

stiff paper suitable for framing, which they well deserve. The illustrations throughout the number are not, in their way, at all inferior to the more prominent detached gems, and the paper and type of the whole issue are superb. A new song, perfectly got up, adds to the richness of the number. Altogether the Christmas *Star* is calculated to add to the pride and satisfaction of Canadians with their country. It is to be had at T. C. Allen & Co's. and no one ought to miss securing it. Price 40 cents, any one picture alone being worth double that amount.

The Christmas Number of the *Illustrated News* (price 50 cents, T. C. Allen & Co.) only just falls short of the *Montreal Star*, and by so little that one has some slight hesitation in saying so. Its paper and type are admirable, and its general illustrations powerful, well drawn, and well engraved. The colored engravings, three in number, which accompany it, are, "A Daughter of Eve" (large size) a little girl with a wealth of tawny mane, and the suggestive apple in her lap. This is exquisitely delicate, and the child's brooding brown eyes, fraught with the unknown troubles of the future, are a study in themselves. "Charming Kato" has a sweet and thoughtful face, and the coloring is in the daintiest taste—faint pink, one touch of pale green, another of the color of some light wood which one could scarcely call brown, or even fawn, and a little dull white, are all that are required to produce an effect so delicate that everyone who sees it would desire to have it framed. "A Hunting we will Go," is a thoroughly well-drawn, well-colored, and well-expressed picture of a father (who is evidently a soldier coming down stairs with his little girl on his shoulder, flourishing Papa's hunting whip; red coat, top boots, breeches, stirrup and rods—all the accessories are perfect. Either of these charming pictures are worth double the 50 cents, which is the price of the number.

A suit for libel is to be brought against a Brooklyn newspaper by a prominent politician because the paper referred to him as "a wind jimmer."

St. John, Gaudaur's backer, and William O'Connor are in correspondence, and a race no doubt will be arranged to take place at San Francisco in March.

A number of influential Philadelphia women are contemplating the establishment of a ribbon society for temperance in dress, just as there is a blue-ribbon society for temperance in drink.

Two thousand four hundred and thirty-six men deserted from the United States army the past year. General Schofield suggests that the reward for the arrest of a deserter be increased to \$100.

The New York *Sun* says Mrs. James G. Blaine Jr., has decided to go on the stage as a means of making her livelihood. Mrs. Blaine studied under Modjeska, and was contemplating becoming an actress before her marriage.

It has been calculated in the United States, and is not disputed, that the Presidential Election cost directly and indirectly not less than \$500,000,000, that is, at the rate of \$125,000,000 a year for the presidential period.

Six hundred thousand turkeys, two and a half million pounds of chickens, ducks and geese, and one hundred thousand quarts of cranberries was the New York *Herald's* estimate of what would be required for New York and Brooklyn on Thanksgiving Day.

A despatch from Waldoboro, Me., of the 1st inst., says the schooner *Gov Ames*, of Somerset, Mass., the largest and only five masted center board schooner ever built, which has been in process of construction for the past four months by Levitt Storer, of that place, has been successfully launched.

New York news-mongers are inventing yarns of the discomfort of Mr. Phelps in England since the Sickville affair. They are entirely untrue. Mr. Phelps' personal relations socially, and with the British Government, are as cordial as they have ever been, and Lady Salisbury is leading a movement to present to Mrs. Phelps a souvenir of her sojourn in England.

The New York law, passed at the extra session of the legislature, forbidding the employment of the inmates of the state prisons on any work which competes with outside labor, seems to be playing havoc with the prison system of that state. There are some 4000 prisoners in these institutions who are kept in idleness, and, as might be expected, they are discontented and begging for work to enable them to occupy their time.

The Tariff bill proposed by the Senate Sub-committee on Finance as a substitute for the Mills bill, cuts down the revenues by about seventy millions. It takes \$28,000,000 of sugar and \$20,000,000 from tobacco. The internal revenue tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes is removed; alcohol used in the arts is made free, all material used to manufacture twine and bagging is free, wool is not touched and lumber and salt are also left as they are.

Lord Lansdowne has arrived in Calcutta.

A good deal of fighting is going on at Zauzibar between Germans and natives.

The arch-duke Leopold of Austria, a cousin of the Emperor, has been stricken with insanity.

The French Government has decided to introduce, if necessary, a bill to ensure the completion of the Panama canal.

General Boulanger elects to sit for the department of the Nord. In his circular he describes the Chamber as an assemblage of incapables.

It is said that the Boulangerists are receiving funds from Russian sources, and that strenuous endeavors are being made to force a Franco-Russian alliance.

At a meeting at Amsterdam to consider the erection of a statue to the Pope, 500 Socialists created a riot. The Police fired, and several rioters were wounded.

The Indian Press is excited about the use of the term "Black man," alleged to have been applied by Lord Salisbury to an Indian candidate for the Imperial Parliament.

It is reported that the Pope has administered a stern rebuke to the Irish L.aguera, charging them with "prelating the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Two men have been arrested at Naples for throwing a dynamite bomb at the German Consulate in that city. The bomb did not explode. The men are members of a republican society.

Spain is going against the triple alliance, and desires to form a Latin League, to consist of France, Spain, Italy and Belgium, and to oust Signor Crispi, the Italian Premier. The scheme is visionary, but is being carefully watched.

Mr. Labouchere has discovered that 90 per cent of the shareholders of the Inman Steamship Company are Americans. He calls attention to the company having placed several of their vessels on the list available for service in case of war.

It is to be feared that another cause of difference between England and Russia will be found in the dissatisfaction of Russia at the preponderance of British interest in the South of Persia, towards which Russia hopes to push for an outlet to the sea.

Capt. Driant, who recently married Mlle. Boulanger, has published a book describing the coming war of the revanche, the defeat of Germany, and the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine, illustrated with pictures of Frenchmen bayonetting Germans. The captain has been placed in arrest for a month.

A singular thing has come to pass. Mr. Bradlaugh has developed what are represented as concessions to conservatism, notably an attack on Labor Representatives because they refused to support an Employees Liability Bill. Probably Mr. Bradlaugh has outlived the crudity of his earlier red-hot opinions.

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