

A BEAUTIFUL PEARL NECKLACE.

It was about half-past four in the afternoon of a cold and crisp December day, when a large automobile stopped in front of one of the most famous jewelry establishments in Rue de la Paix. A distinguished looking gentleman, wearing a costly fur-lined coat, evidently about 60 or 65 years of age, alighted and entered the shop.

The proprietor immediately thought him a customer of great importance to wait on him himself, and the gentleman did not waste much time in getting down to business.

"Now, the thing is this," he said, "I have a niece of whom I am very fond, and who is going to be married in a few days. I should like to give her a valuable present. Please show me some pearl necklaces, but I do not want any of the ordinary affairs, though it is, of course, rather superfluous to tell you that, as I know you do not carry any such things in stock."

He said this with a smile, and the jeweler bowed, greatly flattered.

"You understand, then," the customer continued, "I want the most beautiful necklace you have. I do not know exactly what such a thing costs, but if you have something that pleases me I am willing to spend, say, about 200,000 francs."

The jeweler opens his eyes wide—it is not every day that he has a chance to sell necklaces for 10,000 Louis d'ors.

Leaving his customer alone for a minute, he returns with a half dozen boxes, which he places in front of him on the cloth covered table.

The customer examines all the necklaces carefully. Then he asks about the prices, which are all in the neighborhood of the amount mentioned by him. He stands undecided for a moment, and then says:

"I am very sorry, I can't decide immediately, at least not alone. My niece knows that I am going to give her some jewelry, and I want her to select the present herself. Now, we might do this: I know that I have taken one of these two necklaces, but not which one. Would you be kind enough to wrap them up and come along with me? I am Count Montepin and I am at the present living on my estate on Boulevard-sur-Seine. We can be there in about 20 minutes. Then my niece, who is living with me, can select the necklace she wants. I will pay you, and you may take the other one back. Of course, you can go along with me in my auto, and altogether the whole thing will not take more than an hour."

The jeweler hesitates for a moment, and then agrees to do as asked. And a minute afterward they whisked off in the auto.

About 20 minutes later the car stops in front of a large iron gate. A footman in livery comes rushing out, opens the door of the auto and conducts the two gentlemen into a large reception room. The count hands him his overcoat and hat, whispers something in his ear, and takes the jeweler into an elegant sitting room.

"Would you kindly give me the two for a moment? I will then take them to my niece's room and will be back in five minutes."

The jeweler hesitates. He is suspicious, and not without reason. He remembers several cases when he has been swindled himself, and also others which have happened to his colleagues. But the surroundings reassure him. The furniture in the sitting room represents a value of at least 50,000 francs. The house is large, and it is evident there are a number of servants. He gives the count the two cases, the one containing a necklace worth 15,000 francs, and the other one 10,000 francs more.

"I thank you," the count says, and leaves the room. The jeweler looks around and admires the costly Persian carpets, a large portrait by Bonnat, an excellent aquarel by Devalberg, a number of statues in bronze and marble, and costly bric-a-brac of all kinds. He tells himself that his first estimate of the value of the furnishings is too low, and that they are at least worth 100,000 francs. He sits down again, and after a while he looks at his watch; it is just 15 minutes since the count left him.

Five minutes more passed; he began to grow nervous. Then 10 minutes passed; and he is really worried. He opens the door and sees the footman standing outside, and asks him if he thinks he will have to wait much longer.

"Certainly not," the footman replies; "my master must be here in a minute. If you will only have patience a moment, I am sure he will be down."

The jeweler returns to the sitting room and walks up and down the floor rather excitedly. Five minutes pass, 10 minutes, 15 minutes, half an hour. Then he can stand it no longer, and he goes out again and asks the servant, "who replies, 'I am sure, if you will only have patience a few minutes longer.'"

"Patience! Patience! It seems to me that I have been waiting long enough. It is now more than three-quarters of an hour since the count went upstairs, and he said he would be back in five minutes. I gave him some very valuable jewelry, very valuable."

He is greatly excited now and talks loud. Just then the door opens, and an elderly gentleman came in, and asks him to sit down.

"Really, my dear sir," he says softly, "you must not get so excited. Remember the condition you are in. I have nothing to do with you. I do not know you at all."

"Now, really, you must try to calm yourself, for you will again have a headache."

"Headache! What the devil do you mean? Give me back my necklace, or—"

He raises his hand as if to hit the old gentleman, who does not seem the least scared, but presses a bell button.

Four servants came rushing in and take hold of the jeweler, who is now thoroughly aroused, struggles to free himself while calling them all sorts of names.

The men do not reply, but hold him as if in a grip of iron.

Seeing that it is impossible to free himself he makes an effort to appear calm and his voice trembles only a little as he says to the old gentleman, whose eyes have been resting on him all the time: "If you are not a swind-

SENATE COMMITTEE.

SENATOR DOUGLAS' AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER.

He Proposed to Keep Men Interested in Railways Off the Railway Committee—Would the Same Rule Apply to Banking Committee?

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—In the Senate to-day on the motion to adopt the report of the Striking Committee on standing committees for the session, Senator Douglas offered an amendment providing that the names of all members of the Senate now holding Executive office in any railway corporation or who are acting as solicitors or holding any large pecuniary interest in any such corporation be removed from membership on the Railway Committee.

Senator Poirer asked if Senator Douglas would have the principle of his motion extended to other standing committees of the Senate.

Senator Sullivan thought that the honor of the Senate was being reflected upon.

Senator Loughheed was of opinion that the amendment was out of order on the ground of uncertainty.

Speaker Dandurand ruled that the amendment was sufficiently clear.

Senator Poirer thought that it would be a pity to exclude from the consideration of bills involving great railway problems a man who has great railway experience because he was a director of other railways.

Senator Gibson said he had never known a case of a Senator voting upon a measure relating to a company in which he was interested. If any protection was needed it was from men in the interest of measures which they were advocating.

After some further discussion the Speaker ruled Senator Douglas' amendment out of order.

TO EXPLORE BAFIN LAND.

Young German Intends to Live With the Eskimos.

Dresden, Dec. 6.—The project of Bernhard Hantzsch, a Dresden school teacher, who from the beginning of 1900 to the end of 1902 intends to explore Baffin Land, living among the Eskimos, without any European companion, is arousing great interest in scientific circles. Hantzsch will utterly renounce all the comforts and accessories of civilization, the only thing to remind him of this being a specially constructed boat which he will take with him for use around the southern coasts. Hantzsch proposes on his arrival in Baffin Land to attach himself to a migratory tribe, learning the language and adopting the habits of the natives.

The expenses of the expedition will be moderate, and part of these he will supply from his own resources, while the remainder will be provided by several Dresden scientific bodies.

GERMAN NATION IN BRAZIL.

One With Twenty to Thirty Million People Predicted.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Brazil's importance for Germany was the suggestive title of an address made before the German South American Society of Berlin this week. This society is supported by an aggressive group of merchants, shippers, and landowners who have important commercial and real estate interests in the southern States of Brazil, where they are anxious to divert German emigration.

So much booming is now done in behalf of the Kaiser's colonies in Africa that Germans interested in South America regard it necessary to call renewed attention to the superior advantages of Brazil, where Prof. Schmoller, a distinguished political economist of the University of Berlin, prophesies a nation of 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 Germans will rise within the next century.

HONORED AT GUELPH.

Rousing Reception to the Judging Team From Chicago.

Guelph, Dec. 6.—The victorious judging team of the O. A. C. returned from Chicago to-night, and were accorded a rousing reception. They were met at the station by President Greenman and all the students, three hundred strong, accompanied by the Guelph band. On alighting from the train the five members of the team were carried across the platform by their fellow-students.

A torchlight parade was then formed, and the team driven through town in carriages. Every student carried a lighted bonnet or torch and the effect was striking. On returning to the college a banquet was held at which all the students were present. In honor of the occasion the boys had coined a new college yell, the burden of which was to the effect that the "bronze bull" had once again returned.

ADDED TO FREE LIST.

Articles Used in Manufacture of Dyes, Bromine and Cameras.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The following items have been transferred to the tariff free list by order in Council: Coal tar, base or salt, for use in manufacture of coal tar dye; crude bromides for the production of bromine; iron tubing, lacquered or brass covered, not over two inches in diameter in the rough, for use only in the manufacture of extension rods for windows, when imported by the manufacturers of such rods; lenses and shutters, when imported by the manufacturers of cameras or kodaks.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

Skating Home From Dinorwic, Went Through Ice.

Port Arthur, Dec. 6.—Rufus Pywell, a well-known citizen, was found drowned in the lake between Walbridge and Moose Lodge. He had gone to Dinorwic on a business trip, and the ice being considered good, set out to skate home. The discovery was made by a search party that went out after his absence had caused alarm.

Word has reached here from Wabigoon that a young Englishman named J. Field, employed at Mathers' camp, near Gull River, lost his way returning from his day's work, and died of exposure.

MONKS DROVE OFF BANDITS.

A Fierce Battle at the Monastery Near Pskov.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Particulars have just been received here of an attack by twenty Lettish-Kethonian bandits upon a monastery near Pskov. The fighting was fierce and determined. The bandits were finally driven off by the monks, who had six men killed and three wounded in the fray. The aggressors were then pursued by troops and gendarmes and practically exterminated.

Ellis' Christmas Jewelry Suggestions

By way of suggestion here are enumerated a few articles to be found in this store where "Quality reigns supreme." We might fill this page with prices and descriptions, but then you would have a very vague idea of the tremendous variety of this stock. We want you to come in and look around. Watch our windows.

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Round, square, oval, plain or stone set.
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Silver Hat Pins 25c

Just think! A Sterling Silver Hat Pin in a nice box, for 25c. You will pay as high as 75c in some stores for the same thing.

Dozens of patterns to choose from up to \$2.50.

Gold Fobs

We are showing a beautiful variety of gold-filled Fobs from \$1 to \$5. Solid gold, \$7 to \$10.

Sterling Silver Nick-Nacks

You will be greatly surprised at the values offered in our Silver Department, each piece in neat box and engraved free.

Look Here for Close Prices

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| Tooth Powder Holders | 35c |
| Tooth Brush Holders | 35c |
| Tooth Brushes | 35c |
| Pencil Cases | 75c |
| Tooth Picks | 50c |
| Match Boxes | \$1.25 |
| Puff Boxes | \$1.25 |
| Nail Files | 35c |
| Nail Brushes | 35c |
| Talcum Powder | 50c |
| Combs | \$1.00 |
| Cigar Cutters | \$1.00 |
| Salve Pots | 35c |
| Hat Pins | 25c |
| Thimbles | 25c |
| Pocket Knives | \$1.25 |
| Cork Screws | 75c |
| Shoe Horns | 35c |

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Best Stories of a Week.

Representative John Sharp Williams has a "new" story, according to The Boston Herald. During the recent Massachusetts gubernatorial campaign, the Hon. Jeff Truhy was one of the unsuccessful aspirants for the majority suffrage of his fellow citizens. Prohibition doctrines, figured in the struggle and seemed very important to a Methodist minister.

"Brother Truhy," said the minister, "I want to ask you a question. Do you ever take a drink of whisky?"

"Definitely," answered the minister, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."

A Pudding in a Museum.

A British volunteer has had the hardihood to make the following confession. He says:

"Some time ago I spent a week with a garrison battery in a south coast fort. On the last day the sergeants sat down to an exceptionally fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a large plum pudding. I had made the pudding two days before, had it boiled, and now, reheated, it made its appearance amid the welcome shouts of my brother warriors, and I naturally felt a bit proud of it, for I hadn't been a ship's cook for nothing."

"Seems mighty hard," remarked the sergeant major, as he violently tried to stick his fork into it. "Have you boiled us a cannon ball, brownie?"

"No, the regimental football," asked another.

"Where did you get the flour from?" questioned Sergeant Smith.

"Where from?" I retorted. "From store No. 5, of course."

"You did!" roared the quartermaster sergeant. "Then you've made the pudding with Portland cement!"

And so it proved. The pudding is now preserved in the battery museum.

When Finger Bows Were Young.

The late William Cassidy, one time editor of the Albany Argus, possessed the traditional Irish wit. On one occasion, a number of years ago, he was a guest at a political banquet in Albany. At that time finger bows were seldom used, and their correct usage (a passing remark) meant to dip a corner of the napkin in the water and therewith daintily cleanse the finger tips. Most of the men present eyed the innovation, when introduced at dessert, narrowly and uncertainly. One finger bow, however, ended by plunging the hand into the crystal dish. But Robert Prunty, a well-known Albany gentleman, correctly moistened a bit of his napkin and layed his fingers. Mr. Cassidy watched him admiringly, not having as yet touched his own glass.

"That's good," he whispered to a neighbor. "That's good. If Prunty hadn't done that I should have put my foot in it."

A Resourceful Conductor.

A street car in charge of newly appointed Irish conductor had just left the car barn for the downtown run, says Harper's Weekly. Before it had proceeded many blocks it was boarded by an inspector. The conductor, after a glance at the register and the occupants of the car, asked in surprise: "Why, O'Flaherty, how's this? You have seven passengers, and the register shows but six fares rung up!"

"Jegorra, is that so?" puzzled the green conductor.

A happy solution of the difficulty struck him. "Git out o' here, wan o' yez!" he shouted. "There's wan too many o' yez on this car!"

Sounds the Same.

"My husband is a fool!" snapped Mrs. Ower Towne, to the Cleveland Leader man.

The visitor expressed only mild surprise, but the suburban lady was moved to explain.

"You know I want to persuade our hens to lay in the nests we provided. And a neighbor suggested getting a couple of new eggs. So I telephoned to my husband to bring home a couple of artificial eggs, which would be as good as real."

"Well, what didn't he?"

"Didn't he! The idiot brought home a pair of cork legs!"

His Ready Wit.

An Irishman in a small town was careless enough to let the priest catch him coming out of a saloon with a jug under his arm. The priest waited for him to come by, and said:

"What, what is it you have in that jug?"

"Whiskey, sor," answered Pat.

"Whom does it belong to?" asked the good man.

"To me and me brodder, Moike, sor."

"Well, say, Pat, pour yours out, and be a good man."

"I can't sor; mine's on the bottom," answered Pat.

No Difference.

The janitor of a small church on the South side of New York, raises a few chickens in a small inclosure in his back yard. The eggs of these he sells to some members of the church.

On Saturday morning his customers asked him if he could spare a dozen eggs within the next two or three days.

"Oh, yes, ma'am," replied the janitor. "I'll bring you a dozen fresh ones tomorrow morning."

"Oh, no, protested the housewife; 'I shouldn't want you to bring them on Sunday—not on Sunday, John.'"

"Well," replied John, "all right, ma'am, if you say so, but it don't make no difference to the hens."

Business—Not Pleasure.

Even in classic Boston there have now that gastronomic disaster known as the business lunch, says The Globe. The other day Freddy Parsons and Ralph Glaze happened to be in South Boston, and they stopped in one of those restaurants where they advertised the serving of these business lunches.

When the meal was served to the two ball-players, and when they had about half finished, Parent turned to Glaze and said:

"I wonder why they call it a business lunch?"

"I suppose," replied the pitcher, with a bored expression on his face, "that it's because it's anything but a pleasure to eat one of them."

More Discretion Than Valor.

Fire Commissioner Laury, of New York, in explaining to a reporter his plans for establishing a firemen's "roll of merit" told this story:

"It takes pluck," he began, "to be a fireman. A young fellow of only average pluck was serving at his first fire, and the chief rushed up to him and shouted: 'Shin up that ladder to the eighth story, crawl along the cornice to the

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Another Breeding Place Discovered for the Pest.

A short time ago as I was going around Colaba Cemetery, which is in my charge, I noticed what is after all a very common sight, in India, a small "papi" growing out of a hole in the trunk of a tree, a karanja. I pulled it out and found the hole quite a foot deep and containing some inches of water at the bottom, which was, however, out of sight. Mosquitoes also came out of the hole. I had the hole stopped up with earth.

DR. ATTRIDGE MAY RECOVER.

Both Victims of Detroit Shooting Making Good Progress.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6.—Dr. James A. Attridge is making good progress at Harper Hospital, and hopes are now entertained that he will recover. Mrs. Florence Griffiths, too, is recovering at Grace Hospital. Not until the patients have recovered will the question of a criminal charge be taken up by the authorities.

SHIP AFIRE AT SEA.

Thrilling Escape of the Crew of German Steamer.

Brest, Dec. 6.—The crew of the 2,843-ton German steamer Milos arrived here to-day, and told a thrilling tale of their escape from the burning vessel at sea. The steamer was bound from Hamburg for Brest, and fire broke out in her hold during the voyage. The crew battled valiantly with the flames until they were forced to abandon ship. The vessel was a hopeless one, they took to the boats and were barely able to save themselves.

UNDER FIVE DAYS.

The Empress of Ireland Cuts the Atlantic Record.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The steamer Empress of Ireland, which sailed from Halifax last Sunday at noon, arrived at Liverpool to-night at midnight, making the trip across the Atlantic from port to port in the remarkably fast time of four days, nineteen hours and thirty minutes. This in comparison with the performance of the Mauretania of the Cunard Line, is most direct evidence of the advantages of the Canadian route.

The Mauretania's time from New York to Liverpool was about five days eight hours. These figures show that the Canadian Pacific steamer crossed the ocean in thirteen hours less time than it took the Mauretania to cross.

FASTEST TORPEDO BOAT.

British Destroyer Tartar Beats Records for Class.

Portsmouth, Dec. 6.—The British turbine torpedo-boat destroyer Tartar has beaten all records for her class by steaming 35.062 knots an hour against the tide on the Admiralty course between Southampton and Mafu Sands. This record was made early in the week when the Tartar was being prepared for the official trials. The official trials took place to-day, and carrying a greater load than that stipulated in the contract, the Tartar made 34.857 knots a mean of six runs over the Admiralty measured mile course.

DOG SAVED SIX LIVES.

Cocker Spaniel the Hero of Boston's Italian Colony.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Boston: Having saved the lives of six persons from a tenement fire early this morning, a little cocker spaniel is the hero of the Italian colony today. The dog aroused the household of Valerio Sayo, at 219 Hanover street, by barking and scratching at bedroom doors. The occupants found the halls filling with smoke and the stairway burning. They broke windows and dropped to adjoining roofs.

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WHEN the heater man put hot pipes through the house in place of stoves he thought it was something new. But nature put hot pipes all through our bodies to keep us warm long, long ago.

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