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${ }^{25 \mathrm{C}}$ TIES. Now
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the breaking of bulk, Besides the great con-
venience to the shiper and consignee, the save
ing in the cost of re-handling would be considing in the cost of re-handing would be consid-
erabe. Before Victoria can expect to success-
fully compete for new industres, and wholeate
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Timprovement in
mail services. With the opening up of North-
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present system of iving subsidies so particu-
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wit hadequate payment for the services ren-
dered. The time is not far distant when it should be possible, with the extension of rail
ways to the northern end of Vancouver Islan to have all mails to and from Victoria for
Northern ports of British Columbia trans-
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effecting a considerable saving of time. effecting a considerable saving of time.
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and jobbers contemplating estalishent in and jobbers contemplating establishments
this city and everthings ungested is within
reach if the citizens of Victoria will rise to the
occasion. occasion,
Why not on this New Year's morning resolve to: Think comprehensively and act ac
cordingly? I would recommend the Board o cordang as the standard under which to rally
Trade thanking you again for this privilege of ex
and
pressing my views in your influential paper.

## Sta Miem

The City best or the stand A stady and persisteit
 materaly in binging apout desired feysto
 ald it as a commercial unit of almost untold
value. Its soil and climate will make of it in time a great food-producing centre. Grant its
drawbacks, and it still is a land favored amonig the continents. Time lost in criticising, is time doubly lost
It cannot mar the Island's worth, nor can it stay the tide of development. What is need
ed vitally is the spirit of that unity which has ed ven splendidly shown in the past few years-
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a continuation and strenthenifg of that spirit


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## Trade and Commerce




## Vancouver Island

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## you for your me much pleasure, and I thank my opinion in respection to statate stiefly mome of the principa

my opinion in respect to some of the principal
requirements for the expansion of the trade
and commerce of Victoria.
Nothing, to my mind, is more urgently re-
Nothing, to my mind, is more urgently re-
quired than that the business men of Victoria
should ore fully realize the possibilities along
those lines Business in those lines. Business, in all branches, during
Iolo has greatly increase in volume, and is
now in now in a more healthy condition than ever be-
fore. The result has been that at meetings
called for the consideration of public affairs, such as railway and steamer connections,
freight rates, mail services, ett., attendances have been small, with the invariable excuse,
"Too busy in the office." While such a con
dition Too busy in the office. While such a con-
dition may be very encouraging, from one one
point of view, looked upon from another and poin proper aspect, it is highly dangerous, as,
with the keen manner in which all business is
wis now eompeted for, indifference to public af-
fairs will assuredly resuit in arestriction of the
business territory. business territory. The situation demands a
comprehensive outlook and concerted action by every member of the community. The posi-
tion today is excellent, and if a more aggressive spirit is developed, together with a deter-
mination not to rest until greatly improved f mination not to rest until greatly improved fa-
cilities are provided for doing business in this
Population is most messential to increase
trade and commerce, and to acquire this it trade and commerce, and to acquire this it be-
comes the duty of each citizen to assist public
bodies in their endeavor to obtain in bodies in their endeavor to obtain improved
steamer, railway and mail services to place Victoria in a position to compete with, her
neighbors in the export and local trade, or, in other words, to make Victoria a distributing
point for the Pacific Coast. How can this be
Hont point for the Pacific Coast. How can this be
brought about? First, by inducing one of the
bailway companies now operating or about to railway companies now operating, or about to
operate in Victoria, to accuire ocean docks operate in Victoria, to aequire ocean docks
and connect them with their rail system to en-
able through freight destined to and from the able through freight destined to and from the
East or West to be transhipped in this city
without any
consignee.
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Second. Arrangement should be made
with one of the railway companies to establish
wholesale and manufacturing distren a wholesale and manaufacturing disistrict, or dist
tricts, the same as are estabishe in most
ther railway centres; where freieht cars cat other railway centres; where freight cars can
be unloaded for warehouses or oopded with
goods for shipment to interlor points, without

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## The Women

## By Maria Lawson

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## THE MAN AND THE BABY

He looked at her and she gazed at him.
Not very sure as to what effect his presence would have on her, and positively dreading
lest he should see the corners of her little mouth droop-the forerunner of a wholeheat
ed yell-he cuatiously made a grimace dtthe
and prunte, hoping to be rewarded with
aby's smile to himim alone f quire unmowe and grunted, hoping to be rewarded with
babys smile to him alones qunte unmoved in
that direction, she still gazes at him, but with that direction, she still gazes at him, but with-
out the faintest suggestion of a sneer oo any
scorn. The seff-consciousiess that he felt rising disappears. He makes; another effort to
ing that sile. She gives hel tittle bala head
a curious side twist and her eyes dilate a trifle a curious side twist and her eyes dilate a trifle
and so openly sincere and interested does she and so openly sincere and interested does shi appear that is she had put a question to hi
he would not have been surprised. He, too,
interested now, for the baby. has taken hi interested now, for the baby, has taken hin
into her confidence and reads the man as $h$, is, not what all the rest of the world might
think him to be at that moment. Here think him to be at that moment. Here
someone who will see him as he is-will re someone whio will see him as he is-will real
the emotions of his heart, one to whom self
consciousness is an absolute stanger consciousness is an absolute stranger, and who
things he is the same as herself. In the whole things he is the same as herself. In the whic
of his career the man has never met such a companion before, and joy and pleasure rise from his soul as he gazes on the baby. Quick
to see it, the baby's mouth broadens, her little
chin and cheeks dimple up, her eyes disappear chin and cheeks dimple up, her eyes disappear
all except two merry sparkles in them, and he all except two merry sparkles in them, and
little face is wreathed in a broad smile. Genu inely-from his soul- the man smiles. at the
baby. God has given him a new revelation o
Love. The man loves the baby.

A POET'S LINE
A recent news despatch from San Francisco
supplies food for thought to those who know
and care for Edgar Allan and care for Edgar Allan Poe. It reads:
"Johnny" Poe, great nephew of Edar Allay
Poe, has found his niche. Having footballe. Poe, has found his niche. Having footballed
filibustered and gold-mined his way thus far
fin life, he has become a roustabout in the in life, he has become
Bakersfield oil fields.
"Its great." seid
"Its great," said Mr. Poe. "Tt's just the jo
 putting the pipes back into the ground. Th
next day yorte making steam connections
And so it goes." Mr. Poe began his career of adventure Dy
butting his way through the football eleven
that lined up against Princeton. He was the that lined up against Princeton. He was the
hardest tine hititig hafit back Oid Nassau eve
hat knew. Then he turned to butting his way
through the armies of Centra America, wher
he went to have a part in the teapot rebellio he went to have a part in the teapot rebellion
of the Hondurans.
Afterwards Mr. Poe went to Alaska, whe he ran surveying lines over the tundra and d
the gold out from under it. Then that gre the gold out from under it. Then that gre
tame, and Mr. Poo went to. Nevada, where
worked with a pick and drill worked with a pick and drill in the gold mine
"I, ent $\$ 2.5$ a day and found at Bakers.
field," Mr. Poe said "."hat beats working fo
$\$ 4$ a day in Nevada and buying your on

## AN ECHO OF TRAFALGAR

An interesting ceremony took place in
Portsmouth Harbor recently on board Nelson' old flagship Victory, a number of contrib
tions for the vessel's museum being handed tions for the vessel's museum being handed
Admiral Sir Assheton Curzon Howe by a d
putation from the British and Foreign Sailo putation from the British and Foreign Sailo
Society The gifts included the sea che
which belonged to Nelson's secretary
 ed; the ship's ledgers, giving the names of
officers and men who ought on board at
oftes battle; and a number of Fleet orders iss
during the campaign which terminated in I 8 , during the campaign which terminated in
Assheton Curzere handed over to Admiral
Aowe, CommanderAssheton Curzon Howe, Commander-in-
at Portsmouth, by Layd and Miss Dinsda
Mr. Thomas Mason (chairman of the board the society), and others, in the presence
large representative gathering of naval arge representa onest and present Victorys.
cers and men po past Trat
topsail hoisted at Traflar and riddled
ninety shot-holes was specilly

Rest assured that our happiness, our
nity, and our welfare, here and hereafter, pend not on what our ancestors were th
sands of years ago, not on the construction
our outward frames-nor our outward frames-nor even on those higl
mental yifts of intellect, mind, and genius-
no, not on any of these things, wonderful a they are, and greatly as they contribute to
happiness, does the real destiny of man nappionsss, rest but out on our moral nature itiself, on
nhat we are, on what we do, on what we ad mhire, on what we detest, on wh
what we hate.-Dean Stanley.
"You will be glad to hear, Henry, said Mrs. Willoughy, "that my new dress
does not button up the back," "Hurray ${ }^{\text {" cried }}$
Willoughby, turning a somersault on the divan Wiloughby, turning a somersault on
"How, ooes it buttoo, my dear?", "D
back," said Mrs. Willoughby.-Judg
"Did Tom have any luck hunting tigers i "Yes; great luck."
"He didn't meet any tigers."-Tit-Bits. Lord Derby has presented new busbies to
the Fifth Liverpool Territorials in fulfilment Lord Derby has presented new busbies to
the Fifth Liverpool Territorials in fultiment
of his promise if Swynord won the St. Leger.


Three Specials from the Dress Goods Department, Friday





Women's Night Gowns, Friday, $\$ 1.15$














Women's Underskirts Specially Priced, Friday









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200 Pair, Only, Hosiery to Clear Friday

 Pashioned doable heel, sole and toe, seamess feet Fridy, spition
Special Friday Bargain in Hair Brushes
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White Suede Gloves, Friday, 35c
We are oftering for Fridays sale, ,2oo pairs of real susede
gloves in white only. Stitched with self or black

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 Values up to 25 ca and 30 c cach. Fr riday to clear, each …........10¢ Friday Shoe Bargains









Four Items from the Staple Department--Friday Is Towel Day
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 Hand Baǵs, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, Jan. Sale, \$2.95




## Men's Shirts, Friday


 Sale Price .................................................3nat



## Boys' Sweaters





