Shrewd Peter the Great.

Peter the Great adopted rather a novel means to convince his subjects that they should change their clothes to

conform with the modern costumes of western Europe. Believing, as is well known historically, that the future greatness of Russia depended upon the

facility with which it was made to as-

similate all that was best in other countries, he had succeeded in introduc

ing some important innovations into the half civilized region over which he

held sway. At length he had patterns

of cloth hung up at the gates of the

towns, and those who did not conform to the fashions thus set were docked

publicly, albeit this was done in as

pleasant a manner as possible, for Pe-

ter believed in being good natured with his people. They, on the other hand,

their forefathers was good enough for

"Very well," said the sagacious Pe-

ter. In 1703 he gave a dinner at Mos-

cow to celebrate the marriage of one of his jesters and insisted that it should

be conducted in strict conformity with

ancient usage. There had formerly

been a superstitious custom of not

monstrated, he reminded them that it

was a poor rule which did not work all

around, and thus by his good natured

greatness wheedled his people into new

coats, about the hardest thing that can

Dartmoor Superstitions. In no part of England is superstition

discovered this last year. He made a

big catch, but it was made on Easter

Sunday. It consisted of 56 trout, the

largest 11/2 pounds and three of one pound each, besides several of half a

pound, a phenomenal catch for the upper Dart. When he tried to have some

cooked at the farmhouse where he was

staying, the old moorland cook refused

to have anything to do with them,

deeming them "devil's fish" or "vishe,"

Another superstition is that if one

picks a piece of broom while fishing

that one will assuredly be drowned be-

It is general for the moormen when

doing a quiet poach when the streams

are in flood to spit on their first worm

for luck. It is thought unlucky to

look into the water before making a

cast. The most curious superstition is that if one is fishing and for some time

catches nothing some one is wishing him ill, and the only way to counteract

the "ill wishing" is to kneel or "sit on

your knees," as they say on Dartmoor,

and bite off the top of a young bracken

fern. The fish then will be found to

bite with most peculiar and surprising

Why He Was Deaf. Scene: Stable of Scottish village inn.

Landlord is busy repairing a piece of

time a conversation with the village

Farmer-Look here, landlord. Can

ye gie me a bottle o' yer best whisky?

Landlord-Weel, ye see, the horse

are a' out, an I dinna ken when ony o

Farmer-It's no' a horse I want; it's a

Farmer (louder)-I tell ye, it's no'

Landlord-Weel, ye see, the beasts'll

Farmer-Gang awa' wi' ye an yer

Placksmith-Man, John, ye're gettin

as deaf as a doorpost. It wasna' a

horse, but a bottle o' whisky, the man

Landlord Ou, aye, I heard him fine, but he didn' pay for the last bottle he

A Nice Family Mix Up.

A widower with a number of small

children married a widow who was

similarly blessed. In due time the

newly married couple added to the

number. Hearing a voice in the yard

one day, the father went out to se

."Well, what was it?" asked his wife

"Your children and my children were

quarreling with our children," was the

what was the matter.

earrings I wanted?"
"Yes. Who is it?"

as he returned out of breath.

horse, but a bottle o' whisky, I want.

blacksmith. Enter farmer.

them'll be hame.

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Exit.

was askin for.

as she pronounced it.

fore the day is out.

be done with humanity.

demurred and used the argument that what was good enough for

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DIED.

C. C. I. lecture, Thursday, April 25. td Miss Alice Martin, Amelia street, is

The 24th regiment band will practice to Arthur Wilson

lighting a fire on a wedding. So Peter Wilbert Fairbrook left last evening for Fort Wayne. made them do without a fire, although it was very cold. He wouldn't give them any wine, because their forefa-W. McKenzie, of Croton, thers never drank it. When they re-

Mrs. Trudell, Colborne street, improving. Macoun, Prince street, lowly improving

terday in the city. John Routledge, of Muirkirk, was in

Mr. George Merriam, Harvey street, is slowly improving. W. D. O'Loane, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Stephenson, of Tilbury, Chatham visitor yesterday. The many friends of Miss Gertie Potter

for ten men to work in a saw mill. Boy Wanted-At The Planet office, Must be about seventeen years of age. A meeting of St. Joseph's Court, No. 241, C. O. F., will be held this evening.

The Daughters of Rebehah

James Downey, Queen street, is im proving slowly, but is still confined to his bed. James Broad, teacher at McKay's Corners, spent last evening with his parents, Centre street,

Albert Perry, the popular clerk in J. W. Kenny's book store, was taken suddenly ill last evening,

See avdt. ir another column. The Ladies of the Home of the Friendless

will hold their regular monthly meeting to-morrow afternoon in Harrison Hall at 3 o'clock.

for band practice to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, and not drill as report-

The Park St. Methodist choir will rehearse Saturday evening instead of holding their regular practice this

The rehearsal of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church will take place this evening at 7.30 sharp. All the members

Professor Wm. Clark, D. C. L., LL. D. F. R. S. C., will give the fifth lecture of the Collegiate Institute course in Collegiate Hall

on Thursday, April 25, at 8 p. m., subject

Important sale of household furniture

reply.—London Answers. A musical will be given in the William Street Baptist Church en Friday evening by the pupils of Mrs. James assisted by other local talent. Light refreshment will be served and an admission of only ten



WHITE LEAD, LINSEED OIL TURPENTINE and VARNISH

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JACKSON-COLLOP. -At Chatham, on Wednesday, April 24, 1901, by the Rev. W. E. Knowles, Chas. Jackson to Annie Collop, all of this city.

COYNE.— On Wednesday, the 24th April, Marie Louise Delia, beloved wife of E. M. Coyne, aged thirty-two years and sixteen days.

The Funeral will take place on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, from the late residence, Third street, to St. Joseph's Church, thence to St. Anthony's Cemetery.

city yesterday

R. B. Neill, of Leamington, spent yes

the city yesterday.

so rife as in the west of England, and especially so on that tract of barren land known as Dartmoor. One angler The Gas Co. are to-day laying pipes own St, Joseph street. who had great luck on the river Dart

are pleased to see her out again. A. A. Scott, of McGregor, is advertising

Wm. Nelson, Adelaide street, is able to be out after an attack of la grippe. Frank Fielder's team, the Skylarks, defeated Harry Campbell's team, the Stars,

meet to-night, when special work will

A good smart boy is wanted at the T.H. Taylor Company's mills to learn milling. Apply at once.

Girl Wanted-For general Housework Apply to Mrs. James Scott Gray, William street. 1wd Mrs. Salter Jarvis, who has been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks, returned to Toronto to-day.

Puscell dentist ha office to cor. King and Fifth streets over Merchants' Bank. The annual meeting of the Sarnia, Chat ham & Erie Railway Company is to be held in St. Thomas on June 5th.

The town of Wallaceburg is asking for tenders for the erection of a brick fire hail.

bottle o' whisky. Landlord-Aye; but, ye see, they're a guid bit awa', an it'll be late before the first o' them's back. The 24th Regiment Band will meet

Parties wanting Black Minorca eggs

for hatching, can get same at 75c. a setting of 15 eggs, opposite Couzens' factory, Colborne street. 1w

A live man wanted to represent the People's Building & Loan Association of London, Ont. Good thing. Call and see me at the Rankin House, S. L. Glark,

Important sale of nousehold furniture, Mr. L. J. Atwater, who is leaving the city. has instructed Andrew Thomson, jr., auctioner, to sell without reserve all his elegant household furniture on Tuesday, 30th, at one o'clock. See add for information.

"Dear," said young Mrs. Jellus, "I thought you ought to know. There's a married man who is violently in love "What?" he cried. "Who is he?" "If I tell you, will you give me those

> Beardless Soldiers. Modern warriors generally wear hair n their frontispieces. It is thought to give them a martial appearance. But Alexander's invincible soldiers were all bare faced. He compelled them to shave for a sufficient reason—viz, lest the "outside barbarians" of Asia should

seize them by their beards and so cap ture them. "Why did you shoot the plaintiff's

use he tried to bite me." "Even a dog is entitled to a fair trial. You should only have tried to shoot him. Twenty-five dollars."—Exchange.

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### THE SEIGE OF RUSTENBURG

Garrison Held Out Nearly Three Months

solated for Thirty Days-Boers Contented Themselves With Cutting Communications and Raiding

Pretoria, April 23.-Since January 17 when Gen. Cunningham left to join Gen. Clements at Bufflespoort, Rustenburg, with a garrison of 1,500 men under Major B. Doran, has practically been invested by a force holding the village and Oliphant's nek. The investing Boers confined themselves to raiding the stock collected by the garrison, and to cutting communications, and they succeeded in closing the telegraphic communication from early in February till the relief. If the defences had been weaker the post would possibly have been attacked, but though the little investment, which is now quer, is only a tiny incident in the campaign, it is not wanting in dramatic interest, when it is remembered that though the invested were able, when prompted by heliograph, to carry out the befitting ceremonial on the occasion of the Queen's death and King Edward's accession, the salutes were fired with live shells, and the minute guns were trained on groups of the senemy. Gen. Clements at Bufflespoort, Rusninute guns were trained on group

Laxative Bromo-Quinin

A family of three Indians on the Six Nutions Reserve in Brant County is down with smallpox. Anson B. Gould, of Flint, Mich.,

was run over on the railway near Thorold and his head was severed from his body. Sydney, C. B., Town Council has

decided to give a bonus of \$100,000 to establish steel shipbuilding works The citizens of Quebec have appointed a deputation to wait upon the Government and urge the pur-

chase of the Plains of Abraham. Mrs. J. A. Currie, wife of Captain Currie, was swindled out of \$400 by means of a bogus telegram from New York informing her that her husband was in trouble there

Kent Children's Aid Society.

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n, April 27th, T. C. SMITH,

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## TELEGRAPH NEWS IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Andrew Thomson, Jr., auctioneer, has received instructions from L. J. At-water, 4 Riverside Terrace, King St., west, who is leaving the city, to sell without reserve all his household ef-

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 at One O'Clock Sharp

consisting of the following: One Heintzman piano, about one year in use; lady's bi-cycle; 80 yards of velvet car-pet, splendid condition; 90 yards body Brussels, nearly new; quantity of mat-ting; 10 pair lace curtains, costly; 40 shades; one oak sideboard, oak dining room table; one set leather upholstered dining room chairs; one armchair, the same; six fancy rockers; writing desk and book case; one card table; six dining room chairs, oak; hall rack; one Domestic sewing machine, good order; one com-plete set of dishes; one 8-day clock; one parlor lamp; one parlor couch, fancy chairs, easy chair, one red birch fancy chairs, easy chair, one red birch bedroom suit, complete; a beauty mattress and spring; one box couch, new; toilet sett; gas range, refrigerator, kitchen table, kitchen utensils, cloth ringer, crockery and glassware, lawn mower, rubber hose, and other articles, too numerous to mention.

One roller top office deck, 16 office chairs; one heating stove.

This sale will afford anyone in need of high class furniture a grand opportunity as the furniture and furnishings are of the highest grade, and in splendid condition. Remember day, and date.

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