

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

OVERAMABLE.

He never makes no kick at all.
No matter how things are.
Life's boisterous, great and small
He banishes afar.
The slight injustices of life
Don't move him to distress.
Says he, "I won't have any strife,
It ain't worth while, I guess."

His patience some reward should bring.
I wish that I could say
That all his early cares took wing.
But things don't look that way.
His hopes grow weak by week,
more slim,
His goods more light in left,
The man who never kicks is him
That's allus gettin' left.

—Washington Star.
—Mr. Alex. Harvey, of Winnipeg,
is in the city.

—Miss Josie Egan is home from
Montreal for the holidays.
—Mrs. Glasse, of London, is the guest
of Mrs. Eastwood, East Hamilton.

—Mr. Herbert Gates, of the Cana-
dian Life, London, was home for Christ-
mas.

—Mr. W. Anderson, of New York,
is visiting his parents, O'Reilly
street.

—Mr. R. H. McQuarrie, of Ros-
land, is home for the Christmas
holidays.

—Chester Jackson, of Buffalo, N. Y.,
spent his Christmas with his cousin,
Oscar Galt.

—Mr. Charles Truscott, of Montreal,
formerly of the city, is visit-
ing friends here.

—Mr. Geo. Moore, of the G. T. R.
restaurant, gave the John Street
firemen a fine Christmas treat.

—Mr. David Galt, of George town,
is in the city visiting his brother and
sister, Prof. Galt and Mrs. J. Jack-
son.

—E. Wolff, of Hamilton, Ont., left
Chicago to visit his daughters and
other relatives, Chicago British Amer-
ican.

—Mr. Kenneth McKenzie and wife
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ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

Jas. O'Brien, a U. S. Soldier,
Lost \$120 Yesterday.

TWO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Among the visitors in Hamilton yes-
terday was James O'Brien, a young
man whose home is in Montreal, and
who has been out in the Philippines
in the United States army, assisting
Taco Sam to subdue the rebels.
O'Brien, who was paid off in New
York a few days ago, had his dis-
charge papers and a big roll of green
backs. Although he was anxious to
get home to eat Christmas dinner
with his folks, he took a fancy to
the city and decided to stay over and
see the red men. He stayed; now
he is sorry. Early in the afternoon
he hired John Tafoe, hackman, to
drive him to the city. The red men
started out, but, according to
his story Tafoe didn't seem anxi-
ous to see the race and invited him
to have a drink in a York street sal-
oon. They drank cocktails and then
started for the race. After a little
drive the hack stopped and Tafoe
asked him to allow two men, who
were "good fellows," in O'Brien com-
pany, and soon the hack stopped at a
hotel. More drinking followed and
O'Brien pulled out a wad, about \$120,
from his bosom, and peddled off a \$1
note. Then his companions became
quarrelsome and, not liking the
two "good fellows" got him down,
he says, and one of them took
him and fled. He asked the hack-
man to drive him to a police station
and he got in the cab. A few min-
utes later, he says, the hackman
pulled him out of the cab, saying he
must drive him to the city for the
city for him. This was on Laurier
street, in front of Constable Horne's
booth. O'Brien attacked him and was
giving him a terrible beating when
the officer appeared on the scene.
Horne heard O'Brien's story and then
took both men to police headquarters.
O'Brien related his experience to In-
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LATE SPORTING NOTES.

PLAYED INDOOR BASEBALL.

Yesterday morning the recently or-
ganized indoor baseball team of the
Hamilton Bicycle Club was given an
initiation at the Drill Hall, where
a game was played with the team
of a company. The soldiers won by
a score of 16 to 2.

PILLSBURY'S GREAT PLAYING.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Pillsbury
and showmen, who were to play
the last of the series of chess games
begun by them in Louisville, arrived
here to play to-day and to-morrow.
Pillsbury played fifteen chess and
ten checker games simultaneously with
the best talent Cincinnati has, and
the Kentucky chess could muster, and
won them all. Later he played blind-
folded simultaneously ten chess and
five checker games and won all.

THAT ANCASTER HORSE CASE.

Judge Allows Only Division Court Costs in County Court Case.

Before Judge Sider in chambers this
morning, Mr. J. A. Gault, for the plain-
tiff in the County Court suit of Siger
vs. Vansickle, moved for judgment, the
jury in the case having returned a
verdict for \$300. Mr. J. V. Foster,
Q. C., for the defence, opposed the mo-
tion. Judge Sider, in giving his de-
cision, explained the opinion that the
defendant had to a certain extent been
led by circumstances, beyond his con-
trol, into liability for damages, and
that, therefore, the jury's decision
would allow costs only of the
Division Court, exclusive of the costs
of examination.

He is of the opinion that the
defendant was misled by the plaintiff's
counsel, and that the plaintiff's
counsel was entitled to an opportunity
for an appeal.

—The case in which Frank
Siger, of Ancaster, sued Benj. Van-
sickle for damages for the wrongful
conversion of a horse to his own use.

NO CHANGE TILL EASTER.

In Connection With the Affairs of Christ Church.

Since the announcements made in
respect to Christ Church Cathedral
and the resignation of the rector,
Rev. Canon Bland, a couple of weeks
ago, Bishop DuRoi and Canon
Bland have been in consultation two
or three times and it has now been
practically decided that matters will
be allowed to stand as they are at
present until the close of the ecclesi-
astical year. That means that the
resignation will not be acted on until
the vestry holds its annual meeting
on Easter morning. The vestry will
always hold on Easter Monday, which
comes on April 16th this year.

DEATH OF MRS. SLAUGHTER.

Had Lived on Mulberry Street Over Half a Century.

Mrs. Sarah Slaughter, widow of
the late John Slaughter, died at her
home, No. 33 Mulberry street, yes-
terday morning. She was 82 years of
age. She had lived on Mulberry street
over half a century. She was born
in Hamilton, having come here
over 60 years ago, and for more than
40 years she had been a resident of
this city. She was a very old and
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NO LOCAL MARKETS TO-DAY.

Farmers and Buyers Not Over the Christmas Jubilation.

Superintendent Davis, of the Cen-
tral Market, reports that this morning
the market was not over the Christmas
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EVERY RUSSIAN FOND OF TEA.

Rich and Poor Alike Drink the Beverage on All Occasions.

Probably the greatest tea drinkers
in the world outside of China are the
Russians. They consume an enormous
quantity annually—many times what
Americans manage to dispose of. The
poor people and the Russian people
are the poorest in existence—use the
so-called "black" tea. This is the
cheapest sort, being mixed with the
stems and compressed in some ad-
vance into dry cakes of various
sizes, resembling in its appearance
"plugs" tobacco. This tea, which would
probably prove poisonous to anyone
not accustomed to the Russian way of
drinking it, is consumed at the average
rate of about 20 sticks per family a day.
The Russian stick is equal to five of
the little things that are used in
America at afternoon teas. Taking
into consideration that the stick is
of better quality than the Russian
stick, dried leather and strongly
salted herrings are usually the chief
articles of food of the people at large,
one stick of tea is needed to quench
a Russian's thirst and help on his
digestion.

25 Per Cent. Discount.

Off fancy goods, perfume atomizers,
ebony goods, hair brushes, pocket
books, purses, cigar cases, etc. Dis-
count good till January 1st. H.
Spencer Case, 50 King street west.

When buying, always insist upon getting the best for your money.

You will get 50 per cent. more for
your money by buying Tiger Stove
Polish, than by buying any other
polish on the market, which are
shoddy and all dried up, and have
no polishing qualities. These are
scrupulous dealer will tell you are just
as good as Tiger Stove Polish when
they are not. Tiger Stove Polish give
it a trial.

—R. H. Rowe, a lad who escaped from the Mimico Industrial School

month ago, was arrested near
Stoney Creek yesterday by Con-
stable Pollock, of Brant County. He
is in the cells here now but will be
taken back to Mimico.

—Mr. Walter Elms, of the house

furnishing store, is visiting rela-
tives in the city.
—All electric lights in the city were
out for a while last night, owing
to the ice interfering with the
works at DeCen Falls. The company
is making arrangements so that noth-
ing of the sort can happen again.

A little girl never has too many dolls

and a woman never has too many
dollars.

—Mr. Wm. Burdun, of Niagara

Falls, N. Y., and Mr. Fred Durand,
of Buffalo, were here for Christmas.

THE RECRUITING STATION.

Will be Opened To-morrow by
Major Hendrie.

ARTILLERYMEN ONLY WANTED.

This morning Major Hendrie, com-
mander of No. 4 Field Battery, re-
ceived orders from the Minister of Mil-
itary to open up a recruiting station
here for the enrolling of artillerymen
for the second Canadian contingent,
which is to be sent to South Africa
to fight for the Queen. The orders
are very minute, and the major says
the details are worked out carefully.

The instructions are that eighteen

men—eleven gunners and seven drivers
will be accepted here for No. 4 Bat-
tery. The men must be between 22
and 40 years of age. Gunners must
be over 5 feet 6 inches in height,
drive horses and be between 22
and 34 inches, but drivers need not
be more than 5 feet 3 inches, and
have a chest measurement of more
than 33 inches. A man who has not
passed the examination of the
Royal School of Gunners must have
performed service at one camp at
least to be eligible. The drivers, on
the other hand, are given more
latitude in the selecting of drivers.

The major has also been instructed
to form a band, with himself as
chief, for the purpose of purchasing
horses for the contingent. Drivers
must have their own horses, and the
band will fix a price for them. Of
course the drivers don't have to ac-
cept the offer unless it is satisfac-
tory. The major says that the
horses will be purchased here.

Major Hendrie will act promptly in
the matter. He will open the station
at the only recruiting station in the
city to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.
He has wired the department, advising
that either of the surgeons of the
Department, or the military officers,
Griffin and Dr. Romie, be appointed
examining physician of the applicants
for a place on the contingent.

On Monday, January 2nd, the 12th,
has received quite a number of appli-
cations from infantry men, but he is
not holding out much hope that they
will be accepted. The military officers
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Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Hon. Dr. Borden
did not to-night that the riding
club was not holding out much hope
that they will be accepted. The military
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It is understood that the War Of-
fice has received the decision to
have two battalions of field artiller-
y in place of three, which was in-
dicated as their desire in the cam-
paign which was rejected yesterday.
It is now understood that the War
Office has decided to accept three full
battalions of field artiller- for service
in South Africa. The decision was
based on a misunderstanding between
the War Department and the Militia
Department of Canada as to whether
the latter possessed the necessary 24-
pounder gun. It is thought in Cana-
da that the Militia War Office
describes a man to men than artillery,
which might be recruited in Canada.

Dr. McLaughlin, veterinary surgeon
of the Militia Department, has been
appointed a trustee of the Pomer-
anian Club. He has advised the Militia
Department that Northwest horses
should be accepted for the mounted rifles.

PREPARING THE TROOP BELLS.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—The Allan Line's
steamer "Laurel," which has been
chartered by the Government to
convey a portion of the Canadian con-
tingent to South Africa, has been de-
vised to sail from Portland to-mor-
row for Halifax, and on her arrival
the vessel will be inspected and trans-
ferred into a transport. The Pomer-
anian is not expected to arrive at New
York until the end of the week.

INTENTION TO GO.

Thirty-six members of "A" Battery
left for South Africa yesterday morn-
ing. The contingent was accompanied
by W. H. Patton, Belleville, and Messrs.
Chapman and Marshall of Ingersoll.
The full strength of the battery, 132,
will be secured without trouble.

Brilliant Headlight.

Mrs. Fender—Though it is an lucky
night I know you were coming up
the walk. I saw the end of your
car going in the darkness.
Mrs. Fender—Then it must have
been the end of your nose I saw.

The Weather.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Forecasters to 8 a.
m. Wednesday: Fresh to strong west-
erly winds; mostly fair and cold; snow
drifts.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 25.—Atlantic Air New York from
Glasgow; Hamilton at Halifax from
Portland; Halifax City at Halifax
from London; Massman at New York
from Rotterdam; Rhinland at Phila-
delphia from Liverpool; Scania at
Liverpool from Liverpool; Tainui at
Glasgow from New York.

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War Eagle

Montreal & London

Payne Mining Co.

Virgo

Commercial Bank

Highland

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