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TALES OF THE TOWN.

" I must have liberty, Withal as large a charter as the wind-To blow on whom I please.

T is customary when I have anything particular to say to readers of these columns, to say it before proceeding to the regular orders of the day, and, before making my hebdomadal bow this morning, I have a statement to make with reference to the object of this paper as understood by the undersigned. The following remarks will apply to a number of anonymous contributors, who entirely mistake the principles of THE HOME JOURNAL, and wonder why their effusions do not find a place in its columns. This paper is devoted to public interests (after those of the proprietors) and to the ventilation of abuses-public abuses on general principles, and private wrongs where some good can be attained. It is bound by neither party nor politics, nor is it an upholder of any particular religious sect. In no case can its columns be used for the purpose of slander or scandal that will injure the private character of any individual. Two reasons can be assigned for this: One is that such conduct is not honest; and the other is because libel suits are expensive luxuries these hard times. So that, to use a vulgarism, when any one has any mud to sling, this paper is not the proper channel to seek. Several effusions have been sent into this office of late, abusing, for it cannot be called criticizing, different people and institutions, and it is the receipt of these communications that has led to these remarks. Intelligent, honest and well written criticism, couched in grammatical and courteous language,

vouched for by the full name of the contributor, is always received and given full and fair consideration, but vituperation and abuse against individuals, churches or other bodies will not be given a moment's thought. Several persons who do not see their particular axes ground this week, will kindly take the hint.

The broom may not still occupy its exalted positiou on Government street, after the result of the lacrosse match between the Capitals of Ottawa and the Victorias, but there is no excuse to offer for it. Our boys would have won if they had not been beaten. They did the next best thing, though. They gave these champions a stiff trial to keep their title, nothwithstanding the fact that they have been at high pressure ever since they left table matter in connection with the tour, and I am extremely sorry that a brother newspaper man should have been the cause of that. I refer to the sneering remarks of the Ottawa Free Press about the team. The boys had met with general courtesy and praise from the papers elsewhere, and the Free Press should have remembered, as the other journals did, that the entitled to at least honorable treatment. The whole thing came in very bad taste, but there is the consolation that it came from a paper which seldom if ever displays any good taste or honorable traits. Victorians will be glad to welcome the boys back. They have given Victoria an advertiseand it in a proper spirit.

Cases of "accidental shooting." "didn't know it was loaded," and so forth will be common now. Probably a more appropriate way would be to class all these affairs together as criminal negligence. It is not my intention to point a moral from the misfortune which befel a family in the accident to their child the other day, but I often tremble when young children pass me on the road, one or two of them with a gun which they are scarcely strong enough to carry, not to speak of firing off. A whole crowd of admirers press around the proud possessor of some discarded old muzzle-loader, following him through all kinds of places. He displays his skill in a confident, reckless manner, and the consequence is an "accident." Now, are not parents morally, if not legally, responsible for all this? When some of our apprenhome. There is only one regret tice legislators are making the annual bungle of the Game Act next session, it would be just as well to insert a clause limiting the age at which a youngster may carry a gun in public, and make the penalty for infraction apply to parents or guardians.

Despite the constant complaint of hard times, tightness of money and scarcity of means to make a visitors were for the time being living, somehow the young felthe guests of the city, and were lows are plunging into matrimony at a rate unparalleled. No doubt they follow out the principle that it is cheaper to keep two than one, but whether such be a fact or not, the spirit is a good one. There is nothing which will tend more to steady a young man down to work than to get married to the right ment in the east that no amount party; it is like ballast to a boat. of literature could effect. It is to It also has a good effect on general be hoped the city will appreciate business, for it shows that those young men intend to stay by the

place and see things through. Perhaps though, the real cause is to be found in the irresistible charm and attraction of our young ladies.

In my school days, one of the first performances of the day after the formal good morning to the teacher, was to form in single rank for the daily inspection of our personal appearance. hands and faces were examined, and the possessor of an untidy head of hair was told to step out. That took so many marks off the number allowed for cleanliness. Boots and clothes were next scrutinized, and either passed muster or were condemned; dirty boots were never tolerated, they had to be clean, not merely the fronts, but the backs as well. The second offence against cleanliness in any one month brought punishment, and for the third, the sinner was sent home.

Now, why should not this be the rule in our public schools here? Would it not be advisable to constitute personal cleanliness a part of the curriculum, instead of some of the abstruse subjects that are now crammed into children's brains and are as useless to them as a suit of fourteenth century I see children, boys armor. especially, go to school with half washed faces, untidy clothes and boots that have never had the pleasure of making the accquaintance of blacking or brush. There is no excuse for that; poverty or straitened circumstances cannot be put forward as a plea for dirt, the defective water supply notwithstanding. Neither are the girls always what they should be; sometimes a neat little dress hangs over a very muddy or dusty pair of boots. All this means a dirty, slovenly generation of men and women, who may be great scholars but very unsavory companions.

The bricklayers on the sewers

contractors. Perhaps the more truthful way of putting it would be that the men saw the foolishness of the course they were pursuing, a sort of cutting their noses to spite their faces. There was no cause, of any justice, to be advanced for that strike; it was a mistaken and misguided effort from first to last. There was no principle at stake that was worth contending for, and no object to be gained in a fight that had no cause. In any event, men should think twice before they throw up jobs in times like these, for there are at least ten idle men to fill every vacancy that occurs, and these surface drains were a godsend to some of the working men of Victoria. It is much better to let well alone.

At the Arion Club Concert the other evening, it was my mistortune to sit behind a young lady whose figure made an interesting study from a physical point of view. Let not the witnessing of such self inflicted torture ever be mine again, for the monks of old could not have endured half the penance suffered by that misguided girl. Her poor waist was pinched so that there could not have been more than six inches across. She could neither sit comfortably, talk or laugh with any degree of naturalness; the agony she suffered had pinched her face out of all expression of ease. The miserable creature would tilt herself in every possible direction in search of the comfort that could have been obtained at once by loosening those murderous stays; but would she do that? no, that would make her figure large and vulgar, which would never do. If these poor wretches could only see themselves as common sense people see them, with their wasp-like waists and pinched faces, they would never put on a pair of stays.

In connection with this spirit of

men are; liars to themselves and each other. During the intervals between the numbers at the Arion concert, several little passages of what is vulgarly called "mashing" took place, and oh how good and noble those young men would have those young ladies think them! And how sweetly those feminine faces beamed, as though they never wore a pout or frown. and their owners could not do wrong. Why all this hypocrisy? Cannot a man go up to a lady, wearing the natural smile, and the open honest demeanor he would have to assume among his fellow men, or be shunned as a "sneak." A man will never go into a crowd of his companions "bowing and scraping," with a bland idiotic smile intended to be polite, showing his teeth like a cat about to He would either get spring. those teeth broken, or he would be ostracised as such men are. Then for pity's sake why not be manly before those towards whom it is their duty to be manly.

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If I were a public spirited and moneyed man like John Coughlan, I would apply for an injunction to restrain the city from allowing deep and dangerous ditches being dug along Chatham street, Spring Ridge. The city sold the sandpits, and has now to purchase sand from the owners of those pits. These people are now digging immense holes on the roadside which are left there for any one to fall Another example of aldermanic wisdom.

Prentice, the book-keeper and generally good young man who left the city a short time since without taking a formal farewell of his triends, has written to an acquaintance here stating that it is his intention to settle up all scores against him. His letter is dated at New Orleans, so that he may be figuring on winning over the Corbet-Mitchell fight sufficient have resumed work, in order, as unnaturalness, one cannot help money to pay his debts; that is they allege, to save trouble to the thinking what liars men and wo-lif the contest should come off

there. This is nothing new; all these people intend to make good their deficiencies, but somehow they never, or very seldom do, and when such an event does transpire, it is heralded abroad with trumpets. Men of Prentice's stamp are only too common; they never intend to be dishonest, but somehow money is appropriated and that is all that is heard of it.

So the scattered organizations that have heretofore been known as the Church of England in this country, have been gathered together into one combined church. This should have been done long ago, if we had only had the proper men; but we have had men who thought of nothing but their own selfish ends, and who refused to see good in anything that did not particular desires. suit their Bishop Perrin may be inclined to "high churchism," but there is no denying the fact that he is a far superior man, for this place, to his predecessor. He is more progressive, more modern in his ideas, and altogether a man who will more completely win public confidence and esteem. Had he, or a man such as he, been at the head of church affairs in this province, the step toward unity would have been taken long ago.

From all directions this year come reports of the scarcity of grouse, both blue and willow. Weary sportsmen tramp all day, bringing home an empty bag and a lot of disappointed hopes. Of course the exceptionally severe winter had something to do with this, but there is also another cause, and that is the ruthlessness with which birds have been slaughtered in the past for market purposes. If they were legitimately shot, perhaps it would not be quite so bad, but such is not the case. I have known sheltered little nooks, where the birds Lynch may be necessary to oil the frequent, being spread with grain, so as to entice the birds, while a market hunter hid securely by nature of the one referred to are ocrats. and took a pot shot all along, put down with a strong hand, and

sometimes killing as many as three or four birds at one shot. Probably the best way to preserve the birds now would be to pro- it will be for the United States. tect them from the wholesale slaughter of the market hunter.

An important and largely attended meeting of female pheasants was held the other day, when it was decided to order a consignment of badges, with the inscription "I am not a grouse." These will be worn by the before mentioned birds for the guidance of amateur sportsmen.

The hen pheasants have a friend indeed in Supt. Hussey this year, through the energetic efforts of Constable Mason, who carries out his chief's instructions without either fear, favor or class distinction. Gunners who feel like shooting lady pheasants will do well to beware of Mr. Mason, and also his son.

The American nation has again been disgraced by one of those lynching outrages, so many of which have occurred lately, but this last one has transcended all previous occasions in devilish brutality. The fiendish character of the outrage surpasses all imagination. It was a case in which a whole innocent family was brutally butchered by a lawless mob, who could not find the individual they wanted. As a matter of fact it was simply a pretext for an outburst of that race prejudice that has for so long been a blot on the history of the United States. Its enormity can be imagined when all the American papers speak of it in terms of shame and horror. The victims were colored, and the criminals were so-called white men, representing the civilization of the western world, but in reality dragging its fair name in the mud of the present age. Judge wheels of justice now and again, but the sooner outbursts of the

that these people are shown that their colored brethren have every right of citizenship, the better it

Anent the remarks in these columns last week about wife beaters and wife neglecters, I see that an American judge has sentenced one of these wretches to thirtynine lashes for two-thirds killing his wife; and there were people who considered the sentence unduly severe. My opinion is only that of an individual, but it is that the judge was too lenient. He would not have overstepped the bounds of justice one particle by making the penalty 399.

It was not the intention of the architect of these columns to notice the antics of the Ottawa snobocracy in their conduct toward the new Governor-General. but as the matter has been taken up by the old country papers, perhaps it would be well to let those journals know what the "society" at Ottawa is actually composed of. Primarily a number of them were Canadians, when living at the seat of Government was fairly tolerable. But by degrees a certain class of English dude was imported, to give variety to the place, as the rabbit was imported into Australia, and the English dude has become as prolific a pest in Canada as the English rabbit in Australia. This dude has no brains for anything but disdaining to pay his bills. Sometimes he gets married, in which case it is not merely his tailor or cigar man who suffer, but the grocer, the butcher and the baker. dudeship is "very highly connected at howme," which enables him to obtain all the fat positions in the civil service, where he condescends to accept the salary which these "blawsted colownials, down't you know," provide. This is about the sum and substance of Ottawa society, which makes me think that the British authorities have some spite against a man of Lord Aberdeen's character, when they compel him to spend four years of his life among such snob-

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

ALL the Johnnies will have their guns out to-morrow.

PREMIER DAVIE believes in the motto that a rolling stone feathers its own nest.

Is THE City Council afraid to face the investigation asked for by Mr. Mohun? A little bird whispers they are.

THE executive committee of the P. O. home will meet to day for the first time in their handsome new quarters on Hillside avenue.

ALL lovers of lacrosse will be glad to see the ladies are moving in the direction of presenting the returning heroes with some mark of appreciation, as shown by last evening's meeting at Mr. Lowe's office.

COL. BAKER is of opinion we could develope a good trade with Australia by taking their wines in exchange for our lumber. who find it hard these times to get beer will see the golden opportunity that presents itself.

ARION CLUB CONCERT.

The second season of the Arion club or ened with the concert given in the Institute hall on Wednesday evening, and was a decided improvement on last year. These occasions will now, cwing to their uniqueness, be looked forward to with much pleasurable expectation, the object of the club, at present at least, being simply to from the several fathers of the difoster a musical spirit, promote the vine art, though none of these secause of music in the community, lections were at all of a classical, and bring together the cream of or extremely difficult character. \$1.00 PER ANNUM.

the musicians resident here. It is noticeable, however, that there is yet quite a lot of cream outside, that might well replace some of the ordinary milk that still remains. / There is Clement Rowlands, whose superb voice would be a grand acqusition, also J. G. Brown, both of whom were in the audience as spectators, and several other vocal celebrities whose presvery considerably to the club's strength.

Of course the attendance was large; admission was by invitation, and therefore people were not alverse to being there at such a small cost as the trouble of going. The collective individual called the public is remarkably mean. In the matter of the choral power the club has gained; practice and hard work are to be seen ali through, which, like charity, covers a multitude of defects. Several improvements might be made in the part voices. Take the tenors. In simple music they blend well, but in passages calling for particular force and vigor from them they are weak and deficient, though not by any means defective. is not what can be called a really first class tenor in the chorus, that is, not a man capable of taking a tenor solo that could be listened to with any degree of comfort. Collectively they perform some very pretty work in arias and short passages in the lower register, A better state of things exists in the first bas parts. among which, though, are classed some unmistakable baritones. The Arion club is a model institution of its kind, and is doing a splendid work, but there are still many outside its gates who should be brought inside and enlisted as active members.

The programme Wednesday evening was very similar to the first concert, including selections

The choruses were effectually, and mainly correctly rendered; at times thrilling and at others captivatingly sweet. It was by no means an unpleasant programme ; on the contary, it was made up with a vast deal of judgment, and without any pedantic desire to air any classical knowledge of music which the club might possess.

Miss Warren, the new soprano, ence on the platform would add gave a couple of solos, one "Goodbye," and the other "Il Bacio," both very much hackneyed. This lady has been carefully trained, too carefully, in fact, for she is trained beyond her capacity, which is limited to a very ordinary voice. Her tones are expressive, if rendered in their natural state without any of the artificialties of so-called culture. How does it occur that when an average person's voice is "cultivated," the articulation and enunciation become a chawing up of words, and the expression twisted out of all naturalness? There is a very sweet voice ruined by too much "culture." Mr. Ernest Wolff was the only other soloist. He played his own instrument, the violin, and played his way into the hearts of his audience. This young man gives bright promise for the future, although he frequently runs the risk of tiring his hearers with tediously long pieces. Better be short and be called back, than have a sigh of relief sent after you.

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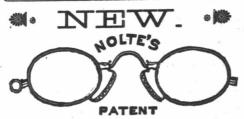
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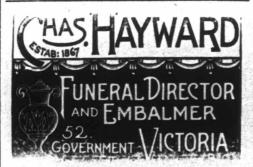
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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Dave Hart is able to be out again.

Mrs. M. B. Sachs, of Port Townsend, is visiting friends.

Mrs. and Miss Kinsman returned Wednesday evening, from Seattle.

Miss Gerson, of San Francisco, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy.

Miss Ella Leiser and Miss Fanny Cook returned from Wellington, Thursday.

Miss Leah Phillips is expected to return by to-day's Kingston from the Sound.

Rev. Dr. S. Philo and F. Landsberg returned, Thursday, from Vancouver.

J. N. Henderson has returned from a trip to Montreal and other eastern cities.

His Lordship Bishop Perrin, has returned from the Anglican Synod meeting at Toronto.

Miss D. Fleishman and Miss Olga Walder, both of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. F. Landsberg.

Mr. W. F. Topping, the popular manager of the Union S.S. Co.,

Miss Slater and Miss Morrison, of Winnipog were in the city ear'y in the week on their way home. They have been visiting Mr. W E. Slater, of Seattle.

Hon. Theodore Davie, Q. C., Premier and Attorney-General, of the province, returned from a tour through the interior, last week, and left again immediately.

Hon. Mr. Justice Crease has returned from the Cariboo assize circuit, which he took this year in place of the Chief Justice, Sir Matthew Begbie, who is indisposed.

There are two smoking concerts on the tapis for next Saturday evening, 7th Oct. The James Bay Athletic Association at the Driard, and the Football Club at the Clarence.

A great delegation of Jewish society is expected from the Sound and Mainland ports to attend the Simcha Thora ball to be given by the Hebrew Ladies' Society on Occ. 2nd in their new hall.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Otto Buckholtz, captain of the schooner Casco, and Miss Stratford, daughter of J. C. Stratford, of Victoria West. The happy event will take place on Tuesday.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered to Miss M. Wallenberg, of Seattle, by her many friends here, at the residence of Mrs. P. J. Davis. Games, dancing and other parlor amusements were indulged in until a late hour, when the happy crowd dispersed for their homes.

Miss Beatrice Johnson, daughter of Mr. E. M. Johnson, the wellknown financial broker and real estate man, left Friday via the C. P. R. and Allan line for England, where she will be married to a clergyman of the Church of England, and make her home there.

Mrs. Foster Macgurn and family was in the city during the week. will spend the coming winter in

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the east, in the hope that the change will restore her to health. Mr. Macgurn will accompany them and take in the World's Fair at Chicago, and probably spend the winter months in comparing the "effete east" with the "wild and wooly west."

The W. C. T. U. were very successful in the first entertainment given under their auspices. Dr. George, the eloquent and talented divine of Seattle, contributed a number of readings from various authors, all of which were well received. The musical portion of the evening was furnished by Miss O'Neil, W. Edgar Buck and J. G.

The Victoria Canoe Club's regatta last Saturday afternoon was a successful affair. The Indian war canoe race between the James Bay's and the Canoe Clnb was one of the prettiest races during the afternoon. It is to be hoped that at the next regatta given by the Canoe Club the different events will follow each other without the unnecessary delays that occurred last Saturday.

A Chatauqua circle is being organized for the winter season. An effort is being made to increase the membership over that of last year. It ought to meet with success. Foundeá in 1878, probably no agency has exerted the influence of this society in advancing the higher education of old and young, rich and poor alike, and in stimulating a desire among all classes to cultivate that knowledge which is the nation's best safeguard. The circle now has a membership of 210,000, and is increasing to an extent only justified by the merit it possesses. Mr. H. Siddall will readily furnish information to any person desirous of forming a new circle or of joining the "Fernwood" which is in connection with the Metropolitan Methodist church.

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