

CUSTOMS DEFALCATIONS.

Detectives and Accountants Investigating Affairs in the Montreal Office. A Montreal despatch says: Hon. Macdonnell Bowell was interviewed in Ottawa the other day in connection with the report that a commission would proceed to Montreal to investigate the condition of affairs in the Montreal custom house.

CHILD INSURANCE.

A Club Whose Management is an Undertaker and His Daughter. A London cable says: The crusade against child life insurance has been justified by revelations of the workings of an insurance club at Oldbury, a town five miles from Birmingham, where many women are employed in chain-making.

CHANGED HIS COLOR.

Death of a Young Man from Addison's Disease of the Kidneys. A San Francisco despatch says: George L. Sturtevant, a young man, has just succumbed to Addison's disease, his skin becoming as black as a negro's.

GEN. BOOTH'S SCHEME

Laid Before the Swiss Council But Not Enthusiastically Received. A Berne cable says: General Booth, of the Salvation Army, called upon President Reichensperger, of the Swiss Federal Council, recently, and unfolded his scheme for the redemption of the human race through the operations of the Salvation Army.

To Meet the Etats.

A City of Mexico despatch says: A delayed telegram from Acapulco states the Esmeralda had left that port after having sought many favors, which were refused.

DICTATION RESISTED.

North-Western Railway Switchmen Quietly Displaced Yesterday. A Chicago despatch says: This morning every union switchman in the employ of the North-Western Railroad, not only in Chicago, but at every other point, was discharged.

TOO BUMPY.

A Grand Duke Who Thinks That's What's Wrong With the Kaiser. A Berlin cable says: Emperor William's recent after-dinner speech, in which he boasted that he alone was master in Germany, has given great offence to some of the princes of the older states of the Confederation.

FRENCHY IS "THE RIPPER."

So Say the Jury in the Carrie Brown Murder Case. A New York despatch says: The proceedings in the inquest on the so-called Jack-the-Ripper murder case were resumed this morning.

NEW YORK'S RIPPER.

An Inquest Opened and Important Testimony Presented. A New York despatch says: The inquest on the body of Carrie Brown, or "Shakespeare," the victim of Jack the Ripper, was begun to-day.

SHE COOLS HIM OFF.

The Rather Droll Frequentation of a Mohammedan Widow. An Arab woman when left a widow mourns her husband devoutly; but, like other widows, if she has the opportunity, she may be married again.

Chinese Burn Out a Mission.

A Shanghai cable says: An anti-European riot has taken place at Woo Hoo. The natives attacked and burned the Catholic mission and a number of other European dwelling houses.

The Force of Habit.

Judge: Undertaker Morris absent-mindedly, as he helps his newly-wed daughter off to the station—Drive slowly, James, and straight to Greenwood Cemetery.

Far From It.

New York Herald: One thing is a little peculiar—the grass widow is never green.

TORONTO'S BELT RAILWAY.

Its Route Through the Suburbs of the Queen City.

A THOUSAND MEN AT WORK.

A great work, an enterprise of pith and moment, whose magnitude and importance it will be difficult to realize and impossible to overestimate, is being rapidly carried forward in our midst, says the Toronto Globe. It will revolutionize the passenger traffic of Toronto, enormously increase the travelling facilities of the people, and bring the outlying portions within easy access of the centre of the city.

GO UP STAIRS.

The Distinguished Canadian Given Command of An Anglo-Belgian Expedition. A Halifax, N. S., despatch says: The Anglo-Belgian expedition to the head waters of the River Congo, Central Africa, promoted by the King of Belgium, has left for the scene of its work.

The Straight Lake Accident.

A Winnipeg despatch says: The first C. P. R. passenger train from the east since Sunday arrived in Winnipeg to-night at 6 o'clock. Owing to the accident at the Straight Lake trestle, traffic has been completely suspended for the past three days.

Saved a Cool Thousand.

New York Weekly: Wife (proudly)—I saved you \$1,000 to-day. Husband—Saved \$1,000? We haven't that much to save. We haven't \$100 we can call our own. Hang me, if we have over \$10, come to think.

For good wear, let me recommend an outing dress of "outing cloth" at 10 cents per yard; ten yards will make a plain all silk, deep hem. A blouse waist with sailor collar, full sleeves with waist-band. This dress will stand repeated visits to the wash-tub and always come back looking as if just new.

LIKE THE CASE OF ANANIAS.

Fate of a Woman Who Bore False Witness in Court.

Charles R. D. W. Graves, of Norfolk, Va., who is stopping at the Southern, says the St. Louis Star-Sayings, relates a very remarkable coincidence, which, if substantiated by the facts, would be a miracle.

COLORED BAPTIST CONVENTION.

A Southern Negro Who Looks Upon Northern Help as an Evil. A Charlottesville, Va., despatch says: At the Virginia Baptist State convention, representing 200,000 colored Baptists, to-day Rev. Dr. McVickers, late of Toronto, Canada, in urging the raising of \$5,000 for two colored seminaries, drew a gloomy picture of the colored people of the South.

How to Wash Blankets.

Before putting blankets into water they should be looked over to note if any are all stained; those that are should be put into a tub of warm water to soak for ten minutes. Boil half a pound of yellow soap and half a pound of soft soap in three pints of water until dissolved, let it get cold, when it will be a firm jelly; this quantity will be sufficient for four or five blankets.

All Over With.

"And is this your final decision?" muttered the young man, hoarsely, as he gathered up his coat and hat and prepared to depart.

Anti-Hebrew Outbreak at Corfu.

A Corfu cable says: The anti-Hebrew excitement which caused an outbreak about April 27th is becoming more venomous. Yesterday rioting was resumed. Two Hebrews were killed and a number injured.

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Wife—But you have always said that if you ever had money enough you would build a house.

Husband—Of course. "Well, for \$5 I bought a book showing how to build a \$10,000 house for \$9,000."

Bicycling Not in Her Line.

New York Herald: Miss Backbay—During your visit to Boston, Miss De Porquerville, I hope you will join our society for psychological research. I don't suppose you have one in Chicago?

Miss De Porquerville—Good gracious, no! It isn't considered ladylike. You know it is so hard to—er—straddle the machine.

The Executive Committee of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress will meet in Ottawa to-morrow.

During the day the members of the Government will be waited upon, and various matters relating to labor legislation will be laid before them.

A SMALL EDITION.

The Tot Had Fallen Into the Habit of Talking Like a Father.

On Howard street, the other [day, a benevolent old gentleman beheld a little 6-year-old girl walking gravely along, with a basket on her arm, says the San Francisco Examiner. Patting the chubby tot under her chin, he said: "And who are you going, my pretty maid?"

TABLES IN A TRIANGLE.

The Newest Idea in Face to Face Arrangements.

As "London Table" tells us, the fine folks of the fashionable world are at present interested in the suggestion of the triangular table for dinner parties. It is done by arranging three tables in a triangle. The host sits at the point of the triangle, with the two most distinguished guests on his right and left.

The Church Gate Water.

Owen Sound Advertiser: With the return of balmy spring the church gate water is out in full bloom. Sunday evening week the approaches to the Soropt St. Methodist Church were all bordered with festive wreaths of him, so to speak. It is customary for newspapers to ridicule the institutions as to the size of his brain, and so forth; but we fail to see how he can help himself. Even if a young man goes to church he cannot always sit with the beloved object, and Providence has never promised to bring them together at the gate without effort on either side.

For Wide-Awake Housewives.

Beeswax and salt will make rustic flatirons smooth. To keep salt dry for table use, mix one teaspoonful of corn starch with one cupful of salt. Varnish the soles of your shoes, and it will render them impervious to dampness, and will also make them last longer.

The Still-Walker Murdered.

The Posener Zeitung says that Dornon, the Frenchman who started to walk on stilts from Paris to Moscow, was attacked soon after crossing the frontier into Russia near Koenigsberg, beaten to death and thrown into a ditch. There is much uncertainty as to Dornon's fate. The above statement lacks confirmation, but it is a fact that the stiller mysteriously disappeared in the vicinity of the Russian border. The man was a native of Les Landes, a marshy district in southwestern France, where shepherds and others are obliged to use stilts and they become experts.

While the vessel on which the Czarevitch is making his Asiatic tour lay at anchor in the harbor of Madras, and he was pacing the deck, he was suddenly addressed in Russian by a poorly clad man. The future Emperor, believing that he was in the presence of a Nihilist, drew a revolver from his pocket and fired at the audacious speaker. Luckily the unknown stranger was not hurt. An investigation proved that the alleged Nihilist was a Polish Hebrew who had ferred his way upon the vessel in order to beg enough money to return to Russia.