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MORE OF OUR SOLDIERS HAVE LANDED AT HALIFAX.

The Carthaginian Brought Fourteen Monday--Several Were Wounded--They Will Wait in Halifax for the Rosslyn Castle--City Is Decorating.

Halifax, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The Allan-Furness steamer Carthaginian arrived today from Liverpool. Her passengers included the following Canadian soldiers, all of whom but the last two named were invalided: Sergt. T. R. Miles, C. M. R.; Pte. D. H. Doust, R. C. D.; Pte. J. G. McDougall, Strathcona's Horse; Pte. J. T. Doonan, C. M. R.; Pte. J. Yule, Strathcona's Horse; Pte. C. F. Biss, R. C. A.; Corp. J. P. Stevens, C. M. R.; Pte. S. Taylor, C. M. R.; Pte. L. Wigley, R. C. D.; Gr. L. Clarkson, R. C. F. A.; Pte. J. Kennedy, R. C. R.; Pte. H. H. Wright, Strathcona's Horse; Sergt. Lauder, artificer; Sergt. W. Dick, artificer. Sergt. Thomas Routledge Miles, who is in charge of the party, left from Finch Creek, Alberta, and left here as a private in the second battalion of mounted rifles. He was wounded in the shoulder in action, by a Martini-Heintz bullet,

but the lead was removed and he is feeling well now. Corp. Stevens is the most seriously wounded of the detachment but on board the steamer he was moving around lively and told a reporter that he was as "gay as a bombshell." At Klip River he was wounded in the back and the lead was never removed, though the X-rays were put on him in England. Another member of the detachment was wounded in the knee by a bullet. The men were escorted to Wellington barracks where they will remain till the Rosslyn Castle arrives, when they will proceed home. Many public and private buildings about the city are draped in bunting and hundreds of flags are flying and everything is in readiness for the reception of the men coming on the Rosslyn Castle. Large numbers of visitors have already arrived to witness the arrival.

A SENSATIONAL ORDER

Aimed at Large Ice Dealers Introduced in Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The real work of the legislature began in earnest today, for the presiding officers in both branches were appointed their committees, and the members found their regular seats, two orders of petitions were sent in by the secretary of state to the house, and the day ended with a sensational order aimed at the large ice dealers for the control by the state of the ice business within the so-called metropolitan district. The order was introduced by Representative Carey, of Haverhill, one of the two Social Democrats in the house, but no action was taken and the other order went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Carey stated at the close of the session that the order was the outcome of the attempt by the American Ice Company, a Maine corporation, to control the business in the metropolitan district and for the purchase and sale of ice at the lowest cost, and also for the exclusion of all other ice companies from the district.

The interest in the committee appointments and the real lottery in the house, made the session very interesting and there was a large attendance in both branches. As a rule, the committee appointments gave satisfaction and there was very little complaint at the selections by the presiding officers.

The covered committees this year are three of judiciary, liquor law, metropolitan affairs, election laws and federal relations. A flood of petitions, resolves, bills and orders are expected during the next few weeks, the time limit being Jan. 31.

TORONTO'S NEW MAYOR.

Over A. Howland, Q. C. Elected—People Voted to Buy the Consumers' Gas Plant.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The mayoralty election in this city today resulted in the return of A. Howland, Q. C., and a Conservative, by a plurality of 3400 over Mayor Frank Spence (Liberal). Mr. Howland ran third in the race, but he was elected by the by-law to purchase the Consumers' Gas Company's plant and make it a civic institution, carried by a majority of two to one. Overcast returns show that 24,938 votes were cast in the mayoralty election and Howland's plurality is 4,220.

Newfoundland's New Governor.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 7.—The weather continues unusually severe. Thus far the winter has been very trying. Snow is piled in tremendous quantities in many sections of the island and enormous difficulty and expense are involved in moving trains, which have a constant struggle in order to combat the storms successfully. Sir Henry Edward McCallum will leave only in March to assume the governorship of Natal. Reports say that he will be succeeded as governor of Newfoundland by Sir John Bramson, who was chairman of the royal commission of inquiry into the French shore question in 1898.

Dangerous to Navigation.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The tug Ice King, which left here last week towing a raft of spars for the breaking of the raft when off Cape Porpoise. The value of the lost spars was \$2,200 and a tug will be dispatched to search for them. Every effort will be made to recover them, as they are dangerous to navigation and would be likely to seriously cripple any vessel that came in contact with them.

Burned to Death.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Sopbie Labrie, aged 71 years, was burned to death here yesterday in her house. The building was only slightly damaged.

A Winnipeg Fire.

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NEW CANADIAN RAILROAD.

Contractors at Work on the Canadian Transcontinental Line.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—McKenzie & Mann, railroad contractors and promoters of the new Transcontinental Canadian Railroad, are reported to be actively at work on the construction of the road from both ends. The road will be known as the Canadian Northern and is being built by English capital through a district north of the Canadian Pacific line and taps the rich agricultural lands. The line starts from the head of Lake Superior, running through the Rainy Lake District to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg the line will run south of Lake Manitoba to Prince Albert. It will follow the Saskatchewan river to Edmonton, striking the hills there, and through Yellow Head Pass and the Cariboo district of British Columbia, making its terminus at Fort McPherson.

VOTING BY MACHINE.

Oshawa, Ont., Used the Automatic Device Yesterday—Great Success.

Oshawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—(Special)—An imperial automatic machine was used in the municipal election in this town today instead of the ordinary ballot and proved a great success. The result was that the entire poll was announced seven minutes after the closing of the poll. It usually took an hour under the old system. This is the first place in Canada to adopt the automatic system of voting.

OVER \$500,000

Made by Insurance Companies in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Last year the insurance companies made money in Toronto. The total losses will not exceed \$150,000 compared with over \$350,000 in 1900. It is estimated that the premiums for fire insurance in this city aggregate more than \$800,000, leaving a net profit to the companies of over \$500,000.

FOR THE SECOND TIME

Montreal's Chief of Police Has Resigned His Office.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Lieut. Col. Hughes, superintendent of police, who was to have been the subject of an exciting debate in the city council this afternoon, has accepted what appeared to be the inevitable and resigned his position. Some time ago the chief sent in his resignation to the council but afterwards asked leave to withdraw it.

MONTREAL BANKS RAISE RATE

On Call Loans in View of a Raise in the British Market.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Montreal banks have raised the rate on call loans from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. in view of the raising of the rate in the British market. Last year's rate was 6 per cent at this time, easing tendency.

SIR CHARLES SETTLED.

He Will Make Vancouver His Government Home.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Sir Charles Tupper has purchased a residence here and will make Vancouver his permanent home.

Masonic Visitation.

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Thirty-four Contained the I. C. R. Cheques and Ten -- The Bag Was on a Truck Covered by Two Sacks of Newspapers for an Hour.

The disappearance of mail matter from Moncton on December 13 is still surrounded in mystery. As far as can be ascertained no suspicion is attached to any of the post office officials, the theory being that the bag was stolen off the truck at the Moncton depot, where it remained unguarded for about one hour awaiting the night train for Campbellton and other points north. The courier who conveyed the mail from the post office to the station on the night of the robbery avows he placed the bag of letters on the truck and covered it with two bags of newspaper matter, and this statement is credited, according to the information at hand.

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Denial of "Blood Money."

New York, Jan. 7.—The charges that members of Tammany Hall and New York city officials have been collecting "blood money" from gambling houses and other disreputable places of the city, was officially denied this afternoon by the Tammany committee of five. The committee also repudiates the charge that the money collected from the gamblers was divided with Richard Croker and other "high up" members of the Tammany organization.

MILLIONAIRE MAY BE ARRESTED.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Potter Palmer, millionaire social leader and proprietor of the Palmer House, may be arrested tomorrow on a charge of keeping the saloon in his hotel open on Sunday. The warrant for the arrest of Mr. Palmer was issued by Justice Everett today upon complaint of Frank Hall, who recently received letters from the son in regard to

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It is reported that 1,500 Boers are nearing the town of Sutherland and that other parties are close upon Richmond. The invaders reached Calvinia and are expected at Clanwilliam within a few days. Scouts report that the Boer commandoes under Delarey and Steenkamp, in the Buffersport district, number 5,000. Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Calvinia, Canwilliam, Piquette, Tubbago, Paarl and Stellenbosch.

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Despatches from points of Interest in different parts of the World—Domestic and Foreign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life.

DOMESTIC.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 4.—(Special)—Wm. Prout, living near Tamworth, has had the privilege of living in three centuries. He is 104 years of age and is still in vigorous health.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—(Special)—It is announced that Knox College will establish a new professorship—that of Apologetics—and different Presbyteries are being asked to submit names.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Archbishop Bruchesi today threatened to place the Avenue and Desmet streets newspaper in Montreal, under interdiction if they did not retract certain articles published against the Roman Catholic marriage laws in Quebec.

Brighton, Ont., Jan. 4.—(Special)—The farmhouse of John McLean, five miles from here, was burned this morning. Wm. Lawson, 91 years of age, McLean's father-in-law, perished in the flames.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Harry Phillips, who died at a New York hospital of pneumonia today, was well known in Montreal sporting circles, having recently contacted a salmon.

Quebec, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A military order has been issued transferring "B" Field Battery, R. C. A., Field Division to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Word has been received here that Capt. Arthur Hodges, late R. C. A., resident of Nelson, B. C., has been appointed chief railway construction officer in the imperial railway service.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special)—W. H. McGeown, of Moncton, N. B., a messenger employed by the Canadian Express Company between Moncton and Halifax, has made \$2,000,000.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The report is circulated in military circles here that General Hutton, the late commander of the Canadian militia, and who took part in the war in Africa, is at this moment under an accusation.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The minister of militia has received the following telegram from the colonial secretary: "London, Jan. 4, 1901. 'Referring to your telegram of December 13, the questions of pensions for the widows and children of non-commissioned officers and men, are now being considered by the committee.'

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FOREIGN.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Ice harvesting began here today in earnest and ten inches of good quality is being cut.

London, Jan. 4.—The seven nominees of the Earl of Minto, governor general of Canada, have been gazetted second lieutenants in line battalions.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The auditing officers of the treasury have been engaged for some time in an effort to secure from United States Consul Radcliffe H. Ford, at Yarmouth, N. S., a satisfactory explanation of certain disbursements made by him on account of the relief of distressed American sailors, but so far without result.

Manchester, Jan. 4.—There were four deaths Tuesday from the beer poisoning disease, making a total of twenty-five in all, reported in the papers.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Luigi Storti, the young man convicted of killing Michele Calceci with an axe during the night of Nov. 7, 1899, was sentenced by Judge Bond to the superior criminal court this afternoon to suffer punishment by death in the electric chair some time during the week beginning Sunday, April 7, 1901.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Roberts, in a communication to the public expressing his thanks for the reception tendered him, endorses the soldiers in South Africa and appeals for contributions to the soldiers and sailors association, seconding the efforts of the Prince of Wales to take care of the families of the men who are fighting.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The police of Dorchester have been notified that Mrs. Harry Vinal, of Dorchester, has been receiving anonymous letters for some weeks, telling her that unless she leaves a certain sum of money at a stated place hereinafter mentioned, she will be kidnapped.

Yreka, Ore., Jan. 4.—Snow to the depth of 72 inches has fallen since Thursday and the storm has not ceased.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Geo. Von L. Meyer, recently appointed ambassador from the United States to Italy, left Boston for New York today.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—A frightful explosion of powder occurred today in the powder meling house of the Heppaun Chemical Co., whose works are located at Thompson Point, N. J., 12 miles below this city.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The electric chair which has been idle for several months, will be put in operation in the execution room at this place early Monday morning, when Lenzo Brown will suffer the death penalty for the murder of his fellow countryman Vincenzo Garaguso, a baker.

Utica, Jan. 7.—The police in Little Falls have advised that several women in that city are evading the law who advertise for wives in matrimonial papers.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The British ambassador has communicated to the secretary of state a dispatch recently received by him from the Marquis of Lansdowne, commencing the gallant conduct during the attacks on the legation in Pekin, of Rev. P. D. Gannwell, of the American Methodist mission, and Mr. Herbert Squires, secretary of the United States legation. The Marquis says that Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister to China at the time, reports that Rev. P. D. Gannwell carried out the entire defence of the British legation and that these defenses have excited the admiration of the officers of various nationalities who have inspected them.

THE MOLINEUX CASE.

Convicted Man's Father Seeking Cause of Delay in the Case.

New York, Jan. 4.—The World tomorrow will say: General Edward L. Molineux has decided to appeal to the legislature to ascertain the cause of the delay in settling the case of his son Roland, convicted of murder in the first degree. He will ask, if necessary, that a committee be appointed to conduct an investigation and that a bill be enacted limiting the time given to a trial judge within which he must pass on a case where the conviction was one of murder in the first degree.

General Molineux says that he had hoped that the question as to the guilt or innocence of his boy should have been settled before this.

General Molineux says: "Every man who accuses of a crime is entitled to a speedy trial. The trial of my son is not completed until the court of appeals has passed upon the case. And let me say right here that I do not fear the future."

FOR LIFE THROUGH ANGRY SEA.

Captain Kerr and Crew of Schooner Lily Make Miraculous Escape from Death in Breakers Off Orleans.

Additional particulars of the wreck of the schooner Lily, which was bound to St. John with a cargo of coal, show that Capt. Kerr and his crew had a narrow escape from death in the breakers off Orleans.

The schooner, laden with coal, tried to weather the Cape. She went away in a mild westerly breeze, but a freezing northerly gale coming up about midnight drove her back for shelter.

"She drifted toward the land, but our horror she fetched up on the outer bar. Our condition was now still more perilous than before, and we feared she would break into pieces. The breakers were running all over us."

"We made it safely, however, but saved nothing but our lives, for which, however, I am too grateful to grieve over the loss of the vessel and our effects at present."

Before the men on the doomed vessel took their desperate chance in the boiling sea the Orleans life-saving crew made several plucky attempts to launch their lifeboat and go to the rescue.

The eastern extension claims commission, consisting of Sir Geo. Harton, of Toronto, E. J. Burbank and F. B. Wade, Q. C., met in the legislative council chamber Saturday.

Halifax, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The grievances of the miners of Pictou county have been settled satisfactorily. The men get the 12 per cent. asked for, mechanics 25 cents a day.

Looking for Wives.

For Croup, Coughs and Colds Mothers must have something that is safe and acts promptly. Even a few minutes' delay in a case of Croup often means death.

DEATH BY FIRE.

Eight Men Lose their lives on Sunday

IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Roused from Sleep they Went to Death—Hemmed In on all Sides by Raging Flames, They die by Suffocation—List of Dead and Injured.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6.—Eight men lost their lives in a fire at 115 Washington avenue, at 3 o'clock this morning. The fire had its origin in the rear of the Standard Furniture Co. The men were overtaken by an intense volume of smoke in the Harvard hotel, which occupies the second, third and fourth floors of the building and death in every instance was instantaneous.

The fire was discovered by Chas. Hanson, who immediately apprised Geo. O'Connor, the night clerk, and the two men set about to awaken the lodgers.

Hanson devoted his attention to the second floor, while O'Connor rushed up and in several instances it was necessary for O'Connor to break in the doors. In the meantime he gave the alarm and the warning siren spread.

What took place in the dingy rooms and narrow hallways will never be known. It was a case of every man pushing for his own life.

The loss on building and contents will not exceed \$3,000. The dead: J. J. Skidmore, 45 years old. J. S. Bentley, 55 years old. D. Scudell, 30 years old.

Stormy in Europe.

London, Jan. 7.—Severe cold has suddenly set in throughout Europe. In England it is accompanied by a heavy frost, amounting to a gale over the channel.

Horribly Burned.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 5.—William Hallenbeck, of Greendale, Columbia county, is at the point of death as the result of an unusual burning accident.

Cambridge People Wonder Why.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 5.—Two men, who announced that they were detouring from Brooklyn, visited the city hall here today, to examine the record of the marriage of George W. Howard to Annie Kay, in 1880.

Fatal Accident.

Webster, Mass., Jan. 5.—A Worcester-bound passenger train this afternoon struck and fatally injured Miss Mary H. Hastings, 32 years of age, niece of Cashier Fred Stockwell, cashier of a local bank.

CONGRESS AND SENATE.

Sessions Saturday Were Not Very Important.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The feature of the debate today was a two hour speech by Mr. Littlefield, Maine, in favor of the Burleigh bill to increase the membership of the house to 388.

Resolved, by the senate, that any or every public document, paper or record on the files of any department of the government relating to any subject whatever, over which congress has any grant of power, jurisdiction or control under the constitution, is subject to the call or inspection of the senate for its use in the exercise of its constitutional powers and jurisdiction.

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MAILS ARE ROBBED.

Moncton Has a Sensation on Its Hands.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

One bag Contained I. C. R. Cheques to the Value of \$12,000—A Bag with Registered Letters Stolen at Shediac—Moncton People Suspected of the Crime.

Moncton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Postal authorities with the assistance of officers have been busy lately trying to find a clue to recent mail robberies committed at Moncton.

Local men are suspected but so far as can be ascertained no clue has yet been obtained.

Helping Galveston Children.

New York, Jan. 5.—A check for \$27,907 was transmitted today through Miles O'Brien, president of the Board of Education of this city, to the president of the Board of Education of Galveston.

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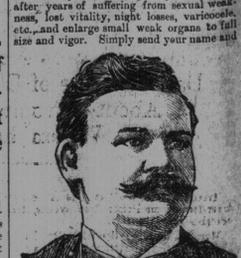
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L. W. KNAPP, M.D., address: Dr. J. W. Knapp, 1822 Hall Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and he will gladly send the free receipt with full directions so that any man can easily cure himself.

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NOTICE. KING'S COUNTY. To the Supporters of the Local Government.

A convention for the purpose of selecting a candidate in support of the Provincial Government to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. A. S. White, will be held at the Court House at Hampton, on Saturday, the Twelfth day of January next, at two o'clock, p. m. Meetings for the selection of delegates to the convention will be held in each Polling District, and will be called by the local chairmen. Each Polling District will be notified to choose one delegate for every fifty votes (or fraction thereof) cast for the government candidate at the election held on the 27th September last. All Supporters of the government are cordially invited to attend the District Meetings and take part in the selection of delegates. Dated the 27th day of December, A. D., 1900. W. J. WILSON, Chairman. GEORGE G. SMITH, Secretary.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH... ADVERTISING RATES... IMPORTANT NOTICE... FACES FOR SUBSCRIBERS...

Without exception, names of no new subscribers will be entered until the money is received... THIS PAPER HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES...

AUTHORIZED AGENTS... The following Agents are authorized to canvass and collect for the Semi-Weekly Telegraph, viz.: Allison Wishart, W. A. Ferris, Wm. Somerville...

Semi-Weekly Telegraph... ST. JOHN REAL ESTATE... A note of despondency and panic heard in this city a few years ago over the decline in the value of real estate is no longer familiar to our ears...

Notes in what is regarded as the best residential parts of the city have been occupied, and any remaining good lots are held at a premium... THE GROWING TIME... The trade returns for the past fiscal year which we published yesterday tell a story of expanding business which make pleasant reading for every Canadian...

THE DEATH OF W. W. WELLS... The news of the untimely death of Mr. W. Woodbury Wells, M. P., for Westmorland county, will be heard with regret by his very many friends throughout the province of New Brunswick... THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIMACY... In the time of Charles I. there were about 5,000,000 people in the world speaking the language of Shakespeare...

There will be an interesting discussion upon cheese and butter making both from the farmers' and dairymen's standpoint at the annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton on the 23rd, 24th and 25th inst... TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY... Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets...

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Table with 2 columns: Regular Overcoats, Reduced From. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$14.40.

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CHAIRMAN TO ACT AS INSPECTOR... ANECDOTE OF LAURIER... A TOBACCO DEAL... WINTER PORT NOTES... DAMAGE BY STORM... FIRE AT BUFFALO... A DEADLOCK... KILLED BY EXPLOSION... TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY... Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets...



Facts, Fashions, AND Fancies. FOR A WOMAN.

REGARDING TABLE LINEN. HOME TABLE HINTS.

The Half Bleached Answers as Well as the Full Bleached.

Half-bleached linens, which are an important adjunct of table furnishing since they wear so much better than full bleached ones...

Before and during the bleaching process the rich or fast tint of cream is very pretty and the reverse of objectionable. All linens have to undergo bleaching...

Now, as to the size of the various cloths. Said the superintendent of the linen department of a King street store yesterday: "The correct width for a cloth used to be considered that which would allow a hang 18 inches from the sides of the table..."

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As to the designs, they are almost without number. There are new ones every season, and the standard ones like the snow-drop and every spot for one season, are never out of fashion, but always in high favor. At present the orchid, lily, poppy fleur de lis, and wild flower designs are in vogue...

Housekeeping for a Millionaire. In the mansion of a modern millionaire the most interesting feature is the invisibility of the housekeeping machinery. Everything runs with precision, for one never sees "the wheels go round."

TWO DOCTORS MARRIED.

One is Now the Wife of Dr. Avard of Amherst. Dr. Anna Law, of this city, and Dr. Charles McQueen Avard, of Amherst, N. B., were married at the Broad street Presbyterian church, Pittston, last night.

The ceremony was the most brilliant event of the kind witnessed in Pittston for many years, the church being thronged with the friends of both.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine Law. The newly married couple will be at home in this city, where they will practice their profession, after Jan. 20, according to the report.

TAILOR-MADE-GOWNS.

The plates which hold the bodice in its place are usually stitched down for several inches, although for transparent goods free plaits and gathers are readily employed. The general effect of skirts is still clinging, defining the form very clearly, but there is a slight increase of fullness at the foot and back.



TAILOR MADE GOWN.

Will also clean white kid articles to a certain degree unless the soiled spots have been rubbed into the surface. The illustration given today shows a tailor made costume of silver gray cloth. The skirt is plain, with a wattle plait at the back. The bodice comes to the waist line at the back, but in front is elongated in round tails and closed by two stitched straps with buttons.

OUT OF DOOR STYLES.

Furs of Different Kinds For Different Purposes. Although two kinds of fur in combination are authorized by fashion, they should be in the same garment—that is, a coat or a dress.



CLOTH CAPES.

ble wardrobe, but not alone by itself. It is usually employed as lining for the collar, as revers and occasionally in the form of bands for trimming. It is not particularly becoming to blonds, being of a solid white which is out of harmony with the complexion.

A Bishop's Death.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Right Rev. Bishop Winand M. Wigger died shortly after midnight tonight at South Orange, N. J.

WINTER SKIRTS.

They still follow the lines of the figures. The plates which hold the bodice in its place are usually stitched down for several inches, although for transparent goods free plaits and gathers are readily employed.



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Plain, flat skirts are made in one with the lining that is, have the lining attached throughout—but plaited and full skirts are made over a separate lining or drop skirt, the latter being plain except at the foot, where it is finished by a circular flounce or a plaiting or perhaps

NEW SKIRTS.

Revival of an Old Style Forms a Winter Novelty. Among the latest novelties is the corset skirt, which, while professing to be new, is merely a revival of a style much seen five or six years ago.



NEW SKIRT.

cut in points or tabs or continued to the shoulder by bretelles. The back of the skirt has no plaits or gathers, but is so cut that the fullness of the seams allows a degree of fullness to begin immediately below the waist line.

MAKING FARM HOMES ATTRACTIVE.

You have a pretty good house and fairly good farm buildings, you have a good farm and are making some money, but your home premises are a rebel on your profession.



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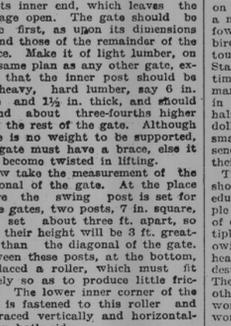
More elaborate skirts of this style have the corset adjusted by means of little stitched plaits, which have an excellent effect, the plaits and stitching serving to stiffen the corset and hold it up in place. Where the corset is plain it may be covered with lines of stitching, running horizontally or following the line formed by the top. If stitching is used to stiffen the corset, it must be banded inside to hold it firm.

QUANTUM PREMIER ROSS.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The young Liberal's Bradford will tender Hon. George W. Ross, premier of Ontario, a banquet on the 23rd or 24th of January.

FARM GATES.

A New Idea of the Sort That Can Be Conveniently Operated from the Wagon—No Hinges. Gates which can be opened from the wagon are always in demand. A most convenient one is shown in the illustration. It has hinges and does not swing open, but turns over on its inner end, which leaves the passage open. The gate should be made first as to its dimensions depend those of the remainder of the device.

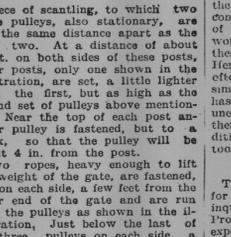


GATE IN POSITION.

On the tops of the posts a two-inch board is nailed. To this board are hung two stationary pulleys, about 2 ft. apart. Two and one-half feet further down the posts, on the side opposite the gate, is bolted

THAWING NATURE'S PLANS.

How Farmers Destroy Their Crops. By destroying birds and certain small wild animals the farmer deprives himself of protection for his crops. It is a fact that the farmers of Pennsylvania induced the Legislature of that State to place a bounty on the heads of hawks and owls as a means of protecting barnyard fowls.



GATE IN POSITION.

Two ropes heavy enough to lift the weight of the gate, are fastened, one on each side, a few feet from the outer end of the gate and are run over the pulleys as shown in the illustration. Just below the last of the three pulleys on each side, a weight is hung, heavy enough that the bolts weights will in a great measure counterbalance the weight of the gate.

WHAT A TOMATO IS MADE OF.

I. Solids other than sugar. II. Protein. In analyses, the results of which are shown in the accompanying illustration. Of course the greater part is water. Of the nutrients sugar is by far the largest amount, being 3.83 per cent. There is a wide range in the different samples, some specimens contain less than 1 per cent, and others as high as 4 1/2 per cent. The protein content is low and amounts usually to one-half per cent. The fat amounts to about one-half per cent, or practically the same as the protein.

REARING FROM GRADE ANIMALS.

Years ago when animals of pure blood were scarce in this country, farmers used to grow up some very good cows, although both the parents were of such mixed breeds that it would have been difficult to tell when pronounced, says The American Cattleman. Why was this, and if it was so, why do we so often insist on the use of a pure bred sire?

VALUE OF MILLET SEED.

If a gill of millet seed and a quart of corn could be compared in some manner, it would be found that more eggs would result from feeding the millet seed than from corn. Not that there is more nutrition in the seed, but because the hens would quickly pick up the corn and would be compelled to work for each of the tiny millet seeds procured.

USE OF POULTRY MANURE.

The quantity of poultry manure to apply depends upon the nature of the soil. If broadcasted on the land and well worked into the soil with a harrow or rake, as much as 1,000 pounds per acre may be used. Damage from its use occurs mostly when applied to crops in the hill and back of rain. We have never seen too much used; the difficulty has been that farmers use too little.

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REMOVABLE CELLAR B.

A Method of Storing That Gives Advantages With Ease of Cleaning. Bins in cellars or cold rooms for the storing of potatoes, etc., are generally, if made permanent fixtures, are often difficult to clean, preparatory to receiving the new crop.

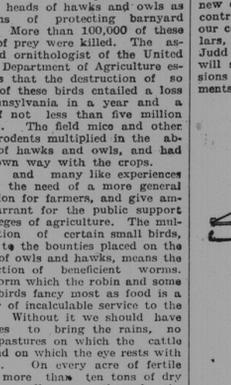


FIG. 1.—FRAME OF BIN.

upon the size and shape of the room and the capacity desired. Ours is a two-story arrangement occupying one end of the room and divided into four bins each with a capacity of 20 bushels.

The room has a cement floor and the foundation walls, which rise eight inches higher, are surmounted with a two-inch oak sill which projects slightly from the double frame above. For clearance, the bins are drawn to show the mere skeleton frame which is made largely of 2 by 4 pine material. To begin with, the crosspiece A should extend from sill to sill across the front line of the bins. A bent piece of heavy bar iron on each end of it rests with one end in a shallow groove in the sill. Next, the centre post of same material, extending from floor to ceiling, at its lower end is a block reaching from the floor to the underside of A to bear the weight.

To prevent the centre post slipping forward at the bottom, a wire, W, passes from it to a screw-eye in the sill at the rear, and to prevent slipping sideways there are two small blocks on the crosspiece A. A bracket-shaped block at ceiling level, B, is the centre post from the rear and at the height required for the second floor it is cut in at the back, one inch deep and 3/4 inch wide, to receive the crosspiece B. This crosspiece in turn is cut in, one-half inch, on the under side, the shoulders thus made preventing any yielding of the centre post sideways under pressure of full bins. It also has a groove, D, at the back, which later forms part of the groove to accommodate the partition boards. The ends of crosspiece B are cut in half their thickness and rests upon a shoulder of upright D, which is nailed permanently to the wall and also forms part of the groove in which the front boards slide.

At the rear, corresponding in height to B, is a board C, also nailed permanently to the wall. On this part of the groove to accommodate the partition boards. The ends of crosspiece B are cut in half their thickness and rests upon a shoulder of upright D, which is nailed permanently to the wall and also forms part of the groove in which the front boards slide.

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