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# What Did She Give?

A \$10 Check Story Puzzling London It Excites Some Faculties and De-West's Council.

Given by Reeve Macdonald and Nothing to Show for It - Contracts for Snow-Plowing Awarded,

The village fathers of the little hamlet over the Thames sat in solemn session last night, and pondered on what they should do with a \$10 check, which nobody seems to know anything about. Tenders for snow-plowing were also

R. A. Jones sent a communication, stating that some ten months ago he cashed a village check, and the bank refused to pay it. He had brought the matter up at the council, and it had been referred to the finance committee. Since then he had heard nothing

Reeve Saunby said the check had been issued by Reeve Macdonald to Mrs. Ward, for services rendered, but they had been unable to obtain any satisfactory information concerning it, or what services had been rendered. Councilor Moore said he had stopped payment of the check at the bank and had told Mrs. Ward so. She knew,

he said, at the time she got the check cashed that payment of it had been The council did not feel disposed to pay the \$10, but sympathized with Mr.

Mr. Hamilton-To look at it in the proper light, Mr. Macdonald was reonsible for the whole business. He had no right to do it. We don't know what he got for it. If he got services, he should pay her out of his own pocket. He can't give a satisfactory account of it himself.

Mr. Moore-Take proceedings against Mrs. Ward to recover the amount, Mr. Hamilton—It would be very hard to take proceedings against a woman, when it is a man who was to blame Reeve Saunby-She can't give any explanation of it, either.

Messrs. Duff and Collins thought some explanation should be forthcoming before any action was taken. Reeve Saunby said the woman may have received the money for relief. The matter was left in the hands of

Messrs. Saunby, Moore and Duff. Squire Peters' petition for the remission of \$7 50 taxes was granted, was also Mrs. Livingston's, for \$4 50. Fred Ellis was awarded the contract for snow-plowing in the south end of the village at \$1 95 per trip, and John Ackland, the contract for the north at \$2 per trip. The stipulations are that the contractors shall begin work before 5 o'clock in the morning, Constable Ward to call them, if necessary; the contractors to pay for all damages to fences while doing the work, and the council will not be responsible for accidents. W. &. E. Cushing's account of \$6 for snow-plowing in 1895, which had not been paid, was referred to Mr. Ham-

Bylaw No. 322, appointing R. A. Jones as deputy returning officer for subdivision No. 2, and John Simpson, returning officer, to act as deputy returning officer in subdivision No. 1.

### Think It Over

was passed

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church at large is to serve the church Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleas-

# How Alcohol Acts.

presses Others.

Rev. E. O. Taylor's Final Address Here Very Interesting.

Dundas Center Church was crowded to the doors last night. The large audience listened in rapt attention to the interesting lecture by Rev. E. O. Taylor, and was stirred to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the rare musical and elocutionary abilities of the ideal singer, Miss Lily Runals. In the recitation of "The Relief of Lucknow" Miss Runals completely transported her hearers. By request, she rendered | months ago. 'Rock of Ages," with such pathos that the audience was deeply affected. Mr. Taylor dealt with the effect of alconol on the numan brain. In his opening remarks he said if the plebiscite tailed to carry it would be because of the lack of intelligence of voters. Temperance sentiment might be picked up by the cartload everywhere, but there was very little intemgence in it, merely a confused jumble of words. He then proceeded to prove that alcohol taken in small quantities incited the imagination, memory and emotions, while it weak-ened judgment, conscience and will. The animal centers of the brain pe-

passional, emotional, and sensual nares ao mings they otherwise would The doctrine of expediency, he said, was false. Until 25 years ago the only reason for urging total abstinence was because of the influence of example, but the lecturer held that there was scientific proof of the advisability of abstaining from liquor. In illustrations of the unbalancing of the brain by small quantities of liquor Taylor related several incidents to prove that if was the nature and not the quantities of alcohol that led

come abnormally developed, and men

under the dominant impulse of their

Referring to Dr. Rainsford and his church saloon theory, he said: "I am the stage platform. In falling, he discusted beyond my ability to express caught the scene platform, about 25 disgusted beyond my ability to express myself that any man standing as high in the church as Dr. Rainsford should advocate such a proceeding.' plause.) On the grounds of science, people had no business tinkering with license theories. He stated that the saloon and the brothel were usual companions. Several experiments were made by Mr. Taylor. An egg was cooked in alcohol. Alcohol was extracted from a glass of beer. The subject of a drunkard's breath dealt with, and a little vial containing chemicals acted upon by the alcohol in the breath was exhibited. Jamaica ginger and proof alcohol were found, by means of the gunpowder test, to contain more than 50 per cent of pure alcohol. Lemon extract and Bourbon whisky had not that much.

Thornley came forward to make an announcement, and was greeted with great enthusiasm. Taylor will go to Palmerston to fill an engagement, and thence to his home in Chicago for the holidays.

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### Tichborne Case Revived

Effort to Secure Crasswell's Releas From the Paramatta Insane Asylum.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16 .- According to advices received by the incoming Australian mail the famous Tichborne case appears to be likely to be reopened. A new phase of the matter has been entered into by the alleged discovery in the Paramatta Insane Asylum of the true Roger Tichborne. Steps have been taken to secure his release, in order that he may be al-

he declares himself as convinced that the true Roger Tichborne, and says he has himself seen upon Cresswell's body every identifying mark which it is admitted was carried by the lost

The present stage of the legal aspect of the affair is that application for the release of Cresswell cannot be made before the proper tribunal until early next year, but it is promised that when this is done and the case is investigated, evidence will be produced quite as remarkable as any that was forthcoming at the famous trial of Arthur Orton, and which will add another, and not the least strange one, to the chapters of this remarka-ble case.

### A DA "LITTLE BUTTERCUP"

A Narse Cannot Separate the Girls She

Has in Charge, Chicago, Dec. 16-A Little Buttercup in the person of a nurse has mixed two girl babies up, and there is trouble on the west side. The infants were born two weeks ago at the same hour to Mrs. Wilson and her daughter, Mrs. Hill, the wives of laborers living on Wood street, near Thirty-fifth. Not being able to afford two nurses, they engaged a "Sairey Gamp" to attend to both infants, as the mothers lived together. As soon as the children appeared in this world the nurse took them both in her arms and gave them a warm bath. When she had dried them she could not tell the other from which. They were as alike as two peas. Not a mark or feature distinguished one from the other, and as she stood holding the crying babies she broke into tears herself. She explained her trouble to the mothers. They, too, gave way to grief, in which they were joined by the unhappy fathers. The children were to be named Grace and Alice, but which is Grace and which is Alice no one can find out.

AT LAST.

Sentenced. Detroit, Dec. 16. - John C. Bodewig

and George W. Johnson were sentenced by Judge Swan yesterday in United States Court to two years and twenty months respectively in the House of Correction, and in addition to pay a fine of \$2,500 each. Both men wire arrested for wrecking a Grand Trunk train one mile from Battle Creek, causing the death of a locomotive fireman, in July, 1894. There are charges pending against them in the State Court for murder. break jail. The Government had them arrested for obstructing the passage of the United States mails, for offense they were convicted two

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Rev. Wm. Bird, the superannuated Methodist preacher who died at Belleville. Ont., Sunday, was about ninety years old.

A workshop is to be established in

connection with the Royal Military College, Kingston, and will be ready The dead body of an infant child

was found on a chair in the ladies' retiring room at the Michigan Central depot, Detroit, Saturday afternoon. The child, which is apparently than a week old was wrapped in a red woolen cloth, and over that a news-A Cornwall correspondent writes

While assisting to make up the local freight train at Massena Springs one night last week, a brakeman named George Jenkins was caught between the draw-heads of two cars, and instantly killed. Jenkins was an Englishman, 34 years of age. He leaves a widow and three young children. While Mr. Brown, boss carpenter for Mr. Geo. Wilson at the St. Catharines Opera House, was working at the top of the wall of the building, he missed his footing and feet from the floor, and then dropped. Although badly shaken up, able to talk, and was taken to his home. It is hoped that no serious results will follow.

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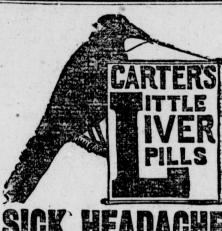
It Stands to Rosson. That a man who gives his whole and undivided attention to one particular subject should acquire a great-er proficiency in it, than one whose energies are expended in different directions. This is true of the medical superintendent, and his staff of as-sistants, at Lakehurst Institute, in their treatment of alcoholism and kin dred diseases. Every fresh case adds to the experience of years, and to the privation of liquor; there are no bolts and bars; the patient gives up the

## An Aylmer Blaze.

stantiate his claim to the title and es-

Mr. Edward Priestman, of Sydney, The firemen, seing their efforts is acting on behalf of the friends of the firemen, seing their efforts futile to save any portion of the main this new "claimant" in London, and building, directed their attention to building, directed their attention to saving the large quantity of coal in the man who goes by the name of the shed at the west. The G. T. R. Cresswell at present is without doubt station was several times on fire.

> A CHRISTMAS LETTER. will be framed.



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Another Claimant Now in the Field. The Grain Warehouse of C. D. Fuller

Loss About \$8,000 - The G. T. R. Station

Scorched. Aylmer, Ont., Dec. 16.—Early yesterday morning C. D. Fuller's grain elevator and coal sheds, near the G. T. R. tracks, were discovered to be on fire. The fire had made good headway in the upper portion of the building before the firemen arrived, and the high northeast wind blowing soon carried the flames to every portion of the building, which burned like tinder.

St. Thomas, Dec. 16.—"Santa Claus, No. 13, North Pole, Arctic Ocean, Am-erica," is the address written in crabbed letters on an envelope received in the postoffice here. The youngster had located Kris Kringle all right, according to tradition. The missive

MIX-UP IN A LONDON PAPER. A very curious printer's error oc-curred in the Morning recently. Two distinct paragraphs were placed together, instead of being separated. The first told how the Princess of Wales, during the serious illness of the Prince in 1872, found time every morning to go to one of the outhouses to visit a stelble-boy, who was also down with typhoid fever. But the story concluded as follows: "But at 9 o'clock each morning, during the progress of his illness, without pomp or state, or ceremony, sometimes by herself and sometimes accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, occasionally so quietly that the very men in the yard knew not of her presence, went our future Queen by this tortuous stairway to see the sick lad. She threw her arms around his neck and gazed earnestly into his face. He breathed heavily, and asked in a whisper, 'Why do you thus torment me, dearest?' Softly and dreamily she lisped in reply, I read somewhere that the eyes are the mirror of the soul, and I wish to see if my hat is on straight.'



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