

THE BROKEN BUTTERFLY.

BY JAMES NOEL JOHNSON.

Old Ben Madden was one of the richest men on Bow's Creek. He had not always been wealthy, however. Twenty years ago he was quite poor. He was a big, fine-looking mountaineer then, always rode a good horse, and in spite of his poverty, he was considered a great catch, even among the well-to-do girls. He was sober, industrious and thrifty. One day he stopped at the house of old George Lettmer to look at a yoke of steers...

ing. Now, you are getting up in years, and are poor, and I've come to tell you that if you will give me your daughter in marriage, your new lean board shall creak with plenty the balance of your days. I'll take away the mortgage and put a new house in its place. The old lady shall have fair admittance, so that old widowers from afar will hear of her, and hasten to place their wags and kneel at her feet—oh! Flora! He-he-he!"

GERMAN CABLE.

Relations With Britain the Chief Topic.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Emperor William's friendly conduct towards Great Britain recently and, presumably, the motives which induced it, still form the favorite subject for discussion here. Therefore unusual interest was taken in Germany at the opening of the Reichstag. But the speech from the throne and the address in reply to it were thoroughly disappointing causes of the semi-official Anglo-German relations. Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles' interpellation against the alleged German seizure of a portion of the Belgian Congo was seized on by the press today as proof that the British people's hostile and meddlesome feeling towards Germany remained unchanged. The Tagblatt ironically says: "The harmony between England and Germany is evidently largely overestimated by nothing but ill-will and spite."

St. John Markets.

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A BOY'S BODY. Startling Discovery Made by Thomas Wade. Watertown, Mass., Feb. 17.—The lifeless body of James Monahan, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Monahan, of Vineyard street, Cambridge, who mysteriously disappeared from his home on Feb. 9, was found early this afternoon in an empty ash barrel in the rear of the Watertown Starch Factory on Pleasant street, Watertown. How the unfortunate had met his death is a mystery, and while there were no marks of violence on the body, there are many who are certain that the boy was the victim of foul play.

AMERICANS RAISED OBJECTIONS. Labor Trouble Over Work on the Bridge Across the Niagara. Buffalo, Feb. 16.—A question involving some nice points of law and of considerable interest to labor organizations has been raised in connection with the work of replacing with heavier material certain portions of the international bridge over the Niagara river. The local iron workers' union some time ago made complaint that the federal laws were being violated by the employment of Canadian labor by the American portion of the bridge-builders.

FREDERICTON-NEWS. A Soldier to Pay an Election Bet—Coming to St. John. Fredericton, Feb. 17.—Mr. George H. Johnson of Campbellton, in visiting St. John, Mr. Chaucey Coleman, Mr. Johnson served in South Africa with the 2nd Buffs and made the reputation of being one of those of a trivial nature. The conditions of the bet were that while here Mr. Johnson would do nothing to bring an election in South Africa. Mr. Johnson has been in the city since Monday, and is expected to leave for Fredericton on Friday.

Damage to Kearsarge's Gun. Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 17.—The damage done to the 13-inch gun of the battleship Kearsarge while she was cruising near Key West in the Gulf of Mexico as a result of a shell exploding, is said by officers to be of a trivial nature. No damage has been done to the gun itself to the rifling. A premature discharge of one of the shells was the cause. Washington, Feb. 17.—A mail report giving the account of the bursting of a shell in the core of one of the big 13-inch guns of the battleship Kearsarge has been received by the bureau of ordinance of the navy department. The accident occurred several weeks ago while the ship was on target practice off Pensacola, Fla. The resulting explosion was not serious, consisted mainly in the deforming of the shell, and the shell was not fired again.

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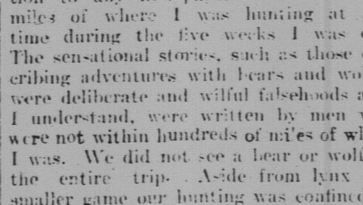
Supporters of Musical Association Withdraw as Outcome of Jeffries-Rubin Arrangements. (Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—Mayor Julius Fleischmann and W. N. Hobart have resigned as directors of the Cincinnati Musical Association. The mayor was a liberal patron of the musical events here. Mr. Hobart has been a director for a quarter of a century and connected with it since its organization. He has been president of it for 18 years.

THE ASPHALT TROUBLE.

Temporarily Adjusted and Will Go to the Courts. Willenston, Island of Caracas, Feb. 17.—The asphalt controversy has been temporarily adjusted by the diplomacy of the United States minister to Venezuela, Mr. Frank B. Rowland. The matter will doubtless go to the courts as it is reported that the American government desires a formal adjudication as to the rights involved. It is understood Mr. Rowland has conveyed a request to this effect to the Venezuelan government.

ROOSEVELT AS A HUNTER.

They Have Been Inventing Tales of Proxets. Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 17.—Governor Roosevelt was in Colorado Springs today, the guest of P. B. Stewart, who was one of the members of the hunting party in Rio Blanco county. A public reception will be tendered Mr. Roosevelt in this city tomorrow afternoon. Governor Roosevelt is much annoyed over the stories that have been circulated concerning his hunting party in Rio Blanco. He has been unable to address the Colorado legislature in accordance with their request. I cannot sufficiently express my regret and hospitality with which I shall eagerly hail the first chance to again come to the state.



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