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OUR CUBAN LETTER

Editor Reporter.

Dear Sir,—In this I will write a little in regard to the chief industries and vegetation of Cuba.

Tobacco growing comes first. The pastoria (tobacco plant) is grown on virgin soil on the mountains sides and shipped in our loads down the railway to tobacco-growers along the line. During the season for planting, Nov. and Dec., the railway company runs a daily special pastoria train, just on purpose to carry the young plants. It would be nothing unusual to count 30 car-loads going down the line at once, each car containing 200,000 tobacco plants. The growing of tobacco entails constant care and a lot of work, and I think that the average Cuban earns all that he gets for his crop.

Next comes the sugar-cane, although this industry is nothing new to what it has been. And in many places around here there can be seen old sugar mills that once did a flourishing business; now the machinery is all rusted and unfit for service. When I go into one of these old mills, and see the huge rollers for pressing the juice out of the sugar cane, and the large evaporating tanks, and the large fields of cane outside growing (which is now shipped to other mills), I cannot but think of what I have often read about the "old sugar plantation away down south."

There is quite an industry in lumber, now developing on the eastern part of the island, and I understand that an American company has bought a large tract of land with intention of cutting the timber, which is chiefly mahogany, and exporting it to the United States.

There is a large trade done here in growing and exporting pine-apples. Cife is grown some in the mountains. Sea Island is being experimented with by different people here, and I am thinking that it will prove a success, and will be grown extensively in a year or two.

In a few years Cuba will be exporting oranges and grape fruit, as the Americans are coming in, buying up land, and setting out orange trees. Cuba contains nearly all kinds of soil, and soil of different colors. The soil here does not seem to lose its fertility as it does up north. As a rule, the land is very free from stones; indeed, some places, it is hard to get stones of any size. By the way, the water in the wells here is warmer than that which has been out in a barrel for a day. A pump is a very rare thing here. Land here has advanced in price considerably during the last year. A Cuban only cultivates about three or four acres of land and the rest of his farm is left to grow up to wild grass, through which it is almost impossible for a person to walk. So you see there is plenty of land and room for the American. Most of the oranges that grow here now are the sour variety, the sweet orange trees having been nearly all out down during the war.

A Cuban's main diet is arroc (rice), boniatas (sweet potatoes), friholyas (beans), and melongas (a species of root that takes the place of the potato). A Cuban has his breakfast at about ten o'clock and his dinner at about three or four o'clock. Only two meals a day.

Mostly all kinds of northern vegetables will grow and thrive here, to-matoes especially. Among other things that grow here that I have not yet mentioned are bananas, lemons, olives, peanuts, aguacate, coconuts, and many more. The royal palm is the tree of Cuba, and is used for almost everything, although more especially for building houses to live in, the gusa, or leaves, being used for the roof. The palm is indeed a royal, and lofty appearing tree, some

being as high as eighty feet or more. It is exceedingly hard for about 1 1/2 inches inward, and the rest of the inside is of a pithy substance and very tough. There are a few other large trees here, which are low and bushy looking and are nice shade trees. The rest are smaller trees and bushes. There are no woods or forests of large trees, such as are seen up north.

Now, in regard to the religious side of Cuban affairs, I must say, and am sorry to say, that the Cubans pay but very little attention to religious matters on this western end of the island. By saying this, I do not wish to cast any reflections on the Roman Catholic church, as the Catholic is the prevailing religion in Cuba. The Cubans work more or less on the Sabbath, and stores are open also. There is a Methodist church in Habana and a Congregational at Guanagay which has a pastor in the person of Rev. Mr. Fraser. Lots of room here for missions and religious work. The cemetery here at Candelaria consists of about a half an acre of land, and is surrounded by a high wall. I understand that this small plot has afforded enough accommodation for the remains of all the people that have died here for centuries past. How is this managed? Well, I will tell you of an incident that occurred here on Christmas day. The remains of a prominent citizen of this town were taken to the cemetery, after what some might think a very queer funeral. The coffin was lowered into the grave, after which it was covered with a layer of dirt. Then another partly decayed coffin, which was taken out when the grave was being dug, was lowered and placed on top of the first, or new one, and the grave was filled with earth. In this way probably a whole family would be buried in the same grave.

A. G. LEE
Candelaria, Prov. Pinar del Rio, Cuba, West Indies
[Note.—The remainder of this letter, devoted to "Beekeeping in Cuba," will be given next week.—Ed.]

Dislocated Her Shoulder

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

Delta I. O. F. Officers

At the regular meeting of Court Stevens I. O. F. No. 4033, Delta, held on the 7th inst. the following officers were installed:—
P.C.R.—W. W. Phelps
C.R.—A. Campbell
V.C.R.—Wm. Jaquith
C.D.—H. Howard
Orator—W. B. Taber
Rec. Sec.—John Sawyer
Fin. Sec.—R. E. Green
Treas.—W. H. Flynn
S. W.—P. W. Olmstead
J. W.—John Eaton
S.B.—M. Sawyer
J.B.—Edwin Best
Physician—Dr. Mallory

Croup

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

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You will find Comfort, Convenience, Heat, Happiness, Ease and Economy in the goods we sell. A poor stove is dear at any price, so we carry only articles of standard quality. From the low priced heaters to the best steel ranges and furnaces in the market you get full value for every dollar you invest with us. If you contemplate buying a stove or range, call and get quotations.

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The subscriber will pay cash for water-corn and beaverwood logs—delivered at his mill at Greenbush; also for a large quantity of birch timber not more than 10 nor less than 4 inches in diameter, cut 10 or 15 feet long.
A. BOOT, Greenbush



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Horse Blankets
Will keep their position on the horse Can't slip or slide. Tight girthing unnecessary.

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FURNITURE

Between Seasons

The holiday trade is over, and for the large patronage extended to us we return thanks.

January and February are dull months in nearly all lines of trade, and so we are prepared to make purchasing here just now both pleasant and profitable. It will pay you during these two months to inspect and learn the price of any article you may contemplate purchasing.

T. G. Stevens

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The Athens Hardware Store.



We keep constantly on hand full lines of the following goods:—Paints, Sherwin & Williams and all the best makes, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Window Glass, Putty, Coal Oil, Machine Oil, Rope (all sizes), Builders Hardware in endless variety, Blacksmith Supplies and Tools, Nails, Forks, Shovels, Drain Tile, and Drain Tools, Spades and Scoops, Iron Piping (all sizes with couplings), Fire-ware, Agate-ware, Lamps and Lanterns, Chimneys, Etc., Pressed Nickel Tea Kettles and Tea Pots, Fence Wire, (all grades), Building Paper, Guns and Ammunition, Shells for all Guns (loaded and unloaded), Shot and Powder, Etc., &c.
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Give me a call when wanting anything in my line.

Wm. Karley,

Main St., Athens.

Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

JANUARY CHEAP SALE

This is January and the big rush is over. We have time now to breathe and look around, and we see that we have some broken lots. Naturally every store has broken lots. This store has more, because we carry more stock than most stores, and we do a larger business than any other clothier in town. Therefore we are bound to clear out all broken lots before stock taking. Cut prices on

Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Suits, Reefers, Underwear, Gloves, Caps, Etc.

THE PROOF—Seeing is believing! Therefore, the only thing to do is to come and see, and if we cannot save you money on your purchases, say "Good day" and walk out. That's the talk that talks—you know that we do as we advertise.

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King Street, Brockville

THE PRINCE DE MODENA

Alias William Brown, Countess Russell's Husband,

Tells His Story in the Toronto Police Court.

Interesting Details Connected With Divorce Proceedings.

Toronto, despatch. Prince Atro-bald Stuart, who in an English court has owned to the more plebeian name of William Brown, had the centre of the stage in the police court this morning. The house was full to standing room, and the proceedings were followed with the closest interest by everyone. The end of the matter was that the "Prince" was given the chance to get out on bail, provided he can find two sureties in \$500 each.

been shadowed by detectives. The last payment of \$250 he got on October 1st, after which the conduct took place on which the divorce suit was based.

BALFOUR ON WAR

Britain Will Carry Out Her Treaty Obligations. London, Jan. 13.—Premier Balfour speaking at Manchester last night, referring to the far eastern situation, said: "No one can contemplate hostilities between two great civilized countries without feelings of mingling and depression."

AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN

Some English Papers Pass Caustic Comment on Speech. London, Jan. 13.—The Yorkshire Daily Observer says that one of the most likely effects of a really effective preference for Canadian products would be to stimulate the already extensive movement of cosmopolitan Americans across the Canadian border.

A MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY

Two Shantymen Found Dead Near Fort Frances. Fort Frances, Ont., Jan. 18.—A terrible tragedy took place at Frog Creek, three miles north, some time last evening. Two men, William Watson and John Scott, engaged last week to cut wood for A. Dowker on the farm of John Mackay and were allowed to use the shanty adjoining the claim. Dowker visited them on Sunday, when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a gentleman named Cole passing by heard the doors shut, and that was the last heard of the two men.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO RUSSIA IS NOT AN ULTIMATUM.

Insists on China's Sovereignty in Manchuria and Japan's Sphere of Influence in Corea.

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 18.—It is said that Japan's answer to Russia's latest note is not in the form of an ultimatum, and it is described as moderate in terms, but resolute in tone. It is said to be largely devoted to a discussion of affairs connected with Corea, Japan having been strongly advised not to fight over Manchuria alone.

PORTERS WELL FLOGGED

Difficulties Attending the Advance on Tibet. Calcutta, Jan. 13.—Letters have reached here, giving details of Col. Younghusband's advance into Tibet. Kamabojong has been definitely abandoned, as the Chumbi Valley route proves to be preferable.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fort Said, Egypt.—The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived here. Shanghai.—Viceroy Tsou has concluded a loan with a German firm for a million taels in order to purchase Krupp mountain guns. New York.—At the annual meeting of the Bar Association of the City of New York, Elihu Root was elected president for the coming year.

TRIED TO KILL HIS SICK WIFE.

Almost a Murder Near Burford Yesterday

John Easton, the Plaster Cast Man, Goes Insane.

Spirits Told Him to "Claim His Own."

Brantford despatch: A murder was narrowly averted near Burford on an early hour this morning. The village is ten miles distant from this city, and news of the affair did not reach here until late this afternoon, when John Easton was brought to the local police station and lodged behind the bars on a charge of attempted murder. Easton is believed to be insane in his mind.

ALLANS GET THE CONTRACT

Improved Atlantic Mail Service Provided for. Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The contract between Messrs. H. & A. Allan for an improved Atlantic mail service has at last been signed.

AT POINT OF DEATH

Farkey's Deceased Wife Victim of Consumption. Constantinople, Jan. 18.—Ex-Sultan Murad of Turkey is now in the last stages of tuberculosis, and his death is likely to occur at any moment.

EATEN TO SAVE LIVES.

Report of Terrible Suffering of Tribes North of Lake Nepigon. Port Arthur, Jan. 13.—Report has reached here from Nepigon of terrible suffering of Indians in the country north of Nepigon Lake, because of starvation.

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GERMANY IS SINCERE.

Desires Speedy Settlement of Dispute With Canada. London, Jan. 18.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says the deadlock existing regarding the removal of the dispute between Canada and Germany is due to the fact that the London Government has referred Germany to Ottawa as independent in commercial matters.

STEEPLEJACK'S ESCAPE.

Suspended by His Fingers at a Great Height. The London Express of a recent date had the following: A steeplejack named Towie has just had a terrible escape from death.

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T H I S O R I G I N A L D O C U M E N T I S I N E N G L I S H P O O R C O N D I T I O N

From Neighboring Firesides.

Noway Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

CHARLESTON LAKE

The heavy snow storm has left the roads in a bad condition.

Mrs. H. Plankett has returned from Athens, where she was visiting friends.

A very pleasant time was spent at the assembly at Oak Leaf hall on Friday night.

Miss Katie Burns has returned to her home in Odensburg after spending the summer with her Uncle, R. Foster.

Visitors: Mrs. R. Johnson, Lansdowne; Mrs. Stacey and children, Central City, Neb.; J. J. Murphy, Oklawaha, North Dakota; W. J. Slack, Brookville; Miss L. McLean, Athens.

SOPEFTON

Mrs. John Frye was in Brookville last week attending the wedding of her son, Johnson, who was married to Miss Marian McConkey of that place.

The recent snow storms have given the Kendrick Bros a rest from hauling wood.

Mrs. Phoebe Washburn, who has been ill for the past two months, has so far recovered as to be able to drive out.

Mrs. Brayman, of Brookville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Suffer for a few days last week.

Miss Kelly spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Delta.

Wedding bells are expected to ring twice this week in this neighborhood.

Miss Calista Preston is visiting her sister at Phillipsville.

LYNDHURST

The Black Lodge of Orangemen went to Betteresa on Sunday last to attend the funeral of late Mr. Jardine.

The death of Mr. David Johnston, well known in this vicinity, occurred on Friday the fifteenth at Brookville. The deceased died of la grippe after three days illness. The body was brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Wilcox, Lyndhurst, and thence conducted to Elgin for funeral services.

A L. E. C. concert will be given on Friday evening, Jan. 29, in St. Luke's hall. A farcical three act comedy entitled "A Gay Deceiver" will be put on by the amateurs of the Lyndhurst Baseball Club in aid of the baseball fund. The Lyndhurst orchestra will be in attendance.

DEATH OF MAUDE CONNOLLY

News of the death of Miss Maude Connolly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Connolly of Oaintown, was received with surprise and sincere sorrow by many in Athens. As a student of the A. H. S. Miss Connolly was well known and highly esteemed, and her death at the early age of twenty is deeply deplored.

On returning home from the Academy of Music, Toronto, for the Christmas holidays, she was in poor health, and gradually grew worse until death closed her bright young life on Saturday last.

Her parents, one sister, Mrs. B. Towriss of Athens, and two brothers, W. J., a divinity student, and C. F., a student of the A. H. S., are left to mourn her loss. Within the last few years two sisters predeceased her at about the same age. In their hour of sorrow the family have the tender sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

HAZELTON—COLEMAN

The home of Mr. George Whaley, Hard Island, was brightened on the evening of Jan. 13th, the occasion being the marriage of his niece, Miss Ethel Coleman, to Mr. Ham. Hazelton, of Delta, the Rev. Rural Dean Wright of Christ church, Athens, officiating. The house was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, the bridal party, standing under an arch of evergreens and flowers. Promptly at 6 o'clock the bride entered tastefully gowned in grey velvet. The bride was attended by Miss Fanny M. Hazelton, sister of the groom, while the bride's brother, Mr. Harold Coleman, did like honors for the groom. After the usual congratulations, the guests were entertained to a bountiful supper, the tables being ornamented with flowers. After spending a few social hours, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton left on a short honeymoon trip, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

The following is a list of presents: Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and son and Mr. and Mrs. Wood, china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamblin, chamber set; Mrs. Margaret Hazelton, set of irons; Miss M. Wight, silver spoons; Mr. Geo. Wight, capot; Miss Gertie Seymour, silver nut cracker; Mr. and Miss Bernay, waterset; Mr. and Mrs. J. Churchill, bedspread; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Howarth, blankets; Misses

Chamberlain's Remedies.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Price 25 cents; large size 50c.

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Chamberlain's Pain Balm. An antiseptic liniment especially valuable for Cuts, Bruises, Sprains and Rheumatism. Price 25 cents; large size 50c.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For Disorders of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Price 25 cents.

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Goods stored and sold on commission. Farmers' sales a specialty. For date and terms, write or call.

I. O. F. INSTALLATION

One of the most successful and enjoyable functions ever held under the auspices of Delta Odd Fellows took place on Thursday evening last, when a joint installation of the officers of Delta and Athens lodges was conducted by the able District Deputy, Mr. A. E. Baker, of Brookville, a veteran member of the order, accompanied him and took part in the ceremony.

After the formal proceedings in the lodge room, adjournment was made to the spacious dining hall where under the direction of Messrs. E. J. Green and W. J. Birch, a very elaborate supper had been prepared. This was thoroughly enjoyed, and then Dr. Geo. McChie called the meeting to order and introduced a toast list that brought forth a splendid address from Mr. Baker and short, interesting speeches from a number of members.

- The officers were installed as follows:—
- DELTA
 - N.G.—Ed. Barlow
 - V.G.—Wm. Morris
 - Rec. Sec.—Joel Barlow
 - Per. Sec.—W. J. Birch
 - Treas.—H. E. Brown
 - War.—W. Percival
 - I. Con.—E. J. Suffer
 - O. Con.—Ed. Bowser
 - R.S.N.G.—Geo. Haskin
 - L.S.N.G.—B. Ervase
 - R.S.S.—S. Whaley
 - L.S.S.—D. Campbell
 - I.G.—Geo. Godkin
 - O.G.—Geo. Morris
 - R.S.V.G.—E. Johnston
 - L.S.V.G.—W. Jaquith
 - Obisplain—Rev. Garrett.

ATHENS

- N.G.—E. J. Parell
- V.G.—F. W. Barber
- Rec. Sec.—A. J. Slack
- Per. Sec.—G. E. Judson
- Treas.—I. M. Kelly

HER FRENCH FAILURE.

The Tragedy of a Wrecking Bottle in the Latta's Quarter. She was spending her first month in the Latin quarter of Paris. She spoke English fluently with a Boston accent; she spoke German, could make a fair stammer at Italian and knew a few words of Hindoostanee, but of French not a syllable.

One morning she found herself in a wrestling match with a bottle of French shoe blacking. The pesky bottle, understanding that it had to deal with an alien, refused to give up its cork. She had no corkscrow of her own and did not know how to ask for one, even if she dared suspect that her next door neighbor might be possessed of the luxury. The time of her pet fork she had bent on the obstinate plug, the point of her best penknife had had broken off short, and nothing remained except to throw the bottle out of a window to get at its contents. She decided as a last resort to try breaking the neck off the bottle. With a "stove in her" she administered several cautious taps in the region of the jugular of the obstinate neck. "Nothin' doin'!" Then she tapped harder still, and the blacking came. All over her fingers it came, all over her light woolen skirt and over much of the floor and window sill.

She decided to have the skirt cleaned off to an establishment where she found embarrassment because she could not understand questions. Finally she got the drift of the conversation. The cleaners wanted to know what had caused the spot. Fortunately a bottle of shoe blacking was standing near by, and she pointed at this and "oud" and "oud" until she left in heightened spirits, feeling that she was not helpless and that she had made the cleaners understand. When the skirt was duly returned the following week, it was dyed black.

A Complicated Case.

A country "squire" is often called upon to settle questions which tax both his knowledge and his ingenuity. One such matter was presented to Squire Prescott of Banbury.

"Squire," said a solemn faced man, stopping the lawyer one day as he was leaving the postoffice, "there's a point of law I want you to settle, and whatever you say I'll abide by, will or not."

"Well, let's hear 'what it is,' said Squire Prescott good naturedly.

"It's just like this," said the man, stepping closer and speaking in a lower tone. "Hen Rogers wants to trade farms with me, but we can't quite agree on terms. His cow pasture is better than mine, but I've got twice as many blueberry bushes as he has; his corn is all started, and mine isn't, but I've got screens to five windows and two doors; there's less stones in his meadow land than there is in mine, but there's more bog."

"Now, I won't tell you which is which, but one of us thinks Hen's cow dog had caught to be thrown into the bag and the other one thinks that my henfer would just about even up. Now, what should you say was the fair thing?"—Youth's Companion.

The Tranquil Mind.

Who does not love a tranquil heart, a sweet tempered, balanced life? It does not matter whether it rains or shines or what misfortunes come to those possessing these blessings, for they are always sweet, serene and calm.

That exquisite poise of character which we call serenity is the last lesson of culture; it is the flowering of life, the fruition of the soul.

It is as precious as wisdom, more to be desired than gold—yes, than even fine gold. How contemptible mere money wealth looks in comparison with a serene life—a life which dwells in the ocean of truth, beneath the waves, beyond the reach of tempests, in the eternal calm!

How many people we know who sour their lives, who ruin all that is sweet and beautiful by explosive temper, who destroy their poles of character by bad blood! In fact it is a question whether the great majority of people do not ruin their lives and mar their happiness by lack of self control. How few people we meet in life who are well balanced, who have that exquisite poise which is characteristic of the finished character!

Taking a Chance.

He looked happy enough as he walked up to the postoffice box, set a huge bundle on the floor and began taking pretty square envelopes therefrom, dropping them by twos and threes into the box.

"Big lot of letters," remarked the policeman. "Nice day too."

"Letters!" said the happy man. "My dear fellow, these are not letters. They are wedding invitations."

A stern look came over the face of the hitherto friendly policeman. "My friend," he said, "I am sorry to disturb you, but I must do my duty. Come with me."

"Arrested?" "Yes." "On what charge, sir? This is an outrage."

"Not at all. You are advertising a lottery through the post."

The man went along.

The Bubble Reputation.

The Governor—Colonel, don't you know Judge Blank? Shake hands with him.

The Colonel—Ah, you are Judge Blank of Blankville?

The Judge—Yes; Blankville is my home.

The Governor—Of course I know you by reputation then.

The Governor—Colonel, don't you know it always makes me feel mighty uncomfortable when a man says that about me—that he knows me by reputation?

The Colonel—How is that, governor? Why should it make you feel uncomfortable?

The Governor—Because, by jingo, I always wonder which reputation he means.

A Simple System.

Teacher—In what year was the battle of Waterloo fought?

Pupil—I don't know.

Teacher—It's simple enough if you only would learn how to cultivate artificial memory. Remember the twelve apostles. Add half that number to them. That's eighteen. Multiply that by 100. That's 1,800. Take the twelve apostles again. Add a quarter of their number to them. That's fifteen. Add what you've got. That's 1,815. That's the date. Quite simple, you see, to remember dates if you will only adopt my system.

Making Sure.

This hunting story comes from Scotland: When the hunters came out of the covert, one of the guns said to the keeper, "Have you got all your beasts out?"

"Aye," said the man, astonished. "Are you sure? Have you counted them?"

"Counted them?" said the keeper. "Aye, they're all right."

"Then," said the shooter, with a sigh of some relief, "I have shot a roe."

The Spitting Snake.

A snake found in Africa is called the spitting snake by the Boers. It is between two and three feet long and is especially bold and active, readily attacking every one who approaches it. In confinement it is very savage, opening its mouth and erecting its fangs, from which the poison may be often observed to drop and even sometimes to be forcibly ejected; whence the name given it by the Boers.

Some Old Times.

Tom—Did you call on that pretty telephone girl?

Dick—Yes, but I guess there was another fellow there ahead of me, or maybe it was only force of habit.

Tom—How do you mean?

Dick—My card came back with the message: "Busy. Please call again."

Reassuring George.

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KITLEY FAIR

There was a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of Kitley Agricultural Society held on Wednesday last. The board of 1903 met in the commercial room of Wickware's hotel, Frankville, in the forenoon and wound up the business of the year.

At this meeting the popular president, Mr. D. Dowley, announced his intention of withdrawing from official connection with the society. This action on his part had been anticipated by the board, and the following address was read and presented to Mr. Dowley:—

On adjournment of the board meeting, dinner was announced, and it proved to be a rich and most elaborate spread. Mr. Wickware and his capable staff having excelled themselves in the preparation of a veritable feast of good things.

Reports of the officers and auditors were presented and adopted, which showed that the fair receipts of 1903 were over \$100 in excess of 1902 and that there was a net balance on hand of \$374.62.

For president, Mr. Dowley was nominated and elected by acclamation, and in a characteristically witty speech he returned thanks and declined the honor.

Mr. S. Hanton was elected vice president and out of 26 names placed in nomination the following were elected to constitute the board of directors: A. Hanton, G. M. Leverette, A. H. Parker, Wm. Ennis, F. Stewart, John Loucks, W. E. Stratton, A. Crummy, Wat. Davis, Mr. C. A. Wood, of Toledo, was tied with two others for a position on the board, but resigned.

Messrs. C. H. Smith and W. G. Richards were appointed auditors. The newly elected board met immediately at the close of the annual meeting and re-elected Joseph Coad secretary and Wm. E. Eaton treasurer.

The Reporter's attention was called to the fact that in the prize list sent year by the Bank of Montreal was credited with having made a donation of \$10 to the funds of the society. The gift should have been credited to the Bank of Toronto.

Card of Thanks. I wish to thank my friends and especially my kind neighbors for their kindness to me through my long sickness. E. J. HALLADAY.

Roast Pig is a Lamb in China. A correspondent of the North China Herald writes this dissertation upon roast pig: "How little western writers understand the Chinese! Who has not read and rejoiced over Lamb's 'Dissertation Upon Roast Pig?' It is not everybody who has the chance of seeing Lamb's fascinating story worked out in real life.

Solving it. Patrick, a thrifty tradesman in the neighborhood of the Dublin docks, was the story goes, a man who never spent a penny more than he needed to spend, but he was nevertheless as good a master at the making of an Irish bull as any who lived between Bantry and Ballycastie.

Curran Met His Match. Curran, the famous Irish advocate, was a master of repartee, but he did not always score, though he enjoyed an encounter none the less if he was fairly beaten.

It Muddled Him. "It gets me," confided the intoxicated individual who was gazing into the doctor's window, "it gets me! I don't know, however, a chr'chr'chr'annemum looks like a Skye terrier or wesser a Skye terrier looks like a chr'chr'chr'annemum."

Sought Bargain in War. Edward III had just announced his intention of beginning the Hundred Years war. "But," sobbed Queen Philippa, "can't you reduce it to ninety-eight?"

Difference of Opinion. "How did that poem of yours turn out?" "Oh," answered the author, "there was the difference of opinion that usually attends the production of a masterpiece. The postmaster insisted that it was first class matter and the editor insisted that it was not."

Scorched. Cannibal Chief—What was that I had for dinner? Cannibal Cook—He was a bicycle rider, your excellency. Cannibal Chief—I thought I detected a burned taste. Cannibal Cook—Yes, your excellency. He was scorching when we caught him.

Raising His Salary. "You told me last week that you were going to raise my salary," said Bragg. "Yes," replied his employer. "I did. I used a lot of other words. Believe me, I had a very hard time raising it this week."

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