

The Planet

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ADULTERATION OF FOOD STUFFS
IS VERY COMMON.

The majority of the people have little exact knowledge of the exact nature of the ordinary supplies which they purchase over the counters of provision stores, and which constitute their staple foods. The surprising extent to which our commonest foods and drinks are adulterated and counterfeited, and the crying necessity for legislation which will control and check the evil, have been well proved by the results of the senatorial investigation which was made in Chicago last spring. Before the senatorial committee, appointed just prior to the adjournment of congress, and headed by Senator Mason, several prominent experts gave testimony. Dr. Wiley who has been chief chemist of the agricultural department at Washington, for many years, asserted that nearly every kind of food upon the market is, to a greater or lesser extent, adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise rendered harmful or fraudulent. More Vermont maple sugar is made every year, in Davenport, Iowa, from cheap yellow sugar, flavored with vegetable extracts, than can be produced from all the maple trees in the whole state of Vermont! Currant jelly is manufactured; glucose, sugar, a vegetable acid, and some coloring and flavoring matter complete the delicacy! Nearly all of the "pure olive oil" imported to this country is cotton-seed oil made in the Southern States, sent abroad, and there refined and returned to us as the product of the Mediterranean olive!

Don't date your correspondence 1899 any more.

The fighting editor of the Ottawa Citizen is going to South Africa. That announcement ought in itself to have a crushing effect on the Boers.

The Detroit Journal reassures Canadians with the following: The story of a threatened Fenian raid should not alarm Canada. All that would be necessary would be to make the raid dutiable in round sums.

The spelling of South African proper names is a sort of go-as-you-please business. Natal papers spell it Ladismith, which is analogous to the spelling of Harrismith, originally Harry Smith. While Kimberley, should, according to the Standard dictionary, be formed without the final e, thus, Kimberli.

Another man who has found out that advertising pays is W. H. Scroggie, of Montreal. Mr. Scroggie didn't advertise, but planted his store very skillfully between two big stores that did and got a slice of the overflow business. Now he thinks he may as well get more of it and has placed large advertising contracts. The moral is, that you may make money if you don't advertise, but you'll make more if you do.

The more responsible members of the physical force wing of the Irish Nationalist party in this country deny that any invasion of Canada is intended, and they are probably telling the truth.—Buffalo Express.

We didn't know before there were any reasonable members of the force party. We didn't know any of them had enough intelligence for that. The estimate this country has of the O'Donovan Rossas of the States is that they talk mainly to secure contribution from poor deluded victims whose contributions they put into their own pockets.

The hanging of the murderer, Hilda Blake, will be one more proof of the equality of the sexes in the eyes of the law.—Hamilton Herald.

Hoo! David Mills, in letting the law take its course in this case, showed that he was not to be swayed by any appeal on account of a criminal's sex. In that respect Mr. Mills has shown himself a better minister of justice than many of his predecessors.

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THE MAN FOR THE OCCASION.

Toronto Telegram.

The slab-sided round-shouldered rustler who can shoot is infinitely more useful to Britain than the trained cavalryman who knows how to ride into the front end of a bullet according to all the laws of military good form.

EFFECT OF PORRIDGE AND THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

Scottish American.

Looking over the criminal statistics of the five penitentiaries in Canada for 1898 the following is the religious classification of the convicts: Roman Catholics, 723; Church of England, 270; Methodists, 192; Presbyterians, 120; Baptists, 84; others, 51. According to nationality there were: Canadians, 1,039; American (U. S. A.) 131; English, 123; Irish, 56; Scots, 30; others, 64. Porridge and the Shorter Catechism are not food to be sneered at after this.

CAN HE NOT BE HIRED TO STAND PUNISHMENT.

Hamilton Spectator.

Duncan Bole, the long absent witness in the West Elgin case, has returned to Toronto. The Government should give him a shaking he will never forget. It cannot ignore him without seriously compromising itself.—Kingston Whig.

Then the Government will compromise itself. There is one very good reason why the Government will not make any movement toward punishing Bole, and that is that Bole will not give the Government permission to do so.

The Government cannot move against the machine without the machine's permission; the Government is under the machine's metaphorical thumb. When Premier Ross, to influence elections, recently promised to punish the machine men he did not intend to keep his promise. He dare not prosecute Bole. Bole knows too much.

A CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE.

N. Y. Sun.

From her to him:

"Dear Jim,

I'm so perplexed.

So altogether tired out and vexed;

I've tramped through miles and miles

and miles of store,

I've handled gloves and ties and trash

galore.

The girls are all disposed of — any

stuff,

That looks expensive's always good

enough—

But you men, who grow humorous at

a tie,

And mock us for the poor cigars we

buy,

(This wisdom isn't cribbed from out

the pater's—

For my enlightenment, see comic pa-

pers)

You know a smoking cap would make

you mad;

Please, is there anything you haven't

had?

Just mention any trifle you prefer—

What is it that you want for Christ-

mas, sir,

And I will bless you with my last

breath.

Most cordially, your friend,

Elizabeth."

"Dear Girl," he wrote,

"I'm sorry that you're harassed.

Although you've made me frightfully

embarrassed,

Each Christmas of my life I've been

so haunted,

By all the awful things I haven't

wanted,

I hardly can believe the tale is true.

That I'm at last to have a thing I

do.

In fact, your letter really seems to

say,

You are to dictate, I am to obey.

So poor, rash child, no longer I de-

ny.

These are the little trifles I prefer:

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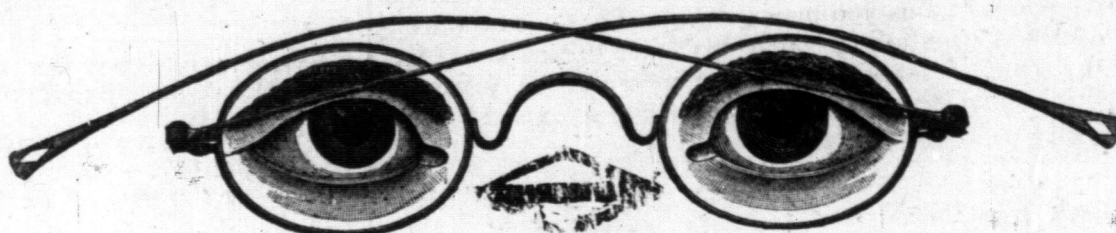
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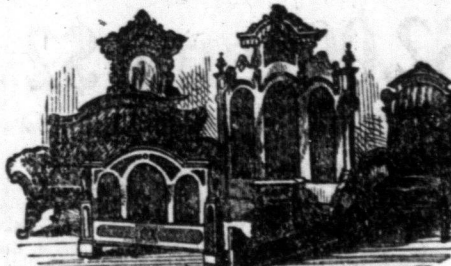
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Their tender strength to help and hold a friend;
And third: that laugh of yours, that rings as gay
As happy bells upon a holiday;
And fourth, your sweetness, tender, true and true,
The glory and the gladness of your youth,
Dear little Madam Santa Claus, a line
To tell me if this present may be mine,
Oh, child, be generous this Christmas day,
And your petitioner will ever pray
The right to sign himself, with sweet intent,
Always your grateful, glad recipient."

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The following is the program of the Christmas entertainment held in Holy Trinity Church on Friday evening, reference to which was made in Saturday's issue of the Planet:

Guitar Solo. Miss Ethel Ball.
Song—Soldiers of the Queen, Roger Butler.

Recitation—The Ruggles' Dinner Party, Miss B. Baxter.

Recitation—Shedrack Brown's turkey, Miss Mae Arnold.

Christmas Cantata—Santa Claus impersonated by Harry Horsted, appearing and singing that he is King in the Children's Happy Dreamland, is duly challenged by Mother Goose.

Finally they agree to leave the matter to the decision of the children themselves. Mother Goose (Mabel Edmondson) summons many of her well-known children, who at once appeared in their fantastic dresses:

Jack and Jill—John Waller and Mary Kerr.

Daffy-Down-Dilly—Myrtle Fielder.

Humpty-Dumpty—Rolie Webber.

Bo-Pop—Carrie Brunker.

Jack Horner—Harold Johnston.

Sky Sweeper—Lucy Arnold.

Polly Flinders—M. Arnold.

Jolly Miller—Tom Baxter.

Mistress Mary—M. Kerr.

Miss Muffit—Sara Tate.

Little Boy Blue—Roger Butler.

Tommy Tucker—Harry Campbell.

Mother Hubbard—Gracie Carpenter.

After all these had been heard, Santa Claus again appealed to the children to say who was their sovereign, whereupon Jack Edmondson, for the children wisely said that at other times they liked Mother Goose best, but at Christmas time they preferred Santa Claus.

Chorus—All Hail Santa Claus.

Quartette—Dunkie's Cradle Song—Stanley Ball, W. Brackin, G. O'Hara, H. Anderson.

Santa Claus emerges from fireplace with stockings, etc.

The M. Wilson prize was presented to Sarah Tate, not missed a Sunday for two years, and special prizes to Roger Butler, Miss Sauerbann, A. McLean.

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