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fare.
"Oh never mind. I'll give you a
fare. Where do you live?"
"Lincoln, Nebraska, ma'am."

THE LADY COW.
(Harper's Weekly.)

Marjorie was on a visit to her grand-
parents on the farm, and her enjoy-
ment of country life was somewhat
marred by the apprehension of being
harmed by the cows. One day her
mother asked her to run to the barn
and call grandpa to dinner. She
started, but spying a cow in the lot,
one of the moody kind, ran back,
crying, "Oh, mamma, there's a cow
out there!"
After a glance out of the window
at the meek looking bovine her mother
said:
"Why, Marjorie, that's a moody
cow. She can't harm you, for she
hasn't any horns."
"But, mamma," exclaimed the child
"she might butt me with her pompa-
dour!"

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 5, 1907.

THE WORST YET.

A number of St. John aldermen yester-
day voted down the new assessment
law, and thus placed themselves in
such a position that the only fitting
return for their action will be over-
whelming defeat at the next election.
But to guard against this several of
them supported the change to the
ward system, a measure calculated to
make their success in April more easy.
Ald. McGoldrick, one of those brilliant
lights who opposed the assessment bill
and favored the ward system, declared
that the aldermen at present are work-
ing too hard and do not receive enough
money. In any other place he would
receive \$4,000 for his services. It might
pay the city to give Ald. McGoldrick
and those like him such a salary as
he speaks of if they would consent to
keep out of civic business. A bunch
of representatives, the majority of
whom have never given any particular
thought to the subject, and who in or-
der to mitigate existing evils selected
three intelligent business men to do
the thinking for them, were presented
with a carefully prepared report con-
taining a reasonable suggestion for a
new system of taxation. There are
weak points in this bill,—there never
was a plan of assessment without its
weakness,—but it is generations in ad-
vance of the present abominable ar-
rangement. However, fearing that the
burden, being equitably distributed,
might bear a little more heavily on
certain favored classes, they threw out
the results achieved after close inves-
tigation by disinterested men.
There are some thousands of electors
in St. John who belong to the working
classes. These would do well to remem-
ber in April next the names of the al-
dermen who have prevented the pass-
ing of an act granting exemption on
small incomes. The longshoreman earn-
ing \$50 per year will be called upon
to pay \$12 or \$13 in taxes may,
when handing over ten days wages,
recall that he is doing so on account
of the action of Ald. Rowan, Lantulum,
McGoldrick, Lockhart, Sproul, Van-
wart, Lewis and Tilley. The recollec-
tion will, perhaps, influence him in
casting his vote.

THE WINTER IN THE WEST.

All those New Brunswickers and
other easterners who last summer
thought of moving to Western Canada
and who fortunately did not do so,
should now be shaking their own hands
and congratulating themselves on their
good judgment. They are the lucky
ones, while it is safe to say that the
great majority of those who left com-
fortable homes to make fortunes in
Alberta and Saskatchewan are now
feeling that they don't care a hang for
money but would be glad to sit in front
of a fire which need not be kept down
through scarcity of fuel; to know that
their cattle and horses are safe in
warm barns with plenty of feed; and
to realize that they themselves are
within reach of all ordinary comforts.
The present winter in the west is the
most severe in a generation, according
to all accounts, and many settlers who
only a few months ago considered
themselves well along the road to
wealth will in the spring find that they
are compelled to make fresh starts.
The bitterness of a prairie storm can
only be realized by those who have
experienced it. True the cold, on ac-
count of the dryness of the atmosphere,
is not so piercing as in the Atlantic
provinces, but the frost does its work
just as effectively. If a man goes out
for five minutes in the spring here
it takes him an hour to get warm. In
Saskatchewan he may stay out for an
hour and be warm in five minutes, be-
cause the cold does not seem to pene-
trate to the marrow as it does here.
But let him sit down in ten below in
the west and he will freeze just as
quickly as in the east.
Providence tempers the wind to the
shorn lamb, and also the tender
easterner. In the west after the mer-
cury gets more than twenty below zero
there is very seldom any breeze. In such
bitter cold and with a wind, no one
could live, but even thirty and thirty-
five can be borne when the weather is
calm. It is, however, the compara-
tively higher temperatures which bring
the suffering; ten below zero with a
forty mile wind, and sometimes accom-
panied by snow, is the stiffest propo-
sition anyone could face, and in the west
this winter there has been a succession
of such storms. The suffering caused
by the unusually severe weather will
never be told; the loss to settlers must
amount to an enormous sum and the
railways are struggling in what seems
a hopeless task of keeping the lines
clear.
Climate conditions vary greatly in
different sections. At Regina the snow
is deep all winter; at Medicine Hat only
a couple of hundred miles further
west and in practically the same lati-
tude cattle are on the ranges all the
season, finding through the light snow
sufficient grass to keep them in good

condition. But, when the snow is
deeper than usual, when the chinook
winds sweeping eastward through the
mountains melt this in a few hours,
and when immediately afterwards a
wave of zero temperature again trans-
forms the water into a sheet of ice
through which it is impossible to reach
the grass, the cattle are left to starve.
Farmers are not, as a rule, prepared to
feed their herds during the winter; they
have neither barns nor hay sufficient
for all, and in exceptional conditions
such as prevail at the present time they
are wholly at the mercy of the weather.
Nor, in many cases, do the people
themselves enjoy any too great a mea-
sure of comfort. Even at this date it
is difficult for a new settler to secure
the material, lumber and such like,
necessary for the construction of a
proper home, and in numbers of cases
even though the farmers are well to
do, their habitations for the first year
or so are of mud. This being so, they
are necessarily small, and where a
family is crowded indoors during a
large part of the season this confine-
ment is most inconvenient.

THE SINGER AT PLAY.

I.
Little boy, unconsciously singing at
your play,
While the rain drips from the eaves all
the dismal day,
May you in the years to come still
impart the cheer
That your song is spreading now while
the day is drear.

II.
Little boy, you sing away, free from
every care,
While your block-built castles rise
proudly in the air;
While the rain rolls down the pane and
the branches drip,
Joy is in your heart and song still is
on your lip.

III.
Little boy, I think that God, in His
loving way,
When He found that there must oft
come a dismal day,
Gave to men the gift of song so they
might have cheer
Even though the boughs hung low and
the world was drear.

IV.
Little boy, we soon forget in the lasting
stress
How to sing away the world's heavy
load,
May you still when manhood's cares
have been heaped on you,
Sing away unconsciously at the work
you do.

A SCHOOL FOR DRIVERS.

A shrewd trainer once remarked that
he had often seen a \$10,000 horse en-
trusted to a groom whom the owner of
the horse would not have trusted with
a \$10 bill, says the Boston Transcript.
Draught horses are now very costly, a
good pair costing from \$200 to \$300,
even more, according to their weight,
beauty and so forth; and yet we often
see them driven by a man who is not
fit to be trusted with a mule. A school for
driving has lately been started in Paris,
especially for the benefit of cab drivers,
and in Chicago a firm using some hun-
dreds of horses is giving this winter a
series of lectures or instructions to its
teamsters. The truckmen and con-
tractors of Boston would do well to
advise the city to adopt some similar plan.
Even the carelesslest of drivers, multi-
ply the number of living sisters, and the
left will show the number of living
brothers. Try it and see.

LOOKING OUT FOR THE FUTURE.

A young member of a Sunday-school
has solicited recruits to her class,
and called upon a newly-married couple
who had moved near her home. After
a few pleasant remarks of a general
character, she said:
"I am trying to get new scholars for
our Sunday-school. Will you send
your children?"
She was much disappointed when told
that the lady had none, but in a mo-
ment her face brightened and she
asked:
"Will you send them when you do
"ave them?"

A MATHEMATICAL QUIB.

The Kansas City Journal propounds
this puzzle:—Take the number of your
living brothers, double the amount, add
to it 3, multiply by 5, add to it the
number of your living sisters, multiply
the result by 10, add the number of
deaths of brothers and subtract 150
from the result. The right figure will
be the number of living sisters, and the
left will show the number of living
brothers. Try it and see.

INFALLIBLE.

Lawson—But I tell you he sent a
Kestuckian, no matter what he says.
Dawson—How do you know?
Lawson—Why, the corkerew in his
knife is rusty.

GUINING HIM.

"He wanted me to order a basket of
champagne," declared indignant Mr.
Nurth. "Well?" "I may be ignor-
ant, but I know that champagne comes
in bottles."

AN EFFECTIVE QUIETUS.

Wagner's dog was buried with him.
No doubt Wagner's friends thought
that as he was a composer this was the
best way to quiet the dog.

THE REASON.

In a Fifth Avenue Sunday-school,
Teacher: "Why must we always be
kind to the poor, Ethel?"
Ethel (slightly mixed) — "Because
amongst the sundry and manifold
changes of this wicked world we don't
know how soon they may become rich."

TO PHYLLIS.

I ask not for a lock of hair,
O Phyllis, ere you go away,
Nor kiss to lighten my despair;
But, Phyllis, grant me this, I pray—
Don't leave until the new cock's here,
O Phyllis!

Have pity on our emptiness—O fill us!

SO MANY ARE.

"Bregley was boasting today about
the air-ship he has invented. Know
anything about it?"
"Well, judging by Bregley's past per-
formance, I am inclined to think it is
a hot-air ship."

**ARE MORE READY
TO USE PISTOLS**

**Growing Tendency Shown by
Recent Crimes in Britain**

**Inferences Drawn From Murder of Mr.
Whitely Following a Long Series
of Similar Outrages.**

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The murder of the
well-known merchant, Mr. Whitely, a
few days ago, coming on top of a long
series of revolver crimes, calls atten-
tion to what seems to be a growing
tendency in England to resort to the
pistol for purposes of revenge and the
indulgence of other violent impulses.
The tendency of the age, it is contend-
ed, is undoubtedly towards quick de-
cisions. The old-time deliberate, non-
impulsive habit of the Briton has been
influenced by the restless energy of the
day. In badly balanced minds the sense
of proportion is lost in the need of
instant action.

Many deeds of violence have been re-
ported which never would have taken
place if the perpetrator had had pa-
tience to calmly consider whether or
not his method of righting his wrong,
real or fancied, was in proportion to
the offence. In many murder cases
tried recently it has been shown that
the deed had not been deliberately
premeditated. The murderer seems to
have provided himself with a pistol to
produce a license for any emergency,
just in the way an Italian seems to
carry a stiletto. If it is true that this
sort of use of the revolver is becoming
a craze, as some infer, it is a curious
sequel to the law passed in 1892 requir-
ing the intending buyer of a pistol to
produce a license for the inspection of
the seller, who is himself compelled to
keep a careful record of his sales.

Enquiries of many gunsmiths show
that since the law became effective the
sale of revolvers has fallen off by at
least two-thirds. Undoubtedly the law
has resulted in lessening reckless
shootings by hoodlums in large
cities, but apparently it has not checked
suicides and passion-impelled crimes.
An interesting theory is that it is gen-
erally the country-bred man who uses
a revolver to injure a person or destroy
life, while the pure-bred townsman,
unfamiliar with firearms in any shape,
prefers a knife or poison. The man
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tomed to the use of firearms or to see-
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DEATHS.

LENIHAN—On February 3rd, at the
residence of Mrs. Lenihan, 214
Queen street, John Lenihan, in
the seventy-third year of his age.
Funeral notices hereafter.

FOULMER—Suddenly at 31 Goodrich
street, on February 2nd, Joseph Foul-
mer, aged 84 years.

Funeral from St. Paul's church today
at 2:30 o'clock.
PALMER—On Sunday, February 3rd,
George S. Palmer, youngest son of
Adin L. and the late Charles A. Pal-
mer, barrister, aged 29 years. A
mother and brother survive.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon, Feb.
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dence of F. E. Palmer, 29 Queen
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SINCLAIR MCKIEL

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—Lady Grenfell,
eldest daughter of Lord and Lady
Grey, died at Government House about
midnight. She was suffering from
typhoid, but was said to be recovering
when she took a relapse.

**ASSESSMENT BILL OUT;
WARD SYSTEM FAVORED**

The new assessment act will not be
sent to Fredericton. This was decid-
ed at a meeting of the common coun-
cil yesterday afternoon. As a result,
the act extended over the city, which
has practically been wasted for the
time being and assessment reform is
as far away as ever.

A discussion took place over the re-
port of the safety board. Ald. Pickett
thought that an electric wire inspec-
tor should be appointed. He also
thought that the fire underwriters
should pay half of his salary, as his
work would benefit them in no slight
degree. The chief duty of the inspec-
tor would be to superintend the wiring
of all new buildings erected. The
matter was referred to the bills and
by-laws committee.

It was decided that a telephone
should be installed in the police court
room.

The water and sewerage board's re-
port was adopted.
A communication from the special
committee on the nationalization of
the port was read. It suggested that
the mayor, with a delegation selected
from the council and the board of
trade, be sent to Ottawa to urge upon
the government the necessity of more
harbor improvements.

Ald. Bullock moved that five mem-
bers from the council be chosen to go
to Ottawa. This delegation could
choose several from outside bodies to
accompany them. This motion was
carried.

Ald. Vanwart rose and mentioned
that at a previous meeting the ward
system was approved, and also the
new assessment act. There was only
a quorum present. He read the fol-
lowing statement:

On Monday, January 28th last, a spe-
cial meeting of the Common Council
was called to consider the bills and
by-laws, and take up the business of
the city in general. This meeting was
adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock in the
afternoon of the next day. No notice
had been sent out and the result was
that only a few aldermen were pre-
sent.

When the time came to open the
meeting, His Worship the Mayor left
the room and went up stairs, he said,
to attend to some other business. The
meeting was then called to order with
Deputy Mayor Tilley in the chair. The
few who were present were as follows:
Ald. Baxter, Bullock, Rowan, Christie,
McGoldrick, Lantulum, Sproule and
Vanwart. After the meeting was cal-
led to order Ald. Baxter made the fol-
lowing motion:

"Your committee recommended that
a bill be prepared and forwarded to
the legislature for enactment to pro-
vide that the present system of repre-
sentation in the Common Council be
abolished, and that instead thereof one
alderman be elected for each ward in
the city by the votes of such ward-
men as are present at a public meeting
of the whole of the voters."
I felt that this was a very im-
portant question, and one
which should not have been carried by
a snap vote. Some of the aldermen
had not been properly notified, and
but few. It is my opinion that it is
not fair that in a city of 50,000 inhabi-
tants, five men should make such a
great change in the system of repre-
sentation. I then said that if the mo-
tion was put with so few members
present I should not vote, and should
leave the room. Ald. Willet said that
he was not in favor of the act, but

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to decide, and not to half a dozen alder-
men.

7. That at least two-thirds of the
aldermen should vote in favor of so
important a question before the same
should be carried. If carried at all,
Ald. Vanwart moved that the matter
be reconsidered.

Ald. Baxter stated that no notices
were sent out for the adjourned meet-
ing, referred to by Ald. Vanwart.
Ald. Baxter and other aldermen re-
lied at some length to this statement.

A long discussion followed, after
which it was decided to take a vote in
connection with the ward system and
the new assessment act.

The ward system bill was carried by
the following vote:—
For—Baxter, Pickett, Rowan, Chris-
tie, Willet, Lantulum, McGoldrick, Bul-
lock and Lockhart—9.

Nay—Sproul, Vanwart, Lewis and
Tilley—4.

The assessment bill was thrown out,
the decision being as follows:—
For—Pickett, Christie, Baxter, Wil-
lett, Bullock—5.

Against—McGoldrick, Lantulum, Van-
wart, Sproul, Tilley, Lockhart, Rowan
and Lewis—8.

MONUMENT FUND.
Mayor Grey spoke of the condition
of the Champlain monument fund. The
Dominion government had acted very
generously, and he thought that the
city should also contribute.

Ald. Bullock moved that a grant of
\$1,000 be made.
Ald. Lockhart moved as an amend-
ment that it should be referred to the
Treasury Board and that they should
agree what the city should contribute
and should also find out what action
the local government is going to take.
The amendment was carried.

**MOTHER FEEDS BABY
TO A HUNGRY BEAR**

AFTON, Va., Feb. 4.—Mrs. James
Ingram, wife of a young farmer, lost
her infant in a frightful manner yester-
day. She had agreed to meet her hus-
band at dusk at a fence near the
woods, to go to a dance at a neighbor's
house.

When the young woman reached the
fence she saw a figure dimly outlined
on the side. Believing it to be her
husband she handed the child over as
she climbed the lower panel.

To her amazement, the figure disap-
peared without a word, taking the
baby with him. Frantic with fear, she
called her husband, whom she saw
coming toward the fence. The alarm
was given, but nothing could be found
except the tracks of an immense bear
leading to the mountain. There is no
doubt but that the infant was de-
voured by the hungry animal.

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