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#### TO-DAY'S MARKETS

New York Stocks. New York, Dec. 29. Beported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Ma-

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Yesterday's Close.		Uich	Tom .	) n m	
Anaconda 48%	48	48%	48	4814	
Amal. Copper 931/	935%			9334	
Atcheson 40%	4534				
Atcheson Pfd 87%	8716				
R & O 5174		8358		8314	
B. & O 82% Brooklyn Tran 85%	823/4	851/4	84	16	
C B & C 144	814	143%	14134	1421/8	
C. B. & Q142%	1413/4	74	73	74	
O. C. O 73				5514	
C. F. I 55	54 1/4	55%	0174	00%	
Jersey Central	115%	146	14554	146	
W & T Dea 1332	40	4534		45%	
K.& T. Pfd 45% L. & N 88	8734		87	87 12	
Manhattan 1145%	114	115%	114	115	
Metropolitan St. 178%		1715			
Mo. P 71%	71	7134	705%		
N. Y. Central 14334	1433/4	1453/8			
Norfolk and W. 44%	445%		4438		
Northern Pacific 821/2	\$15%	8478		831/8	
Ont.and Western 311/3			301/	30 73	
Pacific Mail 44	41	433/4	131/0	4334	
Pennsylvania 146	14334	1473/8	14534		
People's Gas1041/8		1051/8	1031/2	104%	
R. I120%	120	1211/2	120	121	
Reading 701/	693/4		6934	701/4	
Bt. Paul 1431/4			1421/4	1467/8	
Southern Ry. Pfd 721/4	71%		711/2	72	
Southern Pacific 43%		441/8			
T. C. I 64 1/8		65	6314		
U. Pacific 77 %		791/2		7814	
W. U 831/2		841/2	84	84	
TRUSTS-	0	-/-			
Load			/		
				-0-/	

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Firmer; red and white, 64c, middle freights; some holders asking 1c more; goose, 60½c to 61c, middle freights, and 60c north and west; spring, 60c to 61½c east; Manitoba wheat, 89c to 89½c for No. 1 hard, 85c for No. 2 hard and 76½c for No. 3 hard at Toronto and west; 91c to 91½c for No. 1 hard, 87c for No. 2 hard and 78½c for No. 2 hard, grinding in transit. Flour—Dull, unchanged, at \$2.85 for cars of 90 per unchanged, at \$2.85 for cars of 90 per cent patents in barrels, middle freights; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is steady, at \$420 for Hungarian patents, and \$380 for strong bakers in car lots, bags included, at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at \$14.50 to \$15 for shorts, and \$13 for bran west. Barley—Steady, 40c for No. 2, and 30c for No. 3 extra, middle freights. Buckwhêat—Unchanged, at 49c, middle freights. Rye—Steady, at 47c, middle freights. Corn—Easier: Canada yellow is guoted at 35c. Easier; Canada yellow is quoted at 35c west; No. 3 American is quoted at 43c at Toronto. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white at 26c to 26½c, middle freights. Peas—Steady, at 61c, middle freights, and 60c high freights. Butter—Receipts of dairy rolls firmer; nound rolls are are heady firmer; pound rolls are unchanged, at 17c to 19c, and large rolls steady, at 17c to 18½c; low-grade, 15c to 17c; tubs, 13c to 15c; creamery steady; prints are worth 15c; c

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 California, firm, 6s 3d; No. 2 red western winter quiet, 5s 11½d; No. 1 northern spring, firm, 6s 2¾d; futures quiet; Feb., 6s ¾d; March, 6s ¾d; May nominal. Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1d; American mixed, old, 4s 2d; futures quiet; March, 3s 8%d; May, 3s 8%d. Flour-Steady; St. Louis fancy winter steady, 8s 6d.

Hops-At London (Pacific coast) steady, 25 to 53 5d. Peas-Canadian, 5s 6%d; quiet

Peas-Canadian, 55 ozd, quiec. Beef-Dull; extra India mess, 67s 9d. Pork-Firm; prime mess, western, 72s. Hams-Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, Bacon—Camberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, dull; 45s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 44s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs.

42s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 42s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 41s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 41s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, dull, 34s 9d. Lard—American refined, in pails, dull, 38s 3d; prime western, in tierces, quiet, 38s 3d. Butter-Finest United States quiet, 95s;

good United States dull, 81s 6d. Cheese-E2sv: American finest colored, 52s 6d; white, 51s 6d. -Prime city firm, 25s 3d; Austra-

lian, in London, steady, 27s.
Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot quiet,

20s 6d.
Turpentine spirits—Dull, 28s 9d.
Rosin—Common steady, 4s 7½d.
Petroleum—Refined quiet, 7s.
Linseed oil—Steady, 31s 6d. The Oil Market:

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Oil opened PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.-Oil closed

Chicago Exchange. CHICAGO, Dec. 29. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, offices Masonic Temple. Phone 1278.

Open. High Low. Close Wheat—Jan. 7054
May 734
Oorn—Jan 864
May 364
Oats—Jan 2174
May 2374
Pork—Jan 12 25 723/8 751/4 361/8 361/8 23 74 12 22 241/8 2378 12 25 12 35 6 90 May ....

American Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 28,209 bbls; sales, 2,500 pkgs; state and western market in a firmer position, and held a shade higher, but not obtained, owing to narrow trade. Rye flour—Dull; fair to good, \$2 80 to \$3 15; choice to fancy, \$3 15 to \$3 50. Wheat—Receipts, 201,700 bu; sales, 850,000 bu; option market opened steady, afterwards advanced decidedly on active coverings, prompted chiefly by on active coverings, prompted chiefly by on active coverings, prompted chiefly by small northwest receipts; Dec. 774c; Jan., 775c to 774c; March, 795-16c to 79%c; May, 78%c to 79%c. Rye—Quiet; state, 52c to 53c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 56c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Rewestern, 56c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 118,950 bu; sales, 30,000 bu; option market was firm and higher on small receipts, poor grading, the strength in wheat and covering; Dec., 45½c to 46c; May, 42½c to 42¾c. Oats—Receipts, 26,600 bu; option market was quiet but firm; on track, white state, 31c to 35c. Butter—Receipts, 1,350 pkgs; market firm. Cheese—Receipts, 3,277 pkgs; market firm. Eggs—Sugar—Raw steady, refining quiet. Cof-Recelpts, 3,284 pkgs; market steady, fee—Steady. Lead—Dull. Barley—Dull. Barley malt—Dull. Wool—Steady. Hops—Quiet.

TOLEDO, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Cash and Dec., 764c; May, 794c. Corn— Dec. 364c; May, 374c. Oats—Dec.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29 .- Spring wheat-No. 1 hard, 85%c; No. 1 northern,



Choicest Beef

82%c; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 78c; No. 1 white, 76c asked. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 41c; No. 3 yellow, 40%c; No. 2 corn, 40%c; No. 3 white, 40%c. Oats—No. 2 white, 29%c; No. 3 white, 28%c;

No. 2 mixed, 261/4c on track. DTTROIT, Dec. 29.-Wheat-No. white cash, 78c; No. 2 red cash and Dec., 78c; May, 80c.

#### FLORENCE NEFF

Was the Girl Who Committed Suicide in Detroit on Thursday-Her Home Was at Arkona, Ont.

[Detroit Free Press.]

The young woman who took the fatal dose of carbolic acid at 247 Randolph street Tursday evening, has been identified by her brother and father as Florence Neff, 24 years of age, whose family home is in Arkona, Ont., about 35 miles out of Sarnia.

Florence Neff went under the name of Flora Duncan since she came to Detroit, about two years ago. She was 24 years of age and her aged parents are both alive. They learned some months ago that Florence had with a bicycle accident, and when they learned of her death they concluded that the accident was the direct cause The father, Joseph Neff, was at Strathroy, Ont., while his son, Linus, was at Petrolia, Ont. When the news of death reached them, neither knew that the other had learned of the sad occurrence. Their surprise was great when they met at Port Huron, and, with much hesitation, sought to break the news to each other.

The remains will be sent to Arkona this morning. Thoughts of happy Christmas days back on the farm with her parents and friends are given as the cause of the girl's act.

#### DIED PENNILESS

Yet Had \$45,000 Stored Away in His Hut-His Mind Deranged.

Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 29.-Forty-five thousand dollars in government bonds, with the coupons still attached, and running back for 30 years, were found yesterday in a chest in a hut occupied by Henri Ypsilanti Smith, who died a few days ago. He had lived near Fletcher, Miami county, for 40 years, and was not known to have a cent. His mind was deranged years ago by the death of his wife. Pension vouchers untouched for years were also found, amounting to about \$2,500.

#### Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 28.	Reported at.	From.
Patria	New York	Marseilles
Oldenburg	New York	Bremen
Kaiser Wilheln		
II	Gibraltar	.New York
Ethiopia	Glasgow	.New York
Ontarian	Glasgow	Boston
Caledonian	Liverpool	New York
Turcoman	Liverpool	Boston
New England	Boston	Liverpool

JEALOUS MAN'S AWFUL DEED. Chicago, Dec. 29. - A special from Cleveland, Ohio, says: In a fit of jeal-ous rage last night Martin Terpel, 43 years af age, fatally stabbed his wife Caroline, aged 38 years and his son Matthew, aged 16 years. Then he shot himself through the heart, dying in-

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#### Latest Weather Probabilities

MILDER, THEN COLDER. Toronto, Dec. 29-10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next twenty-four hours for the lower lakes region: winds, southwesterly to southerly;

Sunday—Strong winds; milder during the day, turning colder at night, with light falls of snow or flurries.

#### LATE LOCAL ITEMS

-Rev. Angus H. Ranton, the wellknown evangelist, is in the city. -Dr. Hobbs has resigned from his position on the staff of the Asylum for

the Insane. -Miss Isabel Macbeth, of Sydenham street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C.

Complin, in Peterboro. -Miss Annie Gilmour, who was visiting her sister in Macleod, Alberta, has returned to this city.

-Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bayley have returned after spending Christmas with relatives in Brantford. -Mr. C. W. Graves, of Toronto, Can-

adian freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, is in the -Mr. Joe McLachlan, of Detroit. Mich., has returned after spending the

Christmas holidays with friends in this -Rev. Father Hanlon, who was ordained to the priesthood last week, will sing high mass at St. Peter's

Cathedral tomorrow. -There was a great rush for seats this morning, when the plan opened for "The Female Drummer," which appears here New Year's Day, afternoon

and evening. Mr. and Mrs. William Hislop and little daugter Thelma, of Cleveland, Ohio, have returned after spending the Christmas holiday with Mrs. John Hislop, South London.

-The choir of St. James' Church South London, under the direction of Mr. Vivian Reeve, will render a special programme of Christmas music at both services tomorrow.

-Mr. Donald P. Fraser, managing director of the late Farmers' and Traders' Life Insurance Company, of St. Thomas, has been engaged by the Northern Life Assurance Company as inspector for Western Ontario.

-A number of local legal gentlemen have received invitations to the an-nual Ontario Bar dinner, which is to be held at McConkey's, Toronto, on Jan. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general, are to be present.

-Solemn pontifical high mass will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Monday night. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the cathedral from 6 a.m. till noon on New Year's Day. The benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given at noon.

-The services at the Wellington Street Methodist Church on Sunday will be of a very interesting character. The pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, will preach morning and evening, and by special request the choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald, will repeat the Christmas musical service, and at the evening service Mr. McDonald will sing "It Is Enough," from Mendlessohn's "Eli-

order for that purpose having been passed. MARKS BROS.

"The Jail Bird" was presented to a large audience by Marks Bros. last Today they close their engagement with two of their most popular plays.

TAKEN TO KINGSTON.

Deputy Sheriff Watterworth went to Kingston this morning with Richard Woods, who will serve a two years' sentence there for stealing a sum of money last week from a Biddulph far-

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service in connection with the death of the late Lieut.-Col. Lewis will be held in Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow evening. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Saunders, will reach and the choir will render a special programme of appropriate music.

A special meeting will be held by the city council tonight to appoint a successor to the late Robert Lewis on the Hospital trust. It is understood that Mr. Adam Beck will be the council's choice, as Mayor Rumball and a majority of the aldermen are in favor of Mr. Beck's appointment.

MEN'S MEETING TOMORROW. At the men's meeting in the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon, which will be conducted by the Rev. Walter Russell, the well-known evangelist, there will also be read a portion of the address which is to be delivered at Carof New York city.

DEATH OF ANDREW MORPHY. At an early hour this morning the

death occurred of Andrew Morphy, of 421 Dufferin avenue, after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Morphy was aged 72 years, and was a widower, his wife having predeceased him some years. He leaves a grown-up family, consisting of two sons and three daughters. The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon to Woodland Ceme-

PICKWICKIANS BANQUET. The Pickwick Club held their annual banquet at the Kennels, Thursday night, and spent a most enjoyable time. Mr. J. Townsend, president of

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club, presided and introduced a lengthy programme of songs, instru-mentals and toasts. The banquetroom was prettily decorated with paims and flags, and music was sup-plied by the harpers.

G. T. R. APPOINTMENTS. A Montreal dispatch says: Some important engagements are made by the G. T. R. this afternoon. They are the resignation of Chas. Percy, treastrer of the system, and the appoint-ment of Frank Scott to succeed him; W. H. Chaffe's appointment as clerk and treasurer of the Central Vermont in succession to Mr. Ingram, and M. Wright's appointment as general assistant and comptroller.

S. A. SERVICES. The special meetings held in the Salvation Army Citadel have been largely attended all week. Eight conversions have already resulted from the services. Tomorrow evening Adjutant Wakefield takes for his subject, "Crowded Out." On Monday evening, the advent of the new century will be marked by the holding of a half-night of prayer. There will also be an enrollment of soldiers and presentation of colors.

AT ST. ANDREW'S. Rev. Dr. J. F. Dickie, the distinguished pastor of the American Presbyterian Church in Berlin, Germany, who is so well known to European tourists, will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning. Dr. Dickie has conducted services in St. Andrew's Church on a previous occasion, it being on the last Sabbath of Rev. Dr. Scott's pastorate. many years ago. At the evening ser-Rev. Dr. Johnston will be assisted by Rev. Walter Russell, an evangelist of exceptional power. PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

The Cleveland Plaindealer contains the following item, referring to a

London Old Boy: "About twenty of the employes of the Big Consolidated gave Mr. Charles Curry, general superintendent of the road, a complete and pleasant surprise last evening, at his residence, No. 1,157 Cedar Avenue. Mr. Curry was presented with a valuable diamond watch charm, and after congratulations had been exchanged an excellent supper was served. The party was made up of division and district superintendents, inspectors, and Chief of Detectives Kelso.

DIOCESAN CHANGES. A number of changes will shortly take place in the location of some of

the Roman Catholic clergy of London Diocese. Rev. Dr. Flannery, Rev. M. J. Brady, and Rev. Father Ferland will probably leave Windsor early in January. Rev. Dr. Flannery is to go to Irishtown, Father Brady to Wallaceburg, and Father Ferland back to Montreal. Rev. Father Meunier, Belle River, will succeed Rev.Dr. Flannery at St. Alphonsus' Church. Rev. Father Downy, now stationed at Logan, near Mitchell, is to be transferred to Windsor. Rev. Dr. Flannery went to Windsor from St. Thomas to succeed the late Dean Wagner. Rev. M.J. Brady was formerly stationed at Woodstock "KING IMMANUEL."

The scholars of Christ Church Sabbath school presented the cantata, "King Immanuel," last night, before a large and delighted audience. Mr. postoffice department in this city, will master of the church, trained the chil-leased. shortly be released from prison, the dren, and the manner in which they carried out the various parts reflects great credit on their teacher. cantata, which was interspersed with solos and recitations, will be repeated at Victoria Hospital some evening during the coming week.

During the performance, Mr. Dalton was presented by the rector, Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, on behalf of the conhigh appreciation of the zeal and efficiency Mr. Dalton has shown in the discharge of his duties as choirmaster. the generous gift and kind words.

"STORY OF THE WAR." Winston Spencer Churchill has been greeted by the largest audiences that ever assembled to listen to any lecturer in Canada. The Windsor Hall, Montreal, and the Russell Theater, in Ottawa, were crowded to the doors with record audiences. In Toronto, in the immense Massey Music Hall, which holds 4,000 people, every seat has been sold. "The Story of the War," as he tells it is extremely interesting. He does not employ a great deal of rhetoric, but he is terse and and to the point and punctuates his remarks with flashes of humor and keeps the audience continuously interested.

Mr. Churchill will positively appear at the London Opera House Monday night, the little difference between himself and his manager having been settled. Mayor Rumball will pre-

HUSSER-BARTER.

A happy event occurred Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at the residence of Mrs. Eli Barter, con. 5, London township, east of Siloam Church, when her daughter, Miss Bessle, was wedded to Mr. Wm. G. Husser. Miss Ida Barter, sister of the bride, and Mr. F. E. Colbert, of London, supported the happy Husser, niece of the groom, was maid of honor. The bride looked charming in her beautiful bridal dress, while the bridesmaid also looked very pretty, as they appeared in the drawing-room, each carrying a bouquet of flowers. The interesting ceremony was performed under a bower decorated with by the Rev. Jas. Husser, B.I., Crediton, brother of the groom, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Quance. After the ceremony, thirty or more of the immediate friends of the contracting parties sat down to an excellent supper provided for the occasion. The presents were numerous and costly, attesting to the high esteem in which the young couple are held. spending a very pleasant evening in games, music, etc., the friends dispersed, wishing the happy much happiness and success in life.

CANADIAN APPLES FOR LONDON. Halifax, Dec. 29. — The steamer Evangeline, having on board 20,000 barrels of apples, sailed yesterday for Lon-

TORONTO FINANCES

Toronto, Dec. 29. — City Treasurer Coady states that the tax collection to date is \$2,546,410, or 87.61 per cent of the lotal levy of \$2,904,617. treasurer says, is the best collection at this date for fourteen years, and a sure indication of the continuation of general prosperity.

THE DEADLY FROG. Halifax, Dec. 29.-Sam Ladrey, Intercolonial brakeman, caught a foot in 6 a frog in the railway yard at Picton yesterday morning. The shunting en-

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gine came down upon him, cutting off both legs and horribly mutilating the body. Death was instantaneous. Ladrey

#### was 22 years old. BRITSTOWN PRISONERS RELEASED 17c Imp. Gallon

Yeomanry Captured Near Britstown Let Go.

Dispatches From Kitchener-Serious Losses Follow a British Sortie at Greylinstead.

Cape Town, Dec. 29.-The Yeomanry William J. McHarg, formerly of the J. T. Dalton, the accomplished choir- captured near Britstown have been re-

NEWS FROM KITCHENER. London, Dec. 29.-Gen. Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria, under date of Friday, Dec. 28, sends a summary of the number of attacks made by the Boers at various points.

The only important incident was an attack on a baggage column, near gregation, with a well-filled purse, ac- Greylingstad. A company, with a companied by an address, expressing nom-pom, made a sortic from Greypom-pom, made a sortie from Greylingstad, and drove off the Boers. Captains Radcliffe and Harvest were Mr. Dalton thanked them heartily for wounded, eight men were killed, 27 were wounded and 20 were reported

MORE OFFICERS RESIGN. Some officers have resigned from all the fifteen battalions of the Yeomanry, Capt. Lord Alwyne Frederick Compton among them. This raises a doubt as to whether the resignations are connected with the Lindley affair or are merely in the line of routine retirement, especially as a fortnight ago the secretary of state for war announced in parliament that the courtmartial inquiry had entirely exonerated from blame Lieut-Col. Spragge

and his regiment. BRITISH AT FICKSBURG. Bloemfontein, Dec. 29.-The British have reoccupied Ficksburg, which for

some time has been in the hands of the Boers.

MAJOR BOTHA'S PROPHECY. Rome, Dec. 29.-Major Grawer Botha brother of Commandant Louis Botha) has arrived in Rome on his way to The Hague. He carries dispatches for Mr. Kruger. In the course of an interview here today he said the war in South Africa would last for years, that Mr. Steyn had planned the invasion of Cape Colony, and that a revolt of the Afrikanders was certain.

couple, while little Miss Minnie Pearl ENGLISH THE GREATEST TEA-DRINKERS.

[London, England, Chronicle.] And whither go the millions pounds of tea which are grown in the gardens of the East? The answer is rather surprising. Most people would say that Russia is the greatest teadrinking nation of the world and regard the samovar as the palladium. But it is Great Britain which is supreme at the tea table. Even sixteen years ago we consumed on an average five pounds of tea apiece every year. we dispose of nearly six pounds. No other country approaches us in this respect, for there is no European country but Holland in which more than one pound per head is consumed. After this it is not surprising to learn that the colonies surpass their mother country, and that Australia drinks more than seven and a half pounds per head of its population. To put the case in a nutshell, the United Kingdom drinks more tea than all the other European countries and the

United States put together. If a thief were to steal your purse, and leave a valuable diamond ring in your pocket, what would you do with the ring? This is a situation that confronts a heroine of "A Comedy of Conscience," a long story by Dr. Weir Mitchell, which will be printed complete in the January Century. The author's new novel, "Dr. North and His Friends," is in its thirteenth thousand, and the new one-vol-um; edition of "Hugh Wynne" is in its

twentieth; both were issued in October. One million eight hundred and fifty thousand square yards of looking-glass are manufactured in Europe annually.

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### NEW YEAR'S Mince Pies and Short Bread AT FRIEND'S.

TWO SCORCHERS.

Toronto, Dec. 29.-Fire broke out shortly after 11 o'clock last night in the drying-kiln of the picture frame factory of M. Adamson & Co., Pearl street; damage about \$14,000. The loss on contents, Mr. Adamson says, will be in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

Chicago, Dec. 29.-Fire, which for a time threatened with destruction the vast retail store of Oldfield & Company, was discovered on the third floor shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. A general alarm was turned in, and by hard work the fire was confined to the third and fourth floors of the Oldfield building on State street. Damage \$25,000, mostly by water.

COULDN'T ESTIMATE VALUE!-Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart never fails. It relieves in 30 It is a beacon minutes, it cures. light to lead you back to health. W. H. Musselman, of G. A. R., Weisport, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart entirely cured me of palipitation and smothering spells. Its value cannot be esti-mated." For sale by C. McCallum &

Co.-139. U. S. Minister Swenson has informed the Danish Government that the United States Government offers 12,-000,000 kroner (approximately \$3,240,-000) for the Danish Antilles, and will

not give more. Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresolene—they breathe it.

DIED.

FLORY .- In fond, sad memory of Harrie, who died Friday, Dec. 29, 1899. Born Friday, Jan. 11, 1878.

"No more the weary night; dawning—
Instead, the rapture of the crimson
The perfect, fadeless light."