#### Planet DAILY AND WEEKLY Chatham. Ont

TO STOP BALLOT SPOILING.

As a result of the persistence with which some electors continue to bungle their ballots suggestions are being brought forward whereby the ballot used in the recent Dominion elections may be improved. Among others, the St. Thomas Times suggests

First-There should be no heading, white space, or printing, above the first black bar on the face of the ballot. Whatever is required in the way of description, date of election, etc., should be relegated to the back of the ballot, and there should be nothing but the black bar above the name of the first candidate.

Secondly-The face of the counterfoil (if the counterfoil is retained at all) should be entirely black.

The first change would prevent vot ers from putting the cross opposite the name of the constituency, as some of them did in Selkirk, North Bruce and other ridings, the second would prevent them putting their little cros on the counterfoil.

#### A REIGN OF TERROR IN CHICAGO.

It seems incredible that in one of the leading cities of the neighboring republic there should be such a reign of terror as to warrant a newspaper in publishing an article of advice with regard to the manner in which citizens can take care of themselves without relying on the police. Nevertheless this is the state of affairs in Chicago, and the Times Herald of that city feels called upon to offer this ad-

"There is no inviolable rule of conduct which will prevent your being held up-at least an attempt to hold But the following precautions will go a long . way towards saving you that shock. If they fail then it is fate-you were destined to

Walk the streets after dark if you must, as if you were going through a country full of Indians. Keep aler on the outside of the sidewalk, avoid all shadows possible, keep away from alley entrances, angles of buildings and shade trees. Walk quick, head up, hands out of your pockets, and ready for action. (Keep your mind on where you are and what you are doing.

If you carry a gun, learn its mechanism, how to shoot it; and when out in the dark keep it where you can get it quicker than you ever did anything before in your life.

Fight-in other words, as long as you can, you will probably be beaten anyway, as well as nobbed, it is better to fight the instant you are attacked than to submit. You may win. The odds are in your favor if you kno anything about fighting; have ability to strike quick and to rush. You may not hit hard but you can surprise and that is half the victory. But fight

anyway, and as you never did before. Never let two men meeting you on the walk divide as they pass . Walk so that they must the on the inside of you. Take the middle of the road whenever feasible and needed. Don't give the time o' night to strangers. Keep out of saloons. In all have a little horse sense when on the streets day or night, and leave the rest to Providence."

The Kaiser was sharp enough not to complicate Germany's foreign relations by mixing them up with Oom Paul's lost cause.

The late Dr. Robinson, physician of the Toronto asylum, put a clause in his will forbidding mourning for him. Funeral reform comes slowly, but still it is coming.

The Manchester Guardian says it understands Queen Victoria has decided to confer a dukedom on Roberts and parliament will be asked to vote him

"Hanging in the window of a barber shop are the long and flowing whiskers worm for many years by Dr. T. A. Stevens, of Independence," says the Kansas City Journal. "In life they hung down below the doctor's waist, and they were famous all over the country." He lost them betting on W. J. Bryan.

The Ontario Department of Agri culture has arranged for 715 meet ings throughout the Province in De cember, January and February. The three leading topics to be discussed e, "The Feeding and Breeding of Hogs for Bacon," "Cold Storage Appli ance for the Farm," and "The Fattening of Poultry for the Home and Brit ish Market."

Talking about campaign literature, the Calgary Herald says: "It costs thousands of dollars and probably never won a vote. The same amount of money spent in getting a good Conservative newspaper into every home in in the country would accomplish a thousand-fold more." That is so. A better distribution of good news papers in close constituencies, for a short time before each election, would win more votes than all the campaign literature that can be sent out.

#### NICE BABY

All babies are "nice," to their mothers.

We all love children. Great big men, with hard hands have soft hearts for helpless new-comers to earth with the smile of heaven fresh on their innocent faces. No man is too high or low, too proud or humble, too busy or idle, too good or bad, too great or small-except a few very small mean men-to throw up their hats at the sight of a plump little

cherub; or to pity a thin one. Plumpness and thinness are accidents. Nature is bountiful; parents want to be. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil cofrects their mistakes.

We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,

A conference of the Conservative nembers of the Ontario Legislature and the defeated candidates at the election of 1896, will be held to-morrow in Toronto. A conference of Ontario Conservative members of the House of Commons and defeated candidates at the recent general election will be held on the following day. Samuel Barker, M. P., has called this second

Frankly, now, is not Mr. Tarte's real offence that he drove a Tory mainister out of public-life and sent a Tory member of Parliament to jail f.—Toronto Globe.

This introduces an interesting parison. When Tarte "peached" on his pals the Government of the day prosecuted the offenders, going so far as to send an M. P. to prison and to drive a leading cabinet minister from office. Mark the difference in the procedure of the Laurier and Ross Governments. In connection with the emergency ration scandal the ministerial majority was used to whitewash a crime. As for the Ross Government, how many of its tools in the "machine" gang have punished? Here is material for the Globe to discuss if it wants to go into Tarte's record.

strange legal notice was served on the Boston newspapers by a lawyer representing J. Milton Clarke, for years messenger in the United States sub-treasury, and well known in the city. The notice reads :- "Fearing that certain matters, stories, and socalled anecdotes, supposed to be connected with the history of my early ife, may be published after my death, and thereby cause annoyance and embarrassment to my children and relatives, I hereby forbid the printing and publishing of any such stories, so-called anecdotes, or anything relating to my life, except such facts as may be given out by my family after my death." Clark is ill and believes he is dying. A strange feature is the explanation of Clarke's lawyer that his client himself set going certain anecdotes regarding his life which he now wants to suppress.

#### "No Eye Like the Master's Eye."

You are master of your health, and if you do not attend to duty, the blame is easily located. If your blood is out of order, Hood's Sarsaparilla will purify it.

It is the specific remedy for troubles of the blood, kidneys, bowels or liver. Heart Trouble—"I had heart trouble for a number of years and different medicines failed to benefit me. I tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and three bottles completely and perfectly cared me." Mrs. C. A. FLINE, Wallace Bridge, N. S.

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A Safeguard—" As a had lost five children with diphtheria I gave my remaining two children Hood's Sarsaparilla as they were subject to throat trouble and were not very strong. They are now healthier and stronger and have not since had a cold." Mrs. W. H. Flecker, Pembroke, Ont.

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A Woodstock poet has been raising the race cry but in this case the French-Canadians are not involved. It's the English, Irish and Germans he is after. Poet John Fraser is Scotch and he indited this original poem in honor of St. Andrew's day: Come a' ye Scots frae far and wide, And lea' your 'ain food a' aside; To feed a Scot is a' my pride, The English I abhor 'em.

Come a ye Woodstock Scottish sons, Come a ye Scots frae ither towns, But ony German trash that comes

I'll make his stomach sour him!

I dinna ken his dialec',

I dinna ken, I dinna ken,

I dinna ken his dialec',

I'll maken his dialec', I dinna ken his dialec,

It's rotten to the coreum!

I dinna ken his dialec,

I canna show him due respec,

So should he come, I'll brak his neck, Or fling him out the doorum! Ch, Sheriff Brady, come get fed. And come alang wi' Lawyer Fred; Although you're not quite thorough bred,

Ye may join in the quorum.
dinna like the Irish bluid,
dinna like, I dinna like,
I dinna like the Irish bluid,
Though may tak' three or four

### RED CHOSS WORK

in the War-Stanley McKeowi Brown Gives a Lecture

Toronto Mail and Empire says:—Mr. Stanley McKeown Brown's discourse was unique in character, different in a considerable degree from the average type of war lecture. It was anecdotal and episodical, instead of being couched in the conventional form of a discursive narrative. The first part was devoted to a description of the journey from the Cape to the first halt at De Aar Junction; the second part to aketches of the later portions of the campaign. With many flashes of Irish wit and an occasional flight of eloquence, Mr. Rrown gave an intimate account of life on the troopship and in camp, interlarded with agreeable personalities about the members of the first contingent, which the audience enjoyed very much. The views, were largely in the personal vein, and also were largely in the personal vein, and also relished. Secure you tickets for this lec-ture that will be given in the Grand Opera House on the afternoon and evening, Wed-

### NEWS OF THE SANCTUMS.

Some Little Tales Reported by Your Uncle Eli. [Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.]

The Gazette takes pleasure in announcing that the wife of its editor is again able to be about, and that his faith in Providence is stronger than ever. It will be remembered that the wife rolled down the cellar stairs s month ago with a barrel of vinegar after her, and when picked up she was eight feet long and only four inches thick. Both vinegar and wife are nov almost as well as ever.

The editor of The Independent is man of peace and prefers to dwell in harmony with all mankind, but if Mr. James Britt should visit this office again and throw us over our desk and to do him what injury we can without proceeding to extremes. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Certain people in this town are warned that the editor of The Journal has heard of their gossip and has about made up his mind to take legal steps to stop it. When people get so bold as to say that we box our wife's ears in broad daylight on the veranda it is time that we protected our reputation as a loving husband.

On Thursday afternoon last The Patriot came out with a strong editorial against imperialism. On that same night our clothesline was robbed of our two thin undershirts and other garments. We haven't the slightest doubt that some rabid imperialist struck at us in this tender spot by way of revenge, and we would ask, "Whither are we drifting when a free press no longer dares to raise its voice in pro-

The editor of The Banner was presented with a Eureka fire escape by the agent one day last week, but did no make a trial of it till Monday morning. As a result of the trial the edifor is in bed with 40 bumps and bruises and the office is being run by his wife and the apprentice. We trust that our readers will overlook any mix up in politics or lack of poetry. The escape is for sale cheap or will be exchanged for stomach

The Tribune is pained to announce that Mr. John Harmer, our popular grocer, is laid up in the house from the kick of a mule, but is being faithfully attended by the eminent Dr. Joslyn and will be drawn back from the yawning grave in due time. The mule used both heels and landed on the solar plexus, and the doctor says the conon was equal to that of being jabbed with a fence rail. M. QUAD.

Not In Her Class. "Did Mr. Solomon really propose to you last night?" asked the first sum-"Yes," replied the other. "He told

me I was the only girl he had ever "The ideal What did you say to "Told him to get

HOW IT WAS "Did he marry her for her money ?"
"No, he married her money in spite

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER STH, 1900 at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, by Messes McCoig & Harrington, auc-tioneers, the following freehold pro-

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