

Births, Marriages, Death

MARRIAGES.

MUNTER-WESTON—At the residence of the bride's parents, 521 Lorne avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, by the Rev. W. J. Ford, Mr. S. J. Hunter, of Detroit, to Miss Bell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weston.

DEATHS.

CARTER—On Dec. 26, 1899, at the family residence, 34 Grosvenor street, David Carter, in his 74th year.

Funeral private, Thursday, at 1:30, from the above residence, to Woodland Cemetery.

Amusements and Lectures

London Athletic Club.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE,

Thursday, Jan. 4,

20-Round Jimmy Smith

Glove Contest

(Toronto.)

Sawdow Snyder

A. St. Pierre, Detroit, and B. Carroll, Rochester, 10 rounds. T. Taylor and T. Barber, 6 rounds. Admission—25c, 50c, 75c. 20x10x20

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—

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Tonight, "David Garrick," Thursday, "Merchant of Venice," Friday, "Othello," Saturday, "The Taming of the Shrew," Sunday, "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Some and other popular prices. Matinee, 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c. Seats now on sale.

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL—

By Mr. W. H. Hewlett.

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON NEXT, DEC. 30, at 4 o'clock.

Assisted by Mrs. Caldwell, soprano, of Toronto.

Admission, silver collection at the door. b

TOMORROW NIGHT'S RECITAL, AUDITORIUM.

Tonight, Miss M. E. Miller, England's greatest basso, assisted by Mr. Henry S. Saunders, solo violinist; Mr. W. Spencer Jones and Mr. W. H. Hewlett, accompanists. The musical treat of the season. Prices, 5c and 10c. Secure your seats today. Telephone number 50.

TUBILE RINK—POPULAR PRICES TO-NIGHT.

Only 5c and 10c.

PRINCESS ICE RINK—ICE ELEGANT.

Band Thursday night, Saturday afternoon and evening. Season books at office, 3c and 5c.

RED LIGHT RINK—SKATING TONIGHT.

Ice in good condition.

WESTMINSTER RINK—GRAND ICE.

Good band and popular air tonight. Admission 10c. Skating every afternoon. b

STARLIGHT RINK—YORK STREET, OPPOSITE G. T. R. Station.

Good ice tonight.

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Studio, Northumberland, residence, 225 Dundas. Concert engagements. Pupil prepared for concert and church solo engagements. Phone 1570.

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Special term for beginners opens at Palace Dancing Academy, Monday evening, January 8. Competent teachers and low rates. Dayton & McCormick.

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CLASS diningroom girls, also laundry maid; good wages. Address Arlington Hotel, Paris.

Meetings.

THE CITY OF LONDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society for organization will be held in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. building on Wednesday, the 10th January, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. J. A. Balkwill, organizer. 30x10

MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

ARY to the Young Men's Christian Association will please meet in association parlors tomorrow (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m. sharp. Important business. b

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WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT.

family of 4. Apply Mrs. Depper, 235 Hamilton Road. 30x

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY—DOMESTIC SERVANT.

Apply Mrs. J. R. Elliott, 98 Morton street. 30x

WANTED—GIRL TO ASSIST WITH HOUSEWORK IN COTTAGE.

Apply 157, Maitland street. 30x

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT.

—911 Wellington street, corner Cheap side. 30x

WANTED—GIRL—APPLY AT ONCE, 171 John street.

30x

WANTED—AT ONCE—TWO FIRST-CLASS DININGROOM GIRLS, ALSO LAUNDRY MAID; good wages. Address Arlington Hotel, Paris.

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Dressmaking.

DRESS-MAKING SCHOOL—DURING HOLIDAYS.

We are presenting pupils with a valuable Xmas box. Dressmaker's inspection of our method solicited. Mrs. K. Franks, 23 Dundas street.

When You Buy Rubbers

buy good ones. That'll give us a chance. We handle the best rubbers made, and our prices are more than reasonable, they are positively the lowest. Rubbers, to wear well, should fit well. We always keep this in mind, and you can depend on getting satisfaction in this respect, if you'll have us fit them on your shoes.

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\$10.00 WILL BUY A HANDSOME

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UPRIGHT PIANO, SLIGHTLY USED.

7½ octaves, large size, Toronto make. Sanborn & Trebilcock, Bell Pianos, 183 Dundas street, Anderson's Book Store.

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and novelties, at 20 per cent discount. We bought these before we decided to move to present premises and now desire to dispose of them as we are giving up these lines. J. H. Cunningham, 682 Dundas street.

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satisfactorily, try our Lehigh Valley Coal. Others have found it an improvement. Phone 1288. R. J. WEBSTER.

COLD WEATHER COAL—THE KIND

that heats. W. G. Eadey, 771 Dundas street. Phone 1134.

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cheapest coal in the city; all kinds of hard and soft coal and hard and soft wood. All the best quality and cheap for cash. Green & Co., William street and G. T. Railway. Phone 1391.

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NOTICE—STOVES—CALL AT PARISH'S

Furniture Store if you want to sell or buy a stove. Coal stoves with ovens, good assortment on hand. Examining them you find them right. 307 Talbot street, south Market Square. Phone 1288.

GET YOUR BICYCLE CLEANED AND

stored for the winter at lowest price. All kinds of repairing. D. McKenna & Co., 286 Richmond street, one door south of G. T. R.

BEST QUALITY HARD WOOD; ALSO

soft wood and slabs. Phone 1112. D. H. Gillies & Co., Lumber and Wood Dealer.

COAL AND WOOD—BUY THE BEST—WE

have them. McKenna & McLeod, 309 Clarence street. Phone 1033.

BERRY BILLS—WE MAKE BELLS AND

Brass Work. Our Bells made equal to any, and cannot be beat. John Law, 121 Clarence street, London.

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the greatest standard household specialty of the day; sell on sight and always in demand; big money and steady work. Apply at once and secure choice territory. Joseph White City Hotel, London.

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FOUND AN OVAL-SHAPED HAIR

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FOUND—PURSE, CONTAINING MONEY.

Apply M. H. Rowland, Canadian Savings and Loan Society. b

FOUND—SATURDAY, SMALL SUM OF

money. Apply this office. 30x

LOST—ON WEDNESDAY, A LADY'S

silver watch, on north side Dufferin avenue, between Cartwright street and Wellington street. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office. 30x

LOST—PARASOL ON BELT LINE CAR

Saturday night. Kindly return to 23 Becher street. 30x

LOST—TUESDAY MORNING ON BELT

Line car, purse containing about \$6 and change and postage stamps. Reward if returned to Advertiser. 30x

LOST—TORTOISE-SHELL COMB CHRISTMAS

MAS afternoon on Queen's avenue or Colborne street. Finder rewarded at Advertiser. 30x

Dressmaking.

DRESS-MAKING SCHOOL—DURING

holidays we are presenting pupils with a valuable Xmas box. Dressmaker's inspection of our method solicited. Mrs. K. Franks, 23 Dundas street.

Miscellaneous.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TICKETS, NEW

Year's cheer, given Thursday, 3 to 4 o'clock. Office of Alex. Tytler, room No. 8, Carling Block. b

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF REPAIRING

electrical machines, apparatus of all kinds. R. M. Miller, 260½ Dundas street, Spence Block. 60x

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WANTED—SECOND-HAND OFFICE

desk in good repair. Apply at 123 King street. 30x

DRESS SUITS FOR SALE OR TO RENT

in first-class condition. A. P. Sainsbury, 30 King street. 30x

Large Variety of Goods

is here waiting your inspection and approval. All the best goods in new weaves and colorings. We will make you a made-to-measure suit from our stock of imported Scotch Tweeds, Serges or Worsteds, for \$17.00. We guarantee a perfect fit and perfect finish. If you want a suit for good, solid wear, it will pay you to get one of these.

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WANTED AT ONCE—BUTCHER—WITH

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day, second-class professional, male teacher. Duties commence Jan. 3, 1900. Apply to James Skinner, Rutherford, Ont. 30x

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the city. Address: The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md.

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WANTED—COAT, PANT AND VEST

MAKERS to take work home; constant employment. Apply A. Christie, R. Greene Manufacturing Company, Richmond street. 30x

WANTED—A FEMALE NURSE—TO

take charge of a small hospital at Mapleton, Ontario. One month to suitable person. Salary (\$50) sixty dollars gold per month and living expenses. For further particulars address Dr. J. W. Fraser, Mapleton, Ontario. 30x

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HORSE FOR SALE—APPLY J. M. HAR-

GIEVAES, 687 Queen's avenue. 30x

FOR SALE—100 ACRE FARM, SOUTH

half lot 20, 4th range, south Longwoods road, Carleton Place. Good buildings, well watered; also 60 acres, 3rd range, Carleton. For further particulars apply Geo. Haggerty, Burwell Road, P. O., or on premises. 30x

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35-acre farm, between North Newbury and North Glenora, convenient to railroad, school and postoffice. Good two-story frame cottage, lately improved; good stables, three acres orchard, mostly bearing. A suitable home for an old couple or a market garden. Apply Box 365, Newbury. 100x

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Finest and best. Winter rates, 50 cents an hour; two men. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London. 30x

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TO RENT—STORE—NO. 175 DUNDAS

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A COMFORTABLE BOARDING-HOUSE

with all conveniences for man and wife or two gentlemen. Address "King," Advertiser office. 30x

Estate Daniel Collins.

Auction Sale of Real Estate

and Chattels.

Attention is directed to the posters announcing the sale of the real estate and effects of the late Daniel Collins, consisting of ice house and toolshed, good will, Collins Hotel, 6 dwellings and 7 vacant lots, in West London, together with horses, wagons, etc., and of three different parcels of farm lands in London township and farming implements. Sale in West London, on Dec. 28, 1899, at 1 p.m. Particulars can also be had from Dennis Collins, Blackfriars street, West London, and 328 R. H. DIGNAN, 418 Talbot street.

NOTICE—I DESIRE TO NOTIFY THE

public that on Oct. 1, 1899, I retired from the business of painting and paper-hanging, which I have conducted for 42 years. I thank my friends for many favors and hope they will extend the same to my sons, who are carrying on the business at the old stand, 159, 160 and 161, Talbot street. All accounts owing to me after Jan. 15, 1900, will be placed for collection. All persons having accounts against me are notified to send them in at once to 159, 160 and 161, Talbot street, (signed) Wm. Westland. London, Dec. 23, 1899. 30x

Administrators' Notice to Creditors.

ESTATE OF HENRY BRIEKS, DE-

CEASED—Notice is hereby given pursuant to chapter 129, R. S. O., 1897, that all persons having claims against the estate of Henry Brieks, late of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, railway watchman, who died on or about the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1899, are on or before the 10th day of January, 1900, required to deliver full particulars of their claims, duly verified by affidavit, to the undersigned administrators. After said last date the administrators will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have had notice. Dated 19th December, A. D. 1899. The London and Western Trust Company Limited, Administrators; by R. H. Dignan, 418 Talbot street, London, their solicitors herein. 30x

Tenders for Supplies for the Year 1900.

SEALED TENDERS for supplies, addressed

to the Superintendent Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 10 o'clock on Wednesday, 10th January, 1900, for the supply and delivery of various articles of timber, hardware, castings, fuel, paints, oils, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1900.

Specifications, forms of tender, and other information can be obtained at the Superintendent Engineer's office, St. Catharines, on and after Thursday, the 21st day of December, 1899. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. K. JONES, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Dec. 20, 1899. 30x

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Boer Gunners Driven Away

And Three of Their Guns Put Out of Action.

Results of a Sortie From Ladysmith on Friday-- Bombardment by the Enemy Proceeding Slowly --Guns at Chieveley Camp Dropping Lydite Shells Among the Boers.

Methuen May Remain at Modder River for Three More Weeks—Interesting Artillery Practice—Unconfirmed Report of a Canadian Picket Being Cut Off—A Rothschild Among the Volunteers.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 27—4:50 a.m.—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation.

FROM BOER SOURCES.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, make any serious move, pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

A dispatch from Chieveley camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says: "Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of the big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

Commandant Demellon, who was captured at Mandslaagte and brought to Simon's Town, where he succeeded in making his escape from the British



Lord Kitchener of Khartoum.

Lord Horatio Kitchener is the youngest man of his rank in the army. He entered the Egyptian service in 1882, and saw a great deal of fighting during the troublous years that followed. His executive capacity was soon recognized, and upon him mainly fell the task of creating the Egyptian military system. His reconquest of the Sudan was a triumph of organizing genius.

dated Thursday, Dec. 21, gives the following from the Boer head laager, dated Dec. 19:

"The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer bridge, over the Tugela River, with a view of smashing it. The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. Gen. Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on Dec. 18.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Col. Bullock, Major Walters, Major Baitlark, Major Foster, Capt. Dick, Capt. Norton, Capt. Fitzherbert, Capt. Ford, Capt. Hutchinson, Lieut. Bonham, Lieut. Smithers, Lieut. Thorne, Lieut. O'Connor, Lieut. Kumbold, Lieut. Christian, Lieut. Briggs, Lieut. Birch, Lieut. Halford, Lieut. Larbail and Lieut. Jones."

ANOTHER SORTIE.

London, Dec. 27—A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, Dec. 15, by heliograph, says: "Another sortie last night. Gen. Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Creusot gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters in London that Gen. Buller's destruction of the Tugela River bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not

After Christmas

There are always some presents to be purchased between Christmas and New Year.

Perfumes are the one staple gift which you can safely give to everybody and be sure of your offering being appreciated.

Our new perfumes are wonderfully true to the rich fragrance of the flowers, and possess in a great degree all the qualities requisite to satisfy the most refined taste.

A beautiful Art Calendar, by P. de Longpre, will be given free to every purchaser.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE, Chemists and Perfumers, 216 Dundas street.

Since the British artillery has proved more powerful, the Boers are trying to conceal the location of their guns, and are waiting for the British to get within rifle range. All permits to pass pickets have been canceled. A market has been established at the fourth line of pickets, where butter, milk and vegetables are allowed to be sold by licensed farmers.

The newspapers continue actively discussing and criticising the management of the campaign. The advent of horse-sickness draws increased attention to the question of the transports and the want of wagons, which may tie the British forces to the railways. The Daily Chronicle says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States, but the government, with very indiscreet patriotism, have failed to avail themselves of the opportunity. It would have been better if the officials had followed Lord Kitchener's example at Athlone bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories?"

The Times editorially attacks the administration of the war office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects," and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the war office, and not for the nation.

A RICH VOLUNTEER.

London, Dec. 27—Mr. Lionel Walter Rothschild, Unionist member of parliament for the Aylesbury division of Buckinghamshire, eldest son of the first Baron Rothschild, and the latter's heir, has volunteered for service in South Africa. He was born in 1868, and is unmarried.

THE DELAGOA BAY QUESTION.

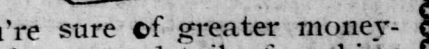
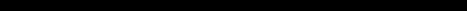
London, Dec. 27—The Times, in a special article, discussing the international aspects of Boer importations through Delagoa Bay, says: "Were we to adopt either with or without the consent of

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WHAT TICKLES THE FRENCH.

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PLEDGE OF 1804

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Tuesday afternoon. M

half century was most encouraging. In our own city fifteen years ago, with a much smaller population, we had 18 licenses, while now we have only 4.

n the 4th of July or any regular
ppointed military muster."

Our next meeting, Jan. 9, is Crusade Day, and all the members are urged

Montreal Recruit to Swell the Ranks

truit to the army who have indorse
Dodd's Kidney Pills in this city. Grad
ally but surely all prejudiced pe
ons are being won over to the side

give me any relief. I read of Dodd's Kidney Pills, bought a box, and tried them. Before this I could not sleep

TWELVE LIVES LOST.
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—The Johnstown
Line steamer Noranmore, arrived here
yesterday afternoon from Liverpool
Capt. Richardson, her commander.

225,000,000 will be paid out in interest and dividend payments in this city.

of this money will come from the national debt, interest payments on a large proportion of which mature on Jan. 1. Another source of income will be the government payment of guar-

Constipation, etc.
25 Cents at all Druggists.

SPORTING WORLD

Results of the Racing at Oakland and New Orleans.

Jockey Joe Weber Suspended Indefinitely—Checker Match—Notes.

HOCKEY.

The members of the London Hockey Club took their final outdoor work last night, taking a three-mile run in the snow. All members are requested to be at the Princess Rink not later than 6 o'clock to have their first practice on ice. "I feel confident," said Trainer George Black this morning, "that our team, in their present condition, can again win the championship. Oh, yes, the Nationals gave the St. George boys an awful beating, but when they come against the London team they will find a lot of hockey players. I am sure we shall give the strong Wellington team a harder battle than they are looking for when we meet. Our chances are very good of winning the game."

GAME POSTPONED.

The game arranged for next Friday between the London and the Wellingtons, of Toronto, has been postponed.

FISTIC.

THE L. A. C. CONTEST.

Besides the Smith-Snyder bout on the 4th of January, the Grand Opera House, the management have secured two rattling preliminaries to open their show with. Arthur St. Pierre, the Detroit lad who fought Smith & drew in their first meeting and lost the decision to him in the second, will be seen here with Bernard Carroll, the clever little Rochester boy, and this will, without a doubt, prove a fast ten-round contest, as both men are sure of getting a decision. Then come the favorites, Taylor and Barber, who will go six rounds. The clever exhibition they made at the last contest here is a guarantee for the interest of this event. The contest will begin at 8:15 sharp, and the management of the London Athletic Club are untiring in their efforts to make this the success of the season and will spare no expense to give the public the worth of their money on Thursday, Jan. 4.

AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Knight Banneret was the only winning favorite yesterday.

First race, selling, 1 mile—Blue Lick 1, Mantus 2, Jim 3. Time, 1:48.
Second race, 6 furlongs—Knight Banneret 1, Sadie Burroughs 2, Crane 3. Time, 1:37.
Third race, selling, 1 1/16 miles—Lennep 1, Eldin 2, Rushfield 3. Time, 1:54.
Fourth race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Stranger 1, Trillo 2, St. Wood 3. Time, 1:43.
Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Jime Gore 1, Wiggins 2, Bill Jackson 3. Time, 1:17.
AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Yesterday the track was fast at Oakland.

First race, Futurity course, selling—True Blue 1, Braw Lass 2, Meadow Lark 3. Time, 1:11.
Second race, 4-mile, selling—Tutill 1, Gusto 2, Devereaux 3. Time, 1:01.
Third race, 2 1/2 miles—St. John 1, King 2, Hindoo Princess 3. Time, 1:40.
Fourth race, 1 1/16 miles, selling—Favorham 1, Einstein 2, Morinel 3. Time, 1:48.
Fifth race, 3/4-mile, free handicap—Plan 1, Dr. Sheppard 2, King Carnival 3. Time, 1:27.
Sixth race, 1 1/16 miles, selling—Ben 1, Silver Tote 2, Pat Morrissey 3. Time, 1:06.

The stewards have suspended Jockey Joe Weber indefinitely for his ride on King Carnival, Nov. 21, and on Loving Cup, Dec. 20. The stable of George W. Miller, the St. Louis horseman, who owns Loving Cup, was reinstated, as it was shown he bet on the mare when she made such a poor showing.

NOTES OF SPORT

"Another turf war threatens in California. Thorpe leads the jockeys at the 'Frisco tracks, and Boland is the star at New Orleans.

Those who have figured out John L. Sullivan's earnings in the ring place the amount at \$331,400.

As a tribute to his ability as a fighter, several well-known sporting men have decided to present Terry McGovern with a diamond-studded belt, emblematic of the bantam-weight championship of the world.

Jack Everhardt, the southern fighter, is now a horse owner, having purchased a 2-year-old that gives promise of developing into a sprinter of quality.

Tod Sloan is going to California for a few weeks, but says he does not expect to take any mounts while there, and will return to England early in the spring.

"Skeets" Martin rode 48 winners out of 138 mounts during his brief season in England, and likes the game so well that he will return to that country about March 1.

After the first of the year a new rule goes into effect, whereby jockeys are to receive personally all fees for riding in races where the stable by which they are employed is not represented.

Eddie Bald, the Buffalo cyclist, who went to England to back Tod Sloan's mounts, wears a very cheerful exterior, but he has failed to mention how much of the \$10,000 that he took abroad with him for speculative purposes, burdened him on the return passage.

CHECKERS.

A TIE MATCH.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Champion R. M. McLaurin, of Windsor, played three games of checkers last night with James Wylie, regarded the strongest local man. The score was one win each and a draw.

If you have catarrh, rheumatism or dyspepsia, take Hood's Sarsaparilla and be cured as thousands of others have been.

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Ontario's Agricultural Progress

The annual report of the bureau of industries for Ontario for 1898 is packed with interesting statistics relating to the agriculture of the province. The total value of farm property in Ontario in 1898 is given as \$223,022,420, divided as follows: Farm land, \$556,246,569; buildings, \$210,054,396; implements, \$52,577,232; live stock, \$103,944,223. The total value of farm property in 1897 was \$205,092,612. Last year the value of farm lands showed the first improvement since 1886. The average value per acre last year was \$39.46, or an increase of 71 cents over 1897.

The rural area assessed in 1898 was 23,392,554 acres, or 22,156 acres more than in the preceding year. Last year there were 12,993,614 acres of cleared land, an increase of 140,533 acres. There were 7,294,026 acres of woodland last year, a decrease of 95,000 acres; 3,200,065 acres of swamp or marsh land, a decrease of 13,000 acres; 2,708,043 acres in pasture, a decrease of 49,793 acres, and 8,335,272 acres under crop, an increase of 133,567 acres. The comparative yield of field crops for '97 and 1898 is shown in this table:

	1897.	1898.
Fall wheat.....	25,158,712	23,988,051
Spring wheat.....	6,873,785	4,868,101
Barley.....	12,663,968	12,021,779
Oats.....	86,558,293	86,515,128
Rye.....	2,543,234	3,332,005
Peas.....	13,521,263	13,567,093
Buckwheat.....	2,373,645	3,646,186
Beans.....	759,657	981,340
Potatoes.....	14,558,625	13,100,797
Mangel-Wurzel.....	31,367,569	38,700,338
Carrots.....	4,312,861	4,433,628
Turnips.....	64,727,882	68,297,148
Corn for husking.....	22,442,593	24,663,998
Tons.....		
Corn for fodder.....	2,128,073	2,600,332
Hay and clover.....	4,390,063	3,511,518

The yield per acre in fall wheat was 14 bushels in 1898, or 3.5 bushels more than the average for seventeen years, although falling short by 1.2 bushels of the average for 1897. The Georgian Bay district last year showed the splendid average of 26 bushels. The average yield of spring wheat last year was 17.7 bushels per acre, being 2.6 more than in 1897. Barley last year showed an average yield of 23.9; oats, 26.6; rye, 16.2; peas, 15.6; corn, 71.0; buckwheat, 15.8; beans, 16.8; potatoes, 84; mangels, 458; carrots, 247, and turnips, 427. The hay crop averaged 1.73 tons to the acre. The area in flax dropped from 16,240 acres in 1897 to 10,720 acres in 1898.

In 1898 there were 1,187 cheese factories in Ontario, an increase of 25. There was a decrease, however, in the make of cheese of over nine million pounds from the great output of 1897, but the season of 1898 leads 1895, the next highest year, by nearly nineteen million pounds. The average price of cheese, too, dropped over half a cent per pound last year, so that the patrons received but \$8.47,555 as compared with \$9,709,004 in 1897. This is equivalent to 61.2 cents per 100 pounds of milk, or four cents below the average of five years. Hastings, with 96 factories, produces 11,505,082 pounds while Oxford, with 9,922,563 pounds in 43 factories comes next.

The number of creameries in the province last year was 282, an increase of 63 over the previous season. The output of the creameries last year was 9,068,992 pounds, an increase of 1,300,727 pounds. The patrons received last year \$1,294,220 for milk or cream supplied, being 60.6 cents per 100 pounds of milk.

The live stock is numbered as follows:

	1898.	1897.
Horses.....	611,241	613,670
Cattle.....	1,640,687	1,334,961
Sheep.....	2,215,943	2,192,326
Poultry.....	1,677,014	1,620,350
	9,084,273	8,435,341

Putting everything together the record is one of progress and promise in agricultural conditions. The upward tendency of land values, which began to be noticed last year, still continues. The present year has also witnessed a great expansion in the volume of agricultural exports. The farming interests will be the first care of the Provincial Government and much is expected from the policy outlined by Premier Ross.

Municipal Reform.

Whether the legislative body would be improved by lessening the number of members sitting at the board, is a question of considerable debate. Some imagine that six men would be better qualified for the task than eighteen, or twelve, and that is a movement to reduce the number of wards for this experiment. There would probably be less agitation and dispute at the board, the lesser number brought in. The business would be apt to run along more smoothly with so few comparatively to talk. There is the possibility, in fact, that the legislative part of the work would be reduced to the barest formality. Suppose the six should agree amongst themselves to have no wrangling or misunderstanding, but merely at their public meetings agree formally to ratify that which it would be easy to canvass privately so near to the conclusion. I would that state of things be any better safeguard of the public interest than the present enlarged number of councilors? It is an old axiom that in the multitude of counselors there is safety. The more wrangling or discussion the better for the people. It is more calculated to lay daylight into passing affairs than the snug and "respectable" formalism referred to.—London Free Press.

The Free Press is not fully informed. There is no movement to reduce the number of wards; the electors will vote on the proposition to abolish them entirely. If the ward divisions are wiped out it is likely that the number of aldermen will be reduced. No one has proposed that the number shall be as low as six. If we mistake not, ten has been suggested as a reasonable quota. Ward abolition is intended not so

much to make fewer aldermen—although that is desirable—as to make better aldermen. There are some capable men in the field this year, but we do not hesitate to say that there are others who have proved themselves unfit to hold public office. These latter, or most of them, will be elected by virtue of their ward "pulls," but they would have little prospect of success if they had to appeal to the suffrages of the whole city.

The conditions of municipal government seem to be generally unsatisfactory. Complaints are heard from every quarter and schemes of reform are in the air.

The chief difficulty is the reluctance of the best class of citizens to serve on municipal bodies. Believing that part of the fault was in the system, several cities and towns in Ontario have given up the plan of electing aldermen by wards, and have reduced the representation, and in every case the results have been encouraging. London has nothing to lose and much to gain by the experiment.

Electors have still five days in which to think over municipal matters.

Mr. Clarke Wallace has succeeded in making himself ridiculous. It did not require much effort.

Under the present system the average elector can vote for only three aldermen. He has nothing to say about choosing the other fifteen.

The merchants of the city generally agree that the holiday trade has been the best in years. It would have been still better had the snow and cold weather arrived a few days earlier.

That Fenian raid story is a clumsy joke. The Fenian invaders of 1866 sincerely believed that Canada was crying for deliverance from British rule. They expected to be welcomed with open arms, and were met with fire-arms instead. If the Fenian order is still alive, its leaders must know better than did those of 1866.

What Others Say.

We Have All Kinds.

(Ottawa Free Press.)

The Canadian voyageur was found to be a necessity in the Egyptian campaign. It looks as though a few Indian or other prairie scouts would be very desirable in South Africa at present.

Negative Virtue.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

It is sometimes said of a man, usually a weakling, and from a sort of post-mortem kindness, that he has not an enemy in the world. It is seldom that such a statement is to the man's credit and is not often spoken with truth. It is very rarely indeed that a strong character in this world avoids exciting jealousy, or making enemies.

Their Personal Interest.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

English journals are noting the fact that four leading Canadian ministerialists have sons fighting under the British flag in South Africa, namely, Major Robert Cartwright, son of Sir Richard Cartwright; Capt. Gustave Joly de Lotbinière, son of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière; Lieut. C. M. Dobell, son of the Hon. R. R. Dobell; and Lieut.-Col. Oscar C. C. Pelletier, son of Sir Alphonse Pelletier, speaker of the House. Three members of the Dominion cabinet thus have the most direct personal interest in the war. Two out of the four names given, as the English papers do not fail to remark, are those of French-Canadians.

Where the Boers Fail.

(Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal.)

The war editor of the New York Times thinks that both Kimberley and Ladysmith are doomed, and he is almost sure that Kimberley is. The Boers, however, will have to adopt new tactics if they capture either of the towns. They cannot do it by lying off behind intrenchments and shooting at them. They must get out in the open and expose themselves in assaults upon fortifications. The Boers as yet have done none of this sort of fighting; and it would seem that if they had stomachs for taking the two towns, they would have made the effort in the first weeks of the war, before the approach of British reinforcements. Perhaps their recent successes will stimulate the Boers to a more offensive policy, also perhaps their occupation at Kimberley and Ladysmith will convince them of their mistake in attempting such a policy.

Light and Shade.

"You don't mean to say you have had your cooks in three weeks?" "Yes; and that isn't the worst of it, either! One of them is still with us."

Customer (emerging from the bargain counter crush)—Help! My leg is broken.

Floor Walker—You will find the crutch department, sir on the fourth floor, in the rear.

Chollie—Are you fond of the water? Elsie—Exceedingly. At the mere thought of sailing over the bounding waves I can hardly contain myself.

Chollie—Yes; that's the way it affects me, too.

Caller (to little Bobby)—Bobby, what makes your eyes so bright?

Bobby (after a little thought)—I suspect it's 'cause I ain't had 'em very long.

A. Conan Doyle says that for absent-mindedness he holds the world's championship, but we doubt if he could win out against the Colorado woman who put her baby in the oven to roast and sang a lullaby in an endeavor to soothe the sleep of the stuffed turkey she rocked in the cradle.

A DINNER PILL—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healing nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmenter's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

TALKED TO EAST ENDERS

No. 5 Ward Candidates Appeal to Their Electors.

Mayorality Candidates Also State Their Respective Claims for Support.

Hall Was Too Chilly for Comfort, but Lively Speeches Kept Enthusiasm Above Freezing Point.

About 300 people alternated shivering with shouting in the east end hall last night, the occasion being the first ward meeting of the municipal campaign. A box-stove in a corner of the hall was the center of attraction. Those obliged to remain outside the small circle of its influence endeavored to keep warm by enthusiastic attention to the speakers. The fifth ward candidates for aldermen and school trustee, and the mayorality candidates addressed the meeting. All the speakers were accorded a fairly courteous hearing. The energetic attacks by the Socialist speakers and by Mr. Tom Sargent upon the existing state of affairs were received good-humoredly.

Ex-Ald. Jesse Welford was chairman, and called the meeting to order at 8:25.

ALD. PLANT.

The first speaker was Ald. Plant. He was warmly applauded. After thanking the electors for returning him to the council, the speaker, as a member of the finance committee, dealt with the causes of the council's overdraft of over \$18,000. He said that the overdraft of 1898 was referred to a number of circumstances outside the control of the municipal authorities, such as causes of the present overdraft. These included an unlooked-for expense, and an unexpected decrease in revenue by reason of the Ontario Legislature's revenue bill, respecting the assessment of loan companies. The calling out of the militia was another large factor in causing the overdraft. The city auditors' recommendation regarding the annual redemption of debentures, was lucidly set forth by the speaker, and endorsed as a step to be taken by the incoming council. Ald. Plant announced himself as a labor candidate and read the platform of the labor party. Of the first plank—public ownership of the city's utilities—little need be said. The idea was spreading rapidly, and that plank nineteenth of the electors were now in favor of. (Applause.) Touching upon the question of the abolition of the engineering department, Ald. Plant characterized the system as "pernicious." As to the abolition of the contract system, he said it would be in the interest of all classes. The speaker was opposed to the engineering department in the city engineer's department. "If this were stopped," he said, "the city would be hundreds of dollars to the good." He also advocated union of the engineering departments under municipal control. (Applause.)

ALD. WILKEY.

Ald. Wilkey reviewed the work of No. 5 committee, of which he was a member during the past year. He had attended about 50 meetings of the committee, and had done what he could. For some years the gravel put on the streets in No. 5 ward was not road material, but was a mixture of sand and gravel scraped off in the spring. The speaker objected to that, and in his objection had not had the support of his colleagues. One of them had gone so far as to say there was a "nigger in the fence" somewhere. "That was unfair," he said; "I would as soon see Mr. Baldwin put the gravel on as the Old Nick himself; for there is no difference as to their repulsive views." Ald. Wilkey also referred briefly to his connection with the sewerage and hospital committees. He spoke highly of the new buildings, but added that the cost of maintaining the new hospital would be three times as much as the old building cost. The speaker was also a member of the sidewalk investigation committee. There was an impression in some quarters, he said, that something had been hushed up by that committee. But the committee had made a full report, that was fair both to the city and the contractor. They had found that one of the contractors did not live up to the specifications as fully as might have been wished, but the fault was with the engineer's department. Proper measures would be provided to correct the matter. In conclusion, Ald. Wilkey advocated the abolition of the ward system.

ALD. DREANEY.

Ald. Dreaney submitted a statement of the finances of No. 3 committee, of which he was the chairman. He had not been on so many committees as Ald. Wilkey. Ald. Wilkey had been anxious to get on all those committees, so they let him.

Ald. Wilkey. They wanted level-headed men on those committees, didn't they? Ald. Dreaney—Yes, you bet; they're the kind of men who fix up their own property. (Laughter.)

No. 3 committee, Ald. Dreaney went on to an account of an anecdotal, and kept within their appropriation. The other committees were not to blame, however, for their overdrafts. There had been unforeseen expenses. The calling out of the militia was one of the causes of this. But it was a great mistake. The speaker had said it was a mistake at the time, and he said so still.

CONTRACTOR BALDWIN.

Contractor Baldwin arrived too late to hear Ald. Wilkey's reference to Old Nick, but someone told him of it. He then said there was a "nigger in the fence," he said. He was greeted with cries of "Platform," and complied. He had been on that platform before Mr. Wilkey was an alderman, and he would be there when Mr. Wilkey was out of the council. He was no weathercock. It would have been all right, he said, if he had drawn gravel to Mr. Wilkey's property. The speaker's sallies were received with jeers and laughter. Ald. Wilkey joined in the latter.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mr. George Burdick stated that it was an error that his name should go on the ballot papers. He had declined Saturday evening, but was too late. However, he was present to say that he was not a candidate. He also wished to say something to the workmen of No. 5 ward. He urged them to exercise their power in the coming elections. He was opposed to the destruction of property. If they wanted legislation in their interests, they should attain it with the ballot. That was the only weapon they had in the struggle between capital and labor. Mr. Burdick was applauded loudly and frequently.

JOHN TUKE.

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way employee, said he had been asked by a number of the workmen in No. 5 ward to be a candidate, and he solicited the votes of his hearers.

J. W. BARTLETT.

Mr. J. W. Bartlett referred to his long residence in East London, and his connection with the town council before amalgamation, as reeve, deputy reeve and councillor. He promised to do all in his power to advance the interests of the electorate.

FRED APPLETON.

Mr. Fred Appleton (Socialist) referred to Ald. Rumball as a capitalist, and said the workman who votes for a capitalist is voting against himself. He "threw" you in the mud this summer, and they'll keep you there a hundred thousand years if you let them. (Applause.) He assured the workmen that they would get the same dose from the capitalist class, whether in municipal office or in their own counting-room. He appealed to the workmen to choose one of themselves as their representative. Their bosses couldn't be their servants. In place of the ward system they should have proportional representation, he said. If there had been proportional representation last January there would have been two Socialists in the council. The speaker denounced exemptions, and advocated the franchise for women. In conclusion he said he had been accused of being opposed to unions. The Socialist Labor Party was out for the whole working class—union or non-union.

THOMAS SARGENT.

Mr. Thomas Sargent was wildly applauded. He was puzzled to know where the citizens' money had gone. Some of the aldermen might find it. "Why had Springbank Park been purchased? Was it not for the street railway company? The wool had been pulled over the eyes of the electors for years. People who would be in league with the company, had heads that were not put on straight, or the right stuff was not in them. Ex-Mayor Little was the most expensive die the city ever had. If he had held office for a few more years the citizens would not have a dollar to call their own.

Mr. Sargent was frequently interrupted by calls of "Time," and "Give it to him." Once a pointed criticism caught the speaker's ear, and he retorted: "One fool at a time, my friend."

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

Mr. E. W. Boyle, who is seeking reelection as school trustee, made a pointed speech. He had, while on the board, been as economical as it was possible to be, and not interfere with the efficiency of the teaching staff. The board had been called extravagant. I say the trustees were directly responsible to the citizens the expenses might not be so large. But the high school trustees were appointed by the council, and were not responsible to anyone. The speaker had not been satisfied with anything which had so far been presented to the board along the line of domestic science. The unanimous vote of the board to have a new six-roomed school on Chesley avenue had been turned down by the council. One of the aldermen for the ward had opposed the issue of the debentures. The aldermen thought the school good enough for years to come.

A Voice—He's not good enough for us for next year.

Mr. Boyle went on the speak of the

board's finances. There would be a surplus of from \$700 to \$1,000 of public school funds, and about \$200 of high school funds. By recent changes at the high school a saving of \$1,500 a year had been effected.

MR. W. BURLLEIGH.

Mr. W. Burleigh held that there should be a change on the board of education. The expenses of the board ran up to some \$80,000 a year, and were increasing. The reason for these increases was largely due to increases in salaries. He knew for a fact that the board had increased a teacher's salary with the party ever asking for it. He was opposed to a fee being placed on the Collegiate Institute entrance.

"A capitalist dodge," interrupted a Socialist. Many workmen were not able to pay that fee, the speaker said, and their children were shut out. He was in favor of free education and a reduction in the cost of school books. He was opposed to teachers being paid while on the sick list.

THE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

Ald. Rumball was greeted with hisses from the Socialist section of the audience. He referred briefly to his experience as an alderman. He had been accused of being a capitalist. He wished he were one. "There are not many in this room tonight, who, if they could be one, would refuse." (Applause.) Where was the line to be drawn? If all who employed labor were capitalists his opponent, Mr. Darch, was in the category as himself. The speaker claimed to be a worker. He had worked on the bench and on the farm. What little money he acquired he put in factories to help build up the city. (Groans from the Socialists.) "If you would sooner have a man put his money in bonds or mortgages, then I don't know the citizens of London," he said. He went on to speak of his work during the past year as chairman of the finance committee. Twice during the year aldermen were particularly sensitive—when the rate was being struck, and shortly before the elections. Some of the ward aldermen most about the rate being fixed as high as 23 mills had most to say about the over-draft, and were the most anxious to spend money in the fall fixing up streets for their friends. There had been a number of extraordinary expenditures this year, and it must be borne in mind that although \$350,000 was raised by a 23-mill rate, the expenditure of all but 6.1 mills was out of the council's hands altogether, and out of the 6.1 mills, salaries, hospital management, etc., had to come. A large portion of it was fixed. This year the militia had been called out, and the speaker was not responsible. He was out of the city at the time. This and other extraordinary expenditures accounted for the overdraft. The speaker then told of the part he played in bringing about the cement sidewalk bylaw. Referring to the last election, he said the Socialist candidate got 650 ballots. That he believed was now the full extent of the Socialist vote.

This caused an uproar, which the chairman succeeded in quelling. The speaker had, and would continue to, act conscientiously. He would endeavor to do justice to one and all.

In reply to Mr. Ross, Ald. Rumball said he did not favor the abolition of the property qualification for aldermanic candidates.

MR. FRED DARCH.

Mr. Fred Darch, the Socialist candidate for mayor, criticised Ald. Rumball for saying he would try to do justice to all. It was that same flim-flam,

sugar-coated thing the laboring men were always met with. But the laboring men would not make a mistake again. He said: "You're scabs of the worst kind if you don't go and drop your ballot in the box and say 'No more capitalism for me.' Ald. Rumball puts his money in factories for himself. Where were no workmen at the meeting where Ald. Rumball was brought out. Not on your life!—not for a minute." In time, he claimed, the Socialists could control the council and wipe out the system that was oppressing them. The speaker said he was in favor of the abolition of the property qualification. It was an insult to the intelligence of the workmen of the city. He warned his hearers against political ward heeled, and said: "If one talks to you, give him to understand you are on to him, and he will do his sneak." Mr. Darch criticised the waterworks system as being responsible for consumers having to pay more than they should, and drew a bright picture of the municipal-ty of the city. The water, electric light plant, and other public works.

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The loss of health is more. Health is lost by neglecting

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Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE MARKETS

Local Market.
A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.
London, Wednesday, Dec. 27.
Wheat, white, per bu 66c to 67c
Wheat, red, per bu 66c to 66c
Oats, per bu 28 1/2c to 29 1/2c
Peas, per bu 47c to 48c
Corn, per bu 35c to 36c
Barley, per bu 42c to 44c
Rye, per bu 50c to 51c
Beans, per bu \$1 to \$1 15

WEEKLY.
The grain trade was light this week. The bulk of the receipts were oats and wheat. Prices show little or no change. The wheat situation was a little weaker, and prices inclined to go lower, but the limited supply kept it from taking much of a drop. At today's session \$1 10 was the ruling price for No. 1 hard wheat. Oats fluctuated a little; outside markets are still reported lower than this one, the result is the disposition to buy cheaper oats here continues, and at present it looks as if January oats will be a little higher than October. Today's sales were made at 85c to 86c, with 83c to 84c covering the week's range.

Barley—Source: feed sold at 80c to 82c; malt at 85c to 90c; almost no business in the latter.
Peas—Brought 55c to \$1, mostly 55c. The supply was light and the demand limited.

Corn—A few small lots of flint corn came in; the price paid was 80c to 85c; the quality was poor and damp.

Beans—There were much smaller quantities than was expected, but the quality was poor; sales ranged from 75c to \$1 25 a bushel. There seem to be only a few lots left in growers' hands, and they are not disposed to sell.

No buckwheat or rye offered.
Dressed hogs sold at 35c to 36c, the best bringing 35c easy, and some days a little over.
Live hogs brought 34c; there were quite a lot delivered.

Very few transactions occurred in young pigs.
Hay sales ranged from \$8 50 to \$10; some days \$9 50, and even \$3 was the highest price obtainable. At today's session \$10 was the price of all good loads.
Straw sold at \$2 75 to \$3 a load.

NEW

Buckwheat Flour

A. M. Hamilton & Son
373 Talbot street. Opposite market.

St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Wheat, old, per bu, 67c; wheat, new, 67c; oats new, 28c to 29c; peas, 50c to 60c; barley, 35c to 40c; rye, 50c to 55c; clover seed, 15c to 17c; clover seed, per bu, \$5 70.

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 27.—Oil opened at 16c and closed at 15 1/2c.

ULL CITY, Dec. 27.—Credit balances, 15 1/2c; certificates, no bids.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Wheat, after opening firm on the weather and the decrease in passage and shipping, weakened on the heavy increase in the visible. May closing 4c to 5c lower.

Provisions closed 2c to 5c higher to unchanged. Primary receipts were 1,634,000 bushels, compared with 2,733,200 last year.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat No. 2 Dec, 85c to 86 1/2c; May, 89 1/2c to 90 1/2c; Corn No. 2 Dec, 30 1/2c to 31 1/2c; May, 33 1/2c to 34 1/2c; Oats No. 2 Dec, 24 1/2c to 25 1/2c; May, 27 1/2c to 28 1/2c; Pork Jan., \$10 8 1/2c; May, \$10 2 1/2c; Lard Jan., \$5 4 1/2c; May, \$5 7 1/2c.

Jan., \$5 2 1/2c; May, \$5 4 1/2c. Cash quotations: Flour, steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 62c to 64c; No. 2 red, 61 1/2c to 63c; No. 2 corn, 31c to 33c; No. 2 oats, 22 1/2c to 24c; No. 2 rye, 55c to 57c; No. 2 barley, 35c to 36c; Clover seed, \$15 to \$16; Prime timothy seed, \$2 35. Mess pork, \$7 70 to \$10 15c; Lard, \$5 1 1/2c to \$5 30c. Short ribs sides, \$12 1/2 to \$14. Dry hogs, \$12 1/2 to \$14. Sugar, cut loaf, \$7 70; granulated, \$7 75. Eggs, firm; fresh, 30c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 34,000 barrels; wheat, 87,000 bushels; corn, 229,000 bushels; oats, 160,000 bushels; rye, 5,000 bushels; barley, 35,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 15,000 barrels; wheat, 7,000 bushels; corn, 97,000 bushels; oats, 160,000 bushels; rye, 5,000 bushels; barley, 35,000 bushels.

Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Beef—Receipts, 434; no trade of consequence; feeling firm; no cable quotations received; shipments none; tomorrow, 550 cattle, 1,112 sheep and 9,700 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 180; steady; veals, 35 to 40; baryard and fed calves, 32 to 41; southern calves, 33 to 35; 30 to 33. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 700; 1 1/2c on sale; sheep firm; lambs 15c higher; all sold; sheep, 32 to 34; lambs, 35 to 38; 25c; one deck, 34 to 40; Canada Hogs—Receipts, 3,871; market 10c to 15c higher; good western hogs, 44c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Good to choice cattle, 35 to 38; mixed stockers, 33 to 35; selected feeders, 24 to 26; good to choice cows, 35 to 40; heifers, 33 to 34; calves, 34 to 35. Mixed and butchers' hogs, 44 to 45; good to choice heavy, 44 to 45; 25c; rough heavy, 34 to 40; light, 33 to 34; 25c; bulk of sales, 34 to 35; native weathers, 34 to 35; lambs, 34 to 36; western weathers, 34 to 36; western lambs, 35 to 36.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—Cattle.—There was one load on sale, not enough to affect a quotable change in the market; the feeling is still firm on good fat butchers' grade. There were no calves on sale; feeling steady on basis

of \$7 50 to \$8. Sheep and lambs.—The offerings were light, only seven loads; there were three loads of Canadas on sale; the demand was active, and the basis strong at 38; oholeto to extra lambs were quotable at 36 1/2 to 38; good choice, 45 1/2 to 35 1/2; sheep, choice to extra, 44 1/2 to 41 1/2; Canada lambs sold on the basis of 35 80 to 36. Hogs.—The supply was light; the demand was active and the prices strong to higher on the heavy hogs; heavy were quotable at 44 1/2 to 44 1/2; mixed, 44 1/2 to 44 1/2; Yorkers, 34 30 to 34 35; choice pigs, 34 35 to 34 30; roughs, 33 75 to 34; stags, 33 to 33 50; the close was full strong on the heavy hogs.

The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Butter strong; western creamery, 23c to 27c; do. factory, 15 1/2c to 20c; June creamery, 22c to 25c; imitation creamery, 17c to 22c; state dairy, 18c to 25c; do. creamery, 23c to 27c. Cheese—Cheddar, full made, fancy, small, 12 1/2c to 13c; full made, large, fancy, 12 1/2c to 13c; small, 12c to 12 1/2c; large late 11 1/2c to 12c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Butter steady; creameries, 16c to 25c; dairies, 16c to 22c. Cheese firm, at 12c to 13c.

"BE HAPPY, MY CHILDREN"

The Queen's Kind Words to Her Little Guests at Windsor.

On the Occasion of Her Majesty's Christmas Tree Entertainment—Hindu Prayers for the Queen-Empress.

New York, Dec. 27.—London cables describe at length the joyous time had at Windsor Castle, when Queen Victoria gave the Christmas tree entertainment to the wives and children of the guardsmen now in South Africa. While waiting for the Queen to appear, the children romped and played round games, and rolled on the rug, soft carpets to their hearts' content.

The Queen received her guests in St. George's Hall, sitting in a wheeled chair. She was dressed in black, with a black lace shawl across her shoulders, and with a peaked widow's cap, and she wore a gold-framed miniature on her breast. She smiled when a hush fell on the throng as they gazed at her presence, and the little children gazed curiously at her, but she became radiant as each mother brought forward her children. An appropriate gift was taken from the tray by the attendants, and passed to the Queen, who handed it in a charmingly motherly way to the little recipients.

To one of the mothers her majesty said: "I have not enjoyed a Christmas more for years. It gladdens my heart to give pleasure to families of my gallant soldiers." After the tots were given a chance to make the room ring with the ringing of their trumpets and guns, all the guests sat down to a high tea, being waited on by Princess Christian, Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Connaught and Lord Lorne, the Queen's stepson, being wheeled around the room, saying: "Be happy, my children; I want to see you enjoy yourselves." The entertainment was an unqualified success. The children left reluctantly to be driven to their homes, after the merriest party ever held within Windsor Castle.

HINDU PRAYERS FOR THE QUEEN

Hindu astrologers are connecting the famine, plague and cholera which are the peculiar conjunction of the planets, when, on Nov. 15, seven planets were in the sign of Scorpio. The Hindus of Bombay, therefore, to avert further calamity and insure success to the British arms, arranged for special prayers and religious ceremonies at one of their great temples. Seventy-five learned Brahmins officiated. The first was the presentation to the priests of valuable shawls and money. The priests then invoked divine blessings on the rulers and ruled, and the people sang hymns in Marathi and Gujarati, of which the Indian papers give the following translation:

"God grant that the illustrious and merciful Victoria may always enjoy perfect peace and happiness. That feelings of loyalty may remain deeply rooted in the hearts of her subjects; and that her kingdom may be free from all foreign invasions. May all differences between the rulers and the ruled vanish; may her majesty's subjects move on the path of righteousness; may all treason disappear; may famine and pestilence fly away; may the people of the Transvaal come to repentance of folly, and may her majesty's forces gain victory and success on the field of battle in South Africa." At the close of the service three cheers were given for the long reign, glory and success of her majesty, the Queen-Empress.

PANIC-STRICKEN BOY'S WILD LEAP

Tragic Death of Henry Oppenheimer in Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Dec. 27.—Tearing himself away from the grasp of his father, who was trying to restrain him, Henry Oppenheimer, Jun., aged 13, frantic with fright, sprang to a fire in the apartments on Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, leaped from a fourth story window today and was killed. The other members of the family had been rescued by the firemen.

The father and son were making their way down the stairway, which was filled with smoke and darting flames, when the son suddenly shouted: "Father, we can't get out! We're going to jump!" With that he rushed into a room on the fourth floor and turned the key in the lock. He refused to let his father, who had followed to save the boy. The man smashed the panel and seized his son by the shoulder. The boy struggled wildly, tore himself away, and sprang from the window sill.

The crowd in the street below saw the figure swaying on the sill, and begged him not to jump. The Oppenheims recognized the figure and advised him to get to a fire in the fire in the street below. Oppenheimer ran downstairs and reached the street just in time to see his son's body strike the pavement. The boy was dead when picked up.

Don't Tell Anybody.

If no one should tell you about it, you would hardly know there was cod-liver oil in Scott's Emulsion, the taste is so nicely covered. Children like it, and the parents don't object.

By the upsetting of a canoe seven Indians were drowned near Ashcroft, B. C., while they were attempting to cross the Thompson River.

No New Year's table is complete without a bottle of Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters, the great South American tonic of exquisite flavor.

GERMAN SCHEME ABANDONED

Idea of Acquiring Danish West Indies Given Up.

Looked Upon by America as an Unfriendly Act.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The German government has definitely abandoned all idea of acquiring the Danish West Indies, either by purchase from Denmark or otherwise. The correspondent of the Associated Press received this information from an authoritative source. The German embassy in Washington has left no doubt that any such attempt would be looked upon by the Americans as an unfriendly act, and as a serious infringement of the Monroe doctrine. According to the same authority the reports representing that Germany is negotiating to sell the islands to the United States are either entirely premature or without foundation.

Dr. Paasche, leader of the National Liberal in the Reichstag, has just returned from a four months' trip in the United States, Cuba and the other West Indies. The trip was undertaken for the United German sugar interests, the object of Dr. Paasche being to study thoroughly what prospects cane sugar had in the regions through which he passed of competing successfully with German beet sugar under the existing American tariff. In the course of an interview today he expressed the opinion that German sugar would be driven out of the United States market within three years, unless the United States grants better terms than the present tariff. He will fully discuss the matter in the Reichstag, and will also publish a book on the subject. Dr. Paasche, who says he greatly enjoyed his experience in the western world, speaks enthusiastically of the "phenomenal prosperity everywhere apparent in the United States." He believes a way will be found to effect a commercial treaty with the United States, which will be beneficial to both countries.

It is asserted in official quarters that the new tax rate on accumulated capital in Russia shows an increase of five milliards. "Armored trains will hereafter be a regular feature of German war equipment. Extensive experiments have been made on the military railroad line from Schoeneberg to Kuenigsdorf. Various types of plated trains have been used, all made at Krupp's works. It has been found that a light armored train, with an armor of 2 1/2 inches of plate, is more effective than a heavy one of 4 inches. The armor is made of steel plates, which are joined by rivets, and is the most available type. These cars are open at the top.

There has been a heavy snow-fall in Germany, and the heavy traffic is greatly impeded. One lesson from the severe snows of the last two weeks is that the accumulator electric car system is a failure. The Berlin lines will substitute overhead wires.

BOER RESERVE OF 8,000 MEN

Now in Pretoria, the Men Being Europeans.

American Story as to the Terms on Which Roberts Took Command—Gen. White Feels Easy at Lady Smith.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—The Daily News' Cape Town correspondent says he learns from well-informed Afrikaner Boer sources that there is a reserve of 8,000 European officers and men at Pretoria, all of whom are skilled in modern tactics, particularly the handling of artillery.

SENTINELS ARRESTED.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A Cape Town Dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated Dec. 21, says it is reported that several men who were lately employed as sentries have been arrested as the result of a discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

GEN. WHITE IS NOT ANXIOUS.

New York, Dec. 27.—The World today dispatch dated Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 22, says that by its correspondent in Ladysmith by heliograph that Dr. Watson combined in an almost ideal way the spiritual and the material, the literary and the scientific, the practical and the theoretical, the needs of human life. So that it seemed to the editors of Dr. Watson's Magazine that Dr. Watson combined in an almost ideal way the spiritual and the material, the literary and the scientific, the practical and the theoretical, the needs of human life. So that it seemed to the editors of Dr. Watson's Magazine that Dr. Watson combined in an almost ideal way the spiritual and the material, the literary and the scientific, the practical and the theoretical, the needs of human life.

ROBERTS TO BE SUPREME.

New York, Dec. 27.—Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceded to: "The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely sufficient command and receive no instructions from home." This was said at a meeting at the war office, at which were present Lord Lansdowne, secretary of the state for war, and Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief. It lasted for hours, during which it was demonstrated by the arguments that the opinions of those present were far from being unanimous. When the point he insisted on had been yielded, Lord Roberts then demanded that Gen. Kitchener be given him, and this was agreed to. It is argued now that Roberts and Kitchener will so completely reorganize the methods of the campaign that it will be March before the first decisive move is made to end the war.

TO BE ROUGH RIDERS.

New York, Dec. 27.—Sydney Paget, racing partner of W. C. Whitney, and brother of Almeric Paget, Mr. Whitney's son-in-law, sails today for England, where he will join the body of rough riders now being organized by Lord Wolseley for service in South Africa.

A BOER SUPPLY DEPOT.

The British consul at New Orleans, La., is authority for the statement that New Orleans has been one of the chief ports used by Boer agents for

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At 15c—Special lot of Ladies' Vests, closed fronts; worth 25c, on sale at 15c.
At 25c—Ladies' Warm Vests, best union of wool and cotton, open fronts, well made and nicely trimmed; worth 35c, for 25c.
At 50c—Ladies' Warm Wool Vests and Drawers, fine rib, a clean, well-made garment; selling now at 50c.
Children's Warm Vests, all sizes, at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c and 25c.
Have you tried our "Can't Wear 'Em Out" brand of Hosiery for boys and girls? If not, come and see our special for this week.
All for boys, of bright English worsted, wide rib, very heavy, great wearers; price, from 25c.
SPECIAL—Winter-weight, fine Cashmere Hosiery, speed knitted, and a beautiful bright stocking for girls; price, from 20c up.
FOR LADIES—We have a leader at 17 1/2c a stocking well worth more. Give our Hosiery Department a trial.

We are offering some special bargains in our Dress Goods Department this week.

Bayley's

securing supplies for use in the Transvaal, and that British ships were used to carry the supplies as far as Rotterdam. There was no legal way of preventing this.

BOERS HAVE A 96-POUNDER.

Modder River, Dec. 20.—Delayed in transmission.—The Boers have mounted a 96-pounder to counterbalance the British naval guns throwing lyddite shells. All of its shells have thus far fallen short.

BRITISH HOSPITAL WORK EXCELLENT.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—Sir William MacCormack, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who volunteered his services to the army, reports that the hospital work was done in connection with the engagement at Tugela River on Dec. 15.

Trains full of wounded men began leaving the field for Estcourt at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Others were followed, and the field was cleared of the wounded at 5 o'clock, the volunteer ambulances working splendidly.

Eight hundred wounded passed through the Chieveley hospitals, from which all the patients were transferred to the base hospitals by the morning of Dec. 17.

A LIFE OF CHRIST

in McClure's Magazine—A Notable Work

McClure's Magazine for December is begun the publication of "The Life of the Master," by the Rev. John Watson. The decision to undertake such a work was made soon after the first issue of the magazine was published. The editors, feeling that they had a great and intelligent constituency looking to them for the best thought on all subjects, realized that they could not neglect the domain of religion.

The undertaking was entered upon with a reverent determination to spare neither themselves nor their resources. The first endeavor was to find a writer for the life they had in mind. It was a long and serious search. It ended in the selection of the Rev. John Watson, familiar to every household in two continents as "Ian MacLaren." Although Dr. Watson is known to many Americans simply as the author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" and other exquisite tales of Scottish life and character, the great work of his life has been that of a Christian clergyman. Over twenty years of experience in this work of the ministry have demonstrated that his full scholarship, his literary experience, literary ability and scholarship which the work demanded. When they approached him on the subject, they found that for many years he had cherished the desire to write such a life of the great man as they had in mind; so it was not difficult to persuade him to undertake the work for McClure's Magazine.

The text of the full "Life" is now in hand. It is a work deeply reverential in feeling, noble in sympathy and pregnant in meaning. It has been prepared with the full knowledge of a scholar, but its scholarship is never obtrusive. Dr. Watson's method is to take the vital and human results of learning and to use them in enriching and illuminating the narrative. Thus he dwells instead upon the simple teachings which Christ gave to the world, and by which human society and governments have been changed. Dr. Watson's "Life of the Master" is a work which will help men to see the life of the world; it will help them to realize, if they have never realized it before, that the best in their lives, and in the lives of the men and women whom they know, has its origin in the teachings of the Gentle Galilean; it will show them with clearer vision than philosophy, no religion, no science has offered the world anything that will replace the teachings of that life.

The work will be splendidly illustrated by the artist, C. K. Linson, who has spent the last three years in Palestine specially for this purpose.

Little Charles—Sister told mamma yesterday you was born to be a politician.

Mr. Skimpely—A politician? I wonder why she thinks so.
Little Charles—She says you can do so much talking without committing yourself.—Chicago Times-Herald

Special Sale of Comforters.

Large Size Comforters, regular \$1, for..... 75c
Extra Large Comforters, regular \$1 25, for..... \$1 00
Special line Comforters, regular \$1 50, for..... \$1 25
A Superior Comforter for..... \$2 00

These goods were a little late in arriving, so we are giving our customers the benefit.

A few CUSHIONS still left, all good patterns.
GOOD WOOL BLANKETS and EIDERDOWN COMFORTERS.

If in need of good GRAY FLANNEL we can give it to you at 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c.

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BRITISH ARMY BEARSKINS

The Impending Headgear That Could Be Obtained Only in America.

[London Daily Telegraph.]

For more than 100 years "a tan hat of fur" has been a conspicuous article of equipment in the British army, and it was with something of a shock that people read in the papers the other day that a committee was going to sit to consider the growing scarcity of the bearskins from which are made the imposing full-dress hats of the foot guards.

War office committees on clothing are dreadful things, but those that sit on hats are unutterable. Everybody remembers with horror the alleged helmet which such a committee produced a few years ago. It was to be the universal head-covering of the British army, and must be serviceable and useful. The committee decided, as a first principle, that an article possessing two qualities must be ugly. Proceeding from this premise, they gave full expression to their ideas of utility, and produced a head-covering the like of which was never before seen on earth, and it is to be hoped never will again. There are members of the headquarters staff who to this day have not quite got over the sight of the experimental helmet devised by the committee. Fortunately, only one was made, or instead of only having to lament the scarcity of recruits, the nation would have found itself without any army whatever. No regular soldier or self-respecting militiaman volunteer will wear anything—would have put it on, and its adoption into the service would have left no service to wear it.

This much is necessary to explain the alarm felt the other day when it was announced that a war office head-dress committee was about to tamper with the guards' bearskins. Fortunately, the committee has only limited powers. Its only function this time is, so to speak, to haggle with tradesmen. The plain fact is that bearskins are growing scarce, and the cost of providing the guards with their magnificent "tall hat of fur" is increasing yearly, in a remarkable manner. Only one kind of fur is used for this purpose. It is that produced by the American black bear, and as Ursus Americanus, despite the extraordinary cordiality subsisting between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, refuses to produce well-furred integument in sufficient quantities to cover the heads of our guardsmen at a reasonable rate, the never-failing resource of a committee has been called into operation.

It costs, on an average, £1 a head per annum to maintain the imposing appearance imparted by the bushy, the great cap cost the government about £8 each. Those worn by the Coldstreamers are a little less, but those of the Grenadiers and Scots Guards cost more than that sum. According to the regulations, a bushy must last for eight years, but there are several reasons why the regulation "life" of a bushy, like the regulation life of a whole lot of other equipment, is considerably short of the war office span. One of the principal reasons is that the cap is only a home service equipment. When a guard's battalion is ordered on foreign service, the bushes—stirring battle pictures to the contrary, notwithstanding—are replaced by the store at the Pimlico clothing factory. They are not kept there waiting for the return of the former owners, but are resold to newly-joined recruits or to battalions returning home, so that men get what is called "part worn equipment."

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 28. From
Montrose..... Halifax
Californian..... Liverpool
Portland..... Portland
Norwegian..... Glasgow
Boston

letters telling us of the great benefits derived from the use of The D. & C. Plaster in cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

Mr. Clyde K. Green, manager of the radial railway, is to be made traffic returns, and Mr. George Theobald, of Embro, has been appointed to succeed him.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmentier's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmentier's Pills.

A school teacher, having instructed a pupil to purchase a grammar, the next day received a note, worded thus, from the child's mother: "I do not desire for Lulu shall engage in grammar, as I prefer her to engage in useful studies and can learn her how to speak and write properly myself. I have went through two grammars, and I can't say as they did me no good. I prefer her engage in german and drawing and vocal music on the piano."

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller is the pleasant, sure and effectual. If your drug-grist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 27.—Mrs. W. Mowat, of London, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Mamie Nash, London, visited relatives here.

Miss Ethel Scovene, London, is visiting her friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rowland, of St. Thomas, visited friends here.

Mr. D. Rowland, of Hamilton, and Mr. Lewis Rowland, Burlington, spent Christmas at their home here.

Wm. Scott, of Detroit, was home for Christmas.

Mrs. Madge, of London, visited at her father's, Mr. G. Lofthouse.

New Tea for Old.
Pure Tea for Impure.

SALADA
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Light color in infusion will out-
draw any Japan tea grown. Although
similar in flavor it is infinitely more
delicious.
Sealed lead packets only. Halves
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to use than Japan tea at 25c.

The Face
Behind the Mask

A Romance.

The room was spacious and richly
furnished. Just enough light stole
through the draped window at the fur-
ther end, draped with crimson satin,
unobscured by gold, to show it. The
floor was of veined wood of many col-
ors, arranged in fanciful mosaics, and
strewn with Turkish rugs and Persian
mats of gorgeous colors. The walls
were carved, the ceiling coiled, and
all fretted with gold network and gilt-
ed moldings. On a couch covered with
crimson satin, like the window drap-
ery, lay a child and some loose sheets
of music. Near it was a small marble
table, covered with books and draw-
ings, with a decanter of wine and an
exquisite little goblet of Bohemian
glass. The marble mantel was strewn
with ornaments of porcelain and alab-
aster, and a beautifully carved vase of
Parian marble stood in the center, fill-
ed with brilliant flowers. A great mir-
ror reflected back the room and be-
neath it stood a toilet-table, strewn
with jewels, lace, perfume-bottles and
an array of costly little feminine trifles
such as ladies were as fond of two
centuries ago as they are today. Evi-
dently it was a lady's chamber, for in
a recess near the window stood a great
quaint carved bedstead, with curtains
and snowy lace, looped back with gold-
en arrows and scarlet ribbons. Some-
one lay on it, too, at least Ormiston
thought so; and he went cautiously
forward, drew the curtain and looked
down.

"Great heaven! what a beautiful
face!" was his cry, as he bent still
further down.

"What the plague is the matter?"
asked Sir Norman, coming forward.

"You have said it," said Ormiston,
recalling. "The plague is the matter."
There lies one dead of it!"

Curiosity proving stronger than fear,
Sir Norman stepped forward to look
at the corpse. It was a young girl with
a face as lovely as a poet's vision.

That face was like snow now; and in
its calm, cold majesty, looked as ex-
quisitely perfect as some ancient Greco-
statue. The low, pearly brow, the
sweet, beautiful lips, the delicate oval
outline of countenance, were perfect.

The eyes were closed and the long dark
lashes rested on the ivory cheeks. A
profusion of shining black hair fell in
elaborate curls over her neck and
shoulders. Her dress was that of a
bride; a robe of white satin brocaded
with silver, fairly dazzling in its shin-
ing radiance, and as brief in the article
of sleeves and neck as was of any
modern belle. A circlet of pearls was
clasped round the snow-white throat,
and bracelets of the same jewels en-
circled the snowy, taper arms. On her
head she wore a bridal wreath and
veil—the former of jewels, the latter
falling around her like a cloud of mist.

Everything was perfect, from the
wreath and veil to the tiny sandaled
feet; and lying there in her death-
pose she looked more like some ex-
quisite piece of sculpture than any-
thing that had ever lived and moved
in this groveling world of ours. But
from one shoulder the dress had been
pulled down, and there lay a great
livid purple plague-spot!

"Come away!" said Ormiston, catch-
ing his companion by the arm. "It is
death to remain here!"

Sir Norman had been standing like
one in a trance, from which this ad-
dress roused him, and he grasped Or-
miston's shoulder almost frantically.

"Look there, Ormiston! There lies
the very face that sorcerer showed me
fifteen minutes ago in her infernal
cauldron! I would know it at the other
end of the world!"

"Are you sure?" said Ormiston,
glancing again with new curiosity at
the marble face. "I never saw anything
so beautiful in my life; but you say
she is dead of the plague."

"Dead! Oh, she cannot be! Nothing
so perfect could die!"

"Look there!" said Ormiston, point-
ing to the plague-spot. "There is the
fatal token. For heaven's sake, let us
get out of this, or we will share the
same fate before morning!"

But Sir Norman did not move—could
not move: he stood there rooted to the
spot by the spell of that lovely, life-
less face.

Usually the plague left its victims
hideous, ghastly discolored and cov-
ered with blotches; but in this case
there was nothing to mar the perfect
beauty of the skin-smooth skin, but
that one dreadful mark.

There Sir Norman stood in his trance,
as motionless as if some giant out of

the "Arabian Nights" had suddenly
turned him into stone (a trick they
were much addicted to), and destined
him to remain there an ornamental
fixture for ever. Ormiston looked at him
distractedly, uncertain whether to try
moral suasion or to take him by
collar and drag him headlong down the
stairs, when a providential but rather
dismal circumstance came to his aid.

A cart came rattling down the street,
a bell was loudly rung, and a hoarse
voice arose with it: "Bring out your
dead! Bring out your dead!"

Ormiston rushed downstairs to inter-
cept the dead-cart, already almost full
on its way to the plague-pit. The
driver stopped at his call and instantly
followed him upstairs and into the
room. Glancing at the body with the
utmost sangfroid, he touched the dress
and indifferently remarked:

"A bride, I should say, and an un-
commonly handsome one, too. We'll
just take her along as she is, and strip
these nice things off the body when we
get it to the plague-pit."

So saying he wrapped her in the
sheet, and directing Ormiston to take
hold of the two lower ends, took the
upper corners himself, with the air of
a profusion of that sort of risqué
Ormiston recoiled from touching it, and
Sir Norman, seeing what they were
about to do, and knowing there was no
help for it, made up his mind, like a
sensible young man as he was, to con-
ceal his feelings, and caught hold of
the sheet himself. In this fashion the
dead bride was carried downstairs and
laid upon a shutter on the top of a pile
of bodies in the dead-cart.

It was now almost dark, and as the
cant started the great clock of St. Paul's
struck eight. St. Michael's, St. Alban's
and the others took up the sound; and
the two young men, pale as death, stood
for many weeks the sky had been
clear, brilliant and blue; but on this
night dark clouds were scudding in
wild unrest across it, and the air was
apparently close and sultry.

"Where are you going now?" asked
Ormiston. "Are you for Whitehall to-
night?"

"No," said Sir Norman, rather deject-
edly, turning to follow the hearse. "I
am for the plague-pit in Finsbury
Fields!"

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Ormiston, en-
ergically. "What with take you there?
You surely are not made of stone, to
follow the body of that dead girl?"

"I shall follow it! You can come or
not, just as you please!"

"Oh, if you are determined, I will go
with you, of course; but I'll be the
craziest freak I ever heard of. After
this you need never laugh at me."

"I never will," said Sir Norman,
moodyly. "For if you love a face you
have never seen, and a body you have
never seen, does it not seem sacrilege
to throw anyone so like an
angel into that horrible plague-pit?"

"I never saw an angel," said Ormiston,
as he and his friend started to go
after the dead-cart. "And I daresay
there have been scores as beautiful as
that poor girl thrown into the plague-
pit before now. I wonder why the
house has been deserted, and if she was
really a bride. The bridegroom could
not have loved her much, I fancy, or
not even the pestilence could have scared
him away."

"But, Ormiston, what an extraordi-
nary thing it is that it should be pre-
cisely the same face that the fortune-
teller showed me. There she was alive
and here she is dead; so I've lost all
faith in La Masque for ever."

Ormiston looked doubtful.

"Are you quite sure it is the same,
Kingsley?"

"Quite sure," said Sir Norman, indi-
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QUAINT OLD LONDON

How it Strikes a Foreigner—The Old
Antiquities.

London is a huge, half-regulated
mechanism, the expression of a thou-
sand impulses to crowd together all
those things which humanity craves
for: close, side by side, the thrush,
tailor shop, book mart, and dishom-
er's stall, and human needs, but il-
luminated in human forms, push in
out, pass and repass—the forms
of the needs remain the same,
for they are never satisfied.

The real things are the buildings,
the monuments, and the Thames; the
unreal are the people who run by
the unreal. The phantoms on a
vaudeville stage. The crooked ways of
man, the narrow courts and lanes
dodge slyly in among scarce wider
streets and bump adroitly against the
great stone building. The little
shops which line the lanes leer at you
through half-closed window-fronts;
the bigger shops along the strand offer
in profusion all their contents, or
sneak down among the serious ex-
changes, with merry disregard of the
queer effects they make.

In London the small shops are push-
ing the big ones out, and the thorough-
fare of competition untroubled by the
approach of organized department
stores. In their still unconscious
simplicity, they have not learned the
art of window decoration. A
candy shop has in the window a basket
of red and yellow gum-drops and a
heap of chocolate done up in silver
paper. A hatter displays his whole
stock in trade with green labels pinned
on the brims of straw and Derby. The
shoe shop next is not so confused, for
there is an inevitable symmetry about
a pair of shoes. Then, open to the street
is a row of stalls, where fish, damp and glistening, are
piled one atop the other. And so it
goes.

LIKE AN OLD-TIME FAIR.

The buying and selling of London
are like some old-time fair—the shops
often seem more like booths than
shops, and the street is a long, un-
broken line of stalls and shops. Just
one corner you are out of it all and
back 100 years. Take such a turn off
Charing Cross—where cabs and buses
keep up a dull long after 12 at
night, where flower girls stand bare-
headed on the curb, and crowds are
worrying along in different directions—
and you can be almost alone in a mel-
ancholy street lined by lodging-houses
having the dignity of old women who
wear false fronts and leave their shoe
laces untied.

One house looks more alert. It has
a plate set in between the upper win-
dows, announcing the residence of
Benjamin Franklin some 100 years ago.
But a thin, gray cat sits carefully on
the edge of the grating over the cellar
way. Up the street there is another,
not so gray but thinner—London is full
of gray cats and wizened old women.

And yet at the other end of this
cobble-stone street one comes out on
the river, and the river is a sea of
boats from the river after sunset are seen
the solemn perpendiculars of the
houses of parliament. They rise above
the petty transitory buildings about
them, just as the chimneys of Big Ben
ring out every quarter above the jar-
ring noises of cabs and venders' voices.

A "PAVEMENT ARTIST."

There is a wide stone wall along the
Thames, and not far from the corner
of the Strand, a pavement artist is
kneeling at his base drawing with colored
chalks, which she smears with the
palms of her hands. There is a gray
tower against a pink sky, a stretch of
blue water and some green trees. She
has made four pictures, and they are
all country scenes. She looks up as
you pass with a defiant movement of
her pretty head; her eyes are large and
dark, and she has a certain air of
as she rests her hands on the dusty
sidewalk.

On the other side of the embankment
the Hotel Cecil stands back in its six-
tory tower, and the river is a sea of
boats from the river after sunset are seen
the solemn perpendiculars of the
houses of parliament. They rise above
the petty transitory buildings about
them, just as the chimneys of Big Ben
ring out every quarter above the jar-
ring noises of cabs and venders' voices.

The buildings are tall and stolid-
looking. They will never tell the legal
black and white of the houses and
chambers within their walls; they will
not confess to us what they confessed
to Dickens—the windows are not frank
and clear, but have small panes which
in the Temple court, and passing in
back the light that comes in over the
tops of the other buildings.

THE TEMPLE WIG SHOP.

In one corner of the Temple cloisters
there is a little pigeon-hole shop where
wigs and gowns are in display. They
might be the same that were there 50
years ago; there is dust about the
edges.

And then there is a dingy little park,
put right down into the stone paving.
A young man comes from a darkening
doorway, drops a stone, and the stone
picks them up, and takes a hurried cut
across the grass plot and hurries down
Plum court.

A woman sits alone on the one
bench, swinging her foot on its ragged
shoe and bending her head over a
basket. Her hair is matted, and sticks
out of the holes in her hat. She is
the only person in there except the
lean, old woman who sits near the
Temple's Church; he has lain there
300 years, if one makes out the figures
rightly, so many feet have helped to
ru him indistinct.

The old church is three or four feet
below the rest of the place. It is on
the former level of Fleet street. Under
a lilac bush that shades another old
gravestone there is a blinking, purring
cat, and the garden of a memory.
It is all still and quiet. Some way
is oppressive, and you are glad to come
out suddenly into the bustle and con-
fusion of Fleet street.

"THE CHESHIRE CHEESE."

Dodging in front of a Piccadilly bus
and avoiding a "sandwich" man, you
came to the side of Fleet street, and
nearly there the sign, "Wine
Court." It's a narrow court, and al-
most dark—just light enough to see
another weather-beaten sign hanging
out, and a few feet away a few feet
more. The Cheshire Cheese is inscribed
thereon. From the door comes the
heavy laugh of a man and the heavy
"chug" of ale glasses on a wooden
table.

Inside there is, first of all, a smell of
toasting cheese and the large portrait
of Dr. Johnson and a ghost of Bos-
well's presence. The deep fireplace is
cold, and the small-paned windows let
in just enough light to note the rays
edges on the favorite seat of Dr. John-
son—rather hard and narrow for the
portly gentleman, but making digni-
fiedly by denying comfort. There
are tables, three of them, on the other
side of the small room, and there is
plenty of good cheer at each one.

Thackeray and Dickens used to come
here, too, but they have no portraits.
Goldsmith lived just across the court
for a long time, and there is no doubt
about his taking a glass of ale here
on occasions.

But it is the Welsh rabbit and rab-
bit which link today with the past,
and you feel a subtle sympathy with

Johnson and Boswell—a warmed, mel-
lowed understanding of them that lasts
as far as the corner of the Strand,
where you take a Hyde Park bus and
clamber up the stairs to an outside
seat.

FACTS ABOUT METEORS

A Fragment of a Comet's Tail—The In-
tense Cold of Space Felt by Man.

The atmosphere forms an armor
which is almost impenetrable to the
meteors that are constantly pelting the
earth. Most of the meteors are small.
They come rushing through space,
strike the atmosphere, and the friction
against the molecules of air heats them
to a white heat, and sets them ablaze.
Sometimes part of one may
reach the earth; but as a rule they are
consumed and the dust alone, cosmic
dust, drops upon the surface. One of
the earliest known meteors fell in
204 B. C. in Phrygia, where for a long
time it was worshipped. It was carried
to Rome, and was supposed to be a
messenger from the gods. Livy de-
scribes a shower of meteoric stones.
The people were greatly alarmed, and
the senators were demoralized, and de-
clared a nine days' festival to propitiate
the gods. There is at Mazapil, Mex-
ico, a meteorite which fell in 600 A. D., and
is still worshipped by the faithful. In
Chinese literature there is mention of
meteors which fell in 64 B. C. The
oldest meteorite which was seen to fall
is now on exhibition at Ensisheim, Al-
sace, Germany. In 1492 it came crash-
ing down through the air with a roar
that, prostrated the peasantry with
fright. It buried itself deeply in the
earth. It weighed 200 pounds, and
hangs today in the parish church.

The Chupaderos meteorite, which
weighed 25 tons, fell in Chihuahua,
Mexico. The largest meteorite known
is the Peary stone, which weighs ap-
proximately 10 tons. The stone of
anyon Diablo weighs at least ten
tons, and exploded high in the air, and
pieces found all over the surrounding
country. In Italy several instances
are known of the loss of life from
meteors. A peasant was sitting in
his cabin and was killed by an iron
mass that crashed through the roof;
the act was regarded as a visitation of
divine anger. The city of Milan is
perhaps the only one that has been
struck by a meteorite. A meteorite of
several pounds' weight fell in the
heart of that city in the year 1660, on
the authority of Paolo Maria Tezzano,
and struck a Franciscan monk.

More remarkable are the falls at sea.
That a ship should be struck would
seem an extraordinary chance, yet a
Swedish ship was so struck, the stone
killing two of the crew. On Dec. 1,
1890, the ship Walkomming was sail-
ing from New York to Bremen, when
her officers noticed a brilliant meteor
that appeared to be bearing down on
the vessel from southeast to north-
west.

It passed with a loud roar and
hisling sound, and plunged into the
sea ahead of the ship. That it was a
meteor of large size was evident, for
a few minutes later the ship was
struck by a tidal wave. Even more
remarkable was the experience of the
British ship Cawdor, which reached
San Francisco Nov. 20, 1897. During
a severe storm, a large and brilliant
meteor was observed rushing down
upon the ship, and with a roar and
filling the air with fumes of sulphur
it passed between the masts of the ship
and fell into the sea not fifty feet from
the rail.

One of the greatest curiosities pos-
sessed by man today is a supposed
fragment of a comet in Mazapil,
Mexico. The fragment is believed to be
a part of the tail of Biela's comet. In
1846 some fragments happened in space,
and the fragments of Biela's comet may
have collided with another comet; in
any case, the comet divided and many
flying observers remember seeing the
two parts gradually separating. Some
fatality pursued one part of the comet
and it met its fate in infinite space.
Literally went to pieces and became a
wreck upon the shoreless sea of space.

Astronomers predicted that if the com-
et itself did not appear in 1872 its
wreckage would become visible as
shooting stars, and this prediction was
realized apparently as on Nov. 27,
1872, the burst of light from the heavens
displayed one piece dropped upon the
earth and was secured at Mazapil,
Mexico, and was declared to be a part
of the great comet.

The meteorite immediately
after its fall is intensely hot; but at
least one, which was handled immedi-
ately after falling still held the in-
tense cold of space. A few men can-
say that they have experienced this. A
meteorite exploded above Dhurmsala,
Kangara, Punjab, India, in 1860, and
a section was picked up immediately
by some natives who dropped it with
expressions of pain. The explosion had
exposed the interior of the meteor
which had been chilled by the intense
cold of space and was so cold that its
effect was like a burn. This fragment
is to be seen in the Field Museum, O.
Dr. Farrington, the curator, said:
"This is perhaps the only instance
known where the cold of space has be-
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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 26-8 p.m.—The pressure is steadily increasing over the lake and eastern districts, and the outlook is for a continuance of cold weather in Ontario and Quebec, and lower temperature in the Maritime Provinces. In the Northwest high pressure and low temperatures prevail, and are likely to continue. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Calgary, 20-24; Prince Albert, 5-10; Qu'Appelle, zero-8; Winnipeg, 10 below-10; Port Arthur, 2-4; Parry Sound, 2-14; Toronto, 12-22; Ottawa, 2 below-10; Montreal, 12-20; Quebec, 16-20; Halifax, 34-46.

Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Tuesday, Dec. 26, were: Highest, 27°; lowest, 9°.

Today sun rises 7:51, sets 4:43; moon rises 2:40 a.m., sets 12:54 p.m.

Happy New Year

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beck spent the holiday with relatives in Ham.

—Mrs. John Siddons is lying dangerously ill at her home on Wellington street.

—Dr. W. L. Stack, of New York, is among the guests at the Tecumseh House.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Ziegler, with her children, is visiting friends in Berlin, Guelph and Toronto.

—Mr. Harry Turner, of Indianapolis, is spending his holidays with his parents on Becher street.

—Mr. D. J. McClary, driver of Star Pointer, the famous racing horse, is visiting his brother at Dorwent, Ont.

—Rev. Dr. Johnston, who has been ill during the past week, will have charge of the weekly prayer-meeting tonight.

—Mr. Cecil S. Gunn, of the Merchants' Bank agency, New York city, is visiting his parents at 225 Wellington street.

—Mrs. Samuel Handford, of Snowflake, Man., is on an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Gould, 170 Adelaide street.

—Miss Sarah Ross, York street, and Miss Grace Hyslop, West London, have gone for a week to visit friends in St. Thomas.

—Mr. A. E. Mathewson, of Newcombe, Endicott & Co., Detroit, spent Christmas at the parental home, 454 Dufferin avenue.

—Miss Maud Hodgins returned to Simcoe on Tuesday, after spending Christmas in the city, the guest of Miss Ethel Jenkins.

—Messrs. H. S. and W. M. Dickson, who have been spending their Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dickson, Burwell street, returned to Detroit yesterday.

—Mrs. Samuel Handford, of Snowflake, Manitoba, is on an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Gould, 170 Adelaide street. Mrs. Handford has not visited London for fifteen years.

—The members of the German Lutheran Sunday school wish to extend to the citizens their hearty thanks for their liberal assistance and donations for their Sunday school and Christmas celebration.

—The conductors and motormen of the Wellington street branch of the street railway system wish to express to Mr. George Robinson their thanks for the serviceable and beautiful notices presented them.

—A Hamilton telegram of the 25th says: Frank Bailey, of London, who is visiting friends here, met with a painful accident, on James street this afternoon. A horse fell on the pavement, and he assisted the driver to get it on its feet. When it arose it kicked him on the leg, breaking it. The fracture was a bad one, the bone protruding from the flesh. He was taken to the general hospital.

—An enjoyable supper was given last night in the Palace Cafe to about 25 boys from the West London Presbyterian Mission. It was the result largely of energetic work by Miss Dottie Cowan, and the boys showed their hearty appreciation of her kindness, when she arose in reply to the toast of the "Ladies." Rev. Dr. Johnston, presided briefly to the toast of "The Queen." The party dispersed after singing the "National Anthem."

THEIR SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pantton, of 224 Simcoe street, celebrated their silver wedding on Christmas day. A large number of guests were present, and a very pleasant time was spent. Many beautiful presents were received, among them being 25 silver dollars.

AT SOUTHWOLD STATION.

On Christmas day, at high noon, a very interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. J. E. Stormes, when his only daughter, Miss Eliza, one of Southwold's most popular and estimable young ladies, was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Joseph W. Smith, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, but formerly of Talbotville, by Rev. J. Henderson, of Sheddin, in the presence of a select company of relatives and friends. Among the many useful and costly presents received by the bride was an elegant gold watch from the groom, and a beautiful purse, containing \$100, from her father. After the company had partaken of the dainty wedding repast and Christmas dinner, the young folks drove to Sheddin, where Mr. and Mrs. Smith took the train, under a shower of rice, for Detroit and other points, where they will remain for a few days before their departure for their eastern home. Mr. Smith, who taught school here for two years, has a splendid position as

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one for each year of their married life. A splendid programme of music was given, and the guests departed at midnight, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Pantton many more years of wedded felicity.

MATRIMONIAL

A Quartet of Christmas Day Weddings at St. Thomas—Several Local Nuptials.

At the residence of Mr. W. H. Walsh, Talbot street, St. Thomas, on Christmas night, Mr. George Clark, of Bay City, Mich., and Miss Cinda Pierson, daughter of Mr. W. H. Walsh, were united in marriage by Rev. Canon Hill.

At the Grace Methodist Church parsonage the Rev. W. Godwin united in the bonds of matrimony Mr. James Taylor, of Yarmouth township, to Miss Fanny L. Collins, of Union.

On Christmas night the house of Mr. E. A. Lewis, Center street, St. Thomas, was the scene of a very pretty event, the occasion being the marriage of a local daughter of Mr. D. J. Lewis, to Percy L. Newcombe. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Spencer in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Miss Louise Hawley acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. H. W. Wright, of Aylmer, ably supported the groom, and little Muriel Lewis was a very pretty maid of honor.

For the second time within two months the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leakey, 35 Walnut street, was made glad at the sound of wedding bells. Christmas day, at 4 o'clock, their daughter, Miss Marian Kearney Leakey, was united in marriage to Alfred John Miller, son of Robert Miller, barrister, St. Thomas, by Rev. Dr. Philip, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Charles Septimus Miller, and the bride by her sister, Miss Sarah Leakey.

HUNTER—WESTON.

A pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday morning at the residence of Mr. N. Weston, 921 Lorne avenue, when his youngest daughter, Miss Bell Weston, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel J. Hunter, of the Detroit Free Press, formerly of The Advertiser. The house was prettily decorated with palms, holly and foliage, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Ford, of the Centennial Methodist Church, in the presence of a large company of guests. Miss Nellie Weston, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Both the bride and bridesmaid were given in pearl gray, trimmed with white satin and muslin de sole. The bride's going away gown was a tailor-made suit of green cloth. She entered the room leaning on the arm of her father, and carrying a beautiful bouquet of white bridal roses. Little Frieda, Hunter, one of the groom, acted as maid of honor. She was dressed in pink silk with over-dress of white organdie, and carried a basket of pink carnations. Mr. John F. Nell, of Toronto, was groomsmen. Miss Addie Lillywhite played the Wedding March. After a dainty wedding breakfast the happy couple left for Toronto and other eastern points to spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in Detroit. Many costly presents were received, bespeaking the high esteem in which the young couple are held among the guests present from a distance were: Mrs. Mann, of St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Yates, Toronto; Mrs. Armstrong, of Chicago, and others.

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A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at high noon today, it being the marriage of Miss Lucretia C. Collins, daughter of Mr. Asa Collins, of 223 Horton street, to Mr. John C. Gould, of Richmond street, formerly of Exeter. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Isabel M. Collins, while Mr. H. C. Sparring supported the groom. The house was prettily decorated with palms and ferns. After the wedding ceremony, at which Rev. Jos. Edge officiated, the guests to the number of about 40, partook of a dainty wedding repast. Mr. Fred Fitzgerald played the wedding march from "Lo-hengrin." Many beautiful presents evidenced the esteem in which the young couple are held by their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gould left this afternoon on a trip to eastern cities. Guests were present from Exeter, Mariette, Mich., Belleville and Toronto.

CONNOR—GLENDENNING.

Miss Lillian Jane Glendenning, youngest daughter of Mr. W. J. Glendenning, of 143 Oxford street, was united in marriage on Monday to Mr. Alfred E. Connor, of the London Coffee and Spice Company. The ceremony was performed at the Church of St. John the Evangelist by the rector, W. T. Hill. The bride was assisted by Miss Alice E. Connor, sister of the groom, and the groom was ably supported by Mr. Charles E. Glendenning, brother of the bride. Little Gladys Boyd, the bride's niece, was maid of honor. Only the immediate relations of the bride and groom were present. After a wedding repast at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. and Mrs. Connor left on the 4:30 train for the Eastern States. The presents to bride and groom from friends and relatives in England and at home were numerous and costly, and showed the high esteem in which the happy young couple are held.

THE MARKSMEN OF THE SEVENTH

Men Who Won Certificates in This Year's Contests—Volunteers for South Africa on the List.

The Military Rifle League certificates have been received by Major Hayes for distribution among the successful marksmen. First-class certificates require that 85 per cent be scored. A score of 80 per cent gained a second-class certificate. Pte. Sutherland, of No. 1 Company, of the Seventh, gained a first-class certificate. He is a successful applicant for a position on the second contingent. His score totaled 90 per cent. Sgt. George Sippl, who is now in South Africa, was in the second-class. The winners of first-class certificates were: George Hayes, W. E. Hiskott, T. J. Murphy, A. Gairbith, W. A. McCrimmon and H. Erskine. Second-class men were: F. M. Allen, Walter Smith, George Sippl and M. Hueston.

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Sunday Work in Massachusetts.

[The Outlook, New York.]

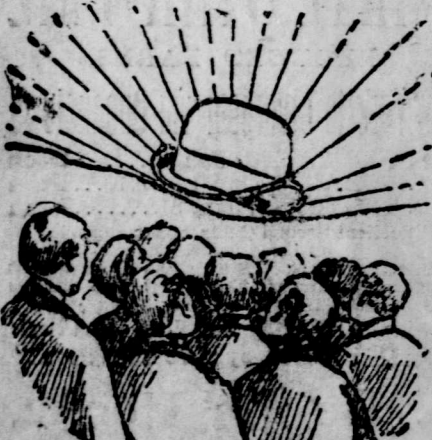
In response to an act of the legislature a year ago, the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics has made a careful inquiry into the amount of Sunday labor now performed in the commonwealth. It finds that of 1,075,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations, probably 150,000 are expected to labor on Sunday. Of these about two-thirds are engaged in domestic service, in which the consciences of mistresses often secure servants a free half-holiday, on Sunday, accompanied by a free half-day during the week. The immense amount of Sunday work performed by women for their own households is, of course, unrecorded. The manufacturers of the state, which employ one-half of the working population, perform practically no Sunday work whatever. Mercantile business makes almost as good a case for it. If this be true, it is impossible to account for the trades union agitation against Sunday work.

however, perform the great body of the Sunday work that has recently grown up. Not until 1881, says the Springfield Republic, did the Massachusetts Legislature permit the railway commission to license the running of such Sunday trains as the public conveniences demanded, including excursion trains, at lower than the regular rates. Since that time there has been a gradual extension of the Sunday service. On the steam railroads, the average number of persons employed on Mondays is now 6,718, as against 27,480 on week days; and on the street railway it is \$222 on Sundays, as against 10,320 during the week. On the street railways nine hours generally constitute a day's work on Sundays, as against ten on week days, but there is no regular rest day for the men who do Sunday work, and one can be obtained only, with loss of pay, on application to the management. This is certainly a wrong. The legislature that permits Sunday work should stipulate that employees shall have one free day in every seven. It is unfortunate that the present report intimates that employees prefer a week day for rest. If this be true, it is impossible to account for the trades union agitation against Sunday work.

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