about 11.30 this morning in of Main street. led the fire spread with a's store, McKenna Bros, A. McLean's large store. ware store, J. E. O'Brien's s store and the G. N. W

asking help, which was with twenty-five men ar-

e. \$10,000.

5 cents per hour and fitters, 22, 24 and 26 cents n, 30 cents per hour. ters, 26 cents per hour. carpenters, 21 cents per hour. ers, 25 and 26 cents per hour,

s, 20 and 25 cents per hour, achelpers, 18 cents per hour 22 to 25 cents per hour. helpers, 15 to 17 cents per hour. helpers, 18 cents per hour. ers, 16 cents per hour. wipers, 14 cents per hour. an, 25 cents per hour man, 20 cents per hour. foreman, 30 cents per hour.

foreman, 20 cents per hour. n. 15 to 16 cents per hour iters, 20 cents per hour. ters, 20 cents per hour. rs, 18 cents per hour. n, \$80 per month. eer, \$60 per month. Mulgrave and Pt. Tupper. 15 (male), 15 cents per hour

tinsmiths, 20 to 25 cents per se foreman, \$80 per mo ise porter, 16 cents per hour an, 15 per cent increase \$45 per month. , \$45 per month.

(female), \$1 per day.

very checker, \$50 per month. llers, 20 cents per hour.

nspectors, 18 cents per hour. KED UP AT SEA.

OLA, Ria., Dec. 14.—The ner Stanfield, Capt. Hambndon, which entered today. on Nov. 26, in tat \$7.68 26.17 west, she sighted the Vega, bound from Penpa na. The ship was fring als, and Captain Ho at and went to her. The that he found the ship sly about there being rd capable of navigating

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AMHERST'S

List of N. B. Gattle Prize Winners Up to Date.

A Capital Fruit Exhibit Made by George L. McAlpine of Gagetown. Queens Co., N. B.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 16.-A magnificent audience greeted last evening's programme at the winter fair. Standing room only was the condition in the large auditorium. W. S. Spark of Canterbury, England, spoke upon the breeding and rearing of hunters, driving horses and polo ponys, illustrating his talk with stereopticon views.

Hon. John Dryden of Ontario, min ister of agriculture, spoke upon the value of the winter fair. Dr. James Mills, president of the agricultural college, Guelph, spoke on our farmers' boys; Prof. Sears of Wolfville, N. S., upon the care of an orchard, and Dun-can Anderson of Rugby, Ont., on

The following are the awards for cattle given New Brunswick exhibitors during the day: Shorthorns, cow, 2 years old - 2nd

Special prizes by Dominion Short-horn Breeders' Association: Grade female sired by Shorthorn bull—2nd

Barnes, West Sackville. Grade steer, under 1 year—6th prize, R. C. Colpitts, Forest Glen. Grade steer, 1 year old-3rd, W. E.

Grade steer, under 1 year-6th, R. C. Colpitts, Forest Glen. Grade cow, 3 years old and unwards -3rd, Bliss M. Fawcett, Sackville; 6th, B. M. Fawcett. Sackville.

Grade heifer, 2 years old-3rd, Rupert Etter, Westmorland Point. Grade heifer, 1 year old-1st, Hazen Etter, Westmorland Point. Grade heifer, under 1 year-3rd, Har-

old Etter, Westmorland Point.

Dairy test, Holstein cow-2nd prize, Chamcook Sheep Co., St. Andrews.
The fruit exhibit by Geo. L. McAlpine of Gagetown, Queens Co., N. B., was said by the judges to contain some of the best samples of apples in the

FO'C'SLE GROWL

ON THE CARIB II.

Signed for "Full and Plenty," Says Jack, but Had to Whack Up With Ship's Cats.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-"It was all right until we was coming home again and the old man left the last port short of provisions." said John Pine. a gnarled and well-seasoned able seaman of the sch. Carib II., which arrived from Central America the day be-

"There was not enough tobacco to Porto Cortez, but the captain bought a little there and it done us all right to Truxillo. At Truxillo the steward distinctly tells the captain he did not have enough provisions for the trip. out the old man says, 'If we don't have a biscuit on board we will go home without nothing.' So finally the captain buys a couple of bushels of spuds half of them as was rotten, and some

"We signed for 'full and plenty' aboard that vessel, but from Hatteras It was bad weather right down. It was all head winds we had, and the old man stopped one thing after another on us until finally we got little or no-

"Eight days before we put into Gloucester Co., and for rebuilding Hampton Roads for more rations, they Fraser's Mill bridge, by-road, parish of fed us on what I called only one meal

grinding.

It won't chop wood

other foods, and

them all rapidly, easily, coarse or fine, in uniform

pieces, without mashing, squeezing, tearing or

W. H. Thorne @ Co., Limited,

but Sargent's Gem Food Chopper will

'chop raw meat, cooked meat, vege-

tables of all kinds, fruit, crackers,

bread, eggs, cheese, nuts, figs and

It will chop

a day. There was one pound of beef in a small tin, a small tin of beans and two tins of clams for four hands in the the fo'c'sle, but the old man had stopped the steward's hash for 'running the schooner short," and so the four hands had to whack up with the steward and two cats as wouldn't eat no bread.

"The steward, he was falling to pleces' for lack of grub. So we 'picked him up' as reasonably as we could, giving him part of our hash as far as

"At least, the worst part of it was the fo'c'sle, for it swamped us out properly on account of bad weather. Clothes, papers, discharges, books and all the small articles we possessed got adrift, and we had to turn in in the half deck house.

"There is a peculiarity about that fo'c'sle. A fo'c'sle usually has a hole for leaving out the water, but this here one has about one hundred holes for leaving the water in and none for leaving it out."

At Pier 1, Empire Stores, Brooklyn

where the Carib II. was docked, Capt. Martineau was ashore yesterday, and the pier watchman said she was to go out with a new skipper.

\$80,000,000 ESTATE.

The Possible Issue of an Eight Year

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16 .- In order to carefully guard the rights of the possible issue of an eight-year-old boy, Judge Livingston W. Cleveland, in the probate court today reserved his New Haven, to have been the place of Mr. Plant's legal residence at the shorthorns, cow, 2 years old—2nd time of his death in New York in 1899. Prize, Geo. A. Fawcett, Upper Sack-By the term of Mr. Plant's will, the major portion of his estate, which amounted at his death to \$17,000,000, was to be kept intact for several decades and be given in full to the unborn prize, Hazen Etter, Westmorland child of his infant grandson, Henry Point. being estimated at \$80,000,000.

It is said that one of the results of

the granting of the petition and the York would be the vitiating of the property of the packs were for the murderer. Before leaving the prison, Cashel made the necticut laws sanction them, and that the distribution of the estate be permitted.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 16.-According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Cantlago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were repu The government has advised all famiales is constantly expected at Santi-

DEATH AT CAPE BRETON. SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 16.—This after-noon James R. McDonald, the well-

known contractor died very suddenly at the residence of his sister. Mrs. Robert Watt, Glace Bay. Donald was a native of Pictou Co., and was seventy-one years of age. He has had many large contracts in rail roading and other works throughout Canada. He leaves a family, one of whom is Stanley McDonald, who is now completing his course in medicine in Dalhousie

D. R. Reid and Alex. J. McMillan appeared on the Rosslyn rink here to night for the championship of the maritime provinces. Reid secured two falls out of three and thus won the championship. About 500 saw the contest.

POOR SANTA. picture showing Santa Claus and his load of presents. "Why, this Claus person must belong to the same order of people as my mamma visits on her charitable excursions. If you can get his address, nurse, I will have papa circus outfit for an up-to-date auto or

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16 .- The department of public works is calling for enders for rebuilding Landry Bridge, by-road, parish of St. Isidore, Simonds, St. John Co.

Convicted of Murder, Broke His Way Out of Galgary Jail,

Millions of Ballots Printed at the Government Office The Result of Boston's Election So in Ottawa—An Official Highly Honored By the French Government.

port from Calgary regarding the es- today in the office of the minister of cape of Ernest Cashel states that on the evening the event occurred, Constable Piper property of the constable Piper property stable Piper, provost of the prison, and Bernier. The commissioners, who proceeded to search the prisoner's cell, were all in attendance, are: John Berthe prisoner being removed into the tram, Robert Reford and C. E. Fry. guard room temporarily, and being They had a talk with the ministers, seated on a bench facing the street. Who were invited to meet them, over Suddenly the prisoner covered Contables Piper, Leslie and Phillips with mission would undertake. Meetings two revolvers, drove them into the cells, and then locked them in. How decision on the petition of parties interested in the estate of the late millionaire Henry B. Plant, asking the court to declare New York, instead of that they might have been handed to the property of the meeting, said that the work of organization would take a couple of days. The commission was to be given a that they might have been handed the property of transportation from through the window of the guard room to him by some person in the street. the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is very Having-locked up his men, Cashel se-

the keys, undid his leg frons and walked out a free man. Cashel's brother
was arrested at 6.45, and when the
police took him he had shoomed. was arrested at 6.45, and when the police took him he had shoepacks in his possession and some cartridges. He formed through the French consul at Montreal that the French government when he was on his way to declared that he was on his way to Montreal that the French government the barracks to see Inspector Saun-

operating from the outside.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.-An official re- | The transportation commission met hereafter will likely be open to the whole question of transportation from

Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

All the ballots for the dominion election, numbering up into millions, have vision bequeathing the estate to the unborn child of the grandson, the laws of New York discountenancing such bequests in perpetuity, while Connecticut laws sanction them, and that the had a horse waiting been printed at the bureau, and are been printed at the bureau, and are been printed at the bureau, and are who were candidates is as follows: John A. Campbell, East Boston, common council, native of Pictou; Joseph work of his proter or same friend ing offices will fill in the names of men, native of New Bruncwick; Fred

SIR HENRY STRONG

The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morlies to leave the city. President Morlies is constantly expected at Senti-City of Ottawa.

> Tickets for toster's Greeting at the Capital on Monday Already Exhausted---The Picture Card Graze---Homeward Bound.

will receive a magnificent greeting desire to forward. from members of the Canadian Club "Pshaw!" sniffed the little son of the of Ottawa on Monday. Every ticket plutocrat, turning in disdain from the for the banquet was sold in a few mas holidays at Arthabascaville. hours, and hundreds are disappointed. A craze for picture post cards has developed to an enormous extent in early next week to spend the Christ-recent years, especially in Europe. mas holidays with his parents. Some manufacturing firms are turndesire to the extent of permitting half whom it is that the ex-chief justice of the address side to be used for com- fears. munications. Sir William Mulock has Canada, so that the left hand portion sion, and a Montr of the address side will be reserved for sistant secretary. the name and address and the right

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.-Geo. E. Foster; communication which the sender may It is denied that Laurier is going to California for his health. The prime minister intends spending his Christ-Lord Melgund, eldest son of the governor general, is expected from Eton sisting of F. W. Jones, Wallace Dow-

Sir Henry Strong, ex-chief justice of send him a check so that he may pro-cure some modern goods, have his is also growing in Canada. Often in Magistrate O'Keefe to carry revolvers. forwarding picture cards the sender He fears a personal attack upon him-desires to add a few words in the na-self, and has therefore made the ne-part of January. ture of a message and the British pos-tal authorities have conceded to this magistrate. People are wondering

E. N. Bell of Winnipeg, will be sect matters. decided to permit a similar practice in retary of the transportation commission, and a Montreal man will be as-Sir Fred. Borden, Jette and C. M.

hand portion the same side, for any Hays sailed for Canada yesterday.

COLOMBIANS READY FOR WAR. | probably destined to be used as a base Troops Moving Panama.

COLON, Dec. 17 .- The U. S. cruise Atlanta returned here last night from the Gulf of Darien. She discovered Dec. 15, a detachment of Colombian men, but according to their statements totalling 1,500 or 2,000 men at Titumati, on the western side of the gulf just and due east from Yaviza. The com- of Wm. Hickman, of Dorchester, which officer, who conversed with the Colom- this morning. Mr. Hickman was out

bians' commander. The latter protested energetically cold, from which pneumonia developagainst the presence of American war- ed. The deceased, who was about 8 ships in Colombian waters, inasmuch years old, leaves a wife, one sister, as war between Colombia and the U. Mrs. Wm. Weldon, of Moncton, and S. had not been declared, and politely one son, C. H. Hickman, of Dorchesrequested the Atlanta to leave the gulf because it belonged to Colombia. Com-mander Turner of the Atlanta ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to engaged in shipbuilding. He managed

with protective and strengthening world, measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's | "I am sick at heart over the women," landing party. The Colombian force said Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix in a recent was composed partly of the men land- serm

ed recently at the Atrato River by the | If Dr. Dix thinks he is the only ma Colombian cruisers Cartagena and Gen. who is or ever was afflicted in that The Colombian camp appeared to be to take a course in the study of huanent, was well provisioned and man nature.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Gen. Ortiz and others freely express ed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case Gen. Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

OLD SHIP BUILDER DEAD.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17 .- Many friends in different parts of the provnorth of the mouth of the Atrato River ince will regret to learn of the death mander of the Atlanta sent ashore an occurred at that place at five o'clock in the rain last Saturday and took Colon to report to Rear Admiral Cogh- his own vessels, and in the old days of wooden ships the Hickman fleet was The Colombians are clearly busy known in almost every port of the

ONE OF MANY.

way we would respectfully advise him

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

cialists Were Elected in Boston.

giance to the United States.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Complete returns from the city election show that out of 13 former provincialists who were candidates for office all were unlucky but four. The successful ones were Edwin T. McKnight, Gilbert M. Stalker, Fred P. Warner and William A. H. Crowley, all candidates for the coma New Brunswicker. Warner is a na-

The defeat of Dr. W. H. Ruddick, a board and the other provincialists, most of whom are republicans, was largely due to the democratic landslide and republican apathy.

Many of the native Bostonians elected have bad political records, two of them having been convicted in court and one expelled from the legislature. The full list of former provincialists men, native of New Bruncwick; Fred P. Warner, Roxbury, common council formerly of Digby; Francis A. King, New Brunswick; John E. Crook, West Roxbury, common council, native of Nova Scotia; Edwin T. McKnight Roxbury, common council, formerly of Fredericton; William M. Grant, Boston, common council, native of Canada; William A. H. Crowley, Boston, common council, native of New Bruns-wick; Jonathan B. Felt, Charlestown, common council, native of Nova Sco-tia; Dr. William H. Ruddick, South ton, school board, formerly of St. John; William H. Carroll, socialist candidate for mayor, formerly of New Henry S. Clark De ter, board of aldermen, formerly of

NEW YORK.

Executive Committee of the Canadian Society—General News Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- The executive arranged for a series of informal Canduring the present winter. The first vinces one and will be held at the and is in charge of a committee of Second Gilbert M. Edgett, 'Dr. F. W. Burgess and Nelson W. Dingwall. The nual dinner to be held in the latter

There is a rumor current in Cana journal will be started here early in the new year dealing with Canadian Among the Canadian visitors to the

eral Pugsley of New Brunswick. In shipping circles it is said that the thanks, which was seconded, and when new canal to the great lakes will di- put to the audience by the Rev. R. J. vert practically all the grain exports Languerd, chairman, was carried by a from Montreal, St. John and other Canadian ports, as well as Boston and Portland, to this port. Shipping men are anxious that the work should be pushed without delay, but it is probable that the undertaking will be delayed until it can be made useful in

DECLINED CALL TO ST. JOHN.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 17.-A message was received here from Rev. Gordon Dickie, who has just been tendered a church. St. John, that he had declinceptance of the pastorate at Little Bras D'Or in Cape Breton. St. Andrew's offered seven hundred more salary. Apparently Mr. Dickie prefers a country charge to a city with a large

OF HEART FAILURE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.-Judge Jonas Hutchinson of the superior court, died today of heart failure. He was elected to the bench as the successor of the late Governor Altgeld and previously was corporation counsel of the city of Chicago. Judge Hutchinson was born in Milford, N. H., in 1840.

HAS RESIGNED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—A. Williams, superintendent of the rolling stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has re-

MILLIONS SHORT.

Only Four Former Provin- Why the Grand Trunk Can't Nephew of Hon. Joseph Put Up Its Securities.

to Meet Another Session of

Parliament.

Far as It Affected British Subjects Who Had Taken the Oath of Alle-

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 .- Negotiations beputting up five millions in cash or "apreason that enterprise has been over-Crowley, all candidates for the common council. McKnight is a former tion. The Grand Trunk Railway Co. resident of Fredericton, a graduate of it is said, has had to come to the assistance of the G. T. P. and securities to the public. Whether, Mr. Chamberlain has any of the intelweighted by the Quebec-Moncton sec-New Brunswick. He has previously aggregating in value five million dolserved in the council. Crowley is also lars have been deposited, which, while not coming within the statute, are, it a New Brunswicker. Warner is a native of Digby, N. S., and Stalker is also a Nova Scotian. McKnight and Warner are both from ward 21, Roxthe act next session recognizing these the act next session recognizing these England's greatest secretary for the native of St. John, for the school hitch has created much annoyance in government circles, and the ministers

> open the question in parliament. there is no other alternative. GOURLEY, M. P., SAYS VICTORY. Prospects for Conservatives in Every Province Brighter Than for

Many Years. (St. John Star.) Seymour Gourley, M. P. for Colches-

do not like the idea of having to re-

ter, came to the city today from Mon-treal, where he has been during the east eight days. Mr. Gourley is full of bright hopes for the result of the coming election and believes the conservative will go into power with a good majorty. He says, "In the Montreal district that there is a feeling that the government is going out. Public op-inion favors the conservatives, and this is due to a certain extent to the feeling that Montreal is being sidetracked by the G. T. P. scheme. Throughout the whole province of Quebec, I am told, that feeling is now for the first time that feeling is now, for the first time in six or seven years, turning towards the conservatives.

"In conversation with N. W. Boyd, of McDonald, Man., and Hon. M. Hall, of Calgary, I was informed that the west is solid and that the conservatives will sweep it from the coast to Lake Su-

"Mr. Barker, M. P. for Hamilton, assured me that the prospects in Ontario were never brighter. In my own county of Colchester it is conceded that the result is only a question of size of majority. In Nova Scotia, as a whole, the tide is setting strongly with us. In Cape Breton and Pictou and Cumber-land counties the labor difficulties will give the conservatives all the seats Mr. Borden and his colleague will carry Halifax, and the shore countie eretofore liberal, will probably go

against the present government "During the past day or two the impression has been gaining ground in Montreal that the election will be postponed until after another session been held, but in any event it will come quite early in the spring, and the work of organization should not be allowed to lag. My own personal opinion is that the election will be brought on at once."

ST. ANDREWS.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Dec. 16 .- The lecture—subject, A. D. 3,000—delivered last evening in Memorial hall by the Rev. Dean Partridge, was most attenwas not as large as the merit of the city this week has been Attorney Gen- lecture was entitled to. At its conclusion Judge Cockburn moved a vote of hearty, unanimous yea. Before the lecturer commenced, Dr. Fletcher Maloney, cornet, and Miss Margaret Maloney treated the audience to a duet. After the close of the lecture Mrs.Chas. (Dr.) Kennedy, banjo, and Miss Maloney, played with taste and expression the presidential campaign of next year.

a duet, which was aplauded with an encore to which the ladies gracefully responded. Dr. Maloney and Miss Maloney next favored the company with a cornet and piano duet, and in response to an encore that would brook no refusal, played another selection The annual closing exercises of the public schools before the Christmas holidays was begun this afternoon at the primary school. Miss Worral conducting. A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils were present, mostly ladies.

NOTED NOVA SCOTIAN DEAD.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17 .- Lieut. Col. Wm. Oxley, of the 93rd Cumber-land Regiment, died at the Victoria General Hospital today after an operation for stomach trouble. The deceased lived in Oxford. He was the foundr of the Oxford woollen mills and one of the most prominent men in the prorince. He was sixty-four years

age. The crew of the lightship Lurche left her here today, on account, they

Wages range very low in Spain Farm laborers get \$1.50 a week. Wocents for ten hours' work.

Chamberlain

And Why the Government Trembles Arrived in the city Wednesday at Noon From the West and Gloseted Himself in His Hotel.

A. Chamberlain of Birmingham, Engtween the government and the Grand land, a nephew of the Hon. Joseph Trunk Pacific promoters which have Chamberlain, whose inter-preferential been conducted at long range for many trade policy is now engrossing the atdays, are practically at an end, and tention of the world, particularly that Hays is now on his way back to Can- of the British empire, arrived in the ada. Promoters have found it absocity Wednesday via the C. P. R. from lutely impossible to meet the requirements of the act of parliament in Efforts were made by representatives proved government securities," partly of the press and Geo. Robertson, M. on account of depressed condition of P. P., to interview Mr. Chamberlain, the money market, but chiefly for the but he declined, saying that he was in Canada on a purely business trip, and lectual traits of his distinguished kinsman may not be known by the public,

MONCTON NEWS.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 16.-A. delegation of the I. C. R. machinists is in the city preparing a new wage sche-dule and will tomorrow have a consultation with General Manager Pottinger. The delegation is composed of Messrs. M. J. Menchley, Levis; S. R. MacDonald, River du Loup; C. C. Johnson and S. H. Cook, Campbellton;

S. Sands, C. Blakney, F. Rowe, and J. B. McLaren, Moncton. Hon. & J. LeBlanc, M. P., Kent, was in town today on his way to Ottawa. He said his mission was to see about some mail contracts and new post offices in his county. When in Moncton two or three weeks ago LeBland thought there would be another session before election. He met Mr. Blair when the latter was on his way to Ottawa eight or ten days ago and now thinks there will be an election sure. He says Blair is helping the liberals, but.

will not be mean toate again.

James Flavin, who formerly drove a truck in Moncton, reached town yes-terday from the north with both feet badly frozen. He says he was lost two days and nights in the lumber woods near Campbellton and almost

William Ayer, a man about 70 years of age, while crossing the river at Buctouche yesterday, to go to his home, went through the ice in the channel and narrowly escaped drown. ing. He held onto the ice till parties reached him from the shore and recove ered him with ropes. He was nearly

vived. The str. Stanley has gone on the route between Summerside and Cape

Rhetorical Exhibition at Acadia Col-

WOLFVILLE AND ACADIA

lege-Close of the Term. WOLFVILLE, Dec. 16,-Tuesday was Junior Day at old Acadia and the colors of the class, green and white, were very much in evidence. The class flag was displayed during the day from the college flag-staff, and college hall was decorated with their colors, long, graceful festoons of white bunting and green ropes of spruce and hemlock producing quite an artistic effect. The junior class numbers 35, and all these

to deliver orations, according to the following programme: Processional-"Marche aux Flambeaux

prepared essays. Five were selected

Address—Chamberlain's View of Preferen Tariff. J. Milton Simpson, Belmont, P. E. I. Vocal Solo—(a) "The Angel at the Windon Deschold To (b) "The Mesage of the Violet-Gustav Luders," Mise Nora E. Shand. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"GOD SAVE THE KING." companists—Miss Louise T. Churchill, George Pratt Maxim. Dr. Trotter presided, and the faculty ccupied the platform.

The delivering of these essays was exceptionally good. The enunciation was distinct, the voices clear and of good carrying power, and the stage presence admirable. The matter was a happy combination of science, literature and the live questions of the day, and the treatment was quite mature and philosophical.

The music added materially to the

pleasures of the evening, and the old favorites, Miss Shand and Miss Murray, were very welcome to a Wolfvilla

All the institutions are entering upon their Christmas holidays. JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

"Papa," asked the little son of the oard of trade man, "are you a bull or "I'm a bull, just now."

"There! I told mamma she was mistaken when she said you was an old ing."-Chicago Record-Herald.