

The Thing

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H. R. WILDEY, Philadelphia, Pa.

For Spring

THE VALUE

Is really more than one may think. For instance: It aids the Publisher in his work of addressing; it aids the Postmaster; it tells a Subscriber that the paper he gets is his own paper; and, what is equally important, it gives him each week a definite statement of his account. It's a small bit of paper—the "tab"—is—but it has a mission, and it should be read and appreciated.

OF

The men who see it, and read it, and take in its meaning, the number is, not as large as it should be. When it says '93 (January is understood), or May '92, or June '94, or Oct. '95, or Feb. '96, or something else, it means, "That is the date to which the Subscription for this Paper is PAID," and it is a gentle reminder, each week, fifty-two times per year, that a Subscriber's account is Paid or is Not Paid.

THE

Truth of the matter is that attention to the Label would prevent many mistakes that annoy. It gets wrong sometimes, but it can always be made right. And the burdensome account would never roll up if the "tab" read to some date "in advance." Neglecting it won't make the burden any less. It is better to face it and lift it than to worry over its growth:

LABEL

And "tab," in this circular refer to the same thing; viz., that little piece of colored paper stuck to the first page of your MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The one on this circular is "make up," of course. It is a good object lesson, though, and it shows the reading each label should give.

AND HOW DOES YOURS READ?

News Summary.

Seventy-five men have been laid off at the Hillsboro Plaster Works as a result of the war.

There were sixteen failures in Canada this week, against forty in the corresponding week last year.

English sentiment, according to some London despatches, is veering round in favor of Spain to some extent.

The steamer *Servia* was burned on Lake Superior. The crew was rescued by the *C. P. R. Steamer Alberta*.

John Y. McKane, the former Coney Island political leader, is again a free man, his term in Sing Sing prison having expired.

Enthusiastic volunteering goes on all over the Union. The number is reported to have reached already 600,000, of which New York contributes a third.

Andrew Nelson and wife, aged respectively 71 and 56, were murdered Thursday night at their home near Blackearth, Wis. The robbers are supposed to have secured \$400.

By an explosion in the Atlantic Powder Co.'s works at Dover, N. J., on Thursday, six workmen were killed and the plant was completely ruined.

The big four-masted American sailing ship *Shenandoah*, which was reported to have been captured by the Spaniards, has arrived safely at Liverpool.

A protest is likely to be made against the proposed heavy increase in tonnage dues called for by the United States war revenue measure, the great burden of which would fall on other than American ships.

The steamship *Andrew Carnegie*, Chicago, brought 200,000 bushels of corn to Owen Sound. This is said to be the largest cargo of corn ever floated on fresh water.

Advices received by mail from England state that 27,000 coal miners are on strike in Bristol channel, and that the trouble was not expected to be over in less than three months.

Rumor has it that a rich mineral containing gold has been found near Bathurst, and that a six-mile square lease has been obtained by a gentleman who will prospect and operate it.

The May magazines—all of them seemingly—are on sale at the old and well known Colonial Book store, corner Germain and King, and "In His steps"—the book that has reached a sale of 150,000 copies in six months, is offered at this store. Paper 25c, cloth 50c.

Washington authorities have reason to believe that southern California includes in its Spanish population several nests of conspirators. The Post-office Department seized a letter from a California resident addressed to Spanish Premier Sagasta giving treasonable information.

Rev. T. H. White, D. D., of Shelburne, died there Thursday night. He was the oldest clergyman in Canada, 92 years and one month, for over sixty years he was rector of Shelburne. N. W. White, ex-M. P., is a son of deceased.

Upwards of fifty French Academics passed through Moncton east on Thursday afternoon's express for their homes. One of them in conversation with a Transcript representative said: "We are not scared of war, but only on a visit to our homes." Each of them had a trunk.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds will shortly begin the publication of a New Brunswick magazine to be issued monthly, dealing with the history of the city of St. John and the province at large. Events, places and people of note will be treated in an interesting way. The magazine will contain at least 48 pages of reading and the price will be \$1.50 per annum.

Mauzer Parent, of Canterbury, York county, was accidentally drowned while stream driving on Black river for Gilman Bros. & Burden. He was about forty years old, and leaves a widow and family at Bear Island.

A man's remains, wrapped in a costly shroud, and enclosed in three coffins, was unearthed at a depth of fourteen feet while excavating near the castle walls at Windsor. The spot where the coffin was found is thought to have been beneath the cellar of an ancient inn. It is thought by some to have been the body of King Edward VI., who died in 1553, in the sixteenth year of his age.

The Queen, it is said, is very fond of the French peasants. She likes their cheerfulness, tidiness, nice manners and tact. As the Queen frequently passed a poor-looking cottage an aged woman always came to the door and respectfully saluted her. The Queen caused inquiries to be made. While passing on Sunday the Queen's carriage halted at the door of the cottage. The Queen thanked the old lady for her kindly recognitions, and asked her acceptance of a parcel of clothing which the Queen had ordered to be made up for her and the grandchildren she was bringing up.

A day or two ago, when cleaning the massive oak woodwork over the door in Westminster Abbey, it was found to be riddled with bullets and shot. The wood work is supposed to be five hundred years old.

The Haytian republic has donated \$1,000 towards the erection of a monument by the citizens of Rochester, N. Y., in that city to the memory of the late Frederick Douglas, at one time minister resident and consul general to Hayti.

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The Province of Shan-Si

warships, its ocean passenger steamers, mand made on the countless factories demand for order wonder that though long this can go on its supply of fuel not of course certain on evolving power, cumbersome fashion wit of man will world's machinery fuel than is required may be, the bottom in sight yet. No Europe and America power, there are in British enterprise. It is stated that the for a British synd working the coal province of Shan-Si general developing of Shan-Si province in the world, covering thousand square enough coal to supply rate of consumption more. A large proportion of anthracite, the hundred and thirty much bituminous coke. In close abundance of the petroleum also about on the Yellow River. Iters from floods. It tural as well as resources of modern problems which the that means may be from floods, and the connection with China ant, will doubtless trade.

The British Post- tion in the Far East. reference to its policy bury and Mr. George sick leave, Mr. Arthur brunt of the attack ment. Mr. Balfour's Harcourt's arraignment China policy, is des parts angry, but as the position of the strong feeling in cement party as well as Salisbury has conceded Russia, but it is quite ister understood better the situation, and thaler as some of them London correspondent Post intimates that far East is far from "England has many retained control of the an absolute lien over which the extended B Hai-Wei preserves her