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Women, who seem to be all worn out, will find in purified blood, made rich and healthy by Hood's Sarsaparilla, permanent relief and strength. The following is from a well known nurse:

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IN THE SPORTING WORLD.

FOOTBALL.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The executive of the Canada Rugby Union and four delegates from each of the Provincial unions met here Saturday and adopted a number of resolutions for the season. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. F. R. Martin, of Osgoode Hall; vice-president, Mr. V. Buchanan, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. Bailey, Toronto.

THE WHEEL.

Angus McLeod has not yet closed with the Brantford people for next season, despite all reports to the contrary, and is still receiving and considering offers from other makers.

A veteran bicyclist suggests in the A. W. Bulletin a remedy for the attacks of dogs on wheelmen. It is in the form of advice to the wheelmen themselves, and it is simply this: "Don't kick the dogs." The writer says if he meets a dog that acts savage he jumps from his wheel, stands beside it and talks to the dog a minute. Then the animal either becomes friendly or retires to its kennel.

ZIMMY STILL WINNING.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 23.—A. A. Zimmerman, the American bicyclist, defeated separately Pitcher, of New Zealand, and Walker, of Victoria, in two races at a mile each. Both were scratch events.

DIABETES CURABLE.

Given Up to Die—Uses Dodd's Kidney Pills and is Cured by Eight Boxes.

Kirkfield, Dec. 23.—Mr. Duncan McKenzie, miller and lumberman of this place had returned from Kansas lately. He had failed in health and strength, had lost fifty pounds in weight. Was given up by his physician as well as by specialists in Toronto, and by himself and friends. Now comes a change. He says in a letter to Dodd's Medicine Company: "After commencing with your Dodd's Kidney Pills, I got help inside of two weeks. I took eight boxes in eight weeks; am completely cured. My symptoms left, general health good. Have regained my old health and weight. Had been bothered with heart and liver, both have vanished with the diabetes. I can walk briskly for miles instead of crawling as before. Am a brother of the president of the Toronto Street Railway Company, and well known here." Diabetes is set down as incurable—But Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure.

Miss Annie Denni is a fine-looking Georgia woman who has a talent for farming. She owns a 1,000-acre estate, on which she personally conducts a prosperous dairy, stock farm, cannery, preserving establishment, vineyard, distillery and pigery.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain in the chest, asthma, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Call at TRAFFORD'S and select the cover for a parlor suit, Turkish chair, Spanish couch, divan or fancy rocker, for Christmas present, and save money now and worry at the last moment.

A Nuisance

to a great many people are Babies and Baby Rockers. We have hundreds of them, and as they are no use to us and greatly in our way we have decided to sacrifice the lot, as come along and take your choice, KEENE BROS., 121 King street.

MOVING.

That is what our holiday goods are doing. Do not leave your purchasing until the last moment. Now is the time to get the best selections. The XMAS CARDS, CALENDARS and BOOK-LETS this year are more varied, more artistic and cheaper than ever. Immense stock of BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS and HYMNALS. Our DOLLAR Bible beats anything we ever had. BOOKS, ANNUALS and CHOICE FANCY GOODS in endless variety. TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT off all Games and Toys.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

O the snow, the beautiful snow, Why let the rain dissolve you so? You've lent yourself the streets to flood, Till, Beautiful Snow, your name is Mud.

—One week from today is municipal nomination day.

—The Bishop of Huron held confirmation services in the Amherstburg Episcopal Church yesterday.

—Mrs. Gibbs, of Sarnia, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilkins, Wootley road.

—Mrs. Vanderlinder, of Petrolia, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter, Ashin street, for a couple of weeks.

—A South Easthope farmer told us this morning that butternuts were seen on his farm yesterday.—Stratford Beacon, Saturday.

—Rev. Dr. Daniel, city, conducted the opening services at the reconstructed First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, yesterday.

—Miss Nellie Deacon, of this city, is ill in Chicago with pneumonia, and her mother, Mrs. J. S. Deacon, has been summoned.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. H. Brown and daughter, of Toronto, are spending their Christmas holidays with friends in South London.

—A mass meeting of London West ratepayers will be held in Collins' Hall on Friday night. Municipal matters are to be discussed.

—Ex-Ald. Robert Smith, of Ridout street, an aged and esteemed citizen, continues in a very weak state, and his life is despaired of.

—Miss Daisy Dawson, daughter of Mr. J. E. Dawson, of Butte, Montana, who is attending the Helmholtz College, is spending her Christmas holidays with her aunt, Mrs. B. M. Mitchell, King street.

—The rainy season came with the new moon. Will it last until the moon changes. The weather man is away out in announcing fair weather for Saturday and today. Two more soaking days were rarely seen in London.

—The drainage case of Caradoc and Metcalfe townships against Ekfrid has been concluded before Mr. R. M. Britton, the referee appointed by the Ontario Government to adjust all drainage disputes. The case occupied three days.

—The new long distance telephone line between New York and Chicago and London and Montreal was tested in the local office yesterday by Manager Brown and his assistants, Geo. W. Brown, W. H. Hartford, and D. Fraser. The New York operator was heard as distinctly as any of the local subscribers, and Manager Brown recognized the voice of a Montreal friend, Mr. Bayless.

—H. C. Phillips, formerly of London, was united in marriage to Miss Martha Boyce, of this city, at Milwaukee, Wis., on Wednesday last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Hunsberger.

The best man was Mr. W. H. Hartford, of Racine, and the bridemaid Miss Nettie Schmeidler, of Racine. The couple will reside at 700 Grand avenue, Milwaukee.

—Dixon Council, No. 125, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Past commander, D. A. Dibbs; chief counselor, H. M. Down; recorder, Geo. B. Nash; treasurer, A. B. Greer; guard, Rev. J. F. Stuart; marshal, J. W. White; J. Richardson; J. Richardson; representative to Grand Council, D. A. Dibbs; alternate, G. B. Nash; medical examiners, Drs. B. Ferguson, J. H. Hartford, and D. Fraser. Friends, James Lucas and Welch, of Council, 203 acted as scrutineers.

—Rather than pay some \$75 of disbursements of an abandoned alimony action, says the Toronto Telegram, brought against him by his wife, Edward Jury, of London, appealed to the Chancery Divisional Court in the judgment of Mr. Justice Meredith, directing he should pay such of his wife's counsel, W. H. Bartram, as one of the terms of the settlement of the suit. Judge Elliot ordered him to pay "the costs," but upon appeal he succeeded in limiting his liability to the "disbursements," but now he seeks to be relieved of these.

MRS. GOFORTH HEARD FROM.

Letters have just been received at the offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada announcing the safe arrival of Mrs. Goforth and party at the mission field in Honan, China. The work was stated to be in a satisfactory condition, and the prospects encouraging.

AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Tonight and every night this week the popular Mr. and Mrs. Wayne's repertoire company will hold the boards. The Detroit, Mich., Free Press says: "The Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wayne company began a week's engagement here last evening in the Empire Theater, and was greeted by a packed house, every seat being sold and standing room being a premium. The play presented by Wayne's company was a very sensational one, entitled 'From Sire to Son,' a beautiful Western drama in four acts, and was presented for the first time here, and became an instantaneous hit, the audience losing themselves in the many thrilling scenes; and in the comedy, laughed to a heart's content. The stage settings were grand, and the strong and every character being impersonated right to the point. In fact the whole show was a decided success." Remember the prices, only 10, 20, 80 cents. Matinees Xmas and Saturday.

MILITIA CHANGES.

The Canada Gazette in its last issue contains the following changes in the active militia:

Twenty-third, Elgin, Battalion of Infantry, to be second lieutenant provisionally, Walter Clark Potts.

Twenty-eighth, company, to be lieutenant, Second Lieut. Grayson Alexander; No. 5 company, Capt. H. B. Morphy is permitted to resign his commission.

Thirtieth, Wellington, Battalion of Rifles, No. 4 company, to be second lieutenant provisionally, Corporal David Munro-Broadfoot.

Thirty-third, Huron, Battalion of Infantry, Surgeon Wm. J. R. Holmes is granted the rank of surgeon-major from the 9th October, 1894, after twenty years' service as surgeon.

Thirty-eighth Battalion, Dufferin Rifles of Canada, to be adjutant, Capt. Chas. M. Melles; to be lieutenants, Second Lieut. Frank Abner Howard and David Stewart Gibson.

A LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than a half bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

The Bloody Work Begun.

Turkish Troops Attack Armenians at Zeitoun—Frightful Slaughter.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Frankfort Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying that there has been fierce fighting at Zeitoun between the Turkish troops, who surrounded that city, and the insurgent Armenians, who defended it. Both sides are said to have lost frightfully. The Turks were 10,000 strong and had 24 pieces of artillery. The Armenians numbered 15,000, but they had no artillery.

CROMWELL'S HEAD.

TRADITIONS OF THE RELIC WHICH ARE CAREFULLY PRESERVED.

Sold for Debt and Placed on Exhibition Before Descending by Inheritance to Its Present Custodian.

A mummy head, reputed to be that of Oliver Cromwell, is cared for as a sacred trust by Mr. Horace Wilkinson at the country house near Sevenoaks, in Kent, England, which is his home. It descended to him from his father, Mr. William Arthur Wilkinson, who at one time sat in the House of Commons for Lambeth. He likewise had received it from his father, Mr. Josiah Henry Wilkinson, the grandfather, of course, of Mr. Horace Wilkinson.

Documents dealing with the relic have accumulated beside it, and in particular a letter which Henry Wilkinson left in manuscript what may be called a statement of the case for it, as Cromwell's head.

Tradition runs that on a stormy night about twenty-five years after the heads of Cromwell, Ireton and Bradshaw had been set on Westminster Hall, that of Cromwell was blown down. It was picked up by a sentinel, who was on his rounds below, placed under his cloak and by him carried to his home. Naturally there would be a hue and cry as to what had become of so notable a thing.

The sentinel had taken it, perhaps, to sell for money, perhaps simply that he might have such a property, perhaps on the impulse of the moment—that is a detail. But the hue and cry would have placed him in a difficult position, and therefore he hid the mummy in the chimney of his house, only revealing its presence there to his wife and daughter on his deathbed. By this time the mystery of the disappearance was more or less forgotten, and the wife and daughter were able to sell it to a Cambridge family named Russell.

This family was intimately connected with the Cromwells by marriage, and so naturally desired to preserve so important a part of the remains of the Lord Protector. It continued in the possession of the Russells for long years, the last to own it being one Samuel Russell.

With him, however, the head fell on evil days, and was exhibited at so much of a charge in the vicinity of Clare Market, James Cox, the proprietor of a museum, coveted the head for his place and offered Samuel Russell £100 for it. Russell refused the offer, but later was indebted to Cox for a loan amounting to that sum.



In consideration of the loan and a further amount he eventually handed over the head to Cox's museum—perhaps in the year 1780.

Thus there was a forced sale of what was worth selling and worth buying only because it was believed to be Cromwell's head. But this was hardly a greater exhibition by Russell while—as the tale goes—that worthy was drunk. When Cox retired from his museum, just off Bond street, he in turn sold the trophy, there being three buyers. They were gentlemen of democratic views, and the period was early in the French Revolution, but the head was still on show.

And it is obviously added that they all died sudden deaths. The last survivor of the three was a friend of Mr. Josiah Henry Wilkinson, and the grandfather of the present owner bought it from his dead friend's daughter, to whom it was left. This would have been about 1812, and the head was then in the strong oak box in which it is still kept. Indeed, the box, like its contents, came from the Russells, and both are now enclosed in a second case of polished wood. An oil painting which Mr. Horace Wilkinson bought some years ago at a sale in Sydenham gives a very good representation of the head. The artist is one Cranach, and on the back the picture is inscribed as "the Cromwell head."

What She Said.

Mrs. R. Peck, E. Fifteenth street, New York City, visited Canada last year, and had the good fortune to pick up something which not only suited her, but her neighbors also. Writing the manufacturer of Neville's she says: "I bought three bottles of Neville's while in Canada and treated my neighbors to some of it, and all think it the best medicine for internal or external pain such as a headache, toothache, etc. It is a powerful, penetrating, and certain remedy for pain of all kinds. Take no substitute."

NEW PHOTOGRAPH STUDIO. Messrs. A. Cooper and E. J. Sanders have bought the old Mackle gallery, over the C.P.R. ticket office, and intend fitting it up at once, and make it a first-class studio. Both gentlemen are well known, having lived here all their lives, with the exception of nine years of Mr. Cooper's life, which he spent in business in Petrolia. The firm have made a specialty of new Platinotype. They will be open on Christmas Day.

Connoisseurs of driving patronize Overmeyer's Hivery, Richmond street north, as he has only the latest style of rigs. Phone 423.

WROTE A LETTER TO CHRIST.

Armenian Traditions Showing King Abgar's Interest in the Saviour.

"The Armenians," said a clergyman of that race the other day, "are the first Christian nation, we accepted Christ when all others rejected him. Abgar, King of the Armenians at Etesia, the city of Abraham, heard of Christ, who was at that time in Jerusalem, healing the sick. Abgar wrote a letter to Christ saying: 'You must be God's son or God yourself, for what you are doing no man in this world can do. Pray come to my country, it is not a large country, but it is large enough for you and for me.'"

"This letter is still in existence. It is in Cairo, in the famous 'strong room' of the museum, and has been read by many English scholars. I told the story of this letter to an English gentleman not long since arrived from Egypt, but I had only fairly begun it when he said: 'Oh, yes, I know about that letter. I saw it myself in the strong room at Cairo, and it was translated to me there.' This letter is written in Armenian words, but with Syrian letters, for at that period of our history our language was not complete, and we were using the Greek and Syrian letters.

Christ replied to Abgar's letter that his mission forbade him to depart from Jerusalem, but that he would send his apostles into Armenia to teach and heal. Shortly after this Abgar, who was completely converted to the Christian faith, sent a man to Jerusalem to make a portrait of Christ, as he wished to behold his features. This the artist found it impossible to do, as the features of the Christ defied portrayal, and his color changed readily from red to white with his varying emotions.

"When Christ observed the futile attempts of the artist to make his likeness he asked for a handkerchief, and when it was given to him he pressed his face into it and made thereupon a perfect likeness. This handkerchief the artist and his company carried back into Armenia, unfolded all the way, lest a crease should injure the face. When they returned to Abgar he was overcome with emotion and, coming down from his throne, kissed the handkerchief in token of reverence.

"Shortly after this the Romans, hearing of this wonderful handkerchief in Abgar's possession, went to war with him for it. The Armenians made a brave fight, but a handful compared to the Romans and were soon in such straits that it was clear the handkerchief would be wrested from them. At this crisis Abgar determined that the sacred treasure should never fall into the hands of the Romans, and weighted the handkerchief with stones and threw it into a well in Etesia, and to this day the name of the well is Surp Tushrag, or St. Handkerchief. Such is one of the stories of our earlier history, for we do not admit that it is mere tradition.

"Another thing we claim is that God spoke Armenian with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, which was located in Armenia, and our history also shows that the Armenians were the only people who did not assist in the building of the Tower of Babel. Noah was alive at that time and spoke the language of Adam, which was Armenian. After the ark rested on Mount Ararat, in Armenia, Noah named the first house he built Nakhos, meaning 'I just got down.' Yes; we are the oldest people and the oldest Christian nation in the world. We do not need our missionaries."

Candy Making.

A delicious and harmless candy for the children is ice cream candy. This is flavored as it is pulled, and may be cut into sticks or small pieces if preferred. Boil three cups of sugar, a quarter of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a cup of water together but do not stir the syrup at all while boiling. Boil until when a little is dropped into cold water it is brittle. Turn on to a large well-buttered platter or a marble slab that has been oiled, and as it cools fold the edges toward the center. As soon as it can be handled pull it until it is white.

Molasses is used instead of sugar in making buttercups. Boil together two cups of Porto Rico molasses, one cup of white sugar, three-quarters of a cup of water, one tablespoonful of butter and a scant half teaspoonful of cream of tartar; do not stir. When it is done it will be easily formed into balls. Just before it is taken from the fire add a pinch of soda, about a quarter of an inch square; this is added because it gives a better texture for pulling, and it also adds to the look of the candy. Turn the candy on to a well buttered platter, and when it can be handled pull until it is light colored. Now lay it on a slightly floured table or board, lay some white fondant in the center and fold the candy over it carefully, roll out into sticks three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and cut into pieces with shears.

Nougat is easily made, and is always a favorite. Melt a pound of sugar in a saucepan without water, stirring it constantly until it has become a syrup. Add a cup of nut meats, salted and heated through, and stir briskly while adding. Four nuts buttered pans; any kind of nuts may be used, and the candy is nice with either peanuts, English walnuts or castanas chopped. In measuring the sugar remember that a pint will equal a pound.

Scientific Martyrs.

If soldiers are to be returned into scientific martyrs their military ardor is likely to be damped accordingly. Last year a delft story came from Germany of the plight of a regiment that had been put for some weeks on a diet of peanut flour. They were so reduced and weakened mentally and physically that they would have deserted if they had had the energy to do so. The diet was submitted to for several days stoically, but even a German soldier will turn, and the experiment was concluded just in time to avert an outbreak of insubordination. The troops at Fort Logan must be able to sympathize with the unfortunate Teutons. In testing the new emergency ration prescribed by the War Department, one company went out for three days of forced marching in the foothills, loaded with coffee tablets and compressed soup, which were supposed to take the place of hard tack and coffee. During the test, the medical officer who is charged with watching and weighing the men, rode into the nearest town for assistance. Thirty-six out of the fifty men were down with griping pains, resulting from the non-assimilation of the scientific ration. The order could not be revoked, and the men in the field were informed that they would have to remain on the march for two days longer.

Something to be Thankful For.

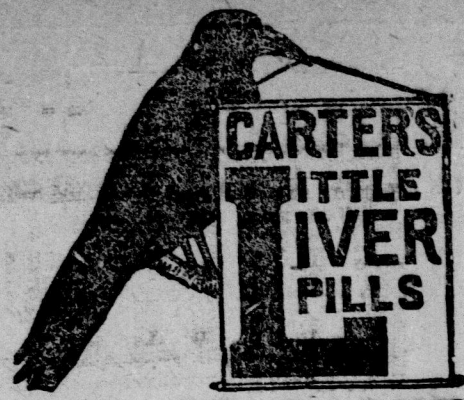
Schoolmaster—Johnny, can you tell me anything you have to be thankful for during the past quarter?

Johnny (without hesitating)—Yes, sir. Schoolmaster—Well, Johnny, what is it?

Johnny—When you broke your arm, you couldn't lick us for two months.

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