This was all for a time that they

as yet spared this little green nest It was a place lowly and obscure pounced down on it once or twice and carried off a few more of its men for army service, and arms were sent to it from its neighboring town, and on old from its neighboring town, and on old seidler of the First Empire tried to inself the remaining some in their use. enough to be left in peace. The law But he had no apt pupil except Bernadou, who learned to handle a musket with skill and with precision, and who carried his straight form galliantly and wholes, the straight form galliantly and while it dreamed. Margot spun at her wheel, though his words were seldom while it dreamed. Margot spun at her wheel. heard and his eyes were always sad.
"You will not be called till the last, dom lifting her head from her long knitting needles, except to cast a look on her grandson or at the sleeping child. The little wooden shutter of the Bernadou," said the old soldier; "you are married, and maintain your grandame and wife and child. But a strong,

dame and wife and child. But a strong, muscular, well-built youth like you should not wait to be called—you should volunteer to serve France."

"I will serve France when my time comes," said Bernadou, simply, in answer. But he would not leave his fields and his wife to sicken and starve, and his grandmother to perish alone in her fird year. They jeered and flouted and screamed against the fallen empire in the wine shop, but he looked them etraight in the eyes and held his peace

and did his daily work.
"If he be called, he will not be found wenting," said Reine Allix, who knew him better than did even the young wife whom he loved. Bernadou clung to his home with a

dogged devotion. He would not go from it to fight unless compelled, but for it he would have fought like a lion. His feeling for his country was a feeling for only an indefinite, shadowy existence that was clear to him; he could not love a land that he had never seen, a capital that was only to him as on empty name; nor could he comprehend the danger that his nation ran, nor could desire to go forth and spend his life-blood in defense of things unknown to him. He was only a peasant, could not read nor greatly understand.

But affection for his brithplace was a passion with him-mute, indeed, but deep-seated as an oak. For his birthplace he would have struggled as a man can only struggle when supreme love as well as duty nerves his arm. Neither he nor Reine Allix could see that a man's duty might lie from home; but in that home both were alike ready to dare anything and to suffer everything.

It was a narrow form of patriotism, yet it had nobleness, endurance and patience in it; in song it has been oftentimes defined as heroism, but in modern philosophy it is derided, and in modern warfare it is punished as

the blackest crime. So Bernadou tarried in his cottage till he should be called, keeping watch by night over the safety of his village, and by day doing all he could to aid the deserted wives and mothers of the place by the tilling of their ground for them and the tending of such poor cattle as were left in their desolate

He and Margot and Reine Allix, between them, fed many mouths that might lurk for them. One man, indeed, would otherwise have been closed in did cry aloud death by famine, and denied themselves all except the barest and most be smoked out like bees from their meager subsistence, that they might hives? Let us fly." And all this time the war went on, but seemed far from them, so seldom did any tidings of it pieces the seldom and the seld

done by a woman, and a woman 90 years old, and no man spoke any more of flight. All the night long they watched in the cold and the wind, the Fugitives coming to the smithy for a horse's shoe; women fleeing to their old village homes from their base, gay children shivering beneath their mothers' skirts, the men sullenly watching life in the city: mandates from the Government of defense sent to every hamlet in the country; stray news-sheets brought in by corriers, or hawkers and hucksters-all these by degrees told them of the peril of their country-vaguely, indeed, and seldom truthfully, but so that by mutilated rumors they came at last to know the awful facts of the fate of Sedan. the fall of the empire, the siege of

It did not alter their daily lives; it was still too far off and too impalpable But a foreboding, a dread, an unspeakwoe settled down on them.

Already their lands and cattle had been harassed to yield provision for army and large towns; already their best horses had been taken for he siege trains and forage wagons; already their plowshares were perforce idle, and their children cried because f the scarcity of nourishment; already the iron of war had entered into their

The little street at evening was mournful and very silent; the few who talked spoke in whispers, lest a spy should hear them, and the young ones had no strength to play; they wanted

"It is as it was in my youth," said Reine Allix, eating her piece of black bread and putting aside the better food prepared for her, that she might save

it, unseen, for "the child."

It was horrible to her and to all of them to live in that continual terror of an unknown foe-that perpetual expectation of some ghastly, shapeless mis-

ery.
They were quiet—so quiet!—but by all they heard they knew that any right, as they went to their beds, the thunder of cannon might awaken them; any morning, as they looked on their beloved fields, they knew that ere sunset the flames of war might have devoured them.

They knew so little, too; all they were told was so indefinite and garbled that sometimes they thought the whole

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was some horrid dream—thought so, at least, until they looked at their empty stables, their untilled land, their children who cried from hunger, their mothers who wept for conscripts. But as yet it was not so very much But as yet it was not so very much worse than it had been in times of bad harvest and of dire distress. and the storm which raged over the land had

among the woods on the Seine.

house was closed. Some winter roses bloomed in a pot beneath the little

crucifix. Bernadou's flute lay on the

shelf; he had not had heart enough to

play it since the news of the war had

Suddenly a great sobbing cry rose

without—the cry of many voices, all raised in woe together.

Bernadou rose, took his musket in his hand, undid the door, and looked

into the street, and the women, loudly

lamenting, beat their breasts and strained their children to their bos-

sky to the eastward, and on the wind

"The Prussians are on us!" answered

twenty voices in one accord. "That rec

Then they were all still-a stillness

that was more horrible than their

low, and soft, and grave.

He took her hand and kissed it. She

Margot stole forth, too, and crouched

behind them, holding her child to her

asked, trembling, with the rich colors

"They can and they will," said a

None answered. The street was very

quiet in the darkness. Far away in the east the red glare glowed. On the wind

there was still that faint, distant, rav-

ening roar, like the roar of famished

wolves; it was the roar of fire and of

With one great choking sob the peo-ple answered; their hearts were break-

ing. All night long they watched in the street—they who had no more to

bring this curse upon them than the

flower roots that slept beneath the

snow. They dared not go to their beds
—they knew not when the enemy

might be upon them. They dared not

the light of the flames in the dark,

starless sky. All night long they were left alone, though far off they heard

the dropping shots of scattering fir-

ing, and in the leafless woods around them the swift flight of woodland

beasts, startled from their sleep, and

the hurrying feet of sheep, terrified, from their folds in the outlying fields.

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what you might stay to breakfast.

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gist has none in stock, get him to pro-

have too complex a nature. She-Com-

plex! And papa said he believed you

He-I shall never be truly happy. I

Elizabeth of England had clear, liquid blue eyes, and always glanced sideways at the person with whom

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"I have eight children, every one in

good health, not one or whom but has taken Scott's Emulsion, in which my

Mary Stuart was not exactly crosseyed, but one eye moved more than the other and gave the Queen that ap-

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be no hunger there, lassie.

she was conversing.

were simple.

"God is good. Shall we not trust in

In the silence Reine Allix spoke:

"What can they do to us" she

was content with his answer.

voice from the crowd.

a low, hollow roar stole to them.

"What is it?" he asked.

glare is the town burning.

lamentations.

grandson.

breast.

children.'

him?

did cry aloud

All the people were turned out

was a sullen red light in the

Western Ontario Items From All Quarters.

Sad Accident to a Boy in the Brantford Bicycle Works.

Perth County Council Favor the House of Refuge Scheme.

South Essex Well Supplied With Natural Gas—Several Farm Transfers—Death of a Windsor Man From the Kick of a Horse-The Reeve of Stephen Elected by a Majority of One.

Alex. Fail, of Harmony, has purchased the Alex. Kennedy estate for \$13,-

A large business is being done in Sombra in the transportation of baled straw.

Albert Dietz has sold his 50-acre bush lot in Logan to Jesse Lockhart for about \$1,500.

Word has been received of the death of Hugh Davidson, one of the pioneers of Newton township.

Robert Yule, aged 87 years, and for a long time caretaker of the Y. M. C. A. at Brantford, is dead. While skating on the canal at Brantford Wednesday night, Mrs. T. Ritchie fell and broke her leg.

A motion will be submitted at the Elgin county council that the wardenship shall go to each township in turn. Reine Allix came and stood by her "If we must die, let us die Mr. N. H. Stevens, of Chatham, of the well-known Campbell-Stevens Millhere," she said, in a voice that was ing Company, is reported dangerously

The creditors of the estate of J. G. McCrae, fancy goods merchant, Sarnia, have decided to wind up the estate. Young Matthews, of Chatham, who was severely injured by being caught in a shaft at Phillips' heading mill of her face blanched white.

Bernadou smiled on her. "I do not know, my dear. I think even they can there, has entered an action against Mr. Phillips for \$5,000 damages. bring death upon women and

A chandelier fell at the Imperial Hotel, Tilsonburg, on Monday night, and the oil ignited. Several overcoats and blankets were burned before the flames were extinguished. It was a

A Hibbert correspondent writes: "J. Watson yesterday drew a load of 1,550 bricks from Crediton, a distance of over 22 miles. This load, which weighted nearly four town brooks the record ed nearly four tons, breaks the record for this vicinity." Messrs. Henderson & Billings, poul-try fanciers, of St. Marys, secured one

first and five second prizes for their fcwls at the New Hamburg Poultry Show. Among these birds was one which scored 94 points. George, the 13-year-old son of Chas.

Gascon, of 83 Pitt street, Windsor, has been missing from home for three days. He is 3 feet 10 inches in height, flee; even in their own woods the foe has very dark eyes, and wears a navy blue peak cap, blouse waist and knee pants, and a brown coat. "Shall we stay here in our houses to Henceforth the good people of Ron-

deau will have divine service in the school house every Sunday afternoon. but seemed far from them, so seldom did any tidings of it pierce the seclusion in which they dwelt. By and by, as the autumn went on, they learned a little more

be held tonight, when it is probable that a call will be extended to Rev. W. Hantley, of Guelph, who so ably filled the pulpit of the church last Sunday.

The social at the Dresden Methodist Church on Tuesday evening ended the services in connection with the anniversary. As a result of Sunday's collection, the tea meeting on Monday night and the social, the proceeds will be up: wards of \$130.

Police Magistrate Morrison, of Ingersoll, revoked his judgment in the case against the man George Johnston, who victimized Woodstock doctors and Ingersoll merchants. On Saturday Johnston was tried and given one year in the Central. Now he is held for trial. Mr. D. J. McPhail, a student at the

Ontario Agricultural College, had one of his feet severely cut while chopping in the bush on Tuesday. The axe glanced and struck on the foot, one of the arteries being cut. The patient is getting along nicely.

Willie McCurdy, aged about 16 years, employed at the Brantford bicycle works, was cleaning a puncher, when a lad in the same establishment came along and touched the trip, which brought the punch hammer down on McCurdy's hand, taking off three of

The Perth county council, by a vote of 18 to 9, voted in favor of building a House of Refuge this year, the cost of erection to be levied according to the county equalization, and the cost of maintenance to be assessed according to the benefit received by each municipality. A Linlithgowshire minister was at family

Rev. Alex. Hamilton and wife, worship one night, when the company had Stonewall, Man., have been visiting his father, Rev. Dr. Hamilton, at Motherto read verse about. The chapter was in Acts, and the subject Paul's shipwreck. well. They are at present visiting at Gederich, and Mr. Hamilton has been The servant lassie was reading the verse about sounding and finding so many fathoms. She read, "And sounded and found supplying the pulpit of Union and Leeburn for his brother, Rev. Jas. Hamilit twenty fat hams, and sounded again and found it fifteen fat hams." The minister ton, who has been ill. There were 42 tenders for the buildlooked up and said, "Dear me, there would

ing and twelve of the steam heating of the Lambton House of Refuge. The block tender of Macbeth Bros., of Strathroy, for the building, \$10,965, and that of W. J. Barrie, of Sarnia, for the steam heating, \$1,496, were the lowest, and the county council committee will so report.

Mr. Heinecke, of the Twenty-second Battalion Band, Woodstock, an ex-leader of the famous Twenty-ninth Battalion Band, of Waterloo, and Mr. Ardell, of Wiarton, are the favorite candidates for the position of bandmaster of the Twenty-eighth Battalion at Stratford, which it is intended to thoroughly reorganize.

The annual meeting of the Blanshard Reform Association for the election of officers will be held at the township hall on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. The following gentlemen have consented to attend and address the meeting: Messrs. D. K. Erb, E. W. Harding (president of the riding association), W. C. Moscrip and Dr. Irving.

Wm. Taylor, who was kicked by a horse, the other day, died on Wednes-day night at Windsor. He had sued the city for damages sustained by falling into a trench, and his testimony was being taken at his bedside Thursday afternoon, when he sank so rapidly that the examination was discontinued. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Judge Horne has reversed the decision of the police magistrate in the case of the Bell Telephone Company vs. Blair. Blair was moving a house in Essex, and found the main street blocked by the telephone wires, strung below the 22 feet limit fixed by law. He drove through the wires and tore them down. For this he was fined in the police court, but appealed. Mr. E. E. Harris, of the Standard Off

pany is drilling its seventh well east of Leamington. "So far," he said, "there is no visible indictation that there is no visible indictation that the gas fields may be depleted. The capacity of the territory is not yet known sufficiently to state if the history of other gas fields will apply to South Essex." There is no gas, he says, but surface wells in North Essex. It is proposed to start a new bloods It is proposed to start a new bicycle ir dustry in Brantford.

At the annual meeting of the stock-

holders of the Middleton and Bayham Cheese Manufacturing Company, held in Tilsonburg, the auditors' report showed that 2,062,395 pounds of milk had been received, from which 188,843 pounds of cheese had been made, and \$14,347 47 had been received in payment for the same. The patrons of the factories received \$10,849 46 out of the total amount. The cost per cow for drawing milk was: Courtland factory, \$1 50 per cow; New England factory, \$1 92 per cow. The old directors were re-A discussion arose over the advisability of starting a creamery at one of the factories during the winter, when it was decided to hold a meeting on Feb. 5 at Grange Hall, Goshen, to settle the matter.

BELVA DISBARRED.

Lady Lawyer Lockwood Has Trouble With the Pension Bureau

Washington, Jam. 31.—Belva A. Lock-wood, once a Presidential candidate on the Woman's Rights ticket, and now a practicing attorney in this city, was yesterday debarred from practice as an attorney or agent before the Pension Bureau. This action grew out of a charge made against Mrs. Lockwood by the Pension Department, accusing her of having improperly accepted a fee of \$25 in a pension claim. The bureau officials called her attention to the alleged improper charge, and insisted that she return the fee to the claimant, as it was held that she had never performed any service in the case for which the fee was paid.

She refused to comply with this demand, which is a customary one in the bureau precedure, pending an investigation, and she submitted that the statement of the submitted to the lengthy statements to the Secretary of the Interior in support of her posi-This was unavailing, however, and action was promptly taken debarring her from practice. Mrs. Lockwood probably will make strong contest for reinstatement.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE. Benton Harbor, Mich., Jan. 31.-The prseless carriage invented by Worth Bausche, of this city, was given satisfactory test last night. The motive power is a gasoline engine. The vehicle makes rapid time on the pavement and is easily controlled and steered by a light lever. The wheels are fitted with heavy pneumatic tires.

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the board of Center Street Church will Bellwoods avenue, Toronto, had been a suf-Mr. James 50 ferer for two years from acute rheumatism. But one day his duty took him, in his capacity of undertaker, with a funeral to a

rural churchyard near Richmond Hill. By chance he was billeted to the hospitality of a near-by farmer, who, noticing his weak and crippled condition, did more than entertain him—he prescribed.

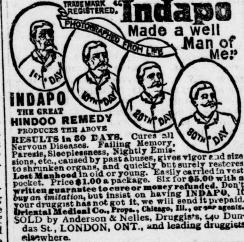
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which I so often suffered—sometimes in bed "And yet I have not used them properly. I have turned to them several times in my

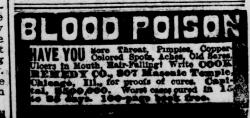
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