FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

APOHAQUI

Apohaqui, N. B., Dec. 22—Mrs. Frank S. Small went to St. John on Saturday to meet her husband, who was returning from Montreal. Mr. Small is attending McGill and will spend the yuletide with his family here.

Colby H. Jones arrived home on Friday last from the U. N. B. to spend the vacation with his parents, Geo. B. Jones, M. P. P., and Mrs. Jones.

Miss Myra Barton, of Chipman, was the guest of Miss Muriel Jones a short time last week.

The Misses Annie Parlee, Bessie Ryder and Bessie McKnight, students at the P. N. S., Fredericton, are home for their vacation.

A. B. Brooks, principal of the Superior School here, left on Friday to spend the vacation at his home in Gagetown.

Miss Cassie Myles, primary teacher, has gone to her home in Belleisle to spend the vacation.

Miss Jennie Manchester came home on Saturday from Chipman where she has been on the teaching staff.

The Misses Georgie Chambers, Annie Armstrong, Ada Connely and Burdella Snyder are also home from their respective schools to spend the holidays with their parents.

ANDOVER

Andover, N. B., Dec. 22—James Porter, Jr., student at the U. N. B., arrived home from Fredericton on Friday for the Christmas vacation.

The closing exercises of the Andover Grammar School took place on Friday. Miss Kelley, principal and Miss McCain, the intermediate teacher, leaving for their homes on Friday afternoon. Miss Gascon, who has charge of the primary department, left on Wednesday and attended the Teachers' Institute at Woodstock.

Barney Armstrong arrived home on Friday from St. Mary's and will spend Christmas at his home, Perth.

Miss Iva Baxter, of the Normal School staff, Fredericton, is spending her vacation at home. Miss Baxter has been granted six months leave of absence on account of ill health, and will not resume her work at the Normal School till Sept. 1.

Donald Innis is attending the Winter Fair at Amherst (N. S.)

Mr. and Mrs. James Magill and Miss Annie are spending a week at Fort Fairfield, Maine, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dinsmore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop are guests of Mrs. William Johnson.

Guy G. Porter, who was selected by the potato shippers of New Brunswick to represent them at the meeting in Washington arrived home on Saturday.

Hugh Bruce, of Calgary, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tibbitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gillett, of North Bay, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gillett. They will spend Christmas with friends in Woodstock, returning to North Bay by Dec. 31.

ALMA

Alma, N. B., Dec. 20—Mrs. G. W. Parsons has returned to her home after a long and pleasant visit to her daughter in Westbrook (Me.)

Roy Rommel, bookkeeper for C. T. White & Son, Ltd., returned to East Apple River today.

The Alma Superior School closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation. Miss Frances K. Smith, the principal, left for her home in Elgin today.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 21—The Albert train on Friday carried away a somewhat novel shipment for these parts in the shape of four boxes of skunks, which G. W. Newcombe is sending to a firm in Tignish (P. E. I.) There were eight of the animals—four pairs—and it is understood the seller got a good price.

Misses Achsah Rogers and Iva Newcombe, of Hopewell Hill, and Miss Hazel Hoar, of Hopewell Cape, students at the Normal School, came home on Friday for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Shaw, who has been in Moncton for some months, is visiting Mrs. C. D. Shaw.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 22—In St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday, Rev. A. Lee held a memorial service in honor of Rev. C. A. Hardy, the late pastor of the church whose deathh occurred at Montreal a short time ago. Mr. Lee, who is an eloquent preacher, referred very feelingly to the life of the deceased.

Mrs. C. A. Hardy returned home from Montreal Tuesday.

Capt. Geo. Irving and George I. Orr, of the dredge Prince Ito, have returned home from Yarmouth (N. S.)

Misses Caulie and Vera McInerney, who teach in the public schools at Sussex, are spending their holidays with friends here.

Miss Annie McInerney, who has been teaching at Dalhousie and Miss Evelyn McInerney, who has taught at Main River, are also visiting friends here.

Miss Lynn Wright, of the Lewisville school, and Miss Mary Wright, who has been teaching at Sackville, are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wright, Jardineville.

Mrs. R. A. deOlloqui went to Rogersville Saturday and will proceed to New York to spend Christmas with her daughters, Misses Helena and Augusta.

Mrs. Robert Gallant passed away at her home, the Queen Hotel, Buctouche, a few days ago, after two years illness of consumption, aged about fifty years. She is survived by her husband and several children.

NEW JERUSALEM

New Jerusalem, Dec. 21—Mrs. James Machum and Ernest Webb, of Boston (Mass.), came to attend the funeral of their father, Isaiah S. Webb, whose death occurred on the 17th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kee, of St. John, are here for Christmas vacation.

Miss Margaret Burgess, Miss Hilda Inch, Miss Rheta Inch, Miss Addie Kee, Miss Maud Kee, Miss Hester Sleep, Miss Lelia Pender, Miss Edith Machum, teachers, are at their homes for the holidays.

The agricultural society here re-elected its acting officers for the coming year. It proposes holding an exhibition in the fall of 1914. It is also the attention to burn lime the present winter. The question of co-operation in marketing is also being discussed at its meetings.

Robt. Louise has moved his mill to Nerepis for a large cut of lumber.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Dec. 18—Miss Louise Crocker went to Sackville on Saturday last, and addressed the students of the Ladies' College on the World's Christian Student Federation, giving a report of their latest convention which was held at Mohank Lake in June last.

Miss Janie Cail, who has been spending the past year with home friends left on Tuesday on her return to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Joseph Reid left recently to spend the winter with her son in Waltham (Mass.)

Miss Doris Buckley, a student of St. Mary's Academy, Newcastle, returned on Monday to spend the vacation with her parents.

Miss Beatrice Saulnier returned on Friday from St. John to spend the vacation with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ward and family left recently for Wisconsin where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dunn, Misses Marion and Dorthy Dunn are at home to spend the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dunn.

Miss Drusilla Smallwood returned on Saturday from Rexton and will leave this week to spend the holidays with friends in Peabody (Mass.)

Miss Berenice Pride left on Monday for Boston where she will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Roy Farnham.

Miss Blanche Wathen returned today from Lakeville, where she has been teaching and will leave shortly to teach in Bengough (Sask.)

Leo Baxter came from Millerton on Friday to spend the vacation with home friends.

Miss Louise Crocker is spending the holidays at her home in Millerton.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 22—At the Baptist Sunday school entertainment in Temperance Hall Friday evening Supt. Chester C. Hayward was presented by the young ladies' Bible class, of which he is teacher, with an address and booklet, Miss Lyle McCormick acting on behalf of the class. Every scholar received a substantial treat.

Miss Florence Price is home from Mt. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Delano are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a new boy on the 20th.

Mrs. C. C. Hayward spent part of last week in St. John.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23—As a result of the decision of the United States treasury department in regard to potatoes, the price has dropped here to eighty cents. Shippers say that is the highest they will pay until the new regulations are tested.

Turkeys slumped this morning to twenty-five cents. One dealer imported several barrels from St. John and disposed of them at twenty-nine.

Frank Coburn, a student at the Fredericton Business College, broke through the ice while skating yesterday and had a narrow escape from drowning.

NEARLY IN CONVULSIONS

With Acute Indigestion—"Fruit-a-tives" Cured Me

Newbury, Ont., May 29th, 1913.

"I am not a strenuous user of medicines or patent medicines, but I have taken nearly everything recommended for Indigestion and Constipation.

I have been so bad with Acute Indigestion that I was nearly in convulsions and had to be held. I have used "Fruit-a-tives" and I have not had another attack nor suffered at all with Indigestion since taking them.

"Fruit-a-tives" is the only remedy I ever used that did me any good, and I am grateful to "Fruit-a-tives" for making me as well as I am today, and everyone agrees that I look in first-class health.

My husband likes "Fruit-a-tives" very much and takes them whenever he has occasion to use a remedy for Constipation."

MRS. D. McRAE.

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box; 6 for $2.50, trial size, 25c., or will be sent to any address on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

KEPT WOMAN IN THE CASE HID FOR THREE YEARS

Sudden Death of Prominent New York State Politician in His Office Reveals His Dual Life.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 22—The death of Melvin H. Couch, a prominent lawyer and former district attorney of Sullivan county, revealed today that, unknown to his family and friends and to his clients, a woman had lived for three years in a secret room connecting with his law office. Couch was found yesterday lying dead on his office lounge.

Death was due to rupture of a blood vessel near the heart. In the next room crouched a frightened woman who admitted she had seen him die, but insisted she was not responsible for his death. She said she was Adelaide M. Brance, of Goshen (N. Y.), and that the secret room had been her only home during the three years.

Couch was sixty-five years of age. The woman is forty. Her hair has begun to turn grey. She was poorly dressed, and the room where she lived was sparsely furnished with an old cook stove, a table, an iron bed and two chairs. She said she had lived there voluntarily and had never gone out in the day time. The woman was held on a technical charge, but the coroner's verdict as to the cause of Couch's death supported her assertion that she was not responsible.

Miss Brance said she first met Couch three years ago when she called at his office to sell books. The lawyer's friends remember that about this time he had the room where she was found cut off from his office by a board partition. Couch's wife first learned her husband's secret when word of his unexpected death brought her to the office where he lay dead. She had visited the office frequently, but always, it was said, had been forbidden to enter the adjoining room. She fainted when she confronted Miss Brance.

SALMON TAGGED AND LIBERATED

Way in Which Officials in Charge of Government Hatcheries Hope to Determine Territory Covered.

In order to determine range covered by the salmon spawned in the government hatcheries the officials in charge have adopted a scheme which, they hope, will give them some definite information on which to work. There are three hatcheries in the maritime provinces, those at St. John, on the Miramichi and at Margaree, Cape Breton, and from the retaining ponds in connection with these a large number of salmon marked by numbered tags, attached to their dorsal fins, have been liberated. It is expected that a certain proportion of these will be caught by the fishermen and a reward of a dollar will be paid for each of the tags returned to the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa or to the nearest dominion fishery officer.

Accompanying the tag must be a record of the weight, length, condition, date and place of capture of the fish from which the mark was taken. As a result of the information collected in this way the officials expect to be able to judge more accurately regarding the results of their work.

NEW YORKER'S ROW ABOUT SANTA CLAUS COST HIM $3 FINE

New York, Dec. 22—The man who does not believe in Santa Claus was fined $3 today for trying to convert his six-year-old son to his creed. The chief witness against him was his sister-in-law. She testified that she had pleaded and wept when he tried to persuade the boy that Santa was a myth. Her cries brought a policeman to the house, and the policeman brought the man to the station, where he was charged with disorderly conduct.

The man is a Mr. Gustave Kotch. He lives in a flat in the Bronx.

THE CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS AT KING'S COLLEGE

The results of the Christmas terminal examinations, arranged in years and according to standing, are as follows—

Arts and Science

Year 4

Philosophy—Class I: Wiswell, Holmes, Powell, Morrison; Class II: Maxwell, Bate, Knickle, Wilkinson; Class III: Miss Yeamans (aeg.)

Ethics—Class I: Wiswell; Class II.: Morrison, Holmes, Powell, Knickle, Bate Maxwell; Class III: Wilkinson, Miss Yeamans (aeg.)

Greek—Class II: Wiswell; Class III.: Miss Yeamans (aeg.)

French—Class II: Wiswell, Morrison Class III., Miss Yeaman's (aeg.)

German—Class I: Maxwell.

English—Class I: Bate, Holmes, Wiswell; Class II: Powell, Morrison, Maxwell, Wilkinson; Class III: Knickle, Miss Yeamans (aeg.)

Law—Class II: Bate, Holmes, Powell; Class III: Knickle, Morrison, Miss Yeamans (aeg.)

Year 3

Philosophy—Class II: Smith, Reeves, McLeod, Jeffery, Lauther; Class III: Bent, Miss H. C. Powell.

Ethics—Class II: Miss H. C. Powell, Smith, Reeves, McLeod; Class III: Jeffrey, Lauther, Bent.

Greek—Class II: Simpson.

Latin—Class II: Simpson.

French—Class II: Lauther, Smith; Class III: Miss H. C. Powell, Harley.

German—Class II: McLeod, Simpson, Harley, Reeves, Miss H. C. Powell.

Geology—Class I: J. R. Jones, G. L. Jones; Class II: Nixon, Bowman; Class III: Miller, Dupuy.

English—Class II: Nixon, Lauther, McLeod, Smith, J. R. Jones, Harley, Bent; Class III: Bowman, Reeves, Miss H. C. Powell.

Mathematics—Class I: G. L. Jones, J. R. Jones, Nixon; Class II: Miller; Class III: Bowman.

Kinematics—Class II: Nixon; Class III: G. L. Jones, J. R. Jones, Bowman.

Physics—Class II: J. R. Jones, Nixon, G. L. Jones; Class III: Bowman, Miller.

Eng. Drawing—Class II: Nixon, G. Jones; Class III: Bowman, J. R. Jones.

Mech. Drawing—Class II: J. R. Jones. G. L. Jones; Nixon; Class III: Bowman.

Surveying—Class I: J. R. Jones, Nixon, G. L. Jones; Class II: Bowman; Class III: Miller, Dupuy.

Law—Class II: Smith, McLeod, Reeves, Harley; Class III: Bent, Jeffery.

Year 2

Eng. Bible—Class I: Campbell, Jukes, Pimm, Miss Florence, Miss E. Morse, Florence, Maynard, Helbert; Class II: Zwicker, Cunningham, C. A. Turnbull, Britton, Jones, Farrar, Teed, Warburtop, Bankier, Bell; Class III: Hallett, Foster.

Latin—Class II: Cunningham, Campbell, Pimm; Class III: Bankier.

Greek: Class II: Campbell, Cunningham, Pimm; Class III: Jukes.

French—ClassI: Campbell, Miss Florence, Bankier, Florence; Class II: Turnbull; Class III: Helbert, Teed.

German—ClassI: Bankier, Cunningham, Miss Florence; ClassII: Turnbull; Class III: Miss E. Morse, Hallett.

Chem Gen.—Class II: Bankier, Teed, Zwicker, Hallett, Jones; Class III Foster, Jukes, Bell, Farrar.

Chem Anal.—Class I: Teed, Zwicker, Hallett, Jones, Foster, Jukes, Warburton; Class II: Bankier, Bell, Farrar.

English—Class II: Zwicker, Campbell, Turnbull, Pimm, Miss Florence, Cunningham, Maynard, Helbert, Florence, Miss Morse, Jukes; Class III: Warburton, Teed, Bankier.

Pure Maths.—Class I: Foster, Teed; Class II: Jones, Hallett, Bell; Class III: Pimm, Miss Morse, Maynard.

Appld. Maths.—Class II: Jones, Hallett, Foster, Miss Morse.

Physics—Class I: Pimm; Class II: Zwicker; Class III: Maynard, Jukes, Turnbull, Florence.

Mach. Drawing—Class II: Jones, Hallett; Class III: Bell, Foster, Warburton.

Eng. Drawing—Class II: Jones, Hallett.

Surveying—Class II: Hallett, Jones Bell; Class III: Foster.

Year 1.

English Bible—Class I: Ernst, Markham, Miss Warburton, Byron; Class II.: Goudge, Turnbull, Trueman, Williams, McCormick, Smith, Knickle, Parlee, Orchard, Snupe, Bradford; Class III.: Hewson, Wickham, Mason.

Latin—Class I.: Ernst; Class II.: Markham, Trueman, G. A. Turnbull, Florence; Class III: Maynard, Snupe.

Greek—Class II.: Maynard; Class III.: Helbert, Farrar.

French—Class I.: Miss Warburton, Ernst; Class II: Mason, Trueman; Class III: C. Campbell, McCormick, Markham, Goudge, Smith.

German—Class I: Ernst, Miss Warburton, Byron, Miss M. Porter, Smith, Markham, Knickle, Shupe, B. W. Turnbull; Class II: C. Campbell; Class III: Trueman, Murray, Parlee.

Chemistry— Class I: Ernst, Smith, Goudge, Trueman; Class II: Knickle, Markham, C. Campbell, Shupe, Turnbull, Byron, Miss Warburton, Mason, Murray; Class III: McCormick, Wilcox, Hewson, Parlee.

English—Class I: Markham, Trueman, Byron, Ernst; Class II: Shupe, Smith, Goudge, Turnbull, Miss Warburton; Class III: McCormick, Mason, Knickle, Parlee.

Mathematics A and B—Class I: Ernst, Byron; Class II: Turnbull, Smith, Shupe, Goudge; Class III: Wilcox, McCormick, Knickle, Mason.

Mathematics A—Class II: Markham, C. Campbell, Miss Warburton; Class III. Trueman.

English Drawing—Class II: Smith, Mason; Class III: Wilcox, Goudge.

Spanish:—Class I: Campbell, Cunningham, Miss Florence; Class II: Florence, Helbert, Turnbull, Zwicker.

Divinity

Years 3 and 4.

Past. Theo. and Homiletics—Class I: Holmes, Belyea; Class II: Williams, Maxwell, Britton; Class III: Knickle, Parker (aeg.)

Apologetics:—Class I: Holmes, Belyea; Class IIIf Parker (aeg.)

Dogmatics—Class II: Belyea; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

New Testament:—Class II: Holmes, Belyea; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

Ch. History:—Class II: Belyea; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

Liturgics:—Class I: Holmes (3rd year only); Class II: Belyea; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

Greek Test.—Class II: Belyea; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

Moral Theol:—Class I: Holmes; Class II: Belyea; Class IIf: Parker (aeg.)

Patristics:—Class I: Belyea; Class II: Holmes; Class III: Parker (aeg.)

Year 2.

Dogmatics:—Class I: Holmes, Wiswell, Bate, Powell; Class II: Maxwell, Wilkinson, Knickle.

N. Test. Int.—Class I: Wiswell, Powell; Class II: Bate, Maxwell, Wilkinson, Knickle; Class III: Williams, Britton.

Cr. History:—Class I: Wiswell, Maxwell, Bate; Class II: Powell, Wilkinson, Knickle.

Greek Testament:—Class I: Wiswell, Holmes; Class II: Wilkinson, Maxwell, Bate, Powell, Knickle; Class III: Wickham, Britton.

Hebrew:—Class I: Wiswell.

Year 1.

Dogmatics:—Class II: Simpson, Jeffery; Class III: Lauther.

O. Test. Int.—Class I: Simpson; Class II: Jeffrey, Lauther, Bent; Class III: Williams, Britton.

Greek Test.:—Class I: Simpson; Class II: Lauther; Class III: Jeffery.

Hebrew:—Class I Simpson; Class II: Wilkinson; Class III: Lauther.

Supplementals

Latin:—Passed: Mauger. Reeves, Farrar.

Anal. Chem.—Passed:—Nixon, Miller.

French:—Passed:—Dupuy.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER

EFFICIENT HOUSEKEEPING

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HOLIDAY LUXURIES.

The holiday season is the most delightful time in the year to entertain for then the stores are so full of appropriate and beautiful emblems and delicious edibles that one cannot go wrong in their choice of a menu or table decorations.

Cheery red and bright green are the accepted colors for these days so a pot of blooming poinsetta, or one of the new Japanese midget holly trees, will be the proper thing for a centre piece. It is a gift, too, that Mother will enjoy for it may be used on New Years and will stay fresh and bright, a pleasant reminder of happy days, for many weeks afterward.

In delicatessen stores you will find the most tempting imported fruits displayed. There is a firm in Nice, France, who send over boxes of preserved fruits that fairly coax the dollar from our purses with their beauty.

The little boxes contain only four pears, figs, or peaches, but they are of extraordinary size and in the boxes are also leaves, blanched with acids, that look as though they had just been plucked from the tree. These wonderfully preserved fruits may be arranged so exquisitely that they are not an extravagance once a year.

The fruit should be lifted from its nest of leaves, and dipped quickly into boiling water, and out again immediately. Dry very gently with a soft cloth and then their plumped skins with a little cake coloring or dissolved carmine. Use these with our own fruits that are in season or cover them with a fine fruit jelly or gelatine using a fancy mold.

The leaves, of course, are put in the mold too, and one necessary thing to bear in mind is that when the gelatin is placed on the serving platter it will be inverted. So arrange the fruit and leaves in the bed of jelly with this in mind.

All fruits and nuts may be crystallized and when finished make delicious bon-bons but the process requires considerable knowledge of syrups and sugars.

Preserved fruits are used; they should be drained and then slightly dried in a moderate oven. A simple syrup of powdered sugar and water is boiled until it threads and curls from a spoon. This is called "the crack stage" by confectioners. The fruits, or nuts, are laid in a shallow, oiled candy pan and the syrup poured over them until they are covered. As the syrup begins to harden they must be lifted out most carefully and placed on a buttered marble slab or platter to finish cooling.

To coat nuts and fruit with grained sugar, cook syrup as directed above and when it commences to thread put half of it into a bowl and rub the remainder about the sides of the pan it boiled in until it granulates or sugars. Pour this into the bowl of syrup and imx slightly, then dip the articles to be coated in it. Use a two pronged fork or a nut pick to lift the fruit in and out with. Place on a wire rack to drain and dry. Do not attempt to work with syrups on a damy day. If the air is heavy you cannot even make a fine cake frosting.

KEEPING THE HANDS AND ARMS YOUNG LOOKING.

An old pair of loose kid gloves, worn at night, after an astringent has been applied, will do wonders in keeping the hands small, and also in breaking down the fatty tissues. However, if the bones are large, reducing the flesh will only succeed in making the bones more prominent, and the hands look old and even larger. It would be better for you to spend your time making them soft and white, and in keeping your nails well manicured. Large hands that are well cared for have a charm of their own, and express ability and strength of character of the possessor. Remember, finger-nails that are cleaned, filed and softly polished, have much to do with the loveliness of the hands.

It is no idle speech to say that the woman who must sweep, scrub and help with the gardening has a better chance of pretty lines for her arms and hands than the person who is idle. Any exercise that increases the circulation and develops the muscles of the arms, is excellent.

Thus you find you have only a few things to remember to gain for yourself beautiful hands and arms: The lines of the arms, the texture of the skin, the shape of the hands, and the care of the nails.—December Woman's World.

WHAT LIFE PARTNERSHIP MEANS.

Yet, in the most disinterested marriage, something more than love has to be considered. A young man, starting to make his way in the world, may not ask for wealth with the girl he loves, but he has a right to expect good health, good habits, and a sound knowledge of housekeeping in all its phases. He is marrying not only the woman he loves but a business partner, from whom he should expect competency. The girl is being loved for herself alone, but expertness should be a part of this self. A young woman, in making her marriage, may not ask for money, but she should expect her husband to have good health and habits, certain work, and some savings. He, too, being loved for himself alone, but he should have too much self-respect to offer a girl any less than a competent self.

To ask this much of a life-partner is not sacrificing love to worldliness. It is merely showing a due consideration to the next generation.—Maude Badford Warren in December Woman's World.

A CROCHET HUG-ME-TIGHT.

Here are the directions for a hug-me-tight, kindly sent by "Enquirer," a Piersihill reader:

Five ounces of wool are required, and you first make a chain of 112 stitches.

First row—1 treble into each stitch for 53 stitches; 1 chain, 1 treble to end of the chain.

Repeat for 27 rows, making 4 treble in the first chain with 1 chain after the second of these stitches.

This is the centre of the back, and ends in a peak at teh waist.

Join together under the arms, and finish off all round with the following: 4 treble into first space, 2 chain, 1 double into third space; 2 chain, 4 treble into fifth space, and repeat. Run a ribbon through the neck, as a finish.

HEAT DRIES BOOKS.

It is not desirable to have the bookcases close to the heating—fireplace or radiator. The heat dries the glue and leathers, causing both to deteriorate rapidly, says the New Haven Journal-Courier. If for the sake of economy or effect the wall bookcases must be run up to the fireplace or other heating, arrange a tiny cabinet for music, magazines or bric-a-brac between the heating and the books. Of course often the design of the fireplace is an laborate that the books are in no way endangered by the heat.

Seasoning Wood by Electricity.

In the Nodon process of seasoning timber by electricity, the newly felled trees are sawn into thick planks and laid on a false floor, one on top of the other, with the interposition, however, of moistened matting or similar material between each layer to act as electrodes for the introduction of an alternating current which is passed for ten hours or so. The effect of the current is to produce chemical changes in the cellulose and the sap, rendering them impervious to decay. Further, the sap loses those gummy and hygroscopic characteristics which normally prevent rapid drying. It is claimed that timber thus treated is ready for use a few weeks after it is felled, and is harder, stronger, more homogeneous, easier to work, and less warped by moisture than timber which has been seasoned by the ordinary air-drying process.—Industrial Engineering.

A Chance to Come Back

Representative Fitzgerald's resolution to permit the Panama Canal act granting free passage to American coastwise vessels, which was taken up today by Chairman Adamson, of the house committee on marine affairs, is regarded as the opening wedge of a movement to repeal the provisions of the act which exempt from tolls vessels of the coastwise trade of the United States. The suspension of the tolls provision has been no cure-all for the ills of the American merchant marine, but it has been of some benefit in that it has demonstrated that the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls was not the cause of the decline of American ships in the foreign trade, as some advocates of the repeal of the tolls provision had contended would be the result if the Panama canal, to prevent any discrimination against the coastwise trade, should be made free of tolls. Representative Adamson, who has been a strong advocate of the repeal of the tolls provision, has been quoted as saying that if it should be found that the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls does not benefit the American merchant marine, he would be willing to have the tolls provision repealed so far as it applies to all other vessels. It is not improbable that if the repeal of the tolls provision could well be shown not to have relieved the American merchant marine from the plethora of revenue it has been supposed to do, there would be a strong demand for the repeal of the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls. Such a demand would be in line with the contention of those who have been opposed to the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls, that the exemption would be a direct subsidy to the coastwise trade, and that the benefit of the exemption would not be shared by the people of the United States generally, but would be confined to those who are interested in the coastwise trade. The fact that the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls was not the cause of the decline of the American merchant marine in the foreign trade would be a strong argument against the contention that the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls would be a direct subsidy to the coastwise trade, and would be a strong argument against the exemption of coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls