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TALES OF THE TOWN.

"I must have liberty,
With as large a charter as the wind—
Blow on whom I please."

LAUGHING slyly at the ills and follies, the joys and triumphs, the hopes and ambitions, and the fears and regrets of this tragic-comical world, another year has slipped around the corner of time and taken his place among the shadowy eternities. It was as good as his predecessor, no more cynical and just as pleasant; generous with its sunshine if we with its sorrows; planting as many flowers as it sowed thorns and tares, and some of us breathe easier that it is gone, others of us will greet the New Year with careful, fond memories of the old. After all, looking over the shoulder as we speed along the high road of duty and purpose, it is well to remember that the mind's eye should never rest upon the dark places where regrets writhe and coil and grin hideous. There is enough to occupy the thought without sending it along vain windings in search of the irrevocable and irretrievable.

The new year, indeed, is the true year, coming bravely into the mad race of events with colors bright and favors flying, ready for the long run marked off for it down the endless course toward the unknown. It is the unknown that breeds enthusiasm and sets the pulses tingling with valiant expectation; the going out to encounter we know not what, though faith multiplies a thousand-fold the chances of rich conquest and glorious achievement. There are sunshine and starshine along the forward way, only the trail of expiring embers thrown off by out-run hope along the way we left behind. Over the hills and far away the grapes hang purple, spilling luscious juices from their straining stems, and the pomegranates redden in the sun, and the laurel shines, and the bay leaves glisten, milk flows through the valleys and honey drips sweet from the rocks, and there is laughter and shouting, and applause, and the long love days end with golden rewards to the toilers.

It is over the hills our pathway wends, and swift and strong and sure must be the runner who shall run the race and pluck for his own the fruits and guerdons that wait the winning. The days and the years gone are valuable only in having taught us how to meet and profit by the days and years to come. Happy the man whom the old year has qualified to be friends with the new, to step boldly over the threshold and welcome the stranger with hearty good-will.

This is the time when the foolish make resolves, pledge themselves to eradicate old Adam and give their conduct in charge of unfamiliar angels. The man capable makes no resolves, for he is resolve itself and wisdom lights him through the darkness. Acts are the only resolutions with which to propitiate the young year, that is proud and pure and high-minded and knows not the voice of the sluggard or the idler nor the promiser. Deeds are the wings of the Mercury that is the herald of success and firm purpose the magic wand that dispels the bats of uncertainty and the vampire of doubt that flutter darkling wherever human footsteps tend. Meet the New Year with courage, then, with mind clear and hope unfettered, and when the New Year is in its swift turn the old year it will have been a good year, and there will be music in the heart and contentment in the soul and a white star radiant on ahead.

Several letters have been received at THE HOME JOURNAL office bearing on the recent concert of the Arion Club. In not one of them is issue taken with "Bystander's" criticism; but there are many words of a highly commendatory character as to that gentleman's honesty in pointing out the musical defects and also eulogizing the strong points of those who took part in the entertainment. Notwithstanding all this, one or two of the amateurs feel very much annoyed at "Bystander's" remarks, and they have not been very particular about the language used to express their indignation; and, by the way, this is not the first time that one of these persons has felt himself constrained to criticize the manner in which THE HOME JOURNAL is conducted. For all of which the publishers, of course, feel thankful, but trust he will save himself any trouble on that score in future. This great organ of public opinion only takes counsel with those who support it, and when the Editor wants advice as to the policy to be pursued, he will hesitate before consulting persons who read the paper at other people's expense. So much for THE HOME JOURNAL defamer.

I agree with the writer in the *Manitoba Free Press*, who asserts that there are few amateurs who can accept any sort of adverse criticism with good grace. The reason for this is ascribed to the fact that far too many of them have been spoiled by the "How delightful" and "Thank you so much" of their friends, absolutely unmeaning as a rule, and untrue encomiums of the drawing room. Society unhappily permits many falsehoods, but the foundation of art is truth. The criticisms which have appeared in THE HOME JOURNAL have not been

written with a desire to offend or hurt the feelings of any person, and that "Bystander" has devoted so much attention to the musical organization known as the Arion Club can be accounted for by the reason that it is the only musical society worthy of mention in the city. "Bystander" has no desire, I am assured, to direct his shafts at amateurs, who for a moment come before the people and then drop back into obscurity. True, it sometimes seems, as if "Bystander" were unnecessarily harsh, but there are many who say that, generally speaking, if he has erred at all, it is on the side of mercy.

I might say, as has been remarked of another city, that when one contemplates the development of music which has taken place of recent years in this city—from a fiddle to an efficient orchestra, from an indifferent church school choir to a meritorious organization like the Arion Club—it must be confessed that wonderful things have been accomplished in polishing the musical genius which has hitherto been permitted to sleep. In the interest of music it is well to encourage those who have within them the art which has charms to soothe the savage breast; but I believe it would be a great calamity to insincerely bestow praise, where it was not deserved. If any member of the Arion Club, or any other musical organization, for that matter, feels that he is too sensitive to be subjected to criticism, he can avoid it by sending his name to this office, which will be a far more effective proceeding than ordering his newspaper discontinued.

A musical event of considerable interest will be the appearance here the last two nights of January and the first night of February of the Calhoun Opera Company. This organization to-day stands in every respect as the representative comic opera company of the west. Last year the Calhoun's were seen at The Victoria for a short season, and made an impression on the public which will not soon be forgotten. "The Bohemian Girl," Balfe's fascinating opera, has been added to the repertoire, and its exquisite gems, always fresh and fascinating, lose none of their lustre, in their presentation by this company. Written, as it is, in Balfe's happiest strain, the blending of the light and florid music in the score will always be gratefully received.

In connection with the revival of *Grip*, it will be a matter of interest to many Victorians to learn that Mr. J. J. Bell, M. A., formerly editor of the *Victoria Daily News*, will be associated with Mr. Bengough in its publication. Mr. Bell, although in this city only a short time was regarded as an exceedingly clever

writer, and all his work had the marks of high literary merit. No doubt in the larger field of Toronto, he will reap the reward which his genius deserves.

Bad sanitation is a very costly luxury. In England, according to an insurance journal, the average expectancy of life is forty years. In Manchester, however, owing to the abominably unsanitary condition of that city, the expectancy is only twenty-five years. That is, the earning period of the people is reduced from about twenty-five years to only ten years. To save a slightly higher percentage of the taxes necessary to make the city more healthy. The incoming city council of Victoria might make a note of these facts and govern their sewerage policy accordingly.

One of those charitable gentlemen who interested themselves in making Christmas a happy day for the poor informs me that the amount of destitution in this city is simply appalling. Hundreds of men and women are out of work, without any immediate prospect of employment. Penniless and hungry, they cry aloud for bread, but receive only a stone. This destitution does not, it is said, reach to the Chinese quarter, where, as a matter of fact, all have sufficient to supply their wants—because white people give a preference to Chinese labor. This is another problem in connection with Chinese immigration which must be solved in the near future.

Much has been written about the meanest man, but a well authenticated story is in evidence that meanness is not exclusively a masculine attribute. A few benevolent women found a worthy widow, the mother of several small children, in destitute circumstances. A collection resulted in the contribution of \$20 for her relief, and one of the women was delegated to give the money to the widow. In due time a note from the widow was received expressing heartfelt gratitude and acknowledging receipt of \$7. An investigation was declared in order. It was found that the widow was the tenant of the woman who had been intrusted with the presentation of the money and owed \$13 rent to her landlady. This sum the lady Shylock retained from the none to generous fund and delivered the pittance remaining to the widow and fatherless.

The latest English importation in the line of language is the expression "Oh, I say!" and it now rivals "Don't ye know?" in popularity among the Anglomaniacs. Lord Dunraven and his party on their recent arrival were looking at newspapers illustrations of the Valkyrie, and at each glance his lordship exclaimed, "Oh, I say!" Then he pointed them all out to his big, handsome companion, the Marquis of Ormonde, who exclaimed as he saw each illustration, "Oh, I say!" After Lord Ormonde had examined all the papers he started aft with them to where the Countess of Dunraven and her daughters stood, severely regarding New York harbor. Lord Ormonde gave the impression that he was going wading, so high were his trousers turned

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up at the bottom but he only went as far where the countess and her daughters were standing and directed their attention to the illustration in the newspapers. As each of the ladies examined the papers she exclaimed, "Oh, I say!"

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AND it came to pass that in the year 1893, while Be-van was yet ruler in the land, there came unto the chief city of Vancouver Island wise men from the east to trade with the merchants of the city. And when they had landed from the ship which brought them, they journeyed on in search of a house in which to turn.

And lo the city was in darkness, and being unable to find the Driard, they returned unto the ship and remained until the sun rose on the morrow.

And while in the city they would fain be gone abroad at night, but feared lest they should be lost in the darkness.

And behold after many days while yet in the city they noticed that the moon and stars gave forth with great brightness as if it were day.

And one said unto another "Let us go forth, and having come out of the city we beheld many lights set upon the street corners, and they were glad."

Then came they unto one of the chief merchants of the city and said unto him: "How cometh it that when there is no moon or stars in the heavens, neither are the streets lighted at the street corners, but when the moon and stars give forth their light upon the earth, behold also the streets are lighted, and they laughed at themselves.

The merchant answered and said, friends have observed this thing of which ye speak but I am only a taxpayer and have no view in the matter. Ask this question of the wise fathers of the city.

And they came unto one of the chief fathers of the city and asked him the same question, and he answered them "I know not; I am but alderman and do as the mayor commands and peradventure he can tell you.

And they arose and sought out the chief ruler and they put unto him the same question, but he saith I cannot tell you; I have not observed this thing of which ye speak. I am satisfied to carry a lantern as my forefathers did, but go ye to the lamplighter—he may explain to you the reason.

Then went they unto the lamplighter and asked him as they had the others, and the lamplighter straightway said unto them, Oh, wise men, I am but the humble servant of my master, the mayor, and do but obey his command and have lighted the lights for many years. He hath given unto me an almanac and commands me to observe well the dates on which it saith "The moon shall appear," and on those days to light no lights.

And the wise men said "Thou hast done well, most mighty lamplighter, but show us, we pray thee, the almanac by which thou goestn."

And he went into an inner chamber and brought forth an almanac for 1883 and saith unto the wise men this writing have I followed faithfully for ten years.

Then arose the wise men and said, Let us hasten from the city lest moss grow on us also. And coming near unto the market place they beheld much people, and a man speaking unto them, whom they were told was a candidate for mayor.

Then rose up the chief speaker of the

wise men and in a loud voice spake unto the people:

Oh, men of Victoria, rouse yourselves from your slumbers, rescue your city from the hands of men who prefer the darkness rather than the light, cleanse your city from its foul weeds, seek from among yourselves a ruler who is a man of to-day, and be not governed by "an out of date almanac."

J. B. G.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Steel trimming is taking the place of jet in millinery.

Eccentricity is the rule rather than the exception in the newest hats.

Jewelled aigrettes in evening shades are one of the expensive novelties.

The coming popularity for black and white combinations in the spring grows more and more apparent.

Colored felt hats are much to the fore. They may be had in almost every shade to match dresses.

Bonnets are small and very fanciful, and strings may be used or omitted as deemed most becoming.

Dotted and plain peau de soie and moire are announced for wedding gowns, as well as rich, creamy satin.

Bands of sealskin with arabesque patterns done in Persian lamb are among the extravagant fancies of the season.

Louis is a peculiar shade between red and pink. Brick red is called carnation and is liked by both milliner and modiste.

Fur is seen on very many of the winter hats and, strange as it may seem, it is used in conjunction with flowers and lace.

Elbow-length suede gloves in white with white or colored stitching and in colors to match the gowns with which they are to be worn are popular.

A favorite fad of the great Paris dress-makers just now is to make a corsage of velvet in color to accompany a black skirt. Amethyst and old rose velvets are used for this purpose.

Corduroy is again a favorite—for riding habits—and recommends itself as a rich looking and durable material. Silk, beaver and derby hats are worn with or without small black net veils.

Trimness and simplicity are the most conspicuous elements of the current modes. Small sleeves are reported as being made in Paris, but it will be some time before the fancy sleeves are out of fashion, as they are not generally becoming to all figures.

THE SUN CAUSES LIGHTNING.

Prof. Elihu Thompson, the expert electrician, in the course of a recent lecture on the nature and characteristics of lightning and electric currents of high potentiality, said that in his opinion lightning is caused by the action of the sun on the clouds through the ether, arguing that if the sun can produce the aurora borealis in the light, thin air, which he reproduced by electrical apparatus, there is reason to think that in the dense air nearer the earth it can produce a current of high pressure that will strike through with brilliant discharges. He showed a completely safe protection from thunderbolts in the shape of a cake of brass wires and

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

"DAISY BELL" is said to be the successor of "After the Ball." It has a bad sound.

THE Nautch girls are travelling west. Their father, Mr. Nautch, is said to be with them.

THE man who goes away and leaves a box of cigars open on his desk places a stumbling block before the feet of the weaker brother.

SARA BERNHARDT is to publish two volumes of memoirs. Here is a chance for any good man making up a Sunday school library to pass by on the other side.

WE observe that the renowned Nicholas Flood Davin defended McDonald, who recently killed a man at Regina, and got his man off with five years imprisonment. Nicholas is improving. He defended Bennett, who killed Hon. George Brown, accidentally it was said, and did it so successfully that Bennett was hanged when every one believed that a verdict of manslaughter should have been returned against the prisoner.

THE Broadview *Sentinel* is the latest addition to the journalistic ventures of the Canadian Northwest. The editor says "All subscriptions and business communications should be sent to Mr. H. Waite." It is not often that an editor arrives at that degree of distinction when he can append the "Mr." to his name in cold type, and we regard the innovation on the part of Mr. Waite as a sign of the long looked for journalistic millenium.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

W. H. Ker, of New Westminster, spent Christmas at his old home in this city.

Geo. A. Morphy has returned from his semi-annual pilgrimage to Port Townsend.

Mrs. and Miss Dewdney, of Vernon, are guests of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dewdney.

Gordon Hunter, Crown solicitor, spent Christmas at Vancouver, with his old college friend, Rev. R. G. Duff.

The 17th of January is announced as the wedding day of one of Victorias young

manufacturers to a Menzies street lady.

The young people of Cedar Hill have made all arrangements for a dance New Year's night. Richardson's orchestra will supply the music.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Keating, of Koksilah, gave a very enjoyable dancing party Tuesday evening to a number of their friends in that vicinity.

Dr. R. E. Walker and Miss Helen M. Homer, fifth daughter of the late J. A. R. Homer, M. P., were married at New Westminster last Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a reception on New Year's day at the Temperance Hall, Pandora Avenue. A public meeting under the same auspices will be held in the Institute Hall in the evening.

Miss Kathleen Brady, daughter of Mr. James Brady, C.E., formerly of Winnipeg, and Dr. Meredith Jones, late surgeon of H. M. S. Warspite, were married Wednesday afternoon at Christ church cathedral by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Rev. Canon Beaulands. There were only a few intimate friends besides the immediate relatives at the ceremony.

Ogilvie's celebrated Hungarian Flour, stands at the head as the finest flour ever brought in the market. Its popularity is ever increasing and the circle of its friends is widening rapidly. The reason is easily explained. It is manufactured from the finest quality of No. 1 Manitoba red 'fife, the best wheat in the world. The mills are equipped with the finest new machinery and produce flour of a high creamy color, which will make more bread to the barrel than any other in the market. Every bag is guaranteed and sown with special twine—red, white and blue.

SUBSTITUTE FOR SILK.

A Process by Which It is Made of Cobwebs and of Wood.

A prominent revenue officer of Montpellier, France, named Bon, conceived the idea of using cobweb as a substitute for silk. The notion was not a new one. In 1665, when, one day, near Merseburg, Germany, the fields, meadows and trees were covered by masses of peculiar, blue cobwebs, the women of that town, both married and unmarried, wanted to preserve souvenirs of the strange phenomenon. They therefore by spinning made ornamental strings and similar trinkets of the cobwebs.

Bon had gloves and stockings manufactured of common cobwebs, and sent these articles, together with a treatise on the raising of spiders, to the Academy of Sciences at Paris in 1709. A commission was appointed for examining these propositions, to which commission the famous naturalist Reaumur belonged, the inventor of a thermometer still bearing his name. He showed that Bon's plan was impracticable because not enough flies could be procured for feeding the spiders kept for breeding. This seems to be credible, if one considers that nearly 700,000 spiders would yield only one pound of silk. Bon's idea was repeatedly revived, and particularly American spiders, yielding a more compact thread, were recommended, but cloths made of cobweb silk always remain curi-

osities. Thus the French naturalist d'Obigny had a pair of solid trousers for which South American spiders had furnished the raw material.

Reaumur, however, went further than Bon. "Why shall we borrow from animals?" he asked. "If a common worm is able to change the foliage it eats into silk, man, with his higher intellect, should be able, too, to make silk of similar things." Yet Reaumur failed when he attempted to prepare silk of gums and rosins. In the meantime mankind has advanced, chemistry has been greatly improved, and at Paris they now manufacture silk of wood.

In this respect even two methods have become known of late—that of Chardonnet and another of Du Vivier, which both, in reality, are based upon the same principle. If one pours nitric and sulphuric acid, not particularly concentrated and in a limited quantity, upon cotton, consisting of cellulose (woody substance), one receives a kind of weak gun cotton that, placed into a mixture of ether and alcohol, becomes a mucous mass known as collodion. Exposed to the air this mass becomes solid again by volatilization of the ether and the alcohol. The two French chemists named prepare of wood a mass similar to collodion that, placed in water, becomes solid nearly instantaneously. From this mass under water threads are spun that are called artificial silk.

It is a well known fact that artificial products are always inferior to natural products. This is also the case with the artificial silk just described. It is glossy, it is true, but it differs in some degree from natural or genuine silk, particularly by its combustibility. It burns with a brighter flame than silk proper, wool, or even cotton. Ladies therefore wearing such stuff will do well particularly to beware of coming in contact with fire.

Nevertheless the beginning has been made of producing artificial silk at the laboratory. Perhaps the time will come when man will excel the silkworm in the production of silk. For the present, however, the silkworm still excels man in this respect.—Philadelphia Press.

Names In New York's Directory.

The new city directory is even more interesting than its predecessors. People in search of light reading rarely turn to this volume, yet there is a great deal in it that challenges attention.

A perusal of the new edition will show that Julius Caesar is now making cigars for a living. Mark Antony is selling newspapers in Canal street. Cicero is a Thompson street tailor. Michael Angelo will be very pleased to shave you if you will step into his shop on Third avenue. William Shakespeare is a printer. Richard B. Sheridan is an engineer in the annexed district. There are not less than 25 Tom Johnsons, five Macbeths, and six Macduffs. Washington Irving has apparently forsaken the barren field of literature and is gathering coin as a broker. Henry Clay is a cook, and James G. Blaine a coachman. There are nine Knickerbockers in the good book. It is a significant fact that there are also nine Angels, and only one of them is a woman.

There are eight Homers, three Virgils, nine Miltons and two gentlemen bearing the name of Columbus. A. Dumas is engaged in the retail candy trade in Canal street. It is not stated whether this is Dumas pere or fils. Miss Cleopatra C. Ice is a typewriter. Eighteen people bear the name of Moon, but there is only one Sun—Mr. Kwung On Sun. There is an Isaac Sunshine, however.—New York Times.

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Sardou—the great French playwright—was so incensed when he heard that an adaptation of his play, "Diplomacy," had been played before the Queen, that he accused Mr. Hare of robbing him of the credit of the play and the money due to him. Mr. Hare at once proved that he had done nothing of the sort. Sardou's name was always on the bill of the play, and Mr. Bancroft proved immediately that the irritable Frenchman had received thousands of pounds from him for the rights of performing the adaptation.

London has just opened a splendid concert hall, very much needed, because the Albert hall was too big and the St. James too small. It is situated in Langham place and is to be known as the Queen's hall. There were opening ceremonies on the 2nd inst., when Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was given with Alboni, Albert Lloyd and other famous singers in the solos.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edgar Buck desire us to say that they have severed their connection with the Conservatory of Music, from January 1st, after which they will be found at. No's. 75 and 77 Five Sisters Block, Fort street.

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by that congregation. The musical programme throughout was of high order.

A topical song, by John Dunsdale, the Theatre Royal comedian, will be a feature in connection with the production of the Phoenix.

Manager Jamieson has not yet completed arrangements for the appearance of the Howard Atheneum company at his house.

Dan Sully, in the Corner Grocery and Con Conroy, will be seen at The Victoria on the evenings of January 8 and 9.

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"I wonder," she said, "if it will surprise you as much as it did me to find that women are only partially eligible to benefit by an accident insurance policy."

"A woman may take out such a policy—in fact, she needs only to hurt that she meditates such an act to be flooded with circulars and besieged by agents."

"But the rules of the companies in regard to a woman are fearfully and wonderfully constructed. Suppose that a woman—one of the army of self-supporting women who earn their own daily bread—in many cases that of their families—suppose such a woman to have an insurance policy against accident. And suppose still further that she is in some kind of a disaster, has a leg broken and is thus disabled and incapacitated for work."

"Does she receive the stipulated weekly sum scheduled as the payment for her particular injury?"

"Not a bit of it."

"If she had been killed, her surviving heirs would have profited to the extent of the policy, but so long as the breath of life can be kept in the mutilated body the woman herself gets nothing."

"Two points are advanced in explanation of this course. In the first place, it is presumed that accident insurance is only for people who are deprived of a whole or a part of their income because of injury received, and it is also presumed that women are not self-supporting and that their income is not affected if they are hurt. This would imply that no one who is not a money earner would be eligible to weekly payments in case of injury."

"But it isn't so. Any man is eligible, even if he never earned a cent and never will. Then, too, it certainly ought to be the case that a woman who does earn her living could have the same protection against the loss of an income because of accident as a man. But no! She may earn thousands of dollars a year, but she is a woman, and therefore presumably not self-supporting."

"The second point—and I want you to listen to this—is that more women are injured than men. I was talking with an insurance man about this, and he admitted that there are more men hurt in the aggregate than there are women. 'But,' he said, 'women are so much more liable to injury.'"

"I just stared at him."

"'You see,' he went on, 'if a car comes along, I jump right on, while a woman stands on the corner and just waves her umbrella.'"

"'Yes,' I said. 'You try to jump on the car, and you slip and go under the wheels. The woman stays in safety on the sidewalk, waves her umbrella wildly and puts out some man's eye with it. The men both get ever so many dollars a week. The only person unhurt is the woman on whom the company declines to take risks.'"

"'Pshaw!' and the lady looked triumphantly at her hearers, who agreed to a woman that she was quite right.—New York Sun.

The Advantage of Advertising.

The Rambler met a man who came to Brooklyn from the interior of the state five or six years ago, and in the course of the conversation reference was made to countryman's ideas of city life and city business methods. The man said that he received his impressions from the newspapers.

"On this subject," said he, "I want to mention an incident in my experience which I do not think is unique. It is interesting because every one has done the same thing."

"When I was a small boy living at Brooklyn I used to see a weekly paper printed in New York, devoted to literature and science. I read nearly everything but the editorial articles which were printed in it. I did not omit the advertisements, and each week I used to see the announcement of a shoe store which contained a picture of a shoe and the statement that no better shoes were made for men, women and children."

"About 10 years later, I came to Brooklyn, and one day I wanted to buy a pair of shoes, and while looking for a shoe store I saw the name of the man whose advertisement I had read in my youth, and I went in the store and bought my shoes and have been there several times since. There were other shoe stores in the vicinity, but I selected this one for two reasons: first, that I had seen it advertised; second, that advertising agents would be interested in this incident. It simply shows that a man who advertises in newspapers will continue to get business as long as he lives. 'Some day I am going to tell the shoe merchant why I patronize him.'—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Man's Leisure.

It is in his pleasures that a man really lives. It is from his leisure that he constructs the true fabric of his being. Perhaps Charles Lamb's fellow clerks thought that because his days were spent at a desk in the East India house his life was spent there too. His life was far remote from that routine of labor, built up of golden moments of respite, enriched with joys vivified by impulses that had no filiation with his daily toil. "For the time that a man may call his own," he writes to Wordsworth, "that is his life." The Lamb who worked in the India house and who had "no skill in figures" has passed away and is today but a shadow and a name. The Lamb of the essays and the letters lives for us now and adds each year his generous share to the innocent gaiety of the world. This is the Lamb who said "Riches are chiefly good because they give us time," and who sighed for a little son that he might christen him Nothing To Do and permit him to do nothing.—Agnes Repplier in Scribner's.

A Neat Way to Capture Rattlesnakes.

To secure rattlesnakes the "mountain doctor" of Pennsylvania grasps a silk handkerchief at one corner, and allowing the other end to hang toward the serpent teases her until she strikes it with her fangs, when he immediately raises the handkerchief from the ground, thus depriving the snake of any opportunity of disengaging herself therefrom, as the slightly recurved fangs are hooked in the material. The "doctor" then either kills the serpent by first grasping her neck with the disengaged hand, so as to prevent her biting him when he cuts off her head. Should he desire, however, to keep the snake as a curiosity or for sale, he will extract the fangs with a small pair of forceps.—Science.

Royalty Commanding Regiments.

It sounds somewhat odd that the young king of Serbia has appointed his mother honorary colonel of the Eleventh infantry regiment, but Queen Victoria occupies a similar post of honor in the German army. If queens are to be colonels at all, it seems only fitting that they should command infantry regiments.—London Tit-Bits.

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River Traffic Steadily Decreasing.

Some old river men profess to believe that traffic on the Missouri will increase year by year, but it has been a noticeable fact that during the past 10 or 12 years the traffic has steadily decreased year by year, until now it is almost entirely wiped out. The building of railroads has caused this, the uncertain navigation working to the injury of the river traffic as against the railroads. For instance, if a regular steamboat line was in operation between here and Sioux City, and the freight rates were but two-thirds as much as charged by the railroads from the same place, the steamboat line would not control one-tenth of the traffic simply because merchants usually want their goods as soon after they order them as possible and would not care to trust their goods to a steamboat which might make the trip in but a few days and again might have trouble with sand bars, etc., and not get through in a week. Steamboats of course are necessary to carry freight from railroad points to Indian agencies and military posts which are far removed from railroad points, but the river traffic from one end of the river to the other as formerly is a thing of the past.—South Dakota Cor. Minneapolis Journal.

The Vision of Birds.

Birds have very acute vision, perhaps the most acute of any creature, and the sense is also more widely diffused over the retina than is the case with man; consequently a bird can see sideways as well as objects in front of it. A bird sees—showing great eagerness in consequence—a hawk long before it is visible to man. So, too, fowls and pigeons find minute scraps of food, distinguishing them from what appear to us exactly similar pieces of earth or gravel.

Young chickens are also able to find their own food, knowing its position and how distant it is—as soon as they are hatched, whereas a child only very gradually learns either to see or to understand the distance of objects. Several birds—apparently the young of all those that nest on the ground—can see quite well directly they come out of the shell, but the young of birds that nest in trees or on rocks are born blind and have to be fed.—Chambers' Journal.

MAYORALTY.

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"No," says the vicar, "but you don't belong to my church."

So they struck the bargain that the farmer would advertise the cow, and the vicar would go to church. Now, the farmer was very deaf, and the Sunday following when the vicar was giving out the notices of marriage between Joseph So and so and Sarah So and so, it was an unusual incident, for they set a wedding—the farmer took it.

That the vicar was giving out notices of his cow and shouted out: "As well say, while you are here, she is a most gentle creature, and from vice and a great eater."

Those Nice Large Buttons.

It is a nice little story conducive to a general popularity of hooks and eyes. The secret of the Chicago packers' great success, says a resident of that city, is that they don't waste anything. They use entrails—everything is made use of. The squeal. They can't catch the squeal. Funny thing what is wasted. It is all caught in the blood. and after it clots is carried off to the house, where powerful machinery is busy stamping it into buttons. The buttons of blood are a novelty. It is the same stamp of the big dies, and was found that they wear remarkably well. They are distinguished by their peculiar red color."—New York Sun.

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