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THE HOLIDAY AT HOME

A Chill Was On the Picnic and Tamales Supplanted the Ice Cream.

The Man Who Hugged the Fire Had the Most Fun of the Crowd.

Paradoxically perhaps, it was the man who stayed at home beside the comfortable fire who had the picnic yesterday. The little girls in new white dresses who went out into the green woods and sought happiness in the frivolity and dissipation of the Sunday school "picnic" found the word itself a misnomer, a delusion, a mockery and a deceit. Even in all the joys of holiday attire it is no particular fun to sit on a cold and clammy rock and have the wind play havoc with your yellow curls. It takes more than the excitement of a Sunday school reunion to make the pulses thrill with pleasure under such adverse circumstances.

And so the picnic—Victoria's chief reliance for Dominion Day entertainment—was yesterday and for once a decided chill.

The city, too, was only an enlarged edition of the deserted village. The tramcars hurried through abandoned streets, their bells clanging a noisy and discordant protest against the funereal aspect of everything, and along the waterfront a dreary fog contributed still more to the generally melancholy effect.

A solitary peddler of "nice chewing candy" came forth with the evident intention of making life happier for some distant band of merry-makers. He took a short promenade along the silent thoroughfares, and then grunted out an expression of the prevailing sentiment and retired.

"No use doin' anything to-day," he observed philosophically. "This raging excitement's about as hot as Christmas at the north pole. Guess I'll bring tamales out for a change when de gang's comin' home."

The police, to whom a holiday usually means longer hours and more work, hadn't enough to do to keep warm; they said they felt as blue as they looked, and their uniforms were all right. No one in the town displayed sufficient energy to be boisterous; it was so quiet you could hear the fall of Capital lacrose club stock. Even the flags clung for support to the poles—they were like everything and everybody else—just about as merry as a punctured tire.

In the evening the returning crowds of cold and tired excursionists brightened the streets a bit—but they did not save the day from being the quietest and chilliest Dominion holiday that the capital of the most western province has yet survived.

THE PICNIC PARTIES.

It drizzled a little yesterday morning but that did not prevent the children and many grown people attending the united Presbyterian Sunday school picnic at Goldstream. The E. & N. trains took out several hundred picnickers and set them down on the damp grass to roam about and amuse themselves, even if the clouds above did look a little gloomy and there was a charming uncertainty about more rain for a while. It was not an uncertainty long, for down came a sort of Scotch mist which, however cleared away, and after all the visitors managed to put in a jolly time, for they were all good natured and out for a holiday.

Shawnigan lake also had its special attractions yesterday, the sports at the picnic being well suited to the day—for they were mostly aquatic. There were swimming races and boat races, and fat men's races and ladies' races, in fact plenty of sport, with a dance in the evening to wind up with. The F. & N. ran special trains for the convenience of the excursionists and all got back to town in good time.

The Baptists were out in force yesterday at their Sunday school picnics, Emmanuel church at Macaulay Point and Calvary church at Big Kanaka ranch. The tramway company had their hands full for a while carrying out the crowds who were out after fun. Of course the Baptists wanted to get as near to the water as possible and chose the seaside, where they comforted themselves with the contents of homelike looking hampers, and then set the children running races to keep them warm.

The Congregationalists were not far away from the Baptists, little Kanaka ranch being where they congregated and cleared out their lunch baskets, while just a little further on St. Paul's Presbyterian church added another to the line of picnics that spread along the coast.

The Victoria and Sidney railway carried out three trainloads of pleasure seekers to the big combination Methodist picnic at Sidney, for rain or no rain they were not to be disappointed of the day's outing. As at all well regulated picnics there was a constant call on the lunch baskets and races and games formed a fund of amusement for old and young. A novel event was the needle-threading contests, one for the married ladies and another for the single ones. There were races for big and little, while the literary minds were spurred on to their best efforts in giving an account of the day's outing by some very good prizes for the best compositions. A band accompanied the excursionists, and during the afternoon a concert added to the general enjoyment.

The Saanich farmers had a rattling good time yesterday at the thirtieth annual picnic at Saanich park under the auspices of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society. First of all came the sports, which were keenly contested and resulted as follows:

Men's 100 yards race—W. Roberts won, G. Baker 2.

Boys, under 14—W. Walker won, V. Gray 2, G. Simpson 3.

Running long jump—W. Hillier won, F. Porter 2.

Boys under 10—H. Gray won, G. Simpson 2.

Hop, step and jump—W. Hillier won, F. Porter 2.

Special race beeween Baker and Roberts won by Baker.

The committee was composed of Messrs. H. Simpson, T. W. Carter, B. W. Harrison, H. F. Haldon, E. John, G. Harrison, W. Thompson, J. Slugget, F. Turgoose and J. John, and to these gentlemen is due great credit for the arrangements. Dancing in the agricultural hall in the evening to the music of the Brooks and De Lone orchestra concluded the day's enjoyment.

THE CITY

THE Albion cricket team which journeyed to Nanaimo yesterday returned home by the midnight train, tired but satisfied—for victory had been theirs.

YESTERDAY Mr. John Braden, M.P.P., had a letter from his son, E. H. Braden, who is at present at Sandon. The letter states that young Braden and his partner in prospecting expeditions have struck a vein of galena which runs $300 in silver. There were no particulars as to what part of the Slocan the find was made in.

THE funeral of the late Patrick Callan took place yesterday morning from the Pioneer hall and the Roman Catholic cathedral, Rev. Father Althoff officiating. The Pioneer Society, with the officers and a number of sympathizing friends, accompanied the remains to Ross Bay cemetery, where they were laid to rest. The following acted as pall-bearers: M. Kane, E. Metcalf, T. Flewin, J. Stephenson, I. Clearihue, and E. Pearson.

FARMER JOHN, in the person of a spry-looking Chinaman, brought a span of well cared for horses to the water-front yesterday with a load of vegetables for the steamship Danube. He left them standing untied while he was shouldering the vegetables from wagon to steamer when suddenly the team made off spreading ruin and desolation in their wake. The horses were not captured until Government street had been reached and Yates street been paved with a miscellaneous collection of eatable odds and ends,

E. A. WADHAMS, who came over from the Sound yesterday, returned on Tuesday from Rivers Inlet by the steamer Oscar, which his company have chartered. Speaking of the salmon prospects north, Mr. Wadhams says that at Alert Bay on the 26th June Spencer had put up 300 cases, 125 of them being the result of the previous day's catch. At Rivers Inlet, however, the salmon had not begun to run last Sunday, though the fishermen were looking for the advent of the fish daily. A few spring salmon had been put up on the Skeena.

THE statistics of the Victoria Custom house for the half year just closed show a marked and most appreciable development of the city's trade. The figures for the six months are not yet available for comparison with the records of the past, but the custom house summary for June may be taken as a partial indication. It is appended:

IMPORTS.

Free	$ 53,919 00
Dutiable	154,635 00
Total	$208,554 00

EXPORTS.

Produce of Canada	$ 56,010 00
Not produce of Canada	8,420 00
Total	$ 64,430 00

RECEIPTS.

Duty collected	$ 60,508 13
Other revenues	7,990 42
Total	$68,498 55

THIS day twenty-five years ago there was solemnized in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a wedding the like of which never took place before nor since, and may never take place again in the city of Victoria—the bridegroom in full Highland dress; the bride, a little slender girl of eighteen. The groom being more than double her age, made the wiseacres shake their heads with ominous forebodings of the future. Time, however, has proved their mistake as the little bride is still happy and not much older in appearance, although she has been the mother of seven children, five of whom are now living. And as for the old highlander who got married in the kilts in the church on that eventful occasion, anyone may judge how kindly the years have been to him who might have seen him the other day in the Jubilee Scotch procession, still in the kilts. The COLONIST chronicled the Highland wedding in 1872, and with pleasure does the same of the silver wedding this 2nd July, 1897.

HARRY SPENCER, whose favorite form of recreation is salmon trolling, all but sacrificed his life yesterday in his devotion to sport. The fish are running well just now in the vicinity of Race Rocks, and Spencer was hauling them in with gratifying rapidity when a particularly fierce gust of wind capsized his diminutive sailboat and returned the captured fish to their natural element—Spencer and all his impedimenta accompanying perforce. The unfortunate young man succeeded in releasing himself from his heavy coat and boots and in swimming to his overturned boat, to which he clung, shouting lustily, until Indian Tom of the Beechy Bay tribe put out to his assistance. He was quite exhausted when the welcome aid arrived—too weak in fact to get into the rescuing craft. The Indian was obliged to take to the water himself in effecting the rescue, and at the risk of his own life got Spencer into the canoe and delivered him safely at the rancheria. He was too much worn out to come into town last night, but will be all right again it is expected in the course of the next few days.

MR. SHEPPARD'S MOVEMENTS.

Writing from San Francisco on June 26, Mr. E. E. Sheppard, Canadian commissioner to the Central and South American republics, says:

"I find the Pacific Mail Steamer Acapulco, which was to have sailed on Monday, the 28th, is lying in quarantine in some Mexican port. The ss. Para, of the same line, is lying here in quarantine, the captain having died, it is supposed, of yellow fever. This practically blockades the West Coast ports of Mexico and Central America for two weeks, and probably for some time to come.

"In view of this I leave for Mexico City by train on Monday evening, and will look after trade interests there first of all, and may possibly first do the East Coast of South America, and return by the West Coast, so as to land in Victoria early in December."

"She is that stingy" said Bridget to her visitor, "if I wrap up the least bit of tay for th' folks at home, sure she misses it at once." "Fwy," asked the visitor, "don't ye take it out the bottom av the tin?"

FIREWORKS AT SEA.

The Passengers, Officers and Crew of the Warrimoo Celebrate the Jubilee.

Fast Passage From the South Seas Completed By the Australasian Line.

With an opposition liner three days ahead of her on leaving Sydney the R.M.S. Warrimoo got what an American skipper would be pleased to term an "extensive hustle" on her, with the result that she surprised Victorians not a little by berthing at the ocean dock last evening, before any one had thought of looking for her. Her trip had been a noteworthy one, as pleasant as good weather and congenial passengers could make it, and remarkable as much for the variety and extent of the amusements by which the tedium of the voyage was relieved as for the speed of the passage.

As to the fast trip, it was no doubt due in no small measure to the fact that the Moana, a brand new ship, which had replaced the Monowai on the present trip, is making her maiden voyage to San Francisco, and comparisons of speed will naturally be in order all along the coast. The Warrimoo was herself in excellent shape for making a record run, having just left the hands of carpenters and engineers, who in five weeks had wrought many improvements, although in one particular she was handicapped by a foul hull, no time for cleaning remaining after the other more pressing work had been accomplished. June 10 was the sailing date from Sydney, and no call being made this trip at New Zealand the big Southern liner was able to make Suva four days later, and Honolulu on the 24th.

On the present trip the Australian steamer is commanded by Captain Hays, formerly of the Miowera—Capt. White having taken a commission in Japanese waters—while a general moving up has resulted from the transfer of Third Officer Reda to the Aorangi, the list now being: Sidney Phillips, first officer; H. C. Hammond, second officer; A. H. Reed, third officer; J. Staff, fourth officer; F. O. Blakeley, chief engineer; Vincent, second engineer; Wilson, third engineer; Clayton, fourth engineer; Mr. Robinson, purser; Mr. Gardner, chief steward.

The great feature of the voyage was the enthusiastic celebration by passengers, officers and crew of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The programme included sports in endless variety on the 22nd, a special banquet and a first class concert in the evening, at which Mr. Bates, an accomplished pianist, and Mr. Tritton, an admirable violinist, were especially acceptable. Jubilee day was toasted in bumpers of foaming champagne, while, forward, the health of "The Queen, God Bless Her," was drunk with equal fervor by the crew, to whom special grog had been served out in honor of the great occasion.

And everyone on board joined in singing again and again the grand old national anthem and in making the vast Pacific ring with cheers for Great Britain's queen. Then there were fireworks galore, and a second day of fun-making concluded with a minstrel performance by the stewards that took up the entire evening of the 23rd.

The just arrived steamer brought, besides a full cabin list, 16 passengers in the second cabin and 14 in the steerage, with heavy miscellaneous cargo, including 40 tons for this port.

ISLAND COAL EXPORTS.

Following were the foreign coal shipments for the month ending June 30:

NEW VANCOUVER COMPANY.

Date.		Tons.
5	Str Progresso, San Francisco	2,926
10	Bark Samaritan, San Francisco	3,452
14	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,767
15	Str Pioneer, Port Townsend	25
15	Str Tyee, Port Townsend	84
17	Bark Harry Morse, Champerico, Guatemala	1,500
17	Ship Elwell, San Francisco	2,343
17	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	66
19	Bark Rufus K. Wood, 'Frisco	2,370
21	Ship Henry Failing, San Francisco	2,939
21	Str Tyee, Port Townsend	64
25	Bark General Fairchild, 'Frisco	2,415
30	Str Cleveland, San Francisco	1,158
	Total	24,109

WELLINGTON MINES.

4	Ship Columbia, San Francisco	2,400
5	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	40
6	Str Al-Ki, San Francisco	325
7	Str Wellington, San Francisco	2,600
7	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	40
10	Str City of Topeka, Victoria	228
11	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	13
11	Str Walla Walla, Seattle	500
12	Ship Oriental, San Francisco	2,750
12	Str Magic, Port Townsend	15
14	Str Aorangi, Victoria	400
14	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	13
15	Str Cleveland, Seattle	1,100
15	Sch Ethel Zane, Alaska	700
19	Str J. C. Potter, San Francisco	1,980
19	Sch Carrier Dove, Unga Island	1,200
20	Str Pioneer, Port Townsend	27
21	Bark Katie Fleckinger, Kahulin	850
22	Str Magic, Port Townsend	15
23	Str Willamete, San Francisco	2,980
25	Str City of Topeka, Victoria	153
	Total	18,327

UNION MINES.

4	Str San Mateo, Pt. Los Angeles	4,200
4	Bark J. D. Peters, Alaska	1,500
12	Str Rapid Transit, Port Angeles	250
12	Str Florida, San Francisco	5,550
18	Str Jeanie, San Francisco	1,290
18	Str Rapid Transit, Everett	100
28	Str San Mateo, Pt. Los Angeles	4,200
28	Str Monmouthshire, Vancouver	789
28	Hupeh, Vancouver	412
	Total	18,211

RECAPITULATION.

	April.	May.	June.
New V. C. Co.	20,355	24,747	24,109
Wellington	21,438	5,910	18,307
Union	14,650	17,034	18,211
Total tons	46,280	47,691	60,647

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Davidson is King of the Professionals At the Great Championship Meet.

While Sharick's Star Shines Brightly Through the Wellington Rain.

CHATHAM, Ont., July 1.—The Canadian Wheelmens' Association meet races here to-day were attended by over 7,000 people. Everything was very successful. In the second heat of the open one mile amateur, Riddle, Bain and McCulloch, of Winnipeg, finished one, two, three. Summary of the day:

One mile novice—F. C. Robinson, Toronto, won; J. Robinson, Hamilton, second; S. Gascoigne, Hamilton, third. Time: 2:10 2-5.

Half-mile championship, amateur—F. A. Moore, Toronto, won; J. Drury, Montreal, 2; R. E. Axton, Brantford, 3. Time—1:02¾.

Half-mile championship, professional—Harley Davidson, won; Angus McLeod, 2; T. B. McCarthy, 3. Time—1:03.

One mile championship, professional—Harley Davidson won; T. B. McCarthy, 2; Cecil Elliot, 3. Time—2:06 2-5.

One mile, open—C. L. Davidson, Toronto, won; W. Tuft, Montreal, 2; D. Bain, Winnipeg, 3. Time—2:09 3-5.

Two mile tandem, amateur, championship—H. A. Coussirat and L. Robertson, Montreal. Time—4:48.

Two mile handicap professional—R. O. Blaney, Brantford (80 yards), won; F. Westbrook, Brantford (80 yards), 2; T. W. Tuyl, Brantford (110 yards), 3. Time—4:32 1-5. Cecil Elliot finished second, but was disqualified for foul riding.

Five mile amateur championship—G. W. Riddle, Winnipeg, won. Time—13:22 2-5.

GOOD RACING AT WELLINGTON.

A great crowd of thorough sportsmen sat out in the pouring rain at Wellington yesterday and witnessed as fine a programme of bicycle races as has yet been presented at any meet in this province. The time of course was slow—how could it be otherwise with the rain descending in a ceaseless torrent?—but the several events were admirably contested, and Victoria's club had good reason to be proud of its representatives. The summary of events follows:

Novice, one mile—R. W. Cameron, Wellington, won; Fowler, Vancouver, 2. Time—3:01 3-5.

One mile open, professional—George Sharick, Tacoma, won; H. B. Freeman, Victoria, 2; J. Sharick, Tacoma, 3. Time—2:21. C. E. Dow, Seattle; B. Marshall, Westminster; and T. Spaun, also qualified.

Half mile open, professional—C. E. Dow, Seattle, won; George Sharick, Tacoma, 2; J. Sharick, Tacoma, 3. Time—1:33 1-5. H. B. Freeman and J. Staver also qualified.

Quarter mile flying start, amateur—E. A. Wolff, Victoria, won; T. Bryant, Wellington, 2. Time, :32 3-5. Fowler, Hunter, Ross and Tyler also qualified.

One mile, amateur—T. Bryant, Wellington, won; H. Tyler, Nanaimo, 2. Time, 3:06 4-5. Work, Leavitt, Penwill and Cameron also qualified.

Two mile open, professional—George Sharick, Tacoma, won; H. B. Freeman, Victoria, 2. Time, 5:40 1-5.

Three mile professional lap race—George Sharick, Tacoma, won with 23 points; J. Sharick, 2 with 15; C. F. Barker, Vancouver, 3 with 13. Time—9:04.

Three mile, amateur—T. Bryant, Wellington, won; W. Hunter, Nanaimo, 2. Time—9:55. C. D. Peele, Westminster, and Penwill, Victoria, also qualified.

Five miles, professional—George Sharick won; J. Sharick 2; A. Deeming, Wellington, 3. Time—17:25.

Five miles, amateur, handicap—R. W. Cameron, Wellington, (100 yards), won; C. Hovray, New Westminster, (350), 2; John John, Wellington, (350), 3. Time—15:55.

Track, poor; calm and heavy rain; referee, J. M. Bowell; starter, A. J. Dallain.

THE TURF.

THE NEWMARKET MEETING.

LONDON, July 1.—At the third day's racing of the Newmarket meeting today, Lord Derby's bay colt Velasquez, a three-year-old, won the Princess of Wales' stakes. H. McCalmont's Knight of the Thistle was second, and Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Colitta ran third. This race is fro 10,000 sovereigns, the second horse to receive 1,000 sovereigns, the third 500 sovereigns, the nominator of the winner 400 sovereigns, and the nominator of the second horse to receive 200 sovereigns out of the stakes, for three-year and four-year old.

BASEBALL.

LEAGUE GAMES OF YESTERDAY.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 16; Brooklyn, 2.

At Louisville—Cincinnati, 14; Louisville 4.

At Chicago—Chicago, 13; Pittsburg, 5.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 6; Washington, 3.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 6; St. Louis, 2.

At New York—New York, 5; Boston, 4.

A Scamp Jugged.

LONDON, June 29.—Charles Bertrand, known under several aliases, who was committed for trial on June 19, charged with fraud in gaining the acquaintance of women and ordering jewelry, dresses, hats, etc., for them, having the goods sent to hotels, and then borrowing small sums of money from his victims, was sentenced in the Old Bailey to-day to ten years' penal servitude. Bertrand has previously served three years' penal servitude here, and the authorities believe that he has served a term of eight years in San Francisco.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor.—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially, I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vgor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, weakness, losses, and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks, until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. I promise you perfect secrecy. Address with stamp:

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NOTABLE TRAVELLERS

The R.M.S. Warrimoo had a notable as well as a sociable party of passengers on the fast trip which she completed here last evening, not a few of the number being round-the-world sight-seers, who had left Great Britain in the Aorangi, and dropped off that vessel at Sydney or Honolulu to give more than passing attention to the charms of those places.

One of these well known people, but not a globe-trotter, is Lady Hampden, wife of the Governor of New South Wales, who is on her way to England by the Canadian route, to place at Eton school her son, Hon. Godfrey Brand. Hon. Miss Brand and Hon. G. G. Hardy, the latter secretary to the Governor, accompany Lady Hampden on her journey, while in her party are also Messrs. A. F. and C. H. Tritton, who disembark at Vancouver to spend some time in this province, and Mr. H. McArthur.

Mr. Lingham, who represents the Smith-Premier typewriters in the land of the Southern Cross, is journeying to England, accompanied by Mrs. Lingham. He is a Canadian from Belleville, Ont. Mr. F. A. Griffiths represents Reuter's agency in Sydney, and his destination is the same; Mr. G. Somervaille is also bound for merrie England.

Mr. Yeagher is a wealthy ship owner whose mission to the old land is to purchase several new steamers for the New South Wales coasting trade; Mr. Woods is a prominent butter manufacturer from across the sea, who, with an eye to the advantages of reciprocal trade, is here to give special attention to the fishing interests of British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. H. White and family are going round the world on pleasure, expecting to return to their New Zealand home some time about Christmas; Mrs. H. A. Pringle is on her way to Rat Portage where she joins her husband; and Dr. Warner is a Boston millionaire who with Mrs. Warner has been making an all round tour and is now homeward bound. They are two of the Aorangi "deserters," while others are Mr. Ewing, Mr. S. Bates, Mrs. and Miss Bates, Mr. Burmaster, and Mr. Goodrich of the British diplomatic service.

Others of the just arrived passengers are: Mr. and Mrs. Hurley of New York, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Miles, Dr. Evans, Mrs. A. M. Thomas, Mr. Edgar Durnan, Mr. P. Hannes, Mr. F. Kohler, Mr. W. W. Zoller, Rev. Alex. Mackintosh of Honolulu, who is here to meet his son; Mr. G. Davie, Mr. H. C. Thomas, Mr. Tate, Mr. Jenson, Mr. C. Lund, Miss Rounsfell, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Fraser, Mr. E. Ward, Mr. R. B. Ferguson, Mr. T. Joyner, Mrs. and Master Boxley, Mr. and Mrs. Osmer Abbott, Mrs. E. W. Estep, Mr. I. Blake, Mr. H. Kermoge, Mr. Paul Jameson, Mr. A. Grant, Mr. H. Young, Mr. W. Morrison, Mr. J. A. Biggins, Mr. A. Marquarratt, Mr. J. A. Brown, Mr. C. Wittiers, Mr. T. Davidson, Mr. Grover, Mr. Chambramb, Mrs. Fothergill, Mr. J. McLeod, and Mr. Kohler of Honolulu.

BROKE IN TWO IN THE MIDDLE.

I the writer, was riding in a railway coach one day in the autumn of 1886. The train was speeding swiftly and smoothly on its journey. Suddenly three of the carriages left the metals, mine being one of them. We all rolled down a low embankment together. Nobody was killed, but several were more or less hurt. On my left leg there is a long and broad scar that I shall carry to my grave—the result of a wound received on that occasion. The cause of the accident was this: The front axle of the first of the three coaches broke *squarely in two in the middle—an absolutely new piece of iron*, the coach being then on its fourth trip.

"Nothing remarkable about that," do you say? There is a lesson in it, my friend: a lesson in it, which even a well-informed fellow like you can afford to make a note of. I'll tell you what it is in a minute. Perhaps you can guess it right off the reel. Anyhow, you will be willing to read Mr. Marsden's evidence as to a similar mishap.

"In the autumn of 1892," he says "I found that something was wrong with me. I felt drowsy, heavy and tired—which was a new thing in my experience. The whites of my eyes turned yellow and my skin was dark and sallow. There was a nasty, copperish taste in my mouth, particularly in the morning, and I spat up a great deal of phlegm—thick, slimy stuff it was. I had no proper relish for my meals, and often enough I could not even taste of any of my favorite dishes.

"This was bad, but worse was coming. One day in the early part of January (1893) whilst at dinner a *dreadful pain took me in the right side*. For some minutes I couldn't move on account of it. I was in agony. The sharpness of the attack abated presently, but it left its mark on me. After that I had difficulty in getting about and although I struggled on with my work it was a great punishment to me, as I was in constant pain. In fact, it was a trouble to get in and out of bed.

"As time went on the pain in my side increased. Every breath I drew pained me, and I had to sit doubled up; I couldn't straighten myself out. For nearly a year I was in this condition and for months I was under medical treatment. The doctor said there was a stoppage in the bowels, but his medicine did nothing to ease me.

"In August (1893) I heard from Mr. B. Bell, the grocer, Brompton, of the good Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and put in a case something like mine. I sent for it and began taking it, and in the short space of fourteen days I found great relief. This encouraged me to keep on with the Syrup and I did so. The result was that the pain left by degrees until it was all gone and I had no feeling of illness at all. I am now well and strong as ever I was. I am perfectly willing you should publish what I have said if you think it is worth the trouble and expense. Yours truly, (Signed) Thomas Marsden, 2 Hodgson Terrace, Brompton, North Allerton, October 26th, 1893."

We do decidedly think it worth the trouble and expense, and we'll tell you why. Hark back to what was said about the railway accident. Very well. Now when they came to examine that new axle they found a bad flaw right in the centre of it—not visible on the outside. It was fatally defective from the day it was made, yet nobody could know it. When it broke it broke suddenly and without warning—of course. It was God's mercy a dozen people were not killed by it.

Well, our friend Mr. Marsden had always been a healthy man—*so he thought*. He broke down suddenly. Why? Because of the deadly poisons in his blood engendered by latent and slow acting indigestion and dyspepsia. Slowly but surely the poison spread until it reached the vital spots. Then he fell as the railway fell—from a hidden flaw. Happily for him Mother Seigel's Syrup was able to cure (to repair) him.

What, then, is that lesson we promised you? It is this. Watch out for the early signs of weakness and take the remedy *then*. Don't wait until you are down the bank. As for the coach axles we shall have to trust to luck.

"Have you read about the Mothers' club?" "Mothers' club! When I was young a shingle made music enough to satisfy my mother."

A PREHISTORIC RACE.

Remains of a Peculiar People, Exhumed By Scientists at Cadboro Bay.

Their Physical Characteristics Essentially Different From Those Of the Coast Tribes.

At the Natural History Society meeting a few evenings ago an interesting report was presented regarding an expedition by the members to Cadboro Bay, at which place a number of Indian cairns or mounds were opened. Prof. Dr. von den Steimen, president of the Geographical Society, Berlin, was present and assisted in the exhumation. It may be stated that there are hundreds, or at least a great many of these cairns in that vicinity and also at a number of points in and around Victoria city.

On the occasion in question six of these were opened. The mounds are oval in shape and about three feet above the surface, fifteen to twenty feet long and from ten to twelve feet wide. On the top is earth which covers a layer of heavy stones and boulders somewhat regularly laid, with a larger stone in the centre. Underneath the stone is a layer about one foot thick of gravel, under which again is a flat unhewn stone covering a box or sarcophaghus in which is found what remains exist. The labor involved in opening them is therefore considerable. In two of them were found a considerable deposit of charcoal and ashes below the flat stone, and at the bottom of the cavity was found a little layer of grey earth which consisted of decomposed flesh. Three of the cairns were destitute of charcoal; in two was the characteristic gray earth matter; and one of the three had no remains in it at all.

In one, however, a most important discovery was made; it contained a complete skeleton which, judging from the size of the bones, was that of a large, massive and strong man who would stand about five feet ten or eleven inches in height. The body lay on the left side with the feet to the north and head to the south and face to the west; the body had been doubled up, the hands on the face, the knees to the chin; the enclosure in which the skeleton was found was a complete sepulchre three feet long, two feet wide and fourteen inches deep; the skull was slightly deformed artificially on the left side, and the teeth in the lower jaw were fully preserved and in good condition; the rib and breast bones were completely gone. The general structure of the skull was different to that of the ordinary Siwash and unlike that of any of the existing types of Indians, a fact which, together with the unusual conditions surrounding the body, would lead to the conclusion that the remains were those of a tribe or race of Indians altogether pre-historic, and concerning which no knowledge existed among the living Indians or regarding which they seem to have no traditions.

A considerable discussion arose on this point, as to whether they were pre-historic or not. It was pointed out that so far as known, no Indians of the present day, or at any time within the memory or knowledge of man on this Coast, had entombed their dead in this way; and the somewhat peculiar circumstance was pointed out that in none of the cairns opened on this occasion nor in any of the cairns heretofore opened at any time were there found ornaments or implements of war such as the Indians are known to bury with their dead relatives.

Professor von den Steimen said that the stone boxes in which the remains were found were exactly similar to those found in Europe, to some of which great ages had been set. Regarding the period to which these Indians belonged, there was nothing, he said, to indicate whether they were 200 or 2,000 years old, and it was something upon which it was extremely difficult to venture any opinion. So far as could be ascertained the Indians of British Columbia could give no explanation nor have they any traditions regarding the origin of these cairn or mound builders; but Mr. Hastings stated that it was in Washington and Oregon where Indian cairns had been found the Indians said that the remains were those of "stick Indians," a term which it was explained meant Indians of the woods, which existed in their imagination as monsters of some kind, like the Wandigo of the Eastern Indians. So far as could be ascertained by the evidences afforded by these graves, their contents and surroundings, the Indians who made them had no connection whatsoever with the present race on this island or in British Columbia.

It may be remarked also that all the mounds were due north and south. In the case of the one in which the skeleton was found this difference was noticed by Mr. Hastings, that on all previous occasions when remains were found the head was to the north and the feet to the south; in this case the feet were to the north and the head to the south. It was also observed that near the cairns which contained ashes and charcoal there were rows of seats made of stone around them on the top of the ground. These were called for convenience "sacrificial stones," and it is supposed that the relatives of the deceased or members of the tribe to which the deceased belonged sat around on these and watched the process of burial and burning.

The members of the Natural History Society intend to pursue their investigations further, and for the purpose of getting exact data will make sketches of the localities in which the cairns occur, photograph the mounds before and after opening, and take most minute observations concerning the remains in order that some definite conclusion may be arrived at regarding the period to which they belonged, their origin and significance.

An expedition was made to McNeill Bay yesterday, and another of the mounds was opened up on the Pemberton estate. It was considered, after a close investigation, that the mounds were not used for cremation purposes, but merely for burial.

"Are you sure these corsets are unbreakable?" asked the doubting customer. "I have been wearing one myself for a year," said the sales-lady, "and it ain't broke yet. And," she continued, blushing, "I am engaged."