

MISCELLANEOUS.

The *Colonies and India* says: One hears so much of the severe climate of Canada, based, it must be admitted, frequently on erroneous information, that is rather surprising to learn that Canada grows 9 lbs. of grapes for every man, woman, and child in the country! The wine industry is also increasing in importance, and some trial shipments have already been made.

Mr. Edison has perfected his kinoscope for the photography of objects in motion, and has exhibited it at a small party. The main principle of the invention consists in taking a great number of impressions by means of a camera in a very limited space of time, thus obtaining a continuous photograph of the entire motion of the object or person selected. The photographs follow each other in such rapid succession that no lapse of time can be detected between the impressions recorded, and the series of pictures becomes, in effect, but one picture. The subject chosen for the first photograph by the new process was the well known strong man, Sandow.

One of the most peculiar wills ever recorded was that of Madame Meens, who died in Antwerp, in which she left all her estate to her relatives up to the twelfth degree of kinship. The testator was reported to have been worth one hundred millions of dollars. The ambitious relatives hastened to file their claims. As a result, the Court is obliged to pass upon the alleged rights of 14,554 heirs. The family tree of one heir alone covers a space sixteen metres square. The poor people are doomed to disappointment, as the estate turned out to be worth only about three millions. So many lawyers have been engaged that their fees alone will swallow up this amount.

In one of the letters of the late Octave Feuillet to his wife, recently published in Paris, there is an interesting anecdote of the Empress Eugenie. At Fontainebleau one evening, while the Empress was serving tea to a party, of which the author was one, a bat flew in at the window and a gentleman promptly knocked it down with a cane. At Eugenie's request the stunned creature was brought to her and laid on her desk. The Empress began to fondle the bat, stroking its repulsive breast with her delicate fingers and stretching out its wings. Then she opened its mouth, thrust a straw in, and blew into its lungs to reanimate it. "But the loveliest mouth in the world blew in vain," says Feuillet; and, courtier that he was, he seized the opportunity to say that "the bat, to be insensible to such an honor, must be dead, indeed."—*New York World*.

Dr. Judson Daland, of Philadelphia, recently swam the classic Straits of Messina, where are the rock of Scylla and the whirlpool of Charybdis so dreaded by the ancients. We are assured that the oldest inhabitants of Faro, a neighboring fishing village, has no recollection of the feat having been accomplished before. Dr. Daland entered the sea at Faro, and, after much battling with adverse currents, he passed the Rock of Scylla and landed at Reggio in Italy. The straits at the northern extremity, between the Faro Tower and the Rock of Scyllo, where the swim seems to have been accomplished, are two and a half miles in breadth, but the actual length of the swim is given as about six and a half miles. The time occupied was two hours and twenty minutes. Dr. Daland has beaten Byron, for he had a more dangerous current to deal with, and he was able to go to the opera after his swim, while Byron, on his own testimony, "had the ague."—*British Medical Journal*.

Manitoba Lake which lies north-west of Fort Garry, and has given a title to the province formed out of the Red River region, derives its name from a small island from which, in the stillness of the night, issues a "mysterious voice." On no account will the Objibways approach or land on this island, supposing it to be the home of the Manitoba—the "Speaking God." The cause of this curious sound is the beating of the waves on the shingles, or large pebbles lining the shores. Along the northern coast of the island there

is a long, low cliff of fine grained, compact limestone, which, under the strike of the hammer, clicks like steel. The waves beating on the shore at the foot of the cliff cause the fallen fragments to rub against each other, and to give out a sound resembling the chimes of distant church bells. This phenomenon occurs when the gales blow from the north, and then, as the wind subsides, low wailing sounds like whispering voices are heard in the air. Travelers assert that the effect is very impressive, and they have been awakened at night under the impression that they were listening to church bells.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF WM. R. HALL,
OF ALDERSHOT.

He Was Thought to be at Death's Door, and the Medicines of a Continent had Failed—A Final Effort to Regain Health was made, and he is to-day Alive, Strong and in Good Health.

From the Hamilton Herald.

One of the most attractive places in the county of Wentworth is the little village of Aldershot, situated on what is known as the Plains road, about five miles from the city of Hamilton. One of the best known residents of the village and surrounding country is Captain Hall, who has represented the Township of East Flamboro in the Municipal Council for a number of years, and who, with his family, is held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Recently a reporter of the Herald visited the home of Captain Hall for the purpose of investigating a story to the effect that one of the captain's sons had been restored to health in a wonderful manner after having suffered since boyhood from apoplectic fits. On arriving at his destination, the reporter found the genial captain, his wife, daughter and three sons constituted the family. Of the three stalwart young men it was impossible to pick out the one who had for so many years been such a sufferer, but the captain settled all doubts by referring me to "Will." William R. Hall, more familiarly known as Will, presented the appearance of a hearty young man about 30 years of age. His story is briefly related as follows: He had been a sufferer from fits from his sixth birthday, a childish fright being supposed to have been the original cause. For years he would fall down anywhere without being in the least able to help himself, the Doctors from Hamilton and various distant points were in vain called in attendance. Medicines were procured from numerous sources in Canada, the United States and even from England, without avail. The boy became so utterly helpless that seven years ago he was compelled to keep his bed, and until a year ago was completely helpless. The fits sometimes came on him so severely that he would suffer from as many as fifteen in one day, and at such times it was so difficult for him to get his breath, that his nurses had to wash him with liquor. At this time he was so low that the neighbors who dropped in to see him expected to hear of his death almost any moment. This continued until about a year ago, when the newspaper articles relating the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills induced Mr. Hall to give them a trial, and to the great satisfaction of himself and his friends he began to mend not long after beginning their use, and in three or four months was sufficiently recovered to be able to go out of doors. He continued taking the pills, and for the past six months has been as strong and about as well as either of

his brothers, and has attended to the stock and done his share of the work on his father's farm and fruit garden. Before Mr. Hall began taking the Pink Pills he was so thin and light that one of his brothers could carry him upstairs without the least difficulty, but he has since gained fifty pounds in weight. He has not taken any other medicine since he began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although a fit of a very mild nature occasionally comes on him now, he is so nearly cured that his father took great pleasure in giving the information here recorded. "It is over a month since I had a spell," said William as the reporter was leaving, "and even when I do have one now it is not nearly so hard as before I began to take the Pink Pills. The neighbors look surprised to see me drive over to Hamilton as I frequently do, for they all thought I would die long ago. I am pleased at the wonderful progress I have made, and am very glad my experience is to be published, as it may be of value to some one else."

Every statement in this article may be verified by a visit to the home of Captain Hall, ex-councillor of East Flamboro, who has reside on the Plains road for the past eighteen years, and whose word is as good as his bond among those who know him. The reporter also had a conversation with several of Captain Hall's neighbors, and the story of William Hall's recovery was verified to his full satisfaction.

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