



Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim
As the swift years steal away.
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim
Lose fairness with every day.
But the still is queen and hath charms to
spare
Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful
hair.

Preserve Your Hair

and you preserve your youth.
"A woman is as old as she
looks," says the world. No
woman looks as old as she is
if her hair has preserved its
normal beauty. You can keep
hair from falling out, restoring
its normal color, or restore the
normal color to gray or faded
hair, by the use of

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Sailor Sharkey.

Wins in His Legal Battle With
Fitzsimmons

Corbett Signs Articles to Fight With
Fitzsimmons.

ATHLETICS.

SHARKEY WINS AGAIN.
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—The
Fitzsimmons-Sharkey case was con-
cluded yesterday. General Barnes,
counsel for the sailor, proved to dis-
miss the injunction on the ground that
there was no distinction between a
youth contest and a prize fight. Judge
Anderson held that boxing and fight-
ing were synonymous words. If the
men were boxing they were fighting.
It was elementary law, and if the
complaint was true the principals
might be indicted, and those who wit-
nessed the contest were liable to ar-
rest for misdemeanor. The super-
visor, he said, had no more right to li-
cense boxing contests than they had
to license a duel. The court ordered
the injunction dissolved and the com-
plaint stricken from the files. Fitz-
simmons went away very much crest-
fallen. Sharkey was not there. The
\$10,000 check is still in the possession
of the bank, where it will remain un-
til all doubt as to who owns it has
been dispelled.

CORBETT VS. FITZSIMMONS.

New York, Dec. 18.—James J. Corbett
signed articles of agreement yester-
day in Jersey City to fight Robert
Fitzsimmons for a glove fight to
finish under Marquis of Queensbury
rules, the contest to come off on

BOXING TONIGHT.

Jack Crawford, the champion mid-
dleweight of Canada, will appear in a
three-round contest with Alf Jenkins
at Lemmon's boxing academy tonight.
Crawford has a good record. His six-
round go with Joe Choyinski was de-
clared a draw; he outclassed Young
Griffin in a four rounder, and knock-
ed out Arthur Schram, of Hamilton, in
six rounds. Crawford has been match-
ed to box Shadow Maher, of Australia,
in Toronto shortly.

THE WHEEL.

STEARNS WON EVERYTHING.
One of the largest and most hotly
contested cycling contests of the
season was run at Terre Haute, Ind.,
recently, under the auspices of the
Wabash Cycling Club. E. C. Stearns
& Co. have received a telegram from
their Indiana representative, George
C. Russell, stating that in this con-
test "Stearns" bicycles won first,
third, fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth
places.

"JIM TOWN" BURNED.

And a Thousand People Are Without
Homes.

Sonora, Cal., Dec. 18.—The old min-
ing town of Jimtown, famous in
California literature as "Jintown,"
was almost completely destroyed by
fire yesterday. All the buildings were
of wood, and the fire, which started
in the bakery, was unchecked until
all but two or three isolated dwell-
ings were consumed.

Jimtown was the supply station for
an important group of mines, includ-
ing the well-known Rawhide mine.
One thousand people are homeless as
a result of the fire. The town had no
fire department.

FROM PULPIT TO STAGE.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.—Rev. Bert
T. Frego, of St. John's Episcopal
Church, has resigned. On Jan. 1, it
is said, he will leave the active min-
istry and take up the stage, of which
he has long been an ardent student,
having written several meritorious
plays.

THE WORLD'S BEST

NATURAL APERIENT WATER

Hunyadi János

Prof. Dr. C. Hunyadi, of the University of Bonn, writes:

"A Safeguard of Health"

FREE FROM ANY DISAGREEABLE OR IRRITATING EFFECT.

CAUTION: None genuine without the signature

of the firm "Andreas Sarkisner" on the label.

Over 100 Deaths

Result From the Plague in the
City of Bombay.

The Panic-Stricken People Desert
the Place.

Wide Area of the Earthquake in India
Uprising in Portuguese India.

OVER A THOUSAND DEATHS.
London, Dec. 18.—It is officially an-
nounced at Bombay that there have
been 1,151 cases of bubonic plague in
that city, and 1,004 deaths from that
disease up to date. The exodus from
Bombay continues. It is stated that
300,000 persons have fled from the
city.

RIISING OF THE RANES.

Bombay, Dec. 18.—Advices have
been received from Goa, the capital
of Portuguese India, that the in-
surgent Ranes have made an attack
upon Penem, where they burned
and looted the treasury. The Por-
tuguese sent 60 troops to punish the
Ranes, who were dispersed and a
number of them killed.

MILLIONS FOR FETES—NOTHING FOR THE POOR.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The credit asked
for by the French Government to
meet the expenses of the visit of the
Czar and Czarina to Paris was grant-
ed by the Chamber of Deputies by a
vote of 495 to 21.
Before adopting the credit, the
Chamber, by a vote of 246 to 136, re-
jected a Socialist amendment to add
to the credit 4,000,000 francs to be de-
voted to the aid of the unemployed.

AREA OF THE ENGLISH EARTH- QUAKE.

London, Dec. 18.—The area of the
seismic disturbance in England recent-
ly was unusually wide, extending hun-
dreds of miles from London north to
Lincoln, thence west to Lancashire,
south through Wales to Taunton and
southeast to Southampton, over 200
towns and villages being affected.
There were, however, no fatalities ex-
cept in the case of the woman who
died from fright at Hereford. The
telegraph lines were not affected. The
attaches at the Greenwich Observatory
say that the galvanometer, which regis-
ters the earth currents, showed a
very slight disturbance at the time
of the shocks. The authorities at the
Stoneyhurst Observatory say that
their galvanometers showed no indica-
tion whatever of a seismic distur-
bance.

CABLE NOTES.

The big prize in the Panama lot-
tery, amounting to \$20,000 (\$100,000),
has been won by a Marseilles market
woman, the Widow Bodelere.
The Spanish colony in Uruguay has
offered to Spain a man-of-war. The
Government of San Domingo has se-
ized 300 rifles and 10,000 cartridges
destined to Cuba.

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of
State for India, speaking at a pub-
lic meeting in London, hinted at an
early agreement of the powers to stop
Turkish misgovernment.

Mr. Tim Healy keeps up the cam-
paign for his special fund for the
Irish Roman Catholic priests in good
numbers send their contributions to
the offices of the National
Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the Ameri-
can Minister, went to Bristol, in re-
sponse to an invitation, and distrib-
uted the prizes and delivered an ad-
dress to the students at the annual
commencement of the Technical School
of the Society of Merchant Vintners.
Mr. Bayard's great-grandfather was a
Bristol man.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Archbishop Fabre's condition re-
mains practically unchanged.
Mr. W. W. Ogilvie has presented
\$1,000 to the Winnipeg General Hos-
pital.

For the past year 5,137 vessels lock-
ed through the Canadian Soo Canal,
carrying 4,577,337 tons of freight.

Five broke out on Thursday in the
shoe shop of Harry Russell, Toron-
to. The damage was \$900 to stock and
\$1,000 to the building, which killed
him.

John S. Hammond, at one time
prominent in railroad circles as general
freight agent of the Erie Railroad,
crawled under a Lake Shore freight
train at Erie, Pa., on Thursday. The
train started up, and Hammond was
cut in two.

The first cargo of corn which has
ever been shipped from the United
States to India will be carried by the
German steamer Rur from Philadel-
phia. The British Government has
purchased 140,000 bushels of corn in
this country, which will be distributed
by Government agents in India and
planted there.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 18.—The in-
augural meeting of the Stratford
Young Liberal Club was held last
night in the city hall, which was
crowded in every part. Hon. Thos.
Ballantyne presided, and an excellent
programme of music was interspersed
with speeches by Mr. Wm. Preston,
the newly-elected president of the
club; Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, So-
lietor-General; Hon. E. J. Davis, Pro-
vincial Secretary, and others.

Officers elected by East Elgin Con-
servative Association: President, D.
Marshall, Aylmer; vice-president, G.
Nunn, St. Thomas; secretary-treasur-
er, E. A. Miller, Aylmer.

Officers elected by West Huron Con-
servative Association: President, Jos.
Beck, Salford; vice-presidents, Dr.
Cass, Dungannon, and Peter W. Scott,
Belgrave; secretary-treasurer, James
Mitchell, Goderich.

Gift Seekers Galore.

Reid's Crystal Hall Attracts Many
Buyers.

Conspicuous in Art Goods Delight in the
Elegant Display and Low Prices.

Among the chief reasons Londoners
have had for rejoicing at the re-
turn of Christmas is the fact that
past was the grand Christmas bar-
gains always to be secured at Crystal
Hall. In selecting their immense stock
Messrs. W. J. Reid & Co. have chosen
with a view to suiting the scant as
well as the pithy purses of their
customers. No taste too rich or none
too simple to be gratified.

The first sight that arrested the eye
of the reporter as he approached Cryst-
al Hall from the west was the dis-
play of real onyx top brass tables (not
imitation onyx). They are being sold
below manufacturers' prices, and many
are taking advantage of the rare offer.
In the same window are a large num-
ber of elegant parlor and banquet
lamps, some as low as \$1.88. The next
window contains a collection of ele-
gant cut-glass, Royal Worcester,
Doulton and Crown Derby ware, that
delights every artistic eye. (Inside is
the finest collection of these goods ever
exhibited in London—such delicate
coloring.) Another attraction here is
the wonderful life-size figure of a
darkey bootblack, so realistic that
many at first believe it to be a human
being.

On entering the store one is con-
fronted with a striking collection of
the richly-tinted, brocade, ware—
something which is now all the rage
in fine art goods in Great Britain and
Europe. In the wall cases at one side
are works of art such as Dyvian
statuary, Parian marble work, rich
Venetian and Bohemian vases. Other
cases contain electro-plated and ster-
ling silver ware. The counters are
laden with fine chocolate sets, and 5
clock tea sets in French, German and
Austrian china. Fruit, dinner and
breakfast sets are in great quantities.
In this room there are also brass tea-
kettles, chafin dishes, gongs, coffee
percolators, etc.

Passing into the toy department, one
sees an immense stock of ingenious
toys and thousands of dolls, which are
being sold at half price. The firm
advertises a closing out sale of this
branch because of their vastly grow-
ing business in the other departments,
which require all their care; hence the
hitherto unheard of bargains. For
example, dolls two feet long are sold
at 12 cents each.

In the show room upstairs are tea
sets in all styles—rich semi-porcelain,
French and Carlsbad china, and are
priced from \$1.25 up to suit the rich-
est buyers. Toilet sets from \$1.49 up;
dinner sets, \$4.40 up; dessert, fish
and game sets to suit all classes. An
elegant china dinner set, 100 pieces,
decorated in rich colors and gold, is
sold at \$15.95; usual price, \$20. Another
set, 102 pieces, of richer decoration, is
selling for \$17.95; usual price, \$25. The
cases cut and engraved and
finger services, water tumblers, goblets,
wine bowls, etc., at reduced prices.
So far as the toys and dolls are con-
cerned, the store has been the most suc-
cessful Christmas sale ever held by
this firm. Gift seekers go away
pleased. The reputation earned by
selling reduction at previous sales is
well sustained. The reduced prices
last only till the holiday season is
over. The store closes at 10 p.m., and
till every customer is served.

Worms cause feverishness, moaning
and restlessness during sleep. Mother
Grave's Worm Expeller is pleas-
ant, sure and effectual. If your drugg-
ist has none in stock, get him to
procure it for you.

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good health, not one of whom has
taken Scott's Emulsion, in which my
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Christmas and
New Years Holidays.

Return tickets between all stations of this
company in Canada will be issued on Dec. 21
and 22, good for return until Dec. 31 and on
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, good for return until Jan. 2,
1897.

SINGLE FARE.

And on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, at
FARE AND ONE-THIRD, good for return until
Jan. 4, 1897.

Teachers' and Students' tickets will be
issued on standard rates from Dec. 11 to
24, inclusive, good for return until Jan. 11,
1897. Commercial travelers from Dec. 19
to 25, inclusive, at SINGLE FARE, good for
return until Jan. 4, 1897.

E. DE LA HOOKE, City Agent.
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FOR Christmas and
New Year's

HOLIDAYS—
WILL ISSUE ROUND TRIP TICKETS
AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL PUBLIC

Single First-Class Fare,
Good on standard rates and 25% Returning
until December 25, 1896.

Going December 31 and January 1; re-
turning until January 2, 1897.

Single First-Class Fare and One-Third,
Going December 22 to 25, December 29
and 31, and January 1; Returning until
January 4, 1897.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

(On surrender of certificate signed by prin-
cipal)

Single First-Class Fare and One-Third,
Going December 11 to 24, Returning un-
til January 11, 1897. To all stations in
Canada—Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie,
Fort William and East.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

(On Presentation of Commercial Traveler's
Railway Certificate.)

Single First-Class Fare,
Going December 19 to 25; Returning un-
til January 11, 1897. To all stations in
Canada. Ask your agent for a Christ-
mas card.

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Ladies' Large Full-Sized Mink Cape, was \$250, reduced to \$185.

Ladies' Mink Lining, with tails, was \$55, now \$30.

Mink Lining, for Gentlemen's Coats, was \$95, now \$60.

Ladies' Black Persian Lamb Cape, was \$65, reduced to \$45.

Ladies' Extra Dark Coon Coat, \$50.

A large variety of Sable, Mink, Bear and other furs, in Ruffs, Storm Collars and Muffs,
Fancy Shoulder Capes, Fur Ruffs from \$1 up. Fur Gauntlets. Gentlemen's Persian
Lamb and Seal Caps. Robes—Gray and Black Goat, Cow Robes, Fancy Robes. Traveling
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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning Jan. 2.

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Going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1, returning
Jan. 4.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
With certificates from Principals will be
issued tickets at

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Going Dec. 12 to 24, returning Jan. 11.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS
With certificates will be issued tickets at
SINGLE FARE.
Going Dec. 19 to 25, returning Jan. 4.

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S.S. GERMANIC, Dec. 23
S.S. TEUTONIC, Dec. 30
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ing at Movilla.

Laurentian, Dec. 31
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Sundaland, Jan. 22
Laurentian, Feb. 11
Mongolian, Feb. 27

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First cabin, Derry and Liverpool, \$22.50 and
\$20; return \$40 and \$36. Second cabin,
Liverpool, Derry, London, \$34. Steerage,
Liverpool, Derry, Belfast, Glasgow, London,
everything found, \$24.50.

Glasgow-New York service—From New
York, State of Nebraska, Dec. 30, Cabin, \$40
to \$50; return \$80 to \$110; second cabin, \$30;
return \$55.

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Richmond and Dundas. Thos. R. Parker,
Richmond street, corner Richmond and Dundas
streets, and J. B. Clarke, 116 Richmond street, when in danger.

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