

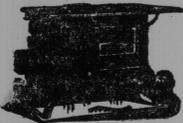
Smoking Jackets.

DOES HE SMOKE?—Whether he does or doesn't cuts little figure—there's nothing more acceptable in the way of holiday gifts than a smoking jacket, if he smokes, or a house coat if he doesn't.

Prices, \$3 to \$10.

A. GILMOUR, Fine Tailoring and Clothing 68 KING STREET. CLOSE AT 6.30; SATURDAY at 10.

Something New in St. John GRAND OPENING SALES.



The well known furniture dealer, E. Marcus, of 25 Dock street, has removed to his new premises, 30 Dock street.

BEDROOM SUITS, from \$10.50 to \$40.00. SIDE-BOARDS, from \$11.00 to \$50.00. PARLOR SUITS, from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

I have also a very fine line of odd and three piece suits at very low prices, and also a complete line of Brass and Enamel Bedsteads.

SPECIAL—I am offering my old stock below cost. This stock must be closed out. No such bargains were ever offered before. Help me to do this and you will greatly help your own pocket-book at the same time.

E. MARCUS, 30 Dock Street.

POSTERS ADVERTISED WEDDING. Whole Town Plastered by Friends of Couple, Much to Their Disgust. ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 2—James Willets Warner, of Brooklyn, and Miss Stella B. Upham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Upham, of 85 Ridge avenue, Athol, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. John W. Barker, pastor of the Second Unitarian church.

Agents Who Sell the Saint John 'Star.'

Table with columns for NAME and ADDRESS, listing various agents and their locations across different regions.

FRENCH TORTURE CHAMBER

Wierd Experience in an Electric Box—The Ruse of a Murderous Madman.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—A terrible experience almost worthy of attention among the fantastic stories of Edgar Allan Poe, happened yesterday afternoon to a travelling photographer named Abraham Frank, aged 36, in the suburban town of Montreuil.

In that place, in a temporary shed in the Rue Mandé, No. 10, there lives an eccentric individual named Arduin, an old soldier and a retired showman. He had dabbled much in electricity, and had fixed up in his shed a number of storage batteries.

He had known Frank for some years, and learning that he was on the fair ground on the Boulevard Richard Le Moine with his photographic booth, he called on him, and invited him to come and see an extraordinary photographic "trick" apparatus which he explained to him.

Thinking that he might see something that would be of interest to him in his profession, Frank agreed to go, and accompanied the old showman to his shanty.

He was shown a large black box, fitted up like a telephone box. It was built up on three sides, and on the fourth side was left open. In this box there hung a number of copper wires, with loops of brass for the hands and feet and a brass cap for the head.

After explaining the extraordinary effect that the apparatus would produce, Arduin told his visitor to try it for himself. Suspecting nothing, Frank stepped into the box and lifted his hands and feet into the loops and inserted his head in the brass cap.

Arduin went behind the box, and in an instant, before Frank knew what had happened, Arduin pulled all the loops so tight that he was unable to move.

"What are you doing? What are you doing? Let me go!" he shouted in great alarm, but he was unable to move hand or foot. But the old showman merely laughed boisterously.

Frank received a violent shock, and began to utter excruciating pain. He tried to scream, but was unable to utter a sound. His teeth chattered against each other, as though he suffered in the intense cold, but all he could do was to utter loud groans.

After a few moments a current was rushing through his body. After a quarter of an hour of intense agony, which seemed an eternity to the unfortunate Frank, the old showman disappeared. His eyes were in one hand he held an open razor and a small white jug and in the other a small pistol.

"You scoundrel, I have long waited for this opportunity," he said, "to be useful." "Your death will serve a scientific purpose," he said, "and I am going to open your veins and gather your electrified blood in this jug while the current is at full tension. Do not move, or you will be killed."

With a furious effort Frank wrenched one foot free and attempted to kick off the madman as he approached him to put the wire in his hand. He did so, but Frank overturned the box and fell with the madman under him. The shock of the fall was so great that he was unable to get up, and the photographer rushed to his aid.

A terrific struggle then followed between the two men. With the white jug in one hand and the pistol in the other, the madman was trying to force his way into the box, while Frank was trying to get out. The struggle was so violent that the madman was finally forced to retreat.

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RIVAL PREACHERS IN PULPIT.

Prayer and Praise in Conflict in Scotch Church.

GLASGOW, Dec. 1.—From far and near people flocked to the Dalkeith Evangelical Union church last Sunday in anticipation of the renewal of the previous Sunday's scenes.

They were not disappointed. When Rev. Robert Derrum Brown, the official pastor of the church, arrived he found his rival, the young preacher sent by the session from Edinburgh, seated in the pulpit.

Undismayed, Mr. Brown took a seat by his side and waited for the church to assemble.

The session preacher gained a start by announcing: "Let us begin our public worship by singing the 113th Psalm."

The singing ended, he began a prayer; but Mr. Brown seized the opportunity to give out the 103rd Psalm. Whether the young man from Edinburgh finished his prayer or abandoned it is uncertain.

At the end of the prayer the session preacher gave out a hymn, at which there were shouts of protest, but Mr. Brown obtained silence, and got an advantage by giving out the hymn himself.

At the end of it Mr. Brown began to read a chapter from the Bible, whereupon his rival turned and demanded: "Will you stand aside?"

Mr. Brown read on unmoved, and when he had reached the end of the chapter he turned and demanded: "You have no right," suddenly exclaimed his rival, "to stand here and say these things."

Mr. Brown took no notice. When Mr. Brown said, "I am here in the name of this church," Mr. Brown spoke on.

I allow you to read a hymn, was sung and he was about to read another chapter when his rival sprang to his side and said, "I should like to have a word with you."

Mr. Brown objected, but his rival went on: "Last Sunday you asked three men to go to the city prison, and I do not want to force you to do that length this Sunday, so I will sit here and wait for you to take this service first, but you will take the consequences."

So Mr. Brown finished his service, and his rival turned and said: "I am sorry to see you in this position, but your service would not proceed."

Mr. Brown's rival then turned to the congregation and said: "I am sorry to see you in this position, but your service would not proceed."

At JUDGE IN COURT. Letter Rushes from Bench, Grapples With Assault and Prevents Second Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 30.—The Rev. Isaac Selby, of Australia, shot at Judge Hebbard yesterday in the latter's office on the bench.

The bullet came within an inch of the Judge's head and lodged in the back of his chair. Selby was arrested by the City Prison and charged with an attempt to commit murder.

Judge Hebbard, who issued the decree, was trying a case today when Selby discharged a pistol at him in the court room and fired the judge who rushed from the bench and grappled with his assailant, preventing him from firing another shot.

For a time great excitement prevailed. When quiet was restored it was learned that the judge had not been injured.

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USE WATER INSTEAD OF COAL.

Chicago Tribune: In a recent bulletin the department of health has some extremely practical suggestions to make on artificial heating of houses.

The bulletin advocates a greater degree of humidity and a less degree of temperature than common practice in American homes. It quotes from a paper read by Dr. Henry M. Smith on "Indoor Humidity" as follows: "The perfect of the element of watery vapor in the air is the greatest cause of overheating our homes. A low humidity is the greatest cause of discomfort, the source of much ill-health, catarrh, colds and other diseases of the skin, mucous membranes, etc."

The average humidity in artificially heated houses is about 30 degrees; the average temperature, 70 to 74 degrees. It has been found by conclusive tests that a room with a humidity of 60 degrees and a temperature of 65 degrees is more comfortable than a room of 72 degrees of heat and humidity of 30 degrees.

It is asserted that a room at 65 degrees is not warm enough for any healthy person it is because the humidity is too low, and water should be evaporated to bring the moisture up to the right degree. In other words, water instead of coal should be used to heat rooms comfortable when the temperature has reached 65 degrees.

As water is cheaper than coal, the rule should become a popular one if it is correct in principle.

There is no doubt that the air in the great majority of houses is too dry. To correct this faulty condition water should be evaporated so that it may evaporate and increase the relative humidity of the atmosphere. Many diseases of the mucous membranes are aggravated by the change from the dry air of the house to the moist temperature without. A hygrometer, or moisture tester, should be in the house along with the thermometer. Especially if it is possible to turn the heat of the house to the work of coal, the advice of the department of health should be acted on in every household.

VAUDEVILLE.

A bill that cannot be surpassed will be the offering of the management of York Theatre tonight, which will be the beginning of the twelfth week at this popular theatre. Rita Martin is the headliner; her work upon the violin is of the highest order and easily stamps her as a leader among violinists.

Richardson, the child star, will be ably supported in a one act comedy, entitled "The Boy Who Went to Sea," by the young artist, who will not doubt meet with success, should meet with instant favor.

Harris and Nelson, two happy comedians, will be seen in a screaming knock about specialty, "Forth and Turned," the wonderful Roman Ace Manipulations, will be seen in one of the most sensational and easily stamped as a leader among violinists.

Sheridan and Forest, Irish comedy sketch artists, are best known as producers of hilarious nonsense. "Forth and Turned," the accomplished vocalist, will render up-to-date songs to the delight of all. A better bill has not yet been presented, and will doubt meet with well merited success. A matinee will be given tomorrow at 2.30 p. m.

THE PAPA OF THE PERIOD.

Fair maiden, in the shoe-shop—"I want a pair of gentlemen's slippers. Do they squeak?" Shoemaker—"I'll take the squeak out of 'em, miss. I have a patent process for that. Fair Maiden—"Oh, but you mustn't. They're my papa's, and he'll be sure to come along the passage at night."

An old lady took her little grandson to a museum, and when they came to a lion with gaping mouth the boy hung back.

"Don't be afraid, Harold," the lady said: "that lion is stuffed."

"Yes," said Harold, "but maybe he isn't stuffed so fast that he couldn't find room for a little boy like me."

THE MCKINLEY BILL

(Harper's Weekly). A number of politicians at Democratic headquarters were discussing the McKinley bill, and one of the elected congressmen from the interior, "About the worst instance that ever came within my personal knowledge," said Chairman Taggart, "was that afforded by the Honorable Jerry Simpson, the chap that for a while was known as 'Socks' Simpson. When Jerry first came to congress he observed that he was not entirely familiar with the McKinley bill. He proposed, however, to examine into the matter, and if he considered it just he would vote that it be paid."

THE HUMORS OF THE STREET.

An old lady surrounded by a load of parcels hailed a passing cab in an English city the other day. The cabbie obligingly put her baggage on the top of the cab. The old lady, however, refused to surrender one of the parcels. "Give me that parcel, mum, and I'll put it beside the rest of yer luggage," said the cabbie. "No, no," said the old lady. "You should be ashamed of yourself; that poor horse has plenty to carry without it. I'll take it inside the cab with me and carry it in my lap."

IT DID NOT APPLY IN HER CASE.

Hub (after sampling her first pudding): "No wonder they say Heaven sends provolutions and the devil sends cooks." Bride: "How dare you?—how dare you?" Hub, (condemningly): "There, there, my dear, you're no cook."

Husband (during the quarrel): "I wouldn't be a fool if I were you." Wife (calmly): "My dear, I can read, understand that if you were me you wouldn't be a fool."

Little Willie looked upon The calendar on day: "Jimmie," he said, "is 'Christmas' only seems to be 'But a month away.'"

Willie's mother called to him. "Did he linger? Nay! Willie's mother was made sick by the shock—he was so quick. Going to obey." —N. Y. Herald.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfont Healsche Powders, 10 cents.

Straws Show Which Way The Wind Blows.

The quotations we make show how cheap we are selling good Furniture. Sample Sideboards and Extension Tables, just one of each, but they take up space in our showroom. To clear them out they have all been marked at 33-1/3 per cent. discount. This is no means an ordinary announcement, it means money in your pocket.

GEO. E. SMITH, 18 King St.

Business Opportunities.

Classified Advertisements.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.

WANTED—An office girl. Apply in own handwriting, D. Box 14, city.

WANTED—Two girls for work in factory. Apply to T. S. SIMMS & CO., Ltd., 27 Union street.

WANTED—General Agent, Local Agents in unrepresented districts. Liberal contract. Apply W. I. FENTON, Superintendent of Agents, The National Life Assurance Co., 64 Princess street, St. John.

WANTED—A boy for office and store work, reference required. Apply between 10 and 11 a. m. J. HUNTER WHITE, 3 North Wharf.

WANTED—A pressman, highest wages. Steady employment guaranteed. Apply to A. R. CAMPBELL & SONS, Merchant Tailors, 64 Germain street.

WANTED—Two clerks. Apply at the TWO BARKERS, LTD., 100 Princess street.

RESPECTABLE, WELL DRESSED people needing assistance in securing employment may apply to 68 St. James St., West, and see our experienced workmen please write or telephone B. J. CRANT, at the above address.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in family of three. Apply to MRS. TAPLEY, 183 Charlotte street.

WANTED—General girls, cooks, housemaids can always get best wages, by applying to MISS HANSON, Women's Exchange, 133 Charlotte street.

WANTED—A reliable man, about thirty-five years of age, one that understands packing goods. Address: Case Star Office, giving present situation.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ART WORK SALE. Mrs. J. G. Armstrong, 128 St. James street, announces an opening of art work on Christmas eve. The sale will include decorative painting in china, oils and water colors. A choice collection of Japanese embroidery will also be shown.

QUEEN LILLA, SCIENTIFIC PALM-LEAF AND CLAIRVOYANT TRANCE MEDIUM, 72 Prince William street. Open waiting, call mornings. Hours 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. Palm, 5c. Sittings, 50c., \$1.00.

VIOLIN FREE.—To students of the violin taking instructions from the World's Work commencing before January 1905, I will give a violin free. M. GOUDIE, Violin Teacher, studio 109 Moore street.

MRS. H. D. EVERETT will open her sale of Christmas goods at her home, 37 Brussels street, on Monday, Dec. 6, containing unit sold out. The sale embraces center pieces, etc., hand painting, and all kinds of needle work.

VALUABLE POSTCARDS. There are a few picture postcards (says a writer in the World's Work) that fetch prices a little above their original value, such as those taken by the officers of the good ship Discovery, lately returned from the South Pole Expedition; and a few that have been suppressed on political or moral grounds by the governments of various continental countries.

The Russian government issued an edict forbidding Count Tolstoy's portrait to be used on postcards. The Turkish government is still more sweeping in his prohibitions; an Iraqi forbids any portrait to be circulated bearing the name of God or Mahomet, any drawing of the Kaaba, or any portrait of a Mahometan woman.

In France there is a censorship of cards. Several have been suppressed for offences against gold miners, and an eye has to be constantly kept on the cards which satirize crowned heads. One card was suppressed for ridiculing the complacency of the King of Portugal; others for gibes at Prince Henry of the Netherlands and the late Queen Drags of Servia.

The climax was reached when the anti-clerical government of M. Combes had to stop the circulation of a card which was deficient in reverence towards the Pope. The most intrinsically valuable cards are those that insure the recipient against accidents for a month for a sum of \$25.

A series of Dreyfus cards originally published at the modest price of one cent, but which have since changed hands for \$3. Quite probably the famous card said to have been sent by the late President (€11,000,000—€100,000) exclusive of advances of guaranteed interest, etc., to private companies.—London Engineer.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One second-hand upright piano in good condition. Will be sold at a bargain. Can be seen at 24 Fiddock street any evening between six and eight o'clock. Left hand bell.

FOR SALE—Fresh calves, arriving daily. E. THURBER, 100 Pond street, St. John, N. B.

TO LET.

TO RENT—A barn situated off Charlotte street, adjoining the Furlong property. Enquire at 28 Sydney street.

TO LET—A two story building, for work shop or warehouse, near 175 Princess street. Apply to H. I. & J. T. MCGOWAN, Princess street.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents.

TO LET—Two large front rooms and one small room, with board. Apply at 30 Wellington Row.

TO LET—Rooms furnished or unfurnished, with or without board. Apply 45 Golding street.

ROOMS WANTED.

ROOMS WANTED—Two or three connecting rooms with board, a furnished flat or rooms for light house-keeping centrally located. Address: P. O. Box 14, city.

LOST.

LOST—Between Chipman Hill and Union Depot, by way of 311 street, a gold pin, half of the valley with pearl setting. Finder please return to 13 Chipman Hill.

LOST—On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, on north side of King street, Market square or Dock street, a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles in case. Finder please leave at the office of this paper.

LOST—On Saturday evening in E. P. Charlton & Co's Department Store, a purse containing a sum of money, key and some receipts bills. Finder will be rewarded by leaving with MR. NEELIS, manager of Charlton's 5 and 10 cent store.

ing for their pay—Read Proverbs vii, 15-17—"so I will demand a fair figure if offered for sale."

The greatest hoard of the yellow metal ever gathered in any country could not buy one year's harvest of the American corn and wheat. To buy one sowed harvest crop would take all the gold mined in this country in six years. In the last seven years all the gold mines have produced only enough to buy one year's yield of our six leading cereals.

In the Russian Railway Budget for 1904 the gross revenue from the state railways is estimated at \$47,000,000 and expenditure on them, including working expenses, improvements and purchase of rolling stock, is estimated at \$46,000,000, showing a net revenue of \$1,000,000. As the payment of interest on government railway bonds absorb annually a further sum of nearly \$14,000,000, the total deficit would appear to be thirteen millions sterling.

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