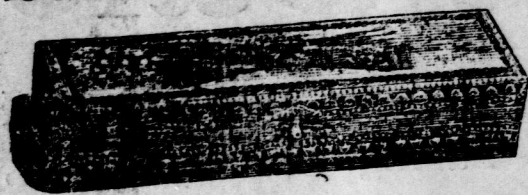


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Annual Christmas Display

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MELROSE RIFLE CLUB.

The Melrose Rifle Club met on Dec. 20. Scores:

200 yards, on rest:									
W. J. Shaw	8	7	8	8	7	3	8	7	3
E. J. Shaw	6	10	9	8	5	3	8	7	3
J. Oliver	3	10	6	10	7	3	8	7	3
F. Harrison	7	6	5	7	6	3	8	7	3
J. K. Morris	6	8	6	5	6	3	8	7	3
A. Steinbock	6	7	8	5	6	3	8	7	3
B. Harrison	4	3	3	3	5	2	4	4	15

200 yards, off-hand:									
D. Steinbock	7	5	10	10	4	3	8	7	3
J. Oliver	6	5	9	7	6	3	8	7	3
E. J. Shaw	7	4	4	7	10	3	8	7	3
J. Harrison	6	7	8	5	6	3	8	7	3
B. Harrison	6	7	8	5	6	3	8	7	3
A. Steinbock	7	6	3	3	5	2	4	4	15
F. Harrison	4	6	3	3	5	2	4	4	15
J. K. Morris	4	2	4	4	15				

BASEBALL.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—President Ban Johnson, of the American Baseball League, and Chas. Comiskey, of St. Paul, held a conference on Thursday with President Killian, of the Milwaukee Baseball Club, supposedly over the makeup of the circuit of 1900. President Johnson said the circuit would probably begin with teams in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Detroit and Buffalo.

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RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—The track was heavy yesterday.
First race, selling, 7 furlongs—Trebor won, Agitator 2, Estaca 3. Time, 1:34.
Second race, 6 furlongs—Inlook 1, Avalar 2, Magic Light 3. Time, 1:20.
Third race, selling, 1 mile—Quiraker 1, Elhad 2, False Lead 3. Time, 1:50.
Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Tom Collins 1, Judge Wardle 2, Refugee 3. Time, 1:18.
Fifth race, selling, 1 mile—Stranger 1, Prospero 2, Col. Cluke 3. Time, 1:49.

AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Oakland track fast yesterday.
First race, Futurity course, 2-year-olds—Limerick 1, Saul of Tarsus 2, J. V. Hayes 3. Time, 1:11½.
Second race, 5 furlongs—F. W. Brode 1, Gundara 2, Gloro 3. Time, 1:01½.
Third race, 7 furlongs, selling—Tirade 1, Stuttgart 2, Monday 3. Time, 1:23.
Fourth race, 1 mile, all ages—Con-

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TERRIBLE CATASTROPHES

Many People Killed by a Landslide in Italy.

Forty Children Drowned by Breaking Through the Ice on the River Lis.

Holocaust at a Rehearsal of Christmas Exercises—Six Girls Burned to Death and Many Others Injured.

Rome, Dec. 23.—A terrible disaster took place yesterday afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno.

About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Cappuccini monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and begun rescue work.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a small but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants situated at the end of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the most picturesque forms. The Cappuccini monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Caiano for the Claustrals, but came into possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 200 feet, contained fine cloisters and a charming veranda, and offered magnificent points of view. The town is mentioned for the first time in the sixth century, when it enjoyed the protection of the Eastern Emperors. In the twelfth century the sea began gradually to undermine the lower portions, and a terrible inundation in 1343 proved still more disastrous.

Forty children drowned.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Upwards of 40 school children were drowned yesterday afternoon in an ice accident at Freilighem, near the French frontier.

The school children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen River Lys. They were fourteen little girls, height the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned.

Six girls burned to death.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 23.—Six little girls were burned to death, four probably fatally injured during the rehearsal of Christmas exercises of one of the classes at St. Francis school yesterday. There were fourteen little girls in the class, and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs, and wore white fleeces on their garments. The fleeces on the girls' dresses from an open gas jet, and in an instant the whole ring of little ones were in flames. Sisters of the school ran to the rescue, and were also badly burned. Six died almost instantly from burns, and four of the survivors will die.

The dead are: Mary Waverling, Alma Middendorf, Bertha Freund, Jose Rossegow, Miss Hickey and Irene Freilighem. The badly injured are: Josephine Bone, Wilhelmina Kottendorf, Lena Ziegler, Laura Menka, Miss Soenblich, Alevia Timpa, Jose Werner, Father Anderson, Sister Loretta, Sister Theodora, Sister Ephra.

FATALLY CRUSHED.
St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Joseph Gaudin, employed at the M. C. R. shops, who was crushed against a wall by a box car on the latter's wheels, died of his injuries yesterday. He was aged 50, and leaves a widow. Two brothers, James and Thomas, and two sisters, Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. McDonald, reside in Toronto.

THIS MINISTER HAD ITCHING PILES
Three Painful Surgical Operations Failed to Cure—Suffered for Twenty Years—Found Relief and Cure in Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. J. A. Baldwin, Baptist minister, Arkona, Ont., writes: "I wish to say that I have been a great sufferer for over twenty years with itching piles, both external and internal. I have used a great number of remedies and undergone three very painful surgical operations, all without obtaining benefit."

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FESTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS

Annual Christmas Entertainments by Public School Pupils.

Many of Them of a Patriotic Character—A Number of Presentations.

The pupils of the Simcoe street school held their annual Christmas exercises yesterday afternoon. The rooms were all tastefully decorated and presented a very attractive appearance. Excellent programmes were given in the different rooms.

Mr. Beal's and Miss Skelton's classes held their entertainments together in the kindergarten, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Those taking part were: Avey, Robert Angus, Olive Sussex, three girls (dialogue), Mary Douglass, Tom Logan, Gordon Cottrell, Letta Lyons, Chester Smith, Sophie Jacobson and Dorothy Edge. After refreshments had been served, Master Robbie Angus, on behalf of the class, presented Mr. Beal with a very handsome morocco writing portfolio, together with an address, to which Mr. Beal made a suitable reply.

The pupils of Grade VI had the room tastefully decorated with flags and drawing done by the pupils. After a programme of songs and recitations a plentiful feast of nuts, candies, etc., was enjoyed by the pupils.

In room II, the following scholars contributed to the programme: Charlie Westman (chairman), Clara Newton, Lock Harrison, Willmense Sage, Neil McDonald, Edridge Gale, Ethel Moore, Flossie Chatto, Beatrice Thorne, Lena Sweeney, Charlie Graham, Edna Lister, Johnstone Wilkins, Hilda Stephenson, Jennie Ingle, Minnie Scott, Mabel McLeod and Edna Champlitt.

In room VIII, a concert was given by the children, after which oranges, candies and nuts were distributed. The following scholars contributed the programme: Maud Hill, Nedra Nixon, Ann Garthorn, George Wheatcroft, Vernon Davis, Fred Land, F. Denison, S. O'Neill, Mamie Weekes, Florence Weekes. Frank Denison was chairman, and several choruses were given by the class.

The programme in room 9 consisted of a number of choruses by the class and individual numbers by Bert Miller, Laura Ingles, Pearl Kermat and Laura Swayze, G. Hoskins and B. Foden, L. Ingles, J. Sweeney and T. Brown.

The National Anthem by the class brought the affair to a close. The pupils of Miss Fleming's class spent a very enjoyable time Thursday afternoon. A lengthy programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was carried out, after which the children disposed of a goodly quantity of candies, nuts and oranges. The room was appropriately decorated for the occasion with holly and blackboard drawings. Master Charles Waggoner made a very pleasant chairman during the afternoon.

In Grade 2 recitations were given by Dottie Stephenson, Ruby Stephenson, L. L. Joyner, George Long, Ivy Campbell, Frankie Reid, Ida Moore, John Greer, Fred Davis, Mabel Moorhouse, Sadie Barred, Herbie Newton, Eddie Barrows, Russell Croden and Ernie Powell. These were interspersed with choruses by the class. Jessie Long gave a solo.

The children of Grade 1 held their Christmas concert Thursday. A programme was rendered consisting of recitations, solos and choruses by the class. The small performers had an appreciative audience in their friends and playmates. At the close of the concert oranges, nuts and candies were distributed to the children.

AT THE KINDERGARTEN.
The children of Simcoe street kindergarten held their annual Christmas exercises Wednesday, before a large crowd of spectators. The performance consisted of songs and games, illustrating the Christmas story. Santa Claus chorus being especially well rendered, and "Soldiers of the Queen" was greeted with loud applause. But the climax was reached when a huge Christmas tree decorated with chains, lanterns and presents, all the work of the children, was presented to view at the close of the programme. The children were allowed to present their beautiful gifts to the mothers; then each child was made happy by receiving a dainty cardboard canoe, laced with ribbon and with a small toy on board. The proceedings closed with "God Save the Queen."

Victoria School.
Divisions VI, and VII, of the above school entertained a large number of parents and visitors from the following programme: Class recitation, "Kris Kringle," five girls; dialogue, "Seven Little Sisters," Carol, seventh division; dialogue, "The Model Class," boys of the seventh division; recitation, Ida W. in chorus, "Kris Kringle," eighth division; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," sixth and seventh divisions; dialogue, "The New St. Nicholas," sixth division; Carol, "Christmas Bells," seventh division; dialogue, seventh division; chorus, sixth and seventh divisions. A feature of the entertainment was the presentation to Miss Maud M. Walsh of the beautiful Boyle memorial medal, which is given each year to the scholar in each school who passes highest in the entrance examination.

In each of the rooms a musical entertainment, followed by a Christmas tree, was given, and the children went away with their pockets well filled with the sweet things that Christmas never fails to bring. In one of the rooms, instead of a Christmas tree, the children hung stockings about the room, and brought presents for one another to fill them.

The scholars taking part in another room were as follows: Norah O'Gorman, Esther Swartz, Edwin Chivas, Lily He Richardson, Mary Allison, Islay McKenzie Vera Hodgins, Bessie Howlett, Cyril McBride, Ruth West, Ethel Dowdett, Ethel McKay, Charlie Pennington, Kathleen O'Gorman, Olive Ross, Eddie Kennedy, Mervin Webb, John Smith, Gladys Legg, Minnie Gaud.

The following contributed to the Junior division programme: Jean McO'Brien, Retta Caldwell, Chester Herald, Vivian Reeve, Leone Noyes, Jessie Mitchell, Edith Vanstone, Retta Caldwell, Mabel Berry May Burridge, Willie Henderson, May Secombe, Anna Kennedy, Thornton McBride.

A number of dialogues and choruses were also on the programme.

FATAL COLLISION.
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Wm. Langan, an engineer on the Lackawanna road, was instantly killed and his fireman, Herman Shulte, was probably fatally injured in a collision this morning between a passenger train of the Buffalo and Southwestern Road and an engine of the Lackawanna, at the junction of the two roads in the suburbs of the city.

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Cups and Saucers and Moustache Teas for 25c, worth 50c.
Cups and Saucers and Moustache Teas for 50c, worth \$1.
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Questions Answered.

NEGLIGENCE.—A spur of the railroad is in the middle of the street. A car is loaded with goods on this spur. A number of teams were driving up on the left-hand side of the street. A is following with the rest. B crossed the track and tried to crowd between the car and A, who told him that he was getting out of his proper place, but B said he was going to crowd in, and hit his (B's) horses with the whip. A's horses jumped and broke the wheel of B's wagon. Is A liable for damages? Ans.—Not upon the facts stated, which show that the damage was caused by B.

SIMCOE.—A makes a will, which says: "And, fourth, to divide and pay the residue of all my estate, share and share alike, unto my children," naming each child, "payment to be made by my executors as soon as they are in a position to do so." Before A's death two of his sons die, and each have a wife and child. In accordance with section 27 of the wills act, who will receive their share? Ans.—The widow and children of each son receive his share under section 36 of the act. One-third to widow and rest of share to children equally.

FALSE PRETENCE.—A came around lately with his team, gathering for his

neighbor B, whom, he said, had the misfortune of having his house and barn burned, and that the family barely escaped in their night clothes. He would take most anything, grain, clothing or cash, and got a good load in this locality, and also some cash. Now, it seems that his whole story was a fabrication, and there was no buildings burned. Is B liable to be punished as a criminal? Ans.—Yes; if the facts are as stated, he may be convicted of obtaining property by false pretences, and liable to imprisonment not exceeding three years.

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