

It not been for outside influence Mr. Dick says now, what he had told the first time, would have been sufficiently restored to the former pay of the old rates. He says he should be personally blamed as he is simply carrying out the directions of the company. In answer to the question if he accepted the terms of the agreement, he said he was a wrong impression. He had to accept the reduction, but they did not do so the same day. They were not of the management, and he is being operated.

A SCHEME OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE. One Queen, One Flag, One Fleet.

1-INTRODUCTORY. (From the London Daily Graphic.) Sir, Recent public utterances, not less than recent political events, and the loyal demonstrations with which all the great outlying parts of the Empire have pledged their devotion to the Mother Country, seem to indicate that the time has arrived for the elaboration of some scheme whereby children and parent may be permanently and efficiently associated for the defence and advancement of their common interests. Roughly speaking, the British race, so far as its subject children and parent are concerned, is divided into three great divisions. There are 40,000,000 of us here at home; there are 10,000,000 of us in the self-governing colonies; and there are a couple of millions of us in the colonies which are not self-governing and in India. Outside of our kith and kin, are 350,000,000 of people, who, although not of our race, owe allegiance to the British crown, and are in all 402,000,000 souls whose welfare is bound up with that of the flag. This is more than one-third of the entire population of the world.

is the advantageous concentration of patriotism, effort and force. An incidental object not lost sight of is the promotion of intercourse and thorough understanding throughout the empire, and the perpetuation, without prejudice to the special aspirations and institutions of the various colonies, of the idea that these islands are the home and altar of the race, and that the welfare of the empire as a whole, and of every part of it, is the affair not of Englishmen, or Irishmen, or Australians, or Canadians, but rather of each and all equally.

A HINT TO YOUNG FOLK. They are Apt to be Careless Where Health is Concerned

A great many people, and especially young people, are too careless of their health. They will sit in a draught when they know they are taking cold, and in numerous other ways show their indifference to the rules that govern health, realising, sometimes when it is too late, the serious effect of their carelessness. Never neglect an illness, no matter how trivial it may appear. It is in this class of persons that Miss Annie Ramsdell, of Whitehead, N. B., wishes to speak. In June, 1885, she says, I contracted a cold, but did not take anything for it, thinking that it would soon pass away. In this, however, I was disappointed, and I finally realized that it had settled on my lungs, and I was obliged to take to bed. A doctor was called in and he said I was a very sick girl, which, truth to be told, I was. I had realized before he was sent for. At the outset his medicine helped me somewhat, but the improvement was not lasting, and I found myself getting weaker and weaker. At last I reached that stage when I despaired of getting better. My appetite had almost entirely failed, I was reduced nearly to a skeleton, had a hacking cough and suffered from headache and fluttering or palpitation of the heart. As a matter of fact both myself and friends thought I was at death's door. While in this condition I read in a newspaper of a case similar to mine cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I procured a supply, and by the time I had taken six boxes I was almost completely recovered. My appetite had returned, a healthy color came back to my face and my cough ceased troubling me. I am still occasionally using Pink Pills, and my recovery through their use has made for them hosts of friends in this locality, who look upon what they have done for me as a little short of miraculous. I am so grateful for what the Pink Pills have done for me that I freely give my permission to use this statement in any form you please, in the hope that it may bring new hope to some similar sufferers.

SIMPLE MILK TESTER. AN AUSTRALIAN INVENTION OF VERY SUPERIOR MERITS.

While the process of testing milk by means of the new centrifugal apparatus is simple enough to be soon mastered by intelligent dairymen, it is sufficiently complicated to lead to frequent mistakes on the part of persons who have no natural capacity for using mechanical appliances. Angus Mackay, professor of agriculture in the technical college, Sydney, has lately devised a testing apparatus which is claimed to be perfectly effective, though it is surprisingly simple. According to the description published in an Australian paper, all that is required is a straight piece of glass tube, sealed at one end and marked off into three divisions of ten cubic centimeters capacity, and a fourth which is graduated. The milk to be tested is poured into the tube to the line marking the first division. To the milk is added sufficient specially prepared ether to fill the tube to the line marking the second division.

DR JAMESON IN COURT. As He Entered the Room He Was Enthusiastically Cheered by Friends.

London, Feb. 25.—It was probably not without design that the appearance of Dr. Jameson for arraignment in the Bow street police court was delayed all through the day. It was a disposition to hilarity manifest in the locality from an early hour, and it was evident that there was a set purpose prevailing the London masses to give "Dr. Jam" an ovation. The British government is well aware that though Dr. Jameson is brought to England for trial as a criminal, he is in the popular eye a hero, and his raid into the Transvaal, far from being viewed as a practical enterprise, is looked upon as a chivalrous and knightly adventure to succour hard pressed friends and fellow countrymen. It was hoped the crowd of his admirers would be cooled by the long wait, and that the noisy mob waiting to cheer him, would grow weary and depart. But all this strangely happened otherwise. The people insisted upon waiting.

PACKING BUTTER. A Method by Which the Delicate Flavor May Be Preserved.

Good butter may be safely packed to keep six months or more if the right way is taken. It has been done years ago, when it was the custom to keep the surplus product for sale then, there being no winter dairying to supply the demand. The butter must be naturally good and the butterfat quite free from the buttermilk by thorough washing. There need be no fear that this will hurt the butter for it cannot take anything from it, the fat being wholly insoluble in water, and only the buttermilk will be washed out of it, which it must be, or it will be a detriment to the butter, as producing changes of the fat into volatile acids by which the butter is made strong and finally rancid.

EXTREMES IN PIGEONS. Pouter and Fantail are Two Hobbies of Scotch Fanicrs.

It would require a large volume to enumerate all the varieties of pigeons. We have over one hundred varieties, as different in outward appearance as so many kinds of wild birds, yet all so alike to the original as to be allowed to breed indiscriminately. In the illustration are seen two favorite hobbies of the Scotch pigeon fanciers, each brought to its highest state of perfection in Scotland. The pouter cock has in the engraving a pedestal on which to stand that they may pose erect, these being the ideal carriage for pouters, as the length of their tails prevents the bird from standing straight when shown on the floor of the show cage. Length and plumpness of girth are properties quite as much looked for in these birds as is the large, roundly inflated crop. The fullness in the back of the crop in this pouter was a point to which Mr. Fulton especially called my attention as being much coveted and prized by fanciers. These birds measure from 18 to 20 inches from top of beak to tip of tail. The legs, also, should be long—1 to 7 inches being expected on a good bird—and to stand well up a bird requires good length of limb. It was my good fortune to see the model of the portrait of the fantail in the loft of my breeder, not long before the exportation to this country. The precaution which the owner took in handling this specimen while showing it to me was only a sample of the great care taken by British fanciers in rearing the birds and training them for show purposes. The way in which the show fantail is picked up means almost as much for the development of a well-formed and well-carried tail as does the bird's very breeding. Not a feather must be twisted or displaced, not a movement of the head restrained—for the carriage of these birds' heads is a valued point if correct—Orange Judd Farmer.

HOME CHEESE-MAKING. How Many of the Troubles of the Amateur May Be Avoided.

The New England Homestead gives the following suggestions for home cheese-making: Strain the milk into a vat and add half a pint of rennet to one hundred gallons of milk, which should bring the curd in one hour when the temperature is at about 80 degrees. Stir the rennet and milk thoroughly. Many of the unknown troubles of the amateur cheese maker arise from the use of ill-conditioned rennet; if double as to its purity exist, it should be filtered through a flannel or cotton filter. As the condition of the milk varies, the quantity of rennet, quality of milk and temperature vary at nearly every cheese making, the prepared rennet tablets sold by dairy supply houses are undoubtedly more certain in results. To the beginner a thermometer accurately graduated is essential to success. The curd is cut into one-inch squares immediately after it has formed, to hasten the separation of whey and curd. The curd is repeated two or three times at half hour intervals and then dipped carefully into a basket in which a strainer has been placed. Arrange the basket on a ladder over the whey receiver and let the curd drain. The whey will reduce his expenses in every compact and fairly free from whey, tie the strainer ends by opposite corners and hang in a cool place until the morning's milk is made. Proceed with the morning's milk precisely in the same way until ready to bag. This way is taken. It is little more than that it may be firm and decidedly free from whey.

THE SALVATION ARMY. Commissioner Eva Booth Now in Command of the U. S. Division.

New York, Feb. 25.—Commissioner Eva Booth, who is now in command of the American division of the Salvation Army, today made a full statement of her intended action. She said that the trouble between Ballington Booth and international headquarters grew out of a letter which Ballington Booth wrote on January 21, in reply to his recall from the American command. In this letter he made two definite charges: one against the incompetency as an individual and the other against the method of the army. Until this new commander, Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, arrive, Commissioner Eva Booth will devote all her efforts to keeping matters quiet. The general's reply to his son's charges is expected on Saturday's steamer, and there will be then a further hearing.

Major Peter Glen and Wife Resign on Account of the Ballington Booth Affair.

New York, Feb. 26.—Manifestations of the much talked-of revolution in the Salvation Army took a more definite form today. Major Peter Glen, the oldest officer in point of service on the headquarters staff, who for several years has had charge of the field department, sent in his resignation. It was as follows: To Commissioner Eva Booth: My Dear Commissioner—It is with the deepest regret that we are compelled after nine and a half years of faithful service in the rank of the Salvation Army in America to herewith tender you our resignations, our reasons being, in brief, that we believe Commissioner and Mrs. Ballington Booth have been dismissed from their posts without just cause. Believe me to be, dear commissioner, faithfully yours for good and evil, (Signed) PETER GLEN, Major.

THE HOUR AND THE MAN. It is because this necessity for the organization of a system of imperial defence in which all portions of the colonial empire shall have their share is becoming recognized, and because we are at present so fortunate as to have at the colonial office a statesman of Mr. Chamberlain's imperial instincts and vigorous initiative, that I venture now to address you on this very important subject.

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BOB TONG'S DUCKS. They Grow Fat Without any Expense to Their Owner.

The Wilmington (Del.) News tells a story of a poultry-keeper of that city which might fairly be headed "Important it true." Mr. Tong, the person in question, has been sadly puzzled of late with regard to his flock of ducks; they got "off their feed" and nothing that he could tempt them with succeeded in inducing them to eat as of yore. The strange part of it was that, while they appeared to be lazier their health was unimpaired, and they grew fatter and fatter. Mr. Tong told his friends about the mystery, and, like him, they all gave it up. He was speedily coming to the conclusion that he had produced a breed of ducks that, chamberlain-like, would live on wind when Folic Sergeant Massey solved the mystery. The sergeant was hurrying to the reporting place, when, coming down in the middle of Market street, he saw "Bob" Tong's ducks.

THE DEMAND FOR BUTTER. The people of Canada eat on the average about four pounds of butter for each bushel of wheat consumed as food.

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THE QUEEN BEES. A beekeeper says that should a colony become queenless from any cause, three weeks may be gained by having an extra queen to give it at once.

HEADWORK ON THE FARM. Headwork is worth more than handwork. The farmer who makes no mistakes will reduce his expenses in every department of his farm.

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