

THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL.

ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY AT VICTORIA, B. C.
SUBSCRIPTION - - \$1.00 PER YEAR.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It is reported that Lord Rosebery wears collars even more pronounced in expansiveness than those of his predecessor. Mr. Gladstone's collars are limp, and flappy in the face of a breeze, while those of Rosebery are stiff, erect and uncompromising—emblematic perhaps of the will of the wearer—the envy and despair of short-necked dudes, the joy and pride of the slender and swan-like.

At the congress of astronomers, held five years ago in Paris, it was agreed to prepare a photographic map of the heavens, and the work was taken in hand on a comprehensive plan by astronomers of fifteen distinct nationalities. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the scheme, which will include over 32,000 photographs, and when complete will cover the surface of a globe twenty-four feet in diameter.

"SLEEPY old Quebec," as some people are wont to call that Province, is not too far back in the procession of progress in some respects. Last year, Quebec sold 156,925 acres of her Crown lands for \$57,108, besides granting 37,646 acres free to settlers. Ontario during the same period disposed of only 28,135 acres, but she obtained a better price than her sister Province as the amount received for Crown lands was \$26,841.

THE Baconian theory of the authorship of the Shakespeare plays did not die with the adverse verdict of the jury of litterateurs empaneled by the *Arena*. Mr. Ignatius Donnelly, who has done more to sustain the claims of Bacon than any other man, writing from St. Paul to a member of the *Toronto Empire* staff, says: "I know you will be glad to learn that all my leisure time has been given to further studies of the cipher, and that I have reduced it to an absolute arithmetical certainty, moving with the regularity of a piece of mechanism. In the 'Great Cryptogram' I admitted that the workmanship of the cipher was not perfect. I did not have the order in which the words were delivered. During five years of diligent labor I have elaborated this, and when I publish my second book, which I hope to do in a year, I shall place the reality of the cipher and the authorship of the plays beyond controversy."

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

WHEN the compositor "ples" a stickful he usually gets "crusty."

A SURVEYOR up the country has been arrested for incendiarism. He blazed the trees.

LORD Mayor Shanks, of Dublin, is a celebrated horseman. A noted mare of

DR. BAKER'S Painless Extraction of Teeth!

Having purchased from Dr. Kellogg, of Chicago, the sole right to use his local anesthetic in Victoria, I am now prepared to extract teeth

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT PAIN

This medicine is a perfectly safe local anesthetic, having been used on over 30,000 patients without a bad result. By applying it to the gums, the living pulp or nerve can be extirpated without any pain, which is something that has never been accomplished with any other local application. If you have any teeth to extract we will do it without pain, or no money asked.

Office, 98 Yates Street, Over Cochrane & Munn's Drug Store

HASTIE & BANNERMAN, LONDON BLOCK, JOHNSON STREET.

Hay, Grain, Flour and Feed Merchants.

SCOTCH FINE AND PEERLESS FLOURS.

Our Breakfast Delicacy is the best in the market.

Frank Campbell

P. O. BOX 108.

Can be found at the old reliable Pritchard House Corner. Special brands of Tobaccos and Cigars, and Meerschaum, English Briar and Amber Goods. All coast papers on sale.

B. & C. PHILLIPS,

NO. 10 STORE ST.

Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Notions

Globe Restaurant,

42 YATES STREET.

Hot and Cold Lunch 25cts. 21 Meal Tickets \$4.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

MRS. WHITE, Propr.

his has been in use by the writer over 30 years.

UMBRELLA—Well, you've had quite a comedown.

Rain—Look out for yourself. You are making quite a spread.

JONES—What are you using that eye water for?

Smithses—Got a cataract.

Jonses—Then I shouldn't think you would need any more water.

EYESIGHT—HOW TO PRESERVE IT.—

Everyday you hear some one say that his eyes are bad—he can't see as well as you can at a distance, or he can't read unless he holds his paper at arm's length from him. You ask him, why don't he get glasses? He answers: "If I start to wear glasses I will always have to! Such people do not realize the fact that their eyesight is always getting worse, which they could prevent with proper glasses. They would rather worry their eyes and wince than wear glasses which would do away with all the trouble. To do without glasses as long as possible is wrong. You should wear them as soon as your eyes feel strained or tired. Of course, it is very important that your glasses should be the proper ones to secure comfort and ease. Such glasses can only be obtained from a skilled optician, and the only place where such can be had is at F. W. Nolte & Co.'s, 37 Fort street.

PATENTS

CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS, COPYRIGHTS.

CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific books sent free.

Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the *Scientific American*, and thus are brought widely before the public without cost to the inventor. This splendid paper, issued weekly, elegantly illustrated, has by far the largest circulation of any scientific work in the world. \$3 a year. Sample copies sent free.

Building Edition, monthly, \$2.50 a year. Single copies, 25 cents. Every number contains beautiful plates, in colors, and photographs of new houses, with plans, enabling builders to show the latest designs and secure contracts. Address MUNN & CO., NEW YORK, 361 BROADWAY.

HAS. HAYWARD
ESTAB. 1847
FUNERAL DIRECTOR
AND EMBALMER
52 GOVERNMENT VICTORIA