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#### FROM A SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK The right car is generally larger than

There are nearly 26,000,000 widows in

In thre faces out of five, the eyes are

In thre faces out of five, the eyes are out of alignment.
France now realizes \$80,000,000 from her tobacco crop.
The annual profits of Monte Carlo amount to \$5,000,000.
In United States 20 per cent of the men are clean shaven.
The bone frame of the average whale weighs about 45 tons.
The rice paper upon which the Chinese do such charming drawing is a thin sheet of the pith of a tree.
The largest toothpick factory is in Paris, It was originally started as a manufactory of quill pens.

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A chain, two and a half miles long and weighing 25 tons, was recently made in England for use in a colliery.

At one thousand fathoms below the

At one thousand fathoms below the surface of the ocean there is a uniform temperature just above freezing point. The foundation of the strong-room of the Bank of England is 66 feet below the level of the street.

Four and a half is the average size of the English family. Australia is twenty-six times larger than the British Isles. The human eyes are rarely of sound

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The human eyes are rarely of equal ower in the same person.

One person in a thousand reaches the ge of one hundred years.

Spain is spending \$40,000,000 on new attleships and dockyard construction. In a favorable wind, a fox can scent man at a distance of one-quarter of a lib.

nile.

According to the observations of a New York barber, 56 per cent of the dult male population wear beards.

The cat's dislike for water is explained by the fact that its fur is devoid of

oil and when wet it does not dry quick The largest clock in the world is at St. Rombold's Cathedral, Mechlin, Bel-gium, if the size of the dial is the criter-

The first post office scheme private enterprise and was inaugurated

The world's sheep shearing record is 394 animals in nine hours; It was made

2394 animals in nine hours: It was made in Australia.

The foreign trade of Japan in 1868 amounted to \$130,600,000, and in 1906 to \$4,215,300,000.

It is stated that the nourishment in three baked bananas is equal to about 26 pounds of bread.

A coimplet tour through all the rooms or apartments of the Royal Palace, near Madrid, involves a 120-mile trip, covering six days' time.

A Swiss engineer has perfected a new fire escape. It consists of a series of folding iron ladders attached to the window frames. Each ladder reaches from one window to the next one below it. By turning a crank on any floor all the frames beneath are unfolded in less than a minute, and form a continuous means of descending 46 the ground.

"Do you consider that you are in the best society?" asked the mace man. "Yes," replied the egotist, 'when I am alone."

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# MARKETS AND FINANCE

Toronto Farmers' Market

The receipts of grain to-day were small, being confined to one load of barley, which sold at 75c per bushel. Hay in moderate supply, there being sales of 20 loads at \$19 to \$21 a ton for timothy and of \$16 to \$17 for clo-ver. Straw is nominal at \$16 to \$17 a

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Dressed hogs continue firm at \$7.75 to \$8 for light and at \$7.50 for heavy. Wheat, white, bush \$9.07 \$0.00 Do., red, bush \$0.97 \$0.00 Do., spring, bush \$0.90 \$0.95 Do., goose, bush \$0.87 \$0.00 Oats, bush \$0.87 \$0.00 Rye, bush \$0.87 \$0.00 Rye, bush \$0.86 \$0.87 Ray, timothy, ton \$19.00 \$21.00 Do., clover, ton. \$16.00 \$18.00 Straw, per ton. \$17.00 \$0.00 Seeds, Alsike, No. 1 bu. 7 50 \$8.00 Do., No. 2 \$0.00 

British Cattle Markets.

London, London cables are firmer at 11e to 1234c per lb., dressed weight; re-frigerator beef is quoted at 9½c per pound. Toronto Live Stock. Receipts of live stock at the

Market were light, only one carloid of 32 butcher cows, which were bought by Geo. Rowntree, at \$2.40 per cwt., for the Harris Abattoir Company.

(Yesterday's N. Y. Herald.)

Electrical development is only in its infancy. General Electric stock, a favorite security among men who look to the future, at 109, paying 8 per cent., returns 7.33 per cent. on the investment. General Electric stock, paying 8 per cent., was popular with investors a year ago. It then sold at 184, at which it yielded 4.34 per cent.

American Locomotive preferred was in demand by investors a year ago at 120 1-4, when it returned 5.82 per cent. on the purchase price.

American railways cannot survive without equipment to care for their tremendous volume of traffic, Investors realize this. American Locomotive preferred, a 7 per cent. stock, at 87 returns 8.04 per cent. on the investment.

New York Central and Hudson River 4 per cent. debenture bonds sold a year ago at 99 and yielded about a 4.07 per cent. noome.

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New York Central and Hudson River 4 per cent. debenture bonds at 90 3-4 yield about 4.60 per cent. income.

Baltimore and Ohio 4 per cent. bonds, maturing in 1948, at 96 return 4.20 per cent. annually to a conservative investor.

Baltimore and Ohio 4 per cent, bonds sold last year at 104 1-2, at which they yielded about 3.78 per cent, to investors.

At the latest price of 92 for Central Pacific first mortgage bands the income yielded is about 4.42 per cent.

Central Pacific first mortgage 4 per cent, bonds sold a year ago at par and were, of course, a 4 per cent, income producer.

Can Race, Ntd., Dec. 27. Columbia, via Hamburg for miles east at 10.10 n.m., 26 She will probably deck about.

MINING SUIT. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.-The Nipissin

Mining Company has issued writs against A. J. Carswell and David Connolly, of

# Stocks and Bonds

New York, Dec. 27, noon (Received by A. E. Carpenter from Ennie & Stoppani.)

The market during the morning developed important strength under re-sumption of purchases by representatives of influential interests. This buying was noticeable in particular in N. P. and Pennsylvania, which has been taken down scale recently, and in Reading, down scale recently, and in Reading, Union Facific and Sugar. Some special offerings of Atchison and occometive affected these issues. Boston and the other bear interests appear to be covering shorts, being disappointed over the absence of heavy year-end liquidation It is authoritatively denied that Union Pacific has sold any holdings of N. Y. C. stock. In 1895 and 1896 N. Y. C. was quoted at about the present range, being them a 4 per cent. stock, and since that then a 4 per cent. stock, and since that time it has extended its lines from Buftame it has extended its lines from Bur-falo to Chicago; has nearly doubled its captali; much more than doubled gross earnings, and earnings upon its holding stock, 6 per cent. against 4 per cent. at that time. The Bank of England state-

Following are the closing quo adons on Winnipeg grain futures to-da,: Wheat—Dec. \$1.05 3-4 bid, May \$1.15 bid.
Outs—Dec. 44 1-4c bid, May 51 12c bid. Ont. & West.
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American Cotton Oil
American Locomotive
American Sugar Distillers' Securities ... Int. Paper ................................ Rep. Iron & Steel ...... Rep. Iron & Steel, pref. .. Steel Spring .....ss-Sheffield S. & I. ....

Pittsburg, Dec. 27 .- Oil opened \$1.78.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton futures opened tendy. Dec. \$10.87; Jan. \$19.23; Feb. \$10.34 id: March 10.46; April \$10.49 id: May \$10.34 id: \$10.31; August. \$10.34-38; Oct. offered

Cape Race, Ntd., Dec. 27.—The steamer folumble, via Hamburg for N. Y., was 150 niles eet at 1610 p. m., 26th. She will probably deck about 8 a. m. Mon-

#### THE BLACK CAT.

Weird Tale of Forfarshire in N. Y

According to tradition, the parish of Lethnot, a remote pastoral glen near the Grampians, in Forfarshire, was at one time a favorite haunt of the Evil One,

time a favorite haunt of the Evil One, and several persons are credited with having the company of so undesirable a visitor thrust upon them.

One of the farmers in the glen had long been at enmity with a neighbor, who had in some way offended him, and so bitter did the feud between them become that the farmer resolved to take the first opportunity of having revenge on the man who had incurred his displeasure. Learning that his neighbor would be returning home at a late hour on a certain evening he determined to waylay him.

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The farmer's wife, judging from the preparations being made by her husband, rightly assumed that mischief was browing, and did her utmost to persuade him to remain at home. Her entreaties were unheeded; and as her husband was leaving the house his wife asked who was to be her companion during his absence.

sence.

The infuriated husband angrily answered, as he swung the door behind him, "The devil, if he likes."

No sooner were the words uttered than from the middle of the earthen floor of the room in which the poor woman had been left sitting the devil rose and presented himself before her terrified gaze.

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Although greatly alarmed, she had the presence of mind to slip her son, a mere child, out at a window, and instructed him to run for the minister, who, in enswer to her summons, and accompanied by some neighbors, hastened towards the house. When they drew near they felt the smell of brimstone smoke. A halt was called, and the minister hastily returned to the manse for his gown, bands and Bible.

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On returning he boldly entered the house and attacked the enemy, when in the midst of a volume of smoke and uttering a hideous yell the devil passed from view in the same mysterious manner in which he had appeared.

From that time the Evil One had a special dislike towards the minister, who had so successfully battled with him. He even ventured into the manse to torment him. Whenever the minister sat down to read or write his book or paper was at once enveloped in darkness, and at night his candle burned wi\(^{\mathbf{M}}\) so faint a light that he was unable to see from one end of the room to the other.

At length he was successful in devising a means which rid him temporarily of his unwelcome visitor.

"One day," says the minister, "when I sat down at my desk, the fisend took his stand just behind me, so that I could not get on with a word of my sermon. At length it occurred to me to write the first promise on a small slip of paper, and, without looking over my shoulder, to throw it to my tormentor, saying. "Tak' that, Satan; it's low watter wi'you noo," when he instantly departed and has never troubled me in my study since."

Eventually, however, Satan had his revenge. One dark winter night, during a great snowstorm, accompanied by a perfect hurricane of wind, which tested perfect hurricane of wind, which tested severely the stability of the old manse, the Evil One entered the study by the chimney in the form of a large black cat. The minister had only time to notice the long hairy claws of the animal, when suddenly the light was extinguished. Catching a glimpse of the animal as it bounded down the steep and narrow stair, which led to the lower flat of the house he started in pursuit but missing stair, which led to the lower list of the house, he started in pursuit, but missing his foot at the top he stumbled, against the frail railing, which a not be made once gave way, and he was precipitated to the ground floor and killed.

ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA. Menories of the Empres and of Her

Riding During a Visit in Ireland. The great excitement at that time in the hunting field, writes Mrs. George Cornwallis West, in the January Century, in her reminiscences of her life as Lady Randolph Churchill, was the advent of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, who had taken a place in Meath for a few months. The whole country was agog, and crowds used to flock to the a few months. The whole country was agog, and crowds used to flock to the meets to catch a glimpse of her. The Empress, although her reputation for physical endurance and love of riding was great in the sporting world, astonished every one by the indefatigable life she led. Arriving at Summerhill, from Vienna, without break she donned a habit in the train, got on a horse, and before going into the house, proceeded to ride around a schooling course which by her orders had been made in the park. Lord Langford, the owner of Summerhill, had, with much care and at considerable expense, furnished a boudoir for her which was hung in blue damask, and decorated with pictures and china.

However, before the empress had been there twenty-four hours, disdaining such feminine frivolities, she converted it into a gymnasium, in which to exercise daily

feminine frivolities, she converted it into a gymnasium, in which to exercise daily before going out hunting. With a wonderful figure and a beautiful seat on a horse her Majesty made a fine appearance. She rode gallantly and knew no fear, but her riding was of the "haute ecole" order, and like most women she could seldom make a horse gallop. This was a source of perpetual worry to her hard riding pilot, Capt. Bay Middleton, whose "Come on, madame, come on!" was constantly heard in the field. The safety skirt not having as yet made its appearance, the Empress wore the tightest of habits buttoned down and strapped in every direction. She found herself in many a ditch, and whether she fell clear of her horse or not, it was impossible for her to stand up until the buttons and straps had been unfastened. Under the circumstances it was a marved that she did not hurt herself. It was her invariable custom to ride with a large fan, which she held opened between her face and the crowd, whether against the rays of the sun or the stares of the people I never made out. Another curious habit of hers was to use small squares of rice paper in the Japanese fashion instead of pocket handkerchiefs; by these she could be traced for miles, as in a paper chase. a gymnasium, in which to exercise daily

## BANDMASTERS.

#### Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association Held Here.

The Ontario Bandmasters' Associa cion is holding its annual meeting in this city this afternoon and evening, in the band room of the Drill Hall. The Association is composed of bandmasters Association is composed of bandmasters throughout the province, and they meet for the purpose of exchanging ideas and discussing matters of general interest. This afternoon the election of officers will take place Other important matters will be taken up after the election. The present officers of the Association are:

re: Geo. W. Robinson, President. William Peel, Vice-President. John Slatter, Secretary. John Waldron, Treasurer.

# **BOB TO RESCUE.**

## Fitzsimmons Picks Up Drunken Man on James Street.

Lanky Bob Fitzsimmons, the ex-prize lighter, who is appearing at a local theatre this week, appeared in a new role n James street this afternoon. He was walking with his wife when he saw a man who had been overcome by Christmas cheer lying on the sidewalk. Bob left his wife and went to the man's aid. picking him us as gently as he would a little child. He stood him on his feet, and started him off. "You shouldn't drink to hexcess," Ruby Robert is reported to have said to him.

# Cut Down Prices in Womens' Coats

on Saturday.

The women's coats are all lengths and up-to-date styles. We sold all of our ¼ and short coats last season and have none left over as bargains. Best materials, perfect fitting, loose back, in sizes town aper was a and at of foint a from one left over as bargains. Best materials, perfect fitting, loose back, in sizes town aper was a man at of a store that the fitting, black, 32 to 42 bust. Special offerings from these on Saturday. \$15. \$18 and \$20 value; your choice for \$10. Furilined coats and capes, were from \$20 to \$40. for \$10. A nice selection of them on view in our west window to-night. If you want a coat don't miss them. Many of our customers have told us the materials in our coats keep good too long. We have always been as particular in quality of materials as in style. Unless both are right up to our standard of value they have no place in our stock, Misses' coats, \$6 to \$9, for \$4.95. Children's coats. \$3.50 to \$5, clearing at \$1.95, \$2.75 and \$3.50. Neck furs at a full third less than regular value. Blouses in silk and cashmere at less than whole-sale and sateen underskirts at whole-sale prices—James Shea.

OUEBEC CENTENARY. on Saturday.

QUEBEC CENTENARY. Quebec, Dec. 27.—At a meeting last evening of the executive committee ap-pointed in connection with the third centenary of the foundation of Quebec, the chairman stated that his excellency, the governor-general had requested Lieut. Gov. Jette to appoint a committee of ten Quebecers who would attend specially to this National park scheme.

NO AMALGAMATION. Toronto, Dec. 27.—An official denial is given by Mr. W. Wallace, general manager of the Crown Life Insurance Co., to the story telegraphed from Mon-treal that the Victoria Life and the Crown Life were about to amalgamate.

## BANK SUIT.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Judgment. by default was given to-day in favor of the Canadian Bank of Commerce against Folger Bros., of Kingston and Arr. B. W. Folger for \$1.580 on bills of exchange. At the Alexandra. There will be continuous music to-night by two special bands playing twen-ey-four skating numbers, consisting of all the latest and best in the musical world. The kating floor is now in superb condition, and the holiday crowds are even larger than last year. On New Year's eve there will be a special session from 10.30 to 12.30, to skate the old year out and the new year in, so come along and join the happy throng, who will help things along with horns and gongs.

Force of Habit.

A Boston psychologist was rencently reminded of the story of the Russian jailer who, changing his occupation, found the chief interest of his leisure moments in catching birds, putting them in cakes and selling them to the highest bidder.

The scientist having to attend a series of lectures in a large public hall struck up acquaintance with the janitor of the building and soon noted in him a suggestive bent of mind. The man seemed fond of counting the people, and would occasionally report the exact number present. "We have 115 here to-night," he would say, or "Just 201 all told," or, when the hall was crowded, "I make it 370." There was a problem in all this, but it took some time for the psychologist but it took some time for the psychologist to solve it.

to solve it.

A bit of friendly, familiar talk, continually renewed, did the business, for it brought out the fact that the janitor had spent many of the previous years of his life as warden in an eastern prison. With rifle on shoulder, from some enclosing wall, the man had counted his convicts until the habit became ingrained. In the recesses of his brain the lec-ture hall took the shape of a jail yard and the audiences were his prisoners. He counted because he wished to know if \*'

Mayor—Where are you going?
Village Constable—The three tramps
I just locked up want to play whist,
and I'm looking for a fourth!—Transatlantic Tales.