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Contracts have been let for extensive alterations to our warerooms. The building is to be redecorated throughout, and a large space has to be cleared for our new stock of fine Rugs Linoleums and draperies.

Special Reductions in Parlor Furniture

We have to reduce the stock on our parlor floor one half, and it must be done inside of ten days, therefore—

Five-piece Parlor Suites, upholstered in the finest quality of French Tapestry, regular price \$50.00, now \$38.00.

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Similar large price reductions on all Odd Chairs, Davenport, Settees, Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Parlor Cabinets and China Cabinets.

The J. Hoodless Furniture Co., Limited
61-63-65 King Street West

UNION LABOR

Gets Another Blow in Manitoba Judgment.
Perpetual Injunction Against Picketing and Damages For Loss.

Winnipeg, Man., March 19.—Another judgment of far-reaching importance to union labor, and one which has been awaited with great interest during the many months in which the case has been before the courts, was delivered by Mr. Justice Mathers to-day, when he handed down his decision in the case of the Vulcan Iron Works Co. against Winnipeg Lodge, No. 122, and Fort Garry Lodge, No. 189, International Association of Machinists, and others. The judgment is noteworthy, inasmuch as it coincides with the award of the Court of Appeal in the case of the Plumbers' Union given a few days ago, granting a perpetual injunction against picketing the premises of the company and allowing damages for loss sustained through the strike.

DRINK DIT IT.

Magistrate Upbraids Prisoner For Loss of Man's Life.

London, March 19.—A dramatic incident occurred in the Police Court this morning, when Magistrate Love told John McIntyre, who appeared before him, charged with assault upon his wife, that he was responsible, through his dissipation, for the horrible death of a fellow-employee.

STATEMENT UNTRUE.

Mr. Sifton Replies to Mr. Joseph Martin's Bucombe.

Vancouver, March 19.—Joseph Martin, at a farewell banquet here a week ago, said: "I tell you that Mr. Sifton sent \$50,000 to this province to a committee of three gentlemen, whose names I can give if necessary, for the purpose of defeating all the candidates that were running on my behalf."

DECORATES CAKE WITH TRADE MARK

Chinese Cook Makes Novel Pastry For London Missionaries in China.

(Taken from London Advertiser, March 13th.)
Mrs. S. Percy Westaway (daughter of Mr. Wm. Moore, of West London), who, with her husband, are now located at Chentu, Sz Chuan, West China, supported by the Dundas Centre Methodist Church, writes a descriptive letter of the events transpiring in her present home, and among the incidents related in her most interesting letter received this week is one that brings out the Chinaman as an imitator, and shows his ideas of advertising matter in certain Canadian papers. This Chinese evidently knew that the advertisement was a most characteristic and attractive one, and from the manner in which it is displayed, thought it was an advertisement of some confectioner in this country. The advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills has been printed for years as a trade mark in almost every paper published and has become well known. The following is taken from the letter, and fully explains the circumstances:

A GOOD LAUGH.
"Once in a while we find something to have a good laugh at. Let me tell you this incident. The West China Education Society is holding meetings in the city; one session met in this house. We in Chentu follow the English custom and serve tea and cake at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Carson was going to serve tea to the members and we wished to help. I was still in bed, so told the cook to make a cake. Our cook is a pretty old fellow, about 30 or 35 years of age, and has worked for the 'foreigner' for a long time. He can make a good cake when he so desires, and this day he made a layer cake, icing it with white, with red trimmings. He delights to get a new recipe or find some new way of decoration. The London Advertiser, after we have finished with it, frequently finds its way to the kitchen, and as a proof that the cook reads it we give this: About three o'clock Percy went into the kitchen to see how things were getting along. The cake was there, iced with white, and decorated with red, forming three rows across the cake, and this is what Percy saw and read:

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.
"On the table beside the cake was that well-known advertisement—the circular box with this inscription. He, poor fellow, had taken it for a well-made cake, and decorated his like it. They are splendid imitations, and clever in their way, every one of them. The cook knows considerable English, but when he tries it on us we pretend not to understand him."

EXTENSION IN HAMILTON.

Baptist Church Board Has Good Work in Hand.

The Hamilton Baptist Church Extension Board is a strong, permanent board, organized over three years ago, composed of the pastors and elected representatives of all the seven Baptist churches of the city. Its business is to encourage the establishment of new missions or schools, and to assist in the building to cost about \$20,000.

This board held an important meeting recently, to discuss the plans of the Ferguson Avenue and the Herkimer Churches to provide better accommodation for Sunday schools and church meetings. The Ferguson Avenue Church recently purchased the old Hughson street public school property and purchased demolishing the old stone school-house and erecting a plain, substantial brick church to seat 300, with basement for Sunday school. The Herkimer Church has acquired a fine lot at the corner of Stanley avenue and Locke street, and has already had plans prepared for a building to cost about \$20,000.

DREADNOUGHT GIFT

Proposal That Australia Present Britain With First-Class Battleship.

Melbourne, March 19.—The Age prints a suggestion that Australia should present Britain with a Dreadnought as a free gift apart from the naval subsidy. The Argus, which differs from the Age on many local questions, cordially supports the proposal.

MAPLE LEAF PARK ATTRACTION

The representatives of Schmamura & Co., of New York, was in the city yesterday and closed with the Maple Leaf Amusement Company for a concession at Maple Leaf Park. Their attraction will be known as Fair Japan, and will consist of a Japanese tea garden and bazaar. The building which the company will erect will be of Japanese design and, according to the plans submitted to the park company, will be very elaborate. Such work as the weather will permit has been started at the park and manager, S. L. Robertson, says it will be ready for the opening on Victoria Day.

SERPENT WORSHIP.

Rev. Mr. Smith's Lecture at the Hamilton Association.

Another one of the series of lectures under the auspices of the Hamilton Scientific Association was given in the Public Library hall last evening, the lecturer being Rev. W. Delos Smith, minister of Unity Church. His subject was "Serpent Worship."

The lecturer said that in discussing the subject he would remain practically within the realm of anthropology. This he said in its most comprehensive meaning includes the study of the physical man and of his mental, social and religious natures. Psychological study, ethnology, comparative religion, and kindred subjects he held are out specialized forms of the scientific study of man. The method of science is largely inductive. The study of comparative religion is based on this method, and is full sister to those other sciences which aim to show specific phases of man's nature.

A critical study of man, said the speaker, discloses certain tendencies along various lines among which are those labelled religious. No fact in relation to such tendencies can be overlooked by a truly scientific explorer of the nature of man. In order to get a just conception, therefore, of the religious tendency, "Serpent Worship" in culture history, he continued, it will be necessary to take a survey of the expression of man's religious consciousness in the primitive stages of his growth. Here the observer of the scientific principle of evolution obtains, which holds us to the thought that the religion of primitive man is fundamentally the same in kind as that of modern man but different in degree, and that if man of the past or the present is properly understood, it must be by considering every aspect relating to his growth.

At the conclusion of the address interesting comments were made by several members and friends of the society. After noting many interesting phases of this peculiar worship, in almost every part of the globe, the speaker said that while it "may have originated in fear, long before we became practically acquainted with it, it had passed to the opposite extreme among its votaries. Any evil that ever was spoken of the serpent came from those who were outside the pale, and were trying to depreciate what they considered an accursed superstition."

This sentiment, he said, was verified by Tylor, who says: "It scarcely seems proved that savage races in all their mystic contemplations of the serpent, ever developed out of their own minds the idea, to us so familiar, of adopting it as a personification of evil."

LIQUOR SMUGGLING.

Large Quantities Carried Over the Upper Falls Bridge.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 19.—The local customs force has been advised that smuggling is going on full blast. It has been learned that large and small quantities of whiskey have been carried into the United States from Canada over the upper bridge and sold in local hotels and saloons.

SLAYER RELEASED.

Dummer Man Freed After Serving Eight Years.

Peterborough, Ont., March 19.—Alexander Sharpe, of Dummer township, who was sentenced to fifteen years in the Kingston penitentiary in 1901 for killing William Hull, of the same township, has been released from prison. Word to this effect was received by F. D. Kerr, barrister, to-day.

WIT BY MARRIAGE.

An English gentleman visiting the widow of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, at Dumfries, was exceedingly anxious to obtain some relic of the bard, as he called it. Mrs. Burns replied to all his entreaties that she had already given away everything of that kind that was remarkable or which she could think of relating to; that, indeed, she had no relic to give him. Still the visitor insisted, and still Mrs. Burns declared her inability to satisfy him; at length, pushed by his good-humored entreaties to very extremity, she as good-humoredly said, "Well, sir, unless you take myself, I can think of no other relic (relic) of him that is in my power to give or yours to receive." Of course this closed the argument.

A BOOK-BUYER.

A Scotch millionaire, when furnishing his newly-acquired mansion, when he came to the library, called at a well-known bookseller's in Glasgow, and among others, requested to see poetry books. Accordingly the salesman produced a good selection of popular poets. After glancing at them, he said, "I'll take a dozen of these poets. On the same principle he purchased books in the various departments of literature, cost-

The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Spring opening display and sale beautiful carpets, rugs, curtains

ALL Carpets will be made, laid and lined free and all Curtains hung free during our Spring Opening display and sale next week. This offer is for the one week only and supplies to all our vast new importations of Carpets, Rugs and Curtains. On Carpets alone this offer means a straight saving of 12c to 14c a yard. Our beautiful stocks of Homefurnishings for Spring is complete. It is a vast and comprehensive showing that includes all the novelties and staple lines from the world's best makers.

The whole third floor radiates the spirit of the season—Beautiful Carpets, Rich Rugs, Exquisite Curtains, Rare and Charming Draperies and elegant upholstery. Here you will find superior style, quality and values. You will find greater stocks than all other Hamilton stores combined. You will find many specially purchased lots and astonishing values in just the things you need for your Spring re-arranging.

Arrange to fill every need next week and share in the big free offers. We want you to come and see the displays—no one could help enjoying a study of the beautiful Spring furnishings. The opening display and sale starts Monday morning at 8.30 sharp and continues throughout the week. Don't miss it. See window display.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

Carpets made, laid and lined free

A straight saving of 12c to 14c on every yard you buy: For next week only

ALL next week we will make, lay and line all carpets free of charge. This offer applies to all our vast new stocks of imported Spring carpets, to all the specially priced lots—in a word, to every piece of carpet in the store. It means a straight saving of 12c to 14c on every yard you buy. The sale is for the one week only and all carpets bought next week to be made, laid and lined free must be delivered not later than the end of the following week.

Such a superb offer can only rarely happen and every person should take advantage of it at once. It is the result of our determination to still further acquaint growing Hamilton with the superiority of Right House stocks and values. Coming as it does just at the commencement of the carpet season, hundreds of people will enjoy the savings. Will you? Monday or Tuesday will be best days.

Hardwearing English Brussels carpets ready

95c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 up to \$1.45 a yard

Brussels—Right House Brussels—possess a beauty of design and color this season that Brussels never possessed before. And there's no need to dilate on the splendid wear they'll give. There are Persian, Indian, Oriental floral and conventional designs in the season's most fashionable colorings. Suitable for any room in the house. Borders and stairs to match. Made, laid and lined free.

Our dollar Brussels a value marvel: See it

The greatest dollar value we ever offered. We bought them specially from a great manufacturer, we shaved our own profits close—the result is a bargain wonder. Splendid hardwearing qualities with borders to match. New fawns, greens, crimsons and blues in Oriental, floral, scroll, conventional and other pattern effects, wide variety. Made, laid and lined free.

Beautiful new Axminster carpets at \$1.45 yard

People tell us that \$1.75 quality is found elsewhere won't compare with them. They're certainly beautiful. A fine, close, rich pile in wonderful wearing quality. Pretty green, reds, crimsons, fawn and blue grounds in handsome floral and Persian effects. Borders to match. All made, laid and lined free at \$1.45 a yard.

Best imported Axminster and Wilton carpets

Crossley's and Templeton's famous weaves, rich in coloring, exclusive in design. Empire, floral, Indian, Turkish, Persian and conventional patterns in beautiful blended colorings and self shades. Exquisite greens, fawns, blues and crimsons. Borders and stairs to match. All made, laid and lined free—\$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.10, \$2.25 up to \$2.50 a yard.

CORNER KING EAST AND HUGHSON STS. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** HAMILTON, ONTARIO

OUR SCOTCH CORNER

JAMIE FLEEMAN.
There are a number of good stories told regarding Jamie Fleeman, the Laird of Undy's Fool. The following are fair specimens: Having found a horse shoe on the road he met Mr. Craigie, the minister of St. Fergus, and showed it to him, asking in pretended ignorance, what it was. "Why, Jamie," said Mr. Craigie, good humoredly, "anybody that was not a fool would know that it is a horse shoe." "Ah!" said Jamie, with affected simplicity, "what it is to be wise—to ken it's no a neer's shoe!" On another occasion, when all the countryside were hastening to the Perth races, Jamie had out across the fields and reached a bridge near the town, and sat down upon the parapet. He commenced munching away at a large portion of a leg-of-mutton which he had somehow become possessed of, and of which he was amazingly proud. The laird came riding past, and seeing Jamie sitting on the bridge, asked him: "Ay, Fleeman, are ye here already?" "Oo, ay," quoth Fleeman, with an air of assumed dignity and archness not easy to describe, while his eyes glanced significantly towards the mutton. "Oo, ay, ye ken a body when he has anything."

BRANDY TWIST.
Some time ago one of the itinerating knights of the thimble, who used to board and bed, night and day, in the houses of their customers, had been employed in an alchouse; the guide, by mistake, handed him a bottle of brandy along with his porridge, instead of small beer. Snip had not proceeded far in the process of mastication when he discovered the error, but recollecting the usual niggard disposition of his hostess, contented to ply the cuttle with his wonted dexterity, although the poignancy of the liquor caused him occasionally to make very faces. The landlady, observing his distorted features, exclaimed, "Eat all your partridge the night, Lowrie, that you're thravin' your face an' lookin' sae ill pleased like!" "Oo, gin ye kent that," replied the tailor, "ye wadna be very well pleased mair than me."

A GOOSE ON THE WING.
On one occasion the Laird of Logan being at Ayr during the races, and happening to dine in a promiscuous party at the inn, the company soon found themselves annoyed by a loquacious egotist from Edinburgh, who could talk of nothing save the consequence and extensive business enjoyed by the house with which he was connected, and of which he represented himself as the grand moving principle: "indeed so much so," said he, "that without me they could not get on at all." "What may their name be, man?" said Logan. "Their name," said the other, drawing himself up to a proper attitude, "is—'Co. military clothiers, North Bridge, Edinburgh.' "Weel, man," said Logan, "I believe every word you've said, for I never yet heard of a tailor that could carry on business without his goose."

A WIFE OR A COO.
A countryman had lost his wife and a favorite cow on the same day. His friends consoled him for the loss of his wife; and being highly respectable, several hints and offers were made towards getting another for him. "Oo, ay," he at length replied, "you're a' keen aneuch to gie me anither wife, but no aneuch ye offers to gie me anither coo."

THE LOST BIBLE.

Mr. Shirra, visiting in the parish of St. Ninians, came to a house where he wished to get a Bible for reference. The landlady told her daughter to look for the bulk on the top of the sammy. "The girl searched, but could not find it," when the mother said, "Preserve me, I am sure it must be thereabouts somewhere, for we had it at the time o' the flittin'!"

POTTED-HEAD.
Rev. Mr. Leiper, when he was a young man, was missionary in a rural parish to the east of Glasgow. Here he got acquainted with the farmers, whom he visited. Several of the farmers' wives made potted-head, and not unfrequently he was presented with a bowlful, which he was proud to take home with him to his lodgings, and which he enjoyed very much. Walking out one day, he met a young man, whom he recognized as a plowman at one of the farms in the district. The lad was in his best clothes, and evidently went on a journey. Mr. Leiper inquired as to where he was going. The lad replied: "I have left my place; I could stand it nae longer. 'What went wrong?' asked Mr. Leiper. 'Oh, it was the meat, sir, the meat! I got nothing but potted-head!' "But surely," said Mr. Leiper, "potted-head is an excellent dish, and a nourishing one, too?" "Ah!" said the lad, "that shows ye ken little about it. First the auld soo died, and they made her into potted-head; then the auld coo died, and they made her into potted-head; and noo the mistress' mither's dead, and I'm afraid they'll make her into potted-head next; so I'm left."

ANOTHER GLASS AND THEN.
A late Earl of Airlie, when Lord High Commissioner, invited the retiring Moderator to dine with him on the evening previous to the opening of the General Assembly. He thought it would be a good joke to fill him drunk, so that he would not be able to preach the following morning. Notwithstanding all the entreaties of the preacher that he had not yet composed a word of his sermon, the bottle was piled so high, the earl always urging, "Another glass and then," that it was long past midnight before he got away. He, however, appeared in his place next morning and preached from the text, "The wicked shall be punished, and that right early!" which he repeated over and over during the discourse. Disregarding the impatience of the commissioner, he spun his sermon out to an inordinate length. It was then a custom in the Scotch churches for the preacher to set up a half-hour sand-glass to warn the preacher that it was time to stop. Our doctor was no more sparing in his oratory than Lord Airie had, on the preceding evening, been of his wine. Whenever the preacher looked up to warn him that the glass was nearly run out, he coolly remarked, "Loud enough for Lord Airie to hear. 'Another glass and then.'"

It really makes little difference to us whether the earth is flat or round, so long as we can make both ends meet.