Vera's Love Affair

"How are you getting on with your work?" he asks, presently, hardly a trace of his late agitation in his voice. "Clients dropipng in, eh?"

"Pretty well," says Seaton, disparagingly, with, however, something in his tone that says he could say more an' he would—more to his credit, did not modesty forbid.

"That's well. That's right," says Dysart, rubbing his palms together in a nervous, feverish way. "For there's little money here, I may tell you. All swallowed up by these thieving rascals around me. Only last week a huge bill, an iniquitous bill, came in from one of the tenants. Repairs—repairs always is their cry. They are like the horse-leech and his daughters. And there are your cousins! You think they do not count, that meat for one means meat for two, but that is because you understand nothing. I'm beggared between them all, I tell you. I'm a poor man, Seaton — a very poor man." The wretched voice dwindles almost into a whine.

"Yes—I think I do understand," says Seaton, with wonderful composure. He even manages to smile kindly at the extremely unpleasant father with whom nature has endowed him; yet it is by a supreme effort only that he keeps back the unfilial sense of loathing that fills him. It is all so pitiful, so poor, so false. The old man trembling on the brink of the grave that yawns ready for him, clinging with greedy hands to the gold that he yet dreads to acknowledge, lest he be defrauded of it; an old man fabulously rich through long years of saving, who yet grudges to his orphan nieces a morsel of bread!

A sensation of sickness takes hold of Seaton. Rising, rather abruptly, he mutters an excuse or two and quits the room.

CHAPTER XVI.

Strong are the instincts with which God has guarded the sacredness of marriage.

Vera, having made up her mind to go to her uncle and fully explain to him that neither she nor Griselda desire any change in their way of living, waits patiently for Seaton's departure from his father's den, and now, at last, seeing the coast clear, goes quickly forward, as if afraid lest her determination should weaken.

"Uncle Gregory, I wish to say something to you," she is beginning hurriedly, hating her task and hating her hearer, when suddenly she is interrupted.

"Hah! For the first time, let me say, I am glad to see you," says the old man grimly. "Hitherto I have been remiss, I fear, in such minor matters of etiquette. Sit down. I, too, have something to say to you."

That she is in for a severe scolding because of Seaton's attempt at interference on her and Griselda's behalf, becomes a certainty to Miss Dysart, as she draws forward an extremely shaky chair and cautiously seats herself upon it.

"You cannot be more annoyed than I am——" she is beginning faintly, when once again he strikes in.

"Who is annoyed?" he demands, fiercely, shaking his head at her. "Tush, girl, I've heard enough about your grievances. Attend to me." Here he fixed his piercing eyes on her and says sharply, "You have met my son several times."

"Yes," says Vera slowly, being still possessed by the idea that she is about to receive a riprimand.

"You like him?" with a watchful glance.

"I can hardly say so much," coldly. "He is neither more nor less than a complete stranger to me."

"As yet. Time will cure that; and I speak thus early to you, because it is well that you should make up your mind beforehand to like him."

Something in his tone compels Vera to turn more directly towards him.

"Why," she asks.

"Because in him you see your future husband."

There is a dead pause. The old man sits with bright, unblinking eyes fixed upon the girl, who has risen to her feet and is staring back at him as if hardly daring to understand. From red to white, from white to red, she grows; her breath fails her, passionate indignation burns hot within her breast. Then suddenly she throws her anger from her as unworthy, and faces her uncle with a steady gaze.

"Absurd!" she says contemptuously. "Call it so, if you will," with an offended flash from his dark eyes, "but regard it as a fact for all that. You will marry your cousin, let me assure you."

"That I certainly shall not," decisively.

"That you certainly shall."

"Do not compel me to contradict you again," says Vera with dignity. "Try to understand that no living power shall make me marry against my will."

"A dead power may, however. Did you not know that your marriage with my son was the last wish, the last command, of your father?"

He is lying well, so well that at first the girl forgets to doubt him.

"My father?" she says with much astonishment. "He never so much as mentioned my cousin's name to me."

"To me, however, he did. Do you wish to see the letter?"

This is a bold stroke. Vera hesitates—then, "No," says she steadily. "Even if my father did express such a wish, I should not for a moment accede to it. I shall not marry to please anyone, dead or living, except myself."

The color has flamed again into her white cheeks, and she has unconsciously but haughtily thrown back her head. Resolution is so strongly marked on every feature that for a second or two Mr. Dysart tastes of the bitterness of defeat. Only the taste, however. Presently he rallies. What, is he so easily to be induced to abandon the scheme of his life, to give up the one thing to which a late conscience clings as its salve for all the ill-spent past, when it lay dormant? A thousand times, no! He feels as if he could shout aloud that defiant monosyllable. Surely, frail as he seems, as he is, the power, the will, in him to force the wills of others, is not yet dead.

"You take high ground," he says with a sneer. "You defy me! You refuse to give ear to the sacred command of a dead father! Why? For what weighty purpose do you thus array yourself against me? What fault do you find in my son?"

"I have not studied him," with a curl of her short upper lip." It is a matter of the purest indifference to me whether he be immaculate or 'a sinner above all the Galileans.'"

"You confess, then, you do not know him? By your own showing, he is an utter stranger to you. His smallest vices and virtues are unknown. When, therefore, you do know him——"

"I shall be as determined as I am today never to marry him."

"And, why? Surely, most sapient damsel, you have a good reason for this most unreasonable determination?" As he speaks there is an expression on his face that says he would gladly kill her where she sands if only he dared. Vera, seeing it, smiles bitterly to herself, but not for a second does she quail before it. There is enough of his own blood in her to uphold her in this hour.

"I have endured enough already, through my own family," she says in a low tone, but distinctly. "I refuse to link myself further with it."

"How dare you, girl?" cries her uncle, flinging off all restraint and letting the fury that is consuming him have its way. "How dare you stand thus before me and insult me to my face? Fool! Do you indeed believe that what I have set my mind upon can be lightly thrust aside to suit the pleasure of a perverse child? If you will not regard my plan for your future well-being from a kindly side, think, then, of the advantages to yourself to be derived therefrom — the wealth, the position, that will accrue to you from the union I offer."

[To be Continued.]

BELOVED LITTLE ADMIRAL

Queen Alexandra's Tribute on Wreath for Sir Henry Keppel.

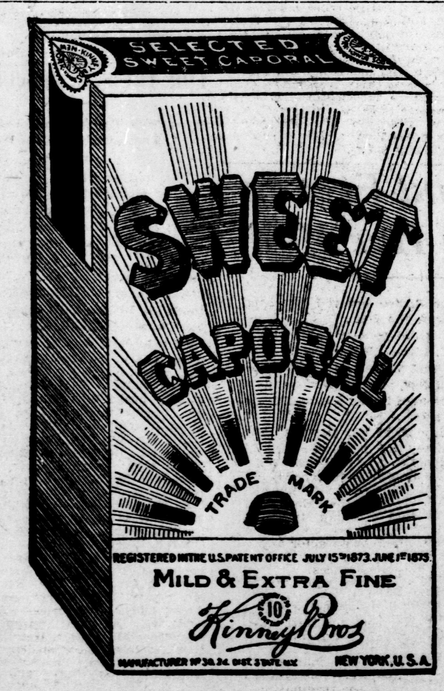
London, Jan. 25.—The remains of Sir Henry Keppel, admiral of the fleet, who died on Jan. 17, were removed from London and interred at Winkfield, Berkshire, this afternoon with full naval honors, a detachment of 500 bluejackets and marines forming the escort and firing party.

The only floral tribute on the admiral's coffin was a wreath from Queen Alexandra, with a card and an autograph inscription, reading:

In loving memory of my beloved little admiral; the best and bravest of men. From Alexandra. Rest in peace.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra, Emperor William and the Prince of Wales all sent special representatives, and the lords of the admiralty and a large contingent of naval officers in full uniform attended.

Simultaneously a memorial service was held in the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, at which the King and Queen and their suites, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Roberts, many naval and military officers and the Hon. Mrs. George Keppel were present.



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A BUSY WEEK IN LOCAL HOCKEY WORLD; MANY GAMES SCHEDULED

St. John's A. C. Will Default to Exeter in an O. H. A. Game—News from Many Points.

A BUSY WEEK.

This will be a busy week in the local hockey world, and several interesting games are assured.

In the Junior O. H. A. series, the Listowel team will play the Hortons tomorrow night, and on Wednesday evening, in the Senior City League series, the Aberdeens meet the Y. M. C. A., and the Seventh Regiment team plays the St. John's A. C.

The Hortons play Stratford at Stratford in the Junior O. H. A. series on Thursday.

Several games are scheduled for Friday night. The Hortons play at Listowel, the Aberdeens at Goderich (in the Senior W. O. H. A.), and in the Junior City League the Waterloos play the Lornes, the St. John's A. C. play the Imperials, and the Aberdeens meet the Collegiate Institute team.

HORTONS VS. LISTOWEL.

Listowel comes to this city tomorrow night to play the Hortons a Junior O. H. A. game at the Jullee Rink. The game will start at 8 o'clock. Although the Hortons have lost three games, they have not given up hopes of winning out the district. They left last Thursday to play in Stratford, but were on a snowbound train for 24 hours, getting in Stratford on Friday night, instead of Thursday. The tickets purchased for the last game at the Jubilee Rink will be good for tomorrow's game with Listowel. Willie Evans will be back in the game again. The Hortons are grateful to Mr. Paterson and the Pickle family for the kindness shown them while on the snowbound train. The Hortons will go away next week for a two-days' trip—one game being scheduled for Stratford, and the other at Listowel. Mr. T. C. Wagborne, of Toronto, will referee the game here tomorrow night.

WILL DEFAULT.

The St. John's Athletic Club intend to default their game with Exeter in the intermediate series, scheduled to be played at Exeter tomorrow. This puts the London team out of the championship race.

MARLBOROS MAY COME.

The management of the Aberdeen W. O. H. A. hockey teams are endeavoring to arrange for a visit to this city from the Marlboros, about the fastest of the senior O. H. A. teams of Toronto. The game should be an interesting one.

PRINTERS PLAY.

A friendly game of hockey was played in the Jubilee Rink on Saturday evening between employes of Lawson & Jones Printing and Lithograph Company, and the London Printing and Lithograph Company, resulting in a score of 2 to 0 in favor of the latter.

CHAMPIONS WON.

About 1,500 people attended the Bank League game at Toronto on Saturday, when the Toronto team, last year's champions, defeated the Dominion team by a score of 4 to 3. The score about indicates the play, which was very even, and would compare favorably with the hockey played by the Senior O. H. A. teams.

BEATEN BY SMALL MARGIN.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Standing room was at a premium in the Mutual stret rink tonight when the fast Barrie team played their return game with the Marlboros in the senior O. H. A. series. Barrie people, although their team was defeated at Barrie, had not lost confidence, and were accepting many 2 to 1 bets that were freely offered. The teams were very evenly matched, with the exception of Phillips, who did not have an equal on the ice. The ice was soft, and fast combination was almost impossible. The first half ended 3 to 2 in favor of Barrie. Both teams went at it hard in the second half, but so stubborn was the defense of the two visitors that the Marlboros were forced to go the limit. Charlton finally evened the score by a lift from the Marlboro goal, and Birmingham scored the winning game from a scrimmage ten seconds later. Score: Marlboros 4, Barrie 3.

HEAVY SCORING AT GUELPH.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 23. — The first home game in the W. O. H. A. was played here tonight with Elora. Guelph had the best of the first half, scoring four, while Elora failed to find the nets. In the second half the teams played six men a side. Guelph scored seven more goals in the second half, while Elora only succeeded in finding the nets three times. Final score: Guelph, 11; Elora, 3.

CLOSE SCORE.

Quebec, Jan. 23.—Three Rivers defeated Quebec II. here this evening in the intermediate series of the C. A. H. L. by a score of 2 goals to 1. The game was well contested and close, as the score indicates. This practically gives Three Rivers the championship of C series.

WON 8 TO 6.

Bracebridge, Ont., Jan. 22. — In the intermediate O. H. A. match played here tonight Bracebridge defeated Burk's Falls by a score of 8 to 6.

VICS WON.

Montreal, Jan. 24. — The match between the Victorias and Montrealers in the C. A. H. L. series, which was played in the Arena on Saturday night, resulted in a victory for the Victorias by 7 to 6.

DOUBLED OPPENENTS' SCORE.

Mount Forest, Ont., Jan. 22. — In a Northern Hockey League game played here tonight, Harriston defeated the home team by a score of 14 to 7.

COLLEGIANS AT IT.

Toronto, Jan. 22. — Upper Canada College defeated Waverley by 6 to 3 in a junior O. H. A. match tonight, and Argonauts defeated Orangeville in an intermediate O. H. A. game by a score of 6 to 4.

PORT COLBORNE LOST.

Port Colborne, Ont., Jan. 22. — In an intermediate O. H. A. match here tonight Welland defeated Port Colborne 4 to 2.

ONE-SIDED, THIS.

Port Hope, Ont., Jan. 22. — In the junior O. H. A. game here tonight the Second Ontarios were defeated by Cobourg by a score of 6 to 1.

BELLEVILLE VS. PETERBORO.

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 22. — The Belleville junior O. H. A. team visited Peterboro tonight, and were defeated by a score of 7 to 6. At half time the score stood 5 to 3 in favor of Belleville.

BARRIE WON FROM ALLISTON.

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 22. — In a junior O. H. A. hockey game here tonight Barrie defeated Alliston 13 goals to 6.

WON THE DISTRICT.

New Hamburg, Jan. 23.—A game of hockey between the New Hamburg and Plattsville Clubs in the W. O. H. A. junior series was played at Plattsville last night, score 6 to 3 in favor of New Hamburg. This makes the New Hamburg Club the winners of the district and qualified to play off with the winners of the other districts.

ARNPRIOR WAS EASY.

Renfrew, Jan. 23.—At the hockey match played here last night, Renfrew defeated Arnprior, score 8 to 3.

"BEG-YOUR-PARDON" GAME.

Stouffville, Jan. 23. — The intermediate O. H. A. game here last night between Uxbridge and Stouffville, was won by the latter by 7 goals to 3. The play was of the "beg-your-pardon" variety, and Uxbridge evidently was not over-anxious to win, preferring to see the home team beat Markham out in the district race.

LONDONERS LOSE WHIST TROPHY; PRIZE GOES BACK TO HAMILTON

Visitors Won Easily—Mr. Pugsley Wins City Skating Championship.

A team of four from the Hamilton Whist Club paid a visit to the city on Saturday evening and took away with them the trophy of the Ontario Whist League, which has been in possession of Londoners for some time. The visitors included Messrs. G. H. Levy, J. Levy, W. M. Logan and F. R. Martin, and they had an easy victory, winning a 30-board game by 20 points. They had the best of the play from the start, and whatever luck was going with them. There is this to be said of the Hamiltonians, however: They know the game of whist, and they play it for all that it is worth. The Londoners included Messrs. Fred Magee, William Galbraith, Guy Andrus and W. Thrasher. This is the tenth time the trophy has been won by the Hamilton Club. The prize was held four times by the Londoners, who will make another bid for it at an early date.

SKATING.

WON CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the Jubilee Rink on Saturday night, William Pugsley won the gold medal that goes with the one-mile skating championship of the city by defeating Whit Thomas in somewhat easy manner owing to an accident to the latter. Last winter Pugsley won the first heat of the race for the championship, the soft weather coming too soon to permit of the other two heats being skated off. The second heat took place on Saturday evening, a large crowd being present. Thomas held the lead until the tenth lap, when Pugsley passed him. Shortly afterwards Thomas tripped and fell and was thereafter hopelessly out of it, not finishing the race. Pugsley is now entitled to the championship of the city.

Mr. C. W. Smith, of the Jubilee Rink, has offered a handsome diamond pin as a prize for a series of races for the two-mile skating championship of the city. The title is to go to the winner of the best two in three heats, and the first heat will be skated off on Saturday evening, Feb. 6. It is expected that Bert Thomas, West, Lawlor, Pugsley and other flyers will compete.

CURLING.

GOT MEDALS.

Harriston, Ont., Jan. 22.—In the final game of the primary curling competition, Fergus defeated Harriston by one shot. After the game the Fergus players were each presented with a medal by Rev. Mr. McCullough, chaplain of the Harriston club. Mr. R. Kerr replied on behalf of the Fergus club. The prize of the rink winning by highest score went to St. Marys, R. Weir, skip, and the booby prize, four brooms, went to Mount Forest, Beacon, skip.

DETROIT WON TANKARD MATCH.

Sarnia, Jan. 23. — In the contest for the Ontario tankard held here yesterday Petrolea won from Sarnia by 7 shots, and Detroit from Toledo by 5 shots, leaving Detroit and Petrolea to play off. Detroit won out by four shots.

THE TURF.

WONDERLY'S FALL.

Frank Reagan, the New York trainer, is playing in hard luck. Oarsman, the odds on favorite at Oakland, on Friday, in the fourth race, at 1 mile and 70 yards, stumbled to his knees, just as Dwyer shot the barrier. As he recovered he was run into by another horse, the force of the collision throwing Jockey Wonderly. Oarsman ran over the course riderless.

Barney Schreiber, who pays a princely salary to Burns, may terminate his engagement of the New York jockey any day. Burns is riding in execrable form and stable boys are putting it all over him.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Lingo, 4 to 1; Viperine, 9 to 10; Scorpio, 7 to 1; Port Royal, 25 to 1; Hands Across, 7 to 10; Stonewall, 4 to 1.

BIG RACE OFF.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 23. — Secretary Horace Wilson, of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association, announced tonight that the Stoll sweepstakes for foals of 1902 had been declared off. There were only five nominators for the event and they readily consented to the arrangement. It is probable that the recommendation made today by Secretary Wilson will be approved by the board of directors to the effect that a new stake be added to the usual number of fixed events annually opened by the association. The new stake will be known as the Stoll stake, in honor of the late President Richard P. Stoll. The stake will be limited to 4-year-old trotters of the 2:25 class, its value to be decided later.

$15,000 RACE.

Chicago, Jan. 23. — With the exception of the American Derby, the most valuable of the stakes for the spring and summer meetings of the Harlem Jockey Club is the Harlem national handicap, which will be run on the opening, June 4, and will be worth $15,000 guaranteed.

GOOD SEASON PROMISED.

There is every reason to believe that the racing season which begins March 24 will be one of the very best in the history of the American turf. All the cracks of last season have rounded to in good shape, while the new blood is said to be up to the mark set last year. The season of 1903 showed the finest lot of thoroughbreds that has been seen on American race tracks for a generation, and from present appearances it will be beaten by 1904. In this connection it is interesting to note an item from the west that the fine old campaigner, Wax Taper, will be in training again this year. Wax Taper was the McChesney of 1901. Out of forty starts that season he was first eighteen times and was in the money thirty-four times. In the five years of his turf career, he started 104 times, was in the money 66 times, finishing first 25 times. Captain Rice thinks his long rest has cured his ills and that he can be gotten into shape all right by the time the Memphis meet begins.

RACING ON THE ICE.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 24.—With the largest attendance and most successfully carried out programme of any opening day in the association's history, Saturday witnessed the inception of the sixth annual ice meet of the Central Canada Racing Association. The excellent card was carried out without a hitch. The feature of the day was the feat of Conduct, owned by W. T. Mason, of Port Rowan, who clipped half a second off the world's record for three miles on ice. The record was made last year by Guesner on the mile track. Yesterday's trick was done on a half-mile track. The races were:

2:50 trot and pace:

Little Clip, A. Hunter, Ottawa..	2	1	1	1
Illyssa, Wall & O'Neil, Ottawa..	1	4	2	3
Little Nell, J. Peacock, Ottawa..	3	2	3	4
Nettie Y., C. H. Putnam, Ottawa	4	3	4	2

Time—2:31, 2:29½, 2:29½, 2:30¼.

Three-mile dash—Conduct, W. T. Mason, Port Rowan, 1; Carinna, Hutchings & Fritz, Carthage, N. Y., 2; Amelia, T. C. Simpson, St. Andrews, Que., 3; Don, George McPherson, Montreal, 4; Mamie Abbott, J. G. Warnock, Ottawa, 5. Time, 7:26.

Gentlemen's cup race:

Addie D., G. Taylor, Ottawa.....	1	1	1
Kathleen, Col. Turner, Ottawa....	2	2	3
Henderson, F. C. Gendron, Hull..	4	3	2
Allamont, E. Chevrier, Ottawa....	3	4	4
Maud, Wm. Wilson, Ottawa.....	5	5	5

Time—2:32, 2:39, 2:39.

MR. DODDS' ILLNESS.

Horsemen throughout the country will regret to learn that Mr. E. King Dodds, editor of the Canadian Sportsman, is suffering from a severe affection of the eyes. A surgical operation was recently resorted to, and should it not prove successful the result may be total blindness.

MUST NOT MARRY.

An interesting clause in the contract just signed by Herbert Phillips, the star jockey of the present New Orleans meet, with Alex. Shields, by which he is to receive $10,000 for riding the Thomas and Shields horses, is that the youngster is not to marry during the life of the contract, and all outside mounts are subject to the approval of Mr. Shields.

Almost from the opening day in the south, Phillips attracted the attention of horsemen throughout the country, and many of them tried to secure the jockey. Shields several days ago went to the southern track, and after witnessing the riding of Phillips when he won the Gentilly handicap, with Dan McKenna, under circumstances when the horse showed no more ability than any of the others, he was so taken with the skill which the boy displayed that he immediately sought his father and offered a large sum for a two years' contract.

Phillips at first refused to entertain the offer, inasmuch as the boy for the last six or eight months has been riding successfully in the west and earning big retaining fees. Arrangements, however, were finally completed, and the jockey was secured for the above named salary. This will give him an excellent opportunity to gain further distinction, as in the stable for which he will ride are a number of the best horses on the American turf.

MAY BE IN BIG HANDICAP.

It is stated that Advance Guard is wintering well and that Alex Shields is most sanguine as to his ability to bring him to the post for either the Brooklyn or Suburban Handicap. The old horse was only beaten a head for the Brooklyn in 1902 by Reina and Mr. Shields has set his heart upon carrying off one of the big handcaps this year.

TO QUIT RACING END.

It is stated that the colors of Baker & Gentry, the latter being the dog and pony show man, and namesake of John P. Gentry, will be seen no more on the turf. They have decided to quit that end of the game, and will hereafter devote themselves to the breeding part of the industry exclusively.

BASEBALL.

OFF THE BAT.

Louis Carr has signed with Toronto for next season.

Catcher Napoleon Shea has re-signed with Newark. Outfielder Jimmy Jones, of Albany, assigned to Newark, has also signed.

Miller has written that unless Toronto trades him he will not jump to California, though he has had good offers from there.

Buffalo has secured Fielder Courtney, who was with Collins' Boston team the early part of last season. Courtney was later sold to the New York Americans, and then traded to Detroit in the Elberfield deal.

Laporte and Gettman, two of the men whom Detroit was supposed to have purchased from Buffalo, will be turned back to the latter city within a few days. Their sale was only a bluff, to prevent other clubs from drafting them. — Cincinnati Times-Star.

William O'Rourke, otherwise known as "Pa" Rourke, owner of the Omaha Western League team, and Jack Thornton, the well-known first baseman, have been brought into a divorce suit filed at Denver, Col., by Fenner F. Burton, president of the Boston Produce Company.

With the exception of three infielders and perhaps one backstop, Manager George Smith, of the Rochester baseball club club, has signed his team for the season of 1904. The quality of the team, from present indications, will be excellent.

BOXING.

WARD MAY MEET O'KEEFE.

Jack O'Keefe has received several offers to meet Mike Ward, the Canadian welter-weight, but so far the men are being kept from closing terms on account of a difference of opinion on the weight question. Ward wants the figure 140 at 3 p.m., but O'Keefe is holding out for a notch two pounds lower. Clubs at Detroit and Port Huron, as well as the Watita Club here, are ready to put on the bout when it is closed, and it is probable that the men may soon agree to the lighter weight.

THE WARD-GANS BOUT.

Betting on the bout between Mike Ward and Joe Gans has already begun, and illustrates the eccentricities of some things connected with the ring. Some of those who have Gans money are offering 2 to 1, three recorded bets in one day aggregating $55 on Ward against $110 on the Baltimore boy. War at these figures is said to be better than anything the handbook man will offer. Gans beat Fitzgerald at the coast in ten rounds, and was 10 to 8 at the ringside, for the same distance. Ward has two decisions over Fitzgerald, and Gans people wish to bet 2 to 1 against the Sarnia lad.

TO BOX SIX ROUNDS.

New York, Jan. 24. — Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey have decided to accept the offer of the National A. C. of Philadelphia, and will box there before that organization next month. The bout will be for six rounds, some date between Feb. 10 and 24, the date to be selected next week, the winner to receive 65 per cent of the gross receipts.

MORE HARD LUCK FOR JOE.

Chicago, Jan. 23. — Joe Choynski, recently knocked out by Carter in Boston, and afterward arrested on the charge of prize-fighting, has arrived here, accompanied by his wife. Soon after leaving the Illinois Centra station a man grabbed Mrs. Choynski's satchel, containinl $150, which the pugilist was carrying, and ran away. Choynski reported the robbery to the police.

CHESS.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

New York, Jan. 23. — The City of London Chess Club has decided to accept March 25 and 26 as the dates for the annual cable match, to be played between America and Great Britain. The match will be contested for the possession of the Sir George Newnes trophy, now in the possession of the Brooklyn Chess Club, and will be played on ten boards.

A FASHIONABLE GATHERING

Honors Come to Miss Abbie May Helmer at the King Edward.

The piano recital given at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, a week ago, by Miss Abbie May Helmer, the talented young Canadian pianist, will rank as one of the important society events of the early new year. Under the distinguished patronage of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, with some 36 of the leading ladies of the city, including Lady Meredith, Lady Mulock, Mrs. George A. Cox, Mrs. Melvin Jones, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Mrs. Walter Beardmore and others, hardly anything else was to have been expected. And Miss Helmer proved herself equal to all that was expected of her by this very cultured musical audience. Her programme was one to command the highest interest of the most critical musicians, and from start to finish won their heartiest enthusiasm.

Miss Helmer was assisted by Miss Bertha Rogers, contralto, and Mr. Kennedy, accompanist. A beautiful concert grand piano of the old firm of Heintzman & Co., that is so universally the choice on all great functions, was used on this occasion, and responded nobly to every test of the artist. We ought to say that Miss Helmer is a pupil of Mr. W. O. Forsyth, one of whom he can be proud.

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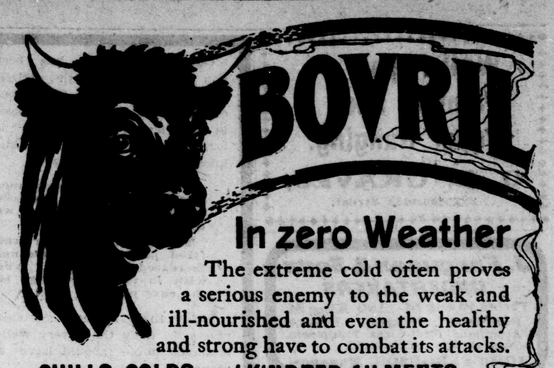

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Men's Sanitary Wool Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, ribbed wrist and ankles, very highest grades, value 75c, to clear, Tuesday, at, per garment 43c

Whittemore's Gilt Edge Shoe Polish, always sold at 25c, our price, Tuesday 20c

A large assortment of Corsets, just arrived, special prices, Tuesday, up from 50c

25c Writing Pad and Envelopes, Tuesday 15c.

One good size Pure Linen Writing Pad and 25 Envelopes, to match, value 25c, complete Tuesday, for 15c

Specials in Playing Cards for Evening Parties.

Playing Cards, celluloid finish, gilt edge back, good value, at 25c, our price, Tuesday 15c

Extra good quality Playing Cards, gilt edges, value 40c, Tuesday 25c

A full range of Celluloid Cards at all prices.

Tally Cards for pedro parties, up from 10c per dozen to 50c

Graniteware Sale.

All this week we will offer many special values in all lines of Graniteware. We have made a very large purchase and our goods are arriving daily. On Saturday some of our lines were cleaned out, but we will have plenty this week.

Great Bargains in Crockery, Tuesday.

A good time to replenish your stock. We quote here only a few of the special values.

7 dozen Bowls, in two sizes, heavy, white ironstone, value 7c and 10c, choice, Tuesday 5c

10 dozen large white Ironstone Salad Dishes, value 25c, Tuesday 15c

3 dozen Meat Platters, medium size, value 25c, Tuesday 15c

Tumblers; Tuesday 2 for 5c.

WOODS' FAIR

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The Quaker Vaudeville Company open a week's engagement at the London Opera House tonight. Among the artists are Messrs. Good and Henry, versatile comedians; Howard Loftus, the phenomenal baritone singer; the Finnegans, Irish comedians; Andy and Jennie Lewis, in a comedy sketch; Fred Paul, musical artist. This show ought to draw large audiences, all week, as the prices of admission are but 10 and 15 cents.

Tom Marks concluded his week's engagement at the Grand Saturday night, the company playing to a large house. At the conclusion an amateur contest was held, a large number participating. The prize was divided between a lad named Adair, who sings remarkably well, and little Victor Riddle, a tot of about 5 years, who gave a Highland dance. The drawing for the $10 given away by the company also took place, and a Mr. McKenzie held the lucky ticket.

At the London Opera House another large audience greeted "The Innocent Maids" Saturday night. The art studies which, owing to an accident, were omitted Friday night, were put on. The show as a whole is an excellent one.

Live lobsters at the new Olympia tomorrow.

JAFFRAY SUCCEEDS AMES.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Robert Jaffray, Toronto, has been appointed to the Temiskaming Railway commission to the vacancy created by the resignation of A. E. Ames, chairman. The board will elect its own chairman. The other commissioners are Ed. Gurney, Toronto; B. W. Folger, Kingston; F. E. Leonard, London, and M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew.

IF YOUR CHILDREN moan and are restless during sleep, coupled when awake with a loss of appetite, pale complexion, picking of the nose, etc., you may depend up it that the primary cause of the trouble is worms. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator effectually removes these pests, at once relieving the little sufferers.

The coffee tree reaches its maximum of production in about 12 years and should continue in full bearing for 50 years, though some trees are known to be as old as 82 years.