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STREET PAVING AND THE BRIDGE.

The housewife who is properly ashamed of her carpets can scarcely be expected to grow enthusiastic over the prospect of buying a new one. If she knows that her floor coverings are a disgrace to her house and if she is ashamed to let visitors see them, if she worries over the continued outlay in renovating to maintain the ever present appearance of dirt, it is natural to suppose that her principal ambition will be to secure such new rugs and oil-cloths as may be within reach of her purse and that she will, while improving the appearance of her home, reduce the cost of house-keeping. The fact that by buying a cleaner even at a very heavy initial outlay, she can save in the weekly amount paid for help and coal, and the fact that a considerable proportion of the ordinary work of house-keeping, but the wise housekeeper looks first to the necessities.

St. John is in very much the same position. Its streets are poorly made and are a source of endless outlay, they are creditable in appearance to a city of this size, and although in past years many suggestions have been put forward with a view to bringing about some improvement it has become more and more apparent that the only effectual remedy lies in a complete change of policy. We must have new streets, or rather pavements, and the only way this can be brought about is by the introduction of an altogether different policy from that which has been pursued in the past. Patching will not do, and some form of permanent pavement must be adopted and provided according to the plan which proves most satisfactory from every point of view.

Until the city's pavements are removed, the harbor bridge should not be made an important question of the day. There are scores of arguments in favor of the bridge project, for everyone is agreed that it is a necessity, that it will eventually prove more economical than the obsolete ferry system now in operation, and that it would mean a great saving to individual merchants and shippers. But first there has been talk of late of a plebiscite on the bridge proposal. A plebiscite is a very dangerous thing. Promoters of any scheme can, by putting forward their strongest arguments, and by active canvases, often manage to catch a majority vote in their favor, which is in reality not the real feeling of the people. Too often on such matters electors regard the plebiscite as an inquiry whether or not they are favorable to the undertaking involved, but not, as it is frequently interpreted, as a declaration that the work must be proceeded with at once. The chances are that if a vote were taken tomorrow nine out of every ten people would declare in favor of the bridge without considering ways and means. If it is the desire to ascertain whether or not St. John people want a bridge there is no need of a plebiscite as public opinion is sufficiently well marked already. But it costs more than sentiment to build a bridge, and St. John should not undertake any such work until it has first provided those things which are of more pressing necessity and concerning which more definite information is available.

Mr. F. W. Holt has presented to the Harbor committee a preliminary report on the probable cost of a bridge costing \$750,000, as he estimates, it would be nearer a million and a half. Mr. Holt in one item for instance, bases the land damage at twenty-five cents a foot, and for property on the harbor front this is obviously a low valuation. If his other calculations vary so much from what will be found to be the real cost, the outlay on the bridge would be simply enormous. St. John people agree that the bridge is needed, but first of all they want better streets, and until the paving proposition is settled, the bridge can well afford to wait.

MONTREAL'S BURDEN.

Montreal is in the peculiar position of being governed by aldermen of whom eight or nine have been condemned by a court of investigation. It was anticipated that following Judge Cannon's report of his inquiry into the alleged mal-administration of Montreal's affairs, some action would be taken by the Attorney General's department against those characterized by Judge Cannon as guilty of misuse of funds. In Quebec, as in some other provinces, the Attorney General is also the premier, and it is stated that while Mr. Gouin, as ad-

ministrator of the law is prepared to take the initiative in prosecuting those named in the report he is, like Pooh-Bah, in his position as premier, reticent about taking any steps which might interfere with his political success. And there is no doubt that in spite of their condemnation by Judge Cannon, these aldermen have still many friends among a certain element in Montreal. It was expected too that the citizens' committee which took a foremost part in promoting the agitation against the present administration would get after the alleged grafters and at least have them removed from office. So far nothing has been done, and in explanation of this failure the assertion has been made that several of those who form the executive of the Citizens' Association are themselves anxious for civic honors and are backward in doing anything which may interfere with their chances for preferment. Meanwhile the nine alleged grafters continue to sit as members of the council, conduct civic business according to their usual methods and without any apparent intention of resigning as has been suggested to them as a proper course.

ST. JOHN IS GOING AHEAD.

¶ The Sun and Star want to help it grow.

¶ Do you?

¶ Will you lend a hand for a boost?

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¶ Something that will boil the gospel of go-ahead down to half a dozen words in a sentence that will hit home like a hammer blow.

¶ Something that the papers can use for a headline or business men on a letter head.

¶ If you can think of a good slogan, send it in.

¶ The Sun and Star will pay \$10 for the best slogan, and \$5 for the next best.

¶ Scores have already been received—all of them good. Send more.

ALL UNITE TO FIGHT PLAGUE

Rev. J. Hunter Boyd Chief Speaker at Big Gathering Last Night.

The manner in which the work for the prevention of tuberculosis is interesting all classes of the public appears in the part which various public organizations of a practical nature are giving their support to the efforts of the City and County Association in their efforts to acquaint the public thoroughly with the nature of the disease, and the methods of concerted effort for its wiping out.

The first meeting was held last evening of a series which will continue for several weeks. Those which follow will be held under the patronage of labor, religious, professional, and brotherhood organizations. This evening's meeting will be held in the rooms of the Master Painters and Allied Building Trades Society, Market Building.

Last evening's meeting was in the Temperance Hall, Fairville. Rev. F. E. Bishop (Baptist) presided, and Rev. W. M. Townsend (Presbyterian) and Rev. Geo. Ross (Methodist) took part. Rev. J. Hunter Boyd, who was the lecturer, spoke of the improvement in its aspect of an agitation for general betterment. Workers of all kinds and all creeds would find that there was some chance to take a part in reducing the prevalence of the disease, and that in so doing they were remedying conditions which render other diseases possible.

Brief addresses were given by the chairman, Rev. Geo. Ross, and Mr. F. E. Bishop upon the movement as an aspect of practical Christianity. There was a large attendance in spite of the bitter cold, and a very real interest in the fight was displayed.

KILLING TWO BIRDS.

"Why don't you shave yourself?" "What for?" "To save time." "Save it nothing. I don't have to take the sporting extra now in order to take an intelligent part in everyday conversation."

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

In Chicago a woman's club has recently started a splendid new institution—a theatrical censorship.

The club plans to get as many clubs as possible to unite with it, and in boycotting any play of which the association does not approve. If this scheme is well carried through I am ready to assert that Chicago will become noted as the city of clean plays.

The best way to reach most theatrical managers' consciences is through their pocketbooks.

Make the immoral plays unpopular and you don't have to fight them by law.

The theatrical managers want to give the public what the public wants. They are studying and working for that all the time, just as hard as the owner of the big department store is studying to put the things that will sell on his counters.

It is not because they are fond of immoral situations and shady jokes that the theatrical managers put them on the stage. It is because they know there is a large enough public willing to pay to see and hear such things to make them financially worth while.

Let me tell you of a plan a certain large vaudeville house has recently made and you will see the great power the women of a community have.

"The women and children make the best paying audience," the manager of this house said to me, "and we are going to run the show henceforth to suit them. It is hard for us who are in the business to tell just what they like and don't like, so we are going to hire a woman—a refined, middle class representative woman—to attend the first performances each week and tell us what would better be cut out. And we are going to cut out what she tells us to."

It's the same with all managers as it was with this one. When they decide that they can make more money by clean, wholesome shows, that is the kind they will put on the stage and that is the decision I think the women's clubs in any city could force the theatrical managers of that city to come to.

The boycott would have to be wielded by a large body to be of any value, of course. No one club could do it itself, but one club could start it—as this one in Chicago has—and invite all the women's clubs in the city to join it—as this one has.

I don't mean merely the literary women's clubs, but clubs of all kinds, social, church, settlement, or any other variety. The members of these clubs would promise not to go themselves and to try to influence all their friends not to go to any play censored by the association.

A committee would be elected to act as the official censors and go to all the first nights.

These women would have to be women of great breadth of mind, and as far as possible removed from prudishness so that they would not abuse their authority.

Such a scheme would need great organizing and executive ability behind it, but I think it could be carried through and I would like to see it carried out within bounds of reason in every city in the United States.

Coady's Big Sale of Boots and Shoes Is Now On

Our Big Going Out of Business Sale is now in full swing. Every pair of shoes in the establishment is marked at a price that will soon make them change owners. The very cold weather existing calls for heavy warm winter footwear and for the next few days we shall give special attention to that class of goods. Today we mention just a few of the bargains being offered.

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BAPTIST HOME MISSION

EXECUTIVE MEETS

Kings, Kings County, and Bayside, Westmorland County, Glaceau, Grants.

Grants to a couple of Home Mission stations were allowed, and two applications were deferred at the monthly meeting of the Baptist Home Mission executive which was held in the rooms of the Foreign Mission Board yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. D. Hutchinson presided.

The application from Bayside, Westmorland Co. station which is at present served by Mr. Tingley, an Ardena college divinity student, was favorably received, and a grant of \$100 was allowed. Kingston, Kings Co., was also given \$150. Action on the application from Bolestown, North Co., and Upper Gasquetown were deferred until a later meeting.

Dr. Phillips, the special evangelist of the Board was present at the meeting and reported on recent visits to St. Stephen and Andover where he had met with discouraging success. He next goes to Newcastle, N.B., where he will lend his aid to special evangelistic services which are to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Cousins, pastor of the Newcastle church. He will probably spend two or three weeks' time.

DRESSMAKERS CONFESS

SMUGGLING CONSPIRACY

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Theresa Maloney, Elizabeth B. Dismore, and others in a fashionable dress-making establishment, pleaded guilty in the United States Circuit Court today to a charge of participation in the alleged conspiracy of smuggling costly and dress goods into this country in "steepers" trunks. The maximum penalty is two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

There are twenty-seven other dressmakers under indictment and charged that the Mahoney and Dismore women have agreed to tell the government the inside story of the smuggling scheme in view of their sentences being suspended until July.

TOSSING IN A BLANKET.

Tossing in the blankets is a very old sport or punishment. "Blanketing" Ben Jonson called it, and in Hollinshed (1577) we find a denunciation of "tossing, phlegm, blanketing and such other filthy and dishonorable exercises." The French have a special verb "berner" for it, "berne" being the name given to the sheet or blanket used for the Moorish punishment, in which four men hold the victim by his ankles and wrists and send him as high as they can—presumably by no blanket to catch him.

HOUSEHOLD : HINTS

Any piece of woolen wrung out in grease makes a good duster. French chalk will remove practically all grease spots from dress material. Never use soap on window panes. Use either alcohol or ammonia to make them shine. Cream cheese, mixed with canned corns or jelly cranberries, makes a good sandwich filling. Coal soot is easily removed from tin articles or porcelain if they are first coated with kerosene. To keep insects away, wipe the floors of closets after they are scrubbed with gasoline or kerosene. To remove ink stains from the hands, rub the juice of ripe tomatoes over them and rinse in warm water. The flavor of a cup of cocoa is often made more delicate if the least bit of vanilla is placed in it. If you cannot get into the deep recesses of a refrigerator with a scrub brush, try using a small, stiff paint brush. Instead of sewing hangers to towels, make small buttonholes. They will last as long as the towel, and can't wear off. The darkest stain on a mirror or window pane can generally be rubbed by rubbing with a flannel wet in spirits of camphor. To remove rust from kettles, fill them with hay, packed tightly, fill in with boiling water, and let boil for several hours. If your corn does not pop well, it will be that it is too old. Soak it in cold water for 15 minutes, drain and try again.

DEATHS

BURNS.—At Milford, on January 2nd, John Burns, in the 70th year of his age, leaving a wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral on Friday, at 1:30 a. m., from his late residence to St. Rose's church, Requiem high mass at 8 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

(Campbell papers please copy) LAKE.—In this city, on the 4th inst., Minnie (Aminah), eldest daughter of Stephen and Jennie Lake, in the 31st year of her age, leaving father and mother, brother and sister to mourn. Funeral on Thursday at 2:30, from her father's residence, No. 112 Rockland Road.

BELLY.—Suddenly, in this city, on the 4th inst., Robert Addison Belyea, in the 73rd year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and five daughters. Funeral from his late residence, 57 King street, West, on Thursday, at 2:30. Service at 2 o'clock.

MARSHALL.—In this city, on the 5th inst., William, son of Leonard and Jessie Marshall, aged 6 years and 3 months.

Funeral from his father's residence, 193 Queen St., Friday, Jan. 7th, Service at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

McLEOD.—At her late residence, Fairville, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Mary, wife of John McLeod, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral on Friday, at 2 p. m. Friends invited to attend.

The Lighter Side of Life

A UNIVERSITY OPINION.

Copenhagen says: "Alack! When the gentle Cook came back We believed him on the square, Thought he had been surely 'there'—Now his records make us think Something's on the risky-dink."

THE YOUNG IDEA.

"Who made that man, mamma?" asked a child on a Broadway car, pointing to a hot sport opposite.

"Hush, my child," answered the mother, "why, Providence, of course."

"Oh!" said the open mouthed youngster, "and what for?"

Then the sport changed cars.

YARN FETCHED A QUARTER.

(Boston Transcript.) Sad-eyed party—Say, boss, won't you give me a few cent rowels gettin' my wife into the Old Lady's Home? Householder (dubiously)—Why doesn't your wife come here herself? Sad-eyed party—Well, you see, boss, she's a woman an' you kin hardly expect her to go around admittin' she is old enough for that.

WHERE SCIENCE FAILS.

Should was deep in mathematics. "My dear, announced his wife, 'I want to give Mary Smith a present."

COOL.

Diner (disgusted)—See here! Everything on this table is stone cold. Waiter—Try the pepper and tabasco, sir.—Boston Transcript.

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY!

"Whiskey always goes to my head." "There's lots of room."

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Paris novelties include muffs of puff velvet, banded with fur. There are usually three bands of fur and five of velvet.

Satin chasmeaux remains the favorite fabric for ball and dinner gowns, and, in fact, for evening gowns of all descriptions.

The dominant note in winter waists is harmony of color—harmony with the exact shade of the skirt and coat that go with it.

For evening wear satins of more or less luster are holding on tenaciously and may go through the winter as a favorite material.

Very pretty with coats and colored blouses is the deep cut of linen with embroidery buttonholes and scalloped lace frill.

Wrapped, swathed and draped effects, with huge flat or flapping bows are at present the fad in millinery, and only broad ribbons can be used.

All silk goods of the "cashmere" finish class are in excellent demand for the voluminous wraps and evening coats now in the height of fashion.

Petticoats for the winter are shown in the usual lines of cotton tulle and satins and are close copies in design and appearance of silk lines.

A satin coat with numerous short loops and ends, tied close at the base of the white collar, adds a touch of color that is fashionable in neckwear.

Satins and peau de cygne are in steady demand for petticoats and mensurables are offered to a limited extent, but are particularly popular.

Boleros and garterettes of jet, as well as of net embroidered in metallic designs are among the dressiest accessories for the handsome evening gown.

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CAKE KNIVES

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GIRLS' EMPIRE DRESS WITH GUMPEE.

Paris Pattern No. 157. All Seams Allowed.

Delightfully picturesque is the dress here shown, which as presented in the front view is made of tan lisle cloth, the Empire body being braided with dark brown and having garniture of gilt buttons, and the gumpee is made of tucked ecru batiste. The gumpee, like the dress, is back closing, and is provided with wrist-length sleeves which show below the elbow sleeves of the dress. The design is one that can be charmingly developed in combinations of materials as in the present instance or may be made of one throughout. Materials which can be used to advantage for a dress of this kind are China silk, pongee, challis, cashmere, nun's veiling, French flannel, lawn, chambray, linen, gingham or French percale. The pattern is cut in four sizes, from 8 to 12 years. For a girl of 10 years the dress requires 3-1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide. The gumpee requires 13-1/2 yards 38 inches.

Price of Pattern, 10 cents.

AGNES BOOTH IS DEAD—FAMOUS DECADES AGO.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Agnes Booth, the famous actress of two decades ago, wife of John B. Schofield, manager of the Tremont Theatre, Boston, died at her home, in Brookline, today, aged 61 years.

Agnes Booth reached the zenith of her career shortly after the end of the civil war, playing with Edwin Forrest in a series of important roles, including those of Desdemona and Ophelia. In 1867 she married Julius Brutus Booth, Jr., and two years after his death, in 1869, wed the man who survives her.

As late as 1897 she was a favorite in "The Sporting Duchess" and other pieces.

The man who promises his wife he will never marry again may, after all, be merely a coward.