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A Task for Giants.

Let it be said in justice to the British troops in South Africa that the difficulties they have had to face have been colossal. The only wonder is that the War Office authorities did not more thoroughly anticipate them. The difficulty of maintaining the extensive lines of communication, in a country largely peopled with open or secret sympathizers with the Boers, has in itself been a herculean task. For example, although the railway line from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth, via De Aar and Naauw Port, covering 840 miles, is wholly within Cape Colony, it has been deemed necessary to station a Kaffir at every quarter of a mile, who, flag in hand, watches that nothing happens to the track. These men, working in turn, watch each point, so that 10,000 men are required for this work on this line alone. And these are only special employees to guard railway property. There are in addition to these, on railways in Cape Colony and Natal thousands of armed regular and volunteer soldiers, charged with maintaining the communications from the sea-board to the scene of conflict, and adding in providing a constant supply of victuals and ammunition for the various field forces—no light task, when there is an army of 80,000 men operating in a country almost as full of natural fortifications as Switzerland, with kindred and warm friends of the enemy to be found almost everywhere. Reverses such as have been experienced by the British might have been expected. It is the only kind of warfare in which the Boers are effective, and they know it. They will not fight in the open. How to get at them when entrenched in their mountain fastnesses, without much loss of life to the attacking force, is a problem that, with all their modern appliances, the generals in the field do not seem to have solved. Whether or not Gen. Roberts or Gen. Kitchener would have been more successful, under like conditions, than were the military experts who tried their best, and failed, is a question which modest laymen scarcely essay to answer.

Advice to the Girls.

Seldom has the domestic help problem been touched upon in a more sensible, practical manner than by Mr. John Charlton, M.P., in a recent lecture at Tilsonburg, on "Conditions of Success in Life." It is worth giving word for word:

"I have never been able to draw the line between what constitutes genteel occupation and its reverse in females, so long as all are honest and honorable. I consider any kind of respectable work genteel, in the true and highest sense. Many avenues are now open to young ladies, which they were not formerly able to avail themselves of. In fact, there are few of the callings in life, except those requiring the exercise of strength and involving exposure and hardship, to which women are not eligible. They can become clerks in the stores and other business houses, stenographers, typewriter operators, operatives, dressmakers, and last, but not least, housekeepers. With regard to this latter class of female employees some strange notions exist, and these notions are the parents of prejudices of a most absurd and unfounded nature. If I had the power, I would abolish the expression 'servant girl,' and give to them the proper appellation of housekeepers. Why the care of a house, upon the proper performance of which the welfare and comfort of a family depends, should be considered a menial occupation, while stitching, darning, working in factories, acting as clerks, etc., is considered higher work, is beyond my comprehension. The distinctions are absurd. I think the art of housekeeping should be placed at the head of the list of female employments. I well remember, when a boy, that these distinctions had no existence. The daughters of farmers, where there were more girls at home than were required to do the work, took positions with other families where help was needed. They were designated not servant girls, but hired girls. Their social position was as good as that of the daughters of their employers. Girls of the very best families in the country, possessed of intelligence, refinement, and the most desirable qualities that grace womanhood, were not above accepting occupation in this line. They were as likely to marry the sons of their employers as otherwise. There was no servant girl question then, no difficulty about obtaining efficient assistance. Now the freeborn Canadian or American girl has objections to accepting employment under conditions which relegate her to a position of social inferiority. She declines to enter upon an employment with those attending conditions, and I sympathize with her in the spirit she manifests. I pity the class of mistresses who mourn over the difficulty of obtaining satisfactory assistance in their houses, simply because they insist upon retaining and aggravating the conditions, which are false and unnatural in a free country, where all its citizens are equal before the law."

Canada to the rescue!

It's a pity Canada can't lend the mother country a general or two.

It is a paradox of this war that the Boers can only make a showing when they don't show themselves.

Mr. Macneil has asked for a recount in West Elgin. It will hardly be necessary in South Ontario or South Brant.

The Canadian Mounted Police can be relied on to keep out of Boer traps, and perhaps do a little trapping on their own account.

The more joy the nations of Europe get out of British defeats just now, the more disappointment they are laying up for a future day.

Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., is after the Toronto mayor's again. Toronto has always shown great generosity to Mr.

Clarke, and he seems to work it for all it is worth.

United States imports last month were greater than in any corresponding month since 1872. In Canada imports have also greatly increased. It is always a sign of prosperity.

The City Council this year imposed the highest tax rate in the city's history, and yet leaves a deficit of \$10,000. This means two-thirds of a mill saddled on next year's rate, unless the Council of 1900 can throw a similar deficit on the Council of 1901. It is a bad habit.

Lord Roberts is a K.P., G.C.B., G.C., V.C., D.C.L., LL.D. and half a dozen other things, but the gallant soldier takes more delight in being called "Bobs" by the rank and file than in all his titles. Tommy Atkins respects and admires Buller, but he loves "Bobs."

In one of his recent addresses in England, Lord Strathcona pointed out that as a result of the preferential tariff established by the present Canadian Government, whereby British goods are admitted at a rate of duty 25 per cent less than those from other countries, the people of the Dominion have in the last two years increased their purchases from Great Britain by 22 per cent. That is a fine showing, and confounds those who have been telling the Canadian public that the preference is a fraud. Remembered that until this preferential tariff was put in force, Canada's purchases from Great Britain had steadily fallen since 1873. The tide has been turned, and both Canada and Great Britain are greatly benefited, and likely to be increasingly so as years roll by, and the ties which bind the Mother and Daughter are strengthened.

RUNAWAY CAUSED BY BROKEN BIT

Exciting Experience of the Cook and the Manager.

Michael Hook, manager, and William Cartledge, a cook at the Tecumseh House, drove out to the country last night and walked back. Misfortune befell them near the military school. They drove Frank Sage's gray, Fred, and in some manner the bit in the horse's mouth was broken. The animal took fright and started for the livery stable at a lively clip. Hook and Cartledge tumbled out and were obliged to return on foot. The manager arrived at the hotel first, and presented a sorry appearance. He supposed Mr. Cartledge had been injured, and had taken shelter at some farmer's residence, but Mr. Cartledge was able to be at work this morning. The frightened animal dashed through the city with the broken bridle about its neck, and the empty rig swinging at its heels, and was within a block of the stables when an accident occurred. One of the wheels struck an iron trolley pole on Richmond street, between King and York streets, and the horse went down on the pavement like a shot. A crowd gathered quickly, and the harness was loosened, and the horse got up, not much the worse for his sudden stop. The rig was badly damaged.

Obituary.

The remains of the late Denis Daly were interred in the Catholic cemetery yesterday. The funeral took place from St. Peter's Cathedral, and Rev. Father McKeown conducted the services. The pall-bearers were Walter M. O'Meara, J. B. Murphy, J. Butler, M. Gould, W. Mortimore and Philip Cook. The funeral of the late Edward Dyer took place yesterday afternoon to the Gore cemetery, from the residence of Mrs. McKellar, 750 Dundas street. The funeral of the late Walter Shanly, C.E., ex-M.P., took place yesterday to St. John's cemetery. The services were conducted by Very Rev. Dean Innes and Rev. W. F. Hill, rector of St. John the Evangelist Church. A large number of prominent citizens were present at the residence of the deceased's nephew, Charles J. N. Shanly, 301 Piccadilly street, from whence the funeral was held, to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed.

Heart Humbug.

It is fashionable today to have a new heart scare every 24 hours. The commonest symptoms of dyspepsia or nerve trouble, such as palpitation, weak spells, loss of appetite, and poor circulation, are magnified and distorted into serious signs of heart trouble, with the object of frightening the public into taking this or that heart remedy. If a hundredth part of the heart trouble we hear about were real, the cemeteries would be filled in a month. A wrong construction is put upon common ailments in order to humbug the people into the belief that heart disease is prevalent, whereas real heart trouble, which is so sadly and suddenly fatal when it does occur, is a rare disease. Lopsided arguments cannot convince an intelligent people. Too little iron means weakness, lack of spirits, pallid cheeks, shortness of breath, sleeplessness, nervousness, loss of vital force, ending in general breakdown. The iron in Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills is in the soluble form you need; in combination with other curative agents in such a manner that disease can't resist their action. You feel yourself getting well when you take Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills.

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All our Christmas stocks are at their best now, and we're ready with a completeness seldom seen in a city the size of London. The Big Store will be crowded from now till Saturday night, and buyers should come in the forenoon, if possible, when they can make their purchases with a certain degree of comfort. We've made big preparations for the holiday time, and the splendid collection of Christmas goods we are showing is the best evidence of the success that has crowned our efforts.

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All Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Furs, Fur Jackets and Capes.
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

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Lace Curtains, Draperies, Cushions and Carpets.
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Staple Department

Wool Blankets, Comforters, Eider Comforters, Wrapperettes, Cotton Shirtings, Loch Lomond Flannels and Tickings.
Discount 10 Per Cent.

Hats and Caps

25 per cent off all Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hats—hard or soft—Discount 25 Per Cent.

25 per cent off all Men's and Boys' Fancy Tweed and Corduroy Caps—Discount 25 Per Cent.

10 per cent off all Men's Fur Caps—Discount 10 Per Cent.

10 per cent off all Men's Underclothing—Discount 10 Per Cent.

China & Crockery Dept

Tea Sets, Japanese Ware, Fancy Cups and Saucers, and all China-Ware.
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Shoe Department

10 per cent off all Women's Laced and Button Boots—10 Per Cent Off.

15 per cent off all Women's Oxford Shoes—15 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Misses' and Children's Laced and Button Boots—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Men's Laced and Congress Shoes—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off Boys' and Youths' Shoes—10 Per Cent Off.

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Fine Satin Damask Lunch Cloths, fringed, 33x33, special prices 50c, 65c and \$1 00, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Plain Linen Lunch Cloths, embroidered, elegant goods, \$1 00, \$1 25 and \$1 50, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Damask Lunch Cloths, heavy knotted fringe and fancy drawn, 33x37, special price 85c, with 10 Per Cent Off.

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Genuine Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths, 8-4, \$1 00, \$1 25 and \$1 60, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Fine Linen Sets, Cloth and Napkins to match, from 3/4 to 4 yards long, and from \$5 to \$16 50 per set, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Fine Satin-Finish Table Damask, best make, 2 1/4 yards wide, special price per yard \$2, with 10 Per Cent Off.

72 inch Fine Satin-Finish Double Damask, good pattern, at per yard, \$1, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Hemstitched Linen Sets, Cloth and Napkins to match, special price per set \$8 50, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Tray Cloths, fringed, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c and 45c, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c and 70c, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Linen D'Oylies, fringed, square, oval and round, at 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c each, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Hemstitched D'Oylies, embroidered, 25c, 35c and 50c, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Sideboard Scarfs, in linen, 25c, 35c, 75c and 90c, \$1 25, \$1 50 and \$2 each, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Swiss Applique Drapes, at 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 25, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Swiss Oblongs, at 15c, 20c, 50c, 58c, 60c, 75c and 95c each, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Swiss Pillow Shams, elegant new designs, an 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1, \$1 25 and \$1 75 each, with 10 Per Cent Off.

Ladies' Woolen Underwear

All Ladies' and Children's Vests and Drawers and Combination Suits.
Special Discount 10 per Cent.

Dress Goods Dept.

All Black and Colored Dress Goods, Velvets and Silks (except specially-reduced lines).

10 Per Cent Off.

Millinery Department

All Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Wings, Fancy Feathers, Plumes and Ribbons.

Special Discount 25 Per Cent.

Clothing Department

25 per cent off all New Frieze Ulsters and Fancy Tweed Overcoats—25 Per Cent Off.

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Ladies' Silk Blouses, in stripes, plaids or plain colors, lined with fitted lining, were \$3 00 and \$3 50, special, each.....\$2 50

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