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TO OUR READERS.

TWELVE months ago THE HOME JOURNAL first made its appearance. Glancing back over the brief period of its existence, the publishers feel that, taking everything into consideration, they have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their venture. The first year in the life of a newspaper is generally conceded to be the most precarious, for many grow weary and fall by the wayside. The public has had ocular demonstration of this fact during the present year in our own city of Victoria.

For THE HOME JOURNAL the crisis has been passed, and it now remains with the publishers to put forth every effort to produce a weekly paper worthy of the great city in which it is issued. At the present moment preparations are being made to increase the size of the paper, and with the enlargement other departments will be added, which, it is trusted, will make it the equal of any publication conducted on the same lines in Canada.

The subscription list has increased to such an extent that the paper has now become an indispensable advertising medium to business men who desire to reach the families of this city. No weekly paper ever published on this coast has had a circulation which grew at so rapid and steady a rate.

In the future as in the past THE HOME JOURNAL will be outspoken and independent in its tone; it will manifest a deep and abiding interest in the fortunes of the virtuous and never overlook an opportunity of expressing indignation at the occasional triumphs of successful villany.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

WHEN Mr. Colonist Potts gets his gun and goes gunning Chief Sheppard had better look out. There may be trouble in store.

JUDGE SHEPPARD had better throw off the judicial ermine and give the Supreme Court Judges a chance. Mr. Justice Sheppard might be a mesnomer.

"THE germs must be swallowed or you cannot have cholera," says a New York doctor. People who are in the habit of taking too many swallows now know how they may save themselves. This is a great fact for Victoria.

A LOCAL paper says: "During the entertainn ent Miss Blank, who has recently returned from Germany, will play upon the piano, Lord Have Mercy upon Us." The leaving out of the quotation marks is said to have made some trouble.

A PENNSYLVANIA girl, envious of a female friend's new gown, placed a shotgun to her virgin breast and worked the happy dispatch with a string. If her example is generally followed, downtrodden man may have a chance to live again.

CHRISTIANITY can claim a great victory in the conversion of Doc Griffin. After the expiration of his term of imprisonment, which will be completed next December, the Doctor will go forth preaching the Gospel to the heathen of all nations.

NINE months ago there were in Montreal half a dozen lottery enterprises, which practically defied everything; to-day only one scotched institution with numbered days remains. The De Boucherville Government can justly be congratulated on the firmness as on the success of its policy in dealing with this very grave evil.

THE *Colonist* has the following telegram from Ottawa: "The *Free Press* says Senator Macdonald has written a strong letter to Premier Abbott, setting forth his claims to the appointment of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia." In this connection, there are many people who have spent a great many years of their lives in Victoria, who are curious to know the precise nature of the claims which Senator Macdonald has urged upon the Government. If he has ever rendered any service to the Province, it is contended that he has carefully concealed the fact.

THE telegraph editor and proof.

reader of our evening contemporary has developed into a humorist. To wit.

"NANAIMO, Oct. 3.—Tarnaniello arrived here on Saturday night and was jailed immediately. Dr. Walkem visited him a little while after and at once recognized him as the individual who purchased the sheath knife in W. M. Langton's store at Victoria, a few days ago. *The deceased did not seem to like this visit*, as his features betrayed a slight uneasiness. The Italians can be heard in all parts of the city discussing the matter in small groups, but not a word is heard by them as to whether he is the guilty man or not."

Weeping Rachel, what a genius!

DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

JUST as the sun was rising over the blue waves of the Mediterranean, on the third day of August, 1492, three small vessels, two of them without decks, but with forecastles and cabins for the crews, sailed from the little port of Palos, in Spain, under the command of Christopher Columbus, in search of a new world. It seems almost incredible, that only four hundred years ago science had made such slight attainments that a council of the mose learned men of Spain, appointed by the crown, should have declared the assertion that the world was round to be absurd.

"What!" exclaimed these sages of the fifteenth century, "can any one be so foolish as to believe that the world is round, and that there are people on the side opposite to ours who walk with their heels upward, and their heads hanging down like flies clinging to the ceiling?—that there is a part of the world where trees grow with their branches hanging downward, and where it rains, hails, and snows upward?"

The general voice of the community pronounced Columbus a half-crazed fanatic. Even those who had been induced to embark with him had entered upon the perilous enterprise with the greatest reluctance. As the admiral spread his sails no cheers from the shore greeted him. Tears, lamentations, and dismal forebodings oppressed nearly all hearts.

Columbus steered first for the Canary Islands. A strong wind drove them rapidly along into the abyss of unknown seas, and as the hills of Spain sunk