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THEY ARE NOT FIREPROOF.

Reviewing the various attempts which have been made in the past to realize an adequate method of fireproof construction, a writer in the Engineering Magazine declares that so inefficient in result have been these attempts that very few of the so-called fire proof buildings erected previous to 1890 are actually fire proof; on the contrary he asserts that while in many cases suitable materials have been employed in these buildings, they have not been suitably adapted or disposed—insignificant fires in such buildings have resulted most disastrously, and in some cases have utterly wrecked the buildings. Careful investigations, however, of the physical properties of structural iron and steel when subjected to heat, and close observation on the effects of fire and water on different materials, have within a comparatively short time, it is admitted, developed efficient and economical methods of fireproofing. Further, the constant and increasing demand for fireproof buildings has resulted in the development of nearly fifty different systems of construction, designed to serve the purpose of the clay products, at a reduced cost, some of which, based upon correct mechanical principles and contemplating the use of none but suitable materials unquestionably produce fire proof buildings in the broad sense in which the term is now used.

The opinion held by many scientific men that ether is a very attenuated form of matter has recently been combated very ably by Prof. DOLBEAR. He based his position on a comparison of the quality of matter with those of ether; in seventeen particulars this comparison was made, his purpose being to show that matter has definite structure, the parts of which are different, that there is a certain calculable quantity of it in the universe, that it is heterogeneous, that one particle attracts another, that it is subject to friction, has inertia, is also chemically selective, heatable, elastic and a transformer of energy; in all of these particulars it differs from ether, which is structureless unlimited in quantity and homogeneous, all parts being like all other parts—nor is it attractive or else it would have gathered in denser masses near the sun and other large bodies, nor has it any exerted or chemical relations; does not absorb heat and is not a transformer of energy. Finally Prof. DOLBEAR points out, ether receives wave vibrations and delivers them without loss at their destination; and, again, matter appeals to the senses which ether does not.

It is somewhat unfortunate that an Astor heiress should be revealed in the lonely garb of a chambermaid in a Missouri hotel, at a time when one of the illustrious heads of the family is making such conspicuous headway among the crowned heads of Europe. It cannot fail to be disquieting to WILLIE WALDORF just as he is about to assume the responsibilities of a British subject and while he is enjoying the lordly distinction of a pronounced case of gout, to learn that one of his cousins is engaged in the extremely democratic work of changing pillow cases for the detection of chance travellers who may "put up" at the hostelry in question. The young woman has the presumption not to be ashamed of her occupation and says she prefers to earn her own living until she can obtain her fortune rather than depend on the charity of her family. But this can bring no consolation to WILLIE. He will be able, happily, to sever himself from any formal relationship with the United States, but there is no way for him to escape formal relationship with the chambermaid, unless by some special edict, he is permitted to start an entirely new Astor family with no entangling ancestry.

The republics of Bolivia and Peru are preparing for a fight. The Bolivian gov-

ernment has ordered its Generals to put the army on a war footing and the government of Peru awaits the foe. The quarrel is over a question of boundaries, Bolivia demanding back the territory which Peru seized during the civil war. Peru doesn't want to fight, but is determined to retain the territory in dispute. Bolivia is the most pugnacious republic in South America. It is on bad terms with every country upon which it borders. It has a standing dispute with Chili and one with Brazil besides the one with Peru and another with Argentina. It has been licked repeatedly by its neighbors but is always ready to try again. It deserves to be thrashed into a peaceful state of mind. Perhaps a reason for Bolivia's pugnacity may be found in the circumstance that it has more generals and colonels for its little army than any other country of its size. Then again every private in the army is anxious to become a general or a colonel, so as to get big pay and have a chance at the spoils of war.

The prevalence of that troublesome malady, the grip in all parts of the country this winter gives special interest to a remedy much in vogue in the Southern States, and which is declared by its inventor to be a specific. The prescription, as written out by the discoverer, an aged colored man reads thus: "Castrol, turpentine, and hog-huff tea." These simple remedies are readily procured in any family, the "hog-huff tea" being obtained by parching and pulverizing the hoots of a swine from which the decoction is made. If the hog is born in the dark of the moon and has two heart shaped spots on its left leg the remedy will be much more potent. The largest liberty as to the dose is left to the patient.

It is anticipated that the supplies of petroleum from Peru will in the near future be phenomenal in their abundance. Estimates have been made as to the principal area yielding the oil, one of them putting it as high as 7,200 square miles. The Peruvian promise is vast, the official statement showing that of forty nine wells bored during the last four years, forty-four have been productive a number of them yielding to the extent of 30,000 gallons a day. A London company has been working some of the wells with favorable results, and crude oil has for some time been used on the locomotives of all the Peruvian railways also in several manufacturing establishments and in the gas works.

One of the results of the Indian plague has been to flood the London market with pearls. The native dealers in the marts of Bombay have been in such haste to quit the stricken city that they have eagerly disposed of their wares at far below the customary market value.

It is stated that young SKELEY, the host of the famous New York dinner is a descendant of P. T. BARNUM. This being so Mr. SKELEY may have felt that he had a right to run the greatest show on earth.

THE FIGHT WAS UNAVAILING.
And the Exhibition Commission has secured the Much Desired Site.

HALIFAX, March 4.—Lawyer C. S. Harrington has made a long but an unavailing fight against the exhibition commission for the securing of the site on which the commission had set its heart. The lawyer left no stone unturned to gain his point, raising the cry of hardship to families who had lived there all their lives and did not want to be removed; trying to defeat the commission by saying that all they wanted this particular property for was because it was suited for a race track; and lastly, that the expropriation proceedings were irregular. Whether Mr. Harrington would have succeeded in the long run or not is perhaps a question, but it is pretty certain that there could have been no exhibition this year had not the legislature stepped in. Attorney-General Longley brought into the house a bill vesting the disputed property in the commission, thus summarily ending the tedious controversy.

Mr. Harrington, using the cotton factory as a backer, had made a pretty good fight, but he was not in it when pitted against men like those in the commission, assisted by Ald. Redden. Mr. Harrington half admitted this himself when he stated to the house committee his views in the matter. He complained, so the Echo says, that items had been inserted in the newspapers that Ald. Redden had gone to New York and that City Engineer Doane was confined to his house by illness, whereas the truth was these two men had gone to Montreal on a secret mission to interview Mr. Gault, president of the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, and tell him their little tale of woe. Messrs. Redden and Doane, true enough, did see Mr. Gault in Montreal, and the result of their visit was that Mr. Harrington received an almost knock out blow in the form of

a telegram from Mr. Gault that Hon. Mr. Longley read in the house, stating that his company were quite willing to accept \$25,000 for all the land which the commission desired from the cotton company. This about settled it, and now the commission practically hold the land they have been fighting for six months to secure.

It is said that the conference between Ald. Redden, City Engineer Doane, and Mr. Gault was quite interesting, and that the statements made by the Halifax men regarding Mr. Harrington's reasons for acting in the case would be worth reproduction. However, this may be, it appears that Mr. Gault telegraphed to Halifax for a confirmation of what he had been told, and when a confirmatory reply was received, he at once wired the message to Hon. Mr. Longley, already referred to.

The exhibition, therefore now has an ample site, for buildings, race track if they make one, and every thing else required. It behooves them to go to work with vigor and give us the best exhibition ever seen in Halifax. They intend to do this.

JOE WAS NOT INSANE.
But His Jaw was Dislocated and His Actions Were Very Strange.

HALIFAX, March 4.—A rather amusing incident occurred to a South Park street doctor a few nights ago. It was about two o'clock in the morning when a loud ring was heard at the physician's door. Hastily dressing, the doctor came down-stairs where he was met by a resident from near the North-West Arm, who said:

"Come quickly, doctor, to our house; I have a team here. My brother Joe has gone out of his mind and we want you to see him and give us a certificate so that we may have him sent to the asylum first thing in the morning."

The doctor without delay, and probably with some trepidation jumped into the sleigh and drove off. On arrival at the house he found a number of members of the family gathered in one room, a wee-begone company. They told the doctor how their brother had been muttering, holding his head and trying to say something of which they could not comprehend a word and appeared to be in a agony. Hitherto the poor fellow had been as intelligent as any of them but now they believed him to be a raving maniac, and the doctor was besought to take measures for their safety and the brother's care, if that were possible. The physician was then ushered into the room with the supposedly crazy man. He had set the room in great disorder, had broken articles of furniture, and was indeed acting very like a lunatic. Not a word that he said could be understood, but the doctor, who may have had some emotions of fear as he entered the room was at once reassured on a glance at the sufferer. He saw that the man was no more a lunatic than he himself, and that all that was wrong was a dislocated jaw, which prevented speech and caused pain. Without much ado the jaw was got into position and directions given to prevent a recurrence of the dropping out process.

So Joe was saved from the asylum and a id the doctor and the comforted family had a good laugh over the incident. The doctor's pleasure was increased when he received his fee.

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Mr. J. N. Golding jr. who has been connected with the job printing department of PROGRESS for some years, has accepted a position in the wholesale establishment of Messrs J. & A. McMillan and will push the interests of that old and well known house throughout the provinces. Mr. Golding made many friends while with PROGRESS and the best wishes of his associates follow him to his more responsible and lucrative position.

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WINDSOR.

[PROGRESSE is for sale in Windsor at the store of F. W. Dakin.]
MAR. 2.—Mrs. M. A. Curry and child of Halifax were in town last week the guests of Mrs. Wm. Curry "Curry's Corner."

Miss Teck Shand of Halifax is visiting her cousin Miss Maggie Bosance, King street.
Mr. Chas. Hobart of Halifax was in Windsor for a day or so last week.

Miss Fowler who has been visiting her friend Miss Madeline Black returned to St. John on Monday.

Miss Cunningham of Antigonish is visiting Mrs. John W. Blanchard.

The snow shoe club was entertained last Thursday at "Fairfield" by Miss Alice Wiggins and Miss George Wilson. After tramping about an hour and a half they proceeded to "Fairfield" where supper and a little dancing were indulged in. Among those who went were, Miss Wiggins, Miss Wilson, Miss Lyvson, Miss Paulin, Misses Black, Miss Dexter, Liverpool, Miss Nora Blanchard, Miss Fowler, St. John, Miss Toom, Miss Kinnear, Misses Pratt, Miss Bosance, and Messrs. Tremaine, Archibald, Owen Smith, Partridge, Arthur Lawson, W. R. Smith, Armstrong, Webster, Paul Dimock, Arthur Blanchard, Vernon Eville, Demille, R. S. R. and others.

Mr. John Keith Jr., was in Halifax last week.

Mr. Paulin and Miss Paulin were in Halifax on Thursday for "Rip Van Winkle."

Mrs. Forsyth and Mr. Charlie were in Halifax over Sunday attending the funeral of the late Miss Forsyth whose death took place suddenly last week.

Mr. C. E. W. Dodwell of Halifax was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Jamieson has returned from spending a week in Halifax.

Miss Jean Smith is visiting her friend Miss Stairs in Halifax.

Miss Louise Blanchard is spending a week in Annapolis with her sister Mrs. Conlon White.

Mr. J. W. Curry was in the city on Friday.

Mr. Geo. D. Geldert has gone on a business trip to Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. M. A. Shaw of Yarmouth spent a few days with his parents in Windsor last week.

Miss Keith has returned from a visit to her sister Mrs. A. W. Redden Halifax.

Mr. W. H. Rosch is visiting Boston and Montreal in the interests of his business.

Dr. Young was in town from Wolfville last week.

Miss May Pratt has returned to Wolfville after spending some time with her sister Mrs. Geo. Wilcox.

A very pleasant party the first given by Dr. and Miss Haley in their new house took place on Tuesday evening. As there has been so little going on in the way of social gaiety for the young people this was all the more appreciated. The dresses worn by the ladies were almost all new among the prettiest were: Miss Haley, yellow brocade, Miss Nellie Paulin, white silk trimmed with jet, and ribbon lovely white roses.

Miss Alice Lawson, white satin and chiffon car-

petals, Miss Ball, crimson silk and jet.

Miss Pratt, black silk and jet, with violets.

Miss May Doran, pink crepon, silk sleeves.

Miss Dexter, white cashmere trimmed with pale blue.

Miss Bossever, pale green crepon, red roses.

Miss George Wilson, yellow satin trimmed with lace.

Miss Nora Black, pretty figured muslin.

Miss Thome, mauve crepon trimmed with chiffon.

Miss Nora Blanchard, pale green dressen muslin.

Miss Kathleen Black, muslin gown trimmed with lace.

Miss George Ouseley, pale pink silk.

The gentlemen were, Messrs. Archibald, Lynde, Cox, Bowman, Leslie, M. Leslie, Partridge, Zuck-

er, W. R. Smith, Owen Smith, Barnhill, Darle,

Chalmers, Gurney, Arthur Blanchard, Webster,

Phil Dimock, John Dimock, Colin Locke, Sangster,

Ouseley, Rosier.

NEW GLASGOW.

[PROGRESSE is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.]

MAR. 3.—The children's fancy dress carnival at the rink on Friday evening was well attended by both skaters and spectators. About seventy children in gay costume skated to the good music of the Citizens' band. Miss Nina Harley as "Norwegian Princess" and Master Isaac Bell as "Robin Hood" won the prizes.

Miss Joseph Eastwood dressed in black and yellow with large striped wings very well represented a "Butterfly" Miss Kitty McGregor as "Fairy of the Moor" wore a pretty dress of scarlet and white trimmed with ivy leaves. Other good costumes were worn by Miss Dot McGregor as "Hook and Ladder" Miss Elliott Miller "Sing a Song of Sixpence," Master Fred Grant as "Little Lord Fauntleroy," Misses Mason and Forber, Egyptian Princesses; Eva McKenzie, Stars and Stripes; Annie Fraser, Flower Girl; Lisa Graham, Canada; Hannah Matheson, Paper Doll; Rena Kennedy, Red Riding Hood; Jet Roy, Night; Carrie Fraser, Grandma; Nell McGillivray, Fair Lady; Beattie McGillivray, Widow McSpittal; Pemie McGregor, Girl of the Period; Kathleen Grant, Shepherdess; Emily Mason, Sweet Marie; Della Olding, Mirth; Minnie Olding, Little Lord Fauntleroy; Stanch McKinnon, Hebrew Maid; Muriel McCurdy, Bloncos; Fanny Roy, Kite; Dolly McKay, Fairy; Kenneth McKinnon, A. B. C; Henry Ritchie, Sailor; Pearl Fraser, Swiss Peasant; Lisa McLennan, Fish Wife; Allister Fraser, The Yellow Kid; Bernice Green, Clown; Dora and Daisy Gray, Sailor Girls; Beattie Chislow, Flower Girl.

Miss Ella Bowman is visiting Miss Thompson Elmsdale, Hants Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Eastwood were "At Home" to a large number of friends on Friday evening. Music and games were enjoyed and a dainty supper served. Those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Jenkinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. McColl, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John John Underwood, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. McCallan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGregor, Mrs. J. D. McGregor, Misses J. McColl, A. Graham, Annie McKay, Chas. McKay, Eva Grant, S. McIntosh, E. Cameron (Winnipeg) Miss Anna McGregor, Miss Steele, Miss McKay, M. D., Miss Ada Fraser, Miss Jean Fraser, Messrs. Solomon, Simpson, McIntosh, Patterson, Jackson, J. Grant, Bowley, Rev. Mr. McGlashan, Dr. H. H. McKay.

The Misses Gray entertained a number of friends at their home "Riverside Villa" on Monday evening. Dancing was the chief amusement. Those present were:—Misses Addie and Freddie Bent, Jessie Douglas, Beattie McDougall, Jessie W. Fraser, James Hartley, Mrs. T. G. Fraser, Mrs. Falls.

Messrs. Russell Fraser, Jack Grant, G. Chislow, George Fraser, Stanley Fraser, Wm. Jackson, Ed. McDonald, C. Crockett, F. Scott, C. Gray, Gordon Graham.

Mr. Russell Fraser who has been spending the past summer and winter with relatives here left on Tuesday for Providence R. I.

Miss Beattie G. Fraser is seriously ill.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron were at home to a number of friends on Monday evening.



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Rev. Dr. Black of Halifax, lectured to a large audience in St. James church hall on Tuesday evening, subject "American Humor and Humors."

Rev. Mr. Foster of Pine Hill college will preach in new St. Andrews church on Sunday next.

Two clubs of curlers went to Sydney on Tuesday to play Sydney and North Sydney curlers.

Miss Douglas of Hartown is the guest of Miss Mina McKay.

Dr. Keith entertained a number of gentlemen friends from a Trenton with music and oyster supper on Friday evening.

Rev. W. M. C. Thompson of Durham has accepted the call to New St. Andrew's church, and will be inducted on Monday evening the fifteenth inst.

AMHERST.

[PROGRESSE is for sale at Amherst by W. P. Smith & Co.]

MAR. 3.—Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Dickey gave a progressive euchre party on Thursday evening in honor of their guest Miss May Toward of Halifax. Mrs. Harvey Pipe and Mr. Main were the fortunate winners of the first prizes, Mrs. D. W. Douglas, and Mr. D. W. Robb winning the second. Some of the gu sts were Mr. D. W. Douglas, and Mrs. D. W. Douglas, Mr. H. Pipe, and Mrs. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Douglas, Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Miss Main, Miss E. R. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Miss Main, Miss Laura Johnston, Miss Lowerson, Miss Palmer, Miss Nellie Chapman, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Borden, Mr. Main, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Parry and Mr. Moore.

On Monday of last week Mrs. Dickey was at home to a number of her lady friends for five o'clock tea. Among the guests were, Mrs. D. W. Douglas, Mrs. Harvey Pipe, Mrs. Shop, Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Mrs. D. T. Chapman, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. G. G. Bird, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Hawson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. H. J. Logan, Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Mrs. D. W. Robb, and Mrs. R. Lowerson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dunlop entertained a number of their friends very pleasantly on Friday evening, whilst being the amusement followed by a very dainty supper.

On Tuesday evening the Misses Pipes gave a dance to a number of their young friends. Hawthorne House is an ideal place for a dance and their spacious parlours were well filled with guests, and a delightful evening was spent.

The paper fair held in the Parish hall on Tuesday evening resulted very satisfactorily to the teachers of Christ church S. S., who managed the affair. The proceeds amounting to about forty five dollars. The different tables were in charge of Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Fullerton and the Misses Munro, and the display of paper novelties was exceptionally pretty.

On Friday evening of this week Mr. C. R. Smith will deliver a very interesting lecture, Three Cities, in the Parish hall.

Miss Harris who has been visiting at the Rectory left on Tuesday morning for her home in Annapolis.

Miss Maggie Harris accompanied her niece to the regret of her large number of friends made during her long stay in Amherst.

Miss Nellie Palmer of Dorchester was the guest of her friend Miss Ethel Lowerson last week.

Miss Nellie Carter came home on Saturday from a pleasant visit to her cousin Miss O'dell in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Chapman have gone on a visit to Toronto and other Canadian cities.

Mr. C. L. Benedict went to Boston last week to attend the bicycle show now being held in that city.

Miss Hewson of Mt. Allison, was the guest of her brother Mr. E. H. Hawson and Mrs. Hawson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dawson returned from their wedding trip on Monday and are going to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davison, where the bride will next week receive her visitors.

Mrs. N. Hill Nesbitt returned to Moncton on Saturday after a short visit to Mrs. A. D. Ross.

Mr. L. A. Moore of Charlottetown was among our visitors last week, he was en route for Roseland B. C., where he has a position as engineer.

Mr. Hial Purdy came home this week from Halifax where he has been attending Dalhousie college.

Rev. E. Williams of Falmouth, preached at both services in the Methodist church on Sunday.

ST. GEORGE.

MAR. 3.—Miss Prescott of Fennfield has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Lodge for the past week.

Mrs. John Gibson of Maryville has been spending a short time with her sister Mrs. Moses Parks.

The many friends of Mr. Edwin Russell are sorry to hear of his severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clark, St. John, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henney are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGowan spent Sunday in St. Andrews.

Mrs. Gillespie of Fennfield is visiting her daughter Mrs. James McKay.

The division 8, of T. from Fennfield paid a fraternal visit to Red Granite division on Saturday evening. The visit "Dot the Miner's Daughter" was given for the entertainment of the visitors. The characters were finely taken by Mr. and Mrs. C. McAdam, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvey, Mr. Boile, Miss M. C. McKay, Miss Nellie Murray, Mr. Will Seely, Mr. E. McGirr, Mr. S. McAdam, and Mr. F. Gamble. After the play luncheon was served. A most pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

Miss Stenson Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy from St. Andrews spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Nan McVicar who accompanied her father Mr. Peter McVicar from St. John's on Friday returned to her home in Boston on Monday afternoon.

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