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LONDON, TUESDAY, DEC. 15.
FAVORING ITS FRIENDS.
The Toronto Globe exposes the dishonesty of the claim that the present Ontario Government has abolished the patronage lists. It points out that Mr. Hanna's advertisement, inviting tenders for various supplies for public institutions, is identical with that inserted in the newspapers by his predecessor, Mr. Stratton. The Globe adds:

"The Whitney Government does exactly in this respect what the Ross Government did, but the latter had not the hypocrisy to pretend to be doing something different. On more than one occasion the Ross Government was able to point to some Tory who had sold supplies to the departments. The Whitney Government would be able to show that some fortunate Tory had been favored by it. There is, however, no change in the respective methods in this regard. The only change is that whereas formerly Tory firms got the orders, now Tory firms get them."

THE TIDE TURNING.
What in the United States is regarded as a reliable sign of returning prosperity is the fact that the laborers who began to return in hundreds of thousands to their former homes in Europe a year ago, are now coming back. The outward movement was of such dimensions that the steamship companies found it impossible to provide accommodation for all who sought it; now the same people are returning and bringing others with them. Each steamship arriving on this side the Atlantic has a crowded steerage. In one day last week four vessels—the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, the Duca di Genova and the Oceanic—reached New York and landed 4,443 steerage passengers, almost all of whom came from Mediterranean ports. Every trans-Atlantic steamer coming across has a goodly quota of these immigrants. This means that the industrial clouds which have for a year darkened the sky are rolling away. The Europeans are the harbingers of prosperity.

READY-MADE FOODS.
Government measures taken of late years to insure as far as possible the purity of foods, have had the effect of materially improving the quality of canned and bottled goods. It is gratifying to learn from an official source that the products of Canadian firms compare favorably with those of the best foreign houses. This fact is emphasized in a bulletin recently issued by the laboratory of the inland revenue department at Ottawa, giving the result of the analysis of samples of canned meats and pickles collected in various parts of the country. Of the 75 samples tested, only one, of potted pheasant, was found to be unsatisfactory, although even this might not be too "gamey" for some tastes. Twenty-eight samples showed evidence of the use of boracic acid as a preservative, but in no case above the quantity permitted by British practice, viz., one-half of one percent of weight. The fact that all the potted meats tested gave reaction for starch indicates that cereals were used in their production. In itself, starch is not unwholesome, and its presence in minute quantities may do no harm. In some cases, however, the amount reached 2 per cent, and in one 5 per cent, showing that some kind of flour had been used to give consistency. Except in this one extreme case, the analyst pronounces the product good.

NOT A BOTHERSOME SPOUSE.
The Helms—But why should I marry you? I don't love you.
Her Sutor—Oh, that's all right. I shan't be at home very much, you know.

THE DEMOCRATIC AGE.
Kind Lady—Well, my little man, what are you going to be when you grow up?
Little Man—Something that don't wear a collar.

THE RECLINING ANCIENTS.
We stand and sit too much, according to the views of Dr. Geibke in a lecture before a body of German physicians. Chairs may have been known to the ancients, but they were used only on extraordinary occasions. Persons of culture as well as the barbarians took their meals and their rest reclining. Dr. Kruebe, of Munich, says that to this day the people prefer reclining to the sitting posture, and the fact that they lie not upon the back, but upon the stomach accounts for the better and more supple figures of these people.

WARNING.
(Nashville American.)
Hear the tramping
Of the feet
Up and down
The busy street.
At the counter
See the crush
Like a noisy
Football rush.
See the weary
Ladies stand,
With their money
In their hand.
Trying hard
To beat the game
And get on
On the same.
See the patrons
Thicker grow
At the bargain
Counter row.
Men and women,
Girls and boys
After fancy
Goods and toys
For their dear ones
And, I swear,
Some for whom
They do not care—
Sight that has
A battle beat
To a frazzle
Quite complete,
Worse than crowds
That go insane
Round the presidential train
Or the human
Frigid they ship
On the street car's
Homeward trip.
If through that
You would not plow,
Buy your Christmas
Presents now.

UNASCERTAINED.
(Smithsonian—What is Brown's earnings capacity?
Jones—it's never been tested. He's always been employed by the Government.

PERSISTENCY.
(London News.)
Little Willie—Say, pa, what is persistency?
Pa—it's the trait a woman displays when she attempts to remove a wrinkle, my son.

EVIDENTLY EXAGGERATED.
(Royal Magazine.)
Among the begging letters which recently received at the office of a benevolent society was one running thus:
This unfortunate young man is the only son of a widow, who died childless, and his earnings maintain his aged father and infant brothers, whose sole support he is.
The secretary of the society wrote on the margin of the epistle the following note:
The circumstances of the case are evidently exaggerated.

A PLEA FOR EXTRAVAGANCE.
[The Lady.]
Beautiful dress! it is an art. The world would lose something of its grace and charm without it. Men have left off wearing picturesque and lovely clothes; really somebody must do it. Is extravagance in woman's dress so very wicked, then?

SLUMP IN GOOD ATTRESSES.
[The Tatler.]
It is more than probable that the "slump" in attresses of mark is due to the fact that the playhouse is being attended more by women. As women are rarely very much interested in other women, there has been less call for the real attresse.

AMIABLE.
[Pathfinder.]
"Daughter, is your husband amiable?"
"Wall, ma, he's just like me. pa. When he gets his own way about everything he's just perfectly lovely."

THE OLD, BROKEN AUTO.
[Puck.]
How dear to my heart is my broken-down auto,
As fond recollection presents it to view;
The auto which cost me five thousand good dollars,
And filled me with happiness when it was new.
With nothing to hinder and friends in the tonneau
I raced her along in most beautiful style,
I seldom took more than about sixty seconds,
When the cops were not looking, to cover a mile;
My badly-wrecked auto, my busted-up auto,
My old broken auto upon the scrap-pile.
That red-painted auto I hailed as a treasure,
When first I serenely took hold of the wheel;
The telegraph poles seemed to stand close together,
As I went like a streak in my automobile.
When others attempted to pass me I merely
Turned on the high speed, with a sneer for a smile,
And left them to fall in behind me, consuming
The dust and the vapor, which may have been vile;
Alas, my dear auto, my now useless auto,
My old broken auto upon the scrap-pile.
How often I raced over rusty bumps with it,
While the ladies behind me bounced up in the air;
I busted axles the first week I had it,
And escaped death ten times by the width of a hair;
But now it is merely a fond reminiscence,
My hands on the gear I no longer desire;
I will never again cause the farmers to curse me,
Or attempt to take curves in a fool-hardy style;
My long, raking auto, my busted-up auto,
My old, broken auto upon the scrap-pile.

CATTLE MARKET.
[Kansas City Independent.]
"I noticed you have taken the cow-catcher off the engine," said the passenger on the rural railroad.
"Yes," replied the conductor, with a wink. "We never run over any more cows. Since folks have discovered that the automobile owners pay more for killing a cow than the railroad pays them out on the pike instead of on the track."

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ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Big Event is Scheduled for London Township Next Sunday.

DR. ERNEST WILLIAMS IS PRESIDENT
London Medical Association Chose Its Officers Last Night.

COUNCIL 75, C. O. F., ELECT THEIR OFFICERS
Mr. E. Wingett Was Chosen Chief Councillor.



"Brewster's Millions."
"Brewster's Millions" will be seen at the Grand on Friday and Saturday. The play is a dramatic version by Winchell Smith and Byron Ongle of George Barr McCutcheon's famous and successful novel. Frederic Thompson's original company, headed by Edward Abeles, in the stellar character, will be seen here. Frederic Thompson is proprietor and manager, and in his latest efforts in stage effects he has outdone his marvellous work in the staging of the wonderful spectacles in the New York Hippodrome.

Pleased Houses at Bennett's.
Yesterday a well-filled house throughout the day viewed the pictures at Bennett's, and judging by their applause, they were all well pleased. The talking pictures are very good, indeed. The illustrated songs are well handled by Miss Camille Stafford. The silent motion pictures are exceptionally good.

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Chapman's
MORNING SHOPPING IS NECESSARY IF YOU WISH TO SEE THE BEST AND DO THE BEST.
Christmas Sale of Heatherbloom Petticoats at \$1.89 On Sale Wednesday
We were kept waiting for this third purchase of Heatherbloom Petticoats to sell at the wonderful price of \$1.89, and the maker informs us that this is the last of them, so we are obliged to announce to our customers that this is the LAST SALE OF GENUINE HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS at \$1.89
Scores of ladies are wearing the same petticoat, for which they paid \$2.50, unless they were bought at one of our previous sales.
Handsome Made Petticoats, with snug hips and full, flaring flounce, made of the now famous Heatherbloom, which combines the rustle and appearance of silk with a durable quality, which is even more desirable than silk itself. BLACK ONLY. ALL SIZES. Just enough for one day's selling at \$1.89
RICHEST BLACK SILKS
Not many things in the realm of Christmas gifts gives women more pleasure to receive than a black silk waist or dress pattern.
C. J. Bonnet & Co.'s guaranteed Black Peau de Soie, 20 inches wide. At, a yard \$1.12, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$1.25 and \$7.50
Black Taffeta Silk, 20 inches wide. Every yard guaranteed. At, a yard \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$1.25 and \$7.50
Yard-Wide and 40-Inch Taffeta Silk. At, a yard \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Silk Waist and Dress Patterns neatly packed in a box.
A Great China Room on the Third Floor
A visit to our third-floor China Room will prove a revelation to the gift-buyer in search of inexpensive Christmas gifts. Here are assembled thousands of pieces of China, Artware and Bric-a-Brac, especially appropriate for giving—the odd, the beautiful, the practical. Prices from 15c to \$15
J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.

"Its Only a Cold, A Trifling Cough."
Thousands have said this when they caught cold. Thousands have neglected to cure the cold. Thousands have filled a Consumptive cough through neglect. Never neglect a cough or cold. It can have but one result. It leaves the throat or lungs, or both, affected. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is the medicine you need. It strikes at the very foundation of all throat or lung complaints, relieving or curing Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Sore Throat, and preventing Pneumonia and Consumption.
It has stood the test for many years, and is now more generally used than ever. It contains all the lung healing virtues of the pine tree combined with Wild Cherry Bark and other potent remedies. It stimulates the weakened bronchial organs, allays irritation and subdues inflammation, soothes and heals the irritated parts, loosens the phlegm, soothes the inflamed and aids nature to easily dislodge the morbid accumulations. It is not humbugged into accepting an imitation of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It is put up in a yellow wrapper, carry the pine tree trade mark, and price 25 cents.
"Mrs. J. Brewster, Grafton, N.S., writes:—"Two winters ago I suffered severely with a very bad cold and asthma. I was so bad I could not get my breath, and very often thought I would choke. My husband became very much frightened, and got me a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and it gave me almost instant relief. I can recommend it to anyone having the least kind of a cold."
Hand Sleighs for Christmas
Strongly made, with steel runners and steel braces. Four styles. 80c, \$1, \$1.15, \$2
WESTMAN'S HARDWARE Temporary Store. 436 RICHMOND ST.
Bankrupt Stocks Sale
100 Dundas Street, Opposite City Hotel
The production of oxygen and hydrogen on an industrial scale by the decomposition of water with electrolytic apparatus in Germany has led to the suggestion that hydrogen thus produced may find a wide field of employment as a lighting agent. It is now used for inflating military balloons. For lighting purposes it is compressed in steel cylinders. With a proper burner it is said to be a cheaper illuminant than acetylene, the relative cost for equal illuminating power being 25 for hydrogen to 50 for acetylene.
The public buy "Salada" not alone for its superior flavor and drawing qualities, but because they know it to be absolutely clean and healthful, prepared and put up by machinery without the contamination of human handling.