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### ST. JOHN STAR.

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#### CHOOSING A CAPITAL.

The Australian Commonwealth is having all sorts of trouble in selecting its national capital. In this it is meeting the same difficulties which confronted the Dominion of Canada and the United States. It was ten years before representatives of the Canadian provinces, unable to reach a satisfactory agreement, referred the whole question to Queen Victoria, who selected Ottawa. More than twelve years were spent by United States legislators before the compromise by which Washington was chosen was reached. Even at the present time, after some three years of consideration, the Australian parliament is still in doubt as to the site of its national capital. It has been able, however, to define the region within which the capital will lie.

When the establishment of the Commonwealth was first under consideration, New South Wales refused to accept the site of the capital. It was agreed that the federal capital should be within that colony. This contention was followed by another from Victoria, that in such an event the capital must be distant not less than 100 miles from Sydney. This was added not merely to protect Sydney, but to get an underdog at New South Wales, for the provision meant that if the contention were met the capital would be in the bush and not one of the existing towns. A further provision was that the area of the federal district should be not less than one hundred square miles, this territory to be ceded to the Commonwealth by the colony in which it was located. Pending the selection of the capital, parliament meets at Melbourne.

Different sections of New South Wales have been in keen competition for the site of the capital, and several suggestions have been put forward. The House of Commons in 1906 decided on Tumut, near the Victoria border, about half way between Sydney and Melbourne, but the Senate wanted Dalgety, in the southeast corner of New South Wales, nearer Melbourne than Sydney. In 1904 the Senate decided in favor of Dalgety, but New South Wales succeeded in having this decision reversed. The reasons for the opposition were that although it was insisted that the capital should be not less than one hundred miles from Sydney it was not meant that it should be at the most distant point from that city; the area prescribed for the site was to have been not less than one hundred square miles, but New South Wales objected that this did not justify a demand for nine hundred square miles which was made for Dalgety. The colony refused to accept the decision of the Senate, and the decision of the federal parliament was revoked. A new selection has now been made, the choice of both houses being a tract in the Yass-Canberra country, lying about one hundred and ninety miles south-west of Sydney, and three hundred and ninety miles from Melbourne. The principal railway between these two cities passes near the district. The section favored has an altitude of from 2,000 to 3,000 feet, a beautiful supply of water, fronts on the Murrumbidgee River, and possesses extensive deposits of sandstone and marble. Before the exact boundaries of the site are defined, parliament will hear a report on the adjoining region as to whether the country will be able to meet the need of a federal capital.

#### MIXING STOCKS.

St. John shoppers cannot fail to notice what must be regarded as an unfortunate tendency on the part of mercantile establishments to go beyond their proper sphere in the campaign for business. While there is, of course, no definite reason why a man may not sell whatever he wishes, it cannot be deemed desirable for every shop in town to become a department store. In days gone by, different classes of merchants have handled distinctive lines of goods, but it looks now as if all want to sell everything and at the present rate of evolution the day will soon come when all stores will be alike. We have chosen to regard drug stores as places where medicines and perfumes, fancy soaps and other toilet articles may be obtained; dry goods stores have their own individual lines; jewelers formerly confined their stocks to jewelry. But nowadays things are changed. We buy soap and razors in jewelry stores, toilet articles from hardware dealers, cut glass and china from drug stores, confectionery from the druggist, and cigars from the fruit man.

This creates a form of competition which cannot benefit the dealers in any line, which creates competition not between those who should naturally be competitors but between firms in different classes. It cuts up trade

and while the plan may be of some convenience to purchasers still the unsettling effect is detrimental. No class of merchants are particularly responsible. It is impossible to feel sympathy for the jeweler who finds the hardware man selling against him, for the jeweler himself has gone into lines not exactly belonging to his business. No one can be angry with the drygoods merchant for selling fancy articles, when the toyshop devotes a portion of its space to clothing and dressgoods. Yet certainly it would be beneficial if merchants could agree to stick to their own proper lines.

#### "HOWDY!"

I'm shy on formal greetings—as it gives me few observations. Then highfalutin' bowties in the end, kin only serve to make a man suspicious, who's been for quite a do. He's just about half welcome, or three quarters at the most; I tell you what I predicate if I've been off a spell, An' meet some man or other 'at I've known purty well, Is when he gets his beard's end and he says up 't' me, An' grubs me by his slipper, an' then he sez—sez he: "Howdy!"

It ain't no satisfaction, when yer back from furrin parts, T' have yer neighbors greet ye with new-dangled dilly darters—There's sumptin' "milk-an'-water," that goes agin my grain. In there's sort o' growin', makes me want 't' go agin—A sumptin' sort o' chilly an' onbulb—some, I'm dagnone. That ain't no fair comparison, that I have ever heard. Betwix them formal things 'y hear an' that one friendly word: "Howdy!"

There's nuthin' pitifuler, than a man 'ats got 't' room—Er nuthin' more pathethic than when a man comes home, I 'low there's sumptin' simple—sumptin' home-lylike—in it. A simple sort o' greetin' is the on'y kind'll sit. Jest clasp his hand in yours an' you give it lots o' cheer. IN he'll think you've thought about him ever s'mit since he left. An' now, that he is back agin, he's welcome at the birds. Then make his joy complete with that friendliest of words: "Howdy!"

The youthful George Washington had just declared that he couldn't tell a lie. "How would it look," he said, "for a future President of the United States to be eligible for membership in an Annapolis club?" Thereupon he trimmed the cherry tree he had cut down, and proceeded to make a big stick out of it.

Landlady—Mr. Star, now that we are seated about the board to partake of our Christmas turkey, does it not occur to you that there were only two turkeys on the Ark with Noah? Mr. Star—Indeed, it is forcibly brought to mind. I sincerely hope that this one is the last of the two.

"The audience is throwing vegetables," complained the star of the "Silent" company. "Nothing but vegetables!" retorted the caustic manager. "Go out in front and tell them that the dogs have also got to eat."

In an English cemetery is a stone, erected by a widow to her loving husband, bearing this inscription: "Rest in peace—until we meet again."

#### SAYS HE IS ABLE TO CURE CONSUMPTION

Preacher Who Successfully Treated Himself Offers His Method to Others.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—"Any man in Chicago who has contracted tuberculosis, who is blue and despondent at the prospect of a prolonged journey to the mountains or to some sanitarium, or who, because he has not the means to see such cures, has settled down to accept his fate—I should like to have him call on me, and I will tell him how I cured myself."

This is the invitation issued by the Rev. Rufus A. White, who retired from active church duties several months ago and has made a decided and successful fight against tuberculosis. He will return to his pulpit next Sunday. Without leaving his home, Dr. White vigorously followed what is known as the fresh air treatment, with high nutrition and entire rest, mental and physical.

#### FATHER JOHN, FAMOUS PRIEST OF CRONSTADT, DEAD

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The noted priest Father John, of Cronstadt, is dead. He had for some time been suffering from chronic droopy and intestinal complaints. Father John was born in 1829. He became a priest of the Russian Church at Cronstadt. He drew about him hosts of followers. The emperor constantly befriended him. A pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Seraphim, which among the pious Russians, was believed to have been responsible for the birth of the desired heir to the throne, was undertaken under Father John's advice.

He was the author of six volumes of sermons and religious works. His best known controversy, that with Count Tolstoy, was waged with great fervor in the press and pulpit.

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#### SATURDAY SERMONETTE

##### THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Never mind where I saw him, but I saw it more clearly than did the thousands of bright eyes that watched for his coming Christmas Eve. No matter where he lives, I found him home the day after Christmas. I knocked at the door, very late in the morning, he was still in bed. Mrs. Santa Claus told me, "He's not here, but he'll be down when he finds you are here."

In a few minutes Santa Claus came in. I would scarcely have known him, he looked so careworn and seedy. Gone was the well groomed appearance, the bright laughing eye and the ruddy cheek.

"I am going out of the toy business," said Santa Claus, "The children know too much for me. They don't believe in me any more."

"The fathers and mothers tell their children that I am dead, or worse still, that I was never alive."

"The children can't keep up longer and keep awake longer than when you were a boy and some of them sat up until morning and then triumphantly told everybody they could 'there was no Santa Claus, it's just father and mother who fills our stockings and brings us things'."

"I am going out of giving presents to rich people too," said Santa Claus. "The most of them give with an eye on the presents they are going to get, and they do a sum in Arithmetic to see if they have made or lost."

"They will give their own presents after this," said Santa. "I won't let them make a scapegoat out of me. I am going to give something more tangible and unbreakable than toys and costly gifts."

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"The children get too much candy and eat too much trash, to be healthy. And many of them are selfish and the things I have given them do not make them happy for more than a day or two."

"The olden ones are very much the same. 'Next year,' said Santa Claus, "I can get my factory running in time. I am going to take a new line of goods that have never been put on the market in sufficiently large quantities to supply the public."

"The churches keep a few samples, but the stocks are old and shop wares. I hope to educate the people up to the advantages of my goods so that there will be a large trade."

"In the first place," said the old man, "I am going to carry large quantities of Brotherly Love."

"I am a great traveler as you know," said Santa, "and in all my journeys I have never seen a church, or city, or town, or home that carried an over-stock of Brotherly Love. Some homes have enough for working purposes. Few churches have enough to supply pastors and deacons, so that the most of the churches have to do without."

"I am going to carry a heavy stock of Truthfulness. Some of the traders ought to get large supplies of that. I want to leave some in the most of the homes."

"Quite a large quantity will have to go to the 'Summer Girl' and the 'Winter Girl' who are ready to swear their hands and wives more forbearance, patience and love, that our divorce courts may not be so busy."

"I will—but I stopped the garrulous old man, with: It is no use Santa Claus for you to think of carrying on a sentimental business like that. The people will mob you, if you leave your toys and presents at home, and take a lot of church truth like that you have been talking about, with you."

#### HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE.

In 1907 there were in Europe 125 universities, which were attended by 28,728 students. Of these the university at Berlin had the largest number of students, viz. 13,841 next came Paris, with 12,895. Budapest, with 6,551, and Vienna with 6,505. The list by country follows:

Country. No. of students.

Germany..... 21 49,000

France..... 16 41,000

Austria-Hungary..... 11 30,000

England..... 15 25,000

Italy..... 21 24,000

Russia..... 9 23,000

Spain..... 9 12,000

Switzerland..... 7 6,500

Belgium..... 4 5,000

Sweden..... 3 5,000

Roumania..... 2 5,000

Holland..... 5 4,000

The smaller countries—Greece, Norway, Portugal, Denmark, and Serbia—have each one university.

#### ITS NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

So you like the experience you have of "keeping bees?" "Yes, you see no matter how the market is depressed in other things it is a business which keeps on humming."—Baltimore American.

#### A SUGGESTION!

Without good sight even Christmas grows less bright. A pair of the right eyeglasses or spectacles brings comfort and cheer throughout the year. D. BOYANER, SCIENTIFIC OPTICIAN, 38 Dock street.

#### EMINENT SCIENTIST

##### FOUND DEAD IN BED

He Has Discovered Many Stars and Has Been a Well Known Writer in Astronomy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—George Washington Hough, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University and Director of the Dearborn Observatory, died suddenly at his home in Evanston yesterday. Prof. Hough, who was 72 years of age, was found dead in his bed, having retired in apparently good health. Prof. Hough's greatest contributions to science were his observations regarding the planet Jupiter. He discovered and measured more double stars than any other astronomer now living, about 150 in all. His inventions included a series of devices for making maps of stars during observations and many other scientific instruments now used in observatories. He also contributed much to scientific literature. Prof. Hough was born at Tribes Hill, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1836. The body will be taken to Albany, N. Y.

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day was turned to one of sorrow. "I shall join mother in the grave," was his comment when told of her death. As arrangements for Mrs. Burton's funeral were being made, he said: "Don't hurry, hold