

THEY'RE WELCOME TO IT.

Small-pox has been discovered in South Wallaceburg. We are looking patiently in the Glass Town papers for the weekly bulletins on the progress of the contagion. In reference to the outbreak the Wallaceburg News—in spite of the fact that Walpole Island, which is only five miles from Wallaceburg, is quarantined for small-pox—says: "The source of contagion has not been definitely traced, but as the city of Chatham is the nearest point where small-pox has been recently quite prevalent, it is fair to assume that it may have come from source."

A WORD OF CAUTION.

In view of the present interest being taken by the people of Chatham on the subject of natural gas, and owing to the near approach of the time when the natural products of the Tilbury field will be put into general use in this city, the following comment from the St. Catharines Star-Journal is timely, and also worthy of serious attention and consideration:

"In view of the fact that accidents are reported from other places where natural gas is used for heating and illuminating purposes, and that in many cases the cause is ascribed to unthoughtfulness on the part of the consumer, the users of that commodity in this city should profit by the experience of those who have paid dearly for it."

"That but very few accidents, indeed, have occurred in St. Catharines from the use of natural gas is a tribute to the care exercised by local users in the management of their domestic affairs. However, lest there be someone who does not fully realize that natural gas needs quite as much attention as any other fuel we would utter just a word of caution."

"If you wish to be free from all danger of using gas, be careful to turn the gas off completely in your stoves at night before retiring. Whether the pressure has been high or low during the day, if it is turned partially off it will, if the pressure rises during the night come on with greater force and your property may be damaged as a result. On the other hand, if the gas is not turned off completely and the pressure becomes lower, the fire will go out, and then when the pressure rises the gas will escape into the house and the inmates' lives will be placed in great peril from asphyxiation."

MONOPOLY FOR MEMBERS.

It will probably surprise the average reader to learn how large a proportion of the judges in the Dominion have gone to their positions straight from the House of Commons within the last ten years. Here is a partial list, with the salaries now attached to the positions:

Supreme Court of Canada—	
Sir Louis Davis	\$ 9,000
Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick	10,000
Courts of Quebec—	
J. Lavergne	7,000
P. A. Choquette	7,000
F. G. Landier	7,000
O. Demerutis	5,000
Thomas Fortin	7,000
J. A. C. Bedard	5,000
H. G. Carroll	5,000
L. K. Champagne	5,000
A. Malouin	5,000
A. A. Bruneau	5,000
Courts of Ontario—	
J. F. Lister	7,000
H. K. Britton	7,000
Sir William Macleod	8,000
Courts of Nova Scotia—	
D. C. Fraser	6,000
B. Russell	6,000
D. D. MacKenzie	3,000
H. A. Forbes	2,400
Court of British Columbia—	
A. Morrison	6,000

"One Foot in the Grave."—If the thousands of people who rush to so worthy a remedy as South American Nervine as a last resort, how much misery and suffering would be spared. If you have any nerve disorder you needn't suffer a minute longer. A thousand testimonies to prove it. 31 Sold by W. W. Turner.

"Evelyn Nesbit Floated On To Ruin Without A Struggle"

New York, Feb. 9.—"A woman who has forfeited her womanhood is prone to justify herself by some excuse or palliation," writes Samuel Hopkins Adams in the New York World, discussing Evelyn Nesbit. "Overpowering love or passion was an impossible plea here. Thus being lured by guile to her ruin was the natural alternative excuse: I am not saying that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw did not tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as she swore to do. But it seems to me that common justice to consider that we have no means of determining whether she spoke truth or lies, or part truth and part lies. In the very degree to which Stanford White is damned by her accusations should judgment be held in abeyance. The dead, too, must have the benefit of the doubt."

"Certain inherent improbabilities, too, in the relation fail to be noted. Evelyn Thaw's attempts to shield her mother are certainly not disingenuous. Though she may not have known it as a child of 16, she pretends to believe now that the mother who permits herself to be sent out of town, leaving her daughters in the care of an elderly married man with a reputation for gallantry, with the excuse that 'he's such a fine, grand gentleman,' is nothing more than foolish. 'Again, even a child should have seen cause for alarm in being invited to night parties, unprotected, in men's apartments. What an abnormal being is that woman-child whose intuition, whose sex instinct of self-protection, would not have taken alarm at the ominous circumstances of the tete-a-tete, private supper, and the bottle of wine in the lonely and remote chamber. Even the flimsiest butterfly, feeling upon its wings the glare of hell, makes its feeble effort to escape. Evelyn Nesbit floated without a struggle to her destination."

GENTLEMEN OF THE ROAD.

The Famous "Sixteen Strings Jack" and Dick Turpin.

At the Rose tavern, a noted gaming house standing in Marylebone gardens early in the 18th century, Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham, used to feast his companions at their farewell dinner when the season ended in the ominous words, "May as many of us as remain unchanged next spring meet here again!" John Rann, the highwayman, otherwise "Sixteen Strings Jack," of evil fame, liked to swagger about at Bagnigge Wells in the intervals of carrying out his nefarious deeds or undergoing punishment for the same. He is described as appearing there in July, 1774, "attired in a scarlet coat, lambour waistcoat, white silk stockings and a laced hat. On each knee he wore the bunch of eight ribbons which had gained him his sobriquet of 'Sixteen Strings Jack.' There were lively doings under the influence of this sprightly gentleman, and on the occasion referred to he was pitched out of a window for offending honest company. Only a few months later he met the reward for his misdeeds on the gallows at Tyburn for venturing to rob the Princess Amelia's chaplain."

Dick Turpin was another "gentleman of the road" who amused himself in the intervals of "business" by frequenting pleasure gardens. He was once moved to kiss a fair lady in public at Marylebone, assuring her, when she protested that the night ever after boast of the favor he had received. Whether Turpin had gentlemen of similar occupation, or whether he was a solitary figure, his version may reasonably be doubted when we remember how frequent robberies were in the paths and fields leading to these sylvan retreats. Watchmen were set "to guard those who go over the fields late at night," yet even so visitors were often attacked and robbed, sometimes in the gardens themselves and sometimes on the road to or from them.

In early days at Marylebone it was deemed necessary to provide the company with a guard of soldiers to conduct them home at night, a curious winding up to a jocular evening. Pickpockets were of course plentiful at all the gardens despite every precaution, and one night at Cnapper's in 1743 a thief caught in the act of taking a lady's purse was rescued from the hands of the police by a band of his comrades on his way through St. George's fields and enabled to escape justice for that time.—Temple Bar.

Scored Against O'Connell.

An amusing incident is told of a victory over Daniel O'Connell by a witness whom he was cross-examining. The witness was for the crown, and the case was a riot committed by a crowd of beggars. O'Connell was at that time well known and it was after he had received his sobriquet of "the big beggar man." The witness finished, and O'Connell began the cross-examination. "Now tell the court just how many beggars there were," he said. "Indeed, I did not stop to count them, but there was a great tribe of them, your honor."

"A whole tribe of them, eh? Will you tell us what tribe they belonged to?" "Indeed, your honor, that is more than I can do, for I never heard, but I think it must have been to the tribe of Man."

"In speaking Evelyn Thaw, if not beautiful, is, in a sense, lovely. The parted lips, the pathetic, pleading eyes and the changing expression evincing in a positive if not very subtle charm. Her voice is fresh, sincere, and delicately modulated, and her enunciation is singularly distinct. At times there is just a suggestion of the whining intonation so common among country bred folk of the middle states. Her speech is slow and measured, and she never shakes her head quaintly to give point to what she is saying. Her words are simple, but well chosen and expressive, and her bearing on the witness stand was careful, self-possessed and genuinely dignified."

The "Listener" Again.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The salient features of yesterday's proceedings were brought out in Inspector Maw's evidence. He apparently wished to convey the impression that the "listeners" only recorded conversations when requested to by the subscribers, and that these records were always guarded by the company as strictly private. Mr. Maw admitted that the company had been drawing 60 hours every day in overtime from the girls, for which nothing was paid. In the three exchanges 32 girls were forced to work an extra hour and a half or two hours after doing the 5-hour shift, for nothing.

Suspend Cuban Army Decree.

Washington, Feb. 9.—United States Secretary of War Taft, after a consultation with the President, has called Governor Magoon authority to suspend the execution of the decree providing for an increase from 6,000 to 12,000 of the rural guard of Cuba.

Insurgent Surrenders.

Tangier, Feb. 9.—The insurgent chief, Zeliak, in whose fortress Raisuli sought refuge, came in yesterday and tendered his submission.

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Animals Which Washed Dishes.

Beckmann gives a delightful account of a coon which used to amuse itself by washing various odds and ends in a bucket of water. An old pot handle, a small shell, or anything of the sort would do.

But the thing he loved best of all was an empty bottle. Clamping it in his fore paws he would waddle slowly to the bucket with the bottle clasped close to his breast and then roll it and rinse it in the water. If anyone ventured to disturb him he was furious and threw himself upon his back, clinging so tightly to his beloved bottle that he could be lifted by it. Groos says that bears will do the same sort of thing. He relates the case of a polar bear which used to roll an old iron pot to and fro in his tank, and then, lifting it up, rub it up and down in a trough of running water. He stood on his hind legs and used his fore paws exactly like a washerwoman washing clothes.—The Strand.

An Effective Riddle.

On one occasion when he was busy President Lincoln received a delegation of men who were endeavoring to hurry the passing of some petty bill. When they entered, Lincoln looked up gravely and said: "If you call the tail of a sheep a leg, how many legs will the sheep have?" "Five," said the spokesman. "No," replied Lincoln, "it would only have four. Calling the tail a leg would not make it one." The delegation departed in discomfiture.

All That Was Left Him.

"Your promptness, sir," said Dr. Price-Price, "is quite refreshing, but really I don't expect you to pay it all at once if it's going to embarrass you." "The bill is a big one, for a fact, but I don't mind that. I'm grateful to you for sparing my life," replied the victim.—Philadelphia Press.

For Self Protection.

"Why," asked the inquisitive person, "do some of your writers sign their articles, while others do not?" "Those who do not," explained the magazine editor, "threatened to quit unless the other articles were signed."—Chicago News.

If it were possible to heal sorrow by weeping, gold, were less prized than grief.—Seneca.

TESSIE THE WAITRESS.

The Reason That Faithful No. 12 Took a Day Off.

Like the fated duchess in Browning's poem, Tessie smiled upon all men. No matter how intricate the order or how many times you sent things back, she never grumbled. There was always a struggle to get a seat at her table. "The boys" who regularly gathered in the downtown restaurant at half past 12 would wait fifteen minutes for the privilege of being served by Tessie. They joked her a good deal and always were rewarded by a flash and smile and a twinkle of the eye, a bit of repartee or perhaps a little extra attention to their order. But never did one of them presume upon her friendliness and bon camaraderie to overstep the very certain line which she had drawn between herself and those whom she served. She was young, pliant and pretty, but she "mothered" them all, and no matter how tenderly she might ask if the eggs were just right or the coffee hot, they knew that it was useless to misinterpret that "mothering."

Tessie stayed in the downtown lunch room just three years. From the day she came the manager's discerning eye discovered a prize in her, and from the ladies' table she was promoted to one where masculinity and tips were more frequent. If a waitress were absent, Tessie was always given the "extra" table to serve, and she never complained. Tessie was never tardy, never too ill to work, never distrustful or careless. Tirelessly she went up and down with her arms full of dishes and food. "The boys" used to speculate sometimes upon Tessie's matrimonial possibilities and hazard guesses as to what they would do when some fellow carried her off to wait on himself exclusively. But in time she became such a fixture that they ceased wondering why such a pretty girl was forced to work in a quick lunch room and gave up the thought that she would ever marry at all.

That is why they were very much surprised one day when they arrived to find no Tessie. Another waitress tried to take her place, but nobody got what he wanted, and nothing went right. They had been so used to depending upon Tessie's suggestions and her memory that the new waitress had a hard time of it. Finally in a fit of the grouch one of the boys called the manager over.

"Say," he demanded, "where's Tessie?"

The manager lifted his eyebrows politely.

"Tessie?" he began. "Oh, you mean No. 12. She will be back tomorrow."

The next morning Tessie appeared as usual. The crowd of young clerks greeted her with a whoop.

"Where have you been?" they demanded.

Tessie looked at them for a moment. Her fingers gripped the edge of the table, and two big tears rose to her eyes.

"I stayed home yesterday," she said chokingly, "to—to go to my husband's funeral."

The clerks looked at one another blankly.

"Your husband?" exclaimed somebody.

"Yes," said Tessie simply. "He's dead. He had been ill three years—consumption." And then she hurried away to the kitchen to give her orders and wipe her tear stained face.—New York Press.

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The Busy Cash Store

During February month careful cash buyers will find many money-saving opportunities at this busy store. All odd lines, broken lots, odd sizes, short ends, etc., get quick marching orders. Wide awake buyers will keep close watch on what we are doing and profit by the many extraordinary bargains offered from day to day. Here's some of the many tempting items for shoppers. Remember—the time to come for the goods is when advertised. At our low prices they won't be here long.

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1 only Persian Lamb Coat, rich curl, satin lined, reg. \$65, sale price \$48.00.

1 only Electric Seal Coat, choice quality, satin lined, reg. \$40, sale price \$28.90.

1 only Near Seal Coat, satin lined, American Sable collar and revers, regular \$50, sale price \$39.90.

1 only Persian Lamb Coats, rich full curl, heavy satin lined, reg. \$100, sale price \$79.90.

1 only No. 1 Persian Lamb Coat, reg. \$125, sale price \$98.90.

Fur Neck Pieces, Ruffs, Etc., at special Sale Prices.

Ladies' Coats, all our \$10 long coats sale price \$7.48. All our \$12.50 long coats, sale price \$9.25.

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\$2.50 Silk Waists for 1.98—New styles just in, ivory or black, wash silk, made with tucked back and front, newest sleeves, sizes 32 to 42, reg. \$2.50 each, Clearing at \$1.98

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