

The Scrap Bag

The Prince of Wales is a victim of superstition, so we learn from the Chicago Record, which has a story which appears for the first time in print (and was known but to a few of his Royal Highness' most intimate friends) of a meeting with an old hag who has predicted for him a violent death.

"Although the Prince of Wales saw little of the late Duke of Hamilton during the last ten years of the latter's life and was to all intents and purposes estranged from his friend and boon companion, yet he is greatly perturbed by the death of Scotland's premier peer and shows signs of falling once more into that species of melancholia and depression which followed for a considerable time the demise of his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence, causing him to keep on harping in conversation on the probability of his own early death.

The reason for the revival of this state of mind is attributed to the circumstances of the duke's death, which now turn out to have been not inflammation of the lungs, as stated, but a pistol shot, self-inflicted, in a moment of intense physical agony, caused by gout, coupled with mental depression, resulting from the effects of the banting system carried to excess.

Now, the duke is the third of a memorable party of four who has died a violent death, and the survivor is no other than the British heir apparent. A few months before the young Prince Imperial of France started for South Africa, whence he never returned, he paid a visit of five days to the Duke of Hamilton, in Scotland, his fellow-guests being Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria and the Prince of Wales. The most memorable event of that visit was a meeting of the Duke of Hamilton and the three princes with an old crone who had been evicted from her hovel by the duke's father for non-payment of rent. The Duke Rudolph suggested that they should have their fortunes told. To all four she said they would die a violent death, and that, too, within a given period, giving a number of details both in regard to the past and future of the party. They all affected to laugh away the predictions. But a gloom settled on each of them, the party breaking up the following day, and all four traveled south with faces, manner and conversation which showed that there was a weight on their minds.

"The tragic death of the Prince Imperial of France and Prince Rudolph are well known. The news that the Duke of Hamilton has also met with a violent death greatly depressed the Prince of Wales."

A young woman of St. Joseph, Mo., says the Buffalo Courier, was walking down the principal street a few days ago, when, seeing a young man in the passing throng, she went up to him, threw her arms around his neck, and kissed him. Then she disengaged herself and ran, blushing away, while the young man looked at her in pleased amazement. She afterwards explained that the young man was an utter stranger, but "when my eyes met his and he looked so good, so noble, and so true, I wanted to kiss him, and I did." It is scarcely necessary to say that every young man in St. Joseph is anxiously studying how to look good and noble and true when he goes down the street on the drygoods store side on Friday afternoon.

Imp once meant a child. Shakespeare, speaking of the children in the tower, calls them imps. Jeremy Taylor, in one of his sermons, speaks of "the beautiful imps that sang hosannas to the Saviour in the temple."

"Wasn't it lovely coasting down that last hill?"

"Perfectly delightful. I was scared to death all the way. Never enjoyed anything so much in all my life."

Full-flowered summer lies upon the land, I kiss your lips, you hair—and then your hand Slips into mine; lo, we two understand That love is sweet.

The roseleaf falls, the color fades and dies; The sunlight fades, the summer, bird-like flies; There comes a shade across your wistful eyes— Is love so sweet?

The flowers are dead, the land is blind with rain; The bud of beauty bears the fruit of pain— Can anyone revive the broken strain, Is love so sweet?

The world is cold, and death is everywhere, I turn to you, and in my heart's despair Find peace and rest. We know, through foul or fair, That love is sweet.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

Adrift on Time's relentless tide, As waves that follow waves we glide; God grant we leave upon the shore Some needed good it lacked before.

—Whittier.

BREAKFAST—Oranges. Oatmeal. Beefsteak. Sauté Lard. Orange Marmalade. Coffee.

DINNER—Roast Leg of Mutton. Baked Potatoes. Canned Peas. Cucumber Pickles. White Bread. Tomato Jelly. Sifted Apple Pie. Cheese.

SUPPER—White and Graham Bread. Creamed Potatoes. Prunes. Cookies. Milk. Tea.

TOMATO JELLY.

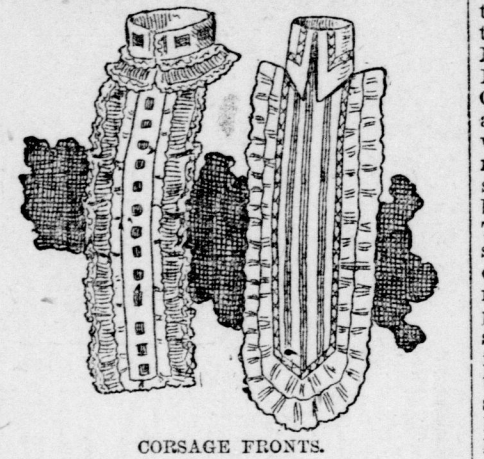
A can of strained tomato, one-half box of gelatine; add water in sufficient quantity, season well with salt and pepper. Serve with mayonnaise, celery or cold slaw.

The cosy home, the family circle, the library table, the electric light, the cheerful light, the electric light, these make the picture of an ideal scene for a winter evening.

The trimmings used on this winter's ball gowns are singularly beautiful. Some are very showy; others less striking are positive works of art in their dainty coloring and perfection of finish. A pink mousseline de sole waist, made to wear with a pink brocade skirt, is finished around the neck with a passementerie representing tiny roses and leaves. The waist itself is covered with folds of the mousseline de sole closely plaited and drawn into a point front and back. The sleeves are enormous puffs, shirred longitudinally, but drooping towards the elbows instead of standing up.

The light velvets are now woven so that they can be made up into evening gowns without being so warm or so bulky as formerly the case, and the colors there are to choose from are fairly bewildering. Blue velvet is a favorite color; for blue velvet will light up well, strangely enough, when other fabrics look so badly. The richest of the velvets are used on these velvet gowns, and the cost is somewhat astonishing to any one who has never studied the subject of how much it costs to dress in these days.

It is possible to have a handsome evening gown made without any lace, and very smart models are shown which have only a trimming of ribbon or velvet.



CORSAGE FRONTS.

The lace is becoming, and even a small amount does add to the beauty of the gown unquestionably; but as there are a great many women who have to consult economy, and who do not own a bit of lace, they can content themselves with having ribbon or folds of lace as trimmings around the shoulders and will look well, too. Artificial flowers are again used as trimmings, and very beautiful they are, but not like many natural flowers. The orchids are most successfully imitated, and their wonderfully delicate colorings look particularly well on the different light shades of satin.

The plain taffeta silks have a good body to them, and make very satisfactory ball gowns. One of cherry pink lately shown has an exaggerated full skirt, which quite clears the ground all round, although by actual measurement it is 2 or 3 inches longer in the back than the front. There is a band of mink an inch wide all round the bottom of the skirt. The waist is made of narrow bias folds of the silk, put around and around the figure to within an inch of the point where a tiny V-shaped vest of rich white lace was let in, bordered on either side with the mink fur. Flat bands of insertion, bordered with the fur, held the waist on the shoulder, while the sleeves are immense puffs, slipped down nearly to the elbow. A most daring gown, it was yet singularly smart.

Light yellow and even orange satin, is to be worn this season. Red-haired women, strangely enough, look better in orange satin than in any other color, for if they choose the right shade it seems to take the redness from their hair, leaving only a golden tint that is charmingly artistic.

Black velvet gowns for married women look always handsome and when trimmed with fitch or bertha of point lace are beyond criticism, but for dancing a velvet gown is most uncomfortable, so that they will not be generally adopted. The velvet and more elaborate brocade gowns are made with long trains, but the other materials for ball gowns are made so that they will not sweep the floor. The new cut of skirt is so daring that it gives a long, graceful line from the waist to the hem of the skirt, and it is only because of its being so stiffly held out that it does not trail a little. The Spanish flounce is to be seen on some of the new gowns, and is always pretty, for a tall woman. On a stout woman it is very ugly and should be carefully avoided.

Milk as a Diet.

A medical man expresses the belief that a person could live for any length of time and take heavy exercise all the while on nothing but food from sweet milk. His conviction is the result of personal experiment. He wanted to establish the fact that persons convalescing from sickness may grow stronger with no other nourishment than sweet milk, and that they are not obliged to take "something solid" to eat, as so many people imagine. He holds that many a convalescent has gone into his grave as a result of overtaxing his weak stomach by putting "solid" food into it; and he maintains that the old belief as to bread being the first essential of human life is shown by his experiment to be erroneous. His test was to live thirty days with only sweet milk as a nourishment. In the whole time he lost five and a half pounds in weight, but no strength. He even attributes the loss of weight to the exercise on the bicycle and the daily manipulation of sixteen-pound dumb bells and other heavy weights. He took more exercise than usual in order to test the thing fairly. On the seventh day of the experiment he ran several foot races with a skillful runner and was beaten in each race. On the thirtieth day he again pitted himself against the same runner and did the best of the racing, which certainly would tend to confirm his statement that he lost no strength during the thirty days' test. He drank two pints of milk daily during the last week. He thinks a healthy person should take about five pints of milk daily when no other food is being taken. His practice was to drink milk at intervals of two hours during the day, commencing at 7 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 10 at night. After that he would take no more until the next morning.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

To Drive Away Ants.

If you get some green pepper mint which usually grows by the roadside, and lay it on the floor and shelves of your pantry and kitchen you will find that the ants disappear immediately.

Apply powdered sulphur very liberally to the parts most frequented by them and they will turn their feet in some other direction; or sprinkle sugar on a damp sponge, and when the feast is under way drop the sponge in hot water.

Put pieces of camphor gum or clove wet with camphor on the pantry shelves and the ants will disappear.

Use plenty of powdered borax in the pantry.—Philadelphia Times.

County Cullings.

Successful School Entertainment in London Township.

Delaware Masons Choose Officers—Notes From Newbury—Briefs From Birr—Other Middlesex Matters.

Mr. Johnston McAdams, of Sarnia, has been engaged for the ensuing year to teach the public school in Lidderton. Mr. George Hayes, one of the oldest inhabitants of Parkhill and district, died the other day at the age of 83. Mr. Hayes was remarkably vigorous for his age, and looked many years younger than he was. By care and industry he had made a competence. He leaves a wife and five sons and a daughter. Two of his sons, Mr. James Hayes and Mr. Chas. Hayes, live at West Williams, near Parkhill; Dr. Hayes, of Point Edward is another of the sons, and the daughter is Mrs. Goodwin, of Detroit.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.

A most successful entertainment was held in school section No. 22, Hamilton road, London township, Friday evening, Nov. 29, in which some very interesting musical selections, recitations and tableaux were given by the children. Messrs. Errington and Jacques, and Miss Cornish, of East London; Miss Graham and Mr. Smith, Hamilton road, gave musical selections, which were highly appreciated. The Dairymaids' drill given by a number of girls showed aptness and careful training by their teacher, Mr. George Duncan. The tableaux, prepared by Miss Mossop, delighted the large audience present. The address of Inspector Deane was highly complimentary to the principal, Mr. Duncan, and Miss Mossop, for the careful and expert manner in which the children had rendered their exercises, showing conclusively the ability of the teachers, who have the interest of the children at heart. He also commended Mr. Duncan very highly as a teacher, and also commended Miss Mossop for her credit to herself. The proceeds amounted to about \$14. At the close of the entertainment prizes were awarded to the following pupils:

Fifth Class—Drawing—1, Frank Duncan; 2, Florence Ferrar.

Fourth Class—Promotion—E. Cannon. Writing—Clemma Duncan.

Third Class—Senior—Promotion and writing—1, Emma Hawkins; 2, Hattie Pegler; 3, Alice Hedges, Maggie Talbot.

Third Class, Junior—1, Fred Ferrar; 2, Rosie Ingles; 3, Maude Day.

Second Class—1, Vina Pegler; 2, Martha Parkinson; 3, Edith Hawkins.

Junior Department—Second Class—Willie Martin. First Class, Part I.—Frank Wistow. First Class, Part II.—Edith Bourne, C. Hawkins.

GLENCOE.

"Advertiser" Agent, John McNeil. Glencoe, Dec. 3.—The Harold Jarvis concert on Monday night in the Presbyterian Church was well attended, and all went away highly pleased with the entertainment.

Dr. Roome, M.P., was in town yesterday.

James Bayne, Newbury, died yesterday after a very short illness. Some days ago she had several teeth extracted, and afterwards caught a severe cold, which resulted in her death. She was a daughter of the late Joseph Carson, public school inspector for West Middlesex, and a sister of Dr. Jennie Carson, of Newbury, and Dr. Susie Carson, now the wife of Peter Kijne, a Canadian missionary. The deepest sympathy was felt by all for the husband and family in their sad bereavement.

MASONVILLE.

Masonville, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Marcombe, widow of the late John Marcombe, of Masonville, is to have a sale on Thursday, Dec. 5, as she is intending to leave Masonville.

Sunday night's snow storm brought out the sleighs again.

Miss Alice Murdy, at present ill with typhoid fever, has taken a relapse, and is now in a critical condition. She had improved some yesterday.

Mr. Thos. Knapton, farmer, Masonville, is ill.

BIRR.

Birr, Dec. 3.—Arthur Shillington, of the Forest City, is at present visiting friends in Birr and vicinity.

James Reid is again in our midst, having been absent for some time. Mr. Reid has traveled very extensively in the past few days. He says there is no place like Birr.

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The small boys are already testing the ice on the village open rink, a number of wet feet being the result.

Traffic steadily increasing on the Lucan and London stage line. It has not been better in years.

Mr. Albert Bell has his prize Herefords looking well. He is also still a member of some head of excellent cattle for spring shipping.

Mr. Bell understands his business thoroughly, and very rarely makes a mistake in his selection of choice tockers.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Birr, are steadily increasing. They have now a large membership, and the society here is prospering both numerically and spiritually.

Mr. Wm. Stephens, of Birr, was in town today with a pair of carriage horses by that noted pacer, Tom Birr. Such horses are very scarce, and purchasers of good big, sound carriage horses should call and see them.

The trappers, journeying at the Wheel Inn for the past week, have been very successful, and are lessening the pests that have been purloining our farmers' poultry of late.

Mr. David McNair's new driver, Trill, by one of our horsemen would have been loved with an eye. She is very speedy and is now queen of the road races in Birr up to date. Mr. McNair takes her to win every time.

Messrs. Fraser and George McFarlane, the popular threshers, were in town on Saturday, and say they have had a very prosperous season's threshing, and that a few weeks' more steady running will wind up their campaign for the year.

Rev. Robert Wilson delivered a powerful sermon at Trinity Church, Birr, yesterday morning.

Mr. Wm. Drayton has just returned from a short visit in the Queen City. He says he enjoyed himself very much. The Birr Hunt Club ball is now the talk of the town. Mr. Sandy Brown, master, is all activity, and it promises

to be the event of the season. They talk of engaging the Grand Opera House orchestra for the occasion. The management will do all in their power to make it a great success, regardless of expense. The invitations are to be issued in a few days, and all the society ladies and gentlemen should be prepared for the occasion. Several local hunt clubs will receive invitations.

Mr. Sandy Burr, proprietor of the Wheel Inn, Birr, entertained a large sleigh-ride party from the Forest City the other night.

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Dec. 3.—J. R. Hammond and S. Pincomb are attending the assizes in London this week as Jurymen.

At the last meeting of Delaware Valley Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the following officers were elected: W. M., J. R. Hammond (re-elected); S. W., J. W. Parry; J. W. Sullivan, Sec.; R. R. Montgomery (re-elected); Treas., R. C. Hammond (re-elected); Chap., H. Lockwood; Tyler, J. Bradt. The lodge meets on Friday on or before full moon.

The Presbyterians held a tea meeting on Thursday evening last, and announced a social on Friday evening, but on account of the inclement weather the latter was postponed until last night. A sleigh load from Muncey came up and made things lively by their shouts and laughter. A good musical programme was rendered by the choir and others, consisting of solos, etc. All present enjoyed themselves immensely.

NEWBURY.

"Advertiser" Agent, James Connelly. Newbury, Dec. 3.—The Epworth League met last Friday and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Dr. Carson; first vice-president, M. Varr; second vice-president, John Hewing; treasurer, R. Callan; secretary, Miss B. Vail.

Special services are being held in the Methodist Church this week.

A number of citizens attended the Harold Jarvis concert in Glencoe last evening.

Mrs. R. S. Gage and Miss B. Vail were in London yesterday.

Rev. G. N. Hazen, B.A., Strathroy, is assisting in the special services this week.

Misses A. Miller and Laura Gay, attend the Epworth League convention at Ridgeway today.

The Misses Heenan visited at their home Sunday.

Dr. Thompson, formerly of this place, has opened an office at Sutherland's Corners.

The Curling Club are negotiating with the G. T. R. for the use of their reservoir as a curling rink.

Snow fell yesterday to the depth of eight inches.

Robinson's stove mills have closed, owing to a small demand for stoves.

Alfred Harris has removed into the house lately occupied by Mrs. Graham, on Hazzerty street.

Large quantities of rabbits are being shipped from here.

Mr. Wm. Bayne was in London yesterday on a business trip.

STRATHROY.

"Advertiser" Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Dec. 3.—The regular meeting of the town council was held Monday night in the town hall, and was well attended, and all the members were present. Reports from the several committees were read and adopted. A by-law was passed to appoint the different returning officers for the coming municipal elections to be held Jan. 8, 1896.

On motion of Councilor Stambly, it was decided to purchase a snow plow for the town. The road committee met immediately after and decided to put the snow plow in operation at once.

Miss Macdonald, of London, is visiting Miss Maude Lindsay, Front street.

Miss Jennie Meekison is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Sullivan, Chatham.

They are making a great improvement in the Queen Hotel, having it newly papered, painted and a new furnace.

Mr. John Mauston, of Michigan, is visiting his brother, James Mauston, who has been seriously ill.

LOBO.

Dec. 2.—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of First Lobo Baptist Church, an oyster supper and entertainment will be given at the opening of the new hall to be held Jan. 8, 1896.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, Tea served from 6 to 8 o'clock p.m. a good programme is being prepared. Proceeds for personage. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come one, come all.

PETROLEA PICKINGS.

"Advertiser" Agents, Lowery Bros. and E. W. Attwood. Dec. 3.—Guy Bros. appeared in Victoria Hall on Monday evening before a very good house. The statue posing by the brothers was fine, as was also the performance of the female impersonators, Lyon and Herbert.

A large number of people have been making use of the moon while it lasts by going out for pleasure drives.

The town council met on Monday, Dec. 2. A number of accounts were read and ordered to be paid. A communication from Johnson Bros. asking leave to tap the sewer on Main street was read, and the board of works recommended that leave be granted as soon as the sewer is laid.

The request of H. Corey to use the council chamber for Dec. 25 and 27 was also granted.

Patience is the key of content.—Machomet.

Heaven is never deaf but when a man's heart is dumb.—Quarles.

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L. McDONALD, DENTIST—Office, 183 1/2 Dundas street, London. Telephone, 702.

D. R. CHESTER N. ABBOTT, DENTIST—Over Fitzgerald's grocery.

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D. R. JARVIS—HOMEOPATHIST—759 Dundas street, Telephone 922.

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