

Day to Day

THIS WEATHER OF FOSTER'S.

(Wednesday's Daily) From a contemporary down the line of the C. N. R. comes this amusing jingle to the Bulletin's exchange table.

It was written a few weeks ago, but it may soon again be timely and appropriate. It may indeed be considered a most apt version of Foster's prediction of the

Same old winter. Same old frost. Same old C. N. R. train

That's lost. Same old road bed. Same old shakes. Same old mail that's two weeks late.

Same old stories. Same old tales. Same old engine froze to the rails.

CANADA'S LEADING CHOIR. Last week in New York the Mendelssohn choir of Toronto in conjunction with the Pittsburgh orchestra repeated the successes of previous years in Canada.

A musical authority writing about this choir recently said it was doubtful whether New York had a chorus of equal distinction. The conductor, A. S. Vogt, is also the organizer of the choir and its inspiration since the beginning.

Mr. Vogt, whilst studying in Leipzig was strongly impressed with the century-old St. Thomas choir there, and he grew ambitious to emulate it in young Canada across the water.

When he arrived in Toronto he took the leadership of Jarvis Street Baptist church choir, bringing it to a high degree of efficiency in a short time.

Two years later Mr. Vogt organized the Mendelssohn choir and its history has been a repetition of successes, due to painstaking effort. This season an ambitious programme has been undertaken—nothing less than four concerts in Toronto, two in New York and one in Buffalo, all in conjunction with the Pittsburgh orchestra.

Some idea of their effectiveness this year may be had from this account of their case all right, but declared that bulk oysters shipped in tubs and buckets are either preserved with some preservative or are dangerously near the ptomaine line. Dr. Wiley said the gelatine factories are the dirtiest in the world, and the hides used are treated with alkali, which is rubbed into them for shipment. The hides are scraped and trimmed and then put into tanners' vats and

He said that this gelatine is sometimes used in factories and what is not fit for glue is made into gelatine. As to the uses of this gelatine Dr. Wiley said: "It is used for putting in ice cream, and putting into candles, and for making capsules that you take your medicine in."

He also said that there is no objection to gelatine if properly made, and there is plenty of raw material to make it of. As to the proportion of gelatine made from materials containing live germs, Dr. Wiley said: "No one wants to run the risk of taking a dose of gelatine in powder or a pill or eating ice cream."

OUTPUT OF TOBACCO MANUFACTURES. The Western Tobacco Journal reports that 1916 was a record year for tobacco manufactures in Canada. The total output of tobacco manufactures was 369,953,280 pounds, and the output of cigars was the greatest since 1907.

Smoking and chewing tobacco did not make so good a record during 1916 as during 1915, so far as the percentage of increase is concerned, but it surpassed all previous records in the matter of output, which in 1916 amounted to 369,953,280 pounds, as compared with 345,989,816 pounds in 1915. The cigar manufacturers enjoyed the best year in their history in 1916. The production was nearly eight billions.

FICTION STRANGER THAN TRUTH. A magazine editor was talking about W. W. Jacobs, the famous humorist.

"I went abroad this summer," he said, "to try and get Mr. Jacobs to write for me; but I found that he had all he could do for six or seven years to come."

"He is a quiet, modest chap. When I praised his wonderful skill in the writing of short stories, he said that it was only their surprises that made his stories take."

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There has been very good proof brought to bear on the story of Lucrezia, the much-maligned Duchess of Ferrara, in the archives of Mantua, Padua, and Milan documents have been recently discovered which prove that she was not saint nor devil but an Italian with all the faults and all the virtues common to the eighty years of transition during which she lived.

Lucrezia and her family had, indeed, a terrible enemy in the poet Sanazero; it was his vindictive satire which ruined her name and sent her to the dungeons of the madhouse. The poet's words were carried to the corridors of time. The real Lucrezia was handsome Caesar Borgia, the brother of the hapless Lucrezia. She was married to her first husband, Sforza, Prince of Pesaro, when she was thirteen; Caesar tried to have him murdered; the marriage was dissolved on the grounds of his wife's infidelity. He lived on, however, and his wife nursed him for weeks. One night Caesar Borgia broke into the sick room, forced his sister and the nurse out of it, and strangled the sick man with his own hands. Lucrezia took to her bed in consequence of the events which she emerged from the madhouse when she emerged from the madhouse. She was splendidly beautiful, not at all vicious "rather weak and tender hearted."

So after all it was a man who was in this case the root of the evil and the poison which had little peace during his life, was given to his daughter, who, like her mother, followed her even there.

ELECTRICITY IN THE HOME. A foreboding of what we may be doing in our homes by electricity has been given in a despatch from Paris concerning the home of Paul Knap, the noted electrical engineer.

As the despatch comments, he might well be called "the king of modern magicians." His domestic contrivances are a triumph of electricity. So marvelous did some of them seem to me that I gave the despatch to a young electrician in Edmonton and asked him: "Is it at all possible?"

"This electrician, who is not without a spark of genius of invention himself, knit his brows over the despatch and thought it over carefully. I had heard him plan the self-propelling dinner wagon before when there was question of difficulty in securing a maid for the work."

And now, he put the despatch aside with a sigh, and looked over the despatch to try his hands on these things. "Yes, they are quite possible, if a fellow had enough money to spend on them," he said.

And housekeepers reading of Knap's house will sigh, because in this house there would be a dumb waiter running up to every floor of the house!

But to come to the despatch. It says: "No servants need appear to disturb their master's tranquility; he presses a button and a tray, bearing a course, rolls into the dining room. He can halt the tray at each guest's elbow. When the temperature in any electrically heated room rises above 60 degrees little bells ring. Pressure on a button silences them and reduces the temperature to normal."

Knap presses a button and the beds in every room are heated comfortably. Another, and the morning meal and coffee arrive mysteriously by each bed.

Another, and the blinds and windows open of themselves. Yet another and each room is filled with soft light from half hidden lamps and permeated with subtle perfume.

But a marvelous speaking tube, which Knap has invented, would not be welcome in most households. It enables him to hear anything said above a whisper anywhere in the house and to answer if he pleases.

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Report of Board of Directors for year ending December 31, 1916. 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