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SMASHING THE MAILS.

Now that the Post Master General ery well under way, he is no doubt worry. looking around for other opportunities to improve the postal service. There is one respect in which the general public can be given considerable satisfaction as a very small cost, and that is by the introduction of some stringent ons, or changes in the methods of handling mail, by which the present wholesale destruction of articles carried can be prevented. Canada, unfortunately, still chings to the canvas bags, which have years ago been discarded in all continental countries, for the transportation of articles other than letters or papers. No fault can be found with the bags, so long as they are used only for indestructible buntain breakable backages a great deal of damage results. It is pparent to everyone that gross carelessness exists mail bags. Without any knowledge of the exact nature of what these bags contain, clerks, drivers and others, fling thm about, walk over them, sit fown on them and in fact treat them as if no harm could be done. The result in a great deal of breakage. It is ically impossible for a merchant in St. John City to send a calendar to Fairville through the post office and have it arrive in good condition, and when such damage can be done in a transfer of a mile, a great deal more results in the longer hauls. Repeated plaints have been made to the Star bout this, which every merchant mows to be true. The blame must be placed partly on those who handle the

ieux might give some attention, if he feels inclined, is the carelessness exhibited in the delivery of newspapers. It would seem that the attenton of post officials is devoted solely to letters, and unless a newspaper is rolled up in an envelope and propared at the letter rate, these is absolutely no certainty of it ever reaching its destination—at least through the St. John office. Whether this is the case elsewhere is not known, but time and again it is not known, but time and again it

Ling, as she removed her hands, the not know, but time and again it fas been found here, that only by the shifter do nowempapers reach personal as this converged to the strong of the season of the strong of the season of the s

first trouble comes when the list of invitations is to be made out. The desire that nobody in the circle of friends should be slighted is offset by the fear that someone may feel that they are being imposed on by being forced to contribute a wedding present.

Again, it is always a hard matter to choose a gift that will appeal to the taste of both the donor and the redpient. The subject of the embarressments caused by unwelcome wedding presents has kept the joke writers busy for many years. Even when the gifts are in themselves desirable it is difficult to assemble in one household an assortment of articles chosen by different people without having some of ferent people without having some of of the effect of your alteration." them clash in an alarming manner.
The complications which arise when the gfts run to articles of furniture of the gfts run to articles of gfts run to articles of gfts run to articles of gfts run to art different types, and styles can readily be recalled by most persons. Then again, a wedding gift received is not to be classed by an asset without control of the control of

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by siderable reserve. It usually requires endless one, and while recognizing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, there are persons who consider the blessing rather in the light of a too expensive luxury.

If weeding presents took the form of cash only a number of the difficulties would be solved, but this would never do. What, then, would become of the pleasures enjoyed by many of searching bargain sales for presents idea that they cost at least double the too radical for the present state of our civilization, but if it could be adopted it has got the system of rural mail deliv- would save an amazing amount of

MY LADY'S BONNET. Little chunks of flummery, Little dabs of lace, Bows and wings and notions Jumbled into place.

Every rainbow color Scattered o'er the crown— (Wouldn't matter if she Wore it upside down);

On a huge foundation, Yards about and flat, Buckles, too, to hold it— Mabel's newest hat. Mabel thinks it's splendid;
"Just a dream," she says,
"Latest Paris model"—
(Wish she'd wear a fez).

Calls it a "creation,"
(Cause it's big as sin?
Or because it's made of
Everything therein?)

Just a little doubtful
"Is it going to do?"
Anxious she questions
With the hat askew.

"Sure it's quite becoming?

Does it match the muff?

Will it keep the sun off?"

(Lord, it's big enough).

"Now, I know you hate it."
"No," I say it's cute."
"Oh, that's just to please me,"
Will it really suit?"

"Well, the honest truth it, You will make a hit. For you're captivating, Dear, in—spite of it."

DIPLOMACY. placed partly on those who handle the mail bags and partly on the system under which bags are returned. It is impossible to overcome the destructive tendency even of civil servants, and the only way to get rid of the present unsatisfactory condition is by the employment of baskets instead of bags for the parcel post.

Another feature to which Mr. Lemieux might give some attention, if he feels inclined, is the carelessness expenses the mail bags and partly on those who handle the Harold visits on terms of intimacy a household that boasts of three good-looking sisters—Betty, Babble, and Ellen—and of these Harold has not yet quite made up his mind touching a certain important contingency.

On one occasion, when suddenly a pair of soft little hands covered his eyes and a sweet little voice commanded:

"Guess who!"

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

NEW YEAR.

Welcome 1909. We welcome you gladly and yet our joy is mingled with forebodings. 1908 brought the most of us more sorrow than joy.

We cannot but think of the ships that went down in angry seas, of the wives who waited—are waiting yet—for the coming of husbands they will not see until the sea gives up her dead. We cannot but think of the mothers

that will delude the recipient into the idea that they cost at least double the actual outlay. The proposal to abolish wedding presents altogether might be the actual outlay that they consider the recent state of our countries. The year will never be for gotten. It is carved on too many gotten. It is carved on too many compared and grayen on too many

Suppose we put them down in black and white to see how they would look. This my New Year's resolution. I will by the devil's help be a worse man this year than I have ever been before. I will drink more, I will make my wife more unhappy than she has ever been before. I will kill her if I can, and do it in such a way that I cannot be arrested for murder. My vife shall buy all the bread we eat, clothe the children, buy the coal and pay the rent.

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a short wooden laider resting on one foot, was placed sideways. It was very awkward to get up the foot, was placed sideways. It was very awkward to get up the foot, was placed sideways. It was very awkward to get up the first and when he came further out there was some danger of the laider tilting. A slip would have involved a sheer drop of thirty feet on solid rock.

AN ENORMOUS ARCH.

The hole in the roof is about ten feet long and four feet wide in the middle. It has carved sides and pointed ends, the southern one being where the long

I will be arrested more times than the southern one being where the long last year, and my wife shall pay my ladder rested. fines.

How would it do for all the employers of labor to resolve to be harder on their men than ever before?

This hole shows the section of a fissure, the bottom portions having been swept away by the action of water which formed the enormous arch at the

Beauty and **Bad Breath**

Oannot Go Together No Matter How a Woman May Try to Make Them.

It does not matter how beautiful a woman may be if she is afflicted with bad breath she will be shunned and pitied by men and even women will studiously avoid her.

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If any woman doubts this statement let her made a point of asking a friend to whom she may confide, a man friend or relative. If he is honest he will tell her that foul breath from the mouth of a woman will drive men from her more rapidly than any other personal affectives and climbing ropes the explorers found it harder and harder to get along and at lest the roof got so low that

EXPLORERS WITHIN HEART OF MOUNTAIN

Wonderful Passages Discovered

in Famous English Cavern

who have grown older the last year than in ten before. The wrinkles have come and the hair has whitened watchfaces Covered by Splendig Deposits of Calcite.

tombstones, and graven on too many hearts to poss out of remembrance.

A year of irreparable loss. Flood and flame have hald their heavy taxes and flame have hald their heavy taxes bers of the Derbyshire Pennine Club. Breakage of hopes and hearts, and countless resolutions have been the record of the year.

Wooden ladders were spliced together to a length of forty feet and then swung to the roaf by means of ropes atf the year,
ting of broken resolutions. How tached to a tall scaffold. The top of would it do to make bad ones this year in hopes that they might be broken as effectually as our good ones have

swept away by the action of water on their men than ever before?

For the man who has been hard on the poor to resolve that he will be harder this year?

How would it do for the man who has hardly ever been to church to resolve that he will not go at all this year?

How would it do for the preacher to resolve to preach poorer sermons (if it be possible) than he did last year?

How would it dc for flirts of both sexes to resolve (if possible) to get engaged more frequently than they did last year?

If all these bad resolutions were broken as successfully as the good ones have been, what a good year we would have.

Swept away by the action of water which formed the enormous arch at the entrance to the cavern. The purpose of the exploration was to follow this fisure back into the heart of the hill, and very remarkable it proved to be. From the edge of the opening the floor of the fissure, covered with loose screes, slopes up steeply in a southerly direction, to a curious formation like a ruined spiral staircase with its steps worn away. The explorers scrambled up and thus reached a higher and nuch narrower floor of the fissure. Here the walls were thickly coated with a soft white substance that looked like snow or foam, but went into a sticky mass like putty when squeezed in the hands. In one place this deposit is marked with countless tiny vertical flutings.

With considerable difficulty the explorers proceeded to higher levels along the floor of the fissure. At intervals it rises abruptly—in one place as much as twelve feet—and it was difficult to get up the slippery walls in the exceedingly narrow space available. Indeed,

get up the slippery walls in the exceedingly narrow space available. Indeed, one man got his foot wedged fast and could only liberate himself by partly wrenching away the sole of his boot. PASSES OF MARVELOUS BEAUTY. Above this portion the explorers en-tered a bedding plane, the foundation of which is very different from the joining plane fissure up which they had

originally, of course, horizontal, the bedding plane now dips gently to the south, and it has been enlarged by water and shaped in the most extraordinary forms. This ancient stream bed in the heart of the rocks is now fifteen

to twenty feet wide. In places it is high enough for a man to stand up-right, but towards its extremities there

when and seventeen her were taken into custody.

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CHINA'S POPULATION.

PEKIN, Jan. 8—The recent census shows that the total population of Ching is 438 214 2000 of whom and seventeen her were taken into custody.

The raids were the result of a crustal sade that is being waged against vice, and of which crusade Rev. Arthur French is the leader. The saloon raided is known as the Main Buffet, St. Lawrence street, and five men, found playing poker in a room off the bar, were taken to police headquarters, charged with gambling, while the proprietor of the place, Phil Yaffa, is charged with keeping a gambling house. The houses of prostitution raided were located in the heart of the "Red Light" district, as follows: No. 9 City Hall avenue, 8a St. Justin street, 55 City Hall avenue, 8a St. Justin street, 55 City Hall avenue, 147a St. Dominique street, 20 Cadieux street, 75 Sanguinet street, 36 Cadleux street.

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VOMEN SMOKERS MUST PAY DUTY. PARIS. Jan. 8-A woman railwa

passenger who was asked to pay duty on a box of cigarettes at Feignies, on the Franco-Belgian frontier, pleaded in vain the regulation under which a passenger may carry a small quantity of tobacco for personal use. Even when she showed her nicotine-stained fingers the officials were obdurate, declaring that women were not yet recognized by the law as smokers.

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DRISCOLL—In this city, on the 7th inst., Ellen, widow of Michael Driscoll, in the 87th year of her age, leaving 3 sons, 4 daughters, 56 grand-children and 20 great-grandchildren to mourn

Funeral from the residence of her son, Timothy Driscoll, 21 Mill street, on Sunday, at 2.30. Friends invited to attend.

According in Silesia.

The price of the last named including the estate is \$450,000. It is anticipated that, having raised money by the sale of the castles, the proposal to increase the civil list will be abandoned. The kaiser holds the record as an owner of castles, for he possesses about a fifty of varying size and magnificence. Berlin has three, Potsdam thirteen and Cassel three (including Wilhelm shoeche, in which Napoleon III was a prisoner after the battles of Sedan in prisoner after the battles of Sedan in The kaiser has more than 80 estates

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The castles to be sold are Jaegerhof, near Duesseldorf; Benrath, in Westphalia; Stolzenfels and Bruehl, in the Renish provinces and Castle Erdmonnsdorf in Silesia.

The kaiser has always had a weak-ness for splendid residences. In 1905 a great palace was begun in Posen, East Prussia, estimated to cost \$1,250,000. In the present year his majesty purchased to contain the German empire and the

with a total area of 250,000 acres. Cadi-

en, the German Sandringham, is a pecial favorite of his. The calls on the kalser's purse are The calls on the kausers purse are enormous and though he has an income of \$4,000,000 as king of Prussia, in addition to his private means, he finds it impossible to make ends meet. He is probably the poorest millionaire in the world.

WELL-STOCKED POLICE STA-TION.

LONDON, Jan. 8—The Willesden Green Police Station has at present the appearance of a store. The cells are packed to the celling with dozens of cheese, which have been seized in conor furnisher,

519-521 Main St

Cheese, which have been select in connection with a "long firm" prosecution. In addition there are seventy, dozen of knives, forks, and spoons, dozens of plated tankards, brusher gas-fittings, a large gramophone are seventy of the connection with a "long firm" prosecution. In addition there are seventy dozens of plated tankards, brusher gas-fittings, a large gramophone are seventy of the connection with a "long firm" prosecution. In addition there are seventy dozens of plated tankards, brusher gas-fittings, a large gramophone are seventy dozens of plated tankards.