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"If the Trades' Unions could do as they wish, there'd be work and comfort for all of

"I doubt that, Ketler."
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"But they can't do it," added Ketler.
"The masters be obstinate and won't let

"That's just it," said Mrs. Gass. "If the Trades' Unions held the world in their hands, and there were no such things as masters and capital, why then they might have their own way. But the masters have their own interests to look after, their business and capital to defend: and the two aides are totally opposed one to the other, and squabbling is all that comes of it, or that ever will come of it. You lose your work, the masters lose their trade, the Unionists fight it out fiercer than ever—and between it all, the commerce of the country 's coming to an end. Now, my men, that is the bare truth; and you can't deny it if you

calk till midnight."

"Twouldn't be no longer much of a free country, if the Government put down the Trades' Unions," spoke a man satirically;

one Cattleton.
"But it ought to put down their arbitrary way of preventing others working that want to work," maintained Mrs. Gass. "The Unionists be your worst enemies. I'm speaking, as you know I have been all along, of the heads among 'em who make laws for the rest; not of poor sheep like yourselves who have joined the society in innocence. If the heads like to live without work themselves, and can point out a way by which others can live without it, well and good; there's no law against that, nor oughtn't to be; but what I say the Government ought to put down is this-that forcing you men to reject work when it's offered to you. It's a sin and a shame that, through them, the country should be brought to imbecility, and you, its once free and brave workmen to beg-

gary."
"The thought has come over me at times that under the new state of things we are no better than slaves," confessed Ketler, his eyes wearing an excited look.

"Now you've just said it, Ketler," cried Mrs. Gass, triumphantly. "Slaves. That's exactly what you are; and I wish to my heart all the workmen in England could open their eyes to the truth of it. You took to obey the dictates of the Trades' Union; it has bound you hand and foot, body and soul, If a job of work lay to your hand, you dare not take it up; no, not though you saw your little ones dying of famine before your eyes. It's the worst kind of slavery that ever fell on the land. Press-gangs used to be bad enough, but this best arm bellen."

beats 'em hollow." There was no reply from any of the men. Mrs. Gass had been a good friend to their families even recently; and the old habits of respect to her, their mistress, still held sway. Perhaps some of them, too, silently

assented to her reasoning.
"It's that that I'd have put down," she resumed. "Let every workman be free to act on his own judgment, to take work or to leave it. Not but what it's too late to say so; as far as I believe, the mischief has

gone too far to be remedied."
"It be mighty fine for the masters to cry
out and say the Trades' Unions is our enemies! Suppose we choose to call 'em our friends?" spoke Poole,

"Put it so, Poole, if you like," said Mrs. Gass equably. "The society's your friend, let's say. How has it showed its friendship? what has it done for you?"

Mr. Poole did not condescend to say. "It's not hard to answer, Poole. The proofs lie on the surface; not one of you but may read 'em off-hand. It threw you all out of good work that you had held for years under a good master, that you might probably have held to the last day of your It dismantled your homes and sent your things to the pawn-shop. It has reduced you to a crust of bread, where you used to have good joints of beef: it has taken your warm shoes and coats, and sent you abroad half naked. Your children are starving, some of them are dead; your wives are worn out with discontent and trouble. And this is not for a time, but for good; for, there's no prospect open to you. No prospect, that I can see, as I am a living woman. hat's what your friends, as you call 'em. That's what your friends, as you can 'em. have done for you; and for thousands and thousands beside you. I don't care what they meant; let it be that they meant well by you, and that you meant well—as I'm sure you did—in listening to 'em; the result is as I've said. And you are standing here this day, ruined men.

Mr. Poole looked fierce.
"What is to become of you, and of others ruined like you, the Lord in heaven only knows. It's a solemn question. When the best trade of the country's driven from it, there's no longer any place for workmen. Emigration, suggest some of the newspapers. Others say emigration's over-done for the present. We don't know what to believe. Any way, it's a hard thing that a good workmen should find no employment in his native land, but must be packed off, very much as if he was transported, to be

an exile for ever." Poole, not liking the picture, broke into an oath or two. The other men looked sad

"You have been drinking, Poole," said Mrs. Gass with dignity. "Keep a civil tongue in your head before me, if you please."
"I've not had no more than half-a-pint,"

growied Poole.

"And that was half-a-pint too much," said Mrs. Gass. "When people's insides are reduced by famine, half-a-pint in enough to upset their brains in a morning."

"What business have Richard North to

go and engage them frogs o' Frenchmen?" demanded Poole who had in truth taken too much for his good. "What business have them other fellow, as ought to have stuck by us, to go back to him? It's Richard North as wants to be transported." North as wants to be transported.

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"He's a rank bad man now."
"No, no-hold th' tongue!" put in Ketler.

"No good to abuse him."
"If you men had a spark or gratitude, you'd have listened to Richard North, when he prayed you to go back to him," said Mrs. Gass. "No, you wouldn't; and what has it done for him? Why, just ruined him, my men; almost as bare as you are ruined. It has took his hopes from him; wasted what little money he had; played the very dickens with his prospects. The business he once had never will and never can come back. If once you break a mirror to pieces, you can't put it together again. Mr. Richard has a life of work to look forward to; he may earn a living, but he won't do much more. You men have at least the satisfaction of knowing that whilst you ruined your own pros-

perity, you also ruined his."

They had talked so long—for all that passed cannot be recorded—that it was close upon one o'clock, and the small band of workmen and the two pelicemen were seen coming back again towards the works.
The malignant look rose again on Poole's face; and he gave forth a savage howl.
"There'il be mischief yet," thought Mrs.

Gass, as she turned away.
Sounds of a woman's sobbing were proceeding from an open door as she went down
North Inlet, and Mrs. Gass stepped in to see what might be the matter. They came from Dawson's wife. Dawson had been beating her. The unhappy state to which they were reduced tried the tempers of the men-of the women also, for that matter-

rendering them little better than ferccious beasts. The wife had been struck in the eye. Smarting under ills of body and ills of mind, the woman enlarged on her wrongs to Mrs. Gass, and displayed the mark; all of which at another time she would certainly have concealed. The home was miserably bare; the children, wan and thin, were in tatters like their mother; it was a compre-

hensve picture of wretchedness. "And all through those idiots having thrown up their work at the dictates of the Trades' Union!" was the wrathful comment of Mrs. Gass, as she departed. "They've none for themselves in this world; and, to judge by the unchristian lives they are living, seem to be in a fair way of doing for

themselves in the next." As she reached her own house, the smart nousemaid was showing Miss Dallory out of it. That young lady, making a call on Mrs. Gass, had waited for her a short time, and was departing. They now went in to-gether. Mrs. Gass, entering her handsome drawing-room, began recounting the events of the morning. what she had heard and

"There'll be mischief, as sure as a gun, she concluded. "My belief is, that some of them would kill Mr. Richard if they had only got the chance.

Mary Dallory looked startled. "Kill him!" she cried. "Why, he has always been their friend. He would have been so still,

had they only been willing.

They sat for a while, Mary flushed and gasping for breath, Mrs. Gass who was calm and collected, broke the silence.

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Two Mere Smallpox Patients in Perth County-A Diphtheria Cure by the New Specific-Defrauding Through the Mails.

Mayor Oill of St. Thomas has issued a proclamation declaring compulsory vaccina-tion as provided by the statute.

The Stratford city council agrees to receive \$8,600 from the G. T. R. in taxes. The original sum was \$10,000 and the company protested. Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Scott, living on McDougall street, Windsor, reported to the police that a trunk containing about

\$100 in clothing and money was stolen from her nouse. Mrs. Hall, living on the same street, was arrested on the charge. Two more cases of smallpox have been discovered in Logan, Perth county. One of them is young Seebach's mother, and the other a daughter of Adolph Peffeifer, who took dinner at the same hotel as Seebach the day he passed through Mitchell on his

way home. A new Presbyterian Church at Avonton, six miles from Stratford, which has just been completed at a cost of more than \$9,000, was opened for public worship last Sunday. Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, and Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Strat-ford, preached the dedicatory sermons.

A daring burglary occurred on Monday night at the residence of George W. Cowan, Chatham. During the absence of the in-mates between 8 and 11 o'clock burglars entered by breaking the parlor glass win-The thieves illuminated the house to ward off suspicion and carried away a large and valuable lot of jewelry. No clue.

A fortnight or more ago Ivan Shantz, the 17-year-old son of Joseph E. Shantz, Berlin, was taken ill with diphtheritic croup, a disease considered extremely difficult to combat and which proves fatal among children in 80 to 90 per cent of cases. Young Shantz appeared to be fast succambing, when Dr. Chambers secured some of the new specific, anti-toxin, and administered

it. The boy is now recovering. The citizens of Leamington are beside themselves with joy because the company that has been boring there for gas struck it Monday. It was found through the Trenton rock at a depth of 1,000 feet, and the well's pressure is fully equal to those used by the Ontario Natural Gas Company. A public meeting was held in the evening, and it was decided to proceed at once towards boring another well and offering extra inducements to manufacturers.

A public meeting was held at Woodstock Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing a Children's Aid Society. Interesting addresses were delivered by J. J. Kelso, superintendent of the neglected and dependent children of Ontario, and Mr. S. M. Thomsen, of Brantford. The following officers were appointed; President, Mr. G. R. Pattullo; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. C. Martin, M. Douglas, D. W. Karn. R. T. Crawford, Sheriff Brady, Rev. A. F. McGregor, Rev. Mr. Farthing, besides a strong executive.

The St. Thomas and Yarmonth township boards of health are taking active steps to prevent an outbreak of smallpox. The patient is receiving every care at the pest house. When the firemen, who also drive moisture they will perish for want of the ambulance, were summoned to remove they positively declined to do so, but Mayor Oill, who was present, mounted the box and drove off as if it was an every-day occurrence. Dr. McCrimmon has been appointed physician at a salary of \$300 and free residence, fuel, etc.

Alfred J. Dean, who was arrested at Berlin about a year ago on the complaint of Postoffice Inspector Hopkirk on a charge of fraud and using the mails for fraudulent purposes, appeared before Judge Lacourse on Tuesday. The prisoner's mode of oper-ating was offering valuable prizes to every-one who bought a box of his pills by means of circulars with which he flooded Canada and the United States. The pills were always received, but none of the valuable presents materialized. The victims of the swindler, and they are many, laid complaint, and Dean was arrested in Orillia, which place is his home. The judge found him guilty, and sentenced him to two months in the common jail.

WHAT IS AN ACCIDENT? Important Decision in an Insurance Case at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12 .- An important judgment has been given by Justice Bain in the case of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' Association vs. the London Guarantee and Accident Company. A policy was taken out by the plaintiffs in the defendants' company on the life of C. F. Church, who perished on the prairie be-tween Lethbridge and McLeod on the 23rd of November, 1892, when he was caught in a blizzard and frozen to death. The amount of the policy was \$1,000. The accident company refused to pay the policy on the ground that they were not responsible, as death by freezing did not come within the

terms of the policy. His Lordship entered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, finding that Church's death was certainly the result of an accident, using the word in the general sense. In construing a centract, like the one in question, the rule that should be followed is that the words of the policy are to be construed, not according to their strictly philosophical or scientific meaning, but in She-Col. Firstnite considers himself was frozen to death, and there such a critic that he never smiles during a could be no hesitation in holding that the proximate and sole cause of his death was bodily injury, and that there were external and visible signs of that injury. But the real difficulty in the case lay in determining whether the injury could be said to have been effected through external, violent and accidental means. The expression "accidental means" was in the policy in a very general sense, and it implies the idea of something happening that was not foreseen or foreseeable by a person of ordinary prudence and intelligence under the circumstances in which he happened to be placed.

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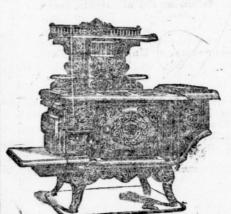
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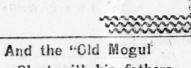
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