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Relief at Last. only when the New Year arrived that the shoe really began to pinch. At We had learned that "Bobs" had furnished reports on electioneering and rolls and charts and other manuscripts-Christmas a sovereign apiece was paid for fowls, 40s, to 50s, for turkeys, 15s. been so often deferred that the hearts pro-Boer newspapers. to 18s, per dozen for eggs, and 3s. per of the majority of the inhabitants were managed to have a fairly good feed on February 15th it was at least realised which has been Christmas Day, taking in their belts an- that a large number of mounted men other hole for the following week. were approaching from the southeast, an exodus took place, a rush being made Horseflesh. It was in the first week of the New troops were plainly visible. Year that we were called upon to become hippophagists, a call to which the some hours, but it is doubtful if even majority of the inhabitants did not respond with alacrity. From January 2 kept the people back at such a time. all meats for whites was served out at the market building from 6 to 8 a.m. A board was placed outside the building announcing the kind of meat obtainable. ly watching the rapid advance of the At first it was usually one-third beef and two-thirds horseflesh, but soon the following was the standing order of the day: "The full ration of meat can be supplied to-day-all horseflesh." Then a few would drop out of the ranks, and those waiting for the rations and their around them, and they had some diffifellows closed up. On the rare occasions when the one-third beef was on sale, it scarcely ever lasted until all had been served. Vegetables were supplied the President of the United States he of Commons itself. in like manner, at first twice a week, and then once, a threepenny bunch being allowed to a family. For those who had no reserve stocks of any kind the last six or seven weeks of the siege must have been a particularly trying time, but it was marvellous to see how pacure a small memento. Had the soldier tiently and uncomplainingly the privahad as many buttons to his tunic as the tions were borne. When horseflesh be-

came the fashion, a "siege soup kitchen" was started by Mr. Rhodes, to whom the idea had been suggested, and soon thousands of pints of soup were being supplied daily at threepence per pint. On Equal Footing. A noticeable feature of the siege was the way in which it levelled social distinctions. The Diamond Fields had never at any time been remarkable for the observance of such distinctions, but we

ess, and in no corps was this more no-

pers of the company's staff and others

who had been set in authority over

them, while some of the largest store-

scepers in camp were under the orders

The meat market was another great

leveller," and scores of men and wo-

nen, who had been accustomed all their

ves to give their orders and have their

f their employees.

have our Belgravia, and if not an "upper ten thousand," we might put the number down at a few hundred. The Mail. Town Guard, composed as at was of men of all ranks in life, proved an im-MOST SERIOUS OF ALL. portant factor in the "levelling" pro-

Toronto Saturday Night.

iceable than in the "Buffs," the title Going to war with England is a serious given to the corps of veterans. Hare matter, but nothing is considered so serihere were three or four of the De ous by our neighbors as the loss of a Beers directors serving as full privates, presidential election. cheerfully obeying the orders of mem-

F. Watt Hewson and H. Norton Beck- papers in these cities and countries are et, of London, Eng., are in Toronto. openly proclaimed as being suborned by They will visit various furniture and the men who owe allegiance to the other wood firms in Canada with a view Transvaal.

United Kingdom through their new ware- yet what but spies are the men employed Canadian makers will adopt special de- everyone knows, is signs which they will submit to suit Eng-

supplies delivered, had now to take their lish taste. Irn with their poorer brothers and sis-

ters. Men who had made hundreds in an hour might be seen side by side with the Dominion. He is returning to Atlin. entrap him. The ordinary mortal would street car yesterday.

ter, condensed milk, etc., remaining in fighter never wore Her Majesty's uni- man who would declare that that sum there was added the old royal library,

the most part of a number of agents who terial-chronicles, chartularies, original promised speedy relief. But hope had other matters of interest and founded of inestimable importance to the student

pound for potatoes; but most persons sick within them. When, however, on clares that the powerful secret service time to time, received other great special Spending the Huge Sums

> to Beaconsfield, whence, it was said, the operation "to undermine the paramountcy of Great Britain in South Africa," that

being "the common object in view" of the "Long Tom" had ceased "booming" for German and Transvaal authorities. And who, it will be asked, are these the terror of the big gun would have masked emissaries of the government who walk in the paths of darkness playing Arriving at Beaconsfield, one found the the traitor to those whom they seem to debris heaps and the tops of buildings serve? No one knows absolutely, yet occupied by hundreds of persons eager- many men are suspected. Not only those column. The news of the sighting of the column. The news of the sighting of the column was little more than an hour old for so much gold, for how should such when the first arrivals reached Beacons-field. To say that they had an enthusheld. To say that they had an enthus-iastic reception is to put it very mildly away? Suspicion has pointed its beindeed. Hundreds of persons thronged smirching finger at those who sit in high around them, and they had some diffi-culty in getting through. Had one of has even dared to implicate among those these welcome visitors cared to endeavor whom he declares are the secret agents to wrest the hand-shaking record from of the Boers some members of the House

would have stood a fair chance of prov-irg successful, for men, women and and it is by no means improbable-nay. children were all anxious for a hand- it is certain-that they are to be found clasp. One thirsty warrior, pulling up at in the service of Her Majesty. an hotel for a long drink, at once had . Every reader of the daily papers is

a body guard many deep, all eager to se- aware that suspicion of being Boer Agents

average London coster has "pearlies" on has fallen on several men in the Yeo-his holiday inexpressibles, he could manry or who have sought to enter the speedily have realised a small fortune. At daybreak of that day French and rolled for service in the present crisis. the major portion of his mobile column Such men have been refused, though the were following up the flying Gronje. On real reason has not always been that Thursday night they encamped on the which has been given out; and, careful

outskirts of Beaconsfield; on Friday they as the authorities are, it is impossible were busy following up the retreating for the most astute to prevent a spy get-Boers to the northward; and when we ting a place in a regiment; for Judas awoke on Saturday morning they had wears no mark upon his brow by which once more departed for the south, the those who look on him may know him manner of their departure being as rapid for a traitor, and the most simple and and unexpected as that of their arrival. honest face may be the mask of a most -Geo. R. Benford in the London Daily subtle and dastardly heart.

That such men, if detected at the front, tions make short work of spies; but the matter is invariably hushed up, and no government official will tell what are considered more or less government secrets. London, Paris, Berlin, Hamburg, Canada, are among the centres where these agents are declared to flourish; and many

to opening up an export trade with the ' Spy is an ugly word in English ears, houses in London. They speak hopeful- in this ferret work? They carry their lives ly for the development of this trade if literally in their hands, for death, as is dead at his home, from heart disease.

The Price the Spy Must Pay

deered by the military authorities, and were only doled out to sick persons pro-vided with a medical certificate. It was of English history. For the one hundred

A gentleman who professes to know de- and forty years succeeding, it has, from collections, which kings and noblemen and other wealthy private collectors have freely turned over to it as gifts to the of money related above was put into nation; the royal library of George III.,

the gift (in 1823) of George 1V., 70.000 volumes, whose cost had been \$650,000; Grenville collection, 20.000 the volumes, upon which the donor had expended nearly \$300,000; and innumerable

smaller or less costly accumulation-the ceramics; to be known as a collector defying competition in the chosen fieldand at the acme of reputation to turn over the exquisite whole to the use of the nation-appears to have become itself a proudest fad of the British connoisseur.

The museum began immediately and for one hundred and forty-six years has continued uninterruptedly to receive the benefit of accessions from the copyright law of Great Britain. Its regular appropriations for the purchase of books, already £1,000 a year in the beginning of the century when values were trivial, became in 1845 £10,000 per year, and for the past forty-four years have aver-

aged at least that sum yearly. In addition it has had numerous special grants for the purchase of notable collections thrown suddenly upon the market-the grant, for instance, of £45,000 for the purchase, in 1878, of the Stowe manuscripts.-Herbert Putnam in Atlantic.

PARIS IS FRANCE.

Paris has always been France. All the great movements of the country have een centred here, whether political, reigious, social, literary, or artistic; so that any attempt to trace the history of the city launches one immediately into the study of the nation-while an effort are shot goes without saying, for all na- to master the history of the French people sends one to Paris. One realizes this particularly when he comes to study the lives of her great men and women. They may have been born in the south or east, or north or west, but to rise to the first rank they were obliged to seek the capital. It was there they sought instructions, formed relations, began their careers, played their parts.-From "The Charm of Paris," by Ida M. Tarbell, in the April Scribner's.

> A. S. Haldie, builder and inventor of the first cable cars in the United States. which was laid down in San Francisco,

Gustave A Martin, representative of St. Sulpice Seminary, and agent of the if he bungles in his work and is caught Phoenix. Fire Assurance Co., of Lon-

carelessness and neglect. There is no need of them. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a positive specific for the weaknesses and diseases of the feminine organism. It cures them radically and completely. It heals, strengthens and purifies. It is the only scientific remedy devised for this special purpose by an educated, skilled physician. It is the only medicine that makes motherhood easy and absolutely safe.

Its sale, through dealers in medicines exceeds the combined sale of all other medicines for women. It acts directly and only on the child-bearing organism It allays inflammation, soothes pain, heals ulceration and gives the tortured nerves a rest. It does away with the discomforts of the expectant period and makes baby's coming easy and comparatively painless. Thousands of women have testified to its wonderful virtues. Edwards, Birch, Onslow, Banks, Crache-rode, Egerton, Arundel. The total value dealers will not offer inferior substitutes of gifts to the museum in all depart- | for the sake of a little extra profit. Dr. ments, during the twelve years from 1823 to 1835 alone, was estimated at consulting physician of the famous Inments, during the twelve years from 1823 to 1835 alone, was estimated at \$2,000,000. To expend great sums on books, manuscripts, gems, marbles, ceramics; to be known as a collector world-wide.

world-wide. Miss Lauretta McNees, of Reno (P. O. Box 723), Washoe Co., New., writes: "I have discontinued taking the 'Prescrip-tion' and will not take any more (at pres-ent). Last month I had no pain at all and worked every day without any inconven-ience whatever. It was the first time I never had pain during that period. I can-not say too much for your medicines espe-cially the 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I know of a lady who took one bottle of your 'Favorite Prescrip-tion' and she says she was not sick like she was with her first baby. This was her second baby. She thinks it a grand medi-cine. So do I." "I had suffered untold misery for a num-

"I had suffered untold misery for a num "I had suffered untold misery for a num-ber of years, with ovarian trouble, an ex-hausting drain, constipation, painful pe-riods and other annoying troubles," writes Mrs. Annie James, of No. 27 Seventh St., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn. "Thank God, my health has been fully restored and I can gladly say I am a well woman to-day. I used six or seven bothes of your 'Pavorite Prescription,' and also used the lotion which you advised in the 'Common Sense Medical Adviser."" "For years I had been failing in health and kept getting worse and more nervous

and kept getting worse and more nervous all the time," writes Mrs. Annie Dulan, of East Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa. "I doctored with two different doctors and doctored with two different doctors and they told me that my system was run down and my nerves were weak. I had ulcers of the uterus which were so painful at times that I was afraid that they must be cancers. Indeed I felt discouraged with the treat-ment, and did not get any better until my nurse advised me to write to you and I did so did so.

did so. "In May I commenced taking your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Favorite Prescription' and followed your advice as closely as I could. I took twelve bottles in all, six of each. Thanks to God and the right kind of medicine I feel myself cured and a well woman. I have no bad feeling whatever and can do the work for a family of eight, and feel better than I have for years."

Dr. Pierce has had a life-time of exper-Dr. Pierce has had a life-time of exper-ience in this particular field. His 1000-page illustrated book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser" con-tains several chapters devoted to wo-man's special physiology. A paper-bound copy will be sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent starms to pay the cost of star one-cent stamps to pay the cost of cus-toms and mailing only. World's Dispen-sary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. For a cloth-bound copy send 50 stamps.

quaintance you would notice a good many things to suggest that you were a long way from the green lanes of Englandox wagons, tropical sunblinds, verandas, and swarms of negroes, for instance, Nevertheless.

The Place Is Thoroughly British.

It contains four churches, three schools, a town hall, a club house, an hospital, and a racecourse. It even had a sort of 'grand stand' for the races until the Boers came and began their slege; but I see that those gentry have taken the strips of corrugated iron which formed the roof in order to yield them additional protection in their trenches.

"In ordinary times there are about 1.-500 white inhabitants, and very go-ahead people they are. Ten or twelve years ago the place was hardly large enough to have a name. Then came the building of the Mafeking railway, warmly promoted by the pioneer inhabitants, the construction of public buildings, including a Masonic temple-for it is a stronghold of Freemasonry. When I last visited the place, the population had increased to such an extent that there was difficulty in finding ouse room for them. Even the brickmaking machines, which some enterprising folk introduced, were unable to turn out bricks fast enough for the houses. "When the war broke out it was naturally a mark for the Boers, for it is only

eight miles from the borders of their reublic. But the enemy evidently Counted Without Colonel Baden-Powell

and his plucky garrison.

"An interesting feature of Mafeking in times of peace is the Baralong settlement, a little distance to the northwest of the town, near the Molopo river (which, by the way, is more of a brook than a river). The kraals are erected amongst the trees, and are very picturesque looking with their conical walls and their thatched oofs.

"The Baralongs are intelligent and kindly people, and therefore not unpleasant neighbors for the white folk of Mafeking. In fact under white influence they have become quite civilized and do a good deal of the trade of the town.

"The climate is very healthy, but water is not plentiful; and, although it is a great place for grain and cattle, those industries are a good deal hampered by bad harvests and rinderpest.

"A good many people stumble over the pronunciation of the name, which is the European form of a native word. It is not Mafe-king or Ma fe king, but Maffyking."

SQUELOHING THE ENCORE FIEND. Indianapolis Press.

The long, solemn gentleman with the piercing eyes tapped gently on the shoulder

of the encore fiend in front of him. "Allow me to present you," said he,

handing the applauder a small paper package. "What does this mean?" asked the re-

cipient, wrathfully, as he opened the pack-age and found about \$2 in dimes and nickels.

"It means this," replied the sole gentleman, "I have noticed your earnest efforts to have everything twice. Therefore, I have taken up this small collection in order that you may come to-morrow, instead of trying to get your two performances in one evening."

G. A. Kirk returned home by the Islander last night.