

CURRENT CHITCHAT.

Liverpool detectives in New York have been searching for an aristocratic young lady who recently disappeared from her domicile in England. They got on her track, and learned that she had visited a registry office, where she procured employment as a servant of all work for a family in an upper story of a Third Avenue house. She had found another place somewhere before they could get a glimpse of her. She has a mania for luxury.

People require warm clothing more in spring than in winter, on account of the sudden and dangerous climatic changes. Cold baths, when taken regularly and properly, form a good preventive of colds and pneumonia. By bathing in the water a very short time, and that more copious, circulation is immediately followed by the bath. Those who cannot take a cold bath without experiencing a cruel sensation while dressing and afterwards should not take cold baths at all.

Soft weather, as it is called, is the principal cause of pneumonia. People expose themselves thoughtlessly, and when the first fine day appears leave off their overcoats or change their underclothing. It is not generally understood as it ought to be, that when a thaw comes after a severe cold spell, we are much more liable to catch cold than when a thermometer is down to zero. When the weather is cold, a man who has taken exercise and is perspiring may sit down, even in a warm room, and catch a severe cold. A process of evaporation is going on in the body, and the body throws off heat in a way which renders one peculiarly liable to catch cold.

That was a queer lot of greens and heliotropes that fashion made popular last year, but this year's colors have been out of sight. The name of a few may give some faint idea of their respective characters. M. Worth announces that the following will be the dress of the season: "Spotted moon" will also be considered very chic. Among the names and heliotropes, "gotten heliotropes" is to be the favorite, although "faded heliotropes" will please many. The name to be worn with these shades should be qualified with a touch of purple.

At a late elegant party, after everything else had been served there were brought in some lovely-looking confections. Each guest received but one, on a dainty little London dish. It was the creamiest, most delicious confection ever tasted, and as it slowly melted there was a spicy aromatic flavor, and a substance that didn't dissolve. It read as follows: "The case of Robinson vs. Campbell has been settled out of court."

There seems to be no doubt that the "frigate bird," an inhabitant of the tropical seas, is the swiftest bird that flies. It was impossible to calculate its rate of flight within three hours, but it was estimated that it could travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour. It was estimated that it could travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour. It was estimated that it could travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour.

Rosina Vokes has a new piece in one act, which is a burlesque of all the modern sentimental society dramas. It will be called "Gladly I Would Tell." There are only six people and a servant. Each has a terrible story. There are only six people and a servant. Each has a terrible story. There are only six people and a servant. Each has a terrible story.

"You have no idea," said a prominent U. S. railway official lately, "how many parties there are who travel in private cars nowadays. Formerly they were the exception, but now they pass through almost daily. Of course it is good for the railways, as fourteen fares are charged for having a special car, no matter if only two occupy it. The result is a private car is from \$5 to \$50 a day, so that it takes a sum equal to travel in one of them. It is by no means a bad mode of traveling if one has the money, as you can lock your door and be secure and secure as if you were in your own home."

A boy in school was having a very funny time, by sticking a pin into the legs of the boy who sat next him and laughing at him. The teacher caught a sight of the proceeding and taking a pin went to the first mentioned boy and said: "Would you like to have a pin stuck into you like that?" He laughed as though he thought it would be a capital joke, whereat the teacher went to the pin holder and his punishment was administered. He was very much surprised to find that the teacher took occasion to say a few words to the school in regard to the whole school. He said: "I saw a boy stick a pin into the leg of another boy, and I thought that was a very bad thing. I thought that was a very bad thing. I thought that was a very bad thing."

All the little parrot-like crabs that are found by the water's edge are bought for the use of restaurants of the large cities. Even then they can only be had once in every few days. They make a delicate and tasty dish, and are much appreciated. As public school teaching of cooking in our cities is now being taught, it is not surprising that a great extent of the simplicity and other excellent features are well known in this country.

The best metropolitan architects and decorators are now busied with the invention of chairs, lounges, bedsteads, billiard tables, dining tables, buffets, and nearly every other portable thing that goes into a grand house. Nearly all the furniture in the great New York houses is especially designed for the mansion and is made to order. The furniture is made to order. The furniture is made to order. The furniture is made to order.

Horseback riding is becoming a craze all over. No establishments appear to be more prosperous than the riding schools that have started up in the large cities of the U. S. It is an easy thing for men to take in this form of exercise, though they may buy hats and coats, and keep a few horses and a good many dogs, all the change they really must make in their attire is composed of a pair of riding boots and a pair of riding breeches. The trousers are to keep them from slipping off the horse's back. Of course, it is a very different matter when ladies are concerned. They must buy riding hats and tall boots and pretty boots and hats, and so the sport is rather expensive, but the terms in the riding schools are very low. When a riding master was asked the other day how many lessons a lady needs to take before she can ride alone in the Park, he said: "Don't depend on that. Some ladies do not do more than one lesson and all in one year."

The Michigan Central Railroads have decided to put vestibule trains on their lines. New coaches will be provided with vestibule attachments within a week.

ELGIN CHANCERY SITTINGS.

Judge Robertson Presiding. St. Thomas, May 3 (Special).—At the Chancery Sittings today a verdict was returned for defendant in the action of Smith vs. Sutton, mentioned in this morning's FREE PRESS.

In the suit of Phillips against Yarwood, brought to recover a sum of money said to have been paid to defendant, which was not accounted for, the Judge found for plaintiff.

The action of Horton against the Provincial Provident Institution is now in progress. Mrs. Peter Horton is suing the Association to recover a policy held on the life of her late husband. Mr. Horton, it appears, went to Alabama in 1886. His duties in the company, which should have been paid in June, were not paid until August, and the plaintiff claims the notice was not received until the latter month. The defendant set up that he was not a member in good standing, but that they had accepted the payment believing he was in good health at the time he died, and, whereas, they claim, he was not in good health. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., for plaintiff; Colin Macdonald, Q.C., for defendant. The Court adjourned.

The terms of the settlement of the suits against Thos. C. Hewitt et al. are as follows:—The civil case for conspiracy has been adjusted between the parties and dismissed without costs, the private prosecutors in the cases for criminal conspiracy agreeing to request the crown officers to drop the prosecution and their counsel withdrawing from the prosecution of the cases pending for trial at the June sessions. In consideration of the above the defendant have agreed to pay plaintiffs solicitors the sum of \$300 for expenses incurred. Simon Hewitt had been made joint defendant for the reason that it was alleged his brother Thomas had mortgaged his property to him with intent to defraud.

HURON SPRING ASSIZES.

Judge MacMahon Presiding.

Goderich, May 3.—(Special).—The case of Lambert vs. Dalton, which was partly tried yesterday, was this morning, by agreement, referred to an arbitrator to deal between the parties. Mr. Cameron for plaintiff, Mr. Garrow, Q.C., for defendant.

The case of Robinson vs. Campbell has been settled out of court. J. W. Manser, who pleaded guilty yesterday to the forgery of an \$80 note, was brought up for sentence. Mr. Cameron on his behalf, produced a lengthy petition, signed by men of respectability, praying for clemency. His Lordship, considering the prisoner had already been in jail four months, allowed him to go upon giving securities to appear for sentence.

He closed upon the case, generally conceding that the case was deserving of the charitable view taken by the Court, which gives Manser an opportunity of reforming and of becoming a member of society, instead of being sent to hard with hardened criminals.

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MINOR TELEGRAMS.

The Toronto Public School Board employs 320 teachers. Right Rev. John Henry Hobart Brown, First Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wis., died yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Thomas, for 18 years a resident of Syracuse, N. Y., committed suicide yesterday. She was desecrated by her husband.

Mary Campbell was arrested at Hamilton yesterday on suspicion of being an accomplice of Dan Campbell, in jail at Guelph charged with "raising" bank notes.

The Department of Railways has received plans for the new railway bridge over the St. Lawrence River, at Montreal, \$200,000, and to be built by a joint stock company.

It is reported in London that a serious outbreak has occurred at Alamosa, Mexico. The Serbian and Greek population is said to have united to oppose Turkish authority.

The Allan S. Greidan, with 250 immigrants, sailed from Glasgow for Philadelphia yesterday.

William L. Lusk, of New York, who accused her two children on March 21st and is locked up in the Fomb's awaiting trial for her murder, gave birth to a child yesterday morning. Her husband died a couple of years ago.

At the Orangeville police court yesterday ten boys, between the ages of 12 and 15 years, were placed on trial—a few of them charged with petty larceny and minor offences, and others for burglary. It came out in evidence that many more of the youths of the town are implicated, and many of them belong to respectable families. The cases were adjourned until Wednesday next.

The Whitty Police Magistrate issued warrants for the arrest of Bella Miller and Mary Harris on the charges of abandonment of infant children preferred by Mrs. T. C. Harris. Mrs. Miller, respectively, on each of whose doorstep a boy baby was found at a late hour on the night of April 21st. Harris was apprehended, and when put in jail swore out an information against Matthew Murphy, Jr., charging him with indecent assault. On hearing by the Police Magistrate, Harris was found guilty and bound over to a justice when wanted for sentence. The case against Murphy lapsed upon his owing up to being the father of the child which he agreed to maintain. The Miller girl seems to have made good her escape.

George Francis was cleaning out a well at Widdowson on Wednesday, when he fell in, and he was lacerated beneath the ribs and sand. A M. C. R. section gang had great difficulty in rescuing him.

ON THE BIAS. QUERIES TO MY SEVENTEENTH YEAR. Approaching, nearing, curious. Thoudim, uncertain spectre—brings thou life Strength, weakness, blindness, more paralysis and heavier? Orphan, wilt thou stir the waters? Orphan, wilt thou stir the waters? Orphan, wilt thou stir the waters?

It doesn't bother a lawyer to see breakers ahead—that is if they are law-breakers. The man who never made a mistake in his life is dead, dumb, blind, and still unmarred.

"Don't men tell tales," and dead men point no pictures, or women either, as for that matter.—St. Albans Messenger.

Watered silks are now worn with a flowing skirt, tail and shawl, with a bouquet on the most head.

"I swear by those tall elms in yonder park," he commenced, but she interrupted him. "Swear not by them," she said. "Swear not by them," she said. "Swear not by them," she said.

A gay young coquette is Miss Julia. With a ruler. "I have ruled," she said. "I have ruled," she said. "I have ruled," she said.

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WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION—By W. Y. BRINTON, at his Rooms, Dundas Street, on Friday, 4th May, at 10 a.m., the general stock of Kerby & Purcell, of Rodney, Co. Elgin, consisting of—
Dry Goods, \$125.00
Hats and Caps, \$50.00
Boots and Shoes, \$25.00
Groceries, \$10.00
Shop Furniture, \$10.00
Total, \$240.00
Also, at the same time and place, the general stock of T. C. Burrows, of Kitchener, Co. Essex, consisting of—
Dry Goods, \$150.00
Gents' Furnishings, Straw Goods, &c., \$45.00
Boots and Shoes, \$25.00
Medicines, \$41.12
Shop Furniture, \$30.00
Total, \$291.12
Terms of both lots: cash at time of sale; balance in 2, 4 and 6 months, with interest at 7 per cent. of sale price for all purchases under \$25; above that amount, two months, approved paper, with interest at 7 per cent. For particulars apply on the premises.

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Will be Sold by Public Auction.
BY W. Y. BRINTON, at the PREMISES, 339 Richmond Street, City, on Friday, the 11th May, at 10 a.m., the shop furniture and fixtures of R. H. Walker, London, amounting to about \$25, consisting of show cases, marble top tables, refrigerators, soda fountains, including casing, &c., &c., together with all other goods in connection with the furniture and confectionery business, also one horse and yearling colt, several wagons, buggies, cutters, &c. Terms of sale: cash for all purchases under \$25; above that amount, two months, approved paper, with interest at 7 per cent. For particulars apply on the premises.

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Buildings and Fence EXHIBITION GROUNDS.
R. M. McPHERSON HAS RECEIVED instructions from the City of London Trust to sell by public auction, on the grounds on the Exhibition Grounds, including the old Crystal Palace. The attention of builders and others are called to this sale, as the material of the buildings is in first-class condition. The specifications are on file at the City Engineer's Office. By order of the Trust, **ANDREW DALE, R. M. McPHERSON, Auctioneer.**

Retiring From Business.
E. A. TAYLOR.
Will, if possible, close his Book Stationery business on the 1st July. In any event, not later than 1st July. Call early for bargains while the assortment is good.
The premises, No. 130 Dr. street, to rent; occupation can be had on the 1st June.

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