The British Naval Squadron the Greatest Ever Gathered Together.

Britannia Still in a Position to Rule the Waves.

Army and Navy Officers Must Wear Their Uniforms When Off Duty.

Symptoms of the Tremendous War Spirit Aroused in England.

Emperor William Gets Himself Cordially Disliked-Officers Tear Down His Por rait-Senational Theater Scene.

(Special Saturday Cable Letter to the "Adventiser."

London, Jan. 11.-Great Britain is periously and steadily preparing for audience of "The ee theers for Dr. Jim war on a very large scale, at sea and William threw down the gauntlet; it all present sang, "God Save the Queen." was promptly picked up, and energetic FEELING AGAINST EMPEROR WILsteps were immediately taken by the British Government to back up this action by a most imposing display of sea power. Under these circumstances it is almost unnecessary to add that the exciting political events of the past week eclipsed all other topics in the public mind and crowded the Venezuelan question almost out of recollection. This fact, however, is merely due to the better feeling prevailing here in favor of gracefully submitting the whole matter to the arbitration of a permanent court of appeal, to be established between Great Britain and the United States ner, was torn down by a number of the for the settlement of all such ques-tions; or, if there is no other way out of it, allowing the United States to settle the matter in her own way. When Great Britain is arming for a struggle, possibly, against Germany, France and Russia, the question of the addition or subtraction of a few miles more or less of South American soil to the British Empire is a matter de-

Office and other offices called upon to ises, which are situated on the corner take part in the war preparations is of Ontario and Duchess streets, and he really remarkable, and London is overwas amply repaid for the visit. A
run with officers on the retired list or more complete and up-to-date factory
BIRR.

BIRR. otherwise who are desirous of draw- there does not exist in the Dominion. day season is fairly over as well as ing sword in defense of the empire. Its general appearance and unique ad- the excitement caused by the munival stations are commissioning war- artistic goods, reflects credit, not only to business and trying hard to keep ships, large and small, for active ser-vice is pointed to with great pride, but upon the manufacturing industry Jan. 1, 1896. white state of efficiency of the navy in the state of eff upon it for aggressive action. The thing which strikes a visitor on enter-Portsmouth authorities explain that ing the building is the large, commodiwarships from that dockyard, to join the flying squadron are but three out of a total of 28 in the fleat reserve which could be made ready for active service at short notice. The gravity of the situation may be estimated from the fact that never before in the history of nations has there been witnessed so powerful a naval armament as shortly will be assembled in these waters

READY FOR ATTACK OR DE-FENSE against Germany or against the combined powers of Europe. The fleet being made ready for battle will be composed exclusively of the very afloat, and will be ready for sea on Tuesday next, and the entire Chan-nel Squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral the Right Hon, Lord Walter T. Kerr, with the flagship Majestic, a first-class battle-ship of 14,900 tons. carrying four 67-ton guns, ten six-inch iring guns, and nineteen smaller quick-firing guns, reinforced by six tornedo boat destroyers, will assemble off Portland on Jan. 17. The flying equadron, which is to be ready for sea next Tuesday, also reinforced by six of the latest built torpedo boat des-troyers, will assemble for final orders off Spithead on Jan. 16. The appointment of Rear Admiral Alfred T. Dale to command the flying squadron is generally approved. His flag captain, on the flagship Revenge, a first-class battle-ship of 14,150 tons, eighteen inches of armor, four 67-ton guns, ten six-inch quick-firing guns and 36 smaller guns, will be captain, with Hon, Assheton G. Curzon-Howe, C.B. who landed blue-jackets at Bluefields, Territory, Nicaragua, in 1894, in order to assist maintaining order.

OFFICERS MIST WEAR UNI-FORMS.

In connection with the prevailing war spirit here, it is stated that the Queen has expressed the desire that all British army and navy officers in future should wear their uniform only. putting away their civilian clothes for the present, like the officers of other in civilian dress, even when on leave

scrofula

Any doctor will tell you that Professor Hare, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is one of the highest authorities in the world on the action of vise any of our renders visiting Todrugs. In his last work, Manufacturing Company's new home, speaking of the treatment of scrofula, he says:

"It is hardly necessary to state that cod-liver oil is the best remedy of all. The oil should be given in emulsion, so prepared as to be balazable."

He also says that the hypophosphites should be combined with the oil.

Scott's Emulsion of codliver oil, with hypophospreparation.

civilian attire, reserving their uniforms for duty, balls or state functions. All this, it is said, will now be changed. and the clanking of spurs, clattering of sabres, and rattle of swords, will be heard throughout the land, and in the fashionable thoroughfares of the A Komoka Councilor Loses a Hand Metropolis there will be bright visions of red. green, black, and blue, gold and silver, sparkling steel, and glistening accourtements, to the delight of the fair sex and the envy of the swells, who are not military or naval officers. All this, of course, will tend to fan the war flame in Britain and heighten the spirit of aggression throughout the Empire.

It is difficult to give a complete idea of how completely the generally unemotional Britishers are IMBUED WITH THE WAR SPIRIT, but in every public assembly this week there has bene some little incident or allusion which has provoked a tumult of enthusiasm. For instance, at the Olympic Theater, recently, a scene

depicts the last stand of Major Wilson and his little band of British troopers in Matabeleland in 1894, when, surounded by about 3,000 natives, they ught for three hours. Wilson, in the midst of a circle of his dead, fired rifes handed to him by a wounded mian, and, when the last cartridge was fired, taking off their hats, the few on them and completed the massacre. bele war, engineered by Dr. Jameson, occur the lines: "Englishmen are not wont to wait when the lives of their Times.

There was an instant pause, and then, with a roar, the packed audience rose on land, against Germany, or against dermany, or against Germany, France and Russia, should they combine against her. Emperor lasted for several minutes, and then they combine against her.

personally is most bitter, and ques-tions in regard to his name remaining on the army and navy list are to be

asked in Parliament. Regarding the statement, subsequently denied by the colonel of the regiment, that the officers of the Royal stormed last night by a large 'bus Dragoons, in garrison at Dublin, of load of citizens from London. which corps Emperor William is honorary colonel, had burned his Majesty our newly elected occurred was as follows: In the mess with a straw cutter. room hung a big photograph of the Emperor in the uniform of the Royal home from a visit to his friends in Dragoons. This photograph, after din- Toronto. bassador has taken the matter up.

pany, of Torento.

cidedly not worth haggling over.

BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVES.
The activity of the Admiralty, War vertiser" called upon them to look by the Monroe doctrine, rapidity in which the various na- aptability to all the brances of their cipal elections, people are getting down deep, with plate glass front. The first ous, and beautifully furnished countbeing promptly got ready ing-room, which is at once a key to he whole establishment, showing that this wideawake company understands his election. Everybody went, and from the very first essentials of a successful business. The general appearance and artistic finish of this part of the estabis 35x45 feet, with two private offices, 17x15. The ceilings of these rooms are inished with beautifully stamped sheet steel, the walls being finished in quarter-cut oak, all the furniture in main office being solid oak, while the private offices are beautifully fitted up in solid black walnut, everything pertaining to these offices being arranged and laid out for utility, and the quick dispatch of business. Directly opposite the counting-rooms, the visitor enters their spacious show-rooms; in this splendidly arranged and well lighted m the company displays their varied manufactures-bicycles of every description and size, wickerwork of ev description, chairs and cradies of he most artistic design and finish, tales of the same material in every new esign imaginable; while in this room the visitor is struck with the splendid inish and superior workmanship of the goods made by this company, which a ery short time ago could only be ob tained in the United States. lowever, the wares of the Gendron mpany are equal to any made o this continent. To notice all the departments of this hive of industry vould take up more space than the writer could put in a notice, but some of these especial things noticed will e of interest to the reader. Next to the office, the company have fixed up a arge, well lighted and comfortably furnished room for the use of their employes as a smoking and reading This is certainly a new departure in connection with factory life and well worthy of commendation. Adoining this room is also a room for the storage of bicycles used by employes, so that the men can ride down to their work and have a special place for their different departments which we would like to have noticed the Suropean powers, who are rarely seen more fully are the very extensive bicycle manufacturing rooms, one after ther and friends. of absence. In Great Britain it has the other, where the wheel is seen, been different, when officers have been first in the rough, until finally one no- heavy fall of snow and stormy tices its completion in the fitting-up weather they have almost invariably donned room. The tin room is also an interees the small wheel used in the baby carriages in the rough metal given a oath, and coming out smooth and brilliant. The reed department is also nteresting. Here can be seen the name of all kinds of fancy fur. niture ware in all their varied designs. As a note to the extensive business ed about how much stock they gonerally kept on hand. The reply was, from

NOTHING IN IT.

you for being good today?" am just good for nothing."

or to to call and see the Gendron

cook stoves and parlor stoves at the Bed and Hair Mattress Cleaning Factory. Dealer in general house furnishings. Live goose feather pillows and hair mattresses phites, is precisely such a made to order at JAMES F. HUNT'S, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 997.

District Doings.

in a Straw-Cutter.

Budget of Items From Birr, Belmont and Other Places in Middlesex.

Several of the cheese factories in this neighborhood have their October and November cheese on hand yet .-

Belmont Times. Mr. Wm. Cheyne, of Belmont, has received word that his mother is not ing Miss Jennie Sickles, of this tewn. expected to live, and wished him to go Scotland to see her at once. He

expects to return about March 1. Among those engaged for the conert at Belmont on Jan. 13, under the auspices of the Sons of Scotland, are Mr. George Almonte, comedian; Miss Gilmour, of London, Scotch vocalist; Shand Sisters, of London, Scotch dancers; Mr. Duncan McMillan, of Dutton, piper.

A wedding took place at J. Charles' survivors sang, "God Save the Queen" hotel on Monday evening, the conjust as the enemy made the last rush tracting parties being from London; but Rev. G. W. Racey, the clergyman town, In depicting this exciting event, actu- who performed the ceremony, refuses been informed that the gentleman's name is George L. Brownlee. - Belmont

Hardly was this phrase uttered when there was a cry from Henry Pettit, the dracetist, who was among the analysis and the dracetist, who was among the conditions of the condit of his services in the Christian Endeavor and the Young People's Home Missionary Societies of Knox Church.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Jan. 9.-John McMurphy is buying up live hogs for Sinclair Bros.,

of Mount Brydges.
Miss Maggie McMurphy, of Hyde Park, is visiting her friends in the vil-The house of Mrs. Hunter was

Mr. C. Paul, of Poplar Hill, one of in effigy, it appears that what really Wednesday had his hand taken off The Rev. Mr. Haig has returned

Mr. T. H. Turnbull, one of Komoka's young officers and thrown into the enterprising men, who is at present fire. It is said that the German amwedding, is doing a rushing business in the grain trade. In connection with his store he has put in a telephone for The Gendron Manufacturing Com- his own convenience and that of the public generally.

Mr. C. Tilden, has returned home Having learned of the completion of from Michigan, where he has been the new home of the above enterprising spending his holidays, considerably company, a representative of the "Ad- spending his holidays, considerably Yankified, but not affected in the least

the good resolutions made by them on

John R. Hodgins, 106; Bant Robson, 22; Edward Dann, 55; Mr. Powers, 68; Joseph McLeod, 95; R. A. Powell, 25. Jame Hodgins, our new reeve, gave the boys a monster night's fun over accounts enjoyed themselves

hugely Mr. Wm. Burr was highly delighted lishment would do credit to any of our with the party at Mr. Jas. Hodgins' banks. The size of the general offices on Monday night. Master Miller and Edward Goulding kindly hitched up a team of flyers and took a lead of our youth and beauty to the dance. The storm and bad condition of the roads rendered the trip difficult, but they went through.

Mr. Andrew Fenwick intends disposing of his flyer, Phoebe. As he intends visiting several eastern dities and will not return for several months. he does not care to leave his valuable animal behind.

The Epworth League concert was a grand success. The visiting leagues from Wesley and Ilderton were royally entertained.

Richard Burr, our young huntsman. has just added to his already large pack of fox hounds a pure-bred beagle hound. Richard has proven that hunting in this vicinity is not only amusing, but a profitable business.

Nate and complate is the new stormdoor in the postoffice. Mr. Leonard Lambourn is again able to be around and to attend to busi-His youngest son, Ira, is also recovering from a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs.

A telegram arrived this morning stating that Mrs. E. K. Sale, formerly of Birr, now of St. Marys, was in a very critical condition and that her life was despaired of. The Wheel Inn is doing good busi-

ness. Travelers who visited this place during the last few days speak in glowing terms of the treatment received.

Mr. Gilbert took charge of Birr school on Monday morning. The attendance was fair. Miss Ida Collins, of Birr, left the other day for London. She intends taking a course in the Forest City Business College.

Mr. Maggie Brown has returned to the Forest City after spending the holidays very pleasantly with her mo-

esting place to the uninitiated Here one George Dann, Birr, has rented th Mr. Wm. Dann, youngest son of Mr. cheese factory, and will, with a competent assistant, manage the affairs pertaining thereto during the coming year. As Mr. Dann is a very popular young man, we feel confident that he will make a success of it. elf an Al cheesemaker, and has served under some of the best men in the business.

Edward Goulding's single driver never looked better, and Ed. makes the boys get up and dust if they want to keep him company in his numerous

EXETER.

Exeter, Jan. 10 -The firemen held their annual concert last night in Drews' Hall. "Well, my little boy," said the ur- A large and fashionble audience greeted "what does mamma give their enterprise. Of the local talent Miss "She doesn't give me anything," said the youngster, in an injured tone. "I compared to the youngster, in an injured tone. "I compared to the youngster, in an injured tone." I compared to the youngster, in an injured tone. "I compared to the youngster, and club Mr. McDonold, comic singer, and club s nging by W. Lyne, both of London, of course, were the features of the evening.

> ILDERTON. Ilderton, Jan. 11.-Evangelists Jackson and Hill, who have been conducting special services during this week

continue all next week. Service next Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. McAndless has been called away to his son in Capac, who is dangerously

STRATHROY.

("Advertiser" Agent, J. D. Meekison.) Strathroy, Jan. 11. The young ladies of Strathroy will give a evening Jan. 21. The harpers have been engaged for the occasion.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Mr. Thos. Milton and Miss Abbie McPherson, both of Caradoc, were married at the residence of Mr. Winter by the Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Marvs.

Miss Macdonald, of Beechwood, is visit-Last evening the ladies of the Mission Circle (Baptist Church) held a very successful social at the residence of Deacon Chute, con. 10, Caradoc. Sleighs were ready at 10 o'clock to carry out all who wished to join in the social. A good programme was rendered and a silver collection taken up at the end of the evening.

The Epworth Leaguers will hold a convention in the Frank Street Methodist Church on Feb. 11. Miss Edith Scatcherd, of London, and Miss Essie Case, of Toronto, are spending a few days with Miss Shirley Grist, of this

Mrs. Wm. Watson and daughter, of Lonally part of the restory of the Mata- to divulge their names, but we have don, were the guests of her brother, John

Hodgson, Richmond street. The annual meeting of the West Middle-Union, Lobo and Adelaide Agricultural and Strathroy Horticultural Societies will be held in the Fireman's Hall, Strathroy, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 1 o'clock, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected and the annual report submitted, The directors meet in the same place on the same date at 10 o'clock a.m.

IN SPORTING CIRCLES.

CURLING

FINAL IN THE PRIMARIES. The final match of the primaries for club medals of Forest City Club was played last evening. The following is the score: Henwool, F. Beattie, C. S. Hyman, A.

Talbot, skip-12. Col. Macbeth, W. Bartlett, C. W. Davis, G. Gillespie, skip-9. THE TURF

THE CANADIAN JOCKEY CLUB. The promoters of the Canadian Jockey Club met the other day, for the purpose of organization. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. Hendrie; vice-president, Mr. Robt. Davies; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Lyndhurst Ogden. The representation so far of the different clubs on the board to be as fallows: Ontario Jockey Club, 3 members; Bel Air Jockey Club, Hamilton, and Windsor Jockey Clubs, 2 each; Montreal Hunt, Lendon Hunt, Toronto Hunt, Quebec Turf and Mar-itime Jockey Club, N. S., 1 each. The directons will shortly meet to pass by-laws, fix dates of meetings, and perfect other arrangements, etc., such only having regard to flat races and steeplechases.

BURNED TO DEATH. Quebec, Que., Jan. 11.—The house of a resident of St. Pierre, River Du Sud, named Pierre Letourneau, caught ire Friday night during his absence the woods and was entirely consumed. Mde. Letoruneau, aged 50, was unable to make her escape in time, and perished the flames.

SUICIDE SUSPECTED.

ard, about six mies com this village, with his absent mamma, quietly hung up died at her residence yesterday under suspicious circumstances. She is suspected of having taken poison. Dr. N. Fraser, the coroner of this village, has been notified. RESCUED.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.—The party of five, consisting of Purser Macdon-ald, Third Officer Rain and three Japnese, who left the disabled steamer Strathnevis on the morning of Dec. 24 in a small boat for Destruction Island, were given up for lost, were rescued from the island on Thursday and brought here this afternon, all well.

DEADLY COAL GAS. Standish, Mich., Jan. 11.-Frank Larue, jun., and family, consisting of wife and three children, narrowly escaped suffocation by gas escaping from their coal stove. When discovered Mr. Larue was the only one who could make a noise. The rest of the family were fast becoming unconscious, and in a few minutes more they would

have died. THE MIOWERA SAFE. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.-A special dispatch received from Vancouver states that the Warrimoo, from Hawaii, which arrived at 4 a.m., reports as safe the Miowera, the steamer supposed to have been swamped while endeavoring to save the Strathnevis. The Warrimoo spoke the Miowera on Jan. 2 about 200 miles south of Honolulu, bound for Australia, and all was

THE DEEP WATERWAYS COM-MISSION. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 11.-The American members of the International Deep Waterways Commission will meet here arrangements. The official documents notifying the American members of the appointment of their Canadian olleagues have not yet been received. but the idea of Commissioners Angel, Russell and Cooley is that formalities should be waived and the work begun. A second meeting will undoubtedly be arranged for shortly after the arrival of the Canadian commissioners, Messrs. Howland, Kelfer and Monroe, at which

RIGHT IN OUR MIDST. Mr. Shipman, of Owen Sound-Seven Years of Acute Sufferi g-Diabetes

all will be in attendance.

Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Owen Sound, Jan. 6,-Mr. Shipman tellshis story in the hope that he may benefit others, and says: As the result of a tumble when a boy which injured my back, I have been troubled with weak kidneys all my life. For months, no wonder that careful attention the past year I have been a great sufferer. growing worse until a friendly druggist ad. demanding such service must compose vised me to us: Dodd's Kidney Pills. Tes's themselves full length upon a mat of reeds of the urine showed Diabetes and I realized my danger. I had found it impossible when head of the subject, combs with a long pin tired to stand upright and at such times the matted locks that have not been under was drawn down sideways. In all I have used about one dozen boxes and am now ping off an offending lock, to be a little hearty and healthy as ever in my life.

If you are bald, or find that your hair is breaking or falling out, it will pay you to call at Madam Ireland's parlors, 11 1-2 Dundas street, who can positively restore hair and prevent falling out. Her celebrated toilet and shaving soan cannot be excelled, and her fine medi. cinal face powder is of the finest. These can be procured from Cairneross & Lawrence.

Business chances, articles for sale, houses to let, boarders wanted, male help wanted, etc., are all charged the rate in the "Advertiser," namely 1 cent per word for first insertion and -2 cent per word for each subsequent in the Ilderton Methodist Church, will insertion.

AGED 13 AND A PREACHER.

Wonderful Boy-Evangelist Who Makes Many Converts. During a remarkable series of revival meetings held at Pertle Springs, near Warrensburg, Mo., this summer, a lad of thirteen years was the central figure.

He was Master Ray York, the boy revivalist, who has been regularly licensed leap year ball in the Lyceum, on Tuesday to preach by the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg and is one of the most successful Christian workers in the state. He was converted at the age of six in the Baptist Sunday-school, and since that time has evinced deep and earnest interest in religion, coupled with an astonishing maturity of thought and command of language. On Nov. 27, 1893, Ray formally united with the Church, and since that time has been active in evangelistic work. On Feb. 9, 1894, when not quite twelve

years of age, he preached his first sermon, which electrified his audience, and which was. Ray says, as much a surprise to him as to his friends. During last summer's school vacation he did a good deal of gospel work under the direction of his pastor, and in the fall assisted the Rev. R. L. Kirkland in a series of revival meetings at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Kirkland pronounced the boy the best helper he ever had. The lad is a hard student and as soon as he finishes his high school course he will attend a theological seminary. He is slightly built and weighs only about seventy-five pounds. He still wears kneebreeches and a broad boy's coliar. He has brown hair and eyes. His voice retains its childish treble, but is clear and strong. His manner is simple, earnest and impressive. In his work at Pertle Springs this gifted youth will be assisted by another distinguished boy preacher, the Rev. Ervin F. Leake, aged seventeen years, paster of the First Baptist Church of Mount Carmel, Ill., the youngest regularly ordained pastor in the United States.

Little Breeches and the Telephone. Little Breeches was five years old last week. His five years of mortal experience

the telephone and, from what happened a day or two after his completing his fifth year, he must be a close observer Little Breeches has very recently joined a kindergarten. His mother generally calls to take him home at dinner hour, but on this particular day she sent word that he would have to make the homeward journey of one square and a half by himself, as she was obliged to go somewhere else. He formed his own conclusion on general grounds as to where "somewhere else" was, so as soon as he found himself at home and a little lonesome, he

have included a daily acquaintance with

When Exchange heard the call she asked, as usual, "Number?" But little Breeches wanted no number in particular, so the answer Exchange got was, "Please tell my mamma to come home. She's at Fourth avenue, two doors

from the corner."

got a chair and put it in front of the tele-

Exchange at once perceived that it was a five-year-old voice, and her general information helped her to help Little Breeches. She knew the number of the telephone from which the little voice came, and she also knew of a big house on Fourth avenue, "two doors from the corner," where the mistress of the telephone often visited. The natural conclusion was that 'my mamma' was at that very house, and that house is also furnished with a telephone. So Exchange rang up that

house and gave the message. Little Breeches, confident the done enough to establish communications the receiver and climbed down off his chair. Just then the front door opened and "my mamma" walked in. Her son thought she must be a very obedient mamma to come so quickly but as she entered the room the telephone bell rang again, and, answering the ring, she got from Exchange the message, "Your mamma has gone home already, Mr. Little

Breeches. Of course, this rather puzzled mamma but explanations followed from Exchange, supplemented by her son's own statement of the case.

"Didn't you get any message, mam-ma" he asked he a disappointed tone.

A Talk-Meter Wanted.

The man who wishes to take a short cut to fame and fortune has now the chance of his life before him. The crying need in the telephone business is a talk-meter. an automatic arrangement by which language can be measured off and recorded in specific lengths. The telephone exchange people say that the garrulity of some of their subscribers is appalling, and that the trouble is not confined to one sex. The sound of their voices in the telephone transmitter has for some people a great fascination, and they will be ringing up "central" all day if they find the most trivial pretext. The telephone companies say that in this way a large amount of work is unduly thrown on the exchange employes. They hold that the fault is with the system, and that if the people could be made to pay according to the number and lengths of their calls, they would make more temperate and legitimate use of the on Monday to make some preliminary instrument. Philadelphia is approaching the idea. The Bell Telpehone Company there gives what is called a measured service, the "measurement" being determined by the number of calls or connections, each five minutes' conversation or fraction thereof being counted as a call. This gives subscribers rates in proportion to the use of their instruments. Some such method as this will have to come into general use if the abuse of the telephone is to be arrested. Seven hundred and fifty million telephone messages were sent over the wires last year, averaging about ten messages to every man, woman and child in the United States. Telegrams never exceeded one

per head per year.

Hair Dressing in Africa. In some sections of the Dark Continent great stress is laid upon the proper style of hair-dressing. As it must answer for | gardener and philosopher, who "potters" should be given to the process. Women or rushes; the attendant, sitting at the treatment for months, now and then sniplater used in some form of original ornamentation quite unknown in nature's comely modelling.

To give full scope to her genius, this female barber so arranges the numerous plaits that the full sweep of native artistic talent may be amply shown. The long braids, dripping with oil of questionable fragrance, are made to form grotesque figures and shapes; and the recumbent lady must for hours be patiently obedient, no matter how lofty her social position, for a long period must intervene before she again submits herself to the severe and wearisome operation.

Minard's Liniment cures Dardruff,

ALFRED AUSTIN.

successor to Tennyson. The cable brought us a New Years' surprise in the announced appointment of a new Poet Laureate. It was a surprise, because the literary world had pretty well settled down to the conviction that Gladstone's policy would be continued by his successor, and that the laureateship would be allowed to lapse, not only because it is an anachronism in itself, but because the choice of a worthy successor to Alfred Tennyson is made impossible by circum-

stances. He is described in current books of ref- the claims made for Warner's Safe erence as a journalist, a novelist, a poet and a critic. To the term "journalist" he is honorably entitied, for he has done acceptable work as special correspondent and editorial writer. The word "novelist" also calls for no protest, because that word is applied indifferently to writers of good fiction as well as bad. But the words "poet" and "critic" are, in Mr. Austin's from year to year attest this great case, merely words of differentiation and fact. not of description.

Mr. Austin was born at Headingley. near Leeds, on May 80, 1835. His father was a merchant and magistrate of the borough of Leeds, and his mother was the you can reap the benefit of this sister of John Locke, a civil engineer of experience. If you are suffering some prominence and member of parlia- from the miserable, wearing sympment for the borough of Honiton. Father and mother were both Catholics. Though it is understood that Austin has forsaken his ancestral faith, this came from no to look with perfect certainty for lack of a firm grounding in its doctrines. relief and cure. There is nothing His early education was gained at Stony- like Warner's Safe Cure for effecthurst and at St. Mary's College, Oscott, both Roman Catholic institutions.

From Oscott he took his degree at the University of London in 1853. In 1857 he appetite, dyspepsia, tired feelings and was called to the bar of the Inner Temple. sleeplessness. It is the only remedy But his heart was never in the law. He had adopted the profession only to please his parents. From his eighteenth year, when he had published anonymously a poem entitled "Randolph," he had determined to consecrate his life to literature. That determination was openly voiced in a novel. "Five Years of It " also published anonymously while still a minor, of which he made himself the hero.

Not till the death of his father, however,

in 1861, did he formally abandon his profession. Then he went to Italy, and in

the same year published his first acknowl-

edged volume of verse, "The Season; a

Satire." It was a mild fling at the follies

of fashionable life, and had a mild sort of

success. But the young author had now

Henceforth the cacoethes scribendi could

not be curbed. The list of his published

"The Human Tragedy" is his most

ambitious effort, It is a deliberate at-

tempt to combine the features of the an-

cient epic and the modern novel. In a

preface he explains that the present age is

pre-eminently the age of fiction as Shakes

peare's was pre-eminently the age of the

drama. Hence, the form in which con-

temporary poetry should seek to express

itself is the narrative. The poet must so

far imitate the novelist as to make his

story "interesting, and interesting to

but he must tell it like a poet and not

like a novelist. Acting on this theory,

Austin has aimed at a glorifled novel in

verse, with all the plot interest and the

character interest that a novel can pos-

sess, plus all that higher and wider in-

terest in the drama of human action and

the problems of human destiny which the

novelist, or, at any rate, the contemporary

novelist, deliberately refrains from at-

All this is nobly planned, but, like the

rest of his verse, it is insufficiently car-

ried out. Alfred Austin's is the sort of

poetry that disarm's criticism. It is

profoundly innocuous. It shows a whole-

some ambition and an urbane tempera-

ment. In England nearly everybody

praises it-even the critical Spectator,

even the acidulous Saturday Review.

They seem to feel that the author has

made a praiseworthy effort to do his very

best, and that it is ungenerous to mingle

praise for the effort with any blame for

the performance. But, alas! amid all

this chorus of praise, few people ever read

these poems, and fewer, having read, re-

Among his critical works, "The Poetry

of the Period" may be singled out as

especially remarkable. It is not remark-

able, however, for either insight or acu-

men, but for a certain terrier like audac-

ity. He snaps at Tennyson and Brown-

ing and Morris and Swinburne, and, in-

deed, all his great contemporaries, and

finds no great poet among all of them.

Obviously there was room for Alfred Aus-

He loves rural England, and is never

happier or more successful than when he

makes it his theme. Two of the daintiest

books he has ever written-books which

though cast in the form of prose, have real-

ly more of the poetic quality than all his

iambies and pentameters—are "The Garden That I Love," and its sequel,

describe the author's own estate and his

own manner of living. The nameless

among his borders and beds with con-

tagious enjoyment, musing at all inter-

vals on all sorts of subjects, literary,

scientific and political, is Alfred Austin

himself. The musings are not very deep

or startlingly original, but they are ami

able and usually sensible, and they are

imbued throughout with the perfume of

Every one knows how diligently and

without cessation a musician will prac-

tice upon any instrument in order to at-

tain perfection. There is danger that

similar methods may be employed with

the voice, and then the results may prove

ment may be easily harmed by excessive

use, and if once over-strained may never

recover. Therefore, mental study is rec-

ommended for much of the time of prac-

tice, and great care to commit the score of

the music to memory as one would learn

a theorem in geometry. This will prove

of inestimable benefit in reading at sight,

and will also assist in preserving the two

essentials of any voice-freshness and

most disastrous. This delicate instru-

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"In Veronica's Garden." These books

tin in Alfred Austin's opinion.

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