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Gladstone on Divorce.

In the current number of the North American review Mr. Gladstone has a paper on the question of divorce, in which he looks at the subject from the broadest point of view. Though the subject is wide he manages to focus the scope of it in one sentence.

"I decline to think that the future of America is of greater importance to Christendom at large than that of any other country; that that future, in its highest features, vitally depends upon the incidents of marriage; and that no country has ever been so directly challenged as America now is to choose its course definitely with reference to one, if not more than one, of the very greatest of these incidents."

That sentence places the discussion at once on a proper basis. Divorce can only be rightly regarded from the point of view which seeks to discover the effect on the nation or state. That there are unhappy marriages, cruel husbands and faithless wives need not be argued. All will admit it. But when it comes to a question of parting those who are unhappy, cruel or faithless, a broader question presents itself. What will be the effort on the state, not of dissolving this or that particular marriage, but of making more easy the severance of the marriage tie? Many legal proceedings cause or perpetuate individual happiness or pain, but in neither case is that the point sought. Individuality must be sunk in what is for the welfare of the state as a whole, and whatever may be the opinion held concerning divorce the general well-being should be the object sought, not the gratification of any individual feeling.

What is here said regarding divorce will apply with equal force to the Mormon question now forcing itself upon us. To us in Toronto it is not of the slightest consequence personally whether any given individual in the Northwest has one wife or twenty. We are not brought into contact, and so far as our lives are concerned they might regulate their social affairs as suits themselves. But it is of vast consequence to us whether or no polygamy shall be allowed to gain a foothold in the state and become one of the recognised conditions of life in our common nation.

President Harrison is being criticised be cause he proposes to spend a week in Chicago, during which Patti will sing there. Still, it is worth a journey to hear Patti sing.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says "the negro must go." In such a case there would not be a great deal of field work done in Louisiana.

O'Donovan Rossa says Parnellism is a farce. Rossa is a burlesque—of the roaring kind.

A contemporary suggests, to prevent duplication, a prospective bride should indicate on the cards what sort of a present she would like to receive. This would have at least the merit of systematising what is at present merely a thinly-veneered plan of blackmail.

The United States intend to enlarge their postal cards, so that more words can be sent for a cent.

The large fires of late give a good rest to the insurance man's jaw. People see the advantage of being insured without having it dinned into them.

Over-Competition.

There have been this year as there always has been, a number of business failures. Beyond the usual causes that bring these about and of over-competition must be credited with a considerable share. One great source of over-competition is the facilities afforded new beginners in the way of credit, which seems to be given too freely in many lines of trade. And once over-competition is brought about many other evil results follow: goods are sold below paying prices; long credits are given; extensions follow; expenses are increased in order to keep up with the strain; and as a result old houses as well as new ones go to the wall. General business in the long run is the heaviest sufferer. Bankrupt stocks are sacrificed to the detriment of those who have capital, who pay their way, and who are keeping within the limit of wise expenses. We want less credit, fewer extensions, and more care in the management of business in this country. If there were more combination and less competition everyone would be richer for it.

The publisher of Truth got a rebate on his water rate because of the fire in his establishment. He certainly had no right to complain of any lack in the amount of water supplied.

A contemporary speaks of "the healthful contagion of football." We should not be surprised to hear next of the soothing influence of a riot.

Down in Montreal the electric wire people do not erect poles where a shade tree will answer their purpose. Used in this way, it will not be long before the shade trees will be fit for nothing but telegraph poles.

The Telegram says the snow bylaw in this city is sharing the unique unpopularity of the Jesuits Act. Just exactly how anything that is unique can be shared will be left for future generations to discover.

Hoodlumism is not confined to Toronto. Up in London some candidates for immersion, members of a colored Baptist church, were snow-balled by a gang of roughs last Sunday. It was thought to be funny.

President Harrison's Message.

The delivery of President Harrison's Message to the Fifty-first Congress, which took place on Tuesday last, has of course been the event of the day with our neighbours. The Globe says of it that it is not an exciting document; to which we may safely say ditto. It certainly is not exciting in the sense of its urging or hinting at a revolution of some kind; the simple truth being that it conveys to the people the mind of a President and a set of advisers who will think they are doing well for this country should be able to leave it all the fitter for carrying forward in time to come the great changes which their party fought for and won in time past—the setting free of the slave and the establishment of home industry on a home basis. Right here seems a good time to take The Globe at its word with regard to Canada.

Our contemporary thinks it "cunning" to represent Sir John as making the remark that when the N.P. gets played out, then it may be time to talk about annexation. Well, we really don't believe Sir John ever said that, but suppose he did? would our contem. be too stupid to suspect that he was just "taking a rise" out of some "rather slow" interlocutor? In Canada as well as in the States, Protection is come to stay, and opponents of annexation, like ourselves; are quite cheerful at running their chances of meeting it—as long as the N.P. stands. Like ourselves, our neighbors do not feel is at all like drugging into a revolution that would take away their Protection from them, and land them in Free Trade again. Now, in current message there is nothing to suggest that any such a revolution as that is at hand; if there were so, it would surely be exciting enough.

This much is generally admitted, to begin with—that the new President talks civilly enough towards Great Britain and Canada. Here let it be observed that other powers must now engage more of Mr. Secretary Blaine's attention than they used to do of his predecessors in former times, which should keep from finding his quarrels too exclusively with Canada. People on this side wans no quarrels, Mr. Blaine must have a good "fuss" of that himself; and probably he can't help talk a peaceful turn himself ere long.

Beyond doubt, President, Congress and people will have all they can do to steer their ship of state through the many new complications of the time, which are mainly due, let us say—through the growth of new national positions, with the growth of their own as a principal factor of change that is always going on. The New York Tribune, which is one of the President's friendly critics, sets forth the following array of important questions for Congress to take hold of and consider—a formidable list, indeed.

It will have to consider the question of currency, in the light of eleven years' experience of silver coinage, and with the bank circulation rapidly vanishing. It will have to take up the question of revenue, to provide in some way for a reduction of the surplus, and to decide upon strong appeals for the removal of certain internal taxes. The tariff question will probably be taken up, with a view to removing the defects and inconsistencies resulting from unwisdom or divided responsibility in 1883, and also for the purpose of adjusting the system to the great changes which have occurred in the world's industries and commerce. It will also be by no means the least difficult of the duties devolving upon Congress to consider what steps can be taken to secure free and honest elections at the South.

By the public generally, the question as to the coinage and use of silver is probably not estimated at anything like its real importance to the world. But a change in this respect has already begun, and the present attendance at Washington of delegations from silver producing countries in Central and South America, will almost certainly give the silver movement a new and powerful impulse. Canada is neither very closely nor very strongly connected with the movement aforesaid; nevertheless it is more likely to work in favor of this country than against it. The Times and The Economist will doubtless present their maledictions to the unfortunate western as the birth-place and breeding-ground of such commercial and financial heresies as protection and silver mining and so on.

But neither the States nor Canada are likely to change to free trade through the persuasions of The Times, or of The Globe either.

Hamilton's railway committee will not admit the reporters to its deliberations. What they expect to accomplish by secrecy is not clear. Messrs. Van Horne and Hickson are not ignorant of what is going on, but the ratepayers of the city are concerned and should be equally well informed.

Harvey is dead. The law so deemed it, and the edict was carried out. Sane or insane, he is beyond human judgment. Then why not let him rest? The Toronto Globe surely cannot expect that he will ever become a factor in an election contest. That paper proposed sympathy with the surviving friends. The greatest kindness that can be shown them is to let all mention of the matter cease.

The speech of Hon. Oliver Mowat at Woodstock was undoubtedly a chestnut. But what is there new for him to say?

Cleopatre's Needle, in Central Park, New York, is said to be slowly crumbling away.

From Egypt's sand to Central Park
We here beg leave to state
The Needle threaded its lonely way
And remains there up to date,
It had no eye to look ahead
And see that cruel fate
Had destined it should turn to dust
Like all, e'en Cleopatre.

At the "capping" ceremony of the Glasgow University the students were barred out, whereupon they broke open the doors and dashed contents of the fire buckets over the professors. This was regarded as, in a measure, throwing cold water on the proceedings.

A well-known London journalist, it is said, has apprenticed his son to be a cook. He will have to be careful or he may set in the soup.

Making the Carriers' Uniform in Quebec.

A shivering letter carrier told The World yesterday that he and many of his fellow-laborers at the top of Toronto street are without their winter uniform, because most of the clothes don't fit when they are first sent up from Quebec City by the tailor there, who has the contract for making them for the letter carriers of the whole Dominion. Misfits are returned to Quebec for alteration and the men have no chance to try on their clothes. Why do the Toronto M.P.'s allow this little bit of what ought to be local patronage to be stolen from their constituents? Where does Honorable John Haggart get his trousers made? Not 500 miles from his seat of honor we will be bound.

A Scotch paper announces that it will shortly publish a stirring and tragical love story, by the Marquis of Lorne. No one is mean enough to hint that it may be an autobiography.

Since The World called attention to the little quiet sarcasm in Principal Grant's speech, in moving a vote of thanks to 'Ras Wiman at Kingston, his organs omit that portion of the sentence in quoting his remarks. This does not do full justice to the Principal, but it is in keeping with 'Ras's method in dealing with the Montreal Telegraph Company stockholders—keeping a little back.

A Philadelphia paper has been interviewing prominent clergymen of all denominations as to what sort of a place Heaven is likely to prove. Heaven alone can prove.

The Associated Press agents at Washington refer to 'Ras Wiman's scheme as one "to promote commercial union with Canada, with a view to its annexation." This is certainly candid, but as they are in the employ of 'Ras, it may be taken for granted that they know what they are talking about.

The Chinese laundrymen of New York have formed a combine to raise prices. The starch will soon be taken out of that.

Montreal has taken the initiative in adding to death notices in the papers a request that flowers shall not be sent. This is proper. From being at first a simple tribute of sympathy, the flower-sending has grown to be an ostentatious vulgarism.

The Globe is doing the question of Canada's independence harm, by attempting to boom it. Those who oppose the movement will say with reason that The Globe has taken it up as a step toward annexation, it having found out to its cost that straight annexation won't go.

Are You a Man or Boy?

If you are and you stand in need of a good warm overcoat, go to Oak Hall and consult the immense stock, the remarkable prices, the quality of the goods, and do not leave without a necessary garment. It pays you to wear a good coat, and it pays you still better when you get the coat at a low price.

Distress after eating, dyspepsia, etc., relieved by Carter's Little Liver Pills. 25c. 246

VARSITY-GALT PROTEST.

NO LOGICAL REASON FOR THE TOWN'S CLAIM.

A Big Shooting Match at the Woodbine—The Eastern Toronto Club Men Defeat the West—Varsity's Football Tour—Curling in Guelph Yesterday—The Players in the Brotherhood—Price Paid for Sunol.

To-morrow evening the committee of the Western Football Association meet in Galt to deliberate on that town club's protest against the referee giving the championship game of the 23rd ult. to 'Varsity. Several minor complaints had been lodged by the defeated team but were abandoned, there being no foundation for them. The only point remaining is that the crowd interfered with the play as alleged, and Galt therefore claims that the game should be again contested. The rules of the Western Association distinctly state that the referee is the final judge of this. Mr. Rice who refereed the match in question decided that the crowd did not interfere sufficiently to stop the game entirely. True a fracas at one corner did stop the game for merely four or five minutes. The World never saw a more orderly crowd at a football match. The protest in question is Galt's only prospect of averting the loss of the championship. It was their last straw and they grasped at it. Practically they have no ground and the committee to-morrow should promptly paralyse the puerile protest.

'Varsity's Football Tour.

The 'Varsity Association committee have decided to make thorough enquiries as to guarantees before sending their team to the New England States. Secretary Peat has written to Fall River, Newark, Paterson and two New York clubs and will be able to give terms to his club shortly. The New York Central have promised the club splendid rates although the Ottawa, Montreal and Boston route may yet be taken.

Notes of the Kickers.

Cumnock has been re-elected captain of the Harvard eleven.

The Toronto Rugby team will sit for a picture next week.

The Scottish Football Association has expelled the Queen of the South Wanderers for professionalism.

Mr. Hugh Fraser will represent 'Varsity at the Galt meeting to-morrow. They say Hughie is quite a counsellor.

'Varsity's three celebrated clubs, the Rugby football, the association football and the baseball clubs will have a grand re-union dinner at the Rosalin House next week.

ABOUT CURLING STONES

Made from the Famous Rock of Ailsa Craig and Brought to Toronto.

Curling on ice has become so popular with Canadians that first-class material for the game is always eagerly sought after. In fact a very large business in stones alone is done by some firms in this city. Messrs. Keith and Fitzimons, No. 111 King-street West, say they can suit the most particular Scotchman in this line. They have on hand a large stock manufactured in Beith, Ayrshire, Scotland—some from the famous rock of Ailsa Craig, also stones equally as good made from red hone. It might be mentioned that Mr. D. S. Keith introduced the "V" edge, for the concave bottom many years ago, which has made the most perfect running surface. The Messrs. Keith have handled curling stones for thirty years, their prices are the lowest and lovers of this admirable winter recreation will surely be satisfied in patronizing the Messrs. Keith and Fitzimons. Their business extends to Nova Scotia and New York and towns over all parts of Canada.

The First Royal City Curling.

GUELPH, Dec. 4.—The first curling match of the season took place here to-day on Mr. Sleman's pond. The ice was in splendid condition. The team, skipped by Mr. Spalding made 13 points, and that by Mr. Congalton 12.

THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

President Johnston Gives a List of the Players of Each Club.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4.—Albert L. Johnston, the acting president of the Players' League returned here yesterday from the east. He says that 118 men have already signed with the Brotherhood and gives the following as the probable personnel of the clubs:

Philadelphia: Shindle, short; Hallman, catcher; Mulvey, third; Farrar, first, with Thompson, Wood and Fogarty in the field.

Chicago Club: Comiskey, first; Pfeffer, second; Williamson, short, and Latham at third, with Bastian as substitute; Ryan, Duffy and Van Haltren in the field, and Baldwin, Tener, Gumbert, King and Dwyer, pitchers.

The New York Club will be the same as last year, with the exception of Johnny Ward.

Cleveland's team: First, Sutcliffe; second, Tebeau; third and Robinson at short, Radford and Twitchell and possibly McAleer in the outfield.

Brooklyn: Ward, short; Basset, second; Tucker first; Bierburer, third, with Andrews, McGeachy and Seery in the field. Con Murphy of last year's Syracuse Club, is one of the pitchers.

Boston Kelly has gone to the Pacific coast and his last words were: "If I don't bring back the signatures of the other eight players I will jump in the Atlantic Ocean the moment I reach Boston."

Buffalo Club: Rowe and Whitney, Short and third, Sam Wise at second and John Irwin, Hoy and Beecher scattered about, with Keefe, Taddiken and Crock as pitchers.

Pittsburg Club: Only two new men will be employed and these in place of Rowe and White at short and third.

How the League will Combat the Brothers.

"We are the people!" said Manager Mutrie. "We have a pretty surprise in store for the Brotherhood." Here is the League's mode of campaign:

The League's first gun is a heavily shotted one and eminent legal authority asserts that it will blow the Brotherhood to pieces on the first fire. This weapon is contained in the contract made by the Brotherhood and adopted by the League. By the terms of section 18 of the Brotherhood contract, when a player signs he gives the right to the club to reserve him for the ensuing season. The League will endeavor to enjoin the seceding players, and if this fails, then will come one the bitterest fights in the history of the national game.

Reminds' One of the Toronto's.

The average man would be very much surprised to learn how simply the Harvard footballists live while in training for their big contests. As the training table they are allowed only the following articles of diet: Breakfast, oatmeal, steak or mutton chops, fried potatoes, toast and water; lunch, roast beef or steak, potatoes, bread, fruit (occasionally) and water; dinner, soup, roast beef, potatoes, bread and water. The men are not allowed to smoke or drink liquor, and are compelled to be in bed before 10.30 p.m. They must rise at 7 a.m. and appear at the training table at 7.30.

Dust from the Diamond.

Wilmot of last season's Washington club has signed a contract to play with Anson's Chicagos for $4000 a year.

Ward expects to land the Browns en bloc into his camp. Then a brotherhood club will be established in St. Louis.

Ward proposes to increase the Brotherhood guarantee for each club to $10,000, which basis will likely be accepted by all the clubs.

It is thought that President Mills will appoint Toledo, Rochester and Detroit as the International schedule committee.—Sporting Life.

Agent Smith of the Pittsburg National League club was three weeks on the hunt for players and only signed one man, Pitcher Staley.

Third Baseman McGlone has signed with Denver of the Western League. He must improve on last season's form in Toronto if he is successful next year.

Jimmy Donnelly, Detroit's third baseman, is said to have fallen into the Brotherhood's net, and, according to reports, is likely to join one of the Brotherhood League clubs.

Hamilton proposes to have a new baseball park in East Hamilton. The Times rightly points out that the club of that city shows more life than any other International team, and that deserters to the Brotherhood cannot cripple them.

During the next four months numberless paragraphs like this will appear in print: "Daniel McGinty, the new pitcher signed by the New York National League Club, is a veritable phenomenon. He pitched last year in Carthage, Mo., and struck out everybody in the town. He is very fast, has all the curves and during the late unpleasantness made a big hit in throwing bombs."

Some time ago Manager Cushman wrote to the owners of the Milwaukee Club, saying that the International League—of which Toronto was a member—would probably not exist another year, and that he would formally make application for the management of the Milwaukee team of 1890. He sent recommendations from Al Reach of Philadelphia, Soden of Boston, Manager Selee and others. He made a proposition to the owners of the Milwaukee Club, which was not entirely satisfactory, but they have made him another proposition which he accepted.—Sporting Life.

THE PRICE OF SUNOL.

Mr. Bonner Hints at the Price of the California Mare.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Mr. Richard Bonner of New York, on being asked at the Palace Hotel to-night, as to what price he paid for Sunol, said: "No, I would rather not state what price I paid for Sunol. In my letter to the senator making the offer I said, 'I am fully aware that the money in itself that you might receive for a horse is no object to you, but I think that any breeder might take laudable pride in selling a mare of his own raising for the highest sum ever paid for a mare.' That will give some idea of the price. I consider Palo Alto the most valuable stallion in the world. I am a firm believer in the thoroughbred theory. I see is work in Maud S., Jay-Eye See, Sunol and Palo Alto, and I cannot help believing in it. Maud S. will be put in training next year and will try to lower her record. The same thing will be done with Sunol, and, as they say in fistic circles, 'May the best horse win.'"

National Trotters Expel a Canadian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Board of Review of the National Trotting Association to-day decided to give no decision in the Balch stallion case until the meeting at Chicago next May unless a special meeting is called for that purpose. This is considered by the friends of the accused parties as quite a point gained. William B. Wright of Canada was expelled from the association and the horse John L. of Boston was excluded from the association tracks.

Gossip of the Turf.

The Dwyers anxiously await the return of Quinn, their absconding clerk, who made away with a pile from the well-known turfmen.

The Washington Jockey Club will go ahead with the improvements on their grounds with the intention of giving a meeting in the spring.

Volunteer Prince has been sold for $7000 by Mr. Hanson, the Bowery business man, and will become a pole mate to Horace, the son of Sweepstakes.

The Sire Brothers have purchased the chestnut gelding Little Mack, by Duroc, off Delos Westcott of Syracuse. Price $800 and a five-hundred-dollar horse.

On Saturday, at Clifton, Jockey Bender signed for 1890 with Mr. L. Lloyd on a basis of $1500 for the year and the regular compensation, $10 for losing mounts and $25 for winning ones.

SHOOTING AT PIGEONS.

The East End Toronto Gun Club Men Defeat the West by One Bird.

Yesterday was a big day for the Toronto Gun Club's marksmen. A match was shot at the Woodbine between the members of the club west of Yonge-street, captained by W. Briggs, and fifteen from east of that thoroughfare, captained by John Townson. That the division was an equal one is shown by the following score:

East End.		West End.	
Tomson	9	Briggs	6
Parker	9	Manchan	9
Pearson	10	Warden	9
Armstrong	6	Standard	9
Ayre	7	Budd	9
Andrews	6	Barrett	9
Smith, ss	8	Sinclair, sr	8
Belden	9	Sinclair, jr	9
Small	4	Clark	9
Jones	6	Bliss	6
Ellis	10	Rice	10
London	10	Lyndon	9
McDowell	9	Wakefield	8
Wright	9	Pure	8
Total	111	Total	110

Majority for Mr. Townson's East Enders, 1 bird.

Spots of Sport.

Joe McAuliffe is going to New York to fight George Godfrey and Joe Lannon. Pat Killen may accompany him.

A Cary Smith will direct a class in yacht designing and construction before the Seawanhaka Corinthian Club this winter.

After Frank Slavin has his battle with Jem Smith he intends to visit this country and challenge Sullivan. The Police Gazette says the Smith Slavin battle will take place two weeks before Christmas.

Mr. William Fife, jr., of Fairlie, Scotland, is busy getting out three designs for boats to be built in this country, the respective load water line lengths being 22 feet, 40 feet and 25 feet. The "forty footer" is to beat the Minerva, but few people here believe she will do it. My impression, however, is that Mr. Fife will be successful in his undertaking.—N.Y. Herald.

Any ache or pain relieved by Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. 246

The beautiful new Arlington Hotel at John and King-streets since its opening has been most liberally patronized by the travelling public. The appointments and cuisine of the Arlington are unsurpassed in Canada and the rates are moderate. Street cars pass the door every minute. The location is central and convenient.

Around the City Hall.

Committees to-day: Esplanade sub to confer with the engineers 11 a.m., Executive 3.30 p.m.

The Meyerfey case will be considered at a meeting of the Police Commissioners to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Building permits granted: B. Langley, two-story brick dwelling, Bernard-avenue, $6000; John Shaughnessy, three three-story brick stores, McCaul's opposite Caer-Howell, $5000.

Two tests were made at St. Albans Fire Hall and at Queen-street and Lansdowne-avenue yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining the water pressure. Sixty-five pounds pressure was recorded at the former with the pump working at a nominal speed. With the pump stopped, 55 pounds was recorded. At Queen-street and Lansdowne avenue 60 pounds was recorded with the pumps working and 50 with them stopped.

The fountain of perpetual youth was one of the dreams of antiquity. It has been well-nigh realized in Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood, gives vitality to all the bodily functions and thus restores to age much of the vigor and freshness of youth.

Cockburn's Celebrated White Port Wine.

We import the above White Port Wine for invalids. It is very old and is strongly recommended by physicians. Price $6 per gallon or $15 per dozen. William Mara, wine merchants, 282 Queen-street west. ed

Lottie Howard of Buffalo, N.Y., was cured of sick headache, biliousness and general debility by the use of Burdock Blood Bitters, which she praises highly.

Only to be Laughed At.

Woman—How many of these cigars for a dollar? Dealer—Twelve, ma'am. Shall I do them up? Woman—No, I guess they're not the kind Charley smokes. I can get twenty five for the same money on the next corner and Charley tells me he's very economical in his smoking.

When two women meet they are apt to be clothes observers.

Nature is inconsistent. It has furnished the turkey with a comb but no hair.

The sneezy, wheezy season's here,
And skinny men feel blue,
While nearly every one we meet
Has an awful cold—atchoo!

Many a poor man somehow or other manages to keep pub. even though he knows he's going to the dogs.

The purchase of an elevator is a safe investment. No matter how impecunious a man becomes, he can always "raise something on it."

The man who is obliged to swear off goes off somewhere to swear where he will not be heard.

When an intoxicated man stands before a mirror how can the mirror indulge in sober reflection.

"I'm no kicker" is the worst possible recommendation for a young man who wants to join a football club.

Mistress (to new girl): By the by, Bridget, I forgot whether I told you or not, when you came, but I do not allow my kitchen girls to have any followers.

Bridget: Yez told me when I came, Mrs. Chucksley, an' I haven't forgot. I throve Mr. Chucksley out av the kitchen last night wid a dipperful of bilin' wather, mum.

She (between the acts): Where are you going? He: Out to see a man for a moment. She: Is he going to buy it or are you?

Mr. Newlytied: I can see that baby will be a great society leader when he grows up. Mrs. Newlytied (delighted): Oh, do you? Why? Mr. Newlytied: he gives a bawl every night.

Jacob H. Bloomer of Virgilie, N.Y., writes "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cured a badly swelled neck and sore throat on my son in forty-eight hours; one application also removed the pain from a very sore toe; my wife's foot was also much inflamed—so much so that she could not walk about the house; she applied the oil, and in twenty-four hours was entirely cured."

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Attractions at the Theatres Next Week—Rhea at the Grand in "Josephine."

The engagement of Mlle. Rhea, the favorite French actress, in her new historical play, "Josephine, Empress of the French," at the Grand Opera House, the first half of next week, is attracting considerable attention and promises to be one of the leading amusement events of the season. The impression that Mlle. Rhea created by her former visit has established her as a prime favorite with our theatre-goers, and a warm welcome awaits her appearance. She is an actress of undeniable genius and possesses a magnetism that is wonderful; added to her ability as an actress, her worth as a pure good woman has made her hosts of friends, who have met her off the stage. Mlle. Rhea stands amid that bright galaxy of theatrical stars that embraces such names as Bernhardt, Modjeska and Anderson. Mlle. Rhea is pre-eminently the society actress of our stage. The language to which she was born and whose sprightliness shaped her speech is the language of society. The vivacity of action, the charm of expression, the cordial grace of manner, which are the heritage of her radiant country-women, fit her peculiarly for those bright and sparkling plays, which, by their wit, pathos, delicacy and refined humor, appeal to the intelligence of a cultured audience.

"The Blue and the Gray."

At Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House the coming week Shook & Collier's military drama "The Blue and the Gray" will be the attraction. The play was a great success at Niblo's Theatre, New York, where it ran for several weeks. It is founded on incidents of the late civil war and the conflict between the North and the South. The story is strongly sympathetic and tells of the love of a young Federal captain for the beautiful daughter of a Confederate colonel, who has been captured and sentenced to death by a court martial on the charge of being a Guerrilla, and the conflict between love and duty.

The play is somewhat similar to William Gillett's "Held by the Enemy" and Bronson Howard's "Shenandoah." The language of the play is chaste and beautiful, and the play has always been patronized by the best class of theatre-goers wherever produced. In the production here a full military company will be seen in all the military scenes and same company and original scenery that was used in the New York production.

The Original Boston Ideals.

The Original Boston Ideals will be at the Grand Opera House the last part of next week, with a matinee on Saturday, when they will produce some of the best known operas extant. The San Francisco Chronicle says of their production of "Mignon" in that city: "The performance was decidedly the best of the engagement, and showed to great advantage the musical excellence of the organization. It is an opera which requires more of the singers than any of those which preceded it, and in rendering it to the satisfaction of a critical audience the Bostonians effectually established themselves. The part of Mignon was taken by Juliette Corden, whose singing in 'The Bohemian Girl' and in 'The Musketeers' had the most promising ability. In Mignon she confirmed the opinion she sang with taste and expression and considerable power. Marie Stone was the Filina of the cast. Her performance in 'Pygmalion and Galetea' prepared people for a very charming rendering of the brilliant music, and her clear voice and excellent execution came out very effectively. She was heartily applauded for everything, and Filina's well-known number was redemanded. Tom Karl is as good a Wilhelm as has been heard here for some years. He has a clear, powerful, true voice of pure quality. He sings in a manly way, and is neither stagy nor affectedly operatic."

The Ideals carry their own orchestra of fourteen pieces.

Marie Wainwright To-night.

To-night, Miss Marie Wainwright, one of the most beautiful and able of living actresses, will be seen at the Academy in her superb presentation of "Twelfth Night," which will undoubtedly be a revelation of scenic effect. This is the cast:

Viola	Marie Wainwright
Olivia	Blanche Walsh
Maria	Louise Muldener
Malvolio	Barton Hill
The Duke	Frederick Ross
Sir Toby Belch	Wm. F. Owen
Sir Andrew Aguecheek	Percy Brooke
Sebastian	Edward Elsner
Feste, a clown	E. X. Buckles
Fabian	William Bruce
Antonio	Frank Kemble
Valentine	Chas. Gaty

Other Amusement Matters.

The program for the Saturday afternoon and evening performances by the Balmoral Choir, in the pavilion, are of a miscellaneous and varied character. They contain English, Irish and Scotch part songs and solos and are designed to please every person. The plan is at Sucklings.

Dyspepsia in its worst forms will yield to the use of Carter's Little Nerve Pills, aided by Carter's Little Liver Pills. Dose, one of each after eating. 246

How to Obtain Sunbeams.

Everyone should have them. Have what? Stanton's Sunbeam Photographs, $1 per dozen. Studio southwest corner Yonge and Adelaide streets. 402

The Bolton Murder Case.

The case of the Queen against Benjamin McMahon, who was convicted at the last fall assizes at Chatham, before Mr. Justice Rose, of the murder of Thomas Holton, came up before the Queen's Bench Divisional Court at Osgoode Hall yesterday on a case reserved at the trial as to the admissibility of evidence for the defence.

Mr. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., and Mr. Pegley, Chatham, appeared for McMahon and Mr. John R. Cartwright for the Crown.

Holton was shot at night and shortly afterwards appeared at the house of the witness Maris and sought admission, saying "I've been shot." The counsel for the prisoner desired to go into the particulars of the complaint of the deceased but the learned judge ruled the evidence inadmissable and it is on this ground that the legal point was argued. The prisoner's counsel contend that they were entitled to go into this evidence fully and that it was improperly rejected. Judgment was reserved.

Sick Headache, Dizziness, Nausea, etc., are the results of a disordered Stomach and Biliary organs—regulate the trouble at once by a few doses of Burdock Blood Bitters.

Ministers, lawyers, teachers and others whose occupation gives but little exercise should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One is a dose. Try them. 246

Saturday Night's Christmas Number.

This is an excellent specimen of typography, which would be rather an equivocal compliment if we could not add that the contents of the paper richly deserve their setting. It is full of sketches, poems and miscellaneous reading matter, while a number of excellent illustrations add to the attractiveness of the sheet. Several well-known writers appear as almost regular contributors, and some of them have done their best work. It is a sheet worthy of being preserved or sent as a holiday reminder to an absent friend.

Burdock Blood Bitters enter the circulation immediately to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood, thus renovating and invigorating all the organs and tissues of the body.

Alonzo Howe of Tweed, suffered thirty-five years with a bad fever sore. Six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him, which he considers almost a miracle.

The Greatest of the Seven.

The immense throngs who crowded the Cyclorama yesterday for a glimpse of the great battlefield of Gettysburg went away thoroughly satisfied that they had seen the most faithful and realistic battle scene ever portrayed.

Burdock Blood Bitters cure Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Biliousness, Constipation, Headache, Loss of Appetite and Debility by the unequalled purifying regulating tonic effect of the medicine.

Jottings About Town.

The public school teachers will be paid this afternoon at the school board building, York and Richmond-streets.

A. O. Andrews & Co. will sell this morning all the furniture and effects of brick house No. 9 Churchill-avenue, near Ossington-avenue. Sale at 11 o'clock sharp.

There was no sitting of the Assize Court yesterday afternoon, the presence of Mr. Justice Falconbridge being required at Osgoode Hall. In the morning the argument in the case of Gibson v. Fraser was heard.

At the Police Court yesterday afternoon Francis Oakley, a druggist at 750 Queen-street West, was fined $20 and costs for selling a larger quantity of liquor than the law allows. A second similar case against him was dismissed.

EDITOR WORLD: In the notice of the lecture given in St. Stephen's schoolhouse Tuesday night by Prof. Clark you say it was given under the auspices of the Young People's Association, while the fact is it was given at the request of Mrs. Broughall's Bible Class.

Put this down in your memorandum book: "Bring home a tube of 'Jelly of Cucumber and Roses' to my wife. She wants Dyer's." Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

TWO BIG HOUSES GO DOWN

SUSPENSIONS IN THE HARDWARE AND BOOT AND SHOE LINE.

William Thomson & Company Call Their Creditors Together—Bad Debts the Cause of the Collapse—H. E. Hamilton & Co. Put Up Their Shutters—A Grocery Failure.

TORONTO, Dec. 3, 1889.

DEAR SIR: Owing to various circumstances we have deemed it advisable to suspend payment, and hereby call a meeting of our creditors, to be held at our offices, 20 Front-street west, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December instant, at 3.30 p.m., to advise as to the future of the business.

WM. THOMSON & COMPANY.
Wholesale Hardware Merchants,
20-22 Front-street west.

The above circular was yesterday morning sent out by William Thomson & Co. to their creditors. The suspension of this old and well-known firm was anticipated. Bad debts and slow payments are given as the cause. What the liabilities are is not yet known, but $60,000 will probably include everything. The firm expect to be able to pay in full, and will ask for the necessary time. The nominal assets are in the neighborhood of $100,000. A meeting of creditors has been called for Dec. 10. A previous suspension of this firm occurred about 5 years ago, when a compromise of 60c. on the dollar was made. Mr. William Thomson, the senior member of the firm, was a prominent politician in his earlier days and has contested West Toronto in the Reform interest for the House of Commons.

The Standard Bank is largely interested, but fully secured.

The history of the firm in brief is established many years ago under the name of Thomson & Burns, it continued till 1876, when Mr. Burns withdrew. A company was then formed including William Thomson, sr., the late Glover Harrison, F. J. Menet and G. Hutchinson, which conducted business under the present firm name. Nearly two years ago Messrs. Hutchinson & Menet retired, leaving William Thomson and his two sons, proprietors. The firm was backed by a special capital of $10,000, $5000 of which was contributed by Mrs. W. Thomson and $5000 by the Glover Harrison estate.

In another column appears a letter from the firm of William Thomson & Co., re their suspension.

A Statement From the Firm.

EDITOR WORLD: In an evening paper of to-day, a statement has been made in regard to our business, which has not emanated from us. Our direct liabilities are greatly exaggerated, and as for our indirect responsibility, we venture to say that paper (all legitimate business paper) under discount, will compare favorably with that of any banking institution.

WILLIAM THOMSON & Co.

Toronto, Dec. 4.

A Well-known Shoe Hou e Also Goes Under.

The well-known firm of H. E. Hamilton, boot and shoe manufacturers, Bay-street, suspended payment yesterday. The liabilities are something less than $40,000, of which $15,000 is owing to the trade and the balance to relatives. The estate shows a surplus of from $15,000 to $20,000. A meeting of creditors will be held to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Hamilton informed The World yesterday that the suspension was quite voluntary. Several bad debts have been contracted by them lately, and Mr. Hamilton deemed it advisable for himself and creditors to close up, rather than attempt to patch the difficulty.

A Retail Grocer in Trouble.

J. W. Burns, grocer, Queen and James-streets, assigned to James Logan of Davidson & Hay, the principal creditors. The stock has not been seized, as reported. Liabilities are placed at between $3000 and $4000. Mr. Burns' indebtedness to the city has also been greatly exaggerated amounting to only $105 or three months rent of store.

Favorite.

Fame is a word ambition loves,
And art has ne'er its portrait painted,
Virtue the heart of man e'er proves,
Oblivion to the "sheekels" sainted;
It are than even these, by far,
I a wealth, defying poet's diction,
Then with it trifle not, nor mar—
And its that female pleasures bar
by taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—a remedy so satisfactory for all those weaknesses and diseases peculiar to women, that they need no longer suffer from them if they will but use this world-famed remedy.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Driscole and Powers, bankers and stockbrokers, Boston, have failed.

Kansas City has annexed 22 square miles, including $15,000,000 worth of property.

The President has nominated David J. Brewer of Kansas for the Supreme Court.

Mr. Richard G. Ley's nomination as Consul General at Ottawa was sent to the Senate yesterday.

In a shooting affray at Leadville Bart Dunley was shot through the heart and Frank Cole was mortally wounded.

It is said that at Para a soldier who cheered for Don Pedro was put to death in the presence of 5000 people.

The Farmers' and Laborers' Union, in session at St. Louis, proposes to form an offensive and defensive alliance with the Knights