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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

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

VICTORIA has reason to feel proud of one of her clergymen at least. I refer to the popular and eloquent pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Cleaver has shown a good example to his brother clergymen in his discussions of every-day topics, and while I do not agree with him in some of his views I am pleased to compliment him on the intelligence he has displayed in handling the subjects of his discourses. On the question of dancing I am forced to take issue with the rev. gentleman. Years ago, a short time after THE HOME JOURNAL was started, I had occasion to refer to this subject, and the ground I took at that time on this pastime was that dancing was not disastrous to good morals, and I have had no reason since to change my mind. It certainly would be a very harmless amusement if it were practiced as suggested by Rev. Mr. Cleaver.

According to the reports in the newspapers Mr. Cleaver, last Sunday night, said that he had not the slightest objection to dancing when properly conducted, and he even went so far as to point out that his text emphasized the fact that there was a time to dance. But, according to Mr. Cleaver, the time to dance is in the daytime. It appears to me that if dancing were only permitted to be indulged in in the daytime, none but the rich would be able to enjoy the luxury. Of a certainty it might conflict with the labors of those who are compelled to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow to throw down their implements of toil and engage in terpsichorean exercises during the working hours.

But Mr. Cleaver says that we must dance alone, each sex by itself, never men and women together. This would be an innovation the popularity of which many will be inclined to doubt. For my part I would like to see Mr. Cleaver make a practical experiment, and invite a dozen or so of the young men of his congregation to weekly dancing receptions, at which no women were present. To vary the monotony and that an invidious spirit might not be engendered among the members of the congregation, he might hold weekly receptions for women only. Just fancy the spectacle of Brother Smith walking up to Brother Jones and asking the pleasure of the good brother's company for the "bon ton." Then again, behold Sister Brown tripping up to Sister Jones and esteeming it as a favor to have the latter as a partner for the Virginia reel.

Is there any one foolish enough to believe that Mr. Cleaver's one-sex dancing academy would survive the winter?

The rev. gentleman pertinently asks, if it is good to dance, why not let the minister? So far as I am aware there is no law on the statute books of British Columbia to prevent a clergyman from gyrating in the mazy waltz, if he so inclines, nor yet is it proscribed by the laws governing the ball-room. There is, however, a well-defined suspicion that Methodist clergymen are not the most graceful nor yet the most proficient dancers among men. I am pleased to observe that Mr. Cleaver thought it wise to say nothing of the immoral objections which are frequently raised against dancing. In this respect he evinced a tolerant spirit consistent with the good sense which should govern the clergy.

Dancing, when indulged in amongst pure minded young people is not degrading in its tendency, and when not to excess it promotes healthy and pleasurable recreation. Of course I agree with Mr. Cleaver that it is inconsistent with Christianity to profane the sacred edifice of church by dancing in it.

Rev. Mr. Cleaver's Sunday night sermons are becoming popular, and, as I said before, although I do not endorse all he says, I am convinced that he is doing a noble work in this city, and the Metropolitan Methodist Church is to be congratulated on its possession of such a worthy gentleman as its pastor.

The sincerity of some well-

meaning English advocates of prohibition has led them up against awkward problems. They observe that exercises that make the moderate users of stimulants thirsty are aids to the liquor cause which cannot be overlooked. Therefore, dancing, except in cold water circles, athletics, save among unbending teetotallers, rowing, walking, and exercises which quicken the circulation of the unpledged, must be sternly discouraged. This view of the situation at least promises the prohibitionist his exclusive right to more than half the pleasures of life.

Several merchants have informed me that their sales of Christmas goods this year have been larger than in any previous year since they were in business. This, to say the least of it, is promising, and practically demonstrates that beneath the perpetual cry of hard times there is an undertone of confidence in the future. It is true that, as a rule, prices were low, much lower than they ever were at a corresponding time in former years, but it also gratifying to observe that there are numerous persons who have money to spend. The purchaser is able to obtain a larger quantity of merchandise for his money than heretofore, for at no time in the history of this country would a dollar buy as much as it will at the present time. All kinds of goods found a ready sale, as sellers were willing to accept low prices so that they might turn their wares into cash, for in the present state of the wholesale market they knew that their shelves can be quickly replenished. It seems to be desired to keep trade in progress rather than to insist on a large per cent of profit.

For the purpose of securing the rapid transport of dressed hogs, poultry, butter, cheese, etc., between Manitoba and British

Columbia points, the Canadian Pacific Railway company despatches a special car from Winnipeg at intervals during the winter. This car is designed to carry less than car load lots, and will take the place of the refrigerator car service in the summer. Lots of the products named will be picked up at any point on the main line between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, destined for shipment to Canmore and points west to the coast. This special car service will leave Winnipeg on the following dates: January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21, March 7. The refrigerator car service over this route during the past summer season carried 700,000 pounds of butter, cheese and eggs. All this was taken from stations between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw inclusive, on the main line, for British Columbia points.

Sir Charles Tupper has contributed to the *Canadian Gazette* an article giving his memoirs of the late Sir John Thompson, in which he says:

"I knew Sir John Thompson since he was a clerk in a lawyer's office in Halifax. Later he was a reporter for the Nova Scotia Assembly, in which capacity his work was accurate and admirable. From this pursuit he was called to the bar, where he showed the greatest acumen, never missing a point. In 1885, when Sir John A. Macdonald offered him the position of Minister of Justice, he listened to all that could be said of the service he might render Canada, but would not leave the Bench except with the concurrence of his closest friend, the Rt. Rev. John Cameron, Bishop of Antigonish."

Sir Charles says he himself saw the Bishop afterwards, and that subsequently Sir John accepted the position.

"While Sir John was in the Cabinet, in 1887-88, great weight was attached to his judgment. He was always genial and rather diffident, but gave his opinion not in

a hesitating spirit, but with a wealth of argument and good sense."

Sir Charles explains that he (Tupper) only accepted the post of plenipotentiary to Washington in the consideration of the Atlantic fishery question in 1887 upon the condition that Sir John Thompson should accompany him as the legal adviser of the plenipotentiaries. Mr. Jos Chamberlain and Lord Sackville soon learned to appreciate his command of the question.

Mr. Chamberlain telegraphed to Sir Charles Tupper on the day of Sir John Thompson's death, his regrets at his untimely end, and referred to the fisheries negotiations at Washington, during which he learned Sir John's worth and ability.

Lord Sackville wrote Sir Charles: "I condole with you and the Dominion. Sir John Thompson's great merits can only be appreciated by those who knew him, his loss at this time is a great calamity. The spirit in which he dictated the policy of Canada toward the Motherland has been fully recognized."

He quotes the testimony of United States Ambassador Bayare, Lord Chief Justice Russell and Sir Richard Webster as to Sir John's worth and ability. Both he and Sir John had arranged to dine with Lord Russell and spend two days with Lord Mount-Stephen at Bocket Hall.

Endorsation of the proposed national fund, suggested as a slight expression of the universal sympathy with Lady Thompson and her family, comes from all sides. That Sir John, who devoted his princely abilities to the service of his country, should have died poor, is one of the surest guarantees of his worthiness. The *Montreal Star* is authority for the statement that at one time the sum of \$30,000 was subscribed for presentation to the late Premier by his friends

who appreciated how insufficiently he was paid for his herculean labors; but the dead man put the guilt from him lest a misunderstanding of its import might shadow his white honor and limit his usefulness. For the present, he could live; and, for the future, he trusted to Canada. The opportunity to test that trust has come sooner than most expected; but it has not found the sense of justice in our people asleep. To put it on no other ground, we owe it to Sir John Thompson to care for his family. And any provision we may make for them in the name of the nation should be generously worthy of that name—and in some way proportionate to the debt we owe the dead. Subscriptions are being handed in with encouraging spontaneity, but the "shower" has only begun. The total must tower far above any sum yet spoken of. This is a national undertaking, and Canadians can afford to do no little thing. Our public men should be convinced that they can pay no surer insurance "premiums" than faithful years of unselfish service to their country. Sir John could have left his family in the kindest comfort, and the people, now that they have taken up the task, can afford to do no less.

I rather agree with the five aldermen who voted against the proposition to engage a foreigner as consulting engineer for the filter beds. As stated by Alderman Harris, we have men in British Columbia who know quite as much as Mr. Hawkes, and Mr. Wilmot is one of them. The latter has had experience on the Vancouver and Westminster waterworks, and should be as capable a man as the former. Alderman Baker was probably correct when he said that Mr. Hawkes would go to the American side for workingmen and thus deprive our own people of the labor to which by long residence

in this city they are entitled. Just now it is the best policy to give employment to people who are already with us.

The announcement that Lord Randolph Churchill's health is beyond recovery will be shocking news to the admirers of the once brilliant young statesman. Lord Randolph only a few years ago gave promise of becoming one of the leading statesmen of the empire and was looked upon as a possible Prime Minister of Great Britain. It was believed by many who saw him during his visit to Victoria last summer that it was only a question of time when final dissolution would overtake him, but the tidings contained in the dispatches that he may not live a month will cause profound regret.

All the prisoners in the Vancouver police station were given a Christmas dinner, and it is stated that Ashford, the murderer of his wife and children, who was among the number, was the life of the whole party. While the dinner was in progress the funeral of Ashford's victims was taking place, which in all probability provoked further mirth on the part of the murderer. It is hard to believe that a man who could commit such a cold-blooded murder and find in it matter for amusement can be sane, but no doubt experts will decide that question when the time comes.

The friends of Dr. McGlynn will be pleased to hear that he has been restored to orders and assigned a church in New York. There have been few more ardent workers in the cause of humanity than Rev. Edward McGlynn, few imbued with such zeal to improve the condition of the masses. He will probably not be heard on public platforms again, when he assumes his priestly office, but he will be remembered long as one who took up willingly, as he expressed it, "the cross of the new

crusade," and did much towards turning attention to the deplorable state of the poor in the tenement district of New York, and ameliorated their condition as far as lay in his power.

The council of the Montreal Board of Trade having come to the conclusion that a Chamber of Arbitration, based on that of the London Chamber, is desirable, is now looking to the obtaining of such an amendment to its charter as will enable it to carry out the reform which it involves. It would appear that some doubt prevails as to whether the powers to be granted are within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada or the Provincial Legislature.

THE coal trade of Canada occupies a prominent place in a recent number of the *Coal Trade Journal* of New York.

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TEMPERANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The old year, with its joys and sorrows, is melting away, like a snow-flake on the river of time. The New Year, freighted with high hopes of a brighter future, is knocking at our doors and ere long will receive joyous welcome from the vast majority of the multitudes who inhabit the earth. Many, if not all of us, have registered in our own hearts one annual promise in regard to evil habits which we will overcome, and good deeds which we will perform during the year of 1895, which will now so soon dawn upon us. Among others who have made good resolutions of forsaking evil paths are, I doubt not, many unfortunates addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants; to all such, I wish the success which their brave resolutions deserve.

That I have selected the subject of Temperance in the Public Schools may cause some wonder, as it is not usual to suppose intemperance could exist in that direction. The teaching of alcoholism to pupils of public schools is a measure of such unbounded wisdom as to leave no room for doubt in the minds of even the greatest sceptics; I think there can be as little doubt of the dreadful impropriety and gross indignity of obliging those same pupils to accept, as preceptor, one who comes among them in a semi-intoxicated state and with every exhalation fills the air of the room with the vile odor of whiskey.

The teacher who indulges the passion for strong drink is no more responsible for his speech and actions than any other person who indulges the same bad habit, and it certainly is very deleterious to the good manners of pupils, as well as derogatory to the high position which a teacher should occupy in their minds and hearts, when they consider themselves

warranted in the coining of such problems as: "How many cubic feet of space will —'s breath impregnate with alcohol, and what would be the extent of the conflagration which would ensue should a match be lighted in the room?"

"Recipe for making good whiskey: Seek over night in water; in the morning drain off, add a little sugar," etc., etc.

Any teacher who desires the respect and deference of pupils cannot force such from them by arrogance of mien or tongue. Children are peculiar little animals and not yet having cast off the charm of nature will not, from motives of policy, feign a respect they do not feel, but hold their love and confidence in abeyance until they consider they have found a worthy object on which to bestow them. The teacher who gives his pupils a practical example of the quiet dignity native to the true gentlemen will not find them making ugly speeches behind his back; but if he indulges in such queries as, "Am I a fool?" it is scarcely wonderful that beneath their breath, to one another, they should respond, "Yes, a big fool." I am aware that every teacher has many trying things with which to contend, and not the least of these trials is the habit of prevarication on the part of some scholars; yet even when a teacher feels morally certain a child is telling an untruth, it surely is not necessary for him to employ such rough words as "liar," or "lie," when there are other terms, which, although not so vigorous, are quite as expressive and far more euphonious to ears polite. Like their elders, children soon grow familiar and soon cease to shudder at too intimate association with uncouth or vulgar language, and the same may be said of uncouth actions. Whilst the convenience to the male teacher of illustrating isosceles, equilateral or other triangles by the use of his

own legs cannot be questioned, a figure drawn on the blackboard would surely recommend itself to the lover of modesty and decency as being more appropriate to the occasion, and would leave no disgusting thoughts in the minds of the young girls and boys who witness the performance.

Now, I wish to ask does such a state of affairs exist in Victoria's public school? If so; whose duty is it to see that it exists no longer? It seems incredible that such conduct on the part of a teacher should be tolerated when so many good, capable, sober men could be found to fill the position.

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Mr. Alexander Begg is back in Victoria.

Mr. E. V. Bodwell spent Christmas in Vancouver.

The Y. M. C. A. will keep open house on New Year's Day.

Peerless Lodge, I. O. O. F. held a dance last evening. Richardson's orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. Charles Francis, of this city, was married to Miss N. McGregor, of California, Thursday evening.

THE HOME JOURNAL acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a box of cigars from the Kurtz cigar company.

The Sunday school children of St. Andrews' Roman Catholic Cathedral held their Christmas treat Friday evening.

Miss May Jones, sister of Mr. Stephen Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, was married to Mr. C. N. Owen, Christmas night.

The Victoria Quadrille Club will hold a masquerade next Thursday evening. The music will be supplied by Richardson's orchestra.

THE war between China and Japan would appear to be on the eve of a conclusion, such steps having been taken as would lead one to believe that both sides are not indisposed towards peace, China, because she has been badly beaten, and Japan because she realizes that the Powers will not allow her to press her advantages too far.

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ONE fine morning as I was strolling through the streets in the neighborhood of the Opera I stopped in front of a shop of curiosities and antiques and ran my eye over the different articles displayed in the window, of which the majority were old acquaintances and some of which had passed through my own hands.

As I was about to pass on, the door of the shop opened, and who should come out but my friend Octave Ducroz, whom I had not seen for several months. The moment he saw me he came forward, and I noticed that he seemed annoyed, and that the hand he gave me trembled in a way I had never known before.

"What has happened?" I inquired of him. "You look worried."

"Oh these women, these women!" he growled in a voice that seemed addressed to his own reflections rather than to me. "Do not trust their promises; do not place any confidence in their vows. It's enough to make a man blow his brains out."

"I'll see that you don't do that," I said quietly, passing my arm through his. "I shall stick to you like your own shadow."

"If you only knew," continued the poor fellow. "And it is only five years ago. I was in love, over head and ears in love. I loved with all the passion and intensity of a first love. It was with a beautiful young girl at Batignolles. She was staying with her mother, and in order to remain by her side as long as she lived she had refused many offers of marriage. Louise Audry was as lovely as she was noble in her devotion to her mother.

"You know how the heart loves to adorn the object of its affections with all the graces and charms imaginable. I was fortunate enough, too, to prove not displeasing to Louise, and before long we had formed the delight-

ful plan of uniting our destinies and getting married. We decided to wait two or three months before taking the final step.

"Unexpected events, however, caused a different disposal of our plans. Compelled to undertake a long journey, of which the termination seemed doubtful, I found myself obliged to postpone the wedding until my return. When we said goodbye, Louise gave me a faithful promise to wait for me as long as events might make necessary.

"As a token of my tender affection I begged her acceptance of an extremely beautiful porcelain goblet that had been left to me by my grandmother, and which I cherished as the apple of my eye. Louise was delighted to possess an article that would constantly remind her of me, and promised me that whatever might happen she would not suffer it to leave her possession.

"Those were her last words. Shortly after they fell from her beautiful red lips I started on my journey.

"Four years passed, as you know, before I returned to France. During that time I was in the centre of Africa conducting explorations and practically exiled from the world, receiving no news and able to send none.

"As soon as I arrived in Paris I hurried to see Louise, to whom I had telegraphed from Marseilles. Alas, what a cruel deception was in store for me!

"The house she used to live in had been torn down and removed by the construction of a new street. No one knew where Mme. Audry and her daughter had gone to live, and all my efforts to trace them were ineffectual and vain.

"Several months have gone by since then without bringing any news to change the unhappy state of affairs,

"This morning, while looking through the shops to find a birthday present for my sister, I went by chance into the shop where you have just met me.

"I examined first the numberless trinkets displayed in the showcases—the ancient jewelry, the enamels, ivories, china sets, miniatures and masterpieces of the arts of the gold and silversmiths. Then the salesman placed in my hands some dainty figures in Saxon China and called my attention to several graceful vases, Japanese bronzes and dainty articles of crockery ware.

"While searching thus for something that would make a present a little out of the ordinary run I walked up and down the shop in front of the showcases and let no corner escape my attention. In this way I found myself at length in front of a tall case with closed glass windows, beside which a young girl was sitting with some embroidery work in her hands.

"And in this glass case, just about the height of my eyes, what should I see standing on a shelf behind the shining glass pane but the old porcelain goblet I had given to Louise! Yes, the very same it was, the exquisite piece of Sevres that had such deep significance for me and with which so many tender memories and associations were linked.

"At first I was inclined to doubt my eyes, but on looking closer it was no longer possible, for I knew every detail of it by heart, and I recognized them all beyond the possibility of being mistaken.

"There was a wreath of flowers so finely and delicately worked in with threads of gold and silver forming a crown work in which alternated harmoniously a superb rose cluster, with leaves and buds and a bunch of dainty little flowers, red and blue. I could not mistake it. There, too, was the artistic mounting that I knew so well, with the three bronze supports representing the heads of animals peering forth out of dense foliage and chiseled by the hand of a master.

"My surprise speedily gave place to indignation, as you may well understand. This treasure of my heart in a shop! This gem, linked with so many family traditions and representing the faithfulness of my first love, exposed to the public eye of the chance and ordinary buyer!

"In spite of her solemn oath she had sold the goblet and forgotten me, who gave it to her. Oh, woman, woman, woman, all and always the same, you are the personification of inconstancy and the lie!

"Naturally, you will understand, I had only one thought in my mind—to buy the goblet back again. I asked the price.

"'Ah monsieur,' answered the clerk, 'the precious objects in that case are in the special care of Mme. Brunard, the proprietress, and she alone attends to any business connected with them. Mme. Brunard has just gone out, and I can say nothing about them. Perhaps mademoiselle has some instructions.'

"'No,' answered the young girl addressed, putting down her embroidery and raising her eyes to me. 'Mother takes charge of all in the case, monsieur, and I have not even the key. My mother will return at 6 o'clock, and monsieur will perhaps look in again to-night.'

"I said that I would do so and left the shop."

"Eh bien, my dear Octave," said I, interrupting my friend in his tale, "we will both go there together, for I do not mean to leave your side until this matter is cleared up."

"Cleared up!" he exclaimed impatiently. "There's no clearing up about it. The solution is evident and obvious. I am forgotten, and my token has been thrown away and sold."

Poor Octave. His heart was full of bitterness. Apparently disappointed and deceived in his first love, he was ready to curse the whole sex and to class them

one and all as false, faithless and cruel.

At six o'clock we returned to the shop. Octave entered alone, and I walked up and down outside waiting for him and looking in at the shop windows. I had to wait a long time, nearly an hour. Evidently the interview was not hurrying on with winged feet.

At length my friend came, his face radiant.

"Well," I cried, "have you got your goblet?"

"Yes, no—that is to say, I have it, and I haven't it. Ah, my friend, I hardly know what I am saying I am so upset, so happy! Ah, do you know that women are angels? Don't you understand me?"

"I must confess that—er"—

"Well, I'll tell you all about it. The moment I entered the shop the little girl with the embroidery met me and said her mother had just come in.

"I followed her to the farther end of the store, where in the semi-darkness I saw a woman coming to meet me.

"'Madam,' I said, 'there is in your showcase an article that I feel disposed to purchase.'

"'Yes, monsieur, I know,' she answered quickly. 'You refer to the old porcelain goblet. I regret it exceedingly, monsieur, but it is not for sale. It is only here to be kept for the one person who has the right to reclaim it and to whom it belongs.'

"'And how do you know, madam, that I am not the person?'

"At this moment the clerk lit the gas, and we found ourselves suddenly face to face in the strong light.

"'Louise!'

"'Octave!'

"This unexpected meeting naturally caused long explanations. These Louise gave me frankly and freely. When their house was pulled down, Mme. Audry and her daughter left Batignolles to live in Paris. A short while after

there was a financial catastrophe which made a great stir and ruined many people, among them Mme. Audry. The old woman shortly afterward died of grief and disappointment.

"Without news of me and in a condition of hopelessness and despair, Louise found herself at the end of her strength and resources when an old friend of her mother's, a M. Brunand, who kept a curiosity shop, turned up to help her. He was a widower, over 60 years of age, and with a young daughter on his hands he found himself rapidly going into decline.

"Anxious to find some one who would be a friend to the girl after his death and knowing the kind heart of Louise, he offered his name, his house and his home.

"That is how Louise became Mme. Brunand and was called mother without being a mother, how the goblet remained in her possession, and how I have the pleasure now to announce our approaching marriage, at which I trust you will do me the honor to be the best man."—*From the French.*

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Fifty copies of Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore," have arrived and can be obtained by those ladies and gentlemen who have already given their names as members of the chorus, at Waitt's music store. Mr. Buck the director of the opera, witnessed a fine presentation of it at Seattle last Monday, by the famous Marie Tavy Grand Opera Company, and feels confident that the amateurs of Victoria can, in many ways, give a highly creditable performance in Easter week. The first rehearsal of the choruses will take place Wednesday, January 9th, at 8 p. m., over Waitt's music store. Mr. Eurich, the well known musician, has accepted the position of pianist and will drill the choruses in conjunction with Mr. Buck. Mr. Eurich has had large experience with opera companies.

Katie Putnam will be at The Victoria Monday and Tuesday, December 31st, and January 1st, with matinee Tuesday. Miss Putnam's supporting company this year is the strongest she has ever had, including Gus Cohen, a comedian that made a great hit in the past season. He introduces specialties that are new and clever, sings parodies on all the latest successes, sings "Johnny, my Old Friend John," a new laughing song, etc. H. B. Emery is too well-known to require any extensive reference. His work with the Katie Putnam's company has stamped him as an all around versatile actor. And there are such well-known

people as Lewis O. Hart, George Klimt, Thomas R. Findlay, Barton Williams, John H. Gillis, L. H. Edgar, Sadie Radcliffe, Anna Watson, Rosa Leigh and Ada Fremont.

The James Bay Lacrosse Club concert, Thursday evening, was not so well attended as it should have been. The principal numbers on the programme were rendered by Mrs. McCandless, Messrs. J. G. Brown, F. Sehl, Clement Rowlands, W. Ralph Higgins, and Miss S. F. Smith, of the Toronto College of Music, who made her first appearance before a Victoria audience, and met with a warm reception. She played selections from Beethoven and Chopin for which she received an encore, in response to which she played a scherzo from Mosz Kowski. Her technique, legato, portamento and staccato touches show she has been thoroughly trained by the best masters.

The Pyke opera company will be at The Victoria on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of January. On Thursday evening "A Night in Venice" will be produced, Friday night and Saturday matinee "The Beggar Student," and Saturday night "Tar and Tartar." Mr. Pyke is well known on the coast as a manager of opera companies, and will have with him the ever popular Louise Manfred, Laura Millard and Martin Pache. Popular prices will prevail. Sale of seats will begin at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning at Jamieson's Bookstore.

The cantata "Daniel" at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evening, was an artistic success.

The Calhoun opera company will begin a three night's engagement at The Victoria on the evening of Jan. 22.

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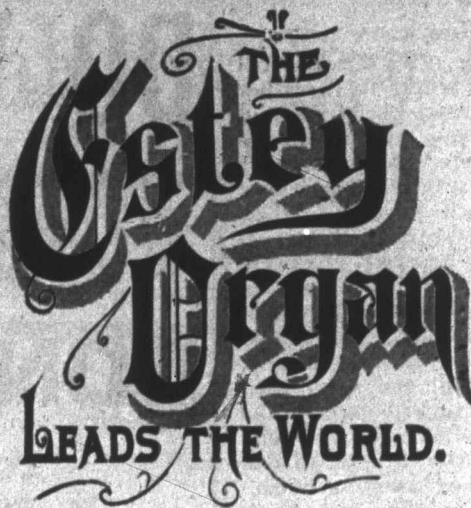
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Some of the present celebrated scientific cooks confess to a most woful ignorance on the all-important subject at the time "they were married." And the older ones declare that "in their day" there were no books fit to study upon the subject of cooking, as chemistry had not yet been applied to the art. One scientific cook confesses to having experimented on feeding her husband, but declares that the experiment proved a success, as his dyspepsia vanished. She says the first knowledge she acquired was the art of making the baker's best bread. And then somebody else says that she is glad that she says "their best bread" for most of the baker's bread in this country is atrocious—an insult to a self-respecting stomach.

Curious Chinese Coins.

A curious feature of Chinese coins, the nail-mark, appears to have originated in an accident very characteristic of China. In the time of Queen Wentek a model in wax of a proposed coin was brought for her majesty's inspection. In taking hold of it she left on it the impression of one nail, and the impression has in consequence been a marked characteristic of Chinese coins for hundreds of years.

They're Drinking More.

It is a subject for grave consideration by the American people that the use of alcoholic liquors is increasing in that country. In the year 1883 the consumption of distilled spirits was 1.46 gallons per capita; in 1893 it had increased to 1.51 gallons. The consumption of beer per capita in 1883 was 10.27 gallons, which had increased to 16.08 gallons in 1893.

Water and Sediment.

It has been estimated by competent civil engineers that the Mississippi river annually discharges 19,500,000,000 cubic feet of water into the Gulf of Mexico. Of this prodigious quantity the 1-2000th part is sediment. Thus it will be seen that the Mississippi annually deposits enough mud in the gulf to cover a square mile of surface to a depth of 240 feet.

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PEOPLE OVER THE SEAS.

Henry M. Stanley and his beautiful wife reside quietly at St. Moritz, in Switzerland.

In the House of Commons several members take notes in shorthand for their personal reference. Tim Healy is one of this group.

Mr. Maneherjee Merwanjee Bhowngree, a Parsee, will stand for parliament as a unionist. The first Indian admitted the house or commons, Dadlabai Naoroji, is a liberal.

Marshal Blaine's son has lately returned from Mexico, where he tried in vain to obtain the restitution of his mother's property, confiscated by the Mexican government. The family is now in abject poverty.

The house in which Martin Luther died at Eisleben, Germany, bore no mark to indicate this fact until a few weeks ago. The famous house, however, has been repaired and restored in a worthy fashion. It contains many relics of the great reformer.

Baron von Munchausen, the winner of the recent Baden jubilee cup, is not only a namesake but a lineal descendant of the baron, whose veracious tales of travel and adventure, as told by Rudolph Ruspe, have been immortalized by Cruikshank and Gustave Dore.

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One of the experiments made by those who believe it is to test the strength of dynamite, gun cotton and other explosives is to place fresh plucked leaves between two plates of panel steel and explode cartridges on the upper plate. The recoil in such cases is so great and sudden that the upper plate is driven downward with such force and rapidity as to catch exact impressions of the leaves before their delicate ribs have time to give way to the force of the blow. This novel method of engraving is one of the wonders of the century.

A Pretty Legend.

It is the pretty Christian legend that the aspen quivers with shame because from its wood the cross was made. Observers of nature have discovered, however, that the quivering of the aspen's leaves is due to the fact that the leaf stalk is flat on the sides and so thin about the middle that the slightest breath of wind sets all the leaves wagging horizontally. A single leaf plucked off and taken by the end of the leaf stalk between the thumb and the forefinger admirably illustrates the peculiarity of the aspen.

An Innovation.

The University of Lille, France, is said to be the first institution of learning on the continent to add a department of Journalism. Abbe Dr. Cooten will read lectures on the great editors of England and Germany. Professor Gaud will lecture on the law governing the press, and M. Tavermer, of the Paris Univers, will speak upon the duties of newspaper men and the way a paper is printed.

Theory and Practice.

Cora—Why did she leave the room when she was in the middle of her argument about the cruelty of killing song birds?
Merritt—She went to show the servant how to drop a live lobster into boiling water.—Truth.

Was It Sickness in the Family?

Officer McNabb—What's the trouble, Bill?
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The incomes of Physicians.

The incomes of professional men can be discussed only in an approximate way. As the amount of money earned is considered by the public as a measure of appreciation of services rendered, there is a strong tendency to stretch the imagination in the direction of what should be rather than what actually is. Physicians form no exception to this rule. The average annual income of a physician in full practice in a large city may be stated as \$2,000, and in smaller towns and in strictly rural districts \$1,200. Two or three physicians in New York make over \$100,000 each year; five or six range from \$50,000 to \$60,000; fifty from \$25,000 to \$30,000; 150 from \$10,000 to \$12,000; about three hundred from \$5,000 to \$6,000; 1,500 from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and the remainder from \$800 to \$1,000.

The feet of truth are slow, but they never slip.

Golden opportunities do not travel by a time table.

There are men who like to speak well of others—on a tombstone.

If some people had money enough they would vex themselves to death.

A genius is a man who does something that others say cannot be done.

There is no way of getting children to be good like showing them how.—Ram's Horn.

AUTHORS AND BOOKS.

Conan Doyle stands as high as any living novelist to-day, either in this country or in Europe. He is six feet two.

Mr. Gladstone has promised to write an introduction to the life of Sir Andrew Clark, which is in course of preparation.

Henrik K. Ibsen, who is now sixty-seven years of age was an apothecary's clerk in Skien, Norway, when he wrote his first play.

Field Marshal Lord Wolseley wrote his life of "Marlborough" standing at his desk in his dressing-gown and before breakfast.

Count Tolstoi's son has published a short story, which has been reproduced in a Parisian newspaper. He is said to have more radical views than his father.

George Solomon, a Parisian book collector, has a collection of seven hundred volumes, none of them being larger than one inch wide by two inches high.

The Berlin royal library has acquired a Semitic manuscript by a Hebrew doctor of the fourteenth century which promises to throw much light on the history of medicine.

Paris papers say that the pope recently told several French prelates that he would not receive M. Zola, the writer, should the latter ask for an audience. He gave as a reason that the novelist was a declared enemy of the church.

IN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The students at Princeton college have abolished "hazing."

Viceroy Li Hung Chang has established at Tientsin an imperial medical college, with a staff of western (English) medical men who assist native Chinese in teaching. A four years' graduated course is required and a well-equipped hospital has been built.

The degrees of bachelor of medicine and of master of surgery have this year, for the first time in the history of the Scottish universities, been conferred on women. One of these young women, who ranked third in a class of sixty-one members, stood first in her class of zoology, practical chemistry, anatomy, history, physiology, surgery, medicine, pathology and midwifery.

MEDICAL SCIENCE.

A burning gasjet is unhealthy in a bed-chamber, because one gaslight gives out as much carbonic gas as two sleepers.

Sir Andrew Clark, general physician in the largest London hospital, says that seven out of every ten persons taken to the building owe their ill health to drink.

Dr. Roux, of the Pasteur institute, claims to have found a cure for croup. It consists in the injection of serum from the blood of a horse that has been inoculated with the cultivated microbes of croup.

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THROUGH EUROPE.

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One of the three dozen shirts possessed by Napoleon at St. Helena, and divided at his death among his companions, has been sold by auction for one hundred and fifty francs.

Every passenger landed in a French port from a steam vessel coming from a European port, by a decree just issued, is to pay a tax of fifty centimes (ten cents); from any other part of the world he pays a franc.

Brussels has a new executioner. He was a waiter in a saloon, and was dared by his companions into betting that he would try for the place. He won the bet and the place, which carries with it a salary of some twelve hundred francs a year.

The Captists in Sweden number 36,291. They have 530 churches.

There are now in Madagascar 1,360 self-supporting Christian congregations.

Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation Army, is about 66 years of age, and is as active and vigorous as many men of 30.

The smallest church see in the world is that of St. Helena, the bishop of which has jurisdiction over three clergymen.

Miss Lucy M. Booth, a daughter of Gen. Booth, has been appointed commander of the Salvation Army in India, with her headquarters at Bombay.

Rev. J. A. Zahm in an article in the American Ecclesiastical Review locates the Garden of Eden in the land intervening between the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates and the Persian gulf.

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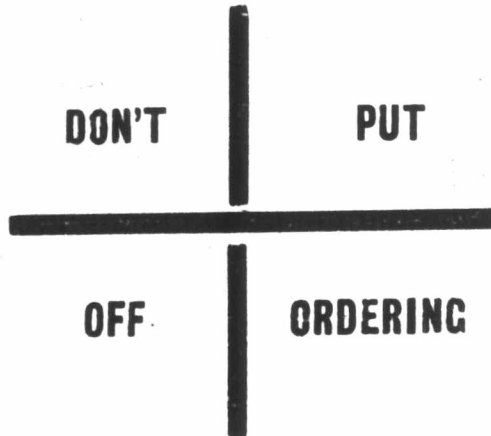
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