen years ago, and is only 20,000,000 acres more than it was in all the time. One universally bad sea-1871. To have kept pace with the inson would spread misery over civilized cepted who by the strict letter of the crease of consumers there should have nations to a degree that the imagination regulations are not available. been an increase of 80,000,000 acres since cannot conceive. that date. The increase has been slower regrettable war at the end of a matter and other arrates of min-resolutities, she has keener mercantile competition and lower proces than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the Colonist's views of the relations because the most preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the preceding the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the position and lower process than elsewhere the position and lower process than elsewhere. In the position and lower process than elsewhere the position and lower process than elsewhere the position and lower process. In the position and lower process t in recent years than in those immediategreater part of the addition was in the jingoistic. Its reference is to an article ily recruited. After a brilliant operation, United States and was made in the de-headed "Alaska and Canada," which if men are wanted to fill up vacancies double to the dearea in wheat reached the highest point The article was intended to be a dispas usually no difficulty in obtaining them.

3,000,000 acres less than in 1882. statistics, arrives at the conclusion that States owns Alaska it has as much to barrack life. It is a compliment to in the yield of grain, "fat and lean" grant Canada as Canada can grant; in the stuff of which the British people are periods alternate. The last fifteen years other words, that Alaskan concessions made that the regiments exposed to an and ex-Governor McGraw of Washinghave averaged high, so that there was an will fill the measure of any reciprocity enemy's fire are more easily kept up to ton at its other end. It proposed to mine aggregate surplus during them of 1,200,- with the Dominion. To this position we full strength than those which are re-000,000 bushels above what would have took exception. What our contemporary posing in semi-idleness at home. been a normal crop. It is historical that especially objects to is our observations As the conscription is barred, for the from 1799 to 1821 there was a period of in regard to pelagic sealing. We said reason above given, it is not easy to dispoor crops, and other periods of the same that the right of Canadians to engage in cover a plan of getting recruits enough last two years only by drawing on ada that had something to give up on that the old long service plan might be sentences: "Canadian customs are a 213,000,000 of this reserve, and he says this point and not the United States, adopted, to which Lord Wolseley replied bugbear. Much of a miner's outfit goes that the whole of the stock has gone. We said that Canadians do not kill seals that we might as well talk of going back in free. 70 per cent. of a Canadian out- He, therefore, estimates that the grain on the open ocean by the consent of the to the days of the cross-bow, for it was nelle to Teslin lake? When it has done fit is American made." A few months crop for next year will be 400,000,000 United States, and that congress has no hopeless now to expect men to volunteer ago it would have seemed incredible that short. If his conclusions are correct, power whatever to limit our rights in for twenty-one years continuous service. questions. At present we are of the any such institution as the Chamber of and there is no reserve supply of bread-Commerce of a large city would have stuffs and only three-quarters of what this being the case, if the United States increase of force for the army at home pend a sum like \$250,000 on such a route, gone on record with such a statement as will be needed next year in sight, a very this. We have learned, however, that serious economic problem presents it- congress must be prepared to offer some the Militia Ballot law, and that the prenothing is too rank to be published by self. If we should have a series of lean compensation, so that in this respect sent plan of voluntary enlistment can be those who are endeavoring to build up years, the world would be brought face there is nothing in Alaska which the relied on to furnish all the men needed the outfitting trade of Seattle. It is true to face with a period of almost universal Washington government can give Can- for foreign service. that the people in whose behalf these shortage-we had almost written famine. ada in exchange for Canadian conces-

What prospect is there for relief? It sions. Our contemporary admits that is useless to look to the United States. there is no doubt as to the rights of Their purpose will be served if they are The available wheat area in that coun- Canadians in the premises; but says the able to get this year's trade out of their try is substantially all under tillage. open question is as to the best method the Yukon rush, no notice has yet been dupes. About next year they are not Considerable land awaits reclamation by of preserving the seal herds from extinct taken of one phase of it as it will affect concerned. But it is an amazing thing irrigation, but this can hardly be taken tion. This we do not dispute. It fur- this city, and yet it cannot properly be that they should be willing for the sake into account. Irrigation is expensive, ther says that the discussion involves no overlooked. We refer to the exceptional of the profits on a year's business to and calls for considerable time. A few question of the right of Canada. This is burden that will be laid upon the civic blacken their names before all the world. years ago a systematic attempt was exactly what we contended, and this be- establishment by reason of the presence They know perfectly well that the Cana- made, largely under the stimulus of Mr. ing the case, we are unable to see why here of a very large number of strangers. dian customs, so far from being a bug- Davis' writings, to deal with the irrigabear, average probably 30 per cent. on tion problem on a national scale; but it position jingoistic. It says that we are who will pass through the city en route every outfit purchased in the United came to nothing. Under any circum- playing for the cheap applause of a to the Yukon will be of the class that re-States or elsewhere out of Canada. They stances it would not be worth while to thoughtless few. May we ask what the quires police supervision. Besides these know perfectly well that after the first of look to the United States to augment January, no part of a miner's outfit will the world's wheat supply from the pro- says the very same thing? The fact of like birds of prey, follow every line of ture in the B. C. Review of London. go in free. They know that only a very duct of her irrigable areas. So far from the matter doubtless is that our conmarch. These will be gamblers, consmall part of a miner's outfit is purchased in the United States by Canadian portion of any deficiency which may blunder, and, knowing that compara- generally. This element is always close merchants. It is possible to outfit a occur by reason of a series of lean years, tively few of its readers will have seen in the wake of men who have money miner completely with Canadian goods; there is reason to fear that it would what the Colonist said, crawled out of to spend, and every man who reaches But there are some lines that can be fail altogether as a source of supply. the hole, into which it had got, by print- the Coast bound for the Yukon will have

always keep in stock, and upon which not be expected to provide perman-addition, and winding up its article with establishment and as a matter of course duties are paid at a less rate ently the large amount which they now a little coarse abuse, without which it upon the executive ability of the mayor than they would be upon the retail contribute towards making up Europe's seems unable to discuss anything with a and city council.

KAMLOOPS-TESLIN.

We have obtained a statement of the distances between Kamloops and Lake Teslin, which are presented herewith:

Kamloops to Clearwater...
Clearwater to Bridge Creek.
Bridge Creek to Quesnelle
Quesnelle to Fort Fraser.
Fort Fraser to Hazleton.
Hazleton to Naas River
Naas River to Telegraph Creek
Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake

This is the land travel on the route for which the Inland Sentinel is contending daily, and over which it is shedding bucketsfull of ink in attacks on the Colonist, because this paper will not at conclusions. He complains that the back up its efforts. The Sentinel actu- writer of the article on Moses in Sunally thinks it possible for a land route of day's Colonist betrayed his ignorance 938 miles to compete against a land route when he said that we do not know what of 125 miles. It seems hardly necessary has become of the Lost Tribes of Israel, declines to take either Siberia or Canada to say anything more than this.

pect much from Australasia or South

a period of reduced production per acre.

Mr. Davis dealt with the subject very

again, clamor for what there is some his suggestion, and inform him in reply chance of its getting and which would that the writer of the article in question Fifty-seven miles of highway would give a tolerably fixed idea on the subject, he While we do not accept Mr. Davis as a route to Quesnelle from Kamloops, 147 must say that he does not know what has bought his outfit in Seattle he will wheat is diminishing, the world is cer- the Sentinel think about this?

THE BRITISH ARMY.

exhaustively about ten years ago, and class nation dependent upon volunteers by attributing it to the exceptionally system. According to Lord Wolseley, large crops which have marked some of the British army numbers 230,000 men, the years of the past decade, and the ex- of whom 117,000 are on foreign stations annual yield per acre in the United in the world maintains a force compara-States had kept at the low rate, which ble to this beyond sea, and Lord Wolsecharacterized it in the early 80's, there ley insists that it is useless to rely upon is not much doubt that the exportable anything except voluntary enlistment down so low as to be hardly worth tak- the increase of the army a matter of no ted States out of the way as a seller of that a substantial increase is called for,

Lord Wolseley makes another point. He says that Great Britain is the only nation that is always at war, a thing we regrettable warlike conflict." This excade 1871-81, at the close of which the was printed in this paper last Friday. caused by castalties in action, there is ever attained in the history of that counsionate statement of facts, and so we The unwillingness appears to be to enlist try. Since then there has been a decline, think will be understood by anyone not or service in garrison, and most people the area in wheat in 1897 having been seeking a chance for controversy. It was will not feel very much disposed to comcalled forth by the declaration of our plain that men are not willing to aban-Mr. Davis, from an elaborate study of contemporary that because the United don active pursuits for the routine of

nature are on record. Mr. Davis esti- this industry was inherent in them by to increase the permanent army estabmates that we have got along during the the law of nations, and that it was Can- lishment. A recent speaker suggested this respect one iota. We also said that, He appeared to think that the necessary opinion that if it were decided to exdesires us to abandon pelagic sealing, can be obtained under the provisions of

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

In the discussion of matters relating to the Post-Intelligencer should call our It is certain that a percentage of those Post-Intelligencer is playing for when it there will be a lot of hangers-on, who, the British Columbia report on agriculpurchased to greater advantage in the The people of the United States are ing as new matter what the Colonist more or less of that. A heavy draft will United States, which goods our dealers large consumers of wheat and they can- had already said, with an unimportant be made upon the resources of our police

We do not wish to be understood as making any reflection upon the gentlemen now in office when we say that the mayor in 1898 should be a man resolute in action and fertile in resource, and the aldermen persons who are alive to the novel exigencies of city government to be dealt with. Possibly the gentlemen now holding those positions are possessed of these qualifications. On this point we express no opinion at present. Our sole object is to direct public attention to this, which we believe to be the most important aspect in which the municipal elections ought to be regarded.

dently a gentleman who jumps hastily and recommends him to peruse a book Why does not the Sentinel, we ask which he mentions. We thank him for thing, we would remind our correspond ent, is very different from having an opinion about it. The words of Prof. Perry, of the Royal College of Science. If we are not mistaken, the only first- are to the point. Speaking of recent discoveries in metallurgy, he said: "We it is noteworthy that his anticipations for recruiting their armies are Great have learned that we really know very Britain and the United States, and the little about metals. That is the sub-

THE Victoria Times says that Hon. Mr. Turner's interview in Sunday's Colonist 'is a tissue of misstatements, distortions of plain facts, dodging of the issue, planation is fairly satisfactory. If the and 113,000 at home. No other nation cowardly repudiation of comradeship, pusillanimous shirking of blame, and the weakest, nastiest attempt at running a bluff we have ever seen." We do not think it worth while to write so much as surplus of wheat would have been cut for troops to serve abroad. This renders a single line to defend Mr. Turner from such an assault as this. We content ouring into consideration. With the Uni- small difficulty. The general opinion is selves with quoting the language used. If things have come to such a pass in wheat, a contingency that may come and parliament is to be asked to make British Columbia that any man must deabout at any time, the problem of the provision for it, but no one is very clear fend himself from such an assault, then world's food supply would become ex- as to how the needed men will be it is time for all decent men to take leave ceedingly difficult, and some very grave secured. Enlisting goes on very slowly, of public life. The haracter of the lanfinancial propositions would press for and it is with difficulty that regiments guage is the more regretable as it comes

> Ir has remained for the Emperor of Austria to give the world a new phrase. In a recent speech he described the af fair between Turkey and Greece as "a be saved by it? There is often a tre "Practicing, as a rule, a dignified re serve, which might be advantageously mitated by personages in an analogous position, he has invariably broken silence only to speak with unqualified wisdom. This is certainly very high praise.

A KLONDYKE company has collapsed It had Addicks of Delaware at its head and other people of that stamp in the East. The shares were a dollar each. It has gone out of business. It was a fake from the start. All dollar Klondyke schemes are frauds.

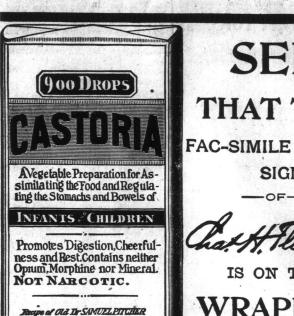
CAN the Kamloops Sentinel adduce any proof that the expenditure of \$250,-000 will open a feasible route from Quesso, we will be in a position to answer its the money would be thrown away.

A CHICAGO man named Raddatz has invented and tested a boat which seems likely to accomplish what Jules Verne tells about in his story of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." It works under water very satisfactorily, its arrangements for pure air and electric locomotive power being apparently

THE French government has recently built some torpedo-boat destroyers, of which it has been said that, compared with similar British boats, they are 40 per cent. dearer, 10 per cent. slower, and have, as regards coal supply, 700 knots less radius of action.

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## ALL FRANCE A

The Dreyfus Affair Widespread Attention inent People I

Demand for the Punis Alleged Traitors

PARIS, Dec. 4.—All po interests continue to be case of Alfred Dreyfus, tain of artillery, who is been unjustly accused, tenced to imprisonment charge of having sold im French forts to agent power. Everything els from the famous Russia which has been giving c audiences, to the bookse plain that nothing can o columns in the biggest the affairs of Dreyfus, enemies and everybody nected with the case. Eto be mixed up in it, from Emperor William of Ge dicates and secret societ hard at work spending side or the other. All I throes of an agitation leled since the days Robespierre.

According to the Da London on Thursday which paper have been here amongst those in subject. "A person v hind the scenes," says: some person or persons portant facts regarding military plans and comi to the German war offic night after the decisions been taken. If the exte odious treason was com results it has produced i country were fully mad whether, knowing my do, they would remain s punishment of one ma call for a radical chan system, and possibly guilt may be brought h or to others, without n lishing the innocence of lost beyond help and ho

The preliminary in "Esterhazy affair" wil military prosecutor, according to the control of th martial. It is expected will consume three we are now eagerly discuss court martial, if ordered or public. The prelimin private, but there is gree tion to the court martial private; and French of believed to be in fear of the unpopular phase

THE CHRISTMA Amusement for Children Great London Theatr Birthday Perfor

London, Dec. 4.—The theatrical event of the c be the first presentation the Duke of York's theat "The Happy life" by author of "A Vagabon has had a run. The Ch usual is to be devoted m in the London theatr plays are sidetracked fo mimes.

Foremost among the this year will be "Cir Garrick's, and "The Woods" at Drury Lane. will give a series of holi children, presenting a ract plays founded on fa There was but one r in this week, the gor "The Grand Duchess Henry Irving, whose provinces—the first in a succession of social a triumphs, with receptor municipal bodies reopen his own theats

with his son's play "I H. H. Hitchings, ma pire theatre, has Queen a diamond cypher surmounted by r of thanks from Her for the entertainme Castle on November 23 day of little Prince Ale berg, when the cinema and troop of perfor greatly admired by th and court. This is the an honor has been con

hall manager. CONVICT L

Its Application Discusse Prison Con Austin, Tex., Dec. prison congress in this Warden Otis Fuller, an interesting paper Legislation." A lengt opened by J. W. Fren penitentiary at Fort I was in favor of estab connection with every to individualize each his moral progress.

ALASKA WANTS Congress Petitioned to License for the Pres

> WASHINGTON, Dec Moore, who was collect Sitka under President Washington for the poses to try to get through congress pr aw permitting the s that territory legally. the liquor question Alaska. The present he says, is a failure, satisfaction to anyboo missionaries. Under Mr. Moore declares the better protected than



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BY WAY OF VARIETY.

'A St. Louis bartender is turning to halk."
"Handled milk punches too recklessly, I suppose."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hargreaves—After all, I believe there is omething to the superstition about walk-ng under a ladder being a hoodoo. I started out to borrow \$5 this morning and

wallace—And he refused you, and then you found you had walked under a ladder without noticing it?
"No, but Ferry walked under the ladder and let me have the five."—Cincinnati En-

Doubleday is a regular slave of fash-"I never noticed that he dressed particularly well."
"He doesn't, but he has to work day and night to pay for his wife's clothes."—Chicago News.

He—I have had but one idea since we met a few short weeks ago.
She—I must give you credit for greater
mentality than I had suspected.—Detroit
Free Press. "Clara, don't you think an old rose silk

ress would be becoming to you?"
"Perhaps, but I don't think it will be oming very soon."—Philadelphia Bulletin. "There's one thing I can't understand.
"What is that?" When we read that a public man

seriously ill we always feel disappointed if he gets well."—Chicago Record. First Boston Reporter—Poor Jones got red to-day. Second Boston Reporter—What was the "In writing a headline for his story of "In whiting a neadine for his story of the man who was saved from a watery grave his typewriter slipped and the mis-take got into the paper. It read: 'Rescued from Browning.'"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Mamma (teaching Mabel her letters)and what comes after "t"?

Mabel—Why, after tea papa kisses the hambermaid, and she laughs.—Philadelhia Inquirer.

Before the Scrap: Hooley—Did yez hear about Casey quitfin' wor-rk at noon yester-lay? Dooley—Oi did not. Phwot med 'im?

Hooley-Shure. it wor the 12 o'clock whistle.-Judge. "Well, I see that Messrs. McKinley and Laurier are likely to come to an under ing over the seal question."
"Yes, that's where Messrs. McKinley and

Cleveland Leader. "It was a rather expensive ocean trip "What happened?"
"A frightful storm came up, and the captain threw Splasher's oil paintings overboard to calm the waves."—Chicago Rec-

Laurier differ from me and my wife

Fox-You may talk as you like about woman's inability to attain the heights of masculine equality, but my wife has disproved the popular contention.

Knox—How is that?

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Fox—Why, she was out to one of her club meetings last night and on her way home she was unable to solve the night-latch problem.—Boston Courier. "Did you want me?" asked the young man, talking on the telephone to the cen

tral office.
"Oh, this is too sudden!" replied the modest telephone girl.—Yonkers States-Hicks-I understand Scribbler is making

a barrel of money.
Wicks—Not from his writings?
Hicks—Yes; he has written a bogolf dialect.—Boston Traveler. " I see that eight hundred Germans took

"Yes, I read about that. I guess when the facts come out we'll find that the vic-torious commander merely advanced upon the fort with a 'little German band.'"— Cleveland Leader leveland Leader. He-Charity, you know, covers a multi-

tude of sins.

She—Yes, John, but if it should begin at home it would find the demand too great for its resources,—Richmond Dispatch. "This baby," said the fond father, as he turned for another lap along the room, "is going to be a great actress one of these days," "What makes you think so?" inquired his wife. "Just look at the way she can shed real tears and bring an audience to its feet."—Washington Star.