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Tots Who Came Into the World on the

(Special Toronto Letter.) (Special Toronto Letter.)
The recent announcement that Mr.
Powell of the Vancouver, B.C., NewsAdvertiser, had been made the happy
father on the 29th February, and that
the lad would not have a birthday for eight years, set me thinking and en-quiring. There were a good many babies born on that day, quite a number in Toronto, and it is a fact that infants born 29th Feb., 1896, will not mants born 29th Feb., 1896, will not have a birthday for eight years. The reason is that 1900 is not a leap year, and thereafter they will only have birthday parties every four

year, and thereafter they will only have birthday parties every four years, beginning with 1904. So they are in pretty hard luck as regards birthday celebrations. Otherwise !Mey will be about the same as ordinary children who have the distinction of having been born on a day which comes around every year, with its attendant pleasures and increasing age. Peculiar interest attaches to these children born on Feb. 29, who will have birthdays only once in four years. Astrology has been called in to bend aid in foretehing the future of these little ones, how they will live, what their lives will be their temperamnts and their lives will be their temperamnts and their lives will be their temperamnts. Of course, it must be borne in mind that an accurate forecast can only be made by having the exact time, to the minute, after birth of each child, but for general purposes a horoscope made at noon on Feb. 29 will answer.

The horoscope given below was prepared by a Togonical strabulation in immediate.

The sun is in Pisces. Born under this sign boys will be quick of speech, lovers of good company and good men. A very old writer, and an authority in astrology, says of this date and

full of troublous thoughts and he women, and few things shall prosper with him in the childhood of his



weaklings—the boys, especially, have sprong constitutions—and it is extremely unlikely that any of them will commit suicide or otherwise meet a violent death. Illness will, come to them—fevers most probably and other inflammatory troubles—but they will, in most cases, readily shake it off.

There will be no millionáires among them, unless their fathers were millionaires before them, in which millichey will quickly squander their inheritance. They themselves, being much on fleasure bent, will not strive hard to amass morey. Many among them will receive legacies or money by marriage, and, if any among them fall into abject poverty, the fault will be their own, and will be the result of the hall is quiet and shows no much on Heasure bent, will not strive hard to amass morey. Many among them will receive legacies or money by marriage, and if any among them fall into abject poverty, the fault will be thei rown, and will be the result of their reckless expenditure and pro-digality. Recklessness in money mat-ters will, indeed, be a besetting sin in these children, unless they are properly taught in youth. Fond of pleasure they will be, and in their love affairs they will not be altogether fortunate. Yet they may marry happily and be Yet they may marry happily and be sincerely attached to their wives and

SPAIN'S COLLECTION OF HANDSOME

Barcelona Produces This Strange Kind of Femininity Which Revels in Blood Spilling-The Female Matador De-

of their gorgeous colors. It is not in the bull nature to stand this for any length of time, and soon he begins to charge right and left. Horses are bowled over and gored. When the bull has been worked into a perfect frenzy the matador appears for her dainty task. they will be, and in they will be and the proposed to the besties to be sincerely attached to their wives and the besties to discovered attached to their wives and the besties to discovered and sored. When the build be different, in many respects, from the bestime of naves will be different, in many respects, from the bestime of naves will be different, in many respects, from the bestime of naves will be different, in many respects, the different of the 20th and a days will be different, in many respects to the other planets must be appeared to the other planets must be accretified to show up that the most different the produce of the world have also places. When the accretified possible of the world have also places with a downward through the world to show up that the interfection of the second of the state of

came up and began to tell me a pitiful ville Chronicle.

GIRL BULL FIGHTERS party who was to meet me, and there. FUN IN PARAGRAPHS. fore paid little attention to the beggar. I did not even give him a square look in the face. He turned from me to another with his story, and I heard him

say:
"I am hungry and penniless. For old man!"
"'You go away or I'll have you arrested! was the unfeeling reply, and
the old man staggered off into the

Barcelona Freduces This Strangs Rings and Strangs Rings and Strangs Rings and Strangs Rings and Strangs Rings Ring

A centenarian who died recently in London had smoked steadily since he was 15 years old. He began smoking that is, the year before Napoleon was up till after Jameson surrendered at Krugersdorp.

The Armenians believe that the wise men of the East, who followed the star of Bethlehem to find the young Christ, aters there are women only in came from Armenia and that the star first appeared in the heavens not far wrecks, garbed in the costume from Mount Arawit. In Leap Year.
"What makes you so unhappy,

Maud?"
"I proposed to Harry Duane and he refused me"
"Did he give any reason?"
"Yes; he said it wasn't sudden enough."—Detroit Free Press. What She Suggested.

"I don't know what to say, madam, in return for your kindness in giving "Say nothing and saw wood."-Ne York World. IT DIDN'T HIT HIM.

Wgy the Tersified Tramp Visited the Newspaper Office. "I saw an article in your passer the other day." said the tramp as he reached the editorial floor—an article about the verbose trame. I want an ex-planation. How did this tramp look?" "It was some reporter who wrote

"Run down in flesh?" of demeanor and look hard to de-

"Am I verbose.?" "No."
"Is it anything against the pur feshun?"

MATERNAL INGENUITY.





lelight in dougons quirer.

Willie—I know sister would be glad to go skating with you. Ringway—What makes you think so? "She says she has been dying all winter to have you break the ice!"—Life.

Disappointed guest—I thought you said there was an extensive view from your hote!? Disappointing iandlorder well, you can see the moon, can't you?—Somerville Journal.

Lawyer (a few years hence)—Make your mind easy. The jury will distour mind easy min

Charles—Really, I think that Mess Gray takes a good deal of interest in me. Henry—But you should remember that where the interest is large secur-ity is ant to be pretty poor,—Boston Transcript. ther kind of soup. Guest—I can't eat this soup! Transcript.

Mrs. Hicks—I'd like to know what you could have to say to that disreputable looking dog-catcher. Hicks—I told him if your poodle got lost to come around and I would give him a

Charles-Really, I think that Miss

She-Do you think that Mr. Warring-

Dolly—I know he is a dreadful conversationalist, my dear, but it's his money that talks.

Troubles of Matrimony.

Cobwigger-My wife hasn't spoken a single word to me for two days. It has

Harry Sweet's Cakes.

sine—to you think that Mr. Warrington still oves his wife? He—Loves her? I should say he did. Why, if she should use his best razor for a can-opener Warrington would not complain.—Somerville Journal.

Visitor (hearing the plane in the next room)—It that your daughters. Speedy Enough for Him.

ing heart trouble. —Firegrade Bhettel.

Susy—Say auntie, dear, you're an old

maid, aren't you? Aunt Emma thesitatingly—Certainly, Susy; but it is

not nice of you to ask such a question.

Susy—Now, don't be vexed, auntie; I
know it isn't your fault!—Herriedener

Laubfrosch.

Christian Lightweight—Dear me Christian Dignitive Christian Popular You don't say so. It must have been a mistake on the part of the new boy. He probably thought we sold our coal by apothecary's weight. Fil send the other twelve ounces down just as soon as the boy comes in.

The Indignant Monkeys.

Did ye

is never too late to try.





The penniless youth fell into a deep sleep.

"Ah," he dreamed, "if only I had but five thousand a year, what good might I not do! How happy I could be! What presents I could bestow; what fedights I could bring to so many! The poor should know my bumble but discerning charity; the needy should not appeal in vain. Ah, if I had but five thousand a year secured, what a life I could lead! How noble and generous I could show myself!"

The years rolled by. The penniless

great length, to reply.—Ally Sloper.

"Am so glad you had the doctor; did be relieve you?" "Yes, of \$20."—Boston 'Courier.

Teacher What was Joan of Arc maid he relieve you?" "Yes, of \$20."—Boston Transcript.

Elsic—My husband is very hard to please. Louise—He must have changed considerably—since he married you.—New York Herald.

"Will you be my wife, Fraulein Paula, and make me happy?" "I am sorry, doctor, but I should—like to be happy. "Oby will you be eighbor's walk and drifted to the full length of mine!"—Chicago Record.

"Paw, why do they call the custom house taxes a duty?" "Er—I guess it is because everybody takes such a great delight in dodging it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Willie—I know sister would be glad to go skating with you. Ringway—What makes you think so? "She says "The deamed, "could I but do it." The dream went on, and to the dreamer waking came no more.—Truth.

Zeke Morse was narrow ke most men in that fix he confessed , which probably should be taken as n argument against the charge. One ay old Dr. Breckinridge of Centre

Guest (to waiter)-I can't eat this Waiter takes it away and brings an-Waiter, angrily, but silently, for the third time brings another kind. Guest (again)—I can't eat this soup. Waiter furiously, calls the hotel pro-

prietor.

Proprietor (to guest)—Why can't you hair this morning, and I'd sooner is five shillings a time than let her do again."—Punch.

Spoon!—Texas Siftings.

hand. Gentleman of the house—Yes; her fellow is probably playing with the other.—Boston Transcript.

"Doctor, my father wanted me to study medicine, but I wouldn't have made a successful physician. "Indeed!
Why not pray?" "Because I could not have felt a lady's pulse without causpre heart trouble."—Filegende Blactter.

The word man paid still hung around the functions. (Aside) Paramst have learned cookery in a boiler factory. I'll steal a set of them and present them to the club for quoits.

"Say," he said at las going to send that the "I'lls been sent," re-

Typewriter Agent—Regarding your typewriter—wouldn't you prefer one a little more rapid 2 I can recommend one that requires no ribbons, feeds better and is very quick.

Old Mr. Baldloys—That'll do, young man. I don't mind about the ribbons, and I don't mind about the ribbons, that ticker. I want feller whose same is Laubfrosch.

He was proposing to the Boston girl, and in the ferior of his-file a he leaned over her anxiously. "Pardon me," she said, "are you not getting a trifle too parsimonious?" "Parsimonious?" he gasped. "Yes," she said; "or, as the vulgar would put it, 'close.'"—Philadelphia. Press

Lady (to coal merchant)—I sent my little boy for three pounds of coal this morning, and when it came home I weighed it and found only thirty-six ounces.

live sometimes when girdled nearly around. Nature ever labors to repair damage, and after a time, the wounded surfaces are nicely healed. Some persons live and fully recover, even after consumption has made cavities in the lungs. In this struggle we can greatly aid nature by giving Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil

bass can't join."
"What—the—er—how?" said the shoe-clerk boarder.
"Golden eagle, you know, is always a tenner."—Indianapolis Journal.

The hypophosphites tone up the hypophosphites tone up the nerves. The decline in weight ceases. A positive gain begins, and once again there is promise of life and health. It

GOT ADVICE GRATIS. THE FATE OF THE MAN WITH A SI PLE COLD IN HIS HEAD

London Judy Tells All About It In Vers -The Various Remedies Suggested and

He had a cold, a simple cold, Located in his head.
He did not cell a destor in.
But asked advice histend
Of all his frends and neighbors, who
Knew Just what should be done
In any such emergency.
They gave ht—by the ston. Said one: "Rub tailow on your nose, In mustard soak your feet; Keep suiffing eneatyptus and Orink lots of whiskey neat. You must not think of going out, But stay in bed and nurse Yourself a bit." He did so, but The next day he was worse.

Another said: "Go out of doors,
Take heaps of exercise;
Don't st and shiver by the fire,
For that is most unwise.
The polson's in your system, so
You want to work it off."
He did as he was told. Next day
He had a beastly cough.

A third declared: "The water-cufe Will quickly put you right. Just wrap yourself in sonking shoe And dieep in them all night. Thin if you're feeding feverish. Take cold baths all day long." He did. Bronchitis supervened. And both his lungs went wrong.

Then they advised all sorts of things,
Hot bottles, turpentine,
Beef-tea, pills, lecthes, poultices,
Massage and cocon wine,
Draughts, embracations, lozenges,
Electric batteries.
They will effect a cure, no doubt—
Unless the beggar dies.—London Ji



Awful Child-Yes, and I don't take

and in reases the milk a quart more per day on each cow. It also pro-

"Noasir."
"Been at a anarchis' meetin', per-"Ah, I know-playing football?" Well, with an injured air, "I give

'I don't mind telling you, if you wan

He Wanted It Sent. The old man with long chin whisk Mrs. New Wed (who is near-sighted)
—Where did you get those pretty,
brown plates, Harry Sweet?
Harry Sweet (pouting)—Why, Jane
those are not plates, bût buckwheat
cakes. Pa taught me how to make
them. I think you are just as mean
s you can be.

ould not allow her on the floor."

Jones-Black is a liberal fellow. He never does things by halves.

Smith—That's a fact. He never borrowed less than a dollar film me yet.

Canary Bird Commits Subide.

A bird fancier in Walnut Hills, O., has come to the front with a story that supports the theory of suicide among birds. He reared two canaries that were so attached to one another that one would not touch his hempseed if the other was indisposed, nor bathe in their four-inch tub unless he could use the same water with which the other had performed his ablutions. After reaching the ripe old age of ten foars, one evening one of the birds died, and in the morning the other was found hanging stone dead, with his head fastened between the bars in the supper part of his cage. The owner of the two birds firmly believes, he says, that the latter committed suicide. Canary Bird Commits Suiside, Tempogary Insanity.

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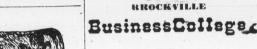
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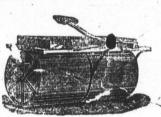


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