

## Mother! If Child's Tongue Is Coated

If cross, feverish, constipated, bilious, stomach sour, give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. For the "California Fig Syrup/Com-look carefully and see that it is made pans." Don't be fooled!

## A Railroad Drama

AT THE CRESCENT.

The week end bill at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and to-morrow evening promises to eclipse that of any former bills at this popular theatre. The principal of five interesting pictures is "The Railroad Engineer," a spectacular, gripping drama of thrill and pathos. The marvellous child rescue by the engineer of a fast flying express is miraculous, and to be appreciated must be witnessed.

"Partners," another drama of mingling life. The third, "The Higher Law," a western drama that must certainly hold the interest of the spectators. The comedy also surpasses any seen in St. John's for sometime. "Miss Sharp and Miss Flat" is sufficient to create no small amount of amusement and of laughter. "Whose in the Box" gives splendid portrayal of Pearl White, the celebrated actress, who personates a female detective. Mr. David Parks, the popular baritone singer will be heard in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," a very pleasing and beautifully illustrated song. To-morrow evening a special matinee and an elaborate programme has been prepared for the ladies and children. Sessions: Afternoon, 2.30; evening, 7.15.

## The World's Best Stories.

### IT MIGHT BE EITHER

Mr. Pett Ridge, the well-known writer of sketches of London life, has been criticizing the sort of education that is given at present to working-class boys, and he is all in favor of giving each of them a sound training in some trade or other.

He recently gave an interesting address on the subject to a Working Men's College, and he remarked that he was not quite sure whether what he had to say was a lecture or a story. His uncertainty reminded him, he said, of the traveller who went to a refreshment room at a railway station notorious for its bad catering. "Will you have tea or coffee, sir?" asked the waiter.

"Don't tell me which it is," retorted the traveller, "just bring it to me, and let me guess!"

### ENTERPRISING NICODEMUS.

About this time of year the New Yorkers begin to look out for the annual "Hughes practical joke." Mr. Bryan Hughes is a wealthy oil tanker with a mania for practical joking, and once a year, about Christmas time, he explodes a practical joke on a large scale.

One year he bought a stray cat from a shoeblack for a few coppers, fed it up well, gave it the name of Nicodemus, wrote out a pedigree for it, dating back almost to the sacred time of the Pharaohs, and entered it in the big annual Cat Show in New York.

The judges were so impressed with the pedigree and the expensive paraphernalia with which Mr. Hughes had surrounded the cat, that they gave it the first prize in one of the male classes.

The real joke was that a few weeks later Nicodemus gave birth to a fine litter of kittens!

### THE TRIALS OF A HUMORIST.

Sir William Bailey, the famous engineer, who died at the Savoy Hotel the other day, was one of the promoters of the Manchester Ship Canal.

## Hymenal.

A very popular wedding was celebrated at Clarendville just a few days ago when Mr. Joseph Tilley and Miss Sybil Pearce were united in Holy Wedlock. Both the contracting parties are popular with the young people of Clarendville and they made it a time of great jubilation when the auspicious event materialized. The marriage was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Winsor who is the Methodist clergyman for that District. The party was very neatly attired, the bride wearing a dress of cream taffeta silk with a very pretty hat to match. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. From the church the party returned to the home of Mr. Walter Tilley where a large number of friends and relatives were abundantly served with refreshments under the superintendence of Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Ronald Tilley. The bridesmaids were Miss Elsie Harris and Miss Elfreda Short; bridesmaids, Mr. Brendon Tilley and Mr. Alex Pearce. We extend hearty congratulations.—Com.

## The Chains of an Oath

AT THE NICKEL THEATRE.

The great Vitagraph Co.'s sensational drama: "The Chains of an Oath," was shown at the Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon and last night to crowded houses. The attendance at the evening performance was very large proving that, in spite of the other amusements, the Nickel always attracts the crowd. "The Chains of an Oath" is a two reel story, the principal characters of which are taken by Edith Story, Earle Williams and William Humphries. It gave great satisfaction and caused much favourable comment. It is a film which everyone should see for themselves. "Captain Barnacle-Reformer" is also a clever drama by the Vitagraph players. "The Cowboy and the Baby" is a comedy which kept all in good spirits. Mr. Cameron sang "There's an Exhibition" in his own inimitable way.

## Whitelaw Reid Left \$1,398,884.

New York, January 3.—The estate left by Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador to Great Britain, and editor and part owner of the New York Tribune, was valued at \$1,398,884 in a report filed at White Plains to-day by the tax appraiser.

With the exception of \$58,590, the estate consists of personal property, made the inheritance of Mrs. Reid, the widow, and principal beneficiary, and is appraised at \$1,280,685.

## Black Duck Brook.

(PORT AU PORT.)

The weather up here have been very fine; we had a green Christmas and the old people say we are not going to have much frost or ice this winter.

The codfishery was, not good about here last summer, which was a great loss for the people, as the Atlantic Fish Co. started in to buy green fish for which they gave a good price, and the fishermen had a chance of earning good money without much expense, if the codfish had been plentiful.

The same company was buying fresh halibut and that was scarce also, the first time for many years, but they are going into the same business again next year when we all expect to do better.

Rev. Father Pineault has his sawmill going now for over two months, and every one is helping along with the logs for sawing lumber for the new church. Father Pineault has done a great lot of work since he came in here, but there is a lot more to be done, but when you have the good will of the people, a lot can be done in a short time.

We hear how a petition was started at Port au Port last fall to ask the Government to give the owners of the Wren, the contract for the Bay service for eight or nine years. Some people have a pretty big gall, for when it was only reported a few months ago that a petition was to be sent round to ask the Government to give the contract to the Abbott, Halliburton Co., there was quite a lot of talk by the very people who got up the petition for the Wren. I think the people on this shore should have the most to say about the Bay boat, and I think every truthful man will say, that although the Active was too small, she gave more satisfaction than any other boat we had yet. But why bother so much about a boat at all? Why not all hands work together for the railway to Port au Port? The money that has been already spent on subsidies and that will likely be spent for a few years yet, would more than pay interest on the cost of building a branch line from the Crossing to Port au Port.

We also heard lately of another petition being got up at Port au Port for a magistrate, who will be doctor too, and for around the peninsula as well. To us people, this seems to be a left-handed business. It is all right about having a magistrate, we think there should have been one on this side of the Bay years ago, and we hope that all hands will work for this too, but how a doctor stationed at Port au Port could attend his patients out here and around the Cape, and at the same time manage the business of a magistrate, is a thing that very few people can see. Suppose that this man is holding court at the Gravels, and a sick call came from Cape St. George, what is he to do, close the court right away, or send word to the sick person to hold on till court is over. We are going to have our own doctor out here, and there is already

a doctor at Port au Port, and where the room is for another no one seems to know. We hear the people of the Gravels turned down the petition, but we have heard that another one was sent out along the Cape.

—COR.  
Black Duck Brook, Jan. 3rd, '14.

## Healthy and Unhealthy Lighting.

Gas, it may be said, vitiates the atmosphere. True. But it also helps to purify it. Its purifying power is greater than its vitiating power. Electricity does not vitiate, nor does it purify. Hear what three eminent men have said:—

Much evidence has lately been adduced to show that gas is more useful than the electric light in promoting efficient ventilation of air. It is for this, amongst other reasons, that gas is being frequently substituted for the electric light. The latest example is, perhaps, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which has recently installed gas on its premises, after experience with the electric light.—Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry.

He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that had taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Duffield, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days, was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort, sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three hours' dinner, but which with the march of civilization, had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter being employed with all the latest refinements to effect the lighting under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a state little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Lewes, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—nov.11

LOADING AT GRAND BANK.—The schooner Little Gem is now at Grand Bank where she will load codfish for the European markets, at the premises of S. Harris.

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