

PALATIAL RESIDENCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT HATLEY PARK

Hon. James Dunsmuir Will Have Delightful Country Home on the Property Purchased by Him Overlooking Esquimalt Harbor—
The Building Will Occupy a Commanding Position in Midst of Estate.

The new residence of the lieutenant-governor, the Honorable James Dunsmuir, which is now in course of erection on the Hatley park estate, which was purchased by the lieutenant-governor from the Stuart estate for the purpose of putting it to the use for which it is now being prepared, bids fair to be when completed one of the finest properties in Canada for a country residence. The natural advantages of the acreage on which the residence is being erected are perhaps unsurpassed anywhere in the world, and it can be safely said that a more delightful location for a summer residence cannot be found. The residence which is planned to occupy the centre of the estate will when completed be equal in its structural design and interior decorations lying between them and the house.

It is the intention of the lieutenant-governor to proceed slowly with the laying out of the grounds immediately surrounding the residence, but the portion intervening between the residence and the sea is to be completed quickly so as to perfect the view in that direction. Here terraces will be constructed with stone balustrades. There will be three in number of equal width, the last one being bordered by the lagoon shore.

The first and highest of the terraces will have constructed upon it a pavilion at the west end, from which will be obtained perhaps the grandest view of all this point being the highest in the immediate neighborhood of the house. The second terrace will be reached from the

small rooms of lesser importance contained in the main building. The residence will comprise three stories and a basement, and the whole will be supplemented with a square tower fifty feet square in which will be situated a suite of rooms which are designed to be occupied as bedrooms. Entrance will be obtained on the front from a handsome porte cochere and the governor's private entrance will be situated at the west end of the building and will lead straight into a hallway connecting with the smoking and billiard rooms.

Altogether there have been designed three entrances on the front of the building, and there will on the side overlooking the lagoon and the sea be two other entrances, which have been arranged to lead out from the drawing-room.

On the main floor on the west wing will be located the billiard and writing rooms. These will be on the north side of the house.

The building will be composed entirely of stone for the outer walls, while the basement walls will be of concrete underground and of granite above. Random rubble granite is to be used for this purpose, and it will be obtained mostly on the estate. Above the basement the window trimmings will be of Salsburg Island sandstone rock faced. Slate will be used for the roof.

For the interior decorations different styles of wall panelling will be introduced and woods from all parts of the world will be used in the portion of the work. The main halls and the corridors will be finished in antique quartered oak, and the same material used for the dining-room walls. In the drawing-room panelling will also be used but this is to be finished in white enamel. The main stairs will be built of oak in their entirety. There will be two flights and they will probably take an Elizabethan design. This, however, has not as yet been definitely decided, but it is intended that they shall be very fine in design and very rich in carving. Between the two flights there will be a gallery sufficiently large for an organ. The living room is to be panelled in

mahogany eight feet high, and to have a massive beam ceiling and mantle piece also of the same wood. The smoking room has been set aside for special attention, the wood for the walls of which is to be brought from the Fiji Islands and is known as Yaka.

The billiard room has been planned for a Dutch room, and will be lined with Clayburn bricks of selected colors to eight feet. The ceiling will be of finished oak and dark in color. The room is lighted from the north by a large bay window.

The ceiling in the corridors and drawing-room will be richly decorated with plaster from special designs, and the floors are to be laid of oak and Australian mahogany. The woodwork in the bedrooms is chiefly of white enamel. For the bathrooms there are to

of Government St., who is a native son of Canada and a well-known architect both here and abroad. He said yesterday that any feature of the new building touching the arts will be of special design and in keeping with the surroundings and conditions of a beautiful country house.

The dimensions of the rooms are: Drawing-room, thirty by forty-two feet; dining-room, twenty by thirty feet; living-room, twenty by thirty feet; smoking-room, nineteen by twenty-four feet; billiard-room, twenty by twenty-eight feet six inches.

On the second floor are to be bedrooms, the best suite of which consists of a bedroom, boudoir, dressing and bath rooms. The measurements are twenty by fourteen feet, with a large bay window overlooking the sea, boudoir eleven by sixteen feet, dressing room the same size and bathroom nine by twelve feet. The other bedrooms are built in like proportions, according to their importance and fitted with service electrical plant, which is to be installed, from which wires will lead to all parts of the house and grounds.

The water supply will either be obtained from the celebrated naval springs or direct from the Esquimalt water supply. This matter has not as yet been decided.

The heating will be done throughout the house by the hot water system. The house itself will cover an area of two hundred feet by eighty-six feet.

The grounds, which altogether comprise some two hundred and forty acres are to be fenced at once and the laying of golf links proceeded with. A portion of the woodland will be cleared for this

purpose. Tennis courts of grass will be on the east of the house and close to the trees affording shelter. Boat houses and bath houses will be erected on the lagoon shore and a tea pavilion erected at a point where the Stuart monument now stands. At the west end will be the stables and automobile garage.

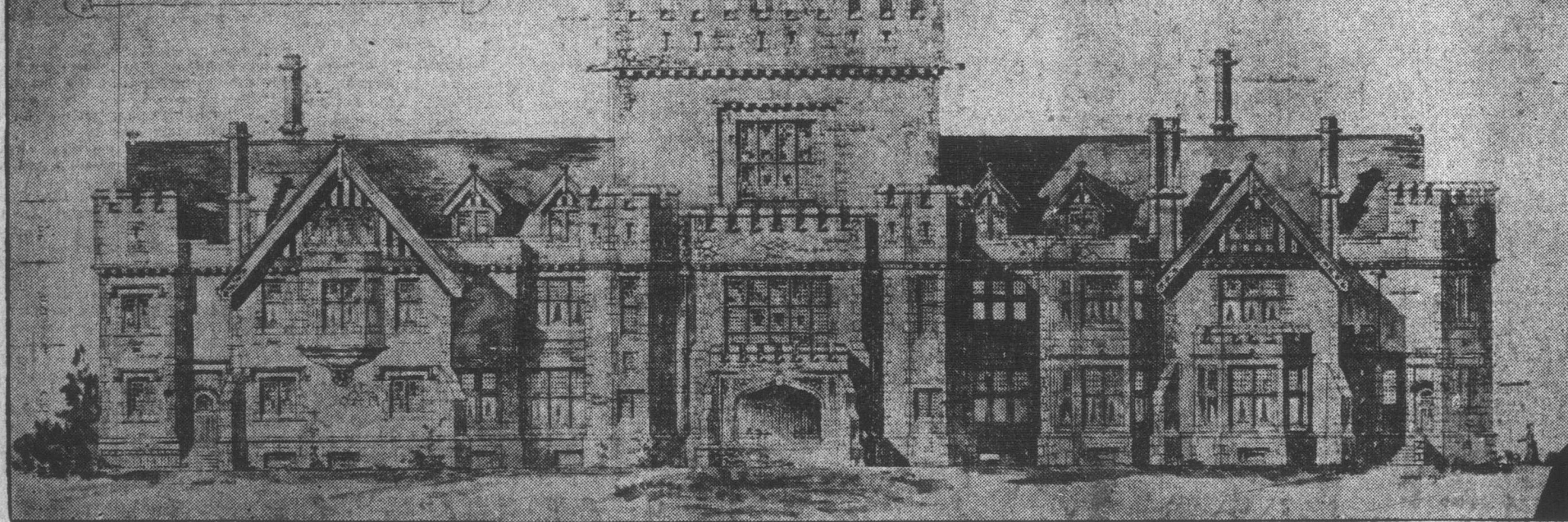
The cleared space of the estate provides sufficient area for the establishment of a model dairy farm and fishing can be had at the mouth of the lagoon, while grouse and pheasant shooting are found in the forest.

The whole when completed will make one of the finest residences on the coast and in the west.

The contract for the building has been let in one contract to Thomas Catterall, who already has the foundations completed, and will have the basement finished in about two weeks' time. At the present time there are about one hundred men employed on the work. Mr. Catterall says that the present force will shortly be augmented to double the present size. The workmen there at present are located in tents and bunk-houses, while there is a restaurant run by an independent caterer. The park presents a busy scene at the present time, great quantities of cement, tons of stone, bricks, steel, lumber and other building materials being shipped in by train, scows and teams. The site will grow busier as the work proceeds and for a year at least the glories of the scene will be entirely in the hands of the contractor and his men.

The roads of bridges leading to the residences are greatly in need of repair. A wharf at the foot of Belmont avenue would be of inestimable advantage. At present when the tide is in the lagoon it is impossible to enter, hence the need of a wharf as indicated.

RENDING PHOTOGRAPHY
HATLEY PARK, VICTORIA, B.C.
FOR THE HON. JAMES DUNSMUIR



FRONT ELEVATION OF HON. J. DUNSMUIR'S COUNTRY RESIDENCE AT HATLEY PARK.

tions to the best houses of its size in Canada and the west coast.

The outlook from the rear frontage, which has been designed to overlook the sea, will serve to give one of the finest views obtainable and has been said to offer many of the beauties of nature that are to be obtained in the Mediterranean, Sydney harbor, and Rio de Janeiro.

From the south windows will be seen an extensive view of the straits, but closer at hand, after the eye leaves the white caps out at sea, will be seen the calm still waters of the clear lagoon, wherein the mountains are reflected even while the sea outside rages and tosses at its height. Nearer at hand again soft green terraces will slope from the windows to the lagoon shore and the whole will offer a scheme of harmony, the like of which will not be found in far seeking.

Other portions of the estate are to be left wooded. The great oaks lying between the sea and Colwood are to be left standing, and forty to fifty acres of fir forest which will also be left standing will act as shelter to the open

house by a stone stairway from the upper terrace, where double flights of steps are planned circling round a wide artificial lily pond centered by a fountain. The same plan of steps will make connections between the second and third terraces, but in this instance the lily pond and fountain will not be duplicated. In its place, however, will be laid out the croquet court, from which to the lagoon shore will be but a few yards. The total distance from the large bay window of the drawing-room to the lagoon shore will be about four hundred yards.

The style of architecture introduced in the building is fifteenth century domestic gothic, and was used as it was the choice of several styles by Mrs. Dunsmuir, who pronounced that the old gothic would be more in keeping with the natural beauties of the surroundings. The building will contain thirty-six main rooms besides which there are to be erected at a later date additional buildings which will serve as servants' quarters. These it is said will be built apart from the main structure. There will however be a large number of

There will also be another entrance, garden entrance to the terrace, which will lead to the long corridor and the servants' entrance will be arranged at the east end of the building.

French doors from the drawing-room make the garden drawing entrances. From the twelve-foot porte cochere entrance will be obtained into the vestibule, and thence into the main hall, which is to become a feature of the structure when completed. The main hall will be huge in its dimensions, measuring forty-two feet by thirty-five and will have a double staircase running on either side of it to the stories above, but will in no way interfere with the magnificence of the hall, which will remain opened clear up to the roof truss, where will be shown the beamed ceiling. The inside space has been allotted to twenty-four bedrooms, six bathrooms, closets, sewing, linen and strong rooms above the first story.

The main floor will be devoted to the drawing-room, dining-room, living-room, smoking-room, billiard-room and a servants' hall. There will also be a long corridor running almost the com-

plete length of the house and measuring one hundred and forty feet in length by twelve feet in width. This corridor will run east and west, and like the whole of the rooms on the first or ground floor be fourteen feet in height.

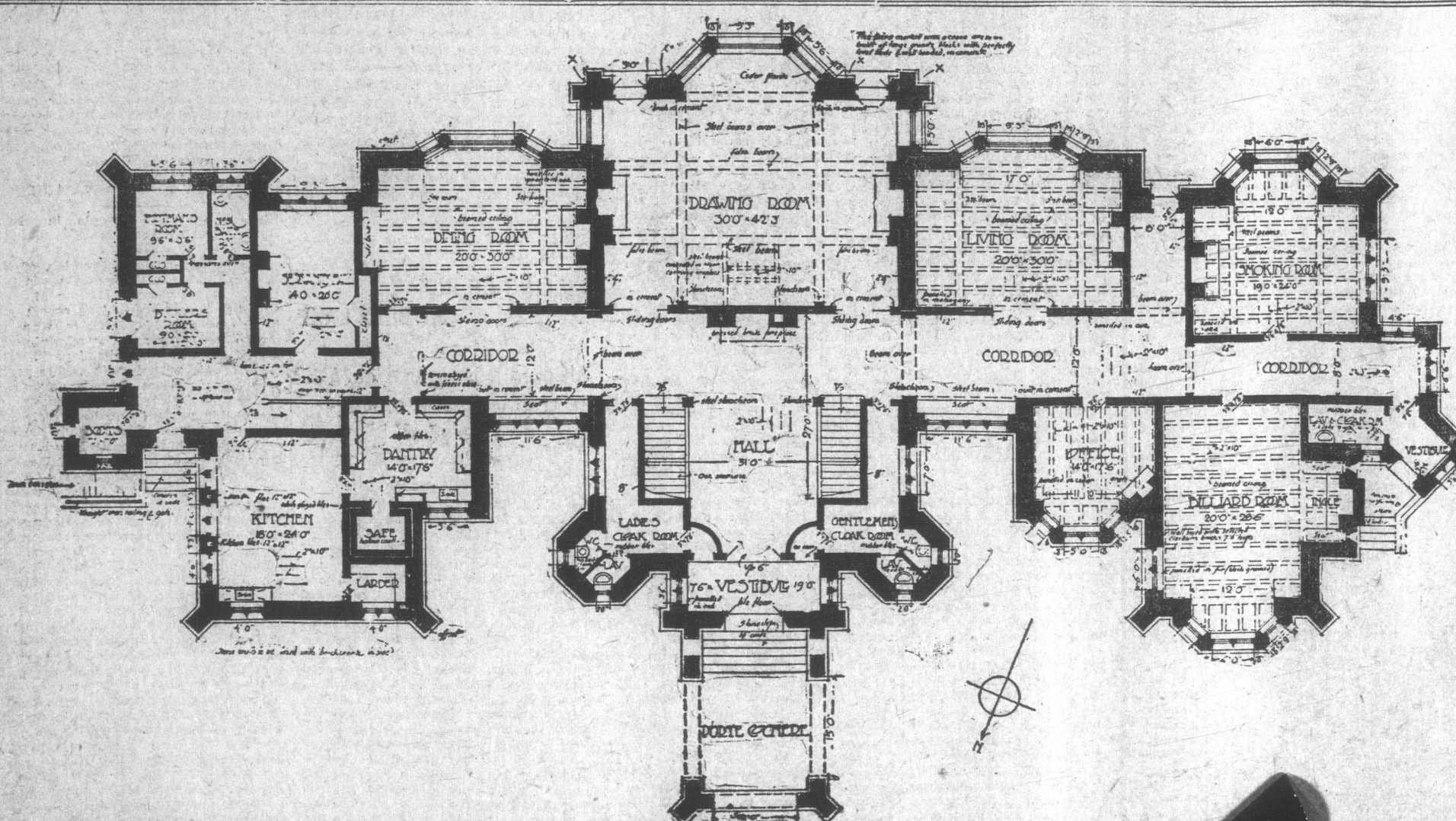
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provided the finest and latest of modern fittings. The walls will be tiled and floors laid in mosaic.

Of the building itself the main feature perhaps is the central tower which is fifty feet square and rises to a height of seventy feet, which, with its turret makes a total height for the building of eighty-one feet from the basement line. Two other features of the edifice are the octagonal turrets which flank the main entrance on either side. There are two smaller turrets also, one at the end of either wing. The cost of the building is in the close neighborhood of \$250,000, and it is thought the structure will be completed about April, 1909.

The window lights, where stained glass is to be used, will be obtained from England. The work is to be of the highest character and will be done from special designs by the Broomsgrove Guild, Worcester, who last year did the Canada gates at the Victoria memorial, and the gates at Buckingham palace for King Edward.

The main stairs will be lit with this glass and the corridor windows. The architect for the building is S. MacLure,



PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR OF THE RESIDENCE OF HON. J. DUNSMUIR.

The Times Nature Club

California Quail.

The California quail that are now well established here were imported in the early days, over forty years ago, by Major Gillingham a retired army officer who was a bird fancier and a lover of nature. Perhaps among your readers may be a few like your correspondent who know the facts and saw the quail, when in large cages they spent their first winter in this country before being released. The exact number of birds I have forgotten, but there were several cages about three feet square which were kept on shelves built under the trees. In a sheltered little cove near the well known picnic grounds at Kanaka, near Esquimalt, Major Gillingham had a neat little cottage and a garden with some choice small fruits in it. That, and his birds, kept him busy. The place was surrounded by trees and bushes, except the front of the cottage which faced the Straits of Fuca. My father, who like Rambler, used to take us children for long walks in the woods, on one occasion took us to see the quail, being acquainted with the major, who kindly explained many things of interest about the birds. He told us of his intention of releasing them when acclimated, which he did later on. That the experiment was a success, is evident. Shortly after that time, Major Gillingham went away, and the pretty little place soon became a wilderness. So that in a few years there was no trace left of house or garden—all gone except the little quail now in large numbers at home in the suburbs of Victoria.

NATURE STUDENT.

Migrating Birds.

Dear Nature Editor—You stated last week that the birds were no longer in flocks but had gone off in pairs in readiness for the nesting season. Last Monday I was out in the country and I saw two large flocks of juncos, the little black headed birds about which you wrote some time ago. How do you account for this?

RAMBLER.

[Very few of the juncos nest in the vicinity of Victoria although they are quite numerous during the winter and spring. Probably they go farther north to nest and have not yet started. Birds usually migrate in flocks.—Editor.]

Curly Lilies.

It is always a joy to the children of Victoria to find "the first lily." They are just beginning to bloom. Some call them dog-tooth violets with their pretty spotted leaves. Their scientific name is erythronium. The variety that is so common to us is a creamy white, with brown or yellow markings round the base of the petals. Up in the Kootenay country is a yellow variety but the leaves are not mottled as ours are here. A great deal has been said and written regarding the disappearance of these flowers, and it has been asked through the natural history society that in gathering them care should be exercised not to break off the leaves, as this kills the plant. The children have been very careful since as they all want to help preserve these flowers.

Victorians often call these flowers "our lilies." They do not grow in or near Vancouver, but in many of the islands in the Gulf they are found. There is a pink variety that grows near Comox, Vancouver Island, but I have not yet seen a specimen and believe they are scarce. It is possible a difference in the soil has affected them. Who knows of the pink erythronium?

NATURE STUDENT.

In some parts of the country the erythronium is known as the curly lily and that name seems very appropriate. Others call it the soldier's tongue. Large numbers of these flowers grow on Shell Island a short distance from Sidney, where they attain to a good size. I have seen a few of the pink shaded flowers in the Comox district.—Editor.]

Sisyrinchium.

There is a little reddish purple flower in bloom just now known as sisyrinchium grandiflorum. It seems to have no common name except bluebell or wild tulip, neither of which names seems very appropriate. It is a relative of the blue-eyed grass and is very pretty at this time of year. The leaves are grass like and the flowers are borne on slender stems that spring direct from the ground. Cannot someone suggest a suitable name for this pretty little

flower which is handicapped by the big name sisyrinchium?

Wild Cyclamen.

The flower known locally as the peacock, shooting star, prairie pointer, or wild cyclamen has the scientific name dodecatheon Hendersoni. It belongs to the primrose family. The roots are small tubers which form new plants. This flower as well as the sisyrinchium is a great favorite with the children at this time of year.

Learn the Names.

It seems rather a pity that so few of the children in the public schools learn the names of the flowers. Very few of the teachers seem to know them, and of course it takes some little effort to learn unless one is naturally interested. If the teachers met, say once a week, and compared notes it would not take long to learn about the common flowers.

Police and Natural History.

A few days ago one of the members of the Victoria Natural History Society rowed over to Esquimalt harbor to dig up an arbutus tree that he had spotted a long time before, and which he thought would make a valuable addition to the park trees. Taking a mattock with him he got the tree up with about sixty or seventy pounds of clay adhering to it.

Everything went well on the trip, the two ladies who accompanied him helping to row and making the time pass pleasantly. When, however, he arrived at the boat house the difficulty which presented itself was how should he get the tree over into the park? He did not wish to go to the expense of an express wagon so he decided to return after dark and wheel the tree over in a wheelbarrow.

Sharp at 10 p. m. he arrived on the scene and the tree was soon loaded into the one-wheel conveyance. Fearing that he might be breaking the law if he wheeled on the sidewalk he trudged along the middle of Humboldt street. He had not gone far, however, when he heard a gruff voice, "Hey there, what have you got in that wheelbarrow?"

"Only a tree" the trundler replied and continued on his way.

Again the gruff voice was heard, "Hey there, what are those figures approaching attired in blue with metal buttons."

"Oh it's you is it. I beg your pardon, sir. Good night," and the wheelbarrow trundled on up the middle of the street.

More Letters Wanted.

The editor of this department always welcomes letters or contributions from readers. Very few have told anything about their pets. Surely some young people keep rabbits or dogs or cats that they might tell about. No one has yet reported a bird's nest this year. Some of them should be building pretty soon.

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CARICATURE THE CZAR.

A German artist settled in St. Petersburg has been sentenced in Russia to fifteen years' penal servitude for caricaturing the Czar. The son of a Munich merchant, he studied with great distinction in Munich and Berlin. In St. Petersburg he joined the staff of a comic paper as caricaturist, and speedily won fame. Some time ago he was induced to caricature the Czar for a Nihilist paper. Later he drew a picture rendering the Russian government ridiculous. His parents have now received news that for drawing these pictures their son has been sent to the Siberian silver mines.

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