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#### THAT HALF-MILLION FUND.

dollars raised for the Conservative interview at St. John, N. B., says he will pay no attention to such "political mosquitoes" as Mr. Kemp or Mr. Bennett, but he adds that "whenever Mr. Borden is ready to discuss the matter with him, either in Parliament or else-

Mr. Borden has so far declined to take up the challenge issued by Mr. Pugsley at a public meeting in Ottawa. The Minister of Public Works A GIFT FROM THE PEACE RIVER. effered to give the name of a person who received \$25,000 to be spent in of western journals, sends to its con-Borden demanded it on the floor of the Christmas gift, characteristic of the House. So long as Mr. Borden re- west. This year it is a miniature barmains silent the fumings of his lieu- rel of flour ground at Vermillion in the

\$100,000. There was no violation of day, and is the source of supply for trust by the bank manager, as he was the company's posts in the region. It compelled to produce his books by an may be added that wheat from the order of a high court. This \$100,000 Peace River country took first prize at benefactions must have been enormous pack train, York boat and railway. in the aggregate. And he was not the

### UNCLE SAM'S NAVY CRITICISED.

In the current number of McClure's Magazine appears an article on the United States navy, which is causing a big sensation over there. Mr. Henry Reuterdahl, the writer, is an associate of the United States Naval Institute, and has evidently been prompted by men in the naval service who are in a position to know the facts. His object is to show that Uncle Sam's warships are not fit to go into battle. Such charges, however, are not new. The Navy, a periodical devoted to the interests of the service, has been saying the same thing for months past, and so have a number of the daily newspapers. Mr. Reuterdahl's article merely sums up, but its conspicuousness and earnestness have made it the climax of a long series of publications, and whether he is exactly right in all the Liberals have won 33 by-elections out of that country as they are now. his assertions, he has achieved the and the Conservatives 9. In the ag- practically-while Canada gets the trade. difficult feat of goading the bureau gregate the Government has not lost chiefs into taking some notice. The a seat. charges are being discussed by the press generally, such sound journals as the Brooklyn Eagle accepting them as correct. Discussing Mr. Reuterdahl's Article the Eagle says:

"He begins wish the assertion that if war is to come to this country it that it is for those few hours that when that time comes our losses will sympathy or deserves less. be incalculable. These facts are so obvious that our author is content proof. When, however, he comes to the assertion that the American navy

ous charges is that after the battleships now on their way to the Pabelts, which were all right when the and school board honors. But when when some notorious thief is the culprit. vessels were light, were found to be we think of some of the men elected In all cases, however, the party detected in no case more than six inches above year after year, is it any wonder? the water line. On this the Eagle The solid men who do offer their ser-

continued even in its last product the Connecticut, the flagship of sponsible for such a condition of the fleet speeding to the Pacific- things. this fundamental blunder. A battleship fights at sea. Hence her gun ports and turrets must be well out of water. All modern battleships in

The London Advertiser Company, clique at the navy department, and as he was for fourteen years head of the engineering bureau of the department he should be in a position to know. While in that capacity he did his utmost to induce the department to take the lead in engineering matters, but with little or no success. "No good," says the old admiral, "can come out of the navy so long as it is controlled by these bureaus, for the 25years-old clique down there at Washington wants to get the control of the navy into its own hands." The change of clique control, however, is by no means a new one, having been made

as far back as 1889. The result of the charges and discussions is to convince the bureau chiefs that they can no longer pursue their historic policy of ignoring such accusations or of pigeonholing them when made by subordinates, and it is announced that they have decided that That through the year which lies ahead some reply must be made.

The Winnipeg Free Press, greatest New Brunswick riding, if Mr. temporaries every year a unique Peace River country, and made from Another sidelight on the Conserva- wheat grown in that neighborhood. tive campaign of 1904 is furnished by Vermillion is described as being situ-Mr. David Russell, the eastern capital- ated 700 miles due north of the United 1st, who mustered strong influences States border, 400 miles south of the against the Laurier Government. He Arctic Circle, and 650 miles west from leading bank of a breach of faith in flour was made, which belongs to the dorsed Mr. Hugh Graham's note for 1902, has a capacity of 35 barrels a

was for use in the Maritime Provinces, the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, Mr. Graham has already testified that which was not its first trophy. Before he sent election funds into each of the it reached Winnipeg the flour was ridings of the Quebec district. His carried over 1,800 miles, by steamer, In the book accompanying the gift

vative party. Mr. Russell was an- milling methods from the earliest other with a long purse. The other times. The saddle-stone, the pestle and members of the plutocracy are not yet mortar and the quern, used by the anknown to the public, but their names cients, are still employed by primitive him. But this makes the third proposal tically the same as if the trick values races. The greatest modern revolution Was all the money they subscribed was the introduction of the purifier in SO THAT THERE COULD BE NO merely a pledge of their affection for Minnesota in 1870, which enabled the Conservative party? Did they ex- miller to grind from spring wheat, pect no return, if that party got the then regarded as of no account. Before its invention the price of good flour was \$10 a barrel. The purifier gave value to the crops of Minnesota, Dakota, and Western Canada, and led to the agricultural development of that part of North America. Fifty years ago Ohio was supposed to mark the western limit of wheat-growing. Kansas, Illinois, Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, were not considered at all, and Western Canada to all intents and purposes was not on the map. But wheatgrowing began its western and northern march, and now no one ventures to set limits to the latitude in which the king of cereals may be reared in

> of bushels. Since the federal general election

London's milk supply scores 100 per cent in the official tests. Let us keep our water supply on the same high Since all around me I may see level. We can't do it by taking the The happy ones who wanted what supply from the river.

The accusations leveled at George must come by sea; that it will be W. Fowler, M. P., by a Moncton paper, are described by Le Soleil as "terrible." our fleet must be continually pre- If he is being slandered there is no ing After-where is the lyre that can harp pared; that if we are not prepared man in public life who will get less dyspepsia?

to stand on their mere assertion for retiring mayor by men in receipt of Probably the nice things said of the his hospitality, will be treas red up and night. Five hundred private detection play of course she did not suggest of selecting catchy titles for her novis unprepared for war, he submits for use if he ever becomes a candidate tives watched the departmental and other anything, but thought her partner els and she began early by writing a called an array of bolstering facts that are for the Legislature. This was done in large stores with the above result. Not asked her to play that card. If it was thrilling romance which she called as alarming as they are body blows Mr. Beck's case by his organ. A Because, we are told, it is a settled policy are you going to do with a woman in reprinted with the title, "The Trail of are you going to do with a woman in reprinted with the title, "The Trail of are you going to do with a woman in reprinted with the title, "The Trail of

cific were fully loaded their armor ought to be offering for aldermanic vices regard municipal office not as a second time. "The humiliating fact is present an honor but as a duty. This is that alone of the nations of the creditable to them, but a reflection on world America is the one that has the majority of citizens who are re-

#### IF CHRIST WERE HERE. [Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

Would you find Jesus Christ at the ring. foreign navies have forward decks where crowds assemble to see two men from 22 to 28 feet high, the armored hammer each other till the blood flows? risers 25 to 32 feet. The three of Would you find Jesus Christ editing a navy of the Indiana class are paper that would give a full account of but il feet above water; the two of the Kearsarge 13 the Connecticut the card table, the whist tournament? the Kearsarge, 13; the Connecticut, Would he attend the opening ball at the 18. Experience shows that with ports open for action during bad weather tions were asked by a local minister in

business. In short, the gun power of each ship would be reduced one-third."

Naval officers are taking part in the Naval officers are taking part in the Naval officers would be lead a modern system of government? Towards the Lord's Day Alliance? Would be lead a modern of the lead a modern would be lead a modern of the lead discussion, some of them being re- army to battle? Would he be a modern markably outspoken. For instance, patriot? Would he favor Japanese exclusion? Would be be a modern politician?

### A PAIR OF THEM

[Tit-Bite.] "Jimmie," said the merchant, solemnly, at the eleventh hour, "we have forgotten to get a fresh supply of stamps." And the office boy, in his excitement, responded with: "Goodness, sir, so we If we ain't a couple of blunder-

### NOT NECESSARY.

[Baltimore American.] Nell (excitedly)-I'm going to hang mistletoe in the decorations this year. Are Belle (cálmly)-I don't have to

### A LITTLE PRAYER.

[S. E. Kiser.] That I may not in blindness grope, But that I may with vision clear Know when to speak a word of hope, Or add a little wholesome cheer.

That tempered winds may softly blow Where little children, thinly clad, Sit dreaming, when the flame is low, Of comforts they have never had.

No heart shall ache, no cheek be wet, For any word that I have said, Or profit I have tried to get.

#### JOLTING THE GRANDDAD. [Life.]

A fond grandfather and father were ad miring the new baby. Fond Grandfather-I declare! youngster is a great deal more intelligent Insulted Parent-Naturally; great deal brighter father!

### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS.

[Technical World.] Today Canada alone produces over \$3,000,-000 worth of furs every year, and to this has accused the general manger of a Hudson Bay. The mill in which the Alaska now adds \$750,000 of raw pelts, and Labrador probably half this amount. Until divulging the fact that he (Russell) in- Hudson Bay Company, was built in seal islands sent out \$2,500,000 worth of a decade or so ago the Prybiloffs and other skins annually, and then, of course, we have the enormous quantities dressed and manufactured for the home markets.

#### KELVIN'S FAITH. [Guelph Mercury.]

It will be rather a blow to the freethinkers, so called, to find that Lord Kelvin-"the greatest mind of recent times"-

### HAPPY.

[Chicago Record-Herald ] "I'm so happy. George proposed to me

only special providence of the Conser- is some interesting information as to last night? "George? Why, I never would have guessed that you cared for him at all." "I don't, and he says he's going to be I've had this year."

[Chicago Record-Herald.] A London paper, describing the reception when touching upon such matters.

### UNDER THE MISTLETOS.

[Town Topies.] They stood beneath the mistletoe, Pretty Bess and bashful Joe. Stood and stood and stood and stood, Like two solid blocks of wood. Till at last Joe said to Bess: "Might as well sit down, I guess." Bess just glared and said: "You can. I am waiting for a man.'

#### CANADA WILL GET THE MEAT TRADE.

[National Provisioner, New York.] this country. The Peace River dis-An item of news of importance to Ameritrict may within a generation become can export meat interests is the announce- cards there is nothing in them. the home of a large population, and ment this week of a treaty between France count its yield of wheat by millions admitted to France at the lowest tariff and Canada by which Canadian meats are rates, in return for tariff concessions by This means that unless the United States makes a reciprocal agreement with France, our meats will be shut

## [Sam Kiser.]

Although my gifts are cheap and small, And not the things I need, at all, Why should regret abide with me, They got?

### THE NEXT DAY.

[Toronto Star.] The night before Christmas has been

#### SHOPLIFTERS. [Hamilton Times.]

It is said that 250 shoplifters were caught not to prosecute when they can avoid it. Publicity of the kind entailed in a police More citizens of the right stamp court they believe to be harmful to their business. They only prefer charges when some very valuable article is lifted or is usually made to sign a confession of guilt, which is carefully locked away to shall be an ace, which will give the but he paid her only \$12 on account

### INK FROM BANANA TREE.

"The banana furnishes us with ink, with handkerchiefs, with wax, with blacking, with excelsior, with oil, with flour, with window cord, with brushes." The speaker, a banana planter from Jamaica, paused and smiled.

"You don't believe me, do you?" said. "Yet truly the banana tree is a wonderful thing. Every part of it serves some good use. Thus the long leaves make a fine excelsior. The juice, being rich in tannin, furnishes a good indelible ink, hemp there are made lace handkerchiefs, cords and ropes of all kinds, mats and each wave would send through them tons of water, by which in short circuiting the electrical apparatus, turrets and guns would be put out of a modern church paper? Would he attend tons of water, by which in short circuiting the electrical apparatus, turrets and guns would be put out of a modern church paper? Would he attend to running the out of surface in brushes. The out is used in gilding. Of called by no lighter dried fruit, there is no use speaking—you adopted by a woman cellation of scores.

It is a common part of the course of a sermon on Sunday on dried fruit, there is no use speaking—you adopted by a woman cellation of scores.

It is a common part of the course of a sermon on Sunday on dried fruit, there is no use speaking—you adopted by a woman cellation of scores.

It is a common part of the course of a sermon on Sunday on dried fruit, there is no use speaking—you adopted by a woman cellation of scores. brushes. The oil is used in gilding. Of

CHEATING BLAMED FOR IT-SOME EXAMPLES OF SHARP PRACTICE.

If there is anything calculated hasten the approaching decline of bridge as a social favorite it is the increase in the number of players who indulge in practices which are distinctly unfair.

In a man's club they have not only the power but also the will to put a stop to anything of this kind. Of course, they do it nicely and without any fuss.

A member notices something suspicious and speaks of it quietly to a friend. The latter watches and confirms the fears of the first. Then a third is taken into their confidence, and finally they bring the matter to the attention of one of the board of governors in a tentative way, as if it were perhaps all a mistake, but curi-

After a little investigation one of the club servants isc quietly directed to tell Mr. So-and-So the next time he comes to the door that his resignation has been accepted and that he is no longer a member. Unless he is very dense he takes the hint and de-

But you cannot regulate things that way among women. While women are very ready to talk and to compare notes and even to name people, they are never willing to make charges to committee.

It was not more than a year ago that a woman's club caught one of its members red-handed with a pocketbook that she had taken from a card table at which she was playing a moment before. Did they do anything? Oh, no. Of course it was all a mistake, they said, even though the same woman had been under suspicion of crooked practices for months.

She is still a member of that club in good standing; watched, of course, and talked about, but never openly denounced or asked to resign. There seems to be something in the

game of bridge more than in other games that tends to sap the moral sensibilities. Strange to say, playing bridge for money does not seem to excite the cupidity of women half so much as playing for a prize. The things that otherwise respectable and highly moral women will stoop to for the sake of winning a prize in a bridge tournament are simply astounding. One of the favorite tricks when the

game is pivot bridge is for four friends to arrange their own table and to agree that they will double and redouble everything, no matter what the declaration may be, so that at least one person at the table shall have a miserable all his life because I won't have tremendous score. The result is pracwere 8, 16, 24, 32 and 48, instead of the ordinary series of 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12. In a recent game at which the play lasted only two hours the winner unblushingly presented a card which showed she was more than 14,000

When there are not enough to make up a table, two playing as partners, celed on the other side. will frequently take advantage of their opponents in ways against which there too much or too little, will hardly ever can stand against. s really no defense. While one deals the cards her partner picks up her hand as fast as the cards are given to her, and almost before the dealer has time to sort her hand dummy asks sweetly:

"Did you leave it to me, dear?" "Yes, dear."

"No trumps." If the question is not asked, but the eards are held in the hand dummy is not anxious to make it, but has a trick or two. If the dummy lays down her Dummy can do a great many unfair

things to which it is difficult to take But some things are beyond deall.

ranging some little private signal, such threatened to bring her long life to a Wellington, and on which he wrote ship might strike in the open sea, and as putting both hands to the hat, to close. Though Miss Braddon is 70 his dispatches after the battle of Wat- all that the ship could do if she hit one warn the dealer that she was about to years old, it was only two years ago erloo. lead out of the wrong hand and lose that her latest book, "The Rose of Though she wrote so many novels,

to overlook the adversaries' hand, es- again to tell another clever story. pecially the one on the dealer's right, and then when it comes to a question writers, Miss Braddon has been the toss sheet after sheet over her shoul- side would win which has prepared itself of a doubtful finesse, or a deep one, delight of the young and romantically der after completing it so that she best in peace. Whenever a fleet went to dummy can slightly arrange the cards inclined girls of England and the so that the first one touched is the United States for two generations, ting the wet ink. During the last few another, but always use its coal doing correct one to play. Sometimes they Her yellow-backed novels have had a years she has not written as rapidly. boldly push the card forward, if it is tremendous sale and even the grownsimply an ace-queen finesse, asking ups are fend of picking up the fervid

"Did you say this one, dear?"

tion by dummy of the play of a card served fate at the end of the book.

many little ways in which she can hit at the time. The printer who was help herself. A very common practice publishing it offered her \$50 for a book is shuffling the cards before cutting which would combine the human inthird or fourth card from either end plot-weaving skill of Wilkie Collins, be used should the party be found stealing player drawing it the first deal of the for "Three Times Dead." rubber. As this is supposed to be

cards of low denomination. A knowl- all kinds. edge of that fact enables persons to She wrote "The Doctor's Wife,"

It is a common practice with some for life, being married to John Max-signed.

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to Emperor William at the Guildhall, points plus. In order to even things scorekeepers to cancel equal sums be noticed, especially when previous says: "Round about him were gathered up among themselves, the same four during the wealth, the intellect, the hearty and will go to another party at the wealth, the intellect, the beauty and will go to another party, at which to reduce the labor of adding up at the it is, it is easy to smile sweetly and the aldermen and common councilors of some other member of the quartet will end. If one side has an item of 36 thank you so much for pointing it out, scored it can be canceled if items of and how careless of me, etc. But the 18, 12 and 6 are simultaneously can- steady advantage of from 12 to 30 points picked up on every rubber of A little error, such as canceling six any length is something that no one A STIRRING SPEECH BY THE GAL-

# The Author of Lady Audley's Secret

SOMETHING ABOUT MARY ELIZ- well, the London publisher, in 1874. Hall recently. He said he had now had ABETH BRADDON, THE ENGLISH Mr. Maxwell always retained her 48 years' experience in the navy. He had NOVELIST-MILLIONS OF READ-

romances and following the woes and

trials of the heroes and passionate If some one insists that the sugges- heroines-until the villain meets his de-Miss Braddon has a happy faculty the Serpent." It was an exciting tale When a player has no partner that and death stalked in ghostlike form is in her confidence, there are still across its pages, but it didn't make a

Miss Braddon was born in London in worth odds of 10 to 9 at least, it helps 1837. Her father was an attorney, of a literary turn of mind, and encour-Another common practice which was aged his little daughter to write fairy actually taught to pupils by a cer- stories. When in her teens she contain bridge teacher is to press hard tributed poems and stories to magaon the pack when spreading it, because zines and newspapers, but failed to be that usually makes the cards with less paid for them. She was 23 when ink on them slip more easily than the "Three Times Dead" appeared, and on-Thames. Her son, William Babingothers. The result is that the spread two years later published "Lady Audpack will have a number of breaks in ley's Secret," which made one gigantic it, and those cards which have slipped bound into popularity. She was then far past the ones below are usually deluged with demands for stories of

maiden name as her nom de plume. From 1860 until the present time she

besides a large number of short storles, two or three dramas and a multi-Millions of readers throughout the tude of topical essays. Her profits world who have wept over the sor- from the enormous sales of her books rows of the misguided heroine in "Lady is said to have been at least \$800,000, exception because of the ready excuse Audley's Secret," or followed the tan- out of them. She invested her money trums of the erratic girl in "Vixen," in real estate and bought Lichfield fare and torpedoes; we had got wireless; will be delighted to learn that the au- House at Richmond-on-Thames, When it was the rule to take a trick thoress, Miss Mary Elizabeth Brad- which was formerly the residence of called a submarine, of which we were very for a lead out of the wrong hand don, has just safely passed the crisis the Bishop of Lichfield. Here she has frightened, as we had not tried it yet in many women were in the habit of ar- of the filness which at one time the little table used by the Duke of warrare. Then we had mines which a

Life," was placed on the market, and Miss Braddon rarely worked with the A very common practice is for dummy it is likely she will take up the pen pen for more than two hours a day, but she wrote fast and accomplished One of the most prolific of story much in this time. Her habit was to before we went to war. (Cheers.) That would not have to bother about blot- sea it should not steam from one port to Up to ten years ago she was still using a pen in her work, but since that time she adopted dictation, her portant than the others. It was the point amanuensis using the typewriter. Her of maintaining the very best comradeship handwriting was always beautifully with each other. The officers must have clear, and she once humorously sug- confidence in each other. They must be gested that it might be taken "for the good-natured under discipline, and be good fist of an adjutant of a cavalry regiment." She was devoted to riding even believed in exalting himself for a moment up to a few years ago, and is passion- at the expense of one of his comrades. We ately fond of cast, dogs and birds. Her own favorite author is George Eliot, although she regards Balzac and quence was that the officers and men had Bulwer Lytton as the great masters of prose fiction. Much of her ornate style was founded on that of Bulwer, and as many as we liked, the most armor. traces of whose influence can be for partners in such a way that the terest of Charles Dickens with the Sea Fruit" and "Dead Men's Shoes." She reads French, German, Spanish These remarks about the navy were not

and Italian with equal ease, and pos- bellieose remarks; they all referred to one sesses a large library. In addition to point-that our navy was there, and that her literary qualities Miss Braddon is we paid for our navy as insurance for a great traveler, and has had a particular fondness for Switzerland, the Italian lakes and the wild coast of the greatest wish in this country was for time at her cosy home at Richmond- trade in commercial matters, and in our ton Maxwell, has inherited some of his mother's talent, and is a writer of novels and short stories

The golden wedding of the eminent and a good shoe polish. The stems yield get the first deal and also to get to- which showed that she was just as though it occurred in London, is geologist, Dr. Henry Woodward, country if they dare to molest us." strong in the analysis of sentiment as worth note, since he has been for 43 methods of cheating, for it can be sensational incidents embellished with ment of the British Museum—a very tory prohibition in Maine. North Dacalled by no lighter name, is that an ornate style. This made her post- important post in the scientific world. adopted by a woman, erroneous can-tion permanent, and she could select Mr. John W. Bates, manager of the By the end of the year Tennessee and

# ON THE NAVY

LANT OLD SEA DOG.

Lord Charles Beresford made a remarkable speech on the state of preparedness of the navy, at a dinner at the Salters' served in 25 vessels, and had commanded in trials 35 vessels. He had been on every has written as many as 65 novels, station to which ships were sent, and in every colony except British Guiana

> The men were the same now as of yore; they had the same ideas of chivalry and pluck, and the same respect for discipline as they ever had. Since the days when he joined we had started other methods of we had got a shocking amphibtous animal was to sink, and the band to play "God Save the King." (Laughter.)

> Success in war depended upon the accuracy and forethought of their action in time of peace. Therefore we ought to have everything ready and everything prepared steaming which represented war.

> There was another very great point in the navy to which they must always pay combrades in every way. He had never tried to run our fleets by commendation, and not by condemnation, and the consefar more confidence and far more respect in each other.

We might have what size ships we liked, the most boilers and engines, but we had found in "The Cloven Foot," "Dead to remember that it was the human element that won. That was why the ques-She has remarkably varied talents, tion of comradeship was so important, peace. It had to fight, if necessary, to be prepared to fight if necessary. thoroughly well prepared would win. But Cornwall. She has a house in the peace, because if we went to war there New Forest, but spends most of her | would be a tremendous disturbance in our securities.

"It is your business and it is our business," concluded Lord Charles, "to have our navy in such a state that war is impossible; and if any country does provoke war our sense of security and practical state of preparation will pulverize that

At the beginning of the year the Probably one of the most audacious she was great in the production of years keeper of the geological depart. number of people living under statukota and Kansas was only 2,500,000 her own publishers. She selected one St. Thomas Canning Company, has re- Georgia will nearly have trebled the