

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 1908.

THE MEN'S MOVEMENT.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times in the religious world is what is called the men's movement. We have had the Young Men's Christian Endeavor, the Epworth League, the Foreign Missionary Society and such like organizations, but this movement is something different. Of course, men have allied themselves with church work from time immemorial, as elders, deacons, churchwardens, managers, etc. But this new organization, or organizations, is something of a business proposition as well as a religious movement. Women have taken the lead in many activities of the church militant. So much so, that it is a common question to ask what would the church amount to if the women were taken out of it? But here is something that we think would have warmed the heart of St. Paul and his colleagues in the ministry. Hard-headed business men, lawyers, doctors, tradesmen and mechanics come together to plan ways and means to advance the kingdom of their common Lord and Master. Hitherto they have met and discussed the state of the market, business propositions, politics, civic affairs, social and domestic matters, as well as the current sport and other every day doings. Now, however, they realize that there are other things more important perhaps than those which usually go to make up the daily round of a man's life. These things we have mentioned may be right and proper in their place, but they are not everything. In fact, if there is anything in religion at all—if the whole structure of religious belief is not a mere fairy tale, a fantastic dream—these other things pale into insignificance in comparison with the momentous problems that have to do with eternity—with the after life. The men in this movement appear to realize this, and they are bringing their business acumen and common sense to bear upon it. If these things be true, they reason, and they believe they are true, what is their duty as reasonable, sensible beings, they ask themselves. They can only come to one conclusion—that in the past they have been busy here and there attending to the least important things, while they have neglected the really great thing. There is nothing Quixotic about the movement. It is not undertaken in a spirit of intense religious fervor that will cool off in course of time. We take it to be more in the nature of a business movement by business men, who see the need for it. Poor management can kill a church as easily as a business. Hamilton churches may all be doing a good work. But any one can see that there is a large section of the community entirely out of touch with them, and that many of those who come within their influence are so much dead wood that they might as well be outside with the other fellows. If this men's movement can reach these people, can show them that it is to their eternal interest that they should not devote all their energies, all their time, all their thought and all their money to this world's affairs, it will have performed a good work, and in such an effort the Times wishes the movement Godspeed.

A NEW DOCTRINE.

London has made a great discovery in political economy. For ages great thinkers have been preaching and teaching that competition is the life of trade; that monopolies are a menace to the public good; that any one who places within the reach of the common people means by which they can enjoy more of the comforts and luxuries of life is a public benefactor. London has discovered that all these things are mistakes. Competition is to be dreaded; monopoly is the thing; the common people have no right to enjoy the fruits of scientific progress unless they are prepared to get them through the channel of the great monopoly. The Beck Hydro-Electric power scheme is responsible for the discovery, which has set the western Ontario metropolis all in a whirl of excitement. And what is it all about? Simply this. Hon. Mr. Beck has discovered that if the Radial Railway bill passes the Dominion Parliament the Dominion Power & Transmission Company will be in a position to sell power in London. And London is apparently convinced that the Dominion Power & Transmission Company—a successfully compete with the Hydro-Electric Commission, right in London. Mayor Stevely, Ald. Beattie, City Solicitor Meredith and others of the powers that be in the western city are in a disturbed state of mind lest London should be able to get power cheaper from the Cataract Company than from the Beck Commission—and they come out openly and say so. Of course cheap power would be a fine thing for London's manufacturers, merchants and citizens, and naturally, the cheaper the better, but if a private company in open competition is able to undersell the Commission the private company must be kept out. London wants no competitor who can compete. Therefore London has decided to fight the Radial Bill at Ottawa to the last ditch. That the railway system which the Radial Company would operate would be a feeder to London's business no one has yet been bold enough to deny, but the railway must be legislated against if the company operating it can sell power cheaper than the Hydro-Electric Commission. It matters not that other towns, villages and rural municipalities are petitioning the Government to pass the Radial bill and give them the ad-

vantage of railway accommodation and cheap power. Those municipalities are laboring under the old belief that competition is the life of trade. They have not yet learned the new London doctrine of political economy. Up with monopoly; down with competition. That is the London slogan, as sounded by the Beck organ.

THAT HOSPITAL.

A definite understanding on the part of the Council with Miss Lewis, with regard to the fund being raised to carry out her Children's Hospital scheme, is a very proper preliminary, and will tend to set at rest many doubts that have been expressed regarding it. The arrangement should provide for all contingencies, and set Miss Lewis right before the public. With such an arrangement, even should a sufficiently large sum not be realized, the laudable purpose in view could still be carried out to a greater or less extent. Even if enough was not secured to warrant the building and equipment of a separate institution, it might be that such a fund could be raised as would form an endowment for a suite of children's wards in connection with the General Hospital. And would not that be a worthy achievement?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Miss Lewis may now fairly expect a City Council night. Perhaps the King may not need all those King's counsels. This weather may not cut any ice but it is making a lot of it. Ten years hence steam roads may be electrified, then what about jurisdiction? Is Adam Beck afraid that the Radial will undersell him in the electricity market? It won't be a K. C. that Mr. Lemieux will get. It will be a K. C. M. G. more likely. Hugh Clark is not making any funny jokes about either South Huron or Stanstead. The Brockville Times should know that one does not always err through ignorance. The country is pretty safe, however, if original documents must be produced at the call of Parliament. Were municipalities not held liable for accidents caused by defective roadways, the highway would become positively dangerous in many places. So the object of fighting the Radial Railway Bill is not to protect the municipalities, but rather to protect Mr. Beck's scheme against competition. Before the Board of Control proposition is seriously considered we should have its duties and powers defined. Is it to be a sort of second chamber for the city? The policy of the Opposition—if policy it can be called—is destructive merely. Slander and scandal is its whole stock-in-trade, and the country is heartily sick of it.

Those reports of the Thaw trial that some of the Toronto newspapers are serving up to their readers should be censured before they reach the supper or breakfast table. Beattie Nesbitt! Ah, yes! We remember him now. Isn't he the fellow that set out in chase of the Globe editor with an armful of terrifying looking legal documents? What has become of him? Don't fool with chickenpox cases these days. More than one such supposed case have turned out to be smallpox. And even a mild case of smallpox is a very dirty and costly thing to have. The proposal to unify practically all the work of three committees of the council will bring a good deal of scrutiny before it is agreed to. Better have a head for each class of work, with Mr. Barrow as the real engineer. He would have enough to do then. The mandate from the people to go back to the ward system was so emphatic that there should be no attempt to cheat them out of it by cutting down the wards. It is just as easy to elect two or three aldermen out of eight wards as out of four wards, and much more satisfactory. In deference to the wishes of the For-ester Order and other societies interested in the clauses referring to such are to be eliminated from the insurance bill, and later a bill with special reference to them may be introduced. That is a wise course to pursue as it will give the members of these organizations some to make any proposals they may wish to make. The New York Sun is quick to appreciate the great advantages which the new French treaty brings to Canada. It candidly admits that we have made an excellent bargain, and in a neighborly spirit congratulates us thereupon. How very different with the unpatriotic Tory organs, which seek by every means possible to misrepresent and discredit!

Cleveland's proposition to pension United States ex-Presidents is approved by the London Spectator, which suggests \$25,000 a year as the amount. Would that make the fish for the Presidency greater, or would it make people tend to favor second or even third terms? It is at least an indication that the cost of government tends to continually increase. Economic writers in Europe are sounding a note of alarm against extravagance, public and private. The recklessness of national expenditures threatens grave disaster. The evil is cumulative, and socialistic schemes of one kind and another tend to aggravate the situation. The evil consequences of the mis-education of the masses to look to Government for everything is having an effect which cannot be blinked. It is to be feared that it has largely displaced the wholesome doctrine of individual self-reliance, industry and thrift. And the consequences of the spread of such ideas cannot be other than evil.

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OUR EXCHANGES

In the Same Boat. (Montreal Gazette.) A Toronto woman has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or go to jail for three months for the offence of practicing witchcraft. There are some queer old ideas, as well as some curious new ones to be found in Ontario's big city. Still, it is possible that belief in witchcraft, ownership promises, and mining prospectuses are but different phases of the same credulousness. A Hard Fighter. (Montreal Herald.) And those who had once more arranged for the downfall of Mr. Fisher have learned once more that when it comes to a hard political battle there are few more effective fighters in the public of Canada. The lesson of the election at Stanstead is that the Liberals still hold the township and are not easily to be driven out of possession, and that there is little hope of the Conservatives making any real gain so long as they put up with the domination of Mr. Pope of the eventide. Montreal. (Montreal Witness.) The metropolis, where well on for half a million people, including all the European races, live and flourish, none but the unduly timid need to shun. Everybody that knows anything about Montreal at all knows something of the length of our winter, the depth of our snow and the dips of our thermometer. What we need to them is that we go about in lighter apparel than the people in London can do, that we have a contrast with the stygian glooms of that capital, and that we can acquire up such a fairland as those who have not the fellowship of Jack Frost and his friend Zero have not seen in their dreams. Soldiers Graves. Veterans Association has a Good Movement on Foot. The following subscriptions have been received by the County of Wentworth Veterans' Association towards the purchase of that part of the battle field at Stoney Creek where the British soldiers are interred who fell in the battle there in the war of 1812. Adams Zimmerman, M. P. \$50.00 St. King's Own Regiment, (India) 50.00 Samuel Barker, M. P. 25.00 Wentworth Historical Society 50.00 Spectator Publishing Company 20.00 E. D. Smith, M. P. 20.00 Colonel Van Wagner 5.00 Mr. W. O. Sealey 5.00 Capt. Pain 5.00 Vice-President W. E. Stock 5.00 Sheriff Middleton 25.00 Hon. Colonel Matheson 5.00 Colonel Prohony 5.00 20th Co. Royal Artillery, Sheerness 5.00 His Excellency the Governor-General 25.00 Sir Frederick Borden 10.00 Mrs. Clementina Fessenden 1.00 British Veterans' Assn., Rhode Island 10.00 The following subscriptions have been collected by Mrs. Fessenden: St. Hilda's Chapter, D. O. E. 25.00 Mrs. W. E. Sanford 10.00 Mayor Stewart 10.00 Commissioner McLeod 5.00 Capt. McCullough 2.00 Mrs. Barber 1.00 M. L. McLaughlin 1.00 Mrs. McLaughlin 1.00 Paardeburg Chapter, D. O. E. 20.00 Capt. McLaren 2.00 Treble's 5.00 Mr. W. W. Child 1.00 Capt. W. Dickson 1.00 Mr. Paul Meyer 5.00 Mr. Robert Jones 1.00 Rev. S. Daw 1.00 Mr. Erland Lee 5.00 The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association begs to thank the above for their generous donations towards the purchase of this historical spot, and, as it is the wish of His Excellency the Governor-General, under whose distinguished patronage this project is to have the ground properly fixed up as an appeal is made to other subscribers to enable the work to be done. When completed it will be thrown open to the public. Mrs. Clementina Fessenden is the sole collector, and will receive any donations at 216 Herkimer street.

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NO JAPANESE LABORERS ALLOWED TO COME HERE.

Viscount Hayashi Determined to Carry Out His Promises to Canada. Tokio, Jan. 25.—The programme for to-day's session of the Diet, including the speech of Foreign Minister Viscount Hayashi regarding the immigration question, was suddenly changed and the speech was postponed until January 30, when it is expected that the Viscount will outline definitely the plans of the Government for the restriction of immigration to the United States and Canada. It is understood that the postponement was due to the fact that a reply from the United States Government to the last memorandum from Japan was expected to be handed to the Foreign Office this afternoon. Since the delivery of its last memorandum, the Japanese Government has issued the most stringent instruction to all Governors and other officials concerning the regulation of future immigration along the lines of the future definite policy of restriction, which includes the prevention of emigration of laborers to the United States and Canada, except under given conditions which will be satisfactory to the Governments of both of those countries. No laborers will be permitted to emigrate to America. Evidence of the determination of the Japanese Government is shown by an official order issued to immigration companies to-day, wherein all emigration to the Hawaiian Islands is absolutely prohibited except in the case of relatives of Japanese already residing there. The order bearing on emigration to the Hawaiian Islands has created consternation among the immigration companies, who expected to institute a virtual attack upon the Foreign Office policy in this respect. Viscount Hayashi, however, is determined not to yield, and says that the Japanese Government, having given a promise, will not recede from it regardless of political pressure.

READY FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR.

12,000 of New York's Population Will Celebrate 4605. Over in Chinatown the merchants are already beginning to practice at writing "4605." You know yourself how, when you take brush in hand to write these few lines hoping you are the same, the old thing will persist in dating your letter back last year, at any rate until you get used to the fact that a new twelve-month year has begun. In Chinatown it's now the year 4604, of the Chinese Empire, but 4605 comes in on the first day of February, dear old Four Thousand and Six Hundred and Four being run out with the last second of January 31. On the same day being all the Chinese in New York, will have birthdays. The Chinese, as is well known, are a very systematic people and they all arrange to be born on New Year's Day. And if any of them has been so careless as to come into the world a few days late or early, he rectifies the error by counting only from New Year's Day of the year in which he was born. A birthday present and a New Year's present can thus be rolled into one and much money saved.

Annual Clean-Up Sale of Used Instruments Upright Pianos Square Pianos - Organs Are you interested in saving; say, one-quarter—or still more, one-third of the amount you planned to pay for an instrument? Beginning Monday morning and continuing for 5 days we start one of the greatest sale of Pianos and Organs ever held in Hamilton. Upright Pianos: These instruments are not worn out pianos, but modern instruments that have been used for a short time. KNOTT & CO. Cabinet Grand Upright Piano, walnut case, perfect condition \$125. HERALD Full size Upright, ebony case. A rare bargain \$175. MENDELSSOHN New parlor style, mahogany case, 7 1/3 oct, three pedals \$225. MENDELSSOHN Almost new, mahogany case, 7 1/3 oct, three pedals; as good as new. Regular price \$340. \$225. FISCHER, New York Full size Cabinet Grand, 7 1/3 oct, three pedals. One of the best American makes. \$245. GOURLAY A classic style, walnut case, used less than three months. Regular price \$425. \$315. Square Pianos: Every one of these Pianos in good shape and will make first class practice pianos. Practice Square Piano, in playing order \$15. BROADWOOD & SON, London 6 oct. Square Piano by this well known maker \$22.50. STODART 6 1/2 oct. Rosewood Square by Sodart, in good order \$40. GALAXY 7 oct. Rosewood Square, in first class shape; guaranteed. \$98. PEASE, New York 7 1/3 oct. Square Piano by this well known maker; fully guaranteed and in fine condition \$115. HEINTZMAN & CO. 7 1/3 oct, 4 round corners, in excellent shape; fully guaranteed; almost as good as new. A rare bargain \$137.50. Organs: Every one in perfect order, in fact some have but a few months' use. BURDETT 5-Octave, walnut case, cabinet style, 2 sets reeds \$15. WILLIAMS 5-Octave Parlor Organ, without case, 6 stops \$17. DOMINION 5-Octave Walnut Case Parlor Organ, 8 stops, a good bargain \$22.50. BELL 5-Octave 11 stops, high top, walnut case, in very good order \$30. BELL 6-Octave, walnut case, 3 stops, a very fine organ, as good as new \$45. SHERLOCK-MANNING 6-Octave, oak case, 13 stops, mirror top Organ, used less than 3 months, regular price \$100 \$78. Terms of Payment: Pianos under \$250, \$10 cash and \$6 per month. Pianos over \$250, \$10 cash and \$7 per month. Organs under \$50, \$5 cash and \$3 per month. Organs over \$50, \$10 cash and \$4 per month.

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profession to such an extent that many of them have left the city. Mr. Doshin, the editor, managed to get out a special New Year's waixy this year. He explains his attitude by saying that if he gets out an extra of this celebratory sort it will be necessary to have some kind of a review of the last year and he hasn't got any type that's capable of expressing what he thinks about the Republican administration. He hasn't got but 7,800 type characters. Mr. Choy Chong Wah, the talented astrologer, who gave the party at 4 Mott street early last December, usually does a rushing business on New Year's Day, but he wasn't at his usual haunt yesterday and nobody could be found to tell when he would return. A good many folks whose fortunes he told a year ago on the first day of the glad new year are looking for him. Without exception, Mr. Choy prophesied good luck for them. They have something to say to him. But he has gone away from here. The actors at the Chinese Theatre will celebrate during the three days preceding New Year's. During that time the theatre will be closed. On New Year's Day it will reopen with a matinee, the play chosen from the company's repertoire of 400 Yuen plays is a pretty trifle called "Sixteen Mandarins. Only Three Rad." It is one of the so-called king plays, which means, among other things, that the actors will all wear their most gorgeous costumes, which are really very beautiful fabrics. The play will begin about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. There are only nineteen acts in "Sixteen Mandarins. Only One Rad," so that carriages may be safely ordered for 1 a. m. of the following day. In order that American visitors may better enjoy the characteristic incidental music, carnavals will be provided for every white person present. For this special occasion the orchestra has been augmented by the addition of six pairs of brass gongs and five of those things that sound like tom-toms. The members of the On Leung and the Hip Sing troupes are the only members of local Chinese society who go in much for New Year's resolutions. They all resolve to get as much as possible of the gambling graft away from the other fellow. Now, if there's anything a Chinese hates it's not to be asked to keep a New Year's resolution. Hence those pleasant little feuds in which the coroner has from time to time been interested.—New York Sun. FREIGHT TRAFFIC. Chicago, Jan. 25.—That freight traffic conditions are recovering from financial stringency, was the statement of several traffic managers and other high railway officials yesterday. The improvement is said to be particularly noticeable in the traffic of the railroads of the middle west. Salt for table use should be mixed with a small quantity of corn flour before putting it in either a salt cellar or salt sifter. This prevents the tendency it has to form in solid lumps. No one has a good market for bad merchandise.—French.



Society

Mrs. H. M. Bostwick received for the first time since her marriage...

Miss Elsie Doolittle was hostess of a delightful bridge party on Monday evening...

Mrs. G. C. Thomson asked a few people in to a party on Monday afternoon to meet Miss Mable Cory...

Miss Bessie Bruce, Toronto, is spending the week with Mrs. Kirwan Martin.

Mrs. James Gillard entertained at bridge on Monday afternoon, and when the tea hour came Mrs. Gillard and Mrs. Walker were in charge...

Miss Muriel Dick, Toronto, has been spending the week with Mrs. Bostwick.

The Misses Gillies are staying with Mrs. Leggat, Braeside. Mrs. F. S. Glasco gave a tea on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. John L. Counsell...

Mrs. Gaud and Mrs. Zealand entertained at bridge on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the residence of Mrs. Gaud...

Mrs. Hay, Toronto, is staying at the Holmstead.

Mrs. F. W. Gates entertained informally at bridge on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Morrison gave a luncheon on Wednesday at the Bank House of the Bank of British North America.

Mrs. William Shambrook received for the first time since her marriage on Wednesday and Thursday, at her home on Spruce-side avenue...

Mrs. Turnbull wore a handsome black net and sequin gown.

Miss Constance Turnbull was in mauve Liberty satin, and wore a graceful bird of paradise plume in her hair.

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KINGSTHORPE. Delightful Musical Event and Reception Yesterday.

A musical event which unusual interest attaches took place at Kingsthorpe School on Friday afternoon, Jan. 24, on the occasion of the song recital given by Miss Gladys Marshall, a pupil of Miss H. Ethel Shepherd...

LUCKY PARKER. Steel Worker Had Bad Fall But Escaped Injury.

Charles Parker, Imperial street, a structural steel worker, had a narrow escape from death this morning in a fall from the second story of the new building at the corner of Main and James streets.

H. COMPANY. Annual Meeting of Capt. Moodie's Highlanders.

H Company of the 91st Highlanders held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, Capt. R. R. Moodie was in the chair. The reports submitted showed the company to be in prosperous condition.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. Bible classes at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Men's meeting in lecture room 415, when Rev. C. J. Triggerson will deliver the last of the series of addresses which have been so interesting and helpful to a large number of men.

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ON THE WAY TO THE WEDDING

The stationmaster peremptorily held his hand. "Stand back, there!" he shouted. "You are too late!" Jim Woodward, however, held a different opinion. He made a dash for the last carriage just as it was leaving the platform, entered the nearest compartment, and fell panting into a corner. "I have just missed it," he said, wiping his forehead, "that was a near thing!"

"I'm afraid I said a few naughty things about that clerk. I think I ought to have thanked him." She smiled, and the two dainty dimples, which had once moved him to ecstasy, played about her mouth. "You are the same as of yore," she said, "only you did well to shove off your moustache. It was very, very flippancy!"

and she gave a little exclamation of pain, for poised between his fingers was the engagement ring which she had once worn. Woodward quickly realized the awkward mistake he had made, and knew that he must have deeply hurt her. For a time he did not dare to turn his eyes upon her, but watched the pair of momentous sequins holding their trust in the distance. He could almost have cursed them for their happiness. Then he looked up, to see that his companion was weeping softly.

FREE LODGINGS IN WINTER

(N. Y. Sun.)

On warm nights when the park benches are in bloom there is no special reason for an inquiry by an amateur sociologist as to the sleeping places of the city's homeless, who either lack the price or haven't the inclination to put upon a slender purse the expense of a regular room, real roof, and water.

THE WINDS OF THE WORLD.

Fight Between the Monsoons—Local Breezes and Some of Their Effects.

Being credibly informed the other day by a queer old man of the seafaring persuasion that the southern monsoon is still fighting the northern monsoon, and that the information being followed by a dissertation on the failure of the last sea sports owing to the same persistency of a stage, which he thought to have left the boards empty for the keen roaster, it occurred to me that there was a considerable amount of information to be obtained about winds without discoursing on wildness.

The Municipal Lodging House at First Avenue and Twenty-third street, the largest centre of free sleep in the city, is to be dropped from a consideration of this subject because it scorns steady lodgers and caters only to transients. A few transients have tried to make it their home, but the house has had a somewhat extended sojourn at the J. Mackwell's Island workhouse thrust upon them as a result.

This is due to the fact that every effort is made to keep the city's homeless in the Municipal Lodging House, but the house is generally lands the person who abuses the city's good nature before the breaking of the rains is a matter of years that has passed since their interest to everyone, of painful and keenest anxiety to many, and in such cases the word is fraught with a meaning which is greater than ever before conveyed to the mind of man.

Apart from the monsoons, which are regular habit there are the many local winds which occur in different parts of the world and are generally unkind in character. Of such may be mentioned the Sirocco from Hammattan, the Puna of Peru, the bitter north-easter of Britain, the Mistral of North-West, and the Pampero of the Andes. With all these local breezes, though in fact the monsoons, curious effects are coupled, and one of the most noticeable of these is that the blowing of the genuine north-easter at home is always coincident with the greatest calm of winds from compass and brain disease.

There is here opened up a wide field of most interesting research for the curious in weather study and human lore, for the effects of wind on the human body has never been as deeply considered as it might be. Thus in the lower planes of life the animals are distinctly affected by winds, and in particular cats, as any one who remembers the howling of a cat when the wind blows from the north-east or south-west, will be reminded of the fact that cats are susceptible to winds, and possibly more to the premonition of wind, while the blowing of a north-easter in a manner not quite the same as anything else will be a day of oblivion for the cat.

Life in Ireland. (Montreal Witness.) In some parts of Ireland a state of terrorism is said to exist as bad as that of the Captain Boycott days. According to the London Morning Post, next to the Times the leading representative of squireship, the United Irish League is trying to make living impossible for those it attacks. The special correspondent of that newspaper visited a Mr. Blake, of Hollypark House, and was given a detailed account of the manner in which he had been persecuted. Mr. Blake is a man of considerable means, and his house is a fine one, but he is surrounded at all hours by the police. They are only able to get provisions from a long distance and surreptitiously, as affirms Mr. Blake, "No one in Athlone would sell us a loaf of bread even if we were starving." He remains in his house, surrounded at all hours by the police. They are only able to get provisions from a long distance and surreptitiously, as affirms Mr. Blake, "No one in Athlone would sell us a loaf of bread even if we were starving." He remains in his house, surrounded at all hours by the police.

Two Waters From One Well. Two kinds of water flowing from the same well is to be found at Riverside Park, Logan's Park, Ind. An eight-inch pipe sinks into the ground for a distance of eighty feet, and inside this is a five-inch pipe carried down somewhat further. Fresh water from limestone stratum comes up between the two pipes. "By the way, sir," asked the waiter, "how would you like to have your steak?" "Very much, indeed," replied the mild man, who had patiently waited for forty minutes.

THE RESOURCEFUL HUSBAND

Speedily Avoids Being Caught in a Lie to His Wife.

Yes, there are some exceedingly resourceful married men living in this city; there are some who are so good at going to work on a Monday that they don't even know they are absent on Sunday. This one, a month or so ago had to go to Chicago. He was due to be absent on Sunday, and his wife had him to go. They've only been married a year you know, but he has been very successful in his business.

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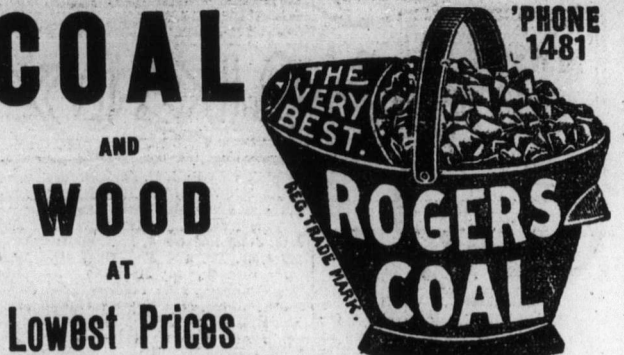
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CZAR'S KITCHENS. They Need a Pure Food Law, Says a Russian. A writer who signs himself S. R. G. has contrived to get into the kitchen of the Emperor in St. Petersburg. He tells us that the kitchen is a most interesting place, and that the Emperor's meals are prepared with the greatest care.

Arctic Lichens Vegetate Below Freezing Point. As we become more acquainted with the resources of nature as they are displayed in the vegetable kingdom we cannot fail to be struck by the fact that many of the plants which are found in the Arctic regions are able to flourish in a soil which is perpetually frozen.

King Edward's Thrones. King Edward has more thrones than any other monarch in Christendom. He has three in his London palaces, one in the House of Lords, one at Westminster, and a sixth at Windsor Castle. Most ancient of these thrones is that at Westminster, where each succeeding ruler of Great Britain is crowned.

Dog Stories. A spaniel, writes Dr. G. Lawrence, London, belonging to a gentleman in the neighborhood of Hove, had long shown an extraordinary affection for his master. He was a confirmed dipsomaniac, and he was so fond of his master that he would follow him to the end of the world.

Prevent Taking Cold. Often you come home, cold and shivering, and you find your throat with a little sore. A bad cold is just beginning. Put a Neriline Porous Plaster on your chest, rub your throat with Neriline, and take a stiff dose of Neriline in hot water. This prevents a chill, and checks the cold instantly.

Physicians' Advice Free of Charge. It is true that organic changes may be so acute that nothing but the surgeon's knife will overcome the trouble. Yet it must also be said that in many cases building up the vitality of the body overcomes the need of surgical interference. Unfortunately, by neglecting the simple barrier against nature's tendency, which is to heal and to cure—hence the world full of weak, nervous men and women that enjoy but few of the pleasures of life.

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NEWS RIGHT UP TO DATE

WORLD OF SPORT

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TIGERS TRIMMED THE TORONTOS.

Hamilton Hockey Team Won First Championship Match.

A Good Fast Game at the Thistle Rink—Scores of Other Contests on the Ice Last Evening.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Table of sports results including O. H. A.—Intermediate, Uxbridge, Clinton, Hamilton, Lindsay, Simcoe, London, Stratford, Belleville, Markham, Paris, Intercollegiate League—Senior, Univ. of Toronto, Laval University, Varsity II., Maple Leafs, Ontario Professional League, Brantford, Toronto, Upper Canada Valley League, Renfrew, Northern League, Mt. Forest, Exhibition Games, Bishop's College, Standard Bank, Trenton, Canadian Soc., and TIGERS WON FIRST.

The first championship hockey match on local ice was played at the Thistle Rink last night, and was witnessed by a fair sized crowd of enthusiastic fans.

The showing made by Manager Ripley's bunch was quite satisfactory. Considering their handicap in not having ice to practice on, the boys showed up exceedingly well.

Mr. Peter Leyden, of Paris, was referee, and he tried hard to be fair. The teams lined up as follows:

Table showing team lineups for Hamilton and Toronto, including positions like Goal, Cover Point, Rover, Centre, Left Wing, and Right Wing.

Stratford vs. Woodstock. Woodstock, Jan. 24.—The O. H. A. season opened here last night with last year's Stratford junior champions as the attraction.

Stone for Woodstock, carried off the honors. Harry Peel, of London, refereed. The line-up: Stratford—R. Rankin, Richards, Preston, F. Rankin, Dorland, Dunbar, Simpson.

HOMING PIGEON CLUB FORMED.

A Good Turn-Out of Fanciers at Last Night's Meeting.

There was a good turn-out of pigeon fanciers at the meeting held in the parlour of the Y. M. C. A. last night, to form a club for the promotion of homing flying and racing.

The club starts out with a membership of sixteen, and it should swell, as there are many owners of fast birds in this city.

Honorary President, Dr. T. S. McGillivray. Honorary Vice-President, Dr. H. S. Griffin. President, F. C. Mills.

BELFAST CHICKEN'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

Bill Clark, the "Belfast Chicken" who is the oldest living prize fighter in the world, recently celebrated his 80th birthday in St. Louis in a manner befitting one who earned honors in the roped arena a quarter of a century or more before the present pugilistic heroes saw the light of day.

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Big Fields Yesterday.

The Toronto rannies and Hamilton Thistles played their annual match this afternoon, four rink a side, on the ice of each club.

S. A. Valentine's Horses Ruled Off at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—All horses belonging to S. A. Valentine yesterday were refused entry to the races at the New Orleans tracks by a ruling given out by the judges of the courses.

Paris Downed Simcoe.

Paris, Ont., Jan. 24.—In an O. H. A. game here last night between Simcoe and Paris juniors, the visitors were defeated, 3 to 0.

Ontario Tankard Matches to Start Here Next Tuesday Morning.

Dr. Russell, referee of this district of the Ontario Curling Association, has arranged for the tankard matches to start next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the

SOME SNAPSHOTS AT SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN

There is a tendency in some quarters to decry the big attendances at games carried on by professional players.

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WHY BOOTS DURNELL WAS RULED OFF.

The probable reason for the ruling off the turf of Charles (Boots) Durnell has been made known in New York by a person high in the circle of the Jockey Club.

In addition, the informant gave a forecast of what gambling owners may expect in the future from the Jockey Club when they enter a stake horse in a selling race at a ridiculously low value.

With the fight that the Jockey Club has on its hands to keep the sport alive in this State, the stewards' decision not to suffer through the actions of a few horsemen.

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DEFICIT IN MISSIONARY FUNDS.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada at its meeting in the society's office yesterday received the financial report for the year.

A committee was appointed to consolidate the rules of the society. The rest of the time was devoted to consideration of special grants for medical and outfitting expenses of missionaries, passing of accounts and other routine business.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The directors of the Sovereign Bank are in daily session helping to complete all the many financial details associated with the transfer of the business of such a concern to other banks.

CHURCH BASKET-BALL.

Two fast games of basketball are being looked for on Monday night in St. John Church Sunday School room. The preliminary game will be between St. John's 2nd team and Dundas Y. M. C. A. 2nd team.

WEAR SHORTER GLOVES, And Give Twenty Million Dollars to Missions.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—If the women of the United States were to wear shorter gloves and give the value of the kilt between their wrists and their elbows to missions it would add twenty million dollars to the income of the missionary societies.

TWO GIANT WARSHIPS.

Shanghai, Jan. 24.—Despite the state of her finances, Japan is planning for two 20,000-ton battleships; and two 18,000-ton armored cruisers of the greatest speed, to be built immediately.

NO LOCKOUT IN LANCASTIRE.

Manchester, Jan. 24.—There will be no lockout of the Lancashire cotton operatives. Lengthy negotiations between the cotton mill workers and their employers resulted in the capitulation of the workers this evening.

LADY DETECTIVE IN COURT.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—A lady detective, young and smartly-dressed, figured in the afternoon Police Court yesterday in the prosecution of Dr. W. A. Bell, of Markham street, on two charges of practicing dentistry without a license.

Odd Fox Hunting Experiences.

During a recent run of the Essex and Suffolk foxhounds the good people of Weymouth had the novel experience of seeing their town invaded by bound and hunted men of looking on at the death of Edward Miss Hutchinson's teeth came to \$10, and she was aware that she was being taken for purposes of evidence.

JENKINS AND BEELL

Each Scored a Fall at Montreal Last Night.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Tom Jenkins and Fred Beell met in a wrestling bout at Sohier Park last night, and the victory went to Beell. Jenkins undertook to throw Beell twice successfully in 90 minutes, but failed to do so.

LAST BIG DRINK.

Buffalo, Jan. 25.—A stranger walked into the Avenue Saloon in West Seneca last night, bought a quart of whiskey, and then, according to the statements obtained by the police, stood on the sidewalk nearby and drank the contents of the bottle.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"It is, I think, one of the most astounding facts in the history of man," writes Robert Hichens in the first of his papers, in the February Century, on the monuments of Egypt, "that a man was able to contain within his mind, to conceive the conception of the Sphinx."

When the Lips are at All Inclined to Crack.

When the lips are at all inclined to crack, as is frequently the case when the weather is cold or windy, they should be well rubbed over with honey and glycerine mixed in equal proportions.

Music and Drama

WORLD OF AMUSEMENT

Stage and Platform

General Gossip

Regular features are no longer necessary attributes of the stage beauty. Irregularity of features in which character and individuality are expressed

count more to-day than the doll faced prettiness so raved over several years ago. The actresses at the present time are noted for their fascinating manners and not beauties according to the old time standards. Intellectual beauty is absolutely essential to the new beauty.

Minnie Madden Fiske, perhaps more than any other woman on the stage, has attracted attention by her great individuality. Her face has nothing of mere prettiness about it, yet she is one of the most fascinating women on the stage today.

No actress has more of that indefinable quality often called charm than Maude Adams. There are many actresses with far more beautiful and regular features, but judging from the box office receipts she is the biggest money maker of the present time.

Leonora Duse cannot lay any claim to a striking appearance, but no one can deny her individuality. She is a great thinker as well as a student.

George Barnard Shaw says of Ellen Terry: "She is new and irresistibly charming." Critics have spent much time in trying to analyze this charm of Ellen Terry. Yet this actress was described by Charles Reade as "lean and bony."

Mrs. Pat. Campbell is essentially a woman of brains, but above all character has done much toward making her notable as a stage beauty.

Rejane, the French comedienne, is the actress whom Maude Adams most admires. To be the American Rejane has long been one of Miss Adams' cherished hopes. There is no more charming woman than Rejane, yet she is not beautiful according to the rules laid down by our forefathers. Her features are too long, her chin in particular being too pointed.

Blanche Walsh has lost some of her earlier beauty, but her face shows a mature thoughtfulness which has come from vast study and much reading.

Speaking for the musicians who are fighting for a copyright law protecting their creations, Victor Herbert recently wrote the Show World as follows: "The



THE QUARREL SCENE, In "Wedded and Parted," which will be presented at the Grand by Earl Burgess' Company.

drinking of six bumpers of wine in rapid succession. Real Burgundy is used, but for stage purposes only a little is placed in each glass, as no human stomach could hold the six big glasses. At the performance in question Mr. Bunbury slyly filled the glasses to the brim, and as Mr. Norman downed the wine in plain sight of the audience his face assumed a look of consternation at sight of the quantity. Everybody on the stage saw the trick and watched to see how Mr. Norman would handle the plight. He drank two glasses, tackled a third, gasped, and then turning half aside from the audience, made pretence of getting away with the others. No one in front suspected the trick which Mr. Norman enjoyed as keenly as anybody.

Charlotte Walker was voted the most beautiful actress in New York by a certain woman's club whose members attended the performance of "The Warrens of Virginia" in a body at the Belasco Theatre to take personal observations. Charlotte Walker is a Texas girl and worked on the stage from Galveston after the great flood swept her home away.

A part of the David Warfield creed: "I believe a great play with a great part is yet to be written—written in a modern way. I believe it will hold the element of simplicity as its keynote, be

Savoy's Good Bill

Bright, crisp fun and gay good humor will be served up in liberal quantities at the Savoy theatre next week

that has been seen here since the advent of high class vaudeville will hold the boards. In addition to three clever comedy sketches every number on the bill possesses fun-making qualities. The big attraction will be Sager Midgley and Gertie Carlisle presenting their clever comedy sketch entitled "After School."

It deals with a country fat boy, very sleepy and funny, and a saucy village cut-up. There is overflowing fun, song and dance and enough entertainment for a whole musical comedy. The humor in the piece is entirely free from vulgarity and yet it appeals to every type proving conclusively that clean frolic is enjoyed by all. The character of Sammy, the sleepy, over-grown country boy, and Sarah, the pert, wide-awake girl, are in the words of James Whitcomb Riley, "the raciest rural types on the stage. Mr. Midgley met with great success in "The Pearl and the Pumpkin," "The Great Mogul," and others and will be the leading comedian in "Little Nemo," the big production being prepared by Klaw & Erlanger, while Miss Carlisle will soon be at the head of a musical comedy company. Mr. Midgley is Mark Twain's favorite comedian and after seeing the sketch the great humorist declared it to be the funniest thing on the stage.

Millie Spellman's troupe of trained bears, coming direct from the New York Hippodrome, will be one of the most novel features introduced this season. The rare said to be the best trained collection of bears in captivity. There are seven of them in the troupe, all full grown specimens of the cinnamon and oak varieties. They are all sleek, well kept animals and wear their collar bows of ribbon as snugly as any of the numerous "Teddies" seen in the streets. Their tricks include dancing, swinging, teetering and various other stunts. They work with a surprising degree of smoothness and obey commands like a squad of trained soldiers. The bears will appear in New York last week were taken for an automobile ride and created quite a stir on Broadway. They were gaily decorated with ribbons and unchained. At the Knickerbocker hotel a stop was made and the freshments in the shape of bottled milk served. The bears dined in the hippodrome office before going back on the stage to work. This is an attraction that will be found interesting by older people as well as the children.

O. T. Fiske and Nellie McDonough, two of the cleverest tumblers in the business will be seen in their novelty comedy sketch entitled "Denny's Dilemma." It is reputed to be full of laugh provoking situations and to abound in bright, wholesome humor. Mr. Fiske is a comedian of exceptional ability and is seen at his best in this sketch, which was especially written for him.

Billy Broad, the wandering minstrel, who is said to be one of the most pleasing black faced comedians to appear at the New York theatres this season has a singing, talking and dancing act that will undoubtedly be among the best numbers on the bill. Broad is credited with being one of the best burlesque artists in the business. His comedy is bright and breezy and his material all new and original.

Another clever comedy sketch will be presented by Mary Healy and Beatrice Vance. This act was seen in New York early in the season and was declared to be one of the brightest things of its kind sprung on New Yorkers in many months. It is entitled "A Heathen Idol." The idea is said to be original and the possibilities for fun making many. Both Mr. Healy and his partner have been meeting with success for several seasons at the leading vaudeville theatres of the country.

Kennedy and Wilkins are singers and dancers, presenting an act that is said to offer something new. Both are expert wooden shoe dancers and show many new tricks in this style of dancing.

Murray and Hess, who have a bright little singing and talking skit, and Miss June Rosemore, a singing comedienne, who possesses a charming stage appearance and introduces new songs and the kinetograph make up the show.

Bennett's All Star

The show booked for next week at Bennett's is said to be one of the best that has been produced at this popular vaudeville house.

A number of strong acts are composed in it, including a performing elephant, a sketch, a pantomime, a conversational act, two musical comedians, a dancer, and a troupe of colored comedians. The week is going to be a big one for the theatre, as outside of the large patronage from the regular visitors of the house, several large firms in the city are giving entertainments to their employees on different nights.

"Little Hip," the elephant, is going to make a name for himself here. He is a marvel of intelligence. Walking on his hind legs is now a matter of course with him and he rattles up and down stairs with equal ease. He will take his way in the lobby of the theatre and hand programmes to patrons. On Monday he is to be taken around town and introduced to a number of people. After his journey he will partake of lunch at a restaurant. He sits at an ordinary table, in an ordinary chair and takes ordinary food. The only thing which is not extraordinary about him is his appetite, and that no amount of training has taught him to curb.

Armeta is a spectacular dancer, graceful and marvellous. She dances four different features with the aid of electric lights in front of six large mirrors on a stage with black hangings and while the house is darkened, save for the calcium from the balcony. Her first appearance is as a Spanish dancer, then she emerges as a butterfly with gorgeous wings. The next is very sensational and pretty as she resembles a fiery flame, and the effect reflected in six mirrors evokes tremendous applause. The fourth and last dance is the lily dance in which Armeta, with the aid of the flowing white silk, represents the calla lily. This is one of the most beautiful vaudeville acts of the day.

"A Honeycomb in the Catskills," written and played by Miss Estelle Wordette, as a laugh generator, is one of the best sketches on the road. The action of the playlet deals with the honeymoon of a man who has ceased making love, and his wife, who has not, and who is greatly increased because he will not hold her hand in the dining room of the hotel. The lines and situations are exceedingly funny, and Miss Wordette is ably supported in the sketch by Jules Kussell. Miss Wordette has ability and a desire to please, so will be very popular with Hamilton theatre-goers this week.

"The Watermelon Trust," another feature act in the programme, is composed of a number of colored singers and dancers. They perform a piece called "Songs and Dances From Dixieland," and the audience can easily imagine it transported down South while the act is in progress. All the vocalists are artists, and while full of fun do not forget to give some of the prime old favorites with a proper appreciation of their tender seriousness.

Van Brothers will represent the musical element which now seems to be an essential part of any vaudeville show. Both are accomplished players on the various instruments they bring with them. Besides this they know how to make the audience laugh, and they do so, and to do it.

If the originals are too busy in the big cities of the States, Hamilton must be content with first-class imitations of them. Willie Weston has made a study of George M. Cohan, of Yankee Doodle fame, and a number of other great comedians, and in his case he proves to be just as good as the men he copies.

The conventional comedian is another welcome act. Henry and Francis will be responsible for this branch of vaudeville art. Both can talk, and each has been supplied with plenty of good wit to retail.

Some excellent pantomime artists have been seen, but there is always room for more in the hearts of theatre patrons. The Zerelle-Vernon troupe will present a distinct novelty, and it is expected that it will catch on at once in the same way as it has done everywhere else. It made a great name for itself in Europe, and on account of this was imported to this continent by the Keith & Prentiss syndicate. New motion pictures will be shown to close the show.

Mayflower. One noted terrier numbered among the ancestors of "Little Dot," was "Champion Ted," who captured a total of 265 first prizes in English shows. Miss Ritchie's especial pet has been entered for exhibition only since last June and has already captured twelve blue ribbons and twice as many special decorations. In the recent kennel exhibition at Sheephead "Dot" made the first, received one special for size and another for color. "Little Dot" weighs two pounds and two ounces and promises to give the world's champion a tussle for first honors before another year has passed.

At the Grand

Casino shows of the past have been noted for the novelty of the mechanical effects introduced in many of their most successful songs.

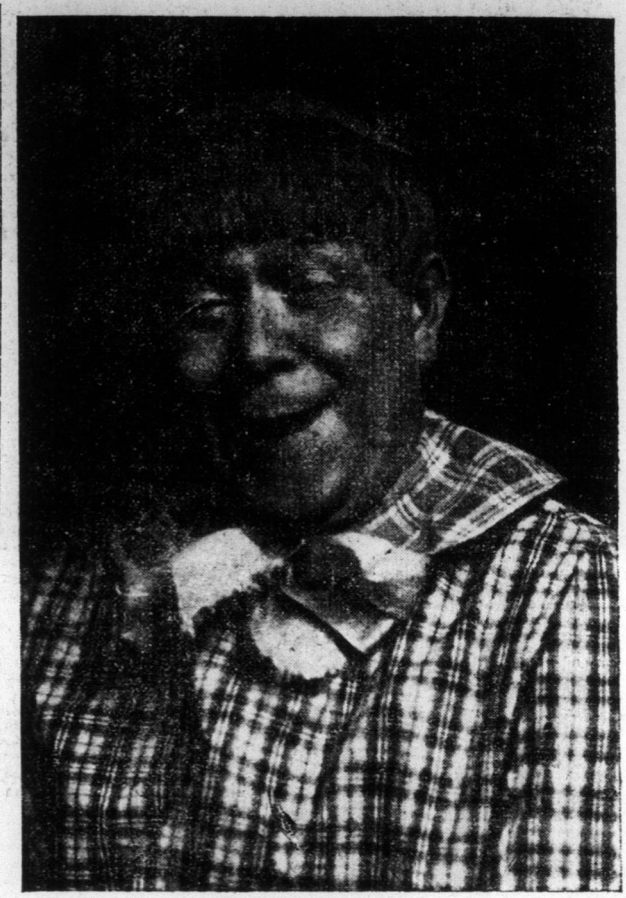
bers, but those who have witnessed a performance of the musical comedy, "Fascinating Flora," which comes to the Grand next Tuesday evening, are unanimous in the opinion that for invention of stage invention, the introduction of regulation sized subway express cars during the singing of "Subway Express" number by Adele Ritchie, quite overshadowed all former attempts on the part of Casino producers to obtain realistic effects. The words of the song, which is done by Miss Ritchie, assisted by Mr. Schiller, describe the progress of a flirtation begun by a young couple at the Spring Street Station of the New York Subway and continued until the train reaches the Bronx.

The lyrics tell in a clever way of the discomforts and mishaps that are daily occurrences on such a trip during the rush hour and Stage Director Burnside is responsible for the setting, which, for realistic effect, could not be improved upon. After the first chorus has been sung the audience is shown a perfect reproduction of one of the passenger cars used on New York's underground. In the car is gathered the entire company, except Miss Ritchie and Mr. Schiller, who continue the song. The seats are crowded and every inch of standing room is occupied. The quick start of the train causes the standees to lurch this way and that, the innumerable gyrations that becomes a habit with those who are whirled through the underground tube at express rate are performed, and when the car is supposed to take a curve there comes the oft-told spill of the unfortunate individual who has not prepared himself for the violent swing by annexing a strap for his particular use. Sometimes it is the floor and again the lap of a passenger that catches the rotating commuter, but at all times the situation is ludicrous in the extreme, making the effect one of the most pronounced laughing hits of the show.

The list of plays to be offered at the Grand next week by the Earl Burgess Stock Company should attract all lovers of popular priced melodrama. The engagement opens on Monday night with "Wedded and Parted," and will be renewed again on Wednesday afternoon, when "Ruined Lives" will be presented. Wednesday evening "On the Frontier" will be the bill; Thursday "The Schemers," Friday "Rose of Virginia," Saturday matinee "A Bowers Boy," and Saturday evening "Human Spiders."

An especially pleasing scenic offering in "The Choctaw" which comes to the Grand next week after next, is that representing in every detail the roof garden of one of the big Broadway theatres. The scene is introduced at the end of the third act for the purpose of furnishing an appropriate setting for the Metropolitan debut of the heroine, "Alice Leighton," who has come from her Virginia home to win fame and fortune with her voice. Those who are familiar with the "Roof Garden," which is said to have been so cleverly duplicated by the scenic artist, agree that the copy is even as attractive as the original.

Lillian Russell may be "only a skirt," as the saying goes in the play in which she appeared last evening at the Grand called "Wildfire," but the fact remains that she scored a distinct triumph. It is a refreshing comedy, with nothing dead to it in the way of old jokes and time-worn jests. Dealing with a race-track theme, around which the story is told, there is abundant material for rich humor, and it is used to the fullest advantage. There was a large and fashionable audience present to witness Miss Russell's return to this city after many years, and though she may not come for many years more she will still remain the same "Lillian" with her wonderful eyes, hair and figure, not to mention the handsome costumes with which she was gowned. Miss Russell has struck a piece which fits her like a glove. There is nothing to jar one's sense of propriety when the fair Lillian is on the stage, for she is the correct of the correct, in the matter of stage deportment. Her acting is above the average of those who aspire to straight comedy, after many years in comic opera and musical comedy. She has a light, breezy manner in talking, and there is generally a smile in the audience at some of her bright sayings. Her supporting company is all that could be desired. Herbert Corbell, in the character of Matt Donovan, the trainer, reminded one of Arthur Deagan's style and manner in "The Time, the Place and the Girl." His slang expressions brought down the house on more than one occasion. Little Will Archie, as Bud, the stable boy, was funny. His scene with Miss Russell in the training quarters was excellent, and showed him no mean actor. Boyd Putnam, as John Garrison, a lover of horses, and the rest of the cast was considerably above the average. The scenery was well staged and quite realistic, and the costumes of the women caused a few gasps from the audience. Miss Russell and her company are at the Grand this afternoon and evening.



SAGER MIDGLEY, Who will appear at the Savoy Theatre next week

SOME FACTS ABOUT MELODRAMA.

The facts about melodrama are rather sensational. Take for example this one item. A single manager during the past season, with his different attractions, has played to 332 weeks of business, an equivalent to eleven theatrical seasons, with gross receipts of nearly one and half million dollars! Some three hundred people were engaged as members of his different companies and their salaries amounted to over a quarter of a million, an average of nearly ten thousand dollars per week. His printing bill alone was almost seventy-five thousand dollars. And this was but a single manager, though one of the biggest. Every week in New York City, between eighty and one hundred thousand people attend melodrama performances. You can hardly laugh away these things. A form of entertainment which draws like this and upon which so much is expended is worthy of serious consideration.

One of the largest producers of melodrama in New York is A. H. Woods. He has practically made a fortune out of it in the five years since he began. An ink-well upon Mr. Woods' desk in the shape of a pistol might be held suggestive, but otherwise he does not seem very dangerous as he sits in the private room of his suite of offices.



SOME OF "THE WATERMELON TRUST," Who will appear at Bennett's Theatre next week.

grievance of the American composer is not against the phonograph and automatic piano. These musical instruments are great inventions, have come to stay, and if properly exploited would be a great factor in elevating the musical taste of our people. They may be made the means of disseminating the world's best music in the homes of the people in the rural as well as in the urban districts. It is against the greedy and selfish policy of the manufacturers of these automatic devices that the composer protests, and seeks protection through the agitation for a new copyright law."

Sometimes there is fun on the stage which persons in the audience do not suspect. At a recent performance of "Tom Jones" the members of the company were convulsed with merriment over a trick John Bunny played on Henry Norman. Mr. Norman in the character of Squire Western is a hard riding, hard drinking country gentleman, who tosses off glass after glass of wine at a hunt breakfast. The scene calls for the

simple in construction, simple in movement, simple in story, and I believe that the man who can play such a part simply, with a perfect touch, with genuineness and truthfulness, will hold the secret of greatness within him."

All the ladies who attend the benefit performance of the Theatrical Mechanics' Association will receive handsome souvenirs, in the shape of cushion covers. The performance will be given on the afternoon of March 26th in the Savoy theatre.

Julia Marlowe will continue to play "Gloria" until she reaches Chicago at least. The new play has awakened controversy in the east. Philadelphia did not like it, Baltimore and Washington did. Miss Marlowe promptly put several Shakespearean revivals in rehearsal, and will play both Juliet and Rosalind there, assuming the latter character for the first time in many seasons. "Gloria" will be her opening bill.

AN ACTRESS' PET DOG.

One of the smallest Yorkshire terriers in the world is said to be owned by Miss Adele Ritchie, the prima donna of "Fascinating Flora." "Little Dot," who in appearance a mere handful of steel blue and golden hair, can trace her pedigree back through a line of canine ancestors each one of whom boasted the bluest blood of this proud breed of dog. The dog runs back to an original dam and sire known as "Collinsus Nell" and "Walkley Marvel," who in dogland ranked for family with the companions of William the Conqueror or that distinguished party which embarked on the

Mayflower. One noted terrier numbered among the ancestors of "Little Dot," was "Champion Ted," who captured a total of 265 first prizes in English shows. Miss Ritchie's especial pet has been entered for exhibition only since last June and has already captured twelve blue ribbons and twice as many special decorations. In the recent kennel exhibition at Sheephead "Dot" made the first, received one special for size and another for color. "Little Dot" weighs two pounds and two ounces and promises to give the world's champion a tussle for first honors before another year has passed.



THE SUBWAY EXPRESS, A SCENE IN "FASCINATING FLORA," WHICH IS COMING TO THE GRAND NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

THE EARLY THEATRE.

"The theatre began as a religious institution in the earliest days of its record," writes Augustus Thomas. "The first Greek playwright who dared write of man instead of gods was prosecuted for sacrilege and almost driven from Athens, and there never has been a time when the idea that the theatre was a place of entertainment only has not been successfully contested. Whenever the drama of any nation becomes, in the ideas of the public and of the critic, who is the public specialized, a decadent theatre, it is because the playwrights of that nation have for the time being lost sight of the fact that the theatre was a place for the presentation of ideas, was the avenue for a message, and have endeavored to degrade it to a simple institution of entertainment."

To cure a cold in one night—use Vapo-Cresoline. It has been used extensively during more than twenty-four years. All druggists.

It takes a lot of Christianity to enable a man to feel glad when he is called upon for help to help repair the church.—Chicago News

HUNTED BIG AFRICAN GAME.

Explorer From the Dark Continent Visiting Hamilton.

He Tells Many Stories of His Long Travels

And of Hunting Experiences in the Wilds.

A man who has vanquished wild beasts of Africa, is in this city, the guest of his cousin, Mr. Stephen, manager of the East End Branch of the Bank of British North America.

He is Charles R. Robertson. He has travelled from Bulawayo to the Victoria Nymanza on foot in six months subsisting on the fruits of his prowess and accompanied by thirty-five dusky sons of Africa.

He has been hunting in the wilds of the Dark Continent. He has tackled the chief of the tribe which sheltered Livingstonia in his illness and attempted to nurse him back to life.

Mr. Robertson said he had tracked buffaloes for miles through the long grass and into woods after wounding them. In some cases they would hide in a bush and not come out till smoked out by grass fires.

Reverting to elephants, Mr. Robertson gave a few interesting facts about them. If an elephant sees a pursuer he will take him, but if he smells him and does not see him he will run.

Speaking of the people of the central part of Africa, Mr. Robertson said there were many different tribes, and he showed a number of pictures of the different kinds. In Northeastern Rhodesia one of the tribes still kill their deformed children and in some places the penalty for infirmities of the mouth is death.

alone, so he let them go, but just as they were going out of sight he decided to take a chance and went after them. He was trekking them through the rank grass when he suddenly saw a tawny body rise up in front of him.

The general run of the men of the country are of a cowardly nature, and many of them, born and raised there, have never seen an elephant or a lion.

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SOLOISTS AND ORGANIST OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

A Singing Organization That Has Been Handled by Several Prominent Leaders, and is Ever Efficient and Progressive.



MISS GRACE LONGHURST, Soprano Soloist.

Miss Grace Longhurst, the soprano soloist in a well-known figure in concert work in this city, and has endeared herself to all by her charming voice.

One of the fortunate "finds" in the musical world of this city, is Miss J. Rowlesome, of Burlington, the contralto soloist. Unfortunately the Times was unable to secure a photograph of this accomplished young lady.

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ance has risen rapidly to his present responsible position in one of the most important churches in the city. He has never wasted a moment of his time, and has rightly earned the reputation of being a clever young man.

Mr. Oaten commenced his studies with Mr. Hewlett in 1903, and has been with him ever since. For three years he was the assistant organist of Centenary Church, and proved himself of value to Mr. Hewlett on many occasions.

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MR. GEORGE ROBERTSON, Bass Soloist.

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SOVEREIGN LIFE.

C. A. Birge, of this City, Was Elected President.

The fight for the control of the Sovereign Fire Insurance Co. culminated at the meeting of the shareholders held yesterday, when the retiring President, Mr. A. H. Hoover, who sought reelection, was defeated, and a directorate elected on which he has no place.

The directors after the elections met and appointed the following officers: President, Cyrus A. Birge, Hamilton; First Vice-President, Thomas Baker, London; Second Vice-President, H. S. Wilson (General Manager and Secretary), Toronto; Treasurer, A. E. Webster, Toronto.

MURDERS IN REVENGE.

HENRY WLEKINSKI OF WEST HAMMOND SHOT.

Caught at South Chicago—Had Been Put Out of Saloon for Slapping 4 Year Old Child.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The village of Hammond was the scene last evening of a cold blooded murder for revenge. Henry Wlekinski, a saloonkeeper, and one of the trustees of the village government, was shot and instantly killed across his bar by Stephen Listula, a youth 20 years old.

Listula is believed to have been impelled to do the deed by George Bolus, another youth, who accompanied him. Bolus had avenged himself on Wlekinski for ejecting him from his saloon some time ago. After the murder Bolus fired two ineffectual shots at Justice of the Peace Adam Stakowitch, the only witness of the deed.

Wlekinski was 29 years old and a prosperous member of the community. He had lived in the village fifteen years and was elected trustee eight months ago. Bolus and Bolus also had lived in the town several years, the former being employed by the Hammond Packing Company and the latter by the Betz surgical instrument company.

At the first shot Justice Stakowitch fled from his chair with a shout for help. Instantly wheeling from the bar where he had just seated himself, the saloonkeeper killed by his pal, Bolus drew his own revolver and fired at the justice, who ran behind the stove. Twice as fired, but the bullets went wild.

WIFE HEARD HIM.

Talked in His Sleep Of Soul Mate.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 24.—Charging that her husband, Victor P. Thewlis, owner of large interests at Sherbrooke, Que., and superintendent of a Sunday school, talked in his sleep one night of his "soul mate," and when she tackled him, acknowledged that he was in love with his stenographer, Mrs. Mary Lincoln, saying that he cursed and swore at her for objecting, Mabelle M. Thewlis brought suit for divorce.

CHANGE IN EXAMINATIONS.

BACK OF PLAIN EDUCATION TO BE REMEDIED.

Better Tests for Teachers—Pressure of Examinations to be Lessened and They Will Cease to be Dominant.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Minister of Education has issued an important circular on the examination question. The system of "Approved Schools" from which pupils may be admitted to the training colleges without examination has been modified. It is expected that in due course the pressure of examinations for professional tests will be lessened, and that the examination will cease to be the dominant influence in the schools.

The Minister, in his circular, says that under the existing system, too often the chief end of education, which is the formation of character, has been lessened, and that the stress has been put on the method of teaching and preparation of pupils for the practical duties of life. The Minister then goes on: "Complaints have, indeed, increased of late that in very many cases the products of our secondary schools do not possess what have long been regarded as the essentials of a practical education. They are too often poor in spelling, penmanship, reading and letter writing; and in the elementary operations of arithmetic they are lacking in speed and accuracy."

These complaints are well founded. Even if the department and university examinations were suitable for pupils intended for commercial and industrial pursuits, which they are not, the examination test in the foregoing subjects is quite inadequate. There could be no adequate test of a candidate's ability to read, and in any event it would be regarded by the public as unjustifiable to reject him; that is, to put him to an additional year's labor and expense because he was a poor reader. So, too, if his spelling or his penmanship were poor, or his letter writing lacked the proper form, or his arithmetic answers were inaccurate in details. In arithmetic, indeed, under our system he might obtain high marks for the principles of the problem even if all his answers were inaccurate in other respects.

"Accordingly, the Education Department proposes, as a step in the regeneration of the system, to conduct the examinations for entrance to the training schools for the purpose of testing the competency of candidates for teachers' certificates; and to extend the 'Approved School' system to the subjects of writing, spelling, arithmetic, English grammar, and English geography. As a consequence, henceforth from all the lower school subjects, the special preparation of the intending teacher will be transferred to the training schools, and greater freedom will be given the Secondary school staff during the first two or three years of their course, when such freedom is most needed. A thorough academic course is now provided in the Normal Schools, and no candidate will be allowed to pass the final examinations without a competent knowledge of all the subjects he will have to teach in the Public Schools, including, of course, the subjects of English grammar, and arithmetic and mensuration. As far as practicable at present, the same provision will be made in the Model schools of the future. It is also to increase the importance of the teacher's personality, and, in this way, to allow the formation of character to become the main function of the schools. Moreover, subject to judicious departmental control and direction, it is the aim of the Education Department to place upon the trustees and the teachers the responsibility for providing, according to local needs, the education for his life work which every pupil has the right to receive. As a result largely of the dominant examination influences, the school system has failed to take sufficient account of our economic condition. We have educated too many for clerical and professional pursuits, in which there is little room, and too few for industrial pursuits, in which there is always room. The future of Ontario demands that this shall cease."

SORRY TO LOSE HIM.

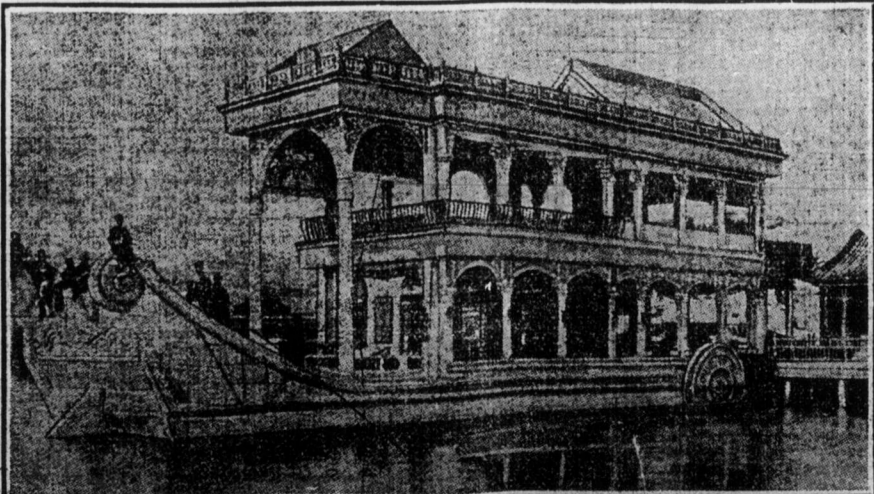
Presentation to Mr. Wilcox at Stoney Creek School.

Friday, Jan. 24th, being the closing day of Mr. Wilcox's principalship of the Stoney Creek School, was made the occasion of a very pleasing event, when the pupils and staff took the opportunity of expressing their regret at his leaving. A short program of readings and recitations was rendered, after which the following address was read by Pearl Glover:

Dear Mr. Wilcox,—Having learned that you are about to sever your connections with our school, we take this opportunity of thanking you for all your earnest and painstaking efforts in our behalf. We appreciate very much the zeal and earnestness which has characterized your interest in us and which has expressed itself in so many thoughtful ways, making our school life so pleasant. Your kindly influence has not been confined to one room only, but the entire school has felt the beneficence of your genial personality. We all, pupils and teachers, regret very much that you are leaving, and ask you to accept this grip as a slight token of our regard and esteem.

Our earnest wish is that you may meet with marked success in your new work.

Signed on behalf of the pupils, Winnifred Thompson, Jessie Lutz, Stewart Felker, Harry Williams, L. B. Attridge, C. B. Marsh, A. M. Bagshaw. The entire section feel the loss, but join with the school in their good wishes for his success in his new work.



PLEASURE BOAT THAT DOES NOT SAIL—THE DOWAGER EM PRESS OF CHINA'S MARBLE SHIP. In a lake in the summer palace at Peking is a garden house in the form of a ship. The vessel is built of marble, and resembles an elaborate pleasure junk. It belongs to the Dowager Empress.

Is this WOMAN'S SOUL in this WOMAN'S BODY?



Rich Burglar's Crime Charged to the Spirit of an Ethiopian Criminal

ally, almost as pronounced in well-defined, distinct traits, as the second abnormal nature.

This case acquired such wide notoriety that it set up a whole series of investigations, followed by the publication, about a year ago, of a novel by Gelett Burgess, in which the heroine's dual personality dilemma gave rise to some romantic adventures far less astonishing than the simple and unvarnished truths already established by science.

During the last five years the worlds of advanced thought and of experimental science have been on the qui vive for discoveries which shall, in the spiritual plane, equal if not surpass in importance the recent demonstrations of the amazing properties of the new metal, radium, the remarkable achievement of Professors Pierre and Madame Curie, in France, Flammarion's lament and the untimely death of M. Curie, who, like all the other great minds of science, participated in the studies of manifestations of mysterious and unsolved psychic forces.

Mrs. Romadka, whose intelligence made it apparent to her that all her former life and all her husband's wealth could not avail to secure her acquittal under the evidence of guilt which had been secured against her, made a full confession, the facts of which have not even been questioned by the judge who sentenced her. No more graphic, no more appalling narrative of misfortune could be given. She says:

Perhaps this Was Her Prototype.



Mrs. Evelyn Romadka Declared to Possess an Ethiopian Soul

LED ASTRAY BY ACCIDENT

"The newspaper stories giving graphic accounts of crimes made me want to meet real crooks. I had an idea that I would be absorbed in the stories a real live burglar could tell.

"Albert Jones, the negro man, came to do some cleaning for the woman from whom I rented a room. I saw him and asked him the time. He drew from his pocket a woman's watch, and with it, inadvertently, a woman's diamond ring. He glanced at me surreptitiously and stealthily put it back into his pocket.

"A strange thrill crept over me, and I did not hear him tell the time. I was thinking fast. Here was I face to face with my dreams, so to speak. I became calm, but with a sort of ecstasy. We were at the door of my apartment. I pulled him into it.

"I believe you are a crook," I said, and then stopped him as he was about to speak and move away.

"Stay here," I said. "I have wanted to meet a burglar or something for a long time. I am interested. I want to know you. I will not give you a way."

"I can tell you some stories about stealing that will make your hair stand on end," Jones told me, or something like that, and that was the way we became acquainted.

"I talked with him, getting the stories at first hand and not from the 'yellow' newspaper any more. Then I planned with him to try my own hand."

The noteworthy feature of Mrs. Romadka's confession is that she is absolutely unconscious of any other personality controlling her normal nature. She saw, when she made it, only with her own natural brain

and spirit, blaming herself, giving a perfectly natural and lucid account of the fall of a soul, such as a penitent might have given in the confessional.

Such complete forgetfulness of the agencies of obsession is typical of many subjects. The discovery of their peculiar form of obsession is usually made by the nurses and physicians in attendance, as it was made in the instance of Mrs. Romadka.

In prison, after her arrest, she saved and pleaded for the companionship of negroes, talked the lowest and vilest negro dialect, and referred constantly to her husband as "poor white trash." Dr. Alex Gustafson, an experienced alienist, who attended her there, was positive in his diagnosis:

"I am sure," said the alienist, "that this woman is possessed by an Ethiopian spirit, which has absolute control over her actions. She is absolutely innocent of wrongdoing, except when this spirit overpowers her will and forces her to do its bidding."

Dr. Sheldon Leavitt, a well-known practitioner, connected with many medical societies and several Chicago hospitals, called into consultation, found himself constrained to admit that the case of Mrs. Romadka confirmed his belief in phases of mentality which are still disputed by the majority of his profession.

This is the first example of obsession, or of "pos-

session," as Dr. Leavitt prefers to define it, of a white woman by the spirit of a negro.

Can it be that, in every white individual, there remains enough of the common ancestry, deduced by science from the discovery of the specimen pithecanthropus Krapanensis, to permit of an unforeseen, overpowering uprising of the germ of a conquering negro soul? And can it be hoped that science, in its broad and beneficent range, will ultimately find the means of safeguard?

Some Curious Facts

A PUBLICATION recently issued by the Central Esperantist office in Paris shows that there are 63 Esperanto societies throughout the world, and thirty-eight journals are published specially devoted to the propagation of the language.

Only one, on an average, out of every thousand married couples live to celebrate their golden wedding.

The empress of Japan is a great advocate of the spread of education in her husband's dominions.

Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. They can then dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

Bigamists in Hungary are compelled to submit to an odd punishment. The man who has married two wives is legally forced to live with both of them in the same house.

The throne of Persia, known as the Wonderful Peacock Throne, is probably the most costly in the world. It is literally covered with jewels, and is valued at between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

What is considered to be the largest telegraph circuit in daily operation in the world is that between London and Teheran, the capital of Persia, which is some 4000 miles in length. The line is divided into twelve sections.

In Sweden the public houses are closed on Saturday—payday—while the savings banks are kept open until midnight. No government can force a man to save his money; but this Swedish system at least encourages him to deposit it where it is most likely to be of use.

Egg shells as gas mantles is an idea from Germany. The contents are drawn or blown out, the ends are neatly cut off, and the body of the shell is fixed in position like the regular article. The light thus obtained is very good, while the new form of mantle is much more durable.

There are no newspapers in Spain; women sell newspapers in the streets.

The queen of Norway takes a great interest in book-binding. The collecting of beautifully bound books is one of her hobbies.

The first envelope ever made is kept in the British Museum.

In marriage announcements in Spain the ages of both parties are given.

The average weight of ivory obtained from a single elephant is about fifty pounds.

The license law in Sweden forbids any one to buy, drink without buying something to eat at the same time.

The machine which cuts up wood to make matches turns out 40,000 "splints," as they are called, in a single minute.

History is taught to young children at a school in Brussels by means of dolls, which represent great men and women in characteristic attitudes.

In parts of France it is not an uncommon occurrence for entire wedding outfits, including the bridal toilettes, to be hired, many firms making a specialty of letting out such articles.

A curious will dispute has just been settled by the court at Rebel, in the department of the Ardennes. Some time ago a gentleman of independent means and somewhat eccentric habits committed suicide by hanging himself in his house at Dourmay. A search among his papers, failed to disclose any will until, under the bed, on a piece of sheet iron, was found chalked the following words: "This is my last will and testament. I bequeath all my property to the borough of Ardennes, on condition that the Mayor and Borough Council give \$2 to the men of the local fire brigade for a banquet to be held as soon as possible." This extraordinary will was disputed by the relatives, but the local court has decided that it is valid.

North Carolina Hustling Michigan

NORTH CAROLINA is pushing Michigan for honors in the furniture-making business. The increase of this business in the southern state has been remarkable.

Between 1890 and 1905 the number of furniture-manufacturing plants in North Carolina increased from 44 to 105, the capital invested in them from \$1,023,774 to \$4,621,894, the number of wage-earners from 1759 to 5164 and the value of the output from \$1,547,395 to \$6,181,619, raising furniture making from the seventh to the fifth place in the rank of the state's industries.

This notable advance has come about through the utilization at home of some of the vast hardwood resources of the state, under the spur of experience at High Point that has changed that place within less than twenty years from a small town to the leading furniture-manufacturing center of the South.

IS IT POSSIBLE for us to conceive that a white woman, beautiful, educated, wealthy, the loving wife of a modern millionaire, could develop, by slow and irresistible evolution, the soul of an abandoned, criminal, ignorant negress? And, if such a thing is not only possible of conception, but literally true in fact, what woman living, however high her morals, her culture or her position, can assure herself of immunity from the abhorrent obsession of some other appalling identity, as terrifying to the normal mind and spirit as this of the degraded negress, which has fastened upon brilliant Evelyn Romadka, the wife of the millionaire trunk manufacturer of Milwaukee?

The convicted accomplice of Chicago's negro burglars and sneak-thieves, she is now serving the indeterminate sentence of from one year to twenty years, to which she was condemned, upon her plea of guilty, by Judge Brentano.

The physicians who attended her in prison agree as to the obsession; and one of them goes so far as to declare his conviction that her case is one long relegated by science to the limbo of antiquated superstitions, that passed away when demoniacs and sorcerers became the laughing stocks of enlightened humanity.

Evelyn Romadka's fall, from the heights of refinement and happiness to the depths of shame and degradation, has been made notorious throughout the length and breadth of the land. But the mysterious and terrible influence that has clutched her in the midst of her wealth and her happiness and has encompassed her destruction has, thus far, failed utterly to be comprehended in the full measure of its dark significance to the rest of mankind.

ONLY by the adducing of many other cases, upon the authenticity and genuineness of which science has agreed, can the modern intellect compel itself to admit so much as the possibility of the horrible phenomenon of which beautiful Mrs. Romadka is the victim.

Religion, throughout all the centuries, has insisted upon not merely the possibility of falls from grace and virtue, but upon the certainty of inevitable catastrophe without divine intervention and constant human striving toward an ideal of perfection. In medieval times, and as far back as the days of the Redeemer himself, possession by demons, with exorcism for the casting of them out, was a matter of common faith. It nowadays many deny it was a matter of knowledge.

Science, after a long and total denial of the supernatural—even of the preternatural—has of late found it expedient to broaden its own narrow limitations.

Where it insisted upon cutting the wonderful and the incomprehensible out of religion, it insists now upon its right to absorb all of them into itself. Says the great Camille Flammarion, in his latest work, "Mysterious Psychic Forces," in which he adduces the low and patient investigations of Sir William Crookes, as well as his own:

"If the forces of which we are to treat are real, they cannot but be natural forces. We ought to admit, as an absolute principle, that everything is in nature, even God himself, as I have shown in another work."

It was in 1903 that Myers' monumental work, "Human Personality, and Its Survival After Bodily Death," the outcome of years of close scrutiny of the labors of the London Society for Psychical Research, with which he was so actively associated, was given to the world.

It included the famous case, first reported to a

Is the CURSE of the EVIL EYE FATAL?



Premier Giolitti, Said to Possess the Evil Eye.



Angelo Nijarona, Minister of Finance, who was Hounded Long, an Attack by Cancer Deaths Brink

ALL Italy, turning its apprehensive gaze upon Giovanni Giolitti, the prime minister, now quails in the terror of the belief that he possesses the evil eye.

Italy, where belief in the evil eye is as firm as faith in the existence of a personal devil, has had its most chronic, its most abiding superstition aroused into a dread which refuses to abate by the long series of deaths and shocking misfortunes that have descended upon successive members of the prime minister's cabinets.

The recent end of the minister of public works, Emmanuele Gianturo, in the prime of life—for he had just passed the half century—by the agency of that most repulsive of diseases, cancer, marked the seventeenth man upon whom a blight of some sort—by many regarded as the prime minister's destructive glance—has fallen.

Italy is asking itself: "Can this evil eye, which overlooks all the affairs of the nation, have cursed the very land itself? Does the earth tremble and vomit forth its lava fire, because he gazes upon it too fixedly?"

temperament are capable of awakening among men of all classes, his career as prime minister of Italy must have ended with the first suspicion that he was cursed with jettatura, or the qualities of the evil eye.

It has, however, happened that, as the list of the unfortunates in direct association with him grew long, he found increasing difficulty in replacing those whom unexpected death or grave prostrating illness took away from their duties of state.

Among the victims was the postmaster general, Steluti Scala, whose sudden death shocked all his colleagues; Signor Gallo, scarcely inducted into his labors as minister of justice when he was found dead in his bed; Signor Rossano, another minister of justice, who committed suicide, and Massimo, minister of finance, who died of paralysis in the Chamber of Deputies, stricken with instant death in the midst of an important address.

Signor Gianturo, whose death of cancer has started Italy, himself succeeded, in the ministry of public works, a minister upon whom heart disease fastened, forcing him into private life. The most famous of ministers of finance, De Broglie, has been crippled by acute rheumatism; his successor, Wollenberg, is insane.

MAN AFTER MAN SUCCEUMS

Only a short time has elapsed since another minister of finance, Majorana, selected by the eye of Giolitti especially for his youth and strength, was debarré from his post by a sudden cancer, against the dire ravages of which he has struggled, hoping against the hope that failed Gianturo.

Prezetti, foreign minister, stricken with the hemorrhage of apoplexy; Tittini, foreign minister, stricken with ordinary cerebral hemorrhage—man after man, they have succumbed.

It is to the curse of Giolitti's jettatura? All Italy says so—explaining the discrimination in the nature of the afflictions sustained by different individuals, and the intensity of the various plights to which they have been reduced, by the commonly accepted belief that while few, if any, human beings are totally immune against jettatura, all have various powers of resistance.

No one blames the unfortunate premier—all concede his motives to be above reproach and his supposedly malevolent influence to be involuntary.

But, with the people at large beginning at length to imagine they discern some relevancy between his alleged evil eye and the succession of misfortunes that have befallen the country, it seems to them now as though Nature herself were under the curse of some monster she created.

TO AMERICANS accustomed to look directly into the eyes of every human being they face—a practice which, test of unflinching courage as it was originally regarded, has descended to the level of a national trait in bad manners—eyes of all descriptions might be recalled as the peculiarly evil eye, because the American may be accepted, from his national

habit, as the connoisseur of eyes.

But none that he will conjure up—the piercing, black, close-set eye which he thinks of first, or the pale, chilling, habitually antagonistic eye, or the slant-lidded, glinting, secretly insolent eye which he instinctively recognizes as treacherous—will be the evil eye of which Italy stands in awe.

No one has yet lived who could define the 'evil eye' in words of color, form or expression. It is there when it is there—that is all.

It may be brilliant and round; it may be long and dreamy of regard; it may be black or brown, behind lashes scant or sweeping. Yet in its blighting depths, although the soul of its unfortunate owner be a well spring of love for his kind, lurks some evil, blighting genius whose presence every Italian intuitively feels, whose malevolence is visited upon all who sustain the ruthless glances long.

The eye of Premier Giolitti shows a broad, level orb, under its significant, of equal firmness and intelligence. It is what a Stevenson might have called "an eminently human eye," beaming with perceptiveness, lambent with active thought, kindled always with some spark of the genial that makes a man likable.

It is precisely the quality of "likableness" which has distinguished all the unfortunates who have been doomed to carry about with them, from cruel grade to merciful grave, the awful burden of their own windows to the soul. They have had countless friends; they have been devotedly loved; and they have beheld those who loved them best, whom best they loved, perish before their lethal eyes of the very love light that inspired humanity's noblest passion.

Had it not been for the supreme confidence and the extreme affection which Premier Giolitti's character and

MARKETS and FINANCE

Saturday, Jan. 25.—The market was rather dull this morning and meat prices were depressed.

Butter and Dairy Produce. Butter, per lb., 0.30 to 0.32. Cheese, per lb., 0.17 to 0.20. Eggs, per dozen, 0.20 to 0.22.

Fruits. Apples, bushel, 0.20 to 0.25. Peaches, basket, 0.10 to 0.12. Lemons, dozen, 0.15 to 0.20.

Meats. Beef, No. 1, cwt., 7.00 to 8.00. Pork, No. 1, cwt., 7.00 to 7.50. Mutton, per cwt., 7.00 to 8.00.

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FEBRUARY ST. NICHOLAS.

The novel feature of the February St. Nicholas is the first instalment of the Story of the League, illustrated with sixteen photographs of reproductions of the actual photographs of the League.

CITY OF SUICIDES. Vienna Had More Than One Per Day During Last Year. Vienna, Jan. 24.—Three hundred and fifty-six men and 108 women committed suicide in Vienna last year.

THE GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

MAY BEAT OUT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Possible Far--reaching Effect of Proposed New Waterway—Fort William an Ocean Port—Twenty-seven Locks Between Georgian Bay and Montreal. Ottawa, Jan. 24.—An interim report of the Georgian Bay Canal survey, dealing with the canalization of the French River from Georgian Bay to North Bay, a distance of 81 miles...

HOW CAPTAIN COOK DIED.

An Ancient Manuscript Tells of the Explorer's End. London, Jan. 24.—Two hundred years ago a seaman, John Cook, who accompanied Captain Cook on his ill-fated voyage to the Sandwich Islands, kept a diary of the incidents of the expedition. Little did he think that his quaintly written notes would one day have a place in the British Museum.

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Englishman Charged With Defrauding Insurance Co. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—William Watson, an English pottery manufacturer, was arrested here yesterday on a charge of defrauding an English insurance company out of \$6,000, which he paid upon alleged proof of Watson's death.

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An interesting volume is one printed in London in 1787, really the third edition...

And it is known as the "stinking edition," because of an error which the English typographer made...

Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care, And dish them out their bill o' fare...

The word "stinking" should have been "skinking," which means something that slops over...

Next came the first two volume edition. It was published in 1793...

A feature of the roads of France is the ever-present guide post. These guide posts consist of an iron plaque...

It is possible that it might have gone to Mr. Carnegie in case that gentleman survived Mr. Smith...

Can't Lose Yourself in France. A feature of the roads of France is the ever-present guide post...

In addition to these guide posts the Touring Club of France has put on the chief roads a series of signs...

Water on the Desert. It is difficult to comprehend the part that water, or rather the lack of water, plays in shaping the life of the desert...

Man, however, is poorly armed against the rigors of the desert. A horseman may go for the morning of one day until some hour of the next, in midsummer...

Another very beautiful little edition in two volumes, exquisitely bound, has the name "Henry Edward Cardinal Manning" and the date "March 18, 1891"...

There is one volume in the collection which, so far as Mr. Smith knows, is absolutely unique in one feature. It was printed at Glasgow in 1801 and contains many afterward familiar poems...

Burns would write a poem, give it away and apparently never think of it again. For that reason many of these gift books did not appear until some time after his death...

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"Look at how she acted when I was bragging to Alice Harvey's domestic ability the other night—testing me to see if she'd care, she chattering at me as if I were a young man who had never been married..."

"Wait. Listen to me," she commanded. Imperiously. "You're making a mistake. I don't know how to give you any more help with my music. I began to suspect from the queer way you acted that you were afraid I hadn't all the necessary qualifications for a wife..."

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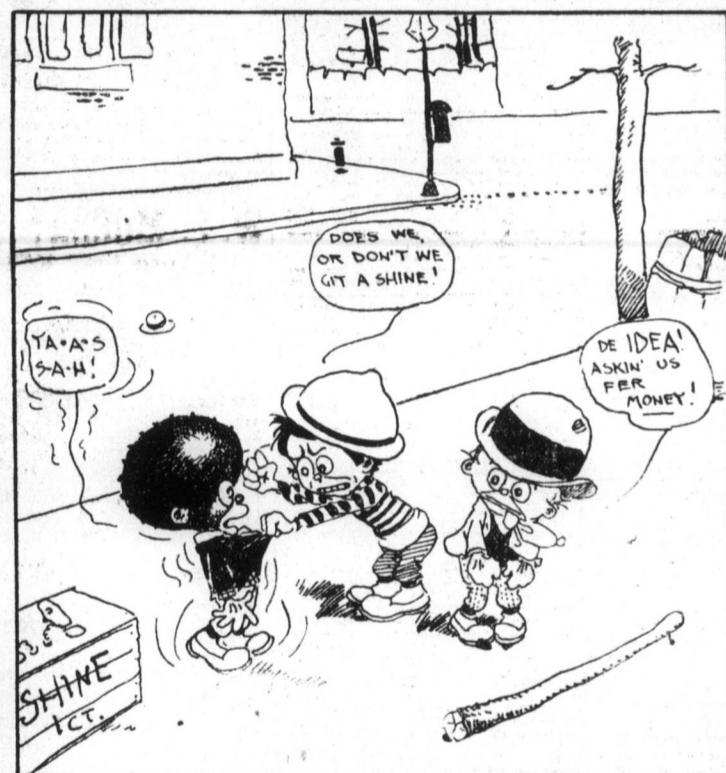
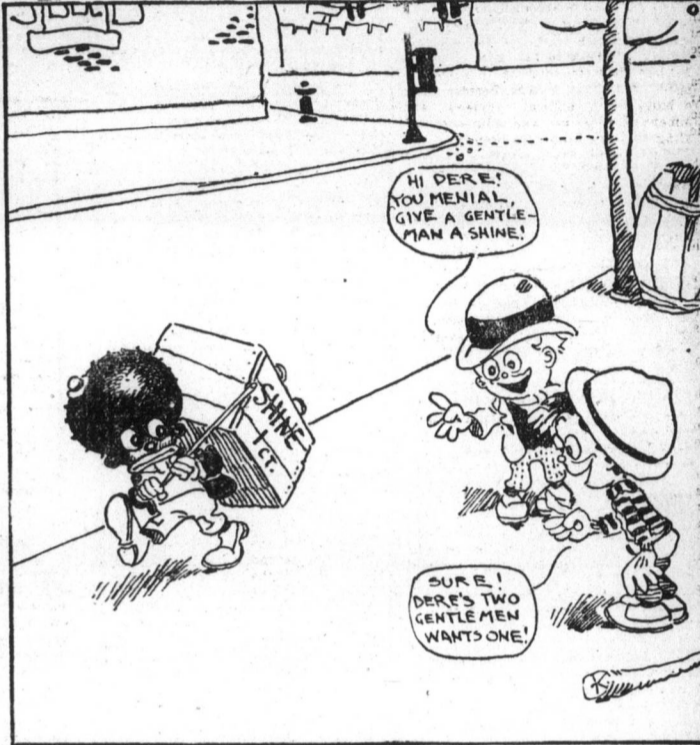
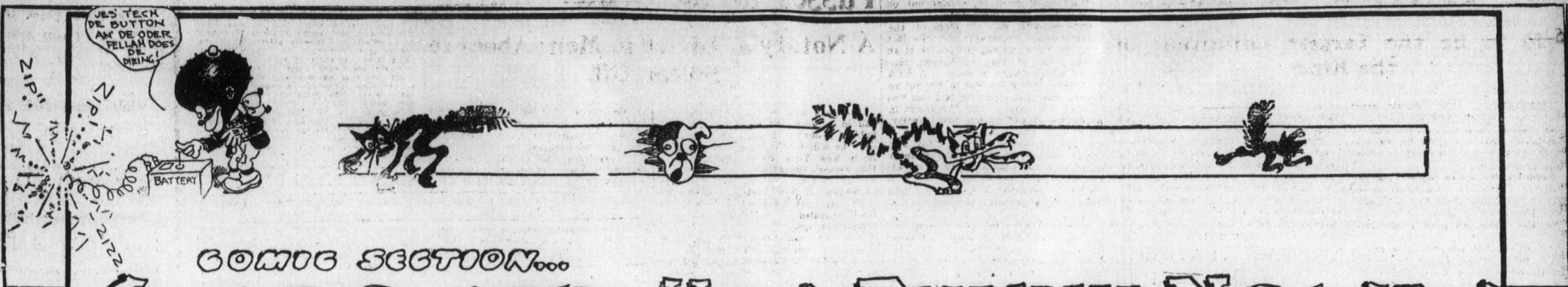
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