

LIGHTNING HITS LINER AT SEA

Passengers in a Panic and Captain Knocked Down.

ONE WOMAN DIES OF SHOCK

Preceded by Terrific Crash a Thunderbolt Hits the Teutonic During a Snowstorm.

New York, Dec. 19.—Plowing her way through a snow-beaten sea, the White Star liner Teutonic held no promise of a sensation, and the passengers, awaiting Sunday luncheon, had begun talking of "Jonahs," the result of two alleged murders being chained together on the ship en route for this country to stand trial for their lives. The sea was not rough and few aboard were sick. There was an air of merriment all over the big craft.

Suddenly through the blinding billows of snow came a terrific flash of light, followed by a crash that brought the pink to every cheek. The lightning had torn the hull, hurling it, black and shivered, to the deck. The ropes had been cut away and thrown to the deck and the foremast was gone.

Captain McKinstry, commander of the vessel, was on the bridge when the lightning struck, and was almost thrown from his feet. Quickly regaining physical control of himself he directed all his aides to hurry to the cabin and down into the steerage to allay any sign of panic.

Everywhere white-faced men and women were running wildly about, beseeching someone to do something to avert what seemed certain disaster. Dozens of women fainted, and one—Mrs. John Holman, coming from Belgium to join her husband in New Orleans—sustained a fatal nervous shock during last Tuesday.

"It must be those two murderers on board," exclaimed those of superstitious turn of mind, and for a few minutes there was serious discussion of the advisability of asking the captain to have Petrovitch Sepanac and Jilavac Krovac put adrift in a boat.

"I've followed the sea for many a year," said Captain McKinstry yesterday when the Teutonic arrived, "but my experience of last Sunday afternoon was the most startling spectacle I ever knew. I was on the bridge when, at 1:15 o'clock, the lightning bolt struck the ship, and was nearly blinded."

The body of Mrs. Holman will be taken to New Orleans for burial. She was one of the 125 of the Red Star liner Kronland's passengers brought here by the Teutonic. The Kronland's stewardess became disabled after leaving Antwerp. She was forced to put in at Queenstown, sending her passengers on by the Teutonic.

HIT THE TEACHER

School Boy Accused of Throwing a Slate.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—At Wolverton schoolhouse near Grimsby, on Wednesday afternoon, J. Driver, the teacher, had an altercation with a pupil named Fisher. The boy became enraged because the teacher chastised him, and picking up a slate, threw it at Driver's head. The frame came off the slate in its flight, and the sharp edge of the slate struck Driver's face, inflicting a deep gash from one eye to the shoulder, and severing a couple of arteries. The wound bled fearfully, and it was feared Driver would bleed to death before aid could be summoned. The wound was later sewed up by a doctor. Driver is now doing well, although he will be confined to the house for a considerable time, and will be marked for life. It is probable the trustee will prosecute young Fisher.

TALKING ELECTION

East Huron Conservatives Convene at Wingham.

Wingham, Ont., Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the Conservative Association for East Huron was held in the town hall here today. The meeting was called for the annual election of officers. This business being accomplished, Dr. Thomas Chisholm unanimously chosen president, short discussion took place as to the selecting of a candidate, and it was resolved to have a general convention called for the purpose, the date and place to be chosen later.

Vigorous addresses were then made by Dr. T. M. Sproule, M. P., and David Henderson, M. P.

Royalty for Ireland

Dublin, Dec. 19.—The evening Herald announced on good authority that King Edward and his son, Prince of Wales, will visit Ireland during the Puntches town racing week and attend the races. They will not travel in state.

Cured to Death.

Lyn, Ont., Dec. 19.—A farm hand, named Charlton, aged 45 years, employed by C. J. Gilray, at Glenhull, was gored to death by a bull in Gilray's barn Thursday evening. Charlton leaves a wife.

Too Realistic.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—In their sword play in "The Adventures of Gilgamesh" between James O'Neill and his son, James O'Neill, Jr., the veteran actor almost severed his son's right hand at the wrist. The blow was the result of a sword used by the senior O'Neill caught the younger man's wrist fairly, and with a cry he staggered back into the scene, where a moment later he fainted. The father's arms. The accident took place at the Olympic Theater in this city.

Killed by Ammonia.

Okaville, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Hooley, who swallowed ammonia in mistake for mineral water at Okaville house, on Wednesday, died at 6:30 this morning after a great deal of suffering.

BURGLARS AT TILBURY

Carry Off Jewelry to the Value of \$2,000.

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—Burglars visited this village last night. They pried open the door of W. I. Polle's jewelry store and breaking off the door of the safe, carrying away watches, chains, etc., to the value of two thousand dollars. No clue.

A DOUBLE WEDDING

Parson On Honeymoon Weds Two Couples On His Train.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 19.—The Rev. E. C. Beck, pastor of the Methodist Church at College Hill, Madison County, was married to Miss Mary Lackey, and shortly after the ceremony the bridegroom couple, on matrimony bent, returned to Lexington to spend their honeymoon. To his surprise Mr. Beck found four members of his flock on the same train, bound for this city, on matrimony bent, having already secured their licenses in Richmond. To add a third of romance to the wedding, the minister performed the double wedding on his train, the conductor giving the brides away.

MR. MARTIN NOMINATED

To Represent the North Wellington Liberals.

Arthur, Ont., Dec. 19.—At the convention of the Liberals of North Wellington, held here yesterday afternoon, Thomas Martin, of Mount Forest, was unanimously nominated as the Liberal candidate in the coming Dominion election. Dr. Henry, of Harrison, and Andrew, of Seale, ex-M. P. for Centre Wellington, were also nominated, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Martin. The greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevailed throughout and everyone seemed confident that Mr. Martin would be elected.

CANT BE SAVED AFTER 23

A Chicago Minister Proves It By Statistics.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—"There is little chance for the conversion of any man after he has passed the age of twenty-three," "Some experts have prepared statistics of expectancy which are called tables of expectancy and are much the same as the mortality tables of life insurers. The spiritual period of life is sixteen and boys seventeen. This is the giggling and gum-chewing age of girls and the awkward age of boys. These were the assertions of Dr. William E. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, when he was addressing the Fellowship Club, of that suburb. What is to be done with the child spiritually must be done by the parents. The hearing the engine approaching and knowing it would kill him, he seized the brakebeam of a car and clung to it until the train stopped. He is at St. Margaret's Hospital in this city and may recover.

SAVED BY COOL HEAD

Switchman Clings to Brakebeam and Escapes Death.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 19.—Though feverishly crushed and having four ribs broken, Martin McGregor, of this city, a Chicago Junction switchman, owes his life to the fact that he retained his presence of mind when death stared him in the face. The engineer of McGregor's train mistook his signal, and instead of moving ahead as ordered, he threw the engine on his back between the rails and car after car passed over him, each brakebeam crushing him. Hearing the engine approaching and knowing it would kill him, he seized the brakebeam of a car and clung to it until the train stopped. He is at St. Margaret's Hospital in this city and may recover.

THE G. T. P. DEPOSIT

£1,000,000 of Guaranteed G. T. R. Stock as Security.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following official statement was issued yesterday by the Government: The Grand Trunk Railway Company have deposited £1,000,000 of their guaranteed stock for the carrying out of the agreement entered into last session between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway, subject to ratification of their shareholders at a general meeting. Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or Government securities for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth more than par, and their value is unquestionable.

NEW CONSUMPTION CURE

Successful Experiments With Bacillus From Tuberculous Cow.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—Dr. Stephen J. Maher has made known to the medical profession here the details of successful experiments with a sporing bacillus that he isolated from the milk of a tuberculous cow. Dr. Maher has injected hypodermically into more than 80 consumptives, and has found the injections absolutely safe and often beneficial, even in the later stages of the disease, and that many apparent cures have followed injections given in the earlier stages.

Three Daring Hold-Ups.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Three young white men, masked, committed a bold hold-up here last night. They first entered the office of the Proctor Coal Company, and after in vain demanding that Bookkeeper Murphy open the safe, knocked him in the head and robbed him. Later they shot and killed Corbin Rowe, white, and rifled his pockets. The third robbery was on Clinch street, where Charles Rogers was shot in the leg. He escaped. The police have no clue.

DRAW THE LINE AT BOB GAMEY

N. Renfrew Audience Listers to Conservative Candidate, BUT COMPELS GAMEY TO DESIST

Halfway Through His Speech He Is Stopped—Meeting Breaks Up in Disorder.

Pembroke, Dec. 19.—The Conservative meeting at Strausman's schoolhouse, in the Township of Alice, broke up in disorder last night. The gathering from the start was inclined to be noisy and grew worse as time went on. The building, which was very small, was crowded, and many more were outside struggling to get in. The result was that the speakers were continually interrupted, and the interruptions reached a climax when Mr. Gamey was half way through his story. He had just told about the alleged payment of \$3,000 when the uproar became so great that he could not make himself heard. The chairman forced his way to the door and threatened to have the disturbers put in the lock-up, but it was useless, and Mr. Gamey was obliged to bring his story to an abrupt finish. He has apparently received a hint that his language was too rough for North Renfrew, for he was fairly moderate last night. He said: "I would do it again if I were in the same position only I would do it a blamed sight better," and at another time: "The Premier of this province is a coward and a hypocrite or he would have gone into the box," but these expressions are mild compared with those earlier in the campaign.

LOOK OUT UNCLE SAM

Colombia Say They May Have To Go to War.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The United Colombian committee here gave out a statement yesterday saying that Colombia would first seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1848, second, if the commission fails, Colombia will ask for the submission to The Hague court is refused, Colombia will go to war and try on the Latin republic to come to her aid.

DEATH OF MR. DUNDAS

No One to Blame for Tragic Accident at Ingersoll.

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 19.—The inquest held Thursday night on the body of E. A. Dundas, tax collector for North Oxford, was held here on the body of Dundas, who was killed here on the Thames street car on Dec. 17. A verdict of accidental death and exonerating the driver, the jury found the driver and the train crew. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence to the Banner cemetery.

TRAPPED IN A BURNING MINE

Two Miners and a Boy Entombed in the Isle Royale Colliery at Houghton, Mich.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 19.—The Isle Royale mine is burning fiercely, and trapped north of the burning shaft are two miners and a drill boy. About 140 miners were working in the two shafts escaped. Air is being sent down into the north drifts, where the fire is burning, in the hope that the imprisoned men may reach a point in the workings, where the burning flames cannot reach. They cannot be rescued, however, until the fire itself burns out, and there is little hope for them. Both shafts of the Isle Royale are 2,400 feet below the surface, and 1,500 feet apart. The mine is located on the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth levels, and as the natural draft of the shafts is such that the majority of the men had no trouble in escaping. It may be a week or two before the mine can be re-entered so as to reach the entombed men.

CALLED TO ST. THOMAS

The Rev. Dr. Griffith, of Montreal Methodist Church, Invited.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Rev. Dr. Griffith, Douglas Methodist Church, received yesterday morning a unanimous invitation to accept the pastorate of the First Methodist Church in St. Thomas, Ont., the appointment to take effect in June, 1905. Rev. Dr. Young, who is now pastor of the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, will come to Montreal to succeed Rev. Dr. Graham, of St. James' Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Graham will go to a church in London, Ont.

Battleship Lost.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from the Copenhagen correspondent, says that the battleship Iver Hvitfeldt was destroyed by fire and sank.

The Durands Abroad.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Cunard Line steamer Lucania, gliding with ice, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, bringing 1,852 sacks of Christmas mail. Lady Durand, wife of the British ambassador at Washington, Miss Durand, and Henry White, secretary of the American embassy in London, were on board.

A Riot Averted.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The clerks in the ministry of public works engaged in a demonstration this morning, which threatened to develop into a riot or strike, requiring the intervention of the minister and under secretary before the clerks were pacified. The disturbance was due to the fact that a bill affecting the interests of the clerks in the ministry of public works was not discussed in the Chamber of Deputies.

Left Carnegie \$5,000.

London, Dec. 19.—The English will of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, the benefactress of Pittsburgh, Pa., who died here in November, was filed today. It leaves all the property to her children. The value of the estates is \$4,300,000. Andrew Carnegie and other executors of the will are given \$5,000 each.

TOWN WANTS THE DUEL

As Inducement Will Give \$10,000 to Orphans.

Milwaukee, Dec. 19.—The story of the proposed duel between Herr Hoffman and Editor von Schleien has so stirred up the inhabitants of the little town of Mayville, in Dodge County, that a society there is making overtures to have the event pulled off at that place. They telegraphed an offer guaranteeing \$10,000 to the widow and orphans of the victim. If there should be any, provided the duel is fought in Mayville. The society says it will provide a park for the purpose and admission will be free to all spectators. It hopes the offer will be accepted. Herr Hoffman is in danger of visiting the penitentiary instead of the field of honor. It is reported that the grand jury will take up the action of Herr Hoffman in sending a challenge. Under the law of the state any person who shall send a challenge to another person, or who shall accept a challenge, shall be imprisoned in the state prison for three to ten years. If the grand jury find on investigation that a challenge was really sent, it is probable that Herr Hoffman and his second, Herr Alexander, will be arrested immediately.

NINE MILLIONS IN BANKNOTES

Over One Million Found in Wall of Late Pontiff's Chamber by a Workman.

Rome, Dec. 19.—According to the Tribune, the Vatican had suddenly wealth poured into its coffers yesterday. For some time sums, which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo, were looked for without result, the search toward the end becoming somewhat feverish. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by one of the late Pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vatican today, and getting out, hurriedly began tugging at a heavy obf. Assistance was offered, but it was firmly refused, and the two carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Pius. Intense curiosity was aroused by the action, as it was believed to have some relation to the missing wealth. It soon became known, however, that the bag contained \$9,000,000 in bank notes.

When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the Pope he sank to his knees and pointing to his burden, said: "Your holiness, the lamented Leo just before his death confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded him I was to use it as I thought best, but that if another took his place, I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Mr. Marzolini, who has been the only person to share the secret. The Pope was much affected."

HUSBAND HUNT

Out in Indiana

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—A bargain counter in Mrs. Julia E. Work, superintendent of the State Industrial School at Plymouth, has been a very successful one. She has fifty prospecting brides will be placed on public inspection.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

BIRTHS.
JOHNSTON—On Nov. 23, 1903, at 145 William street, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston, a son.

MARRIAGES.
FULTON—In Toronto, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1903, the wife of Mr. William Fulton, 649 Waterloo street, city, of a daughter.

DEATHS.
LOTT—STIMON—In Toronto, on Dec. 16, 1903, by Elder R. C. Evans, Mrs. Lena Stimon to Mr. Harry Lott, of London.

SHERBROOK-ANDERSON—At the residence of the bride's parents, 522 Waterloo street, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, by the Rev. W. J. Clark, Mr. William E. Sherbrooke, of Seattle, Wash., T. S. A., to Miss Helen E. Anderson, eldest daughter of James I. Anderson.

DEATHS.
BLAKIE—In Westminster Township, on Dec. 16, 1903, Walter Blakie, aged 72 years.

Funeral from the residence of James Blakie, lot 8, con. 6, Westminster Township, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.; service at 1:30. Interment at North Street Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

HILLS—At her late residence, 573 York street, on Dec. 18, 1903, Sarah, beloved wife of Robert Hills.

Funeral private. Please omit flowers.

WALKER—On Saturday, Dec. 19, 1903, Annie Walker, wife of Thomas Walker. Funeral from her late residence, con. 2, Westminster, on Sunday, at 1 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Transient Continued Advertisements
—No Advertisement Less Than Ten Cents.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.
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ARTICLES FOR SALE.
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BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS—One cent per word each insertion. Six insertion price for twelve for one month; eighteen for price of thirteen; one month for price of seventeen.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. T. S. Johnson, pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

ARKIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. W. G. Howson, pastor. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "Does God Exist?" Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

BISHOP CROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH—11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. W. G. Howson, pastor.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. A. H. Gilling, pastor. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

CHRIST CHURCH, CORNER WATKINSON AND HURON—Rev. R. S. W. Howard, B.A., pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. A. K. McKinnon will conduct both services. Evening subject, "Not Alone."

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH—Morning service, Rev. W. G. Howson; evening, the pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

ELDER R. C. EVANS WILL PREACH at both services at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints tomorrow.

EMPRESS AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. T. E. Harrison, pastor. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (SCIENTIST)—Services, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Pastor, Rev. D. S. Hamilton. Rev. and T. P. Leggett will preach, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—REV. George J. Bishop, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

HAMILTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH—Morning topic, "Old Fashioned Religion"; evening, the pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—The pastor, Rev. Jas. Rollins, B.A., will preach. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

NEW ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. A. J. MacCullivray, M.A., pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Preachers will be pleased to show strangers to seats. Preachers come early.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—MORNING—Preacher, the Very Rev. Dean of Huron, Evening—Preacher, Rev. Canon Dunn, M.A. Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. E. Roseworthy, secretary. Grand Lige Mission will preach. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. At the morning service Mr. Roseworthy will give an interesting account of the work of this mission. Every person welcome.

WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. D. H. Harrison, pastor. Christmas services, 11 a.m. Christmas message by the pastor, 7 p.m. Rev. Mr. Harton, of Toronto, will assist the pastor. Morning, "On to Victory" (Nedlinger); solo, Miss Lang. Evening, "The New Year" (Schnecker); solo by Miss Lang. Mr. Charles Russell, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Milton Francis.

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The Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Grand Trunk Pacific contract has been clinched by a deposit with the Government of one million pounds of Grand Trunk guaranteed stock. The contract called for cash or Government securities, and legislation will be required to confirm the change. Money is tight, and the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific, rather than pay the present excessive rates, have chosen to put up Grand Trunk guaranteed stock, which is gilt-edged security, being quoted above par. The company of the Grand Trunk Railway was pledged to a guarantee of the second mortgage bonds on the mountain division. This deposit means that Grand Trunk credit is pledged to the extent of \$5,000,000 for the fulfillment of the entire contract. It is a matter for congratulation that the Grand Trunk system has placed its great power and resources behind the Grand Trunk Pacific. This means that material support is an absolute assurance of the construction of the transcontinental road and its efficient operation. The opponents of the scheme will no longer be able to say, as they have been doing, that the Grand Trunk would assume no responsibility for the new road. The project will not be delayed by the necessity of new legislation to legalize the deposit. Surveying parties are active on the western section, and the work is being pushed with all dispatch.

An Absurd Theory.

Few Canadians will dissent from the statement that any overtures for reciprocity must come from the United States. Canada has made the advances in the past and is no longer in a mood to ask favors which have been repeatedly refused and which she is now well able to renounce. She is in a stronger position than ever before, and can meet the United States on an equal footing in any negotiations for more liberal trade relations. Any commercial treaty with the United States, liable to be short-lived, is worth no concessions. To build up an export trade with that country, and to be suddenly cut off from the American market would seriously damage Canadian industry and commerce and force it to seek new outlets, which might not readily be found.

One can grant all this without sharing the view that trade with the United States is absolutely valueless. The proximity of such a powerful and aggressive neighbor has political and military disadvantages, but it is preposterous to say that it is an economic evil. One would infer from the language of some Canadian newspapers and politicians that the existence at our doors of 80,000,000 people, who are lavish spenders, enjoying the highest standard of living, is a positive curse to this country. According to this theory it would be better if Canada were uninhabited from the North American continent and towed to some isolated spot in the ocean as far as possible from civilization. How should we like to change places with the Fiji Islands? We are told that no trade is profitable except in dissimilar products. The countries whose products are dissimilar from our own are in tropical and semi-tropical regions, where the majority of the people wear breeches and live on what nature provides gratis. We might sell them cotton and buy from them bananas and coconuts. Where would Great Britain be without the markets of the United States, France, Germany, Russia, Holland and Belgium? Yet she manufactures nothing which these countries do not.

The great currents of trade flow between the civilized and highly developed nations of the earth, not between the civilized and the semi-civilized. The flow between countries in the temperate zones, not across the tropic of Cancer. If any man says the neighborhood of 80,000,000 people, with the greatest consuming power in the world, is of no benefit to Canada, but rather a detriment, he is either insane, or, as Sir Richard Cartwright put it, he has some selfish object to serve. As well say that Michigan should sever herself from the Union because her products are similar to those of Ohio and Indiana. If the time ever comes when the United States wishes to deal fairly with the British Empire by opening its market permanently to British products, it is to be hoped no Canadian will be imbecile enough to oppose so beneficial an arrangement on the ground that there is no profit in trading with countries of similar products. Trade between the United States and Canada overleaps high tariff walls, and a policy of commercial estrangement is merely fighting against nature.

The Australian Elections.

The second general election for the new Federal Parliament of Australia took place this week. The Labor candidates made large gains at the expense of the Government party or protectionists, who are left in a decided minority on both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The victory of the Labor party is attributed to the support of the women electors. This is the first experiment in female suffrage on a national scale, and the particulars will be awaited with great interest.

The Government of Sir Edmund Barton, the first Government of the new Commonwealth, brought in a tariff bill

raising the level of the duties. The bill passed the House, but the free traders controlled the Senate (also an elective body), and insisted on modifications. In the present election the Government, now led by Mr. Alfred Deakin, stood for the present moderate protective tariff, and the Opposition, of which Mr. G. H. Reid is the leader, for a low tariff. The Labor party decided to take no sides on the fiscal issue, but to oppose the old parties incoherently. In the last House the Laborites held the balance of power, and in the new one they greatly strengthen their control, and are now in a position to dictate to any government that may be formed. In the new Senate they are also the largest party. They are frankly Socialistic and have impressed their theories on legislation to a degree inconceivable in this country. Capital has taken alarm, and employers throughout the country have formed a federation to oppose the Labor policy, one feature of which is the discouragement of immigration. "Australia for the Australians" is the battle-cry of the Labor party. The Government party before the election declared in favor of Chamberlain's policy. It proposed to grant a preference to the mother country by raising the duties against foreign countries, leaving the duties against Great Britain as they are. Mr. Reid describes the Government's attitude in this scathing language:

"They wish to erect another tariff wall against the rest of the world, and leave the existing wall against the poor old mother country, without taking a brick out. The mother country is to be allowed inside the outer wall, but she will find an inner wall against her, and will be left to wander round this blind alley under the impression that she is getting the Australian markets."

Mr. Reid himself, and many of his supporters are lukewarm towards Imperial preferential trade, which is not compatible with their free trade theories. Just what bearing the result of the election will have on the Chamberlain propaganda is doubtful at this time, but the English press regards it as a postponement of any movement toward an Imperial preference on the part of Australia. The London Chronicle sizes it up as follows:

"The Australian workingman willingly accepts the advantages our fiscal snuffers offer, but there is no whisper of any return. Much the same moral is suggested by the undisguised reluctance of Canadian Conservatives to refrain from increasing the rigor of the regulations giving the Canadian manufacturers a monopoly in the colonial market."

Now that the Grand Trunk Pacific has put up, will its opponents shut up?

Bothwell is wiped out, and James Chancy, M. P., will try his luck in West Canada. Dr. Johnston may be relied upon to give him his medicine.

A cable dispatch says there is uneasiness in Korea over the attitude of Russia and Japan. What right has Korea to display any feeling in the matter?

Mr. Chamberlain confesses that he had no idea the Canadian preference would be so beneficial to British trade. Canada is teaching British politicians a good many things.

The Shortland breeders of Michigan have declared against reciprocity with Canada. They don't like the way in which Canada walks off with the prizes at all the stock shows.

A New York baby has slept for 24 days, and the performance is described as a mystery. A certain party in Canada has been asleep since 1896, but there is no mystery about it.

The oil producers and the oil refiners in the Petrolia district are divided over the proposition to reduce the duty on crude oil. As long as one man's finished product is another's raw material the tariff will be a bone of contention.

We who have nationally given birth to this child, which has been adopted by Mr. Chamberlain, cannot afford to do anything else but stand at his back.—Hon. George E. Foster.

The child is the Canadian preferential tariff, and Mr. Foster wished to play Herod with it at one time.

Uncle Ned's Life Insurance.

[From Lippincotts.]

Turner Tankley, a representative of the Workmen's Industrial Aid Insurance Company, called upon Edmund Grant, an elderly colored man, with a view of getting him to insure his life. "Good morning, Uncle Ned," said Mr. Tankley.

"Mawin, Boss," said the old man, raising his hat and making a low courtesy.

"Uncle Ned, do you carry any insurance?" inquired the solicitor.

"Does a car'y what?" asked Uncle Ned, in great surprise.

"Do you carry any insurance?" inquired the solicitor.

"Bless Gawd! yea, yea," replied the colored man, "long ago—long ago."

"Then the solicitor asked: 'In what company?'"

"Uncle Ned answered: 'In a Baptist!'"

"Business and Fictitious Duty."

[Exchange.]

Lady Curzon has many funny attempts at English which she has collected in India, among them this letter that two brothers shot out to their patrons on the death of their father, who had been the head of the firm:

"Gentlemen,—We have the pleasure to inform you that our respected father departed this life on the 18th inst.

His business will be conducted by his beloved sons, whose names are given below. The option market is quiet and dull, 1500 rupees per chest. O dear, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? We remain, etc.

Why He Came Back.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]

Van Quiz—I heard you had concluded to live in England altogether, Mr. Chumpey?

Chumpey—Chumpey—Aw, that was a—aw—intention, don't—ye—know? But awfiah me visit in Lunnon I find that we're evah so much maw English in America!

Ode to a Furnace.

[Chicago News.]

Bane of my life, peace destroyer, grimy district of joy.

Coal-eating care of my day, incubus grim of the night time, demon of dusty employ.

Filling my soul with dismay, Contrary, cursed contraption, intricate, and conceal.

Of my fair household the curse: As thou when heat we're not needing, so I will forever do burn.

While thy mean traits I rehearse.

Ay, when the mercury riseth, then wilt thou merrily blaze—

Mighty high roast us to death; But when it slippeth down bulbward—

such are thy devilish ways— I say thy register is high.

Yet, warm or cold, thou consumest week by my coal by the ton

(One and a half, just about), Always excepting at zero—then just as sure as a gun,

Thou wilt die down and go out.

Dost thou not ever compel me, when it's especially raw

Down to the basement to go, Leaving my bed, half awakened, in thy insatiate maw?

Shovels of fuel to throw? Dost thou not clog with clinkers, fill

with thine ashes my hair, Suffocate me with thy gas?

Furnace, devil, I despair! Slave to whims, I despair!

Yet I must tend thee, alas!

Problem for the Professor.

[Exchange.]

"What are you feeding to those hogs, my friend?" the professor asked.

"Corn, professor," the grizzled old farmer, who knew the learned gentleman by sight, replied.

"Are you feeding it wet or dry?"

"Dry."

"Don't you know if you feed it wet the hogs can digest it in one-half the time?"

The farmer gave him a quizzical look.

"Now, see here, professor," he said, "how much do you calculate a hog's time is worth?"

Answer to a Child's Question.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge.]

Do you know what birds say to birds?

The sparrow, the dove, The linnet and thrush say,

"I love, and I love, and I love, In the winter they're silent—

The wind is so strong, What it says, I cannot hear; But it sings a loud song,

But green leaves and blossoms, And sunny warm weather, And singing and loving,

All come back together, But the lark is so beautiful Of gladness and love,

The green fields below him, The blue sky above,

That he sings, and he sings, And forever sings he,

"I love my love, I love my love, And my love loves me!"

Pointed Paragraphs.

[Chicago News.]

The way of the world, Cordelia, is round the sun.

Of all the games of chance matrimony is the most hazardous.

When a man is his own worst enemy, he is not to be pitied.

Many a man is so cool in the hour of danger that he actually shivers.

When some people do good deeds there are extending circumstances.

The hat that suits a woman seldom has a price that suits her husband.

The Ordinary Girl.

[Washington Star.]

She talked about theosophy and transcendental lore.

She used a lot of words that you had never heard before.

She'd learned a wealth of phrases, and she always loved to use them.

Her facts were "esoteric"—and you let it go at that.

Her hair was very attractive, but her hair was out of curl.

She always tried to be unlike the ordinary girl.

She couldn't make a biscuit, and she couldn't make a toothbrush.

She didn't have a dimple, or a twinkle in her eye.

She took her whole existence in a very serious way.

And never deigned to smile upon the hero of the day.

And though her conversation set their senses in a whirl,

The girl the men all fancied was the ordinary girl.

PEOPLE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO VOTE ON WATER SUPPLY QUESTION

Commissioners Will Ask Council to Submit Matter to the Ratepayers.

matter today, and he said that for his part he thought it was a matter for next year's council to deal with.

THE FIRE LIMITS BYLAW.

All who know the facts concerning the recent prosecutions of two well-known business men for infringements of the fire limit bylaw agree that No. 2 committee did what was right Friday night, when they ordered that the prosecutions be dropped.

"Therefore," the fire limit bylaw committee began, the erection of their buildings were under the impression that if a wooden shell within the fire limits was sheathed with iron, the building would be within the bylaw, but it seems, according to the opinion of the city solicitor, that such is not the case.

True is that, buildings have been put up and again of wood covered with iron, and no objection was raised by the city, but it now appears that each and every building so put up was an infringement of the fire limit bylaw.

As the law reads now, within the fire limits district only brick, brick veneer and iron buildings may be erected, and though the defendants had been allowed to proceed with their buildings in the present instance, the city engineer and fire chief have been instructed to rigidly enforce, and all offenders prosecuted. In order that the public mind may be made clear on the matter, it is proposed to publish the fire limits bylaw, together with such explanations as may be necessary as to what constitutes an infringement, and it is also proposed to pass a bylaw providing a penalty for those who do not take out building permits before commencing the erection of buildings in London.

At the committee meeting Friday night it was brought up, and the talking out of building permits at present were merely a farce. In many cases no permits were obtained, in others the permits were taken out after the buildings were erected, and in all cases the



When you stop to think that home-made tea biscuit cost but five cents a dozen, is there any reason for buying at the baker's? Made with Cleveland's Baking Powder they will taste better and will be more wholesome and appetizing than any you can buy.

WILL NOT AFFECT LONDON

Anthracite Coal Mines of Pennsylvania to Shut Down.

A Shortage of Chestnut, But Prices Locally Will Remain the Same.

For the past three weeks there has been somewhat of a scarcity of chestnut coal in this city, the local dealers finding it hard to buy that grade, because of the fact that the mine owners make more money out of the sale of large-sized coal, and mine as little as possible of the other. There has also been some difficulty experienced in securing cars to carry the coal to London, as since the close of navigation, the railroads have been very busy.

A dispatch from Wilkesbarre says that the anthracite mines are to close from Dec. 24 to Jan. 4, and that the suspension will curtail the supply so much that it is expected the January schedule of prices will be raised. The present tide-water price is \$4.50 a ton. The mine workers get 1 cent a ton in advance in price.

A local dealer was asked today if the suspension would affect coal prices in London, and his answer was that it would not. The shutdown is an annual affair, the miners refusing to work during the Christmas holidays, and though the supply of coal might be somewhat curtailed, the price in this city would remain the same.

MEETINGS ARE WANTED

Real Estate Owners Will Hold One Each Night.

They Approve of Mr. Chamberlain's Fiscal Policy.

The Real Estate Owners' Association will be heard from during the municipal campaign, if present indications count for anything. At a meeting of the association last night the members expressed the opinion that the Chamberlain fiscal policy was the best they had seen, and it was decided to ask the council for the use of the city hall and the East End hall on alternate nights, to hear the public questions discussed.

The Chamberlain fiscal policy was also brought up, and a resolution passed, expressing the belief that it would promote the interests of the motherland and colonies, and was therefore entitled to the support of the people in all parts of the empire.

In the ceremony was followed by the wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Lott, who received many useful gifts, will reside at 72 Caroline street, West London.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for DIARRHÆA. Sold by DRUGGISTS in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

There are forty veterans of the civil war who lost both feet in battle, and as one of these that Corporal Tanner's pension was increased to \$100 a month, which is the same as that for the loss of both hands.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

An English-Irish syndicate has been formed for the purpose of removing one of the worst evils with which Irish industrial development is afflicted, viz. dear coal.

The new Springfield rifle is probably the most effective military arm in the world. At a distance of fifty feet it penetrates fifty-five one-inch pine boards placed one-inch apart.

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This is the route to use for a good comfortable trip to New York. Londoners are fond in their praise of the service. Consult Michigan Central ticket agents for particulars. 800c

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TURNED THE TIDE.

In half an hour after Mr. Lavers took the first dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart he was on the road to permanent recovery.

"I was under treatment with some of the best physicians in London (England) for what they diagnosed as incurable heart trouble. I suffered agonies through pains about my heart, fainting spells, palpitation and exhaustion. As a drowning man grasps at a straw, I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. The first bottle relieved me greatly, and when I had used two bottles all the symptoms of my heart trouble had left me."—A. Lavers, Collingwood, Ont.

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STILL AT ODDS IN THE FAR EAST

But Russia Keeps Strengthening Her Forces, AND NOW THE U. S. COMES IN

Insists Upon the Opening of Wiju Which Would Be Playing Japan's Game.

Bizerta, Tunis, Dec. 19.—The Russian naval forces now anchored here, consisting of a battleship (name not given), the armored cruiser Dmitri Donoski, of 5,822 tons displacement; the turret ship Ostabya, of 12,475 tons displacement; the cruiser Aurora, of 6,825 tons displacement, and five torpedo boats, commanding by Admiral Wrenius, will be reinforced in a few days by six torpedo boats and proceed hence to the far east.

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The situation here today is more unfavorable than yesterday. The publication in the principal papers here of the letter of Mrs. Anita Necomb McGee, president of the association of Spanish-American war nurses, offering to the Government of Japan, through the Japanese minister at Washington, their services of trained nurses in the event of war with Russia, has produced an excellent impression and is warmly appreciated as a mark of the traditional American friendship for Japan.

Seoul, Dec. 18.—The attitude of Russia here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Korea. The radicals insist that Japan in possession of Korea would be a constant menace. The Emperor still studiously avoids an answer to the questions of United States Minister Allen in regard to Wiju. The latter is now pressing the matter, and has asked for another audience. The Russians are inclined to resent American activity concerning Wiju, and say that the Americans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria, but assert that the opening of Yon-gamho and Wiju might lead to the admittance of Japanese. They say that Americans now enjoy a large trade with Manchuria, which, except in the matter of flour, will largely increase in the future, and insist that the present attitude of America only injures a friendly customer and favors a manufacturing rival.

London, Dec. 18.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the rumors that a fleet of warships and a large body of troops were going to Korea, have been officially denied.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Russia has made another move toward avoiding a rupture with Japan, and there is reason to believe that it will be followed in a few days by the submission of a second proposition, tending to ameliorate the present strained situation.

HENWALL.

Henshall, Dec. 18.—On Monday about 7:30 p.m. a fire was seen about two miles south on the London road and it proved to be Mr. W. White's driving shed. The building was new last

summer, and was destroyed, and a new buggy and other things that were stored away upstairs. The strong wind blew the fire away from the barn, which was close at hand, and by great effort the fire was confined to the driving shed.

The freight train missed a trip each day this week, it being one of the largest in the province, and greatly improved this last summer. For the sake of this community it is to be hoped that he will not accept.

At 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, in Carmel Church, Miss Kate McEwen became the wife of Mr. Conley, of Winnipeg. Rev. Mr. Sowers was the officiating clergyman.

On Sunday the communion will be administered in Carmel Church. The preparatory service will be conducted on Friday by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of London.

This week, as a rule, the passenger Sutherland is very obliging, and opens trains are over an hour late. Postmaster the office in the evening, after the 6:15 train arrives.

The anniversary of the Methodist Church will take place on Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. Dr. Mead, will take the services. For a week or more it has been said that the oatmeal trust have made Mr. D. Urquhart a good offer so that they can close his mill. This is one of the largest in the province, and greatly improved this last summer. For the sake of this community it is to be hoped that he will not accept.

On Thursday evening the curlers' concert was very well attended, and, as usual, McGregor and Cameron delighted the audience. Miss Kelcey, the local teacher, assisted.

We now have the electric light for about two hours in the morning, but it goes out at 11 o'clock in place of at midnight.

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WORLD'S TINY REPUBLICS SMALLEST A MILE SQUARE

Europe is Dotted With Baby States That Call Themselves Free—
Nearly All Own Their Existence to Jealousy of Powers
or to Inaccessibility.

London, Dec. 19.—To many people the fact that there are a number of flourishing independent republics in existence at present which are practically unknown to the outside world will seem almost incredible. There are, however, tiny states in various parts of Europe so completely isolated from the rest of the world that few maps show any trace of them. But in spite of this they are very important communities in themselves, and can boast of a prosperous existence which would be a credit to any state.

One of the most interesting of these tiny republics is Andorra, an almost inaccessible state of about 6,800 inhabitants, situated in the Eastern Pyrenees. Andorra was declared a free state as long ago as the ninth century by Charlemagne, and at the present time holds a kind of semi-independent position between France and Spain. The republic, however, is governed by its own representatives, who constitute a sovereign council of 24 members, which council elects a president every four years.

The chief occupations of the Andorranos are agriculture, cattle breeding, trade in wood, charcoal and wool, and especially smuggling. At the same time they are good-natured, hard-working, hospitable people, and, needless to say, are devoted to liberty, which they are prepared to defend with a standing army of 1,100 men.

About 150 miles from Andorra, in the Basque Pyrenees, is to be found another miniature republic, which, so far as area is concerned, has the distinction of being the smallest self-governed state in the world. It is called St. Goust, and is hardly a square mile in area. The population numbers about 130 souls, who rule themselves, mainly owing to the fact that the little state is so hard to get at that no one will take the trouble to alter its constitution.

St. Goust is situated on a rocky mountain top, which is so steep that when anybody dies it is quite impossible to have an ordinary funeral. A coffin could not be carried down the mountain side, and consequently the inhabitants have cut a groove into the face of the rock, and the coffin is made fast to a rope and allowed to slide to the cemetery in Ossan Valley below, where all baptisms and marriages are performed. The president of St. Goust, who is also tax collector, assessor and judge, is elected by a council of twelve, which is chosen for five years by the people, the little republic having been ruled for more than 2,000 years through a "council of elders."

The smallest republican state in the

gard to population is Tavolara, a little-known island about five miles long, with an average width of half a mile, situated off the north coast of Sardinia. Many maps and geography books totally ignore the existence of this state. Yet it is a free and independent republic of about 70 inhabitants, who are their own rulers.

The people of Tavolara declared their independence as recently as 1868, the island having previously been under the rule of the King of Sardinia. None of the great powers objected when the island threw off the yoke of monarchy, and during the last seventeen years the inhabitants have lived at peace with the world. They elect a president every six years, and a council of six members, all of whom serve the state without payment.

Jealousy between Belgium and Prussia has enabled the inhabitants of a tiny territory, called Moresnet, near Aix-la-Chapelle, to enjoy the rights of republican citizenship for the last two centuries. The two countries mentioned could not agree as to who should own Moresnet, and consequently they decided to make it neutral country. There are about 3,000 people in Moresnet, who elect their own president and council of five, in whom the government of the republic is vested.

It is also owing to a disagreement between Austria and Serbia that the folk who have taken up their residence on a certain little island in the Danube pay no taxes and acknowledge allegiance to nobody. The island, which has very appropriately been named Nobody's Island, was formed by mud and sand carried down the great river by a flood. Since then the Austrians and Serbs have been quarrelling about its possession.

At low water the island is almost connected with the Serbian shore by a narrow strip of sand, while at high water it lies nearer the Austrian island of Ostrovo. Consequently, no one can decide to whom it really belongs, and as the island is worth enough to make it advisable for the Serbs to fight over its possession, the inhabitants are left entirely to themselves.

San Marino, a queer little Italian republic situated among the eastern face of the Apennines, is somewhat larger than any of the aforementioned states. This republic has an area of 25 square miles and a population of nearly 3,000 people. It is governed by a grand council of 60 life members, self-elected, of whom one-third are nobles. From this number are selected the council of twelve, who superintend agriculture and, with the assistance of two foreign lawyers, form the supreme court of the state. A standing army of 150 men is maintained, whose chief employment, however, is that of acting as policemen.

Entry of the First Train Into London; An Event of Fifty Years Ago Recalled

Train Contained G. W. R. Officials and Was Warmly Welcomed by the Residents—Slow Time Made on the Initial Journey From Hamilton—No Stations Along the Line—Opening of the Road Through to Detroit—Mr. Wm. Bowman's Recollections.



HIS week saw the 50th anniversary of the entry of a railway train into London, for it was on Thursday, the 15th of December, 1853, that the Great Western Railway opened up its line to this city from Hamilton.

Mr. Wm. Bowman, of 573 Dandass street, and who is one of London's oldest and best known residents, was a passenger on the first train to reach this city, and yesterday a representative of The Advertiser had a short chat with Mr. Bowman concerning the trip.

"As I remember it," said Mr. Bowman, "the weather was cold and raw, and the mud along the line was simply appalling. I was mechanical superintendent of the Great Western Railway at the time, and was in my official capacity on the first train to London."

THE FIRST TRAIN.

"The train consisted of a locomotive and a couple of cars, and besides myself, General Manager Bridges, and Construction Engineer John Clark were aboard. Mr. Clark was the man who built the road, and was also stationer of New York."

"We left Hamilton where I was living at the time, early in the afternoon, and it was not until we were about halfway to London, the time was very slow, even for those days, owing to the condition of the roadbed, and it was my opinion at the time that it was a foolhardy notion to attempt the trip on such a roadbed. The rocking of the coaches was frightful, and at the end of the line we were in the mud in the ditch."

We stopped at all the stations along the line, but it was difficult to leave the coaches, as there were no platforms at any of the stations, and the mud was too deep to wade into. Woodstock was the worst place between Hamilton and London in those days, and it was small enough to be ridiculous."

GOT A WARM WELCOME.

"We made the journey without incident, however, and upon our arrival in London we were met by a large crowd of people, who had awaited our coming. There was a great cheer from those present, and then we were met by Mr. Edward Adams, who was mayor of London at that time, and a

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BROOME CITY LAWLESS TREASURE TOWN OF EAST

Where Pearl Fishers Gather to Dispose of the Precious Stones—
Wilder Than the Frontier Towns of the American
West—Perils of the Divers From Sharks.

New York, Dec. 18.—In the little harbor of Broome, where the blue of the great Indian Ocean stretches in front and the gray of the great Australian desert is behind, and the well-ordered cities of civilization are so far away as to be only a memory, the pearl fishing fleet which supplies half the treasures of Maiden Lane and Hatton Garden is assembling from a million islands to wait till the bad season has passed and, with the coming of March, the seas shall be safe again.

It brings in a load of treasure and a mixed horde of reckless, thieving men; and in all the Commonwealth of Australia, from early December to late in March, there is no community so wild and lawless as Broome. At other times the town, such as it is, languishes, waiting till the sail of the first ill-smelling sugar-breaker of the horizon signaling the return of the pearling fleet.

Creede was wicked and Tombstone was lawless, and a hundred thieving mining camps in our West were bad in the days when the West was wild and woolly. But life was held dear in Tombstone and Creede, and but few degrees of badness were mild in comparison with the sordid wickedness of this community on the edge of civilization into which the wealth of the Indian Ocean is now being poured. Any Australian who tells you that there was one turned up in Frisco a week or so ago, and he was fresh from Broome and full of stories about it and the pearl fishing of the Far East.

So all the way across the Pacific he talked up the rest in the smoking room of the wild life and the bad times made in it where he had come from. "I'm not myself just now," he told the group in the smoking room. "I've been down with fever and I've not yet got over wondering at my still being alive. But I found two pearls just before I got the fever, one worth \$2,000 and the other worth more than half that, and I left my 'chum' at Broome to look after them for me. I'm going to find my folks, and then I'll go back to Melbourne to have the time of my life."

"You can't refuse to drink with a man without offending him, and you don't offend if your gun isn't handy up in Broome. And you don't wait for corkscrews. Knock the tops off the bottles and pour down the fizz. The pearls are the life-bits. We oyster shells alone pay. But a cut of luck will make you rich. It's all luck. I was lucky and made the find of the year. But I know of men who would give six years without finding a stone. Then he struck one worth \$5,000."

"Four divers steal them if you don't keep your eyes open. There's a Malay in Broome today who has a stone worth thousands. There's no other such pearl in the world, but you can get at it, for he got it on his cross and is afraid to show or sell it."

He was asked about the treasure mines in the sea and told about the pearls. The pearls are really a side issue. The oyster shells from which pearl ornaments are made are the staple. One or two large firms in London jewelers own most of the fishing boats, which are luggers manned by

"PARSIFAL" TOO
SHOCKING TO SEE
Chicago Presbytery Strongly
Condemn the Play—From
the Libretto.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The presentation on the stage of the Lord's supper, especially in connection with scenes which depict Jesus Christ subjected to temptation by women has called forth from the Chicago Presbytery a strong protest against the production in Chicago of "Parsifal."

The matter was brought up before the Presbytery by the Rev. W. S. Bryan. After reading selections from the libretto of the opera referring to the Lord's Supper and the temptation of Christ he introduced a resolution, which was passed, though a few of the ministers voted against it.

Mr. Bryan said last night at his home, 13 Chalmers place:

"When a piece like 'Parsifal' is to be produced, a play in which the most sacred ceremony of the Christian Church is acted by hired players, in which also, in connection with this sacrament, there are portrayed scenes of sensual passion, it is time for us to make an earnest protest. I should like to ask how Herr Conrad, a Jew, would look upon the staging of the Passover or any of the sacred Jewish rites."

Mr. Bryan made no argument for his resolution before the Presbytery. He rested his case on the quotations he read. Among those referring to the Lord's Supper was the scene of the supper of the knights of the Grail:

Take and drink my blood;
Thus be our love remembered;
Take my body and eat,
Do this and think of me.

Act II, without the other two acts, however, Dr. Bryan contended, was enough to condemn the whole play. In this act Parsifal is represented as tempted by the beautiful but wicked Kundry. Some of the passages read were:

But, looking whence the other voice had come,
He saw the leafy bower had opened
And on a flowery couch a maiden lay,
More beautiful than heart could ever dream.

Clad in some light gown of Arabian stuff,
Then there was silence, deep and terrible,
As if the destiny of all the world hung in the balance of that fervent kiss.

But still she held him in her clinging arms,
Then Parsifal, as if the kiss had stung
His being into horror of new pain.

Dr. Bryan quoted at length from the libretto of the opera against "Parsifal" in New York.

In the interest of making Australia "a white man's country" a government bounty is paid for sugar grown by white labor. Of the last year's sugar crop of 100,000 tons seven-tenths was produced by Kanaka labor. According to a Paris physician, who has noted the hour of death of 2,880 persons, his observation covering a period of several years, the maximum hour of death is from 5 to 6 a.m., and the minimum from 9 to 11 a.m.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, will exhibit some of his latest inventions at the World's Fair, St. Louis.

half a dozen men—usually, one white man and four or five natives. One first twenty because. Altogether there are about 400. The rest are individual ventures.

"It takes about 4,000 to equip you," said the pearl fisher. "I've known you to start with less, but you need that much. For that you buy your luggers, stock her with a year's provisions, pay your diver his \$750 advance money—they all demand that because it's risky work. I hire three Malays from the agent and start."

"Some of the divers are Malays and some are Japs. Give me the little Jay and the time."

"The diver's life is short at best. He has to work at great depths and the water pressure may kill him at any time. I know a man who never was done the first time he went below—burst a blood vessel in his head under the pressure. The luggers had to go back empty and the owner, my chum, was out \$750 advance money. That's high for a Jap."

"Then there's danger from sharks, though not so much as you'd think. The divers take their knives down with them."

"But once when I first went out, the diver's signal ceased and when the Malays pulled up the line, they had only the diver's clothes and a part of him. A shark had got the rest."

The Malays pull the lines and pump for your diver and do general work. You have to watch 'em. There you are cooped up with plenty on board, but it's worth their while to get rid of you."

"So sometimes the white owner falls overboard or disappears somehow—one one knows. You may offend a Malay and he remembers it a long time."

A stroke with a kris or a little push and the debt is settled. I never went to sleep aboard my boat without looking to my gun and seeing it was in shape and handy. I never sleep. You train yourself to sleep light aboard a pearling lugger."

"Once a Malay did try to kill me. I got him through the shoulder. He was short handed and I'd want to kill him."

"Any questions asked about such deaths?" asked a listener.

"Couldn't you swear that the nigger attacked you?" replied the pearl fisher.

But if the other men aboard swore that the pearl hunter stared in surprise.

"You're quite a new chum," he said, "nobody needs to do general work. Explanations are unnecessary; but if they were you ought to know that the white owner in Australia ever takes the word of any nigger or niggers against a white man."

The great pearl oyster shells of the Indian Ocean sell for \$1,500 a ton at Broome. In the English markets they demand from \$1,500 to \$1,500 a ton.

LONDONERS BUY FREELY OF HOLLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

From One to Two Carloads Sold Here—Demand Has Grown During
Late Years, but the Price Has Practically Remained
Unchanged—Where the Supply is Obtained.

OLLY will find its way into almost every house in the city of London by next Friday. With the coming of Christmas, comes a supply of this evergreen, the extent of which will perhaps surprise some people. All week the dealers have been offering it, and in another week the most of it will have been sold.

One of the largest importers in the city is authority for the statement that between one and two carloads of holly are used in the city, half as much again being sold here and sent to adjacent places. For some years past the sale has been about the same, but it is not very many years ago that scarcely a case of it could be disposed of, though it is by no means a new custom—this use of holly on Christmas.

Every person knows, of course, what holly is, but perhaps many do not know just where it is obtained. It is found along the Atlantic Coast from Maine southward, it being especially abundant in Virginia, and the States south of it. As seen at the north, it is a low tree, but in favorable climates it attains a height of 30 or 40 feet. The erect trunk is clothed with a shaggy bark, and the branches spread horizontally; the short-petioled leaves are oval in outline, with scattered, spiny teeth, very thick and leathery, deep green above and yellowish green beneath. This American holly (lex opaca), was formerly supposed to be identical with European holly, but the European holly (lex aquifolium) has more glossy leaves with much more conspicuous spinous, brighter scarlet berries and the nutlets more strongly veined. It is much harder than the European, which will not endure the climate of New York City with certainty, but it is not often seen in cultivation. Even the American holly is liable to suffer from the climate of Ontario, and care has to be taken with it. If it were not for this, local dealers say that a greater quantity would be imported by them.

A FAVORITE HEDGE PLANT. The European holly has long been a favorite in Great Britain as a hedge plant, and for the ornamental character of its spiny leaves. It is especially abundant in the south of Europe, but it was not found in the northern portions. It is a very long-lived tree, some specimens having been estimated to be 800 to 1,200 years old. There are numerous varieties. It grows very fast, but it is not so slow growth for a tree of its size. There are in England many fine specimens of holly trees twenty feet high and filled with dense foliage from the very bottom.

The wood of the holly is remarkably white, the bright scarlet berries show in fine contrast, make the holly a favorite plant of Christmas in Rome and in Europe still the plant chiefly used in churches.

USED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION. Large quantities of the American holly are brought each year from Long Island and southern New Jersey to the New York market for the same use. In Canada, as well as in the United States holly is likewise used for church decorations and for decorations at Christmas tide. The most of that which reaches the Western Ontario comes from Virginia and Delaware.

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FILIGREE BALL.

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The major was standing in the hall. The others had evidently retreated to the parlor.

"The man opposite knows what he knows," said I; "but this does not include the facts concerning the picture in the southwest chamber or the devilish mechanism."

"You are sure?"

"As positive as one of my experience can be. But, major, I am equally positive that he knows more than he should of Mrs. Jeffrey's death. I am even ready to state that in my belief he was in the house when it occurred."

"Has he acknowledged this?"

"Not at all."

"Then what are your reasons for this belief?"

"They are many."

"Will you state them?"

"Gladly. If you will pardon the presumption, some of my conclusions can not be new to you. The truth is that I have possibly seen more of this old man than my duty warranted, and I feel quite ready to declare that he knows more of what has taken place in this house than he is ready to avow. I am sure that he has often visited it in secret and knows about a certain broken window as well as we do. I am also sure that he was here on the night of Mrs. Jeffrey's suicide. He was too little surprised when I informed him of what had happened not to have had some secret inkling of it beforehand, even if he had not the testimony of the lighted candle and the book he so hurriedly replaced. Besides, he is not the man to drag himself out at night for so simple a cause as the one which he endeavored to impose upon us. He knew what we should find in this house."

"Good. If Mr. Jeffrey's present explanations are true, these deductions of yours are probably correct. But Mr. Moore's denial has been positive. I fear that it will turn out mere question of veracity."

"Not necessarily," I returned. "I think I see a whiff of fogging this man to acknowledge that he was in or about this house on that fatal night."

"You do?"

"Yes, sir; I do not want to boast, and I should be glad if you did not oblige me to confide to you the means by which I hope to bring this out. I only give leave to insert an advertisement in both evening and morning papers and in two days I will report failure or success."

The major eyed me with an interest that made my heart thrill. Then he quickly said: "You have the privilege; I will give you two days."

At this Durbin reappeared. As I heard his knock and turned to open the door for him, I cast the major an entreating if not eloquent look. He smiled and waved his hand with friendly assurance. The state of feeling between Durbin and myself was evidently well-known to him.

My enemy entered with a jaunty air, which changed ever so slightly when he saw me in close conference with the superintendent.

He had the book in his pocket. Taking it out, he handed it to the major, with this remark:

"You won't find anything there; the gem's been found by the other party."

The major opened the book, shook it, looked under the cover, found nothing, and crossed hastily to the drawing room. We as hastily followed him.

The district attorney was talking with Miss Tuttle; Mr. Jeffrey was nervously pacing the floor. The latter stopped as we all entered and his eyes flashed to the book.

"Let me take it," said he.

"It is absolutely empty," remarked the major. "The letter has been abstracted, probably without your knowledge."

"I do not think so," was Mr. Jeffrey's unexpected retort. "Do you suppose that I would intrude upon the preservation of this letter which I was ready to risk my honor, to the open pages of a book? When I found myself threatened with all sorts of visits from the police and realized that at any moment my effects might be ransacked, I sought a hiding place for the letter, which no man without supernatural insight could discover. Look!"

And, pulling off the outside wrapper, he inserted the point of his pen-knife under the edge of the paper lining the inside cover and ripped it off with a jerk.

"I pasted this here myself," he cried, and showed us where between this paper and the boards, in a place thinned out to hold it, there lay a number of folded sheets, which, with a deep sigh, he handed over to the major's inspection. As he did so he remarked:

"I had rather have died any natural death than have had my miserable wife's secret known. But since the crime has come to light, this story of her sin and her repentance may serve in some slight degree to mitigate public opinion. She was sorely tempted and she succumbed; the crime of her ancestors was in her blood."

CHAPTER XXV.

"Who Will Tell the Man Inside There?"

Later I saw this letter. It was like no other that has ever come under my eye. Written at intervals, as her

hand had power or her misery found words, it bore on its face all the evidences of that restless, suffering spirit which for thirty-six hours drove her in frenzy about her room, and caused Loretta, to say, in her effort to describe her mistress' face as it appeared to her at the end of this awful time: "It was as if a light had passed over it. Once gay and animated beyond power of any one to describe, it had become a ghost's face, with the glare of some awful resolve upon it."

I give this letter just as it was written—disjointed paragraphs, broken sentences, unfinished words and all. The breaks show where she laid down her pen, possibly for that wailing of the floor which left such unmistakable signs behind it.

It opens abruptly:

"I killed him! all that I said I was, and you can never again give me a thought save in the way of cursing and to bewail the day I came into your life. But you can not hate me more than I hate myself, my wicked self, who, seeing an obstacle in the way to happiness, stamped it out of existence, and so forfeited all right to happiness forever."

"It was so easy! Had it been a hand thing to do, had it been necessary to lay hand on knife or lift a pistol, I might have realized the act and paused. But just a little springing of the child's hand could manage—Why, feeling for it, could help pressing it, if only to see—"

"I was always a reckless girl, mad for pleasure and without any thought of consequences. When school broke, I took all my books out of my desk, called upon my mates to do the same, and, stacking them up into a sort of rostrum in a field where we played, first delivered an oration from

permanent trestle is nearly all in water from 30 feet to 24 feet in depth.

HOW THE M. C. R. BENEFITS.

Railroad men in some quarters have been unable to understand how the Michigan Central could be benefited by its trackage arrangement with the Pere Marquette.

The answer now given is that, in consideration of granting Marquette the Michigan Central and Canada Southern will be benefited by the interest on the appraised cost of the St. Clair division. These companies will also receive 5 per cent on the cost of any betterments on that division on car mileage rates, and 2½ per cent on all betterments of the main line.

The Marquette, it is to be remembered, can use the Michigan Central only for through freight. The contract is expected to help the St. Clair division to pay its debt.

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Those to enjoy the function were Mr. and Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Harley Brown, Mrs. Fritz Beck, Mrs. Becher, Mrs. John Labatt, Mrs. Helen Gibbons, Mr. Campbell Becher, Mr. Coulson and a few others.

An evening at bridge followed Mr. and Mrs. Gates' kennel party on Friday last.

Mrs. McKelcan returned to her home in Hamilton on Saturday afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Best, who was necessarily wall-flowers,

Madison and Van Buren streets. The Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, the principal defendants in the case, made a motion for a new trial.

The verdict in favor of the Pennsylvania Company, as the defendant, was a decision that they would be damaged to the extent of at least \$5,000,000.

ACCIDENTS IN RUSSIA.

Although railway traveling in Russia is slower than in any other country of Europe, there are more accidents on the Russian than on any other continental system. The average speed of passenger trains is 26 miles an hour, and that of a few of the so-called "fast express" 42 miles. Approximately speaking, there are now about 29,000 miles of railway in European Russia. According to an official return, just published, the number of accidents last year amounted to 8,890. Of these 1,272 were collisions, and 1,821 derailments. One thousand five hundred and twenty-nine persons were killed, and 7,998 injured. The damage to property was estimated at 1,000,000 roubles, a paltry sum as compared with the terrible loss of life and the number of people injured.

The greater part of the permanent way in this country is laid on either chairs or fishplates, the old and insecure method of rivets and staples being still in vogue, a fact which largely accounts for the enormous number of accidents.

Odessa correspondence London Times.

THIS COMING TRUE.

The prediction made a week ago that a car shortage would be felt in the near future is verified in part by the announcement from Chicago that the city is in a car shortage in the west. This applies to both the eastbound and westbound routes of freight that the railroad officials can see nothing but trouble ahead for them. Week before last the business to ship the cars showed a marked improvement, and last week the demand for cars became urgent.

The big increase in the eastern business is said to be the winding up of the lake season, the lake line warehouses being filled with packages of freight, which will have to be cared for by the railroads. The trouble for the roads does not end with the increased merchandise movement, as there is more of all kinds of provisions offered for transportation than for several months.

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Of Interest to Women

I Wonder Where is Fairyland.
I wonder where is Fairyland,
Somewhere I've lost the way,
Although I know it well enough
In quite another day.
I know just where the elms played,
Or danced the dewdrop wine,
Or frolic Goodfellow himself
Was then a friend of mine.

The Brownies played their tricks for me
There in that mystic land,
And Trilby laughed in hidden dells,
Or took me by the hand,
And there were giants, very tall,
More tall than any in Fairyland,
And Jack the Killer, he was there,
I knew him very well.

And Cinderella—You may deem
She's but a faded dream,
But, faith! I've met her, oftentimes,
And seen her shoe of glass,
I wonder where she hid it,
I left it once behind,
No, though I seek it far and near,
No more it is to be found.

There was a little maid I knew
Who wandered there with me,
But, though I often call her name,
No more her foot I see,
Mayhap—mayhap—I do not know—
Beside some sparkling rill,
Deep hid and lost in Fairyland,
She's waiting for me still.

I wonder where is Fairyland,
Or near or far away,
For, oh, 'tis hard to know it well,
And then from it to stray.
The little maid, the Brownies all,
The elms still at play,
Will someone tell me where they are?
For, oh, I've lost the way.

—Alfred W. Waterhouse.

Simplicity in the Home.

The principle of simplicity in house furnishing, which so many profess in these days and few practice, is applied, with great literalness, by the Japanese. They have very little furniture in their houses, and much of that little, like cushions, finger warmers, and tobacco stoves, is only brought in when required. The only furniture which remains permanently in a room is a screen or two, a table a foot or two high—not for sitting, but to support some valuable vase—and at New Year time, the three-tiered sacred rice flour cakes, known as mochi. The beds are rolled up when not in use, and though the owner may have many handsome vases, he does not use any. An American housewife, try to display them all at once, one, two or three brought out at a time, the rest being kept in a fireproof depository made of cement.

The Japanese house is as simple as its furnishings. It is all on one floor and is so light and perishable in its construction that even when secured

for the night it would in many cases scarcely bear the weight of a drunken man leaning against it. The windows are of paper stretched across wooden trellis work, and paper screens, sliding in grooves, serve as partitions. The better class of houses are a little more substantial, and have glass in the windows, but in the midst of earthquakes, a house that can fall about the ears of the occupants without doing them any serious injury is perhaps the most desirable.

These houses have no heating arrangements, except little hand stoves, and are so found of air that, among the poorer classes, the whole front of the house is usually taken down in the daytime, and replaced, if it is sunny, by curtains of dark blue or chocolate colored cotton.

Outside their houses the Japanese are as elaborate as they are simple within. Sometimes a man with a backyard only twelve feet square, will convert it into a miniature garden, with a lake and mountain, river, bridges and arbors, and if he has two or three acres, or even one, he will certainly do so. If he can do nothing more, every Japanese who can afford it will have a row of earthenware jars, containing dwarfed blossoming fruit trees, or the tiny fir in which the people of the Flowery Kingdom so delight and which are made to grow smaller every year.—New York Tribune.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S NEW PHOTOGRAPHS

She Has Set the Fashion and All Society Women Are Being Photographed With Animal Pets.

It is a now very favorite custom among our most charming and fashionable society women to be photographed in company with their pet animals.

Once the girls liked to be photographed with their dearest friends, but that went out of fashion long ago. An animal is more ornamental and interesting.

The Queen of England has set this fashion. She has favorites in all walks of life. She has a little pet dog, a dog indoors, favorite big dog outdoors, favorite horses, favorite cows, favorite donkeys. The liking for animals runs in the English royal family. Queen Victoria was greatly attached to an old white donkey, who used to pull her about in a little carriage. She had

also carried all over the continent with her. The King has a number of pets. The one he was most attached to was an Irish terrier, who, strange to say, died immediately after the King landed in Ireland on his recent visit. The King erected a handsome tombstone to his memory.

Queen Alexandra's favorite lapdog is a Skye terrier, who is exceedingly intelligent and well behaved, and sits at table with the royal family on informal occasions. His hair is combed by a maid every morning.

The fashion set by her majesty has naturally been followed by the leading women of the British aristocracy and at the same time by fashionable American women.

That famous young American and international beauty, Miss Gladys Deacon, was one of the most perfectly bred St. Hubert spaniels in the world. She has had a charming photograph taken of herself with them. She unselfishly gives them the best place in the picture.

These spaniels were given to her by her friend, the Duchess of Marlborough, and they were the finest in the St. Hubert Palace kennels, the original home of the breed.

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A SIMPLE TAILOR-MADE GOWN

Miss Deacon when the German Emperor's son and heir wished to lay all his possessions and prospects at her feet. She declined the prince and engaged the dog. Truly, a dog's life is pleasanter than it used to be.

Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, who has been pronounced by Mrs. Astor to be the most beautiful woman in New York, does not favor the little pet dog. Her newest photograph shows her with a splendid Russian wolfhound, with many people consider to be the handsomest of all breeds of dogs.

They have the speed and grace of the greyhound, but also bone and strength to do battle with a pack of wolves. Their long feathery hair is very graceful. A wolfhound certainly makes an interesting addition to a woman's photograph, more interesting, for instance, than the old imitation palm.

Lady Marjorie Greville, daughter of the Countess of Warwick, beats them all in the pet business. She has been photographed with her two collies, pet sheep, Skye terrier, Blenheim spaniel, and a white rabbit, all taking a ride in a carriage drawn by a pet donkey.

Mrs. Timothy Woodruff, wife of the former Lieutenant-Governor of New York, is one of the most striking and original of these photographs. Her pet is as far removed from the lap-dog class as a full-grown bear.

He is a full-grown bear. The photograph was taken at the Woodruff camp in the Adirondacks. The bear had been caught and tamed the men on the place. His manners were so pleasant and sociable that Mrs. Woodruff grew very fond of him. She always insists on having him at breakfast, lunch and dinner. He is a cake every time he sees her. You may observe that he is very plump and well fed, so that he can have no excuse for eating anybody.

Mrs. Lee Taylor, a very handsome New York society woman, has had her picture taken with a couple of birds tamed by herself. She spends quite a little of her time with her pets.

The fox terrier, after all, seems to be the greatest favorite with the fair. It is small but sportsmanlike. He is to be found in dozens of photographs of well-known women. Here, for instance, we have Miss Beatrix Hoyt, the first woman golf champion in America, with a lively specimen of the same family.

These society women are all comparatively moderate in their animal friends compared to Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt. She has had a leopard, a tiger cat, about a dozen monkeys, an equal number of snakes and many other wild animals in her household. She, too, has been photographed with them. She always insists on having them in at breakfast, lunch and dinner, to the great disturbance of her servants, who have to be kept by very liberal wages.

Honey a Healthy Sweet.
If the children could sweets let them have the proper kind. Candy candies, too much jam, sweet cakes and lump of sugar are bad. Pure chocolate—not chocolate candies—and honey are good. Honey is more easily assimilated than many "predigested" foods. It is a concentrated food and furnishes the same elements of nutrition as starch and sugar, imparting warmth and energy.

According to a prominent physician, honey is a valuable medicine and has many uses. It is excellent in most lung and throat affections, and is often used with great benefit in place of cod liver oil. Occasionally there is a person with whom it does not agree, but most people can learn to use it with beneficial results. Honey is a laxative and a sedative, and is also a blood purifier. It is an excellent remedy for indigestion, and has much the same effect as wine or stimulants. It is a tonic and a restorative. It is an excellent application. It is irritating when used in excess, but soothing when diluted. It is a remedy for sore throat, and is also a remedy for skin diseases. Honey is a healthy sweet.

In fact, the more gracefully the archer stands the better she is shooting.

Moreover, it is not an exercise demanding a special and unattractive costume. The gowns worn for lawn parties or those for country walks, if built to allow a sensible freedom to waist and shoulders, make archery as graceful as desirable as any that could be devised for the exercise.

Again, there is no age limit, such as is usually established in other sports. Young girls, matrons and grandmothers can all learn to shoot with some degree of expertness if they have bows suited to their individual lengths.

The exercise is one of the best known for delicate or growing girls. For one thing it takes them out of doors, bracing them to the fresh air and sunlight. It is a good thing to keep them in the open air throughout the entire afternoon. They must hold themselves upright in order to shoot. Their chests are expanded by the movement known to archers as "drawing up."

Quite old women have learned to shoot—and shoot well. In fact, so long as she possesses one eye, two arms, a reasonable number of fingers, a woman has the making of an archer in her.

She whose infirmities prevent her from becoming very proficient can master the art sufficiently for enjoyment and health.

One good point about archery is its independence. In order to enjoy a round of target it is not necessary to have three or four friends at hand to make up a set, as in tennis.

You can shoot a round or two very enjoyably without a companion. This is a specific remedy for unsocial nerves or a sluggish condition of the system.

But while solitary shooting is soothing to the nerves, it is bad for your success as an archer. You are apt to grow careless and to fall into the habit which a companion would notice and call your attention to.

Another thing that is imperative in planning an archery is distance. The space must be long enough, fifty to sixty yards or a trifle over, let us say.

Exactness in bowmen says that the range must be perfectly level, but others who have to exercise for their own sake have proved that this is an extreme view. That it is rather better for your skill, in fact, to practice upon a range not altogether perfect. This practice makes critical shooting over a good range considerably easier.

Good teaching is important in the beginning. Afterwards much depends upon the archer himself. If she finds that she is "drawing up" carelessly or uncomfortably, she should draw the bow at once and draw up again.

A fault should be corrected at once, otherwise it would grow into a habit. The correct position is as follows: Body straight, right arm to target, head erect and turned toward target to be aimed at, hold bow firmly in left hand, keeping left arm almost straight; pull up with left hand till the arrow is drawn up to the eye, ending with your hand pressed against your jaw on the right of your face.

The position of this hand is never to be changed. Whatever distance you may be shooting.

When you have your arrow drawn up and your right hand in place, aim is taken by moving your left up or down, right or left.

As soon as the point of aim is found, always a good friend. In health and happiness we need no friend, but when pain and prostration come we look for friendly aid from sympathetic hands. These hands can serve us no better than in rubbing in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For when the pain is so bad that it is hard to bear, this oil is the best.

WOMAN'S COQUETRY NOT HYPOCRISY

Foolish to Accuse a Woman of Deceit Because She is a Coquette.

It is not only unjust, it is foolish, to accuse woman of hypocrisy and deceit because when they're in love they conceal and even deny the existence of such feelings until their lovers having courted their favor and sued properly therefor, the cause is ripe for the open avowed under circumstances befitting their dignity and self-respect.

This is a man may choose, but a woman must wait to be chosen. It is an axiom which must be duly taken into account in all discussions of love and courtship.

Which custom and tradition forbid one to disregard. If the woman who yields too readily cheapens herself, what shall be said of her who so far forgets herself as to come before she is called?

Throughout all nature, with bird and beast, as well as with the lower forms of animal life, the female retreats and the male pursues. The higher the degree of the ascending scale the greater the coyness displayed by the coquettish. Even when she is really willing to be won she feigns reluctance in order to enhance her value in the eyes of the future lord and master. This sentiment has nothing to do with falsehood and deceives no one; it is simply the feminine instinct and as natural as breathing.

Lord Byron's philosophy teaches that when any one asks me an impertinent question I have a perfect right to not answer it as I see fit, regardless of the actual truth in the matter. In the first place, it is no concern of the questioner's whether or not I answer. In the second place, the questioner is not to be blamed for not asking the question. Human love is by no means the growth of human will, but of human nature. It is a force which we cannot help but feel. It is not to be denied, and so tell him no lies. Which, though it is the truth, is not the less a show of reasonableness and justice.

Even when openly sought, a woman hesitates to admit herself, much less to her lover, that she reciprocates his affection. She resents the power of the new element which has entered into her life; she objects to the confession that she is no longer a law unto herself; she hesitates to surrender herself and her whole future into the keeping of another; a feeling which all women understand, and of which men, with rare exceptions, have no comprehension.

Love means much more to a woman in comparison than it does to most men. It means the alteration of her whole life, the subjection of her will to a stronger, the cutting off of old ties, a thorough uprooting and transplanting, in fact, and the wiser woman is the more she hesitates, unless, as often happens, she loses her head and has but the one idea: love, only love. Small wonder then that she struggles against the new force which is all but a parasite of all the old order of things; that her manner changes; that she is variable in her moods, charming one moment, defiant the next, and treats her unhappy lover in an April fashion, sunny and chilly by turns, a sort of "keep your distance" manner which reduces him to a condition of despair, until some experienced friend enlightens him as to the truth: that it is merely a woman's way of making her surrender.

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And if instinct teaches a woman to yield with spontaneity, she who is ardently wooed by an acceptable suitor, how much more does nature prompt her to hide love with jealous care when she is in love, or to despise if the recipient be unworthy. "For a love, and a vow, and a heart may be broken."

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"What did you promise her to do with it?" asked Mrs. Putnam.
"I promised," replied Alice, "not to let anyone see it and to destroy it within twenty-four hours after your death."

"And you will keep your promise?" asked the old woman.
"My word is sacred," said Alice solemnly.
"Alice Pettengill," cried Mrs. Putnam, "if you break your word to me I shall be sorry that I ever loved you. And her voice rose to a sharp, shrill tone, 'I'll haunt you as long as you live.'"

The girl shrank back from her.
"Don't mind your promise, but you'll keep your promise, won't you, Alice?" And she grasped both Alice's hands convulsively.

"Aunt Heppy," said Alice, "I've given you my promise, and I'll keep my word whatever happens. So don't worry any more about it, Auntie."

For a few moments Mrs. Putnam remained quiet; then she spoke in clear, even tones. Not a word was lost upon Alice. "This adopted daughter of mine has been a curse to me ever since I knew her. She was two years older than Jones. They grew up together as brother and sister, but she wasn't satisfied with that, she made him love her. She turned him again his mother. She found out that there was no law against a man's marrying his adopted sister. We had to send him away from home, but she followed him. She was going to elope with him, but I stopped her. And I stopped that; then Jones died away from home and left her all his money. He was so bitter against me that he put in his will that she was not to touch a dollar of my money, but better that than to have her marry him. I stopped that; and she was still chucked to herself. Then her mood changed. 'Such a marriage would have been a sin against God and man,' she said sternly. 'She robbed me of my son—my only boy—but I'll get even with her. She asked me this mornin' if I knew who her parents was. I told her, that she was a waif picked up in a New Hampshire road, but I lied to her. I had to."

"But do you know who they were?" said Alice.
"Certainly I do," said Mrs. Putnam; "that letter you got, and that yer promised to destroy, tells all about 'em. But she'll never see it. Never! Never!"

Again she rose to a sitting posture, and again that wild, maddening laugh rang through the house. Alice, lying upon her bed in her room, heard it, shuddered, and covered her ears with her hands to shut out the terrible sound. Samanthan, who was sitting up, heard it, and saying to herself, "Mrs. Putnam has gone crazy, and only that blind girl with her," ran upstairs.

When Mrs. Putnam uttered that wild laugh, Alice started from her chair, with beating heart and a frightened look upon her face. As the door opened and Samanthan entered, Alice stepped forward. She could not see who it was, but supposing it was Lindy she cried out, "Oh, Lindy, I'm so glad you've come."

Mrs. Putnam had fallen back exhausted upon her pillow; when she heard the name Lindy she tried to rise again, but could not. But her indomitable spirit still survived.
"So you've come back, have yer?" she shrieked. "Yer couldn't let me die in peace. Yer want to hear more of me, do yer? Well, then, I'll tell yer the truth. I know who yer parents are, but I destroyed the letter that told 'em. That's what I had the fire built for this mornin'. Yer robbed me of my son and I've got even with yer. The old man who stood petrified in the doorway, and shrieked again, 'Go!' and she pointed her withered finger toward the door, and hunt for yer parents."

The astonished Samanthan finally plucked up courage to close the door; she ran to Lindy's room and pounded upon the door until Lindy was forced to admit her; then the frightened girl told Lindy what she had heard, and again the worse than orphan threw herself upon her bed and prayed that she, too, might die.

Alice did not swoon, but she sank upon the floor, overcome by the horror of the scene. No sound came from the bed. Was she dead? Alice groped her way back to the chair in which she had previously sat; she leaned over and listened. Mrs. Putnam was breathing still—faint, short breaths. Alice took one of her hands in hers and prayed for her. Then she thought of the letter and the promise she had made. Should she keep her promise to the dying woman and thus be party to the wronging of this poor girl?

"Mrs. Putnam! Mrs. Putnam! Aunt Heppy!" she cried, and took back your fortune; I do not want it; only release me from my oath. Oh, that I could send that letter and let it back into her hands before she dies! If Mr. Sawyer

feared with a faint cry.
"Oh, yer know what I mean," said Abner, throwing himself into a chair and looking inquiringly. "What was goin' on this morn' 'tween you and that city feller?"

"Well, you see," continued Strout, "Mr. Sawyer and me have been at sword's points the last two months over some personal matters. Well, he kinder wanted to fix up things, but he kinder wouldn't consent to let up on him 'less he treated me square; so I gets a third interest in the grocery store, the first name is to be Strout & Maxwell, and I'm to be postmaster; so, you see, I got the best end of it, just as I meant to from the fast. But, see here, Stiles, Mr. Sawyer and I have agreed to keep our business and our personal matters strictly private in the future, and you mustn't drop a word of what I've told yer to any livin' soul."

"I've carried a good many of yer secrets round with me," responded Abner, "and never dropped one of 'em, as far as I know."
"Oh, yer a right, old man," said Strout, "but yer know, for the last two months our game has been to keep talkin'; now it will pay us best to keep our mouths shut and let the feller know what a good Christian woman Heppy was; she was so kind and so benevolent, and so regardless of the feelings of others, and it wouldn't make a bit of difference if you went and told him what yer've told us, Alice; he'd say just the same thing." cried Alice, pleadingly; "she was a good woman, excepting on that one point, and she was enough of her own mind to be able to tell me what she wanted you to do?"

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"I am so thankful; you have taken such a load from my mind, Mr. Sawyer. How fortunate it was that you met her as you did!"

"I think Mr. Sawyer is about as lucky as they make them," remarked Uncle Ike with a laugh.
"Kind fortune owes me one or two favors yet before I shall be entirely satisfied," said Quincy. "Now, Miss Pettengill, will you allow me to make a suggestion that will free you from the further care of this document?"

"I don't care what is done with it," said Alice, "but no one but Lindy must read it."
"That is my idea exactly," assented Quincy. "I will go to Boston on the noon train and send that advertisement to the New York Herald. With your permission I will turn that document over to a legal friend of mine. He will put it in an envelope and seal it up. He will write on the outside: 'To be delivered only to Miss Alice Pettengill, will do as she pleases.' And I will deliver it to Miss Alice Pettengill, and it will be quietly in his big safe until Miss Putnam is found."

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Next week the Grand Opera House will be dark until Friday, when "The Fortune Teller" will be the Christmas attraction.

This is the famous musical production in which Alice Neilson made her world famous, and it is said that Miss Bronson saved the piece as long as it lasted by her vivacity and cleverness. Manager Korman announces that there will be special prices for this production on Christmas Day.

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Pauline, the Hypnotist, will be the attraction at the London Opera House all next week. He needs no introduction to Londoners, having been here before, and having proven them beyond argument one of the cleverest and best entertainers in the business. He should do well in London again.

The fertile adventure agent of "When the Bell Tolls," which will be seen at the Grand next week, is the following good dog story:

The big 200 pound dog Seger, who is one of the star actors in the following life-saver of the stage as well as on the screen, is the finest specimen of a St. Bernard ever seen in this country, not excepting the \$5,000 one that the late Joe Emmett brought from England and used in this country in his play of "Pete in Ireland."

Seger was the property of a wealthy Australian, an admirer and friend of Travers-Vale, and when he saw the piece in Australia, where it enjoyed a run of over 800 performances, and in which they were using a small St. Bernard in the rescue scene, he brought Seger to the theatre and presented him to Mr. Vale at the time, saying money could not have bought what friendship freely offered.

The dog was at once placed in training and has never failed to rescue his master from his burial in the snow, seeming at the same time to enjoy the affair hugely and knowing the cue as well as any actor in the cast.

On the vessel coming over from Australia, while in mid-ocean, one afternoon, one of the steering passengers, a young girl, fell overboard. Seger, who was on deck with his master, made a jump and was in the water almost as quick as the girl, and was soon by her side holding her by the skirts, which he clung to until a boat, which was quickly lowered from the vessel, reached them, although they were to the rear nearly a mile before the vessel could check her speed sufficiently and the boat's crew made the rescue.

A wild cheer went up from the passengers and crew when it was found that girl and dog were safe, and the cabin passengers passed the hat and \$120 was raised to buy Seger a gold collar when the vessel arrived in San Francisco, which was done and is now in possession of Mr. Vale.

The dog wears it in the play, but not in the street, as it is too tempting for thieves to resist the lure of it. However, it is so good natured and will allow any one to play with him. He loves women and children, and is never so happy as when the little ones are romping with him, he being always ready for a play notwithstanding his immense size. Some one asked Mr. Vale what he would take for the dog. "My wife," he answered.

No better proof of the trend of the times in matters theatrical is to be obtained than the failure of Nat Goodwin in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This was the most elaborate staged Shakespearean production that America has seen in years, and Nat Goodwin is certainly one of the finest actors known to the American stage. And yet the venture was a failure. The fact of the matter is that the people of America, like the people of London, are musical comedy crazy. The people want to be amused, not educated.

Lee Arthur has discovered a production by Nat Goodwin, it is said, which is a pure-blooded

ing lady in "A Normandy Wedding," the ill-fated Whitney piece seen here two years ago, is now with "The Tenderfoot," and is doing well.

London maintained its reputation as a first class show town this week, when local theatre goes turned out in large numbers and attended two excellent musical comedy attractions following each other on Monday and Tuesday nights. "A Country Girl" and "The Silver Slipper" deserved good houses, and they were favored with them.

There is a probability that the Gibeon Stock Company will be seen again at the London Opera House this season. The Gibbons have one of the brightest, cleanest and best stock companies on the road, and they will be warmly welcomed if they pay another visit to London.

An American paper gives the following interesting account of the life of Mr. Forbes-Robertson, who is booked to appear at the Grand here some time in February: Johnstone Forbes-Robertson (Forbes-Robertson is the family name).

Robert Grau, of New York, under whose direction Mme. Patti is making her tour, said the other day that Mme. Patti would take back to Europe \$400,000 as her share of the proceeds of the tour. The management has experienced but one losing night in Europe, where the receipts were but \$6,000.

Vesta Tilley will, in all probability, resume her starring tour next month in an entirely new play. Just now she is receiving \$2,500 a week for a vaudeville engagement in New York, and at the end of the first week the manager who is paying this enormous salary, cheerfully commented that Miss Tilley had drawn twice that amount of money to his theatre.

Kyrle Bellew has placed in rehearsal the one act play "The Sacrifice of Judas," by Louis Ticerich, which Forbes-Robertson presented with sensational effect in London a year ago. The little drama, the next season's best either as a curtain raiser or an after-piece with "Raffles," the Amateur Cheatsman, now beginning its third month at the Grand Theatre, New York. The central figure of "The Sacrifice of Judas" is Benedictine monk who, during the period in France and exiled because of the Revolution, this same play is being illustrated on tour by James O'Neill in conjunction with "The Adventures of Gerard."

My name is a native of London and is about 50 years old. His father was Scotch, and for many years was well known in Aberdeen as a journalist and art critic. Young Robertson was educated in Rouen, France, and after graduating and devoting some time to travelling in France and Germany, he took up painting and was admitted as a student at the Royal Academy in London. Portraits seemed to be his specialty, and when he was 21 he took to the management of John Willis, that eccentric dramatist and poet, that he finally was enabled to secure an opportunity in the world of the drama. He made his first professional appearance as Chastelard in Mr. Willis' "Mary Queen of Scots" at the Prince's Theatre in London in 1874. Later he joined Charles Calvert in London and served an apprenticeship in the classics of the art. His first noteworthy personal hit was in Robert Buchanan's "Corinne," which made him the subject of much comment in London, and which resulted in a flattering demand for his services. For a long time he played under Henry Neville's management, and with Phelps and John Hollingshead, whose biographer he later became. In 1883 Mr. Robertson was a leading member of the famous company under the Banquets at the Haymarket. He also accompanied Mary Anderson, his first love, to America. He subsequently added to his reputation by his work in "The Prefecture" at the Garrick under the management of John Hare; but it was not till his Scarpia in Sardou's "La Tosca" that his real fame was established. After that he returned to America to play in the Charles Frohman production of "Thermidor," which was a disastrous failure. That twelve years ago. In 1895 he embarked in management on his own account, and the London theatre, which with Mrs. Campbell for a leading lady he revived "Romeo and Juliet," "Macbeth," "Magna" and "The School for Scandal," and produced "Michael and His Lost Angel" and "For the Crown," a translation by David Belasco of the French play "Les Femmes de Paris." The Vampire, which inspired Kipling's verses bearing the same title. It is said that it was through this dramatic success that the Robertson-Kipling acquaintance was begun. It was while playing in "Michael and His Lost Angel" that he met and married Miss Gertrude Elliott, who has ever since that time been conspicuously associated with him in his professional activities. Perhaps the character of Maisie, in which she is now appearing, does not afford sufficient scope for her pretty talent, and it is certain that it is not well calculated to create sympathy in her behalf. However, it is correct in form and more or less impressive as a study of the woman who is willing to throw away most things for the sake of accomplishing something in the world of struggle and competition. It is a far cry from the facts of humanity—or womanity—that the dramatist has made in at least bringing Maisie humbly to the feet of Love.

Charles Frohman, who is known all over America and Europe, too, for that matter for the magnitude and number of his theatrical enterprises, was once a student at the Royal Academy in London, and made his entry into the theatrical business as a ticket seller, a branch of the business which he has since still give the most skillful pointers. A. L. Erlanger, who is practically the head of the so-called "syndicate" which controls nearly every first class theatre in the United States, and whose word is law to the major part of the theatrical world, was once a poor boy in Cleveland, Ohio, and began his career as an assistant treasurer at a theatre in that city in which he now gives the chief interest.

George C. Twyer, who is the head of the Liebler Company, a firm of financial advisers which has had many successes to its credit this season, including Miss Eleanor Robson in Israel Zangwill's "The Merchant of Venice," and which has introduced some of the greatest European stars

to America, was formerly a type setter and gained his first experience in the theatrical business as an advance agent.

W. A. Brady, who is fast coming to the front as a manager of successful plays and stars, was an office boy, David Belasco, whose artistic stage productions are the wonder of the theatre goers of the day, started in an obscure position in an obscure San Francisco play house.

Sir Charles Wyndham, one of England's foremost actors, during the last week signed a contract with Charles Frohman to appear in this country next season in "Mrs. Goring's Neckties," now running successfully in London.

Richard Carroll threatens to bring suit against the Shuberts for his dismissal from the "Wasson's Wins" company without two weeks' notice, which his contract called for. James E. Sullivan is now playing the part vacated by Carroll.

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Human Nature in the Class Room and the Dormitory.

September is the month when hundreds of girls leave the home nest for the first time in their lives to become citizens of that great, vague, wonderful world called college. All summer long the embryo college girl has been thinking about it, and wondering and hoping and half dreading; yet it is not without a sharp pang at the last that, her new wardrobe in her new trunk, together with her favorite bracelet and her old books, she waves a tearful good-bye to her father and mother standing on the station platform, and is whirled away into her college days.

The girl who goes to college enters a little world complete, independent of and detached from the world that surrounds it. Yet human nature is the same there as outside. In it she will meet old acquaintances—joy and sorrow, wealth and dumb poverty, refinement and the lack of it. She will have to live the common life with all sorts and conditions of girls. The rules are few—the reins of self-government are given over into her own hands, and she finds herself, often for the first time in her life, her own mistress.

The newcomer, upon her arrival in the college town, is apt to gravitate to a small, undesirable room, the better rooms being generally pre-engaged by the older students. If she is to live in one of the college dormitory buildings, she will find herself with a roommate in a room where two beds, two chairs, two tables and a washstand are ranged in sharp and unsympathetic style against the walls. But it is not long before she leaves her lonely room and her unpacked traps to venture out upon the new field.

She is struck with the many sides of the life that she is entering upon, the many opportunities and possibilities opened to her. She wanders around the campus and through some of the buildings. Here is the college library, with its rows and rows of books on every subject, and its studious hush. In this she sees the student's opportunity. Will she ever excel as a student? Is she clever with her pen? Well, she isn't exactly sure, but she wrote the prize essay in her preparatory school. The volume of the college magazine on a shelf near her suggests literary reputation, and she already hushes her name among the contributors, as she lets her eye run over its contents. Then there is the gymnasium, with its great floor and sunless apparatus. The basket on the wall suggests to her wild dreams, and in her enthusiasm she finds the moment the popular athletic girl, perhaps the captain of her team, for she has played basketball at school, and to this, at least, she is not new.

At chapel she finds there are musical opportunities, and she may hear that there are musical clubs if she follows this suggestion further. The newcomer often feels a little lost at these first pilgrimages to chapel, where there she feels herself to be such a minority. She is almost and when the seniors begin to file out and leave the hall.

SOCIAL LIFE.
"Oh, won't you let me take you to the dance this evening?" is an invitation the newcomer is likely to hear soon after her arrival. This is pretty certain to come from a junior, whom the newcomer soon finds out to be her friend.

That evening she goes to the dance. She, of course, hardly expects any men to be present, and yet somehow she misses them. There are girls in every sort of costume, some in short duck skirts and shirt waists, some in costly evening gowns, suggesting money and New York dressmakers, others in dark skirts and waists. So it goes—gowns of all colors and fits. Everywhere she finds outstretched hands, invitations to "Come and see me please." "May I come and see you?" "Where do you live? Oh! I live right across the hall from you. I am awfully glad." Or, "You're a freshman, too, aren't you?" It is, however, just after such a remark as the last that the seeds of class enthusiasm take root. It is a peculiar sort of comfort that freshmen take together—a comfort hard to describe, but keenly experienced. The social side of college life is in many ways important, for it is

through the social affairs largely that one finds and chooses her friends. The choice of friends is not as easy as one might at first hand suppose. Girls for whom she does not care or does not want as friends seem constantly thrown in the newcomer's way, while those she does care for and wants to know better exist seemingly separated from her. Yet, if the newcomer takes her time, remembering discretion to be the better part of valor, she will surmount the difficulties of her situation, and will find friends at hand—real friends that last not only through her college life, but through her whole lifetime.

Life at an American girls' college is cosmopolitan. It presents many sides. But it is all broadening and expanding. The newcomer must meet it alone—alone she must adjust herself to her new and strange surroundings. She must think for herself, work out her own problems. That they are the same kind of problems that exist in the world outside college bounds, the same kind that she will be meeting all the rest of her life, hardly make them easier to solve at the time.—New York Tribune.



THE PLUCKED SULTAN.

"They're all wearing my feathers—they are going to take the last one away from me!"—De Amsterdammer Weekblad voor Nederland.

The Scotchman's Cranium.

Mr William Turner has begun a study of Scotch crania, and his first contribution has appeared in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. It is based on 176 skulls (117 male and 59 female), chiefly from the lowlands to the south of the Tay and Clyde. His results, in brief, are that the Scotch skull is large and capacious; the vertex is somewhat rounded or rooflike, but has a low rounded arch in the vertical transverse plane at and behind the bregma. The side walls are bowed outward slightly, with greatest width usually at or near the sinusous suture. The glabella and ridges over the eyes in men are fairly but not strongly pronounced, the forehead slightly recedes from the vertical.

From the cephalic indices it would appear that a brachycephalic (broad) type of skull prevailed in the Lothians, Fife, Forfar, Kinross and Banff, all eastern counties, and it occurs in Shetland, Orkney, and in the Hebrides. It prevails in Wigtownshire, Galloway, in the Highlands, and in those from Renfrewshire.

Scottish skulls have a vertical diameter less than the breadth, that is, they are platycephalic. The maximum capacity for males was 1,882 cubic centimeters, the minimum 1,230 and the mean 1,458. The same data for females were 1,625, 1,109, 1,322 cubic centimeters. The Scotch skull, therefore, is apparently above the mean for other European men. The long skulls had a distinctly larger mean capacity than the broad. Perhaps this accounts for the Scotch calling a "long-headed" fellow "long-headed." Fife shows the highest mean capacity; Edinburgh and Leith, West Lothian, and northeastern and Highland counties gave the lowest mean.—London Globe.

In times of typhoid fever: Sterilize all drinking water by boiling it. Pasteurize all milk and cream. Keep flies from all food supplies. Thoroughly wash in boiled water all fruit and vegetables intended to be eaten raw. Disinfect all discharges of every description from those sick with typhoid fever. In Spain the daily wage of a field laborer ranges from 20 to 28 cents a day without board.

STORY OF A NIGHT; A FORTUNE FOUND

The Trials of an Impecunious Man—A Startling Incident.

It was the day of my deepest despondency, closing with a dark outlook that promised only disaster. All had gone wrong. The requested raise in a meager salary had been denied; my wife and child, both sick, had gone from home under our physician's advice, at great expense; that same physician's bill for nearly a hundred dollars, was in my pocket, unpaid; rent was past due on my little unpicturesque flat, and I had issued a check that would draw my last dollar from the bank.

"What am I to do?" I asked myself, as I tossed on my bed at midnight. I courted sleep without avail. My mental tortures were added to by a distressing headache and a most rebellious stomach. I thought of my sick wife and child, and with every thought I

to the bank. Peace came with the thought. After a moment the vision of my terrible poverty was smothered, than before. "The end justifies the means," I said. "A little deception before wife and child will be a slight wrong, and for their great benefit. Yes, that is the way I will have it." Then I tried to sleep.

"Must I live a lie all of my life?" I asked. "Must the getting of this fortune remain a mere dream, and yet with me? No! It would be a living torture. I will not make a slave of my soul!"

Then for the first time came the thought of a reward for the return of the money. That would be something. That would be legitimate. I determined to return the money to the bank in the morning, and then I slept.

The sun was high when I awoke, and to see what reward was offered for the return of the money. Not a word did I find about a bank robbery, but on the second page, under startling headlines, was an account of the raiding of a counterfeiter's den, which said:

"Four of the men found in the room when the officers broke in the door were at once arrested, but the fifth man escaped through a back window and climbed down a fire escape, carrying a large paper bag, which contained counterfeit money. He was pursued for more than a mile, but succeeded in making his escape.—New York Herald."

CHANGED FROM SNAKE TO BIRD

Old-Time Reptiles Gradually Assumed Feathers.

Whales, Seals and Walrusess Once Were Land Animals—Changes Going On.

At first sight birds and lizards seem to be about as far apart as any two races of living creatures could be. Yet the bird family has developed directly from reptiles, and the differences between them are far less than those between any other two of the great families.

Finding that there was a plentiful supply of food in the air in the shape of flying insects certain of the smaller reptiles of the earth's early ages gradually developed wings in order to feed on it. There was thus evolved a flying lizard, the remains of which are often found fossilized, and which we call the pterodactyl. Its wings were batlike, and its powers of flight not so great as those of a bird. The creatures' scales gradually turned into feathers, and the bird of the present age was the result.

That this is no mere conjecture is definitely proved by that very odd Brazilian bird, the toucan, or gypsey. The toucan is about the size of a pheasant and outwardly has a bird-like appearance. But on dissecting it its internal economy is found to be quite unlike that of other birds, and to strongly resemble that of certain reptiles.

PROVIDED WITH CLAWS.

The most extraordinary point about the toucan is, however, that its young, when first hatched, have reptilelike heads, and are, moreover, provided with claws upon their wings. They do not attempt to fly for some weeks, but crawl about on all-fours, just as young reptiles do. They can use their wings as ladders to climb up any branch. A nestling thrown into the water dives at once like a frog, and it is almost impossible to catch it. Even the grown birds do not fly well, and together the toucan offers a plain proof of the near relationship between birds and reptiles.

Young whales possess a few bristles around the mouth, a feature which belongs to no fish. It is only one of many proofs that whales and all their family were at one time land creatures, and only took to the sea because they found competition ashore too severe for them.

Whales have warm blood like ours, changes for breathing air, and instead of laying eggs like fish, and lay them to chance, they tend their young as carefully as do any land animals. The tail of the whale is another point in which it absolutely differs from a fish. It is placed so as to be used as a rudder, and the fish have their tails set upright or edgewise.

All the cetacea, in fact—that family which includes the whales, porpoises and dolphins—are merely land animals which have, for convenience sake, taken to the sea. They have gradually assumed a fishlike form, according to the needs of their new method of existence.

STILL SLOWLY CHANGING.

The same may be said of all the seal and walrus family, though these, as they still spend a portion of their life on land, have not become so entirely fishlike in form as the whales. The latter have a small, rounded head, a small eye, and a small ear, which the former have not, and the flippers of our native seals, though they are fishlike in shape, are not the flippers of our native seals, but the limbs of the fur seals.

Animals and birds may be actually watched in process of changing their form. The Australian rabbit, though it has been in the island of New Zealand for only half a century descended from the ordinary British species, is already different from its ancestor. Its ears are developing, and in some parts of the island continent, where grass is scarce, the Australian rabbit is becoming a tree-climber. It is often seen at some height from the ground grazing on leaves.

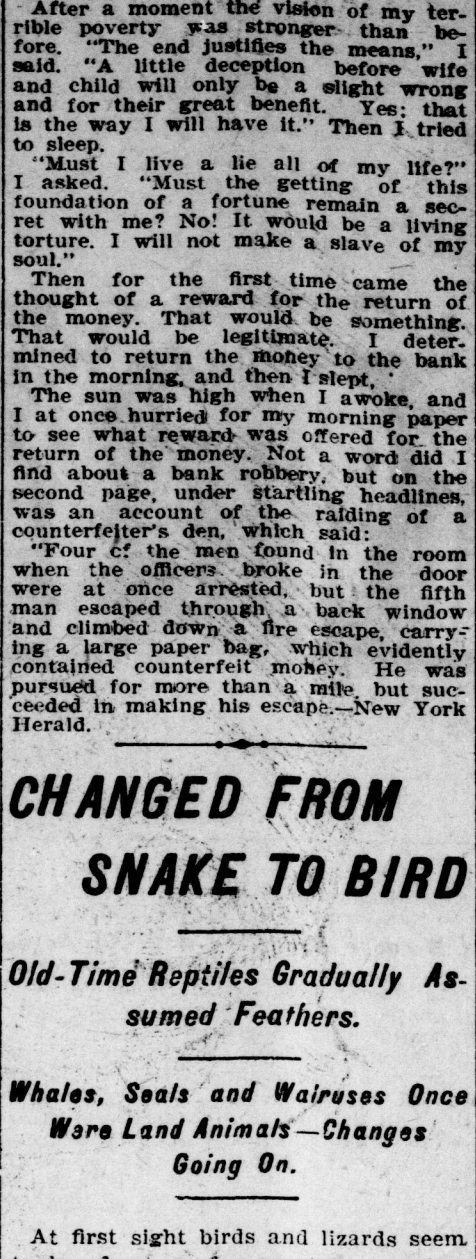
The owl peewee of New Zealand is another creature which has completely changed its habits within a few generations. From being an insect eater it has, since the introduction of sheep into New Zealand, turned into a carnivorous bird.

The descendants of domestic cats, abandoned on an island off the coast of South America, were found a few years later to have entirely changed their habits. They had not only reverted to the shape and color of their wild ancestors of centuries back, but had learned to take the water taken to a new level of fish.—London Answers.

Cost of English Elections.

A general election, such as seems inevitable within a very short period, is a costly business, but not nearly so expensive since the introduction of the corrupt practices act. In 1890 Mr. Gladstone's majority of 211 in Midlothian was obtained with an outlay of £2,800. In 1895, an average of £1 15s 10d was every vote, while the Earl of Dufferin, who opposed him, incurred an expenditure of £4,000, or £2 15s 5d a vote. In the same year the Duke of Devonshire paid £1,617 for his seat. Lord George Hamilton and Mr. Octavius Cooke between them in Middlesex ran up a bill of £11,500, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who was rejected by the same constituency, spent £5,371—a tidy sum to pay for defeat. In an English county seat, cost, approximately £2,000, and a borough about £300; now the average outlay has been raised to a little over £1,000 and £500 respectively.—London Chronicle.

GERMANY.



"Ach! das Blue Ribbon ist so gut!"

The aroma and rich creaminess of Blue Ribbon Tea appeals to everyone.

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RUTHLESS SLAUGHTER OF BEAUTIFUL BIRDS

Action Taken By the Seaborne Society of Old London.

Bird lovers will be glad to learn that the Seaborne Society in London has issued an appeal to a number of expert ornithologists requesting them to furnish reports to the society as to the species of birds now exhibited in milliners' windows for the decoration of women's hats. As a result it is to be hoped that the ruthlessness of the slaughter which is caused by this traffic will be brought home to those directly concerned. We learn from a correspondent who is taking a prominent part in this inquiry that the number of different species now to be seen in the London shops is greater than ever. The ranks of the graceful little sea swallows and gulls have been heavily taxed. The black-headed gull, which has become a popular favorite at the bridges and the Thames during the winter months, is also especially prominent, whole birds in summer dress being by no means rare.

Probably, when the various reports arrive over 200 different kinds of birds will be found to figure therein. Among the more striking birds used for millinery decoration today are various species of humming birds, kingfishers, egrets, herons, plovers, swallows, titmice and parrots. By way of adding to the injury, these birds are often dyed the most hideous colors, and are thrust into shapes that suggest death by torture. The tail of the bird is cut off, and the most offensive exhibitions of this kind yet devised was that of a pair of love birds skewered together, and supporting a double train of a foot or more in length, made up of the wings of others of the same species. As many as twenty pairs of wings were used for this purpose. Fancy two-and-twenty victims displayed on one hat! After this who shall call the Bornean head-hunter a savage?

Besides whole birds there will be found scores of nondescript, such as the body of a thrush or a skylark, with a pair of fern wings, and the head and wings of the beautiful white egret, dyed green, fitted to the tail of a gull. Tufts of egret plumes and the side plumes of the bird of paradise are as much seen as ever, though the cruelty entailed in their collection has been again and again prompted by the announcement in the Drapers' Record that the birds used for millinery are not real, but are "manufactured" by gluing duck and pigeon feathers over a lump of cotton wool. This is merely trifling with the real facts.—London Mail.

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It does not follow, however, that the amount of energy generated is in proportion to the amount of food consumed, but it certainly does depend on the amount of suitable food properly digested and actually absorbed.

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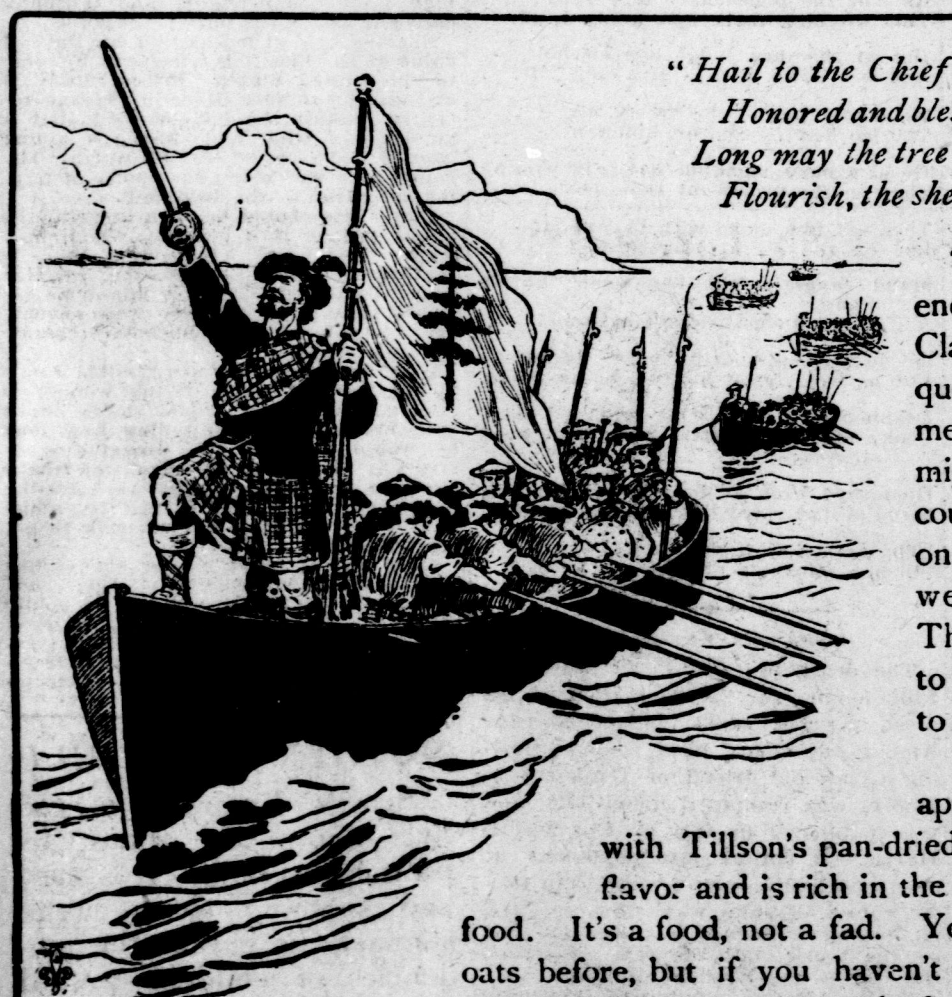
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"Hail to the Chief who in triumph advances! Honored and blessed be the evergreen Pine! Long may the tree in his banner that glances, Flourish, the shelter and grace of our line."

The courage, strength and endurance of the Highland Clansmen have never been questioned, though their methods of annexing cattle might be. The quality of courage and strength depends on the food you eat, and they were porridge-fed men. The life that the sun gives to the grain, the grain gives to man.

The most nourishing and appetizing porridge is made with Tillson's Pan-dried Oats. It has a delicious flavor and is rich in the vital elements of a perfect food. It's a food, not a fad. You may have tried rolled oats before, but if you haven't tried Tillson's pan-dried Oats you have yet to taste the best.

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THE SPEYERS MAY COME TO TERMS

Saving of the Soo Now Depends Upon Their Action.

THE CINCINNATI SYNDICATE

Their Condition Not Expected To Be On Very Generous Lines—Mr. Clergue Is Optimistic.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The storm center in connection with the affairs of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company has shifted temporarily at least from Toronto to New York and Philadelphia. Yesterday Cornelius Shields, who succeeded P. H. Clergue as manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, arrived in New York, and last night Mr. Clergue, accompanied by Messrs. Gordon and Norval, of Cincinnati, followed him to New York, and today negotiations are in progress whereby it is possible that all parties may unite to effect a reorganization. From local sources it is learned that all depends on the attitude of Mr. Speyer, the head of the syndicate. The Cincinnati capitalists, like the British capitalists mentioned by Senator Dandurand, have absolutely declined to go in on the proposition, without a clean slate, or, in other words, with some arrangement by which Speyer & Co. and other parties shall consent to a peaceful solution of affairs. The fact that Mr. Clergue and Mr. Speyer are practically at daggers drawn embarrases the situation, and it is probable that most of the negotiations will be through Mr. Shields. The latter, when appointed by the shareholders last spring, severely criticized the management of Mr. Clergue, and they were supposed to be distant toward each other, but misfortune has thrown them together, and they are now co-operating. Mr. Clergue, B. J. Clergue and H. C. Hamilton are keeping an eye on the local situation, and this morning had another long interview with the Government. The assurances of Premier Ross may be required at any time in case a scheme of reorganization is struck.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—It is altogether likely that the \$3,000,000 required to pay off the Speyer syndicate and all other creditors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company will be forthcoming by tomorrow. A gentleman who is in close touch with the situation said this morning: "The money is in sight today. Two Cincinnati capitalists and others will furnish the money. The reorganization committee has been working hard and it is expected that the necessary money will be provided tomorrow. I understand that the Speyers are willing to give up the securities upon being paid the amount of their mortgage. If this plan is carried out it will end the matter; otherwise, there will be a big drop of law suits."

Letters to the Editor.

THE MARKET HOUSE.
To the Editor of the Advertiser:
I notice that a correspondent, over the signature of "An Elector," has under taken to inform the public market. He appears to consider the Market House a very important matter, according to him we would only have to squander a few more thousands on it to increase the value of the city. However, I intend to state my own conclusions. Now, it must be patent to everyone conversant with the matter that the Market House is a very important factor in the city, as an open market, the farmers and wagon loads to be located on a part of the city, and the public driving on the streets.

The advertisement of "Elector" that the larger the city the less necessary there is for a market, is simply absurd, and more particularly so in relation to the city of this city is supported chiefly by its agricultural district, and for this reason, a market space available for the farmers is the first point to be considered in treating of the market. The larger the city, the greater the space required for market purposes. This is arranged for in large cities by having several places.

There is absolutely no benefit to the city in retaining the Market House for the butchers, and egg merchants to get stalls at almost a nominal rental, for if you pull down the building they will have to rent shops, with an average of \$2.50 per month, with an average of \$2.50 per month. In addition there is a central hall, or passage-way, 20 feet wide, which is used and occupied both by the Market House and basement by the tenants of both, without any rental. In the Market House the butchers have their counters, chopping blocks and racks for hanging carcasses on in this hall, without any rental. In the basement it is used by the tenants for storing their boxes, crates, etc., also without any rental.

The city is maintaining a Market House for practically four butchers, for whom one or two are non-residents of the city. Mr. J. A. Faude has Stall No. 13, and the remaining seven stalls, of the 20-foot passage-way are occupied by the four butchers at a rental for which they pay \$4 per month (and have no water rates to pay), or an average rental of \$4.50 per stall per month, and the use of the central hall, 20 feet wide, for the counters, meat blocks, etc., for nothing; proving, as I stated before, that they are practically paying nothing for the best business location in the city. Where, in any part of the city, can they rent a stall or shop, 12x20 ft., with a 20-foot covered space outside for counters, etc., at \$4.50 per month? I venture to say that each of these stalls would bring \$25 a month if owned by a private individual.

Another point is, that no single tenant should be given five or six stalls, because he immediately closes up two or three of them and converts them into ice boxes or packing houses, with the result that four butchers control the stalls, and they practically become a combine and cut out competition.

If the Market House is to be retained,

do not rent more than two stalls to one man. I think of four butchers having an area of 3,400 square feet and the free use of 2,400 square feet for \$74 a month.

Then from this \$74 a month you have to deduct the cost of repairs, maintenance, cost of collecting rents, etc., which in an old building like this would be at least 20 per cent, or \$14.80, thus reducing the rent to \$59.20, and no water rates.

I think if the matter were left to four or five good business men to decide, it would not take them fifteen minutes to say that for the sake of keeping four butchers supplied with seventeen stalls and a 20-foot covered passage-way, at a rental of \$59.20 a month, and twenty stalls in the basement, averaging a net rental of \$1.80 per month, it would be a greater benefit to pull it down and increase the area for the farmers.

The Market House at present requires a new roof on the main building, new stone sills for main doors, new steps and platform at north main entrance, painted the floors throughout, both inside and outside, and cement walks on the north and west sides.

I believe this would cost some \$3,000 or \$4,000, and even then you would only have an antiquated building, and you could not get anything approaching an adequate rental in return; whereas, if you pull down the old building you avoid all this outlay and improve the surrounding property and the general appearance of that section of the city.

Thanking you for the valuable space in your paper, I remain, yours respectfully,
ALD. WM. WYATT.

PROTEST AGAINST THE COMMISSION

"Standard" Says It's a Disgrace of the Crown.

IRRESPONSIBLE DICTATORSHIP

Asks Mr. Balfour to Deprive Chamberlain's Plan of Official Recognition.

London, Dec. 18.—In yesterday morning's issue the Standard enters strong protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission involving a complete change of constitutional methods and being a defiance alike to the authority of the crown, the cabinet, and the legislature. The paper demands that Mr. Balfour discontinue the attempt to "assert an irresponsible dictatorship," and take steps to deprive the movement of any official recognition. It declares that the members of the commission are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong royal commission.

A quite mistaken interpretation is being put upon Mr. Chamberlain's half-patriotic utterance at Leeds: "Send me as ambassador to the colonies with full powers, and I am willing to risk my reputation on being able to satisfy public there what we have something to give them, which is worth their acceptance, but also to secure from the colonies an equal measure in return." Mr. Chamberlain's opponents suggest that the members of the commission are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong royal commission.

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BARNARDO BOY SUICIDES

Takes His Life While in Despondent Mood.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Leonard Spread, a young man of about 21, blew his head off Thursday night at the farm of Alex. Stirling, about ten miles from here, on the Kennedy road, near Elmhurst. The body was found in a vacant building on the farm in the morning. Spread came to Canada as a Barnardo boy about six years ago, and had worked near Bowmanville until this summer, when he and his brother both got employment with Stirling. The brother left about a fortnight ago for New Ontario, and it is supposed that Leonard became moody over the separation. He was seen last Tuesday, when he brought home a team of horses. We were of good character and a good worker. It is supposed that from a cup found beside the body he had also taken a dose of Paris green. He had loaded the cartridge used to kill himself, and had apparently put the muzzle of the gun in his mouth. A doctor investigated the case. The body has been taken in charge by the Barnardo home.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly, itchy, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

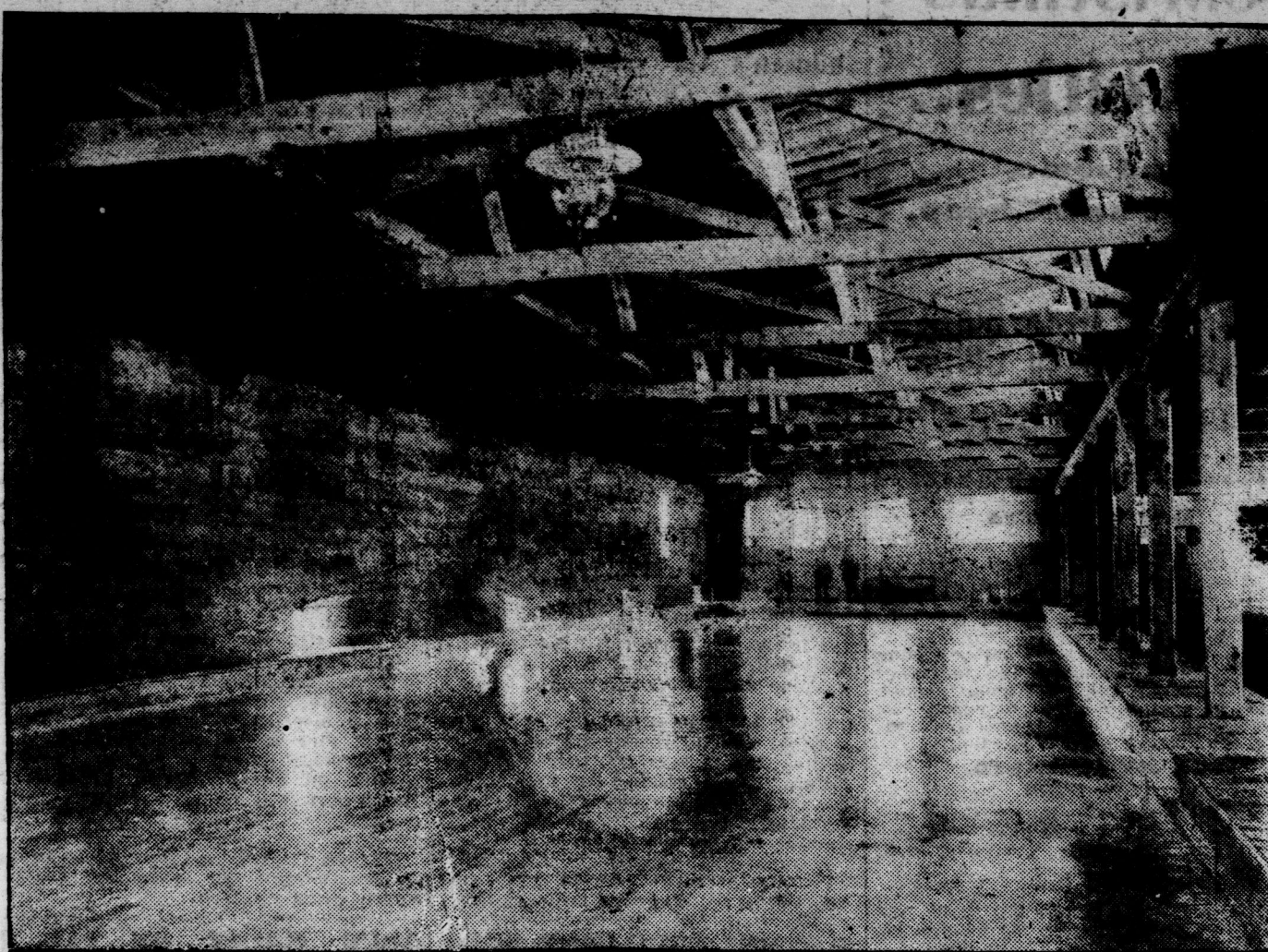
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Which thoroughly cleanse the blood, expelling all humors and building up the whole system. They cure.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

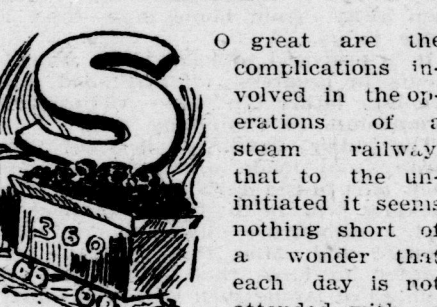
CURLING RINK OF THE NEW THISTLE CLUB



The first games of the season were played at the new curling rink of the Thistle Club this week. Only one section of the rink was in readiness, but the ice was keen and some good play was shown, in which two games can be carried on at one time. The rink has solid concrete walls, is well lighted, and in its construction every thought was given to the comfort and convenience of the players.

LITTLE INSIGHT INTO RUNNING A STEAM RAILWAY PROPERTY

Work Looks Complicated to the Uninitiated—Railway Men Are No Gabblers.



Of great are the complications involved in the operations of a steam railway, that to the uninitiated it seems nothing short of a wonder that each day is not attended with a mishap, while to the man connected with the road they are viewed as the most matter-of-fact way. To the former, there is a certain degree of mystery about it all—and to the general public there is no business about which so little is learned. Railroadmen keep their affairs, as a rule, to themselves as closely as if the road was so well walled as the city of London. The London yard is one of the most difficult to enter, and the entire system, because of its great length and narrowness. The best yard and the easiest to conduct is of good width and open space. Another difficulty arising from the lay-out of London's yard is that the sidings are too far apart, and the switches are not the best. The yard is a hard one to manage. Through the tracks pass on an average of about twenty-five passenger trains in a day, and together with a large number of freight trains. Most of the freight is east-bound and it has been said by many of the officials that no stretch of track is so much used as that between the Tunnel and Niagara Falls. The bulk of the trains have consignments for London, all of which makes work for the local yard crews.

The westbound freight generally go by way of Stratford, and this system of running matters gives the road practically a double track system. The yard of Stratford is intended to prevent accidents of any kind in the yard. The yardmaster is always notified at the approach of a train, and the right tracks are utilized when it is possible. The lines are kept clear for a certain space of time before the arrival of the fast trains, and if there is no violation of the rules there is no danger of an accident. The switches are invariably set in favor of the fast trains. All yard business has to be suspended when one of the fast trains approaches, and the switches are always to be turned before the switches, so that the engineer is warned if anything is wrong. It has been a matter of wonder to many that, with the network of tracks and switches, there have not been more collisions.

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TILSONBURG, WAS ALSO A VISITOR HERE ON FRIDAY.

One of the young ladies of No. 6 had the misfortune (3) to upset the oysters in her lap one day last week. Mr. H. W. Snell, '04, spent Sunday at Ingersoll.

One of the lady students appeared at the university on Friday wearing mistletoe in her hair. I wonder why? Miss Macpherson spent Sunday with friends in St. Thomas.

At a special meeting of the Literary Society, Mr. A. Carlisle, B. A., was elected representative of the society at the annual dinner of the McMaster University. He left for Toronto at 10:30 Thursday morning and returned Friday afternoon. He reports an enjoyable time as guest of the McMaster students.

A mid-year examination in ancient history was held on Friday forenoon. A number of students of the university attended the Victoria University Glee Club concert at the Auditorium on Thursday evening. They were under the guidance and protection of their senior students.

Lecture close on Saturday, 19th inst., to reopen on Jan. 5.

HURON COLLEGE NOTES.

Examinations were held in all the subjects this week.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., rector of All Saints Church, Windsor, called at the college last week. This was his first visit to Huron, and he expressed himself as pleased with the institution. The principal addressed the students on Friday afternoon.

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Students will take duty during holidays as follows: Sunday, Dec. 20, Hyde Park, H. W. Snell; Glencoe, Rev. Principal Waller; Lucknow, K. McGinn; Sarnia, H. C. Westgate; Holmesville, G. B. Cox; Westminster, P. H. Stanley.

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Jan. 3, Glencoe, H. W. Snell; Hyde Park, K. McGinn; Lucknow, K. McGinn; Sarnia, H. C. Westgate; Holmesville, G. B. Cox; Westminster, P. H. Stanley.

MORE HOSPITAL WORK

Heating and Plumbing Contracts Awarded by Committee.

The hospital building committee of the city council held a short meeting yesterday afternoon and accepted a couple of tenders.

The tender of Smith Bros. & Co., of Dundas street, for heating was accepted, the figure being \$1,800, providing the scheme proposed in the tender does not interfere with the heating of the hospital as at present. Another tender of Smith Bros., of King street, was accepted for plumbing, the figure being \$824.

Mayor Beck, Aldermen Campbell, Greenlee, Judd, Stevenson, Forristal, Wyant and Secretary Pope attended the meeting.

HERE'S FURTHER PROOF

Dropsy and Rheumatism Come From Disordered Kidneys and Are Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—That rheumatism and Dropsy are both the results of diseased kidneys and consequently easily cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills has been proved by Mr. George Robertson, 29 St. Antoine street, this city. Speaking of his case, Mr. Robertson said:

"I had been troubled with Rheumatism and Dropsy for five years. I got so bad that I could not get any rest to the floor they were so swollen with Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put my coat on."

"Before I had used the second box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I felt a great improvement. I took seven boxes in all, and I don't know what it is to be sick since."

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Dec. 18.—At New York—Cornwall, from Glasgow; Lucania, from Liverpool; Vincentia, from Genoa.

At Boston—Sardinian, from Glasgow; Bohemian, from Liverpool.

At Plymouth—Moltke, from New York.

At Trieste—Sardinian, from New York.

At Naples—Lombardia, from New York.

At Havre—La Champagne, from New York.



AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN.

Dr. Osler is one of the most widely known physicians on the North American continent, his reputation having spread from coast to coast. He is a brother of Mr. Justice Osler, of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, and was one of Canada's most distinguished lawyers. Dr. Osler is now a professor in the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore. Only a few years ago he was called to Milwaukee for a consultation in the case of Major Pease, the millionaire, who paid him a fee of \$10,000. This is one of the largest fees ever paid to a medical man or a like service.

Mr. Clancy Nominated.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 12.—MacKenzie's Hall, was the scene yesterday of the Conservative convention. Jas. Clancy,

HOLIDAY TRADE IN FULL SWING

Wholesale Business Reports Liberal Orders.

A DEMAND FOR COTTON FABRIC

Large Quantities of Grain Moving in Manitoba—Conditions Everywhere Satisfactory.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's review of Canadian trade:

Wholesale trade at Montreal has been more active this week. Not only is there a larger movement in holiday goods, but domestic staple cotton fabrics are in active demand, the recent smart advances having stimulated sales. Orders for the general trade are large, and in some lines exceed those booked at this time a year ago. Stocks in the hands of retailers carried over from last year are not heavy. There is a good demand for money and rates are steady.

At Toronto orders are coming to hand in the wholesale trade on quite a liberal scale for the current demands of trade, as well as for the general requirements. The holiday trade, except in the more costly lines, is active and apparently quite active. There is a good improvement after the first of the year. At Quebec the fine weather has had a beneficial effect on general trade, particularly retailers, who are busy with the holiday demands which is usual at this season. Country dealers are ordering freely and travelers' orders as a result, are numerous. The season just about closing is reported a satisfactory one in all departments of trade, and the outlook continues encouraging.

The wholesale trade at Hamilton has been kept busy with the holiday demand, which has been very active. Spring orders, too, are numerous, especially for domestic staple dry goods. Values are active and a very firm.

At London this week the wholesale trade has shown a good deal of activity. The conditions of retail business through the country are satisfactory. Stocks carried are not excessive and the sorting demand continues good. The outlook for the spring business is promising.

There is activity reported in the holiday trade at Pacific coast points. Sales have been large in Vancouver, and as they have added handsomely to the cash business payments to the wholesale trade show an improvement. The orders booked for the spring so far average well with previous years.

A good deal of grain is now moving in Manitoba and trade as shown by Bradstreet's report, is quite active, the demand in wholesale trade circles at Winnipeg being large. The conditions of trade are sound, and the business has been on quite a conservative scale, although it is larger than in previous years.

Wholesale business at Ottawa continues active. The very firm one of the markets has improved the demand for many lines of goods for forward shipment.

Canadian trade dispatches to Dun's review from the Dominion indicate that good snow roads and seasonable weather accelerates general business. While holiday dealings are very lively. Roads and cold weather have facilitated trade in Quebec, while retailers report a good holiday trade, and payments are promptly met. Montreal reports wholesalers are making inventories that show good results. Wholesale and manufacturing houses report satisfactory conditions at Hamilton; retail and holiday trade is brisk; provision and grain prices are firm and collections prompt. Winnipeg reports holiday trade brisk and money easier.

At Plymouth—Moltke, from New York.

At Trieste—Sardinian, from New York.

At Naples—Lombardia, from New York.

At Havre—La Champagne, from New York.

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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becker, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Fraser & Harrington today:

New York, Dec. 19.—Close.—Interest during the first half of today's market was centered in steel, particularly in the expectation that a further advance would take place, and that there would be a heavy covering of shorts. During the first twenty minutes it was estimated that at least 25,000 shares had been bought for short accounts alone. It was evident that the stock was being supplied, with the result that in spite of the buying referred to only a small advance took place. In fact, at the close, steel was a little higher, but the principal feature of interest was the bank statement, which was the best exhibit in many months. The surplus reserve now stands at over \$4,000,000, which is well above the average of recent years. Our position in the steel exchange is one of unusual strength, although for the time being rates are too high to allow of further importations. Further shipments of cotton are expected, which will create more cotton bills, and which warrants the belief that selling exchange rates will decline. It is estimated that on Saturday's exchange alone \$6,000,000 worth of cotton was exported. The sharp advance which followed the publication of the bank statement was led by the coal stocks, and more especially by Delaware and Hudson and Lackawanna. As to the future of the market, it seems probable that prices will work higher, until the short interest has been reduced, but we are not sanguine that anything like a bull market can be inaugurated, for the reason that the condition existing in the steel and iron trades are most unsatisfactory, and that the prospects of improvement are not bright. Also it should be remembered that next year the approaching Presidential campaign will be a disturbing influence.

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ATHLETICS FOR THE POLICE WOULD BE THE RIGHT THING

Opinion of Those Who Have
Considered Organization of
Association for Force.

Why cannot London have a police athletic association? This is a question which has before this been considered by members of the force, and it is understood an effort was made at one time to have the force organize here, but without avail. Still that is no reason why the men should not have an organization if they desire to, and from talks with different people it is evident that a proposal of this kind would meet with approval.

Three cities in this province, such as Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa, in each of these places the association has had a good effect on the force, and has proved to the citizens that the police are a body well worthy of commendation.

In Toronto an association has been in existence for many years, and promises to continue to do so for years to come. It is claimed there by the inspector that much of the efficiency in the force is due to the fact that the men are kept in good physical condition by the use of dummy policemen working of the London force. The use of dummy policemen working of the London force is a fact, and anyone who knows the working of the London force will agree that Londoners have an intellectual body of men as can be found anywhere. The Canadian system has none of the electoral features that characterize the American police systems, and the men are invariably not only able as far as their physical development is concerned, but in their good supply of common sense.

IN OTHER CITIES.

It may be added that every year in Toronto an athletic tournament is held, and last season the Toronto association held its 21st annual. Every year there is an improvement on the preceding one, and the citizens generally take great interest in the proceedings. The games are under the auspices of the chief constable, and the police commissioners, who give every assistance to the well-working of the organization.

Hamilton also has a very live organization. Both Toronto and Hamilton association secretaries have been kind enough to forward copies of the constitution and regulations to the secretary in such case expresses a wish that London will fall in line and organize. The Hamilton secretary, Mr. Charles Gibby, remarks that "the association was organized in October, 1882, and from that time has been a success. The last summer was the first

BASKETBALL LEAGUE MAY BE FORMED OF Y. M. C. A. TEAMS

Local Association Has Plenty of
Hockey Material - "Wally"
Hopkins' Farewell.

In the past there has been some agitation to organize a basketball league among the Y. M. C. A. teams of several Ontario towns, and it is possible that the proposal may be brought up here this year. The places named for the league are Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton and London, and as far as is known, the first named was the only one that could not fall in with the idea. There is no sport more exciting to witness than basketball, and it has many followers in this city. The local association has put out a number of good strong teams, and has made quite a reputation for itself. This year, besides having a tournament between a number of teams, a team will be chosen to accept challenges from outside teams. The team that makes the best showing will be chosen for this honor. A team will go to Brantford on New Year's Day to play the association tournament. It will be likely that a good match will result. The team will be well-drilled before going. Mr. McLaren, the association's physical instructor, will use every effort to make the teams creditable this season.

PLENTY OF HOCKEY MATERIAL.

With the increased membership at the Y. M. C. A., there comes an increase in the interest in sports of different kinds. This was shown the other night when the first practice of the hockey players of the association was held. Seventeen players—all of them of more or less ability—were on the ice, and a good team for the City League will be forthcoming. The City League team have made arrangements for practices.

"WALLY" HOPKINS' DEPARTURE.

Concerning the departure of Mr. "Wally" Hopkins, who has just left St. John's A. C. team, of this city, the Collingwood Bulletin of a recent date, has the following to say: "On Friday, Mr. Walter Hopkins, who has been a member of the staff of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the past two or three years, received notice to report at the London office of the same institution on the following Monday. On learning of his intended departure some forty or fifty of his friends gathered in the evening at the Cadillac to bid him farewell. Mr. D. Logan presided over the gathering, and after the refreshments provided had been enjoyed, Mr. Harry Storey, on behalf of the group, presented the guest of the evening with a beautifully engraved locket. Mr. Hopkins' departure from the town is universally regretted. He was a favorite with everyone, but his removal will be more keenly felt among the members of the hockey club, where he was especially popular. He will also be missed in lacrosse and hockey circles, having taken an active part in these games. On going to his new home in London, he carries with him the best wishes of his many friends."

TO FORM A LEAGUE.

A scheme is being worked up at the St. John's A. C. to organize a league to play hockey in the club. There is thought to be enough material in the association to form at least four good teams and parties now have charge of the matter who will endeavor to secure rink accommodation. The scheme is a good one and speaks well for the manner in which the club is broadening out. It would not only be a benefit to the members as far as the future hockey progress of the club is concerned, but it promotes what is best to see in local sports—the idea of

time that we have had to postpone games on account of the weather, and we have quite a snug sum in the hands of our treasurer. Our organization was started through the influence of Inspector Stark, of Toronto, as were also the organizations of Ottawa and Montreal. Mr. Stark also made an effort to start an organization in London, but was unsuccessful.

The secretary also gave a few details of the work, and hoped that London would soon form an association. The objects of the association are, of course, to cultivate and develop a taste for athletic exercises among its members, and the general advancement of all manly and athletic sports. The members in Hamilton pay one dollar a year each, the membership being confined to the police force. The association choose their own managers and the men feel more interest in their work as the result of belonging to such an organization.

HERE IN LONDON.

Here in London the police force have no such advantages. They have no gymnasium, nor any place where they can cultivate athletics. The only recreation offered is a guard room, as small as the sergeant's mess, where two or four can play dominoes. Cards are forbidden, and the only other thing a man can do in his spare time while at the station, is to read—what he brings there.

Some people who have given the matter a thought have come to the conclusion that it might be well worth the commissioners' while to inquire into the advisability of utilizing either of two places that could be transformed into a suitable recreation room at a small expense. One suggestion is to fix up a space over the carriage house, which might be done, or what seems more feasible, use the top portion of the station, which is at present unused for anything but storage purposes. Those who have been up say that for a very little the attic could be made habitable, and, nothing more, a billiard table could be installed. At any rate, it could be given a club aspect, and things made a little more comfortable for the force. There would be room there for a little gymnasium work—something that every constable ought to indulge in. A year ago a set or two of fine boxing gloves were presented to the men, but the gloves are seldom put on, as there is no place for them to practice. If a room such as suggested were fitted up, boxing could be indulged in.

Whether the commissioners would undertake the small expense is not known, but the men could not do themselves any harm by making an effort to get a few benefits in this way. There are about 25 men, exclusive of the sergeants, and if a well-managed association were formed they could not only do themselves good, but would prove a still greater benefit to the city. That is the opinion of many who have considered the question: "Why cannot London have a police amateur athletic association?"

giving all players in the city a chance to show their ability, if they have any.

TO ARRANGE A SCHEDULE.

On Wednesday night next a meeting of the Junior City League will be held at the rooms of the St. John's A. C., when it is likely a schedule will be drafted for the season. Several of the junior teams have been getting in some good practice lately and good hockey will be given from the start. In all probability the first game will be played at the Jubilee Rink on Jan. 2.

TO PLAY AT DELAWARE.

It is probable that the Waterloo, champions of last year's Junior City League, will play their first game on Tuesday next at Delaware. Negotiations have been under way and the team will have its first game away from home.

The Hortons, representatives of the city in the Junior O. H. A., had a good cross-country run last night. The distance was about four miles and was in the direction of Westminster Township. All wore heavy sweaters, as the night was cold. The run was made in very good time without a stop. The team is now in the pink of condition, and can be relied upon to do the city well.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS. At New Orleans—Montebank (W. Fisher), 1 to 4; Sadam (Cochran), 4 to 1; Sarah Maxin (H. Phillips), 1 to 2; Dr. Stephens (C. Irving), 25 to 1; Bobby (Minder), 4 to 1; Footlight Favorite (Higgins), 8 to 1.

LIPTON CHANGES HIS MIND.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup, when the silver service silver trophy was presented to him at a dinner held tonight at the Hyde Park Hotel. The dinner was attended by several members of the House of Commons, the members of the London presentation committee, and by nearly 100 American residents in London. United States Consul-General Evans presided, and in presenting the trophy said that it was unprecedented for such an honor to be paid a foreigner by the people of the United States, but that Sir Thomas Lipton had won the golden opinions of those from whom he tried to wrest the America's cup.

BASKETBALL.

BAN GETS A RAISE. Chicago, Dec. 18.—An evidence of their faith in President Ban Johnson, the officials of the American Baseball League, at their annual meeting here today, voted to raise his salary \$2,500 a year, the increase to last for six years, or as long as the present agreement of the clubs composing the league exists. This will make his salary \$10,000. In addition to this the officials unsuccessfully endeavored to persuade Johnson to accept a present of \$5,000, which they voted him in recognition of his work.

The principal topic under discussion at today's meeting was the Washington club and its affairs. President Johnson stated that everything had been practically arranged for the transfer of the Washington club to a new syndicate. As the syndicate's representation was unable to be present, Johnson will go to Washington to complete negotiations. A resolution was adopted giving Mr. Johnson power to act for the league, and the deal will be closed. Manager Loftus announced that he would not be with the Washington club next year, providing that he secured what he was asking for the club. A resolution was adopted to the effect that no club shall have more than sixteen players on the salary list after June 1. President Johnson was authorized to appoint a committee to change the constitution to conform the present

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conditions of the new national agreement.

A schedule committee was also appointed, which will confer with a corresponding committee was constituted, the general sentiment of the magistrates was for a shorter schedule than the 154 games agreed upon, and it is said an effort will be made to bring the National League to come to the same view.

Adjourning was taken until March 2, when another meeting will be held in New York to ratify the work of the committee.

HOCKEY. The Delaware Hockey Club has organized, and would like to hear from any city team wishing a game. They

OWNERSHIP HAS CHANGED

Recent Sales Made by Western
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The Western Real Estate Exchange reports the sale of the following properties during the past few weeks:

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County of Lambton; George Merril house and lot in the town of Petrolia, County of Lambton; Walter Little's farm, County of Waterloo; Mr. F. V. Talbot's farm, Township of Sombra; Walter McLean's farm, Township of Sombra; J. W. Rosebrough's farm, Township of Harvick, County of Kent; T. G. Seyer's store and dwelling in the village of Rutherford.

Over one million dollar's worth of real estate in Ontario was sold through the agency of the Western Real Estate Exchange, Limited, London, during the current year.

TALK OF BOARDING HOME

The Y. W. C. A. May Start One in
London.

Among the progressive associations for young people in this city, the Young Women's Christian Association holds a high place. It was organized some thirteen years ago as an offshoot of the Y. W. C. T. U., and has since been carried on with energy and earnestness of purpose. Its aim is to reach and throw good influences around young girls employed in the city, and to that end has carried on a work which is beneficial in its results and must be productive of much good. The work is divided into several departments, and all are efficiently conducted in a manner to give the best results.

The luncheon room, over the public library, was opened last summer, and under the superintendence of Miss Butchart, has proved a success, and been a great convenience to the young women who are unable to go to their homes in the middle of the day for dinner. Visitors also avail themselves of this privilege.

A boarding home is talked of as the next project, and will no doubt be realized, as the ladies seldom fail in any undertaking which they assume.

"Summerholm," the resting place at Port Stanley, is already well known to most of our citizens, and need not here be described. It has been of immense benefit to many a young girl, who has here been able to enjoy a well-earned rest.

The association has recently published a magazine, which gives a history of the work since its inception.

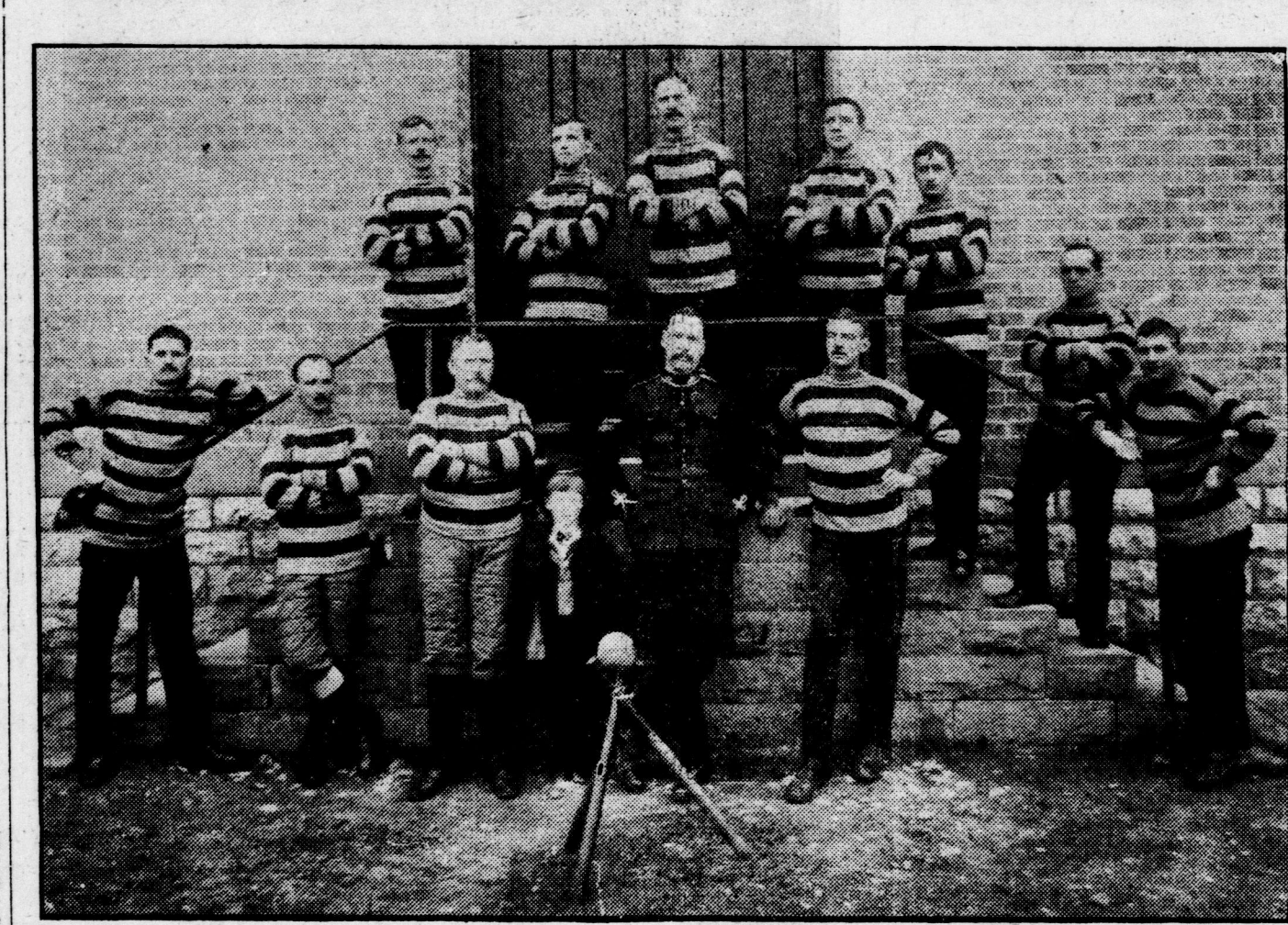
The president is Miss Fraser, who is assisted by a very able staff of officers.

Oh, the City of It
[Toronto Star]

Though Christmas Day's a glad event.

Beyond the slightest question,
'Tis followed fast by discontent
And likewise indigestion.

WOLSELEY BARRACKS INDOOR BASEBALL CLUB.



The Indoor Baseball Club of Wolseley Barracks showed last year, losing only one game during the entire season. This winter it expects to make a good record in the City Indoor Baseball League, and to the present it has won two and lost two games. In the rear row, in the illustration (reading from the left), are: W. Warwick, Chapman, Corp, McPadden (captain), Turf, McKoon, Truesch and Mould. In the front row (reading from the left), are: McIntyre, Beales, Danley, Danley (manager), Mercer. If size counts for anything the Wolseley Barracks team should not be far from the top, if not at the top, at the end of the league race.

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CHIPS FROM THE ICE.

Galt has withdrawn from the Junior O. H. A. series.

Uxbridge will have a strong team in the intermediate series.

Hiscock, the former Frontenac goalkeeper, is playing with the Argonauts.

During Christmas week Queen's hockey team will take an eastern tour as far as Cornwall, Perth, and Smith's Falls.

The Belleville Juniors were the first club to send the statutory declarations in to the O. H. A. secretary. They arrived Thursday.

Len Morrison, center forward of U. C. C. when they won the junior championship two years ago, has decided to play with St. George's H. C.

Bellrose, who played point for the intermediate Marlboro last year, does not intend to go to Peterboro, as was reported, but will try for a place on the Marlboro team.

James Robinson, of Terre Haute, Ind., writes for a copy of the O. H. A. rules and regulations. There is a talk of forming a hockey team there. At present roller polo is the nearest approach to hockey in Terre Haute.

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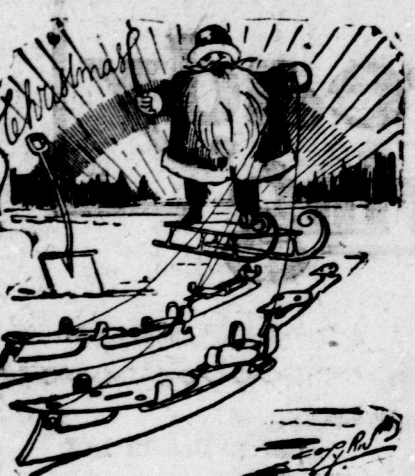
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—John J. Thompson, representative of the Allan Line, was a visitor at the offices of the local agents yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Johnson (nee Sutton) have left Chicago and will reside at the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, until about Jan. 10, when they leave for the west.

KILWINNING'S ANNUAL

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, G. R. C., held its annual meeting in the blue room of the Masonic Temple last night, a large number of members and visitors being in attendance. W. W. Bro. E. W. M. Flock presided, and among the visitors in the east were R. W. Bros. R. L. Guest, D. D. G. M.; J. S. Dewar, A. B. Munson, A. B. Green, G. McWhinney and E. T. Essery; W. W. Bro. A. G. Smyth and W. W. Bro. Davidson, Stephenson, Grant and Irvine. R. W. Bro. John Dewar, Munson acted as scrutineers, and reported the election of officers as follows: Wm. Master, Bro. William Gammon; Jun. Warden, Bro. Jas. E. Keyes; chaplain, W. Bro. C. Reed; secretary, W. Bro. J. O. Overell; treasurer, W. Bro. A. Campbell; representatives to board of finance, W. Bro. Flock and Bro. Woolley; representative to board of relief, W. Bro. A. Buchner; auditors, Bros. W. Gammon and J. E. Keyes; Tyler, Wm. John Robertson. At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet was held, at which a splendid toast list was carried out.

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—Herbert Morris was taken to Kingston penitentiary yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Waterworth, to serve two and a half years for theft.

A NEW CANON

Rev. John Downie, B. D., rector of Watford, has been appointed a canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. There are still two vacant canons to be filled.

ORDINATION AT CHATHAM.

Rev. Bishop McDevitt is to ordain Mr. Frank Lorrain at Chatham to-day at St. Joseph's Church. He will say his first mass tomorrow.

ORANGEMEN DANCED.

Hackett Lodge, No. 805, L. O. L., held a supper and ball in the city hall, which was specially decorated for the occasion. Music was furnished by the Ensign Band, and there was a large number present to enjoy the dancing, which was continued until 3 o'clock. During the evening an excellent supper was served. The perfect arrangements were due to the work of an energetic committee, of which Mr. Hugh McDowell secretary, and Mr. James D. Lawrence treasurer.

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS.

Thomas C. Knott, real estate broker, has the following properties lately:

No. 125 Albert street, \$3,500; No. 52 Edward street, \$775; vacant lot, Woodview estate, \$215; No. 459 and 461 Woodview street, \$600; No. 4 York street, \$1,400; 10 Park estate, South London, \$450; No. 346 Edgerton street, \$700; two lots on Inkerman street, \$500; lot on Wellington street, near St. James, \$720, and 390 acres in New Ontario, near North Bay.

COURT VICTORY OFFICERS.

Court Victory, No. 4, Canadian Order of Foresters, at a recent meeting elected the following officers: P. C. R. John Hobbs; C. R. W. B. Milloy; V. C. R. J. H. Hobbs; financial secretary, Maurice Scarrow (re-elected); recording secretary, Charles Doe; treasurer, Edward Tove; chaplain, W. H. Thorne; auditor, Chas. Doe; S. W. Andrew; Plovers; J. V. B. Omond; S. B. William Heat; J. B. William Plovers; court physician, U. E. Bateson; trustees, J. B. Thorne, Geo. Taylor, Jos. Hamilton; representative to board of hall trustees, Edward Tove.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Court Joy, No. 362, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the term: chief ranger, Comp. A. Bickley; vice-chief ranger, Comp. A. E. Perkins; recording secretary, Comp. A. Spearman; financial secretary, Comp. E. Robinson; treasurer, Comp. R. W. Wilkie; Comp. A. Thomas; pianist, Comp. A. Wyckoff; senior woodward, Comp. E. Carroll; junior woodward, Comp. Higginson; senior beadle, Comp. R. Wilkie; junior beadle, Comp. M. Pestell; court deputy, Comp. L. Adcock; court physician, Comp. A. Jameson; M. D.; finance committee, Comp. E. Wilkie; son, R. Pestell; trustees, Comps. E. Wilmer and E. Gilmore.

ANOTHER CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Montreal Star of Thursday. Another warrant was issued today for W. A. MacDougall, of London, Ont., the merchant who is alleged to have defrauded his creditors out of many thousands of dollars. He is charged with having defrauded Herman Wolf & Co., of Montreal, out of \$1,400, by false pretenses. Mr. S. W. Jacobs is prosecuting. The charge will take place next week, the accused having pleaded guilty before Judge Choquet.

BOTTLED WHEAT.

Aid. Perriat has received from Mr. George Patterson, secretary of the Des Moines, Man., Board of Trade, a neat little flask of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat, in commemoration of the visit of the eastern manufacturers to that place on Oct. 7 last. The grain is an exceptionally fine sample of the Canadian product.

KILWINNING'S ANNUAL

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, G. R. C., held its annual meeting in the blue room of the Masonic Temple last night, a large number of members and visitors being in attendance. W. W. Bro. E. W. M. Flock presided, and among the visitors in the east were R. W. Bros. R. L. Guest, D. D. G. M.; J. S. Dewar, A. B. Munson, A. B. Green, G. McWhinney and E. T. Essery; W. W. Bro. A. G. Smyth and W. W. Bro. Davidson, Stephenson, Grant and Irvine. R. W. Bro. John Dewar, Munson acted as scrutineers, and reported the election of officers as follows: Wm. Master, Bro. William Gammon; Jun. Warden, Bro. Jas. E. Keyes; chaplain, W. Bro. C. Reed; secretary, W. Bro. J. O. Overell; treasurer, W. Bro. A. Campbell; representatives to board of finance, W. Bro. Flock and Bro. Woolley; representative to board of relief, W. Bro. A. Buchner; auditors, Bros. W. Gammon and J. E. Keyes; Tyler, Wm. John Robertson. At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet was held, at which a splendid toast list was carried out.

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WAS'N'T STOLEN PROPERTY BUSINESS WAS LIGHT

Parcel Carried by Fleeing Man Contained a Bible.

Factory Fireman Has a Long Run in Vain.

Extension of Exemption Granted the London Rolling Mills Company.

The finance committee of the city council did not take many minutes to settle the business before them at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Ald. Judd announced that he had received a letter from General Manager Leonard, of the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company, in which Mr. Leonard stated that he deemed it advisable to keep all negotiations with the city for a franchise quiet until after the new year, when a new council will be prepared to act in the matter. He further informed Ald. Judd that it could be taken for granted that the rates would not be greater than \$20 for house phones and \$30 for business phones, or \$50 for business and residence combined.

Leonard added that he was in London on Monday next to discuss a franchise proposal with the city council.

Ald. Judd further stated that he had communicated with the Bell Telephone Company and that they intended to let him in regard to the renewal of an exclusive franchise.

The committee recommended that the council pass a bylaw extending the exemption of the London Rolling Mills Company for another year, the law now being that exemptions cannot be granted by municipal councils to any concern for a greater period than one year.

These matters and the passing of the accounts made up the business before the committee.

Chairman Judd, Mayor Beck, Ald. Stevenson, Campbell and Forristal, and Secretary Pope were present.

IS THE BABY LODGE

Beresford, However, Rapidly Grows in Strength—New Officers.

On Wednesday night Beresford Lodge, Sons of England, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: P. P., Bro. G. W. Tappes; president, Bro. Charles Barnes; vice-president, Bro. Thomas Coleridge; chaplain, Bro. H. Powell; secretary, Bro. Thomas Coles; treasurer, Bro. I. Brooks; surgeon, Bro. Dr. Drake; first com., Bro. William Stokes; second com., Bro. A. Hodder; third com., Bro. S. Shaw; fourth com., Bro. S. G. Sloman; fifth com., Bro. William Tyler; sixth com., Bro. Henry Jones; inside guard, Bro. James Bone; outside guard, Bro. Fred Barker; auditors, Bros. Brimblecombe, Powell and Barker; trustees, Bros. Flawn, Adams and Jones; delegates to grand lodge, Past District Deputy Bro. A. Flawn, alternate, P. P. Bro. W. Brimblecombe.

Three candidates were initiated at the same meeting, and five membership propositions for next meeting were submitted.

Beresford Lodge, although the youngest of the city, is now among the strongest in numbers and finances and hopes before another year to stand first among the city lodges.

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REDUCTION WAS GRANTED WAS NECESSARY TO APPOINT ANOTHER SET OF FIREMEN

Police Commissioners Lower the Licenses for Carters.

The City, However, Still Charges the Highest Fees.

A meeting of the Police Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon to consider the question of reducing the licenses on city transportation companies. There were present Mayor Beck, in the chair, Judge Wm. Elliot, and Magistrate Love, and the clerk of the board, Chief Williams.

Mr. E. Meredith, K.C., appeared for the companies that do the carting of freight, and asked a reduction of the licenses. The chief produced a schedule, showing the rates in other cities. The city next highest to London was St. Thomas, which charged \$7.50, Ottawa and Toronto each charging \$8, and Hamilton as low as \$2. London's highest rate was \$13 for the ordinary single drays being charged \$2 and the double ones \$3.

The board unanimously decided there was justice in the plea, and decided to reduce the license from \$13 to \$8 on lorries, leaving the city still the highest-priced one in this respect. While no petition was made for a reduction for the other licenses, it was thought advisable to consider the fact that the present rate was high, the commissioners agreed to reduce the rate on double team drays to \$4, leaving the rate on single horse vehicles at \$2, as before. These new rates will go into effect next year.

The City Fathers Take Second Chance at a Choice—Fire Limits Matter Settled.

The time of the market fire and light committee was well taken up with fire brigade and fire limits matters at the meeting last night.

Chief Roe reported that Levi Hammond, one of the recently appointed firemen, had resigned, and two of the others, J. Talbot and A. Mahon, had been unable to pass the medical examination. The chief recommended that Charles Scott, 79 Empress avenue; J. T. Robertson, Ridout street, and Robert E. Matthews, High street, be appointed to the vacancies.

The committee accepted the chief's report and recommended accordingly.

The chief further reported that the examination of the engineers for the new fire engines had not taken place as yet, Engineer Simmie, of the waterworks, refusing to act. The committee thereupon substituted the name of Mr. Robert Angus for that of Mr. Simmie.

The chief was instructed to notify the engineers for the new fire engines to commence work at once, the pay of Wm. Allen to commence from the 15th of this month. The salary of the first engineer was fixed at \$600 a year, and the assistant engineer at \$550 a year, for the first year, with an increase the next year.

Chief Roe and Mr. Robert Angus, the expert and fire limits matters, couple of improvements necessary in the new chemical engine, but that the company who supplied it were ready to make them, and the committee decided not to accept the engine until the improvements or changes specified were made. The deposit made by the city when the tender was let, will, however, be returned to the company.

FIRE LIMITS TROUBLES.

Letters from City Engineer Graydon.

The petition of W. T. Devlin and others for the raising of the electric light at the corner of Pegler street and the Hamilton road was referred to the engineers, with power to raise the light if he deems it advisable.

The petition of R. H. Choman and others for an electric light at the corner of King and Ontario streets was referred to next year's council.

A. M. La France, the man who exhibited the Montreal whale at this city, asked that he be refunded the \$15 license fee he was charged on the ground that his exhibit was an education for those who witnessed it. No action was taken on the request.

Chairman Greenlees, Aldermen Sanders, Matthews and Becher, Chief Roe, Inspector McCallum and Secretary Bell were present.

WHO HAS TO STAND LOSS?

An Interesting Issue Between Sellers and Buyers.

Fruit Contracted For and Left Unpacked Until Spoiled.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Perhaps in the memory of that proverbial person, "the oldest inhabitant," there never has been such a loss in apples by frost as has taken place in the last month. Of course the responsibility for the loss rests with the frost, but Jack is a free commoner and ignores responsibility. Still responsibility rests somewhere, and the where is what fruit growers all over this province desire to find out.

As I am a severe sufferer, I shall not be backward in leading off in order to place responsibility. Of course, circumstances alter cases; still the circumstances of this fall are peculiar. I was expected to get the barrels, which I did under and by Mr. Fox's directions. I also had to pick the apples and place them in my apple house, which is in my orchard. That I did, causing no delay. Having some barrels on hand, I was able to supply the pickers packed and took 48. As is well known there was a difficulty in obtaining barrels by every person. I at first got word from my cooper to write Mr. Fox that the barrels would be here on the 7th, and to be sure to have his packers come promptly. The barrels having come on the 7th, I wrote Mr. Fox word on the 9th that they had come, and again urged him to send the packers, as he was then packing other apples in my neighborhood, having 300 barrels in store one gang of men should go on them in five days.

After my barrels were sent there were ten days splendid packing weather; then the cold wave struck us on the 26th inst. I covered the apples with hay, and wrote to Mr. Fox that they were very little the worse, and every few days I continued writing him that they were not so much frozen as he might expect, but were each day getting worse, urging him each time to send on the packers. I got replies from him promising to do so even up to the 30th inst., still holding them and promising to pack. But no packers came. I wrote to see them until Dec. 3, when Mr. Varley came and in behalf of Mr. Fox said he would have nothing to do with them.

On the following Monday, 7th inst., I got two gangs of Mr. Fraser's packers to go over them, with the result that the continued cold and frost had so penetrated the pile that out of some 300 barrels they only got 20 barrels of packed apples, leaving 180 barrels frozen and a total loss.

Now, as the lawyers says, that is the case, and I desire, together with the fruit growers in this section, to get a decision in the courts, placing the responsibility in cases such as mine and other similarly situated, upon either the buyer or seller.

I request all parties who have been victimized as I have been to correspond with me, so that a meeting may be called to select one or more test trial cases and to pledge ourselves to sustain the case, taking it to the higher courts if necessary. If responsibility is placed (as I believe it will be) upon the buyers, this unfortunate frost may prove to apple growers a cloud with a silver lining. Yours truly,

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