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THE BEST FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM.

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The objection that it is exclusively for the benefit of merchants, manufacproperty-owners in down-town streets, is absurd on the face of it. The propertyowners and businessmen, whose prem-

decide whether it would take in other springs, or resort to filtered river water.

RESTON'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. T. H. Preston, M. P. P., in a etter to the South Brant Reform Asannounces his intention to retire from politics when his present term expires. He explains that he is taking this step in justice to other but he "will continue to pro mote the principles of Reform and the interests of the party so ably led the Legislative Assembly by Hon. G. P. Graham." Mr. Preston's newspaper the Brantford Expositor, says:

"It is no secret that Mr. Preston has never had a desire for a parliamentary career, and that he was reluctantly induced in 1899, the occasion of his first election, and again in 1902, to become a candidate. In 1905 he accepted the contest without hesitation because the fortunes of is in a position to hand over to another the banner which he has endeavored to keep aloft." Mr. Preston's decision will be regret-

ted by the Liberals of the province No man in the House has a better grasp of industrial problems. and he has recently rendered noteworthy service in connection with the question of child labor. His retirement will be a loss to the Liberal party and the public life of Ontario.

CHINA'S AWAKENING.

Cabled reports of an insurrectionary movement and disorders in the two Chinese provinces of Fuklen and Kwangtung are somewhat conflicting. It seems certain, however, that the movement is anti-dynastic, rather than anti-foreign, and is the result of famwith them, and oppressive taxation. Thus far no missionaries or other foreigners have been molested, the victims of attack and slaughter being confined to civil and military officials. Apart from this disturbance, which the Government is taking every means to suppress, dispatching troops and warships to the scene of trouble, China is showing sgins of a real awakening. The close association of the Chinese with the Japanese since the war with Russia has had a most marked effect on the former. They and is free from crude sensationalism em to have at last begun to cultivate in ambition for liberty and nationality. A distinct and systematic movement by the governing class is going on, which has for its purpose the modernization of the empire without loss of practical independence. So far the exhibition of a desire for national achievement seems to have been mainly confined to military preparations

Japan and European countries, has begun to be taught to Celestials. For thousands of years the Chinese have received instruction having no real relation to the work of a useful career It is evident that before undertaking ment, China intends to provide national protection. At the same time reform edicts have not been confined to the reorganization of the army and navy, but affect education, the civil service, the fiscal system, and other matters, showing clearly that in her own slow way China is readjusting herself to the new situation in the far east.

WIGGINS' TWO MOONS.

Prof. E. Stone Wiggins, of Ottawa who years ago laid claim to infallibility as a weather prophet and astrono mer, particularly the former, and who while attached to the civil service at the capital, found time between office hours to amuse himself and the public by giving out meterological forecasts, has broken out again after a silence of several years. This time he appears in a new role. He does not undertake to foretell what is to come to pass, but gives a reason that is actually startling for existing phenomenal atmospherical conditions. The cause of the unusual cool weather that we have been grumbling about for over two the high-pressure system, would pay a months is, declares Prof. Wiggins, the rate toward its cost, but its presence of two moons in the sky. He benefits would be shared by every citi- says he first made the discovery in to have it repaired. zen through the increase of the supply 1882, but fails to explain why every water available for drinking spring since then has not been so If the high-pressure ser- little to our liking as this one. The vice is not adopted, ratepayers will professor, however, gives us this comg, deeper into their pockets fort, that in spite of the extra moon for some other solution. Under the our climate is not becoming colder; Komoka or Maury schemes the bur- on the contrary, he tells us it will get den would be distributed equally over warmer because the earth is slowly the taxpayers. Under the high-pres- receding from the sun, and that "in down-town properties time oranges will grow in Canada, and would pay a higher ratio than proper- great orchards will hold up their The Chipman plan contemplates the Bay." No one who is not a weather metering of only half the services. prophet will dare quarrel with Mr. Meters would be applied to the larger Wiggins' observations or vaticinations; consumers, and would be valuable in but there will no doubt be skeptics detecting and preventing waste and who will have their own opinion about loss. By this means, and the substitu- the double moon story. Some of these tion of river water for street watering might possibly speak from experience and industrial purposes, the present for even in this model city when the Springbank supply would be sufficient weather is such as it has been of late, for 57,000 people. The city could then there are those who occasionally warm up from the inside; but if as a result

BRITAIN STILL PROSPERS.

These must be sad times for the British tariff reformer. He has seen his go down to overwhelming defeat general election, in spite of the cry raised that the country was losing trade and prestige through adhering to the well-tried policy of free trade, and is now confronted with official re turns, which prove that the trade of Great Britain is steadily increasing. this year, too. Not only that, but there is further evidence of prosperity in a substantial increase in the demand for labor, bringing with it advances in wages, a recent increase of pay benefiting over two hundred thousand persons.

the Liberal party were at that time April show an increase in imports of old man on the street, inquired: "How at low ebb, but he now feels that he £9,726,787, over those of the same month last year. This advance was princi- ceeded on his way. pally due to the imports of raw material-a fact in itself sufficient to prove that the British artisan is much busier than he was a year ago. In imports of manufactured iron and steel there was a falling off. Exports of all kinds for April show an increase amounting sandy," answered his friend, "the admiral goods £1,681,091. Indeed, so great is the pressure on the facilities of the English cotton mills that Canadian buyers returned from the old country markets complain of the difficulty, it gram in the following words: "Government not impossibility, of getting orders filled when desired. This one month's showing is particularly gratifying, in view of the fact that last year foreign ting government by parties on a high trade broke all records. Official returns for 1906 show the imports to have increased in volume by \$214,000 .-000, bringing the total to \$3,039,000,000. The value of exports was less than \$2,which the Chinese have always 000,000,000, or an increase of \$600,000,000 at the of the previous year. These figures

> the protectionist. This is the month the torch of Hymen burns more brightly than usual. but will it warm up the weather?

will hardly furnish encouragement to

London has the best drinking water on the continent. The separate system would give it one of the best fire-fightng services. Why not have both?

Conan Doyle's work is an intellectua treatment of mystery and adventure Read his story which begins in this

Sir John Carling believes, with the great majority of his fellow-citizens. that London's spring water is a great asset. The city will not throw it away

department, and started the flow of lation to the west, deserves b ter treatment.

Lord Methuen blundered at Magers fontein, and was surprised and routed by a night attack of the Boers. His in South Africa suggests that social pull is still a factor at the war office.

solemnly indorse Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declaration in favor of colonial autonomy? That principle is older than Lord Elgin.—Hamilton

But Lord Elgin's father was first British statesman who understood and applied it in this country. The present Lord Elgin has a peculiar right to speak on this subject.

[New York Sun.] Knicker-What is a lawyer! Bocker-The umbrella for a brainston DISPLACEMENT.

(Displacement.)

COMMERCIAL REGRET.

"Here's another battleship talked of." "Ah! What displacement?"
"Ten million dollars."

(Tales.) Little Samuel-Papa, that gun you to Scanneilli last week burst the first time he used it, and was killed. Father-That is terrible! I sold him that gun on the installment plan!

> UNREASONABLE. (New York Sun.)

Mrs. Knicker-was your last cook Mrs. Bocker-Yes; she wanted the au twice a week, which didn't give me time

> ANATOMY. (Life.)

A pupil in a school near Chatham Square "spine": "A spine is a long, limber bone; your head sets on one end, and you set on the other."

THE CASHLESS ENGAGEMENT.

"I hope you won't insist upon a long engagement, dearest." he said tenderly. money enough to make one enjoyable,' she answered practically.

THE SOURCE OF HIS ADVICE. (Chicago Record Herald.) "So Smithers is going abroad?" "On the advice of his dector?"

BAD MANNERS.

(Ottawa Journal.) Of course it is true that Messrs be interviewed at Naple and condemned the conduct of the home

TRYING TO CHEER UP.

[Washington Star.] "Do you think your mining stock will "I'm afraid not," answered the optimist "But I do not regard the mon y as wholly lost. I have had several thousand dollars' worth of pleasurable anticipation."

PERENNIAL. [Hamilton Times.] Like British free trade, which is "killed"

almost every day in the year, the Niagara peach crop refuses to stay dead. And we expect to see a fine crop of the beauties "ONLY ONCE."

[Saturday Evening Post.] "The Scotch," said Secretary Wilson, o visitor in the 'ittle town of Bowdoin, who, on looking about, saw no children, bu only grown men and women. He wondered The trade returns for the month of at this, and, finally, meeting a weazened often are children born in this town?" "Only once," the man replied, as he pro-

SELF-COMPLACENCY.

[Independent.] When Nelson's famous signal, "England expects every man to do his duty," was given at Trafalgar," a Scottish sailor complained to a fellow-countryman, "Not a to £7,384,560. The exports of iron and kens that every Scotchman will do his steel increased £1,024,303, and of cotton duty. He's just giving the Englishers a

SELFISH PARTNERSHIP.

[Wall Street Journal.] Gov. Hughes has coined a telling epi not exist for the exclusive benefit of their bers. A party that is thinking of

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION. [Toronto World.] The World contends that it is in the highest degree unjust and tyrannical to cut off facilities for drinking and gambling

ALWAYS QUARRELING.

[Answers.] Mrs. Egerton Blunt-But why did you licant-I couldn't stand the way the mistress and master used to quarrel, mum. Mrs. E. B. (shooked)—Dear me! Did they Applicant—Yes, mum; when it wasn't me an' 'im, it was me an' 'er.

THE LATE IAN MACLAREN. [British Weekly.]

The temper of his life was eminently joyful, though, like every Celt, he had intervals of deep depression. With aft his brightness he had borne his share of the burden of this unintelligible world, and could feel with those whom it oppressed. When we look back we can see better than before how he strong to appearance.

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THE BOSS' CHARACTER. (Argonaut.)

There is a story about a company promoter who advertised for an office boy. In either case the money spent on the high-pressure system would not have been thrown away.

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In either case the money spent on the moons in the sky, or two keyholes in the sky, or two keyholes in the sky, or two keyholes in the selected 10, and with the writers of the door when reaching home, they are taking the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed two replies. Out to sweep round the bookmakers' stand we will all agree that whatever the weight of their grievance, they are taking the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed two replies. Out to sweep round the bookmakers' stand the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed two replies at the imperial conference, we will all agree that whatever the weight of their grievance, they are taking the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed two replies at the imperial conference, we will all agree that whatever the weight of their grievance, they are taking the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed two replies at the imperial conference, we will all agree that whatever the weight of their grievance, they are taking the bookies, like the shrewd fellows they are, no longer indexed the standard the sta your appearance and your manner very much. I think you may do for the place.

Did you bring a character?" "No, sir," said the boy. "I can go home and get it." Very well, come back tomorrow morning say I shall engage you." Late that same fternoon the financier was surprised by the return of the candidate. "Well," he said cheerily. "have you got your character?" "No," answered the boy, "but I've got yours-an' I ain't coming!"

CITY-COMRADESHIP.

[Anna Louise Strong.] on face in the city, and when will the faces end? face of a friend;

Face on face in the city, but never the Till my heart grows sick with longing, and dazed with the dip of the street. As I rush with the thronging thousands in a loneliness complete

Shall I not know my brother? Their toil is one with mine. We offer the fruits of our labor on same great city's shrine. happy and sad with me: nd all of us laugh together when even-

Face on face in the city, and where shall our fortunes fall? Face on face in the city-my heart goes out to you all. we labor together; is not the divine? the strength of the city is

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S TEETH. [Kingston News.]

An Ottawa gentleman considers the care of the teeth of school children of so much importance that he has offered half the cost of establishing a dental chair for the purpose. This is a new form of benevolence which, it is to be hoped, will become

> IMPOSSIBLE. [Tit-Bits.]

your life and mine.

The Bride-Oh, Algernon, are you certain, are you positive, that nothing will The Bridegroom-Nothing, dearest! Nothing can ever come between us so long as we live in this flat—there isn't room.

MORE NECESSARY.

[Cleveland Leader.] The Employed-I assure you, sir, that have put my heart into my work. The Employer-Well, if you had put little brains into it I'd like it better.

PROVEN. [Milwaukee Sentinel.] "Is Tompkins' wife intellectual?" That woman knows all ab railroad time table."

THE JESTER, NEW STYLE. [Montreal Herald.]

seem rather grateful to him for the idea, and it is the Morning Post, the organ o

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MANY VICTIMS

British for Freedom of Boy.

London, May 31.—An amazing phase of life in one of the chief cities and trade emporiums of European Turkey has just cost the British authorities \$75,000. This sum the British consulgeneral at Salonica has had to pay to a gang of brigands as ransom, to pro- sengers. cure the restoration to freedom of a British subject after the victim had taken in Macedonia by Bulgarian bri-

spent five weeks in captivity with his kidnappeprs. The facts are worth recapitulating. Mr. Alfred Abbott is a well-to-do and well-known British subject in Salonica. He lives in the fashionable outskirt of well-known British subject in Salonica. the city-a somewhat lonely quarter, no doubt, with the open country just half an hour's walk beyond; but the British consulate is on a slight eminence near. Mr. Abbott's mansion, and there is a police station within shouting distance, while Gen. Emilia di Gi-orgis himself, the Italian officer, who Boise Police Hold "Suspect" and McKerron, a brown yearling filly out is inspector-general of the so-called 'reformed" gendarmerie of the district. lives close by. That was the spot daringly chosen by the brigands for their coup to carry off Mr. Alfred Abbott's son Robert

Robert Abbott, a lad of 18, was coming home from the city by the tramway, which passes his father's gate, on the night of March 21 at 10 o'clock The young man alighted from the tramway car, and had just passed inside the gate of the carriageway, when the hiding brigands ambushed him and carried him off in a carriage to their

secret hiding place. Indications observed afterwards showed that there had been a struggle, but the brigands had all the advanage, because Robert Abbott, though robust, is deaf and dumb. His walking stick was found in the roadway; the handkerchiefs, dropped probably in the binding-up process.

Boy Deaf and Dumb.

A few weeks passed without tidings of the lad or of his captors, It was surmised that they were a band of Greeks from Macedonia, or, perhaps, Albanians or Bulgarians. But in time the brigands, following the custom of their kind, demanded ransom, fixed at \$120,000, which they afterwards reduced

tactics in such cases, refused to pay; over the ransom demanded. This havbeen done on Thursday last, Robert Abbott was permitted to return to This is not the first transaction be tween the British Government and origands operating in the European dominion of the Sultan, mainly in the Province of Salonica. The following are the most notable instances of brigandage affecting Englishmen:

Affecting Englishmen. 1880-Col. and Mrs. Synge, who went disburse British relief among the lonica by Greek brigands, and after a month's captivity were released on the British paying \$50,000.

1881-Mr. Henry Suter, who was an-

Government. Three months later his kidnappers were caught. After these cases the British Government announced it would pay no more ransoms for British subjects unless they were officials on duty, and

left ear.

Miss Stone, the American missionary gands in 1901, was ransomed after five months for \$125,000 raised by public

subscription.

Receive Menacing Letter.

Boise, Idaho, May 31.-Following the arrest and detension of a man named minutes or better, and has been entered Carl H. Duncan on the charge of car- extensively down the Grand Circuit rying concealed weapons, Mayor Gen. Chisholm, of Cleveland, bought Blacklock, and William Bradley, of Haines today got an anonymous let- New York, bought Major Delmar,

out. It read: honest working man. We ask that fetched an average of \$3,000 a head, you release him at once. We also insist that you dismiss Chief of Police Francis. If not, we will find a way

to get both you and the chief." brigands had left behind only a few lunatic. When arrested he had on the ride and drive, of the polo type, has

taining a variety of things that in- suit a horseman, but not too full of life terested the coppers. They included to be absolutely safe for a lady or child Sir Edward Grey communicated a blade eight inches long, a pair of fact that a man calls a 15-hand horse with Constantinople, but the Turkish brass knuckles and a dozen skeleton a pony, and describes a stallion as a Government, according to their usual keys. Duncan also had a card show-gelding. Further it resulted in the ing he was a member of Spokane discovery that there is a breed of horse so it only remained for the British Union, No. 222, of the Industrial Work- called a Manitoulin Island pony, which consul-general at Salonica to hand ers of the World, together with letters is nothing but our old friend the cayfrom Wade. Parks. Parks is the cor- use. After the unsuccessful tour, the Socialist paper called "The People." no method by which one can acquire He is the man who was heard to say so much information in the same space that if the Haywood jury did not of time about horses, as to answer a recognize the brotherhood of man, he few advertisements in the paper, offerwould see to it that they were blown ing a pony for sale. up a-plenty.

On being asked what he meant, he told Chief Francis that he meant it in centrates the rays of the sun from a figurative way. They would merely be blown up in his paper. The letters spot about seven inches in diameter, from Parks appeared to be written in The heat generated is about 7,000 dea friendly vein and began: "Dear grees Fahrenheit. Iron can be melted in less than a minute and fire clay Duncan was arrested he went around to the police station and begged the police to protect him from the prison-things to melt, requiring a heat of about three minutes by this machine. Magnesia, one of the hardest things to melt, requiring a heat of about 1881—Mr. Henry Suter, who was ingaged in the mining business, was
er, saying that Duncan had been a
delegate from Scattle to the last condra, near Galonica, and was released vention of the Industrial Westers of
A spider will eat 27 times its own weight

THE WORLD OF HORSES

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there was a long cessation of such outed by Bulgarian bri- sisted on a \$2 bet as a minimum. Forgands. The English consul-general at merly only one book in the ring took Salonica negotiated uselessly with the a dollar bet; now they all do it. But brigands, who demanded a large sum; the people will gradually adjust thembut Mr. Wills solved the matter by es- selves to the new conditions, and if caping in November, after four months' it is held to be legal to bet accordcaptivity. His captors had cut off his ing to the system at present in vogue, it may be taken for granted that the The German Government paid \$40,000 decision will not seriously affect the to the brigands who stopped the inter- racing situation in Canada. The authornational express on its way from Con- ities will make an effort to have even stantinople to Vienna in 1907, to secure the curtailed betting prohibited, for the release of four rich German pas- those who are pushing them on realize that the "evils of gambling," as they

call it, remains substantially as before

At the recent Blue Ribbon sale on trotting horses at Cleveland, there were two Canadian purchases. Gallagher, 2:031/2, the Canadian-bred pacing gelding that has spent the past couple of years in England, was bought by Brown and Wigle of Windsor, for \$2,700, a very good price considering that he will have to meet the free-forall pacers. The price looks like he was just as fast as ever. Miss Wilks, of Fanny Foley, by John A. McKerron, one of the Billings lot, for \$600. Fanny Foley sold for \$900. Top price was fetched for the black pacing stallion Blacklock, 2:074, supposed to be the fastest pacer in the world with a slow mark. He has been a mile in two ter. Each word was carefully printed 1:59%, for \$12,000. Twenty-one head were in the Billing lot, from yearlings "The man you have arrested is an to aged speedway horses, and they thus showing that the demand for high-

The inspection of a dozen or two Duncan appears to be a socialistic ponies, in search of something that will most wonderful set of false whiskers brought to the writer's attention a new and eyebrows that the eye of man has word as applied to horses. It is "lifey." ever gazed upon. They were excessive- As it is probable that this is the first ly luxuriant. Moreover, they did not time the expression has ever been match his hair or his complexion. It printed, the spelling may be wrong, was sarcely remarkable that such an but that is the way it sounds. It is a outfit attracted the attention of the soothing word, and is used to convey a whole volume of praise. It means The man had with him a bag con- that the pony is spirited enough to a Colt automatic revolver, knife with to drive. The search also revealed the respondent here of the New York conclusion was reached that there is

class stock is as strong as ever it was

There is an apparatus which conmore than 6,000 small mirrors on a

der will eat 27 times its own weight