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# HER HEALTH

Queen's Appetite Said to Have Failed Lately

she Has Worried Over the Drath of Her Favorite Grandson in

London, Dec. 2.—The queen, who is entertaining a family party at Osborne house, will have many of her grandchildren with her at Christmas and will have a full round of visits until the end of January. She is expected to start for Cimiez early in March, and not to return until the

The Queen's appetinte, which has a ways been good, is reported to have ing burdens of years are mentioned. She is described as having aged rapidly She is described as having aged rapidly during the last few months and as being exceedingly feeble. The rumors may have little foundation in fact, but the authorities name dfor them are people of high station.

The reports indicate real solicitude in the Queen's household in regard to her health and servings doubts respect.

in the Queen's household in regard to her health, and serious doubts respect-ing her ability to make the journey to the Riviera. There is reason to believe that the Queen has been seriously up-set at the death of her grandson in South Africa, for he was her favorite

# FITTING END.

de Threatens to End His Misery by Shooting Himself-Denies His mfamy. Paris, Dec. 21.-Major Count Fer-

Paris, Dec. 21.—Major Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy (who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus case, and who was denounced by Mathieu Dreyfus as being the writer of the famous bordereau which brought about the two convictions of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus on the charge of treason), has sunk into utter misery. His divorced wife's suit against her mother, the Marquise de Batencourt, for an allowance, on the ground that she is in profound distress and that she is in profound distress and unable to support and educate her young daughters, has brought forth the following letter, written by the Major to his wife, Nov. 1.:—"I have Major to his wife, Nov. 1:—"I have been unable to write to my children recently, not having the money to buy a postage stamp. I am at the last extremity of strength, courage and resources. I have not eaten for two days until this morning in the workhouse. I have no clothes, am shivering with cold and compelled to warm myself by entering churshes and museums. Everyone will say this is a confession of guilt; but you can say I am killing myself because, after having struggled to the utmost of my courage, my voice is stifled by my persecu-tors. Wathout bread, home or cloth-ing, I shall die of privations of all ing, I shall die of privations of all kinds, unless a revolver bullet puts everything in good order. Kiss my children. Tell them I adore them, and if a frightfu fatality has precipitated me into arrayss, if I die the victim of human cowardice, I never committed the crime whereof I am accused by scrandrals in order to save

# CAUSE THEY **WERE SINGLE**

These Two Young Men Were Left on Peles Island

Row of Eighteen Miles and a Battle With Waves and

Just because they weren't married thes owo Maple City young men, Ed. Lowney and Wm. Verrall, had to stay 24 hours on Pelee Island. Probably the necessity of double biessedness will never be felt by these young man aga n but they felt their loneliness and the adividuality and felt it

and the four mechanics with him were wheel on Pelee Island and Samuel Trotter and the four mechanics with him were ready to return home. Lawson, the lighthouse keeper on Kelly's Island and a mannamed McCormick agreed to row the five men across to the mainland for \$5 a piece. The distance is about 18 miles. Tuesday morning the party consisting of Samuel Trotter, John Foster, Harry Cameron, Ed. Lowney and Wm. Verrall and the two boatmen, Kelly and McCormick, all get in a light 17 foot skiff to make the mainland. The row boat had only gone 20 yards when the occupant, began to experience the rolling of the light sea that was running and the boat was sitting so low with its overload that the water began to wash in. Kelly said that two would have to remain behind and the men wondered who the two would be. They weren't long in doubt for Mr. Trotter said, "The married men will go but the single men will have to stay till tomorrow." Then it was that Ed. Loney and Wm. Verrall regretted that they weren't married. However, they made the best of their single condition. The next day the two left the island but they had a very uncomfortable experience. They found the water of the lake for a mile off Kingaville full of floating ice and the boatmes were kept busy with the sticks and oars making their way through the ice field and preventing the boat being crushed or swamped The two were glad to reach land and said that they wouldn't make the trip back again for anything. Kelly and McCormick, how ever, had to go back.

E. Lowney and W. Verrall arrived in the city Wednesday evening and they have many an interesting tale to tell about Pelee Island. There are about 800 inhabitants, 4 stores, 4 schools and two churenes,

#### DRESDEN

a Methodist and an English church. One man preaches on Sunday, teaches in the school five days of the week and sells binder twine on Saturday. The water wheel put in by McKeough and Trotter is intended to reclaim several acres of marsh lands. This year the island is overrun with eagles. A son of Mr. Carter shot three during the past week. One day last week young Carter shot a duck and as it dopped into the lake an eagle swooped after it but as it rose the young sportsman hot the eagle too. On measuring, it was found that the expanse of its wing was 7 ft. I inch.

There is on the island also a bird that much resembles the canary only larger. This bird is bright red, has a topnot and is called the corn cracker. The islanders trap it and tame it. It is more easily domesticated than the canary and lives in captivity on corn of which it is very fond. Its singing much resembles the canary.

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What.

Cer. 21.—There will be special Christmas sermons in the Methodist Church on Sunday. In the evening the choir will render Shelley's anthem, Hark! Hark! my Soul.

Mand Watterworth has returned home from Glanges to spend the holi-

Maud Watterworth has returned home from Glencoe to spend the holidays with her mother.

Dottie Lawrence, who has been attending college in Ottawa, is home for the holidays.

G. A. Millar Principal of the Public school, leaves to-day for Toronto and other points to spend his Christmas holidays.

The Methodist S. S. will give an entertainment in the Opera House on gram has been prepared.

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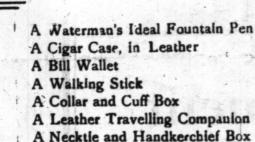
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#### THE OYSTER CRAB.

Network of Curious Stories Have Been Woven About It.

The little crab about the size of a pea, resembling a bleached out spider, is the oyster crap. In Europe it is called the pea crab and is decidedly scarce, rarely seen except by naturalists. It is common on our coasts, not only in oysters, but also in mussels and scallops.

Washington crab is a name that has been suggested for it, as it was considered a great delicacy by our first presi-

ered a great delicacy by our first president, says The Scientific American. The oyster crab has been known from the earliest history, and a curious network of stories have been woven about it.

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Aristotle the Greek and Pliny the Roman, naturalists, believed that a definite relation or understanding existed between the shellfish and its lodger and even went so far as to say that death would be the result if the crab should desert its host. The watchful crab, living within the home of the dull and stupid oyster, on seeing small fish approach, would wait until one more bold than the rest of his companions ventured within the onen shell: then, gently nipping the the open shell; then, gently nipping the oyster, the doors would be closed and the fish held a prisoner. Thereupon the two, the host and his guest, would feed at lei-sure upon the body of the venturesome

Another story, which held its own until Another story, which held the state in the last century, was that this little crab played the part of the "king's jackal," who hunted by night for his jackal," who hunted by night for his majesty the lion. It would sally forth to hunt and bring food to the helpless maissel or oyster and on returning from the hunt, should it find the house closed, would give a cry, which was recognized by the host, the door instantly opened, and it was allowed to enter. Study has shown that the crab never leaves its home and cannot cry, but as for the lion. shown that the crab never leaves its home and cannot cry, but as for the lion, who, in fact, often gets the food for the jackal, so it is that the little crab feeds upon the substances which are swept in by the current of water made by the bivalve in order to bring its own food and

to freshen the water for its respiration.

Again, the crab was said to warn its protecting host from danger by a timely pinch, so that the doors could be closed against some crafty octopus or insidious starfish, and for which service the crab was rewarded by board and lodging.

It is true the oyster crab may act in such manner that it warns the oyster of the approach of danger, but one can scarcely believe that it is anything but a personal motive on its part. Present day folks do not believe that any intelligent understanding exists between the two. We have all seen how a crab will hurry back and forth on the approach of dan-ger, will dart into the first crevice to escape its foe and when in safety brandish its formidable claws with the greatest show of bravery. So the little oyster crab may with the same instinct run back and forth within the sensitive mantle of the oyster and, retreating, push against its soft body, which will indicate to the slothful intelligence of its host that something is wrong outside, when it will discreetly close its akell as the better part of valor

## PLANET READER FROM BLENHEIN

Writes to Compliment Dr. Mc-Keough on his Excellent Descriptive Letters.

To The Planet.-Under heading "Great interest" in your 19th Dec issue read that Officer Tom Groves and others of your readers are greatly interested in read ing Dr. McKeough's letters in The Planet. I must say that I am also much intereste in them and believe I am qualified to say that they are the truest and best descriptive letters I have ever read of old Kenilworth and Warwick castles and parks and of Leamington and vicinity. I was for sometime drill instructor and police clerk in the office of Chief of Warwickshire constabulary whose head quarters were at Kenilworth. My duties required frequent trips to Coventry, Warwick, Leamington, Birmingham and the village police stat ons in their vicinity and many times etings at midnight and day time under the very walls of these same old castles and in the old parks and forests so beautifully described by the doctor with other officers of constabulary. Sometimes at an appointed time and place as many as six to ten of us would meet from as many different stations receive our orders and report and depart in them and believe I am qualified to say eceive our orders and report and depart

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again to meet at another point some miles away each one going by himself by some other road or may be across country through and across fields, parks, and forests regardless of weather, distances being so regulated that if we encountered no burglars, poachers or other miscreants we should all meet again at appointed time or within a few minutes of it when we would again compare notes and then proor within a few minutes of it when we would again compare notes and then probably return to our stations may be miles apart If any of your readers have been old country officers of the force they will ready understand all this. Thus it is knowing the district so well I can appreciate to the fuil Dr. McKeough's description.

Yours truly.

H. DRANE.

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By me, at length, has had her heart
To constancy subdued?
Perhaps some other love is there?
But do not tell me so;
When knowledge would but bring us
grief,
'Tis better not to know.
Perhaps that eye has beam'd with
love

In days I know not thee,
That ruby lip hath bent in smiles
For others than for me;
But let that lip in silence keep,

I'll trust its love-like show; Since knowledge would but bring Since knowledge would but bring in grief,

'Tis better not to know.

Oh! what a simple love is mine,
Whose wishes makes its creed;
But let me think you love me still,
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