



blindly at the other.

CHAPTER LVI. White Fangs.

Henson took his weary way in the direction of Brighton. He had but a I'm going to finish you right away." few pounds he could call his own, and not nearly enough to get away from the country, and at any moment hei might be arrested. He was afraid to go back to his lodgings for fear of action had come. He snatched at for the gratification of their vengeance. and pain the stone was dropped. Hen-Merritt was pretty certain to be son snatched it up and fairly lifted hanging about for his opportunity. On Merritt off his chest with a blow unthe whole the best thing would be to der the chin. walk straight to the Central Brighton morning to town. There he could see The great stone went down perilously Gates-who as yet knew nothing-and near to Merritt's head. Still snarling from him it would be possible to boraway. And there were others besides

Henson trudged away for a mile or was only one in it. Had Henson stood so over the downs. Then he came down up to his opponent on equal terms from the summit of the castle he was again. A shadow seemed to rise from nothing like the man he had been two ground, a heavy clutch was on his shoulder, and a hoarse voice was in his ear.

"Got you!" the voice said. "I knew they'd kick you out yonder, and I guessed you'd sneak home across the downs. And I've fairly copped you." finish." Henson's knees knocked together.

Physically he was a far stronger and Physically he was a far stronger and bigger man than Merritt, but he was hill and cut off Henson's retreat. The taken unawares, and his nerves had been sadly shaken of late.

Merritt forced him backwards until he lay on the turf with his antagonist kneeling on his chest. He dared not struggle, he dared not exert himself. Presently he might get a chance, and if he did it would go hard with James Merritt. 'What are you going to do?" he

gasped. Merritt drew a big, jagged stone to-

wards him with one foot "I'm going to dash your brains out with this," he said, hoarsely. His eyes were gleaming, and in the dim light hours his mouth was set like a steel trap. "I'm going to have a little chat with you first, and then down this comes on the top of your skull, and it'll smash you like a bloomin' eggshell. Your time's come, Henson. Say your pravers."

can't," Henson whined. "And what have I done?" Merritt rocked heavily on the other's breastbone, almost stifling him. "Wot?" he said, scoffingly. The pleas-

ing mixture of gin and fog in his way off, whilst that steady pursuit bethroat rendered him more hideously hind had something relentless and hoarse than usual. "Not make up a nerve-destroying about it. prayer! And you a regular dab at all that game! Why, I've seen the women lage now. Henson gave vent to one snivellin' like babbies when you've been cry of distress, but nothing came of ladin' it out. Heavens, what a chap it but the mocking echo of his own would be on the patter. How you voice from a distant belt of trees. would kid the chaplain!" Merritt shot out a short, sneering

'Merritt, you're crushing the life out

Merritt ceased his rocking for a mo-den spurt forward and caught Henson ment, and the laughter died out of his by the tail of his coat. gleaming eyes.

"I don't want to be prematoor," he himself away, and Merritt reeled backsaid. "Yes, you'd make a lovely chap-lain's pet, but I can't spare you. I'm going to smash that 'ere wily brain of Henson trod on a hedge stake. He yours, so as it won't be useful any more. I'll teach you to put the narks VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1906.

protested. "He had an accident."

pocket at the present moment.

laughed.

Marley explained that he was want-

the inspector had the warrants in his

the pots until we have moved the big terious. He evinced no surprise at the on to him. Nobody will ever know the sight of Van Sneck. He was, doubt-less, aware of the success of the oper-

Bell coolly declined to do anything of the kind. He surveyed the two graceful banks of flowers there, the carefully trained creepers trailing so naturally and yet so artistically from the roof to the ground, and the sight pleased him.

"My dear chap," he said, "I am not going to sit here and allow you to destroy the work of so many hours. There is not the slightest reason to disturb anything. Unless I am greatly mistaken, Van Sneck will lay his hand you away to his lordship, and he upon the ring for us without so much

planked down a hundred canaries like as the sacrific of a blossom. the swell that he is. So I don't want "I don't fancy so," Van Sneck reyour company or your money. And "I can't remember. plied. "Well, you are going to," Bell said, cheerfully. "Did you ever hear of The big stone was poised over Hen

son's head. He could see the jagged artificial memory? part, and in imagination feel it go "The sort of thing you get in law smashing into his brain. The time for courts and political speeches?" David Merritt. That Merritt would kill him if he got the chance he felt certain. Knotted fingers down. The next in-some patent way of getting at the And Merritt was one of those dogged, stant and he had bitten Merritt's facts I shall be only too glad to spare patient types who can wait any time thumb to the bone. With a cry of rage my poor flowers. Their training has been a labor of love with me." Bell smoked on quietly for som time. He toyed with the red blossoms

which had so stimulated Van Sneck's recollection, then tossed a spray over Merritt rolled over on the grass, and station and take the first train in the Henson was on his feet in an instant, to Van Sneck, and suggested that the latter should put it in his button hole. "So as to have the fragrance with and frothing from the pain Merritt you all the time," he said. Van Sneck obeyed quietly, remarking that the scent was very pungent.

In point of size and strength there The Dutchman was restless and ill at ease; he seemed to be dissatisfied with himself-he had the air of a man who has set out with two or three extremethere could only have been one issue. building with a rude shock to earth But his nerves were shattered, he was ly important matters of business and who has completely forgotten what months ago. At the first onslaught he one of them is, "You needn't distress yourself," turned and fled towards the town

David said, kindly. leaving Merritt standing there in blank "I beg your pardon." Bell said, tart-"He is to do that very same thing. "Frightened of me." he muttered. Mental exercise never hurts anybody.

"But this ain't the way it's going to Van Sneck is going to worry till he puzzles it out. Will you describe the He darted off in hot pursuit; he ring to us?" The Dutchman complied at consider-

able length. He dwelt on the beauty latter turned and scurried back in the direction of Longdean Grange, with of the workmanship and the exceeding Merrit hot on his heels. He could not fineness of the black pearls; he talked with the freedom and expression of the shake the latter off. expert. Bell permitted him to ramble Merritt was plodding doggedly on, on about the historic rings in general. pretty sure of his game. He was hard But all the same he could see that Van as nails, whereas good living and a Sneck was far from easy in his mind. deal of drinking, quite in a gentlemanly way, had told heavily on Henson.

into his eyes: memory played for the Unless help came unexpectedly Henson was still in dire peril. There was just fragment of a second on a certain sive chord and was gone. a chance that a villager might be 'Were you smoking the night you about; but Longdean was more or less came here?" Bell asked, suddenly. a primitive place, and most of the

houses there had been in darkness for "Yes," Van Sneck replied, "a cigar ette. Henson handed it over to me. I I promised Chris that I would bring a His foot slipped, he stumbled, and don't deny that I was terribly frightened. I smoked the cigarette out of Merritt, with a whoop of triumph, was bravado." nearly upon him. But it was only a "You went into the conservatory

stagger, and he was soon going again. onder and admired the flowers," Bell Still, Merritt was close behind him; Henson could almost feel his hot breath observed. Van Sneck looked up with astonishon his neck. And he was breathing ent and admiration. heavily and distressfully himself

"I did," he confessed. "But I don't ee how you know that." "I guessed it. It takes the brain see the lights of Longdean Grange besome little time to get level to the

> came face to face with Henson you knew what was going to happen. You were a little dazed and frightened, and ly. "As if any-man could find fault a little overcome by liquor into the with you." bargain. But even then, though you were probably unconscious of it yourself, you were seeking some place to hide the ring."

"I rather believe I was," Van Sneck said, thoughtfully. "You smoked a cigarette there.

trange; if you had asked me that

"I've got it!" he exclaimed. "You

have cleverly led my mind into the

right direction. You will find the ring

amongst the moss at the base."

Where did you put the end?"

Van Sneck rose and went into the onservatory. He walked directly to a large pot of stephanotic in a distant corner and picked the stump of a gold tipped cigarette from thence. "I dropped it in there," he said.

man.

beauty!

rights of the busine And nobody ever did, for Henson lin-gered on through the day and far into ation on the latter. He particularly desired to know where Mr. Reginald Henson was to be found. "This is a queer place to look for him," said Steel. admired. All was peace and happi-ness. They were all on the terrace in "But he was here yesterday," Marley "Bogus," said Steel. "We turned him out of the house. Is he wanted?" from the lodge.

"Is there any further news?" Lord ed on three different charges; in fact, Littimer asked. "Yes, my lord," Williams said, quiet-

"Dr. Walker has just come, and "Well, it's only by good chance that would like to see you at once. Mr. you haven't got one for me," David Reginald Henson died ten minutes "If you have ten minutes to ago." spare, between Van Sneck and myself A hush came over the hitherto noisy

we can clear up the mystery of the group. It was some little time before diamond mounted cigar case for you." diamond mounted cigar case for you." Marley had the time to spare, and, to confirm the news. Reginald Henson ndeed, he was keen enough to hear was dead; he had escaped justice, af

[The End.]

the solution of the mystery. A short ter all. explanation from David, followed by a "Well, I'm not sorry," Lady Littiew pithy, pertinent questions to Van mer said. "It is a rare disgrace saved Sneck, and he was perfectly satisfied. to the family. And there have been "And yet I seemed to have an ideal trouble and sorrow enough and to

ase against you, Mr. Steel," he said. spare." "But your own good name, Seems almost a pity to cut a career dear?" Lord Littimer said. like Mr. Henson's short, does it not? "And Which reminds me that I am wasting Frank's?"

"We can live all that down, my dear time here. Any time you and Van husband. Frank will be too happy Sneck happen to be passing the police with Chris to care what gossips say station the cigar case is entirely at And Dr. Bell and Enid will be as happy your disposal.' as the 'others."

And Marley bustled off upon the "And Ruth and myself, too," David errand that meant so much for Reginsaid, quietly. "Later on I shall tell in ald Henson. He was hardly out of the a book how three sirens got into a perhouse before Ruth Gates arrived. She fect sea of mischief." looked a little distressed: she would "What shall you call the book?" Litnot stay for a moment, she declared timer asked. Her machine was outside, and she was 'What better title could I have," riding over to Longdean without de-David said, lay. A note had just been sent to her Blind?' from Chris.

"My uncle is in Paris," she said. "So I am going over to Longdean for a few days. Lord Littimer is there, and LOOK FOR SPRING HUMORS. THEY CROP OUT CONSTANTLY, Frank also. The reconciliation is com-SHOWING THE SYSTEM NEEDS plete and absolute. Chris says the house is not the same now, and that

she didn't imagine that it could be so cheerful. Reginald Henson-"My dear child, Henson is not there

"Well, he is. He went there las night, knowing that he was at his last gasp, with the idea of getting more money from Lady Littimer. To his great surprise he found Littimer there also. It was anything but a pleasant Now and then a sudden gleam came interview for Mr. Henson, who was ties. finally turned out of the house. It is supposed that he came back again, for they found him this morning in the grounds with one of the dogs upon him. He is most horribly hurt, and lies at the lodge in a critical condition. message to you from Lord Littimer. He wants you and Dr. Bell to come

over this afternoon and stay to din-"We'll come, with pleasure," David said. "I'll go anywhere to have the

chance of a quiet hour with you, Ruth. So far ours has been rather a prosaic wooing. And, besides, I shall want you to coach me up on my interview with your uncle. You have no idea how nervous I am. And at the last he imagination. And as soon as you might refuse to accept me for your husband." "As if he could," she said, indignant-

> David drew the slender figure to his side and kissed the sweet, shy lips. "When you are my wife," he said

and come to take a closer and tenderer interest in my welfare-"Could I take a deeper interest than do now, David?"

"Well, perhaps not. But you will find that a good many people find fault with me. You have no idea what the Hamilton's Pills made a new man of critics say sometimes. They declare that I am an imposter, a copyist; they say that I am-

Pills of Mandrake at ughed, "That



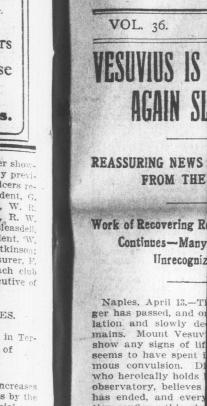
Mr. McFarland, of Hammond. The de- \$75 to \$600; wholesale beer licenses, ceased was a bachelor and was residing alone when taken seriously ill with from \$75 to \$690; saloons, if such there pneumonia; he managed to reach the house of his friends before being over-

taken by the Grim Reaper. The recommendation of the license commissioners respecting increasing the annual license fee for hotels and for, are also unaltered, being \$50 pe saloons was received at the last meeting of the city council, also a letter from J. Crean and others protesting against such action, as the hotel men were the best customers the city had for light and water and were among the most enterprising of its citizens. Ald. Henley considered that such a question should be voted upon by the people. The council decided, however, that the recommendation be received and referred to the finance committee for the purpose of obtaining from the city solicitor a by-law covering the

matter will be considered by the coun--0-NELSON.

William Delaney, alias R. J. Johanen, is once more an inmate of the provincial jail at Nelson. He returned by the Crow's Nest train Monday night charge of Provincial Constable Young, who received him at Kootenay Landing Monday from Provincial Constable Wilson of Creston, who arrested tail. The wholesale license is \$450; retail him near there Sunday afternoon about \$1,000, both payable in advance. 6 o'clock. Johansen escaped from the

In Victoria there are three forms If better health and prompt recovery jail about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, license-i covering saloons, hotels and at \$100 and brewers and whole



\$1.00 CAN

tion confirms this vie blings come from t earth, giving terrif the inhabitants. den behind a thick which rises from th spreads and falls, circle within semijust beyond this ci city was bathed in ugly black pall hur over a belt midway

Naples. No better eviden conditions of affairs fected by the erupti vius can be presen ing telegram from sent this evening on the mountain: day the activity of agitation at the sur sensibly diminis charges ceased tocharge was less al presumed formatic other indications, coming to me is t or lava at Boscet eserve that m ev canic calm will rej The publication dispatch has bro and to-night's Go the churches, whi large congregation fervent thanksgiv Conditions at better to-day that most incredulous told by those who towns, villages within the zone weather was fin shifted so that the the volcano inste

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PURIFYING. Since time immemorial it has been customary to take "spring medicine," and why? All winter your clothes have been heavy, you may not have bathed frequently enough and you've eaten a lot of strong heavy food. Consequently the pores of the skin have not eliminated very fast, the liver is sluggish and the whole system clogged with impuri-Spring days bring poisons to the surface and ultimately they will break out in rashes, humors and pimples. Before spring sickness arrives you should cleanse and purify the system with Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. At once you'll feel their mighty in fluence building up weak spots, clear-

ing out disease, and putting you again on your feet. These purely vegetable pills change our tired worn-out condition to one of health and vigor, because they sup-

ply the body with nourishing blood that build up and enliven the entire Mr. Jno. Whitley, of Stanwood, P. O., Ont., knows the merit of Dr. Hamilton's Pills, and says: "I wouldn't be points contained, after which the whole

alive to-day had it not been for Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Last winter I was sick with Grippe and when spring came I was weak, billous and rheumatic. I used enough medicine to cure twenty times, but I didn't get any help

till I tried Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They purified my blood, took the yellow olor out of my face, put new tone in my stomach and increased my appetite. The bilious attacks and rheumatic pains gradually departed, and Dr.

me, I proved their merit; and proclaim them a medicine for all men."

"Let them say what they like," Ruth are important, get Dr. Hamilton's March 25th, and enjoyed, or rather groceries at \$300, 1 covering restaurants suffered, exactly a fortnight of uneasy ternut to. face was too much for him, and he question two minutes ago I should not anybedy can criticise. To me you are day. At all dealers, 25c. per box or five and uncomfortable liberty. The first \$150 per annum. In Vancouver we have boxes for \$1.60. By mail from N. C. four days, according to his own story, four forms of license-hotels \$250, saloon Polson & So., Hartford, Conn., U. S. Chinese shack below the railway track, ers \$75. AT THE MUSEUM. After having dug up clothes, blankets, and a gun, which had been "planted" Curator Kermode is Making Additions to Interesting Displays There. Frank Kermode, the provincial cura

"Material, almost radical. increases were made in liquor license fees by th city council, which met in special sion Monday evening," says the Van couver News-Advertiser. "Hotel lice ses, which last year were \$250. raised to \$600 each; wholesale, from cluding breweries and bottling work be after July 1st, \$1,000. Only to

amounts remain unchanged, those restaurants, which were \$1,000, and shop licenses, at \$400. Temporal licenses, which are hardly ever calle day. These increases will make a dif ference of about \$24,000 in the revenue.

The city controller, G. F. Gibson, submitted in connection with the by-law the following report: His Worship the Acting Mayor and Men

bers of the City Council: Gentlemen :- In connection Liquor License By-Law which comes be fore you to-night, I have obtained some information regarding the rates charge and the revenue received in Victoria and

Seattle, and the comparison shows that the revenue from this source is ve much lower in proportion than in eith of the above named places. Victoria, a population of 20,000, last year col

\$25,210. Seattle, with a population 175,000, collected \$270,450. Vancouver,

population of 45,000, collected \$24,92 This makes the revenue of Victoria fro this source more than double that Vancouver. The revenue in Seattle fro this source is more than 10 times that 0 Vancouver. In Seattle, there are only two forms of license-wholesale and re

on to a poor chap like myself.' more.

"You can swear till you're black in the face, and you can keep on swear- lodge gates, but the only response was ing till you're lily-white again, and the barking and howling of the dogs in then it won't be any good. You gave the thick underwood beyond. There afraid I should do you harm at Litti- old lodge keeper had been in bed hours mer Castle. That Daisy Bell of a girl ago. Even the dogs were preferable to

Henson groaned. It was not the over the wall and crashed through the least part of his humiliation that a thickets beyond. mere girl got the better of him in this Merritt pulled up, panting with his And what on earth had she exertion. known of Reuben Taylor? But the fact

danger. It was the one unpardonable throat out, and Henson will keep. I'll crime in Henson's decalogue, the one just hang about here till daylight and thing Merritt could not forgive. Henson's time was come. He did not wait for my gentleman. And I'll fol-low him to the end of the earth."

something in the nature of a miracle blindly, fully under the impression that happened, he was a dead man in a few Merritt was still upon his trail. One quite so sweet as it tasted at the pres- grown, rose and playfully pulled at his "You gave me away for no reason at

all," Merritt went on. "I'm a pretty and in his fear Henson lost all his bad lot, but I never rounded on a pal horror of the dogs. yet, and never shall. Mohe than one

ways let them go their own way, and I've been a good and faithful servant stake down full on the dog's muzzle. to you-

within a day or two. And Mr. Scotter

had come for me. And I got past Bronson in Brighton by the skin of my help!" teeth. I turned into your lodgings un-

The last words came with intense dwindled to a thick sheet of blinding deliberation. There was no mistaking darkness. their significance. Henson deemed it wise to try another tack.

"I was wrong," he said, humbly. "I am very, very sorry; I lost my nerve and got frightened, Merritt. But there is time yet. You always make more money with me than with anybody ment. It was a nice psychological pocket. else. And I'm going abroad presently." problem. Already Steel was impul-'On, you're going abroad, are you?" Merritt said, slowly.

chief secretary to the Grand Panjan- grmily and proceeded with his task. drum himself. Sounds an alluring kind of programme."

"I'll give you a hundred pounds to get away with if you will-"

was the unexpected reply. "As you for me, and let those creepers down as Marley in here."

"Merritt, I swear to you that I turned and resumed his flight once have been able to answer it. And now the greatest novelist alive." I distinctly remember pitching it in

He yelled again as he reached the long trail of it hanging down behind. I recollect how funnily it occurme away to Taylor because you were was no help for it. Doubtless the deaf red to me, even in the midst of my Littimer like you. Some people say he danger, that the trail would look better brought over the front of the pot.

> He lifted the long, graceful spiral and brought it forward. Steel nodded, approvingly. "I came very near to dropping the

ing in there," Van Sneck explained. 'I had it in my fingers—I took it for remained that she had known, and don't fancy I'll folow. The dogs there "Gone to cover," he muttered. that she had warned Merritt of his might have a weakness for tearing my the purpose from my waistcoat pocket. Then I saw Henson's eve on me and I changed my mind. I wish I had been more sober."

need anyone to tell him that. Unless Meanwhile Henson blundered on with a tiny tip of hair upon it. ments; and life had never seemed of the hounds, a puppy three parts

whilst he could hear how steadily Mer-

ritt's lungs were working. He could

low him; but they seemed a long

They were pounding through the vil-

laugh. He had not expected flagrant

coat. It was sheer play, but at the same time it was a terrible handicap,

"Loose, you brute," he panted. "Let of them have served me bad, but I al- go, I say. Very well, take that!" He paused and brought the heavy

There was a snarling scream of pain "It was not you," Henson gurgled, and the big pup sprang for his assail-"that I wrote that letter about, ant. An old, grey hound came up and seemed to take in the situation at a

"Chuck it," Merritt said, furiously. glance. With a deep growl he bounded "Tell me any more of your lies and I'll at Henson and caught him by the smash your jaw in for you. It was me. throat. Before the ponderous impact I spotted Scotter in Moreton Wells of that fine free spring Henson went down heavily to the ground.

"Help!" he gurgled. "Help! help!

The worrying teeth had been firmly der his very eyes almost. Before this fixed, the ponderous weight pressed all time to-morrow I shall be arrested. the breath from Henson's distressed But I'm going to have my vengeance lungs. He gurgled one again, gave a little shuddering sigh, and the world

CHAPTER LVII. Hide-and-Seek.

Bell's professional enthusiasm got sively busy in the conservatory pulling "Going to travel the pots down. It was a regretful

in a Pullman car and put up at all the thing to have to do, but everything had a most wonderful fellow." Courts of Europe. And I'm coming as to be sacrificed, David shut-his teeth

> asked, with a smile, "Pulling the place to pieces," David Marley desired to see Mr. Steel on im-

responded. "I daresay I shall feel portant business. "Got a hundred pounds of my own in pretty sick about it later on, but the my pocket at the present moment," thing has to be done. Cut those wires time," David murmured. "Ask Mr. gone for the dogs. He certainly hit

There was only an answer to this there and watching it scorch some of and Ruth broke away, declaring that A., and Kingston, Ont. the beautiful lace-like moss. There is she must go at once.

"But you will come this afternoon? she said. "And you will make Lord is queer, but I call him an old darling.

"He will like me, he is bound to 've got something, a present for him that will render him my slave for life.

Au revoir till the gloaming." The dew was rising from the grass.

the silence of the perfect morning was male and one of the young. These have broken by the uneasy cries of the dogs. From their strange whimpering Williams felt pretty sure that something have been made at the museum there was wrong. At most times he would have called the dogs to him and laid

into them with a whip, for Williams as a background. Bell was examining a pot a little lower down. A piece had been chipped knew no fear, and the hounds respectoff, leaving a sharp, clean, red edge ed his firm yet kindly rule.

But Williams was in an exceptional the whaling station at Sechart. These "You fell here," he exclaimed. "Your y good temper this morning. Everyhead struck the pot. Here is a fragthing had turned out as he had hoped ment of your hair on it. It is human for and anticipated, and the literal hair beyond a doubt, and the shade kicking-out of Henson the previous matches to a nicety. After that-" evening was still fresh and sweet in A sudden cry broke from the Dutchbones and ear drums from a whale. his memory. It would be something to

boast of in his declining years. "Drat the dogs," he exclaimed. 'Now, what's the matter? I had bettor. ter go and see. Got a fox in a hole,

n the pot where the tuberose grows. perhaps! We shall have to tie 'em up I am quite certain you will find it in future." Williams darted into the thicket.

David carefully scooped up all the Then he came full upon Henson, lying oose moss from the pot and laid it on on his back, with his white, unco the study table. Then he shook the ous face and staring eyes turned to the stuff out, and something glittering lay sky, and two great dogs fussing un easily about him. A big pup close by on the table-a heavy ring of the most exquisite and cunning workmanship, had a large swelling on his head. By with a large gem in the centre, flanked Henson's side lay the ash stick he had by black pearls on either side. Van picked up when pursued by Merritt. eck took it in his fingers lovingly. Williams bent over the stark, still "Here you are," he said. "Ach, the figure and shuddered as he saw how Well, you've got it now, and his clothing was all torn away from

do you take care of it lest it falls into the body; saw the deep wounds in the my hands again. If I got a chance I chest and throat; he could see that would steal it once more, and yet Henson still breathed. His loud shouts again, and again. Ah, what mischief for assistance brought Frank 'Littithose things cause, to be sure!"

mer and the lodge keeper to the spot. The speaker hardly knew how much | Together they carried the body to the mischief the ring in question had lodge and sent for the doctor. caused, nor did his companions seek

"The case is absolutely hopeless, to eulighten him. David wrapped it Walker said, after he had made his the better of his curiosity for the mo- up carefully and placed it in his examination. "The poor fellow may

linger till the morning, but I doubt if "I'm glad that is settled," he said. he will recognize anybody again. Does "And I'm glad that I didn't have to anybody know how the thing came injure my flowers. Bell, you really are about?"

Nobody but Merritt could have Bell smiled with the air of a man thrown any light upon the mystery, who is well satisfied with himself. At and he was far away. Williams shook "What on earth are you doing?" Bell this moment a servant came in with his head as he thought of his parting message to the effect that Inspector | with Henson the previous night.

"I let him out and closed the gate behind him," he said. "He must have "Couldn't have come at a better come back for something later on and

gave me away, consequently I gave tenderly as possible. We can't get to Marley came smilingly, yet mys- stick, and that probably set the others

dwellings and lived by killing chickens, or, has made a very effective collection which he cooked himself. After reachof Stone's mountain sheep at the proing the shore of the main Kootenay vincial museum. There are in the collake, he still avoided regular means of lection three specimens, a male, a febeen grouped in a case. In common lake on that frail craft, landing near with some of the other groups which the mouth of La France creek. Again he had to tramp through woods and is an appropriate foreground with a mountain scene pained by E. Shrapnell was outof danger and entered the The curator has also had some intertown. There he was apprenhended by esting exhibits put on display from Constable Wilson who had been in-

formed that he was near there by include teeth from the sperm whale Warden Lemon. taken there a few weeks ago and what -----are regarded by scientists as very in-GRAND FORKS. teresting, namely, rudimentary leg

circles here.

be effected. The cost will be \$7,000.

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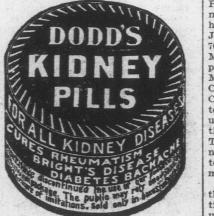
It has been stated that fully four A Bailey lynx from the interior of miles square of mineral claims have the province has also been received been staked out in the immedate vicand is now being mounted by the curainity of the Never Slip property, owned by Joseph Simpson and others, on which free gold was found recently,

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

Number of Employees of Kingston Locomotive Works Discharged.

Kingston, April 11.-Twenty-five vorkmen were discharged from Kington locomotive works this morning for remaining away from work yesterday, in order to take part in a reception tendered to Archbishop Gauthier. The Knox Presbyterian church. men left without arranging with the foreman for absence. Other employees

out of sympathy threatened to go on a strike unless the discharged men are reinstated.



were spent in Nelson in hiding in a \$600, shops \$400, bottling works \$75; brew near the mouth of Cottonwood creek. The comparison with the two abo named places leads us to the conclus that our revenue from this source is a for him in advance by faithful confed- together too small. On the same bas erates, he travelled on foot to Procter. per capita as Seattle, the revenue ough As he did not care to risk conversation to be over \$60,000. On the same basis a with any one he kept away from all Victoria, the revenue should be \$56,760. To derive a revenue so great even

the last mentioned figure would invo an enlargement of the license that we be so radical it might render it unw travel. He built a raft and, using one able. At the present time there an of his blankets for a sail crossed the hotels and saloons, 10 shops, 8 bott works, and 3 brewers doing business the city of Vancouver. If these grouped into two classes one class c over hills, trusting to his gun for food. ing hotels, saloons and shops with Having reached Creston he thought he. license fee of \$600, and the bottling wo and brewers at \$250, this would gi revenue of \$45,250 per year, which, in

> probably strike your board as being moderate. This conclusion has been arrived after a thorough discussion and conside ation of the figures and facts. Yours respectfully,

of the Seattle and Victoria revenues,

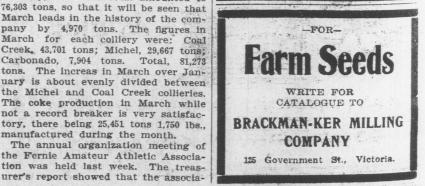
G. F. GIBSON. Comptroller

A by-law embodying the changes referred to passed the council. creating some excitement in mining

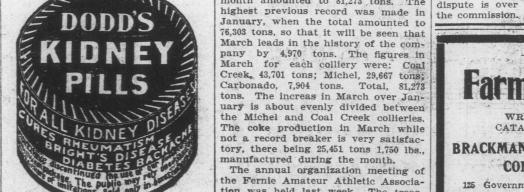
EASTER RECESS

Provincial Engineer Gamble has re-Edmonton, Alta., April 11 .- The leg ported that by building the big bridge lature of Alberta will adjourn to over the Kettle river at Fifth in place row for Eastern, and will resume of Fourth street, a saving of \$1,000 can sions on the 18th inst. Excellent p gress is being made with a remarkal A dispatch from Rev. T. G. McLeod. programme of legislation consequ received here, announces that gentleupon the organization of the provin man's acceptance of the call from but the session will be a long one

The Canadian Express Company St. John, N. B., has been formally The month of March was a banner month at the collieries of the Crow's are also agents of the Intercolon Nest Pass Coal Company, all previous railway and of Prince Edward Islan records being broken, says the Free railway, had been ordered to go Press. The output of coal for the effect next Saturday at midnight. month amounted to 81.273 tons. The dispute is over a question of rate



less, unrecognized ones, while other figured. As quick are buried in qu far as may be ro epidemic. None b the work of reco permitted in the After the last g the land covered produce crops for osses in this res \$20,000,000 yearly. will take ten years cultivation again. ly greeted the sai squadron when the of Abruzzi arrived car. He had pas belt and was hard ing covered with a All the news morning is encou time since Tuesda all over Naples. the city the usual cernible, the fall o entirely ceased. tinued to fall three ing several inches in the streets. N employed in clea main thoroughfar are engaged in p middle of the m makes the passa; ingly difficult, and fort of pedestrian The Neapolitans certain degree su day they are plun espair because by falling ashes; their spirits are shines and no ashe Naples. 'To-day Naples are partic only is the sun s the air is clear ating, with the res coats and goggles tumes have been gay colored appar ing about in open uch color retur ings that the gray palms and othe makes a pleasant sapphire-tinted se Several men app the terrors of the about the royal of Vesuvius. One of



the Fernie Amateur Athletic Association was held last week. The treasurer's report showed that the associa-