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**Hood's Sarsaparilla is Especially Adapted to Cure Difficulties Peculiar to the Sex**

The restoring and invigorating properties of Hood's Sarsaparilla, combined with its power to vitalize and enrich the blood, render it peculiarly adapted for all troubles peculiar to women—that tired feeling, or debility caused by change of season, climate or life. Hood's Sarsaparilla has accomplished very gratifying results in many cases. Read the following:

**Female Weakness**  
I tried many remedies and physicians, to no good purpose. One day I read one of the Hood's Sarsaparilla books, and thought I would try a bottle of the medicine. It made so great a difference in my condition that I took three bottles more and found myself perfectly well. I have also given

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
to the children, and find that it keeps them in good health. I am willing that this shall be used for the benefit of others." MRS. SARAH MUIR, 308 10th av., So. Minneapolis, Minn.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all Liver Ills, Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Sick Headache.

## ALONG THE LINES.

**The Deadly Level Crossings in Jersey City—C. P. R. Earnings.**

A petition to which 1,800 names were signed was presented to the street and water board of Jersey City, N. J., on Tuesday, asking that body to compel the Erie Railway Company to elevate its tracks from the ferry to the tunnel at the heights. The petition was accompanied by statistics showing that in seven years 74 persons had been killed or hurt at the various street crossings in the city, while in the same time 120 persons had been killed in the railroad yards. The matter was referred to a committee to investigate and report.

C. P. R. earnings for the week ending Dec. 31, \$601,000; the same week last year, \$603,000; mileage, 5,336.  
The work of transferring the G. T. R. engineering department to the locomotive shops has begun. The blacksmiths of the engineering department commenced work this morning and the machinery is now being moved. With perhaps one or two exceptions all the men will be taken on at the locomotive shops.—(Statford Herald.)  
The mayor of Ottawa has instructed City Clerk Henderson to call on Mr. Van Horne and Hon. R. W. Scott, of C. P. R., requesting them to be present at the meeting of the city council on Monday next, when the proposals of the company regarding the building of a bridge across the Ottawa River, contained in Mr. Van Horne's letter, will be considered.

## ERIE'S SENSATION.

**Three Professional Ball-Players Among the Alleged Car Robbers.**

ENR, Pa., Jan. 4.—The latest arrest among the alleged car robbers is James Morrison, the ball-player, making the third professional baseball player who has been coupled with this business. The officers are still dragging the net for stolen goods, and there are hourly additions to the store of stuff that has been recovered. Already one of the impending difficulties in the way of general punishment of all the guilty parties is making itself manifest. The relationships of a number of alleged guilty persons are so wide that overwhelming influence will be brought to bear in their behalf. During the past three or four days some one of the persons in custody has added his testimony to the evidence already in possession of the officers, and at such succeeding revelations the guilty circle has widened until at this time, if half of what is sworn to is true in relation to those who are said to have shared in the profits of the plundering operations, the final upshot of the business when the case comes to trial will be something appalling. The situation is such that an explosion of sensation is likely to occur at any moment, for there is no knowing when the probing of the officers will unearth game that will make it impossible to cover up any part of the case any longer.

## The Tea Table.

A pretty bouquet of summer flowers, a nice china tea set with the fragrant aroma of the finest Ceylon coming from every cup, some good bread and creamery butter, and a plate covered with nice light tea biscuits baked with Pure Gold Baking Powder is sufficient to make the rich as well as the poor rejoice and be thankful.

Commences Monday, Jan. 9.—We will start our great prize sale again on Monday, Jan. 9, when every cash purchaser of \$1 worth of goods will stand the chance of securing a handsome present, valued according to amount of purchase. You pay no more for your goods than elsewhere, and may get a valuable present, and if not you will be presented with a picture. E. N. HUNT, 190 Dundas street.

To nearly all men a good cigar is as valuable a companion, but a bad one is intolerable. The latter may be easily avoided by procuring a brand that is recognized by the smoking public as being of the highest quality. The leading favorite in the High-Land Lassie, a 5-cent cigar, and one of the choicest makes on the market. H. M. Kay & Co., this city, are the manufacturers, and their shipments extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

## ULSTERS.

Newest Cloths and Shades.  
BUTTONS TO MATCH.  
MADE UP STYLISH AND NOBBY AT VERY CLOSE PRICES.  
Very Large Stock of Suitings.  
CALL AND SEE THEM.  
HARRY LENOX  
FURNISHING TAILOR

## Pushing Gas!

**Terrific Explosions in Chicago and Troy, N. Y.**  
Thirty Persons injured Two of Whom May Die.

**A Three-Story Building Damaged and Four-Story Dwelling Completely Wrecked.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Fire, which started in the three-story building, 407 to 423 Dearborn street, occupied by Donahue & Henneberry, printers, at 3 o'clock this afternoon caused an explosion of natural gas, which blew out the entire lower front of the building. Twenty-seven persons were injured, two of them probably fatally. The natural gas company was engaged in putting a new pipe into a saloon adjoining Donahue & Henneberry's building. In the process the pipe was broken and the gas escaped into the basement. About this time a small fire broke out from some unknown cause, and when the fire men arrived they detected the odor of gas in the basement. Nothing daunted, however, the men, led by Chief Swenie, rushed in. At that instant the gas was ignited and exploded with violence sufficient to blow the firemen prostrate. In an instant, however, the least seriously injured, with their clothing in flames, seized those of their companions unable to aid themselves and dragged them from the burning room.

Chief Swenie, though with his hands burned and his face scorched and blistered, was foremost in the work of rescue. A score of police arrived opportunely and assisted in taking the injured to an adjoining drug store, where it was found that, with the exception of Gallagher and Nolan, there was little danger of any fatal termination.

When the explosion occurred ten firemen were in the basement and all were more or less severely burned. The list of injured is as follows:  
Chief Swenie, burned about the head and face.  
Thomas Gallagher, of truck No. 9, very severely burned.  
Michael Nolan, of insurance patrol No. 1, very badly burned.  
Captain John McDonald, burned on the hand and face.  
Thomas Evans, truck No. 1, badly burned.  
Lieutenant John P. Sain, of patrol No. 1, burned about the face and hands.  
Clinton Cleveland, face and head burned.  
Peter Koch, engine company No. 10, badly burned.  
John Sheehy, pressman, employed by Donahue & Henneberry, badly burned.  
August Guatt, pressman for Donahue & Henneberry, burned about the head.

William Paden, pipeman, engine No. 10, burned about the head.  
J. McCarthy, truck No. 21, burned about the head and face.  
James Russell, fireman, fatally burned.  
Patrick O'Malley, fire marshal; Charles Sygwick, captain of truck No. 1; Fred J. Koser, captain company No. 21; Martin Lacey, lieutenant company 13; Patrick Murphy, lieutenant company 13; John Doolin, fireman; John Devlin, fireman; J. F. Kelly, fireman; Charles Fleming, fireman; Edward Mullen, timekeeper for Donahue & Henneberry; John Farragh, laborer; Henry Schneider, laborer; A. Mulane, laborer, and an unknown man employed by the gas company.

**MORE EXPLOSIONS.**  
The gas still continued to rush from the broken pipe, and a few minutes later another explosion occurred. Messengers were dispatched to headquarters of the gas company for men to at once cut off the supply, but it looked as though before this could be done the building would be completely wrecked.

Almost immediately after the second explosion another occurred and then a fourth, and after each fire broke out again in various portions of the buildings, but the force was ample to cope with the flames and prevent any serious spread. All effort, however, to shut off the gas was unavailing, and explosion followed explosion at intervals of but a few minutes, until finally the valve controlling the gas was found and the supply was cut off. The damage to the building will be comparatively light, being confined to the basement and the second and third stories in the building made by the explosion. The loss to the building will be between \$12,000 and \$20,000.

**DISASTER IN TROY, N. Y.**  
TROY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—An explosion of illuminating gas wrecked the four-story building at the corner of Ferry and Third streets this afternoon, and Robert Sitz was seriously burned and injured. His wife received severe bruises, as did also Mrs. (Dr.) M. D. Dickinson. The Third street wall was blown across the thoroughfare, and the loss, which is a total one, will reach several thousand dollars. The cause of the explosion was a large leak in the gas meter.

## FIGURES MAY LIE.

**An Error of \$5,000,000 Regarding the Dominion Debt.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—On Dec. 21, on the occasion of his re-election by acclamation, the new comptroller of inland revenue, Mr. John F. Wood, M.P., made a Ministerial and official statement to his constituents as to the public debt. That statement, as reported verbatim in the Government organ at Toronto. He gave what purported to be the net debt for six years, and stated that it was \$297,809,000 in 1891, and \$236,498,600 in 1892. It was an incorrect statement, and the debt is furnished by the public accounts. A blue book shows that the net debt in 1891 was \$241,131,434, a sum nearly \$5,000,000 in excess of the figure given by Mr. Wood. He had prepared carefully a tabulated statement, and he made a number of arguments designed as a reply to the "waiters" and the "waitresses" who deplore the fact that under the "National" Policy over \$1,000,000,000 has been added to the public debt. It is hard, however, to meet members of the Government with incorrect figures. On Monday before Mr. Wood told the public that the debt had decreased by \$1,315,000, a Minister of Finance had signed his official report, showing an increase of \$222,000,000. Mr. Wood made a further statement when he said: "Although the public debt has increased in six years by \$222,000,000, the cost of carrying the debt is less now than in 1897 or in 1888." The public accounts give the following figures, under the head of "Interest paid on debts":  
\$9,682,928  
\$8,223,313  
\$8,183,941  
\$9,658,811  
\$9,581,130  
\$9,763,278  
Instead, therefore, of the public debt increasing in six years by about \$9,000,000,

it increased by nearly \$14,000,000, and instead of the cost of carrying the debt being "less now than in 1887," it is more. Mr. Wood also gave the figures of trade for the last fiscal year, officially termed 1893, which he could only have obtained from the department at Ottawa, because they are not yet published. It may be said that Mr. Wood only copied the statement made by the Minister of Finance at Ottawa. In September last when he said that the public debt in 1892 was only \$236,000,000, but as that statement had been fully exposed in the press of the country the excuse is not available. Mr. Foster himself has since published to tell the people of England how Canada's trade was growing in spite of the McKinley tariff, and he gave them the export figures in a speech reported in the London Times of Nov. 16, 1892; but he suppressed the import figures, because they would have shown to those British friends who cheered him that Canada's purchases from Great Britain in 1892 declined, and that, to the British people, would not have been a palatable piece of information. It is not unreasonable for the people of Canada to require from the people of the Empire and impartial statements of the trade and finances of the country whenever they address themselves to these subjects.

## MR. TARTE TALKS.

**A Canadian Parallel to the Panama Canal Scandal.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—Mr. Tarte has issued a manifesto to the electors of L'Islet, in which he promises to call the attention of certain judges, whose acts have been contrary to their oath of office, and explains the hatred of some of his former political friends by calling to mind his successful campaign against the hoodlums operating at Ottawa. He concludes: "The Ministers are afraid of investigation and of new revelations that would show that in our country there exists a system of public dissoluteness and corruption quite as terrible as the one that has just been unearthed in the Panama Canal affair. In France \$4,000,000 were expended to buy up Ministers, members of the Chamber, judges, journalists, and a similar organization is in operation here. In France the people have just taken their own course in hand. I ask you to follow their example."

## BURNED OUT.

**Three Families Turned Out With the Mercury 10 Degrees Below Zero—A Scorching at Strathroy.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The three-story building of Mr. Decarie, valued at \$10,000, was burned this morning. The occupants were the families of Messrs. Sharpe, Ferguson and Boyd, who had little time to save their lives and property, very little of the latter being rescued. The thermometer marked 10 degrees below zero.

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER.**  
STRATHROY, Jan. 4.—Four weeks ago Mr. Wm. Fawcett at a cost of \$1,000 put one of his stores on Front street in order for a drug business, and Mr. F. W. James took possession. About 1 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the building, and the alarm, but before the inside flames could be extinguished the inside was completely consumed and the stock ruined. The loss is said to be \$800 on the stock and \$600 on the fixtures. Above the store were the office of H. D. Johnson, public school inspector, and the reading room and the library of the Mechanics' Institute, both of which were slightly damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown.

According to a later account Mr. Fawcett puts his loss at about \$2,000, with an insurance of \$1,400. Mr. James expects his insurance will cover the loss.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—St. Thomas College was damaged by fire this morning. The upper floors of the building are badly damaged, while torrents of water have caused much destruction on the lower floors.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A building on the corner of Oak street and Vine Alley was discovered to be on fire early this morning. Nellie Miller, one of the inmates, was burned to death.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Ehlhorn & Lutzmann's great factory at Ehlhorn was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$750,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Five additional cases of typhus fever were reported to-night, making a total of 89 cases since Dec. 1, 1892.

**Two of the Gilcher's Victims.**  
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Jan. 4.—The tug Onward arrived here yesterday afternoon with the bodies of William and Bull Green, who were drowned when the steamer Gilcher went down in Lake Michigan last fall. Their bodies were found on Fox Island.

**Letter Stealing in Toronto.**  
TORONTO, Jan. 4.—In the Police Court this morning John Carter, a boy, was charged with purloining a number of letters from a box in the post office, the property of George R. Roberts, manager of the Canadian Baptist newspaper. The latter swore that Carter did not work for him. The boy admitted that he had opened the box and taken the letters therefrom, but said that he had done so at the request of a stranger boy. The magistrate granted a remand for a week to enable the law to try and find the unknown.

**Western Reparto.**  
A man from the west was doing a bit of society in the effects store, and he was cornered by a New York woman.  
"You western people are so original," she twittered.  
"Yes, we say things, sometimes," he replied.  
"You are very good at repartee, I understand."  
"Come again, please," he said, putting his hand up over his ear.  
"You are good at repartee; getting in on your adversary's side, is it not?" she explained.  
"Well, yes, we ain't slow," he admitted.  
"When our guns is in good working condition."

**Wasn't He Right?**  
"Did you enjoy yourself in the country, Johnny?"  
"You bet. And the funniest thing I seen was the hired man unmilkin' the cows."

**THIRTY YEARS.**  
Johnston, N. B., March 11, 1889.  
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