



as follows: "Madonna of the Peach Tree," "Ippolita in the Hills," "The Duchess of Nona," "Messer Uno and the Live Coal," "The Judgment of Borso."

"THE CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1900."—This national publication, in which for 53 years The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, of Toronto, have supplied Canadians, and the outside world as well, with just about all that is worth knowing concerning this country, is this year presented in an imposing volume of four hundred pages of carefully compressed and closely printed information about Canadian Industries and Institutions and every matter of commercial and industrial interest.

The historical diary for the year is of particular interest, giving in an incredibly small space all the principal events of this very important year. A unique feature of the new Almanac is a list of Titled Canadians, with their ranks and orders. This is the first time that such a list has been compiled, and may be considered as the beginning of a Canadian De Brett. Certainly the Canadian Almanac is growing larger and more complete every year, until it is now difficult to see where it could be added to or improved. The price, however, still remains, as in past year, 25 cents.

"NEAR THE THRONE" is a new novel by W. J. Thorold, which Meyer Brothers & Co. have presented in an elaborate fashion, both as regards letterpress and illustrations. The scenes of the tale are laid in Cairo in 1799 during the Napoleonic conquest of Egypt, when the "Little Corporal" had dreams of founding an empire in the Orient. The hero is a young officer in the invader's army, and the heroine is a beautiful Egyptian whose father is a wealthy merchant in Cairo. Altogether the story is undoubtedly one of great fascination, with plenty of animation and rich local color. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the publication is the introduction of the Parisian method of using pictures taken from life as illustrations. James K. Hackett, Theodore Babcock, Frank Mordaunt, T. B. Bridgeland, Corona Riccardo, and Marie Mannering have posed for over forty pictures, beautiful reproductions of which appear in the pages of "Near the Throne." Mr. Thorold is a Toronto boy who has gained considerable repute in literary circles on account of his articles in some of the leading magazines, and in his latest venture he has scored a distinct success. We understand that the story is about to be dramatized, and that Canadians will be able to see it on the stage in the not distant future.

GOOD reading for the new year predominates in the January issue of *The Cosmopolitan*. Among the sixteen well known writers who have contributed to its pages are A. T. Quiller Couch ("Q"), with a stirring bit of fiction entitled "The Lady of the Ship"; John Luther Long, who has furnished a story in a new field, which he entitles "Dizzy Dave"; Kirke La Shelle, who tells of the tricks of "The Theatrical Advance Agent," and Seumas MacManus, who brings forth another of his clever Irish stories under the title of "Patrick's Proxy."

FORMER Consul General Charles De Kay, than whom no American knows Berlin better, contributes to the January *Cosmopolitan* a most interesting and most important article on the impressions he gathered at Emperor William's Capital. It throws a clear light upon German politics, which to the ordinary American is a somewhat obscure subject. The article is profusely illustrated also.

NOT one of us but has wished to change places, and in the January *Cosmopolitan* the brilliant Edgar Saltus writes on "The Delights of Trying to be Somebody Else" in a manner that makes the folly almost universal wish excusable and even commendable. The article is heavily illustrated with pictures of people who for the time being have tried to be somebody else.

WHITTING OF INSTRUMENTS. To whet cutting tools well, M. Bordias advises leaving them for three-quarters of an hour in hydrochloric acid diluted with nine times its volume of water.



As "The Trader" aims to be of practical assistance to the Retail Jewelers of Canada, it makes no charge for ordinary advertisements in this column. The subject matter of any advertisement must not exceed 50 words, and must reach us not later than the 20th of the month. In no case will answers to advertisements be permitted to be addressed to the care of this office. All advertisements intended for the Enquiry Column should be addressed to The Trade Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

AT A BARGAIN. Electric battery with all the necessary attachment for electro plating. D. Murchison, Lucknow.

FOR SALE.—A good hand dynamo for light work, in good condition and as good as new, cost \$25, will sell for \$8 as I am giving up plating. Address, H. L. Hoffman, jeweler, Hanover, Ont.

FOR SALE, good jewelry business in the town of Berlin, Ont. The oldest jewelry store in town, stock can be reduced to suit purchaser, a good chance for a live man, reason for selling, I am engaged in another business taking all my attention. Address, Arthur Pequegnat, Berlin, Ont.

JEWELRY and optical business for sale. Right man will make money; good sales; very large repair and optical trade; stock in first-class shape; business well established in good town of 1800. Fine store, best stand in town. Will stand closest inspection. Very best reasons for selling. Address J. W. Armstrong, Lucknow, Ont.

SITUATION WANTED by first-class watchmaker, can do jewelry work if required. Full set of tools, recommend from present employer. Address, Watchmaker, 204 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont.

SITUATION WANTED as watchmaker's improver by young man of fourteen months steady bench work under an instructor. Have lathe and tools, good references. Address, W. H. P., 47 John Street South, Hamilton, Ont.

SITUATION WANTED by a watchmaker who has had ten years' experience at the bench, also experience as salesman; have good references and my own tools, with an American lathe. Address, H. A. B., 35 Midcaster St., Barrie, Ont.

SITUATION WANTED.—A watchmaker with about ten years' experience at repairing watches, clocks and jewelry. I have my own tools with an American lathe. Can furnish references. Address, Watchmaker, 133 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto.

SITUATION WANTED by a young man, first-class watchmaker, has complete outfit of tools, also graduate of Philadelphia Optical College, and has test cases and all necessary optical apparatus. Please address C. H. W., care Stanley Piano Co., 11 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont.

SITUATION WANTED by first-class watchmaker and graduate optician. Experienced salesman, have managed good town business for past six years, still engaged in same. None but those wanting a man capable of filling good, permanent position need reply. Of good address, strictly temperate, age 28. British Columbia preferred. Address, Watchmaker, care of Mr. Sheppard, 6 Adelaide St. East, Toronto, Ont.

WANTED.—Pair of jewelers rolling mills with plain ring roller Thos. Lailey, Chatham, Ont.

WANTED.—First class jeweler, watchmaker and engraver. Address, G. S. Butterfield, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

WANTED.—A retinoscope. Give full description and lowest price at first writing. G. F. Goodwyn, Arnprior, Ont.

WANTED, at once, a good, honest and industrious young man, with about one year's experience, to learn the jewelry and watch repairing, also engraving, must be strictly temperate. Apply, M. E. Knox, Norwood, Ont.