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CHRISTMAS.

BEFORE our next issue, Christmas — that day on which the heart of the Christian pulsates with ineffable joy—will have come and gone. Christmas is the happiest and brightest day of all the year! Amid the shouts of innocent children, the ringing of church bells ajar with vibratory joy and the songs of rejoicing multitudes, we consign our petty prejudices and personal differences to the broad ocean of true Christian Catholicity. May this be the most gladsome Christmas of our history. Let kindly interchange of friendly interest strengthen the bond of mutual love. Let every home—no matter how humble—be brighter and every heart happier for its rising sun, and in its serene setting may it leave us with a deeper devotion, a purer patriotism and a more general “good-will” that shall promote peace throughout the earth. And meanwhile let us not forget the Babe of Bethlehem. His influence is moving mightily upon the world to-day. His power shall yet prevail over superstition and infidelity, and then the flowery vales and the vine-clad hills and the blooming isles, like recovered Edens, and the happy continents, from sea to sea shall sing, from shore to shore shall ring, from the deepest depths shall cry, from the highest depths reply, and thrill the enchanted sky with the good news on earth and the glad tidings from heaven “that Christ Jesus came into the world.”

Ring the joy-bells again, join the angels refrain,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, peace, good-will to men!

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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

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

It is by no means a promising sign of the times to see so much competition among professors of the fine arts, and it is the more ominous when such competition takes the form of cutting rates far below the point where they cease to offer a fair remuneration to the teacher. Take it for instance in musical circles. At the present time there are in Victoria at least a dozen musicians who make their living by their art, and were their services sought only in the ratio of their proficiency, some six of the dozen would secure all the pupils. Musicians, be their age what it may, are after all only pupils, striving to learn more of their art by constant application to it, and ever seeking a deeper insight into the mysterious beauties of their science, by devoting all their time and attention to it. To such as keep this in view and to such only would any sensible man go for instruction, as they only can teach who are themselves willing to learn. Yet here in Victoria I know that those professors secure the greatest number of students, who spend their time in increasing their classes by offering inducements of lower rates, or on the strength of a reputation they do nothing to

maintain. The first course is unprofessional to a degree, and of the latter, the less said the better. The one's who suffer from their acts are those unfortunates who allow themselves to follow a course of tuition which, from the start, is a procession of the blind leading the blind, only to end against a wall of wasted time. It is fitting that the wheat be threshed from the chaff, and THE HOME JOURNAL will in the future give praise where praise is due, and spare not when the time for censure comes.

There is at present a very important measure before the Legislature. It provides for the administration of civic affairs by commissioners and supplies the machinery for bringing the change into operation. In a word, if fifty persons entitled to vote petition the Lieut.-Governor to that effect he may order an election to decide whether or not such city shall be governed by commissioners. A mere majority is to decide the destiny of the particular city for a period of three years. The commissioners, who shall be two and not more than four in number, one of whom shall be the Mayor, will receive salaries not exceeding \$4,000 annually. These commissioners are to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council. Some people may have a fancy for increasing the powers and patronage of the Provincial authority, but I am not of that manner of thinking, though certain that Victoria has been exceedingly unfortunate of late in its selections of members of the Council board—some of whom, it is only fair to admit, had the endorsement of this paper. Victoria and some of the other cities also badly require more efficient and more reliable municipal management. Cannot men of higher qualifications be induced to give their fellow citizens, during the ensuing year, the benefit of their brains and experience,

without the electors delegating their functions to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council?

It is apparent that, in the opinion of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the British Columbia sealers have an equitable claim on the Government of Great Britain for losses sustained by them during the extensions of the *modus vivendi*. He further advised the interested parties to accept the \$125,000, offered by the United States Government in compensation for all illegal seizures down to August 1893, not including, of course, the seizure of the Coquitlam, which was taken possession of under the United States customs law. No doubt the Minister spoke from his knowledge of the entire circumstances and the sealers will do well to be governed by his suggestions. In connection with the further claim on the Mother Country they should not lose time in pressing it. There have been sufficient delays already, and as we all know delays are dangerous, and, at the least, tend to embarrassment and complications which might otherwise have been avoided.

The people of Canada have every reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that their public men have not belonged to the boodling class who entered and remained in political life because of what it was possible for them to make out of it. On both sides of political life in the Dominion the men who have been the most prominent in it have died without having amassed fortunes, having had, it may be said, a single eye to the service of their fellow countrymen. Sir John Thompson, the late Premier, was no exception to this rule, and has, unfortunately for them, left behind him a widow and family comparatively unprovided for. In view of this circumstance, it is observed that a memorial fund

has been started for their benefit, and to this, it is trusted, the contributions will be generous. This tribute to departed worth is no more than a proper one and the fact of its objects not having been adequately provided for by one who served his country well and faithfully should receive for it the prompt and liberal payment of what they really owe and of an obligation which they are in honor bound to discharge.

There is a weekly newspaper in this city which has, till recently, succeeded in maintaining a respectable mediocrity in its views and literary productions. Eminent qualified to suit its readers, and I was somewhat startled to find that in its last issue it swerved very suddenly from the beaten path. To attack Premier Davie, and in doing so to depreciate in advance the possible promotion of Mr. S. Y. Wootton to the Registrarship, is an exhibition of childish pettishness which one might expect to see in some mushroom journal started to forward the claims of an Uriah Heap to the position of dog-catcher of Boomerville, Nebraska, and even in such a paper some little care would be taken that the counts of the indictment were correct. What can be thought then of a diatribe such as was presented to the public, which, ignoring the main point, Mr. Wootton's fitness, accuses the Premier of using his power as head of the Government, to qualify by act of Parliament a friend for a position which he could not otherwise attain? As a matter of fact, no such qualification was necessary, though doubtless, if such an appointment is to be made it is exceedingly bad grace on the part of the Premier to have considered the qualifications of any person without first consulting the managers of such a potential journalistic venture.

While the eloquent and much

respected pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church is engaged in lecturing his flocks on the "Seven Devils," I would ask him to say a word or so on an evil which I believe is growing to an alarming extent. I refer to the precocity of the rising generation. The other day the following letter, written by a little maid of thirteen summers to a youth a year or so her senior was handed me by an enraged parent:

"DEAR TOM:—I wish you would come to the Metropolitan Church on Sunday night for I am going over to stay with C—— all Sunday, and when it is time to go to church we will start from her place and the old folks won't have anything to say, and when we are coming home we will go up Pandora street. We will wait behind a little while, and then go up Pandora. Of course we got away that night you wasn't there, but we will try again. Oh, Tom, I wish you would come to our Sunday school this Sunday. Oh! ask Jim to take you to our Sunday school because his class is right next to ours, it is just like one. * * * * * I am trying to get G——, you get Jim and we will go out for a walk. Say, but please come to our Sunday school, just to try it. I wish you went all the time. Please, please, please come. Oh, what scribbling. It is awful but as long as you can read it and come I don't care.

Yours etc.

E——."

Letter-writing is, no doubt, a valuable accomplishment, and one that should be cultivated; but it seems to me that epistles of the above character, when written by children, are pernicious in their effects. Sunday school teachers might profitably point out to their scholars the evil of letter-writing among children.

Among the young Canadians who are gaining fame in the

field of literature might be mentioned the name of Mr. Charles Lewis Shaw. Those who read the *Colonist* Christmas number for 1893 will remember the excellently written article, "Reminiscences of a Nile Voyageur." Mr. Shaw was the author, and his style throughout was marked with an originality not only attractive but interesting. The Reminiscences of the exploits of "Canada's noble 384" in Egypt during the Soudan campaign possessed the further merit of being true, as the writer of this article can bear testimony. Mr. Shaw has an article in a recent issue of the *Toronto Saturday Night*, giving a very interesting account of the last duel in Ontario, fought between the late Judge Wilson and Robert Lyon. It took place below the town of Perth, Ont., in 1833, and resulted in the death of Lyon on the second shot, which was forced on the young men by one of the seconds, Capt. Lelievre. Judge Wilson who defended himself was tried at Brockville and was acquitted. A curious coincidence was that Judge Wilson's first Court was held at Brockville, and he had to try a man on a charge of murder. When the Judge asked who appeared for the prisoner, he was answered Robert Lyon, a nephew and namesake of his antagonist in the duel. Mr. Shaw is a native of Perth, and is an Ontario barrister, but has abandoned the study and practice of law for the Bohemian atmosphere of literature. He is also a vocalist of considerable merit; his artistic rendition of "The Old Forty-Twa" was the musical feature of the campaign in the Soudan.

It is announced that Mr. R. P. Rithet, of Victoria, and other gentlemen, have purchased a beautiful Hawaiian plantation about twelve miles outside of Honolulu, which during favorable years has paid 40 to 50 per cent. on its capital stock, and is capable of still further development. In ten years it has paid half a million dollars in dividends to its stockholders.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. M. Powers was married to Miss Nellie Brunell, both of Victoria, last Saturday.

The K. of P. social dance in the Pythian Hall, Wednesday evening, was well attended.

The gentleman's sale of work at Calvary Baptist church, Tuesday night, drew a large crowd.

A private party and dance was given at the residence of Michael Sweeny, Johnson street, Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. H. Carter, of Victoria, was married to Miss Filimore, of San Francisco, in the latter place last Saturday.

The Victoria Quadrille Club will give a grand masquerade ball the first week in January in the Hebrew Ladies' Hall.

Miss Mary Louisa Barnswell was married to Mr. Frederick Alexander by Rev. S. Cleaver, M. A., last Monday evening.

The Iolanthe Club held their fortnightly dance in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Monday evening. Richardsons' orchestra furnished the music.

The Ladies' True Blue Lodge gave a concert and dance at the A. O. U. W. Hall, Monday evening. Bantly's orchestra were in attendance.

The Daughters of England will give a social dance New Years night in the A. O. U. W. Hall. Richardson's orchestra will be in attendance.

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The James Bay Athletic Association concert in Philharmonic Hall, Wednesday night, was a most successful affair. The attendance was good and the different numbers on the programme were well carried out.

The entertainment given by the B. C. Companions of the Forest, in the Institute Hall, Thursday, was a most enjoyable affair. An excellent programme had been prepared and Prof. Finn's orchestra contributed the music.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Rev. J. E. Starr has decided to accept the call extended to him by the Clinton, (Ont.) Methodists, and will, as a result, leave Toronto next June.

Dr. H. B. Findlay and Miss Nellie, second daughter of Mr. W. P. Baker, were married Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Cormorant street, by the Rev. S. Cleaver. Dr. and Mrs. Findlay left for a short trip over the Sound by the City of Kingston.

The James Bay Junior Lacrosse club will give a concert in The Victoria on the evening of the 27th. The following ladies and gentleman have volunteered their services: Mrs. McCandless, Miss Wolf, Miss Murray, Miss S. Smith, Mr. Clement Rowlands, Mr. Edgar Buck, Mr. W. R. Higgins, Mr. J. Pilling, Mr. J. G. Brown, Mr. Ernest Wolf and Dr. Wade's musical club.

Mr. E. M. Yarwood was married to Miss Edith Stannard, both of Nanaimo, on the 15th. The church, which was crowded, was tastefully decorated, and the service was full choral. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, assisted by Rev. Canon Good, performed the ceremony. Miss Etta Stannard was bridesmaid and Mr. Malcolm Lamont supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Yarwood are spending their honeymoon at Portland and Tacoma.

A correspondent of the Vancouver *World* writing from Clinton says: "Undoubtedly the most interesting wedding that has been the good fortune of the residents of this peacable and quiet little hamlet to witness took place at the Dominion house last Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., when Miss Charlotte Mundorf, the acknowledged belle of the neighborhood, and George Mitchell, a well to do and hand-

some young Canadian, joined hearts and hands, and with the assistance of Rev. F. Yolland were launched on the blissful sea of matrimonial content. Never before did the bride look as pretty as she did on that eventful evening. Her dress of white silk, was faultless to a point, which gave her the appearance of the queen of women. The groom, too, was at his best, dressed in a suit of conventional black, and the peaceful and satisfied expression which adorned his features evoked even the envy of your correspondent, who, by the way, falls far short of having any matrimonial inclination whatever. Miss Christina Mundorf was the bridesmaid and George Hurley, with his pleasant ways, becoming features and winning smile, did the honors of best man. The presents were too numerous to mention. That success and prosperity may attend the young couple is the earnest wish of your correspondent and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances."

The holiday season is at hand, and our advice to all desiring a tasty and useful gift for a friend, is to get one of those beautiful canisters filled with the choicest of teas, at the Victoria Tea House.

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Owing to pressure on our advertising columns we have been compelled to hold over several communications and other reading matter.

Among those mentioned for mayoralty candidates are Messrs. Teague, Flummerfelt, Keith Wilson, and Harry Munn. There is good material to select from, and generally speaking the citizens could entrust any one of the forementioned with their votes without fear or hesitation.

Four names have been placed before the Liberal Association from which to choose their candidates for the forthcoming Dominion election. The gentleman whose names have been presented are Messrs. Templeman, Milne, Bostock and Marchant. It is a foregone conclusion that Messrs. Templeman and Milne will secure the nomination, as Mr. Bostock is comparatively unknown, and the Liberals have not yet forgotten that Mr. Marchant was the great source of weakness to Mr. Templeman at the last Dominion election.

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I GOT a job with a lighthouse keeper. I'd been in a lighthouse before. It was no new thing to me, but after I'd been there a few hours I wondered what my master hired me for. It was like being pensioned off. There was nothing to do.

But, mark ye, when it came night, and the wind began to moan about the lighthouse, and the lamps were lit, and all outside was black as pitch, and all the sound we heard was the swash, swash, swash of the waves, my master mixed some grog and called me to sit along with him. That looked sociable, but I can't say he did.

He sat glowering over his glass for awhile and opening his mouth as if to speak and shutting it again. Then said he:

"What's your name?"

"Ben Dare," said I.

"Would you mind calling yourself Brace?" he asked.

"I've no reason to be ashamed of my name," said I.

"Look here," said he, "I am a gentleman born and bred. I never came to earning my bread before. I'm ashamed of it. This is what I mean: If any strangers come out here and ask for William Brace, why, you say you are the man. You claim to be lighthouse keeper. It's easy. I don't suppose much company will call, but I choose not to see them, if they do. That's what I hired you for."

"Oh!" said I.

"You see," said he. "I got this place through a rich man who had influence. Those who gave it to me never saw me. If I die some day, why, here you are in the place. If I go off, and I may, here you are still until then. I'll pay you well, and you know your duties."

"Well, it's shamming," said I; "but after all, what does any one care what my name is. And what shall I call you?"

"Call me nothing," said he. "Call me captain, as you did when I met you, but never speak of me to any one."

Gentleman or no, he wasn't lazy. He didn't care how he worked. The lamps were as bright as jewels. There wasn't a speck of dirt in the whole tower.

But, let any boat come nigh us, away he went and hid himself and came out with a white, scared face and a shaking hand.

At night he was afraid to go up to the lamps alone, and he'd look over his shoulder and turn white as we stood there together.

At last he took a new turn. He sat staring at a corner for awhile. Then he spoke to me in a low voice:

"Brace, do you believe in ghosts?"

"I hain't considered the question," I answered.

"Well," said he softer than before, "look into the corner," and he pointed.

I looked.

"Don't you see anything?" he asked.

"No," said I. "No, cappen."

"Ah," he muttered, "very well, very well! I'm glad you don't."

But that wasn't anything to what happened the very next night.

We slept in two bunks nigh each other, and naturally, when he woke up with a yell, I woke too.

He was shrieking and shaking and wringing his hands.

"The woman, the woman!" he said. "She stood here just now, all red with blood. It dripped down the white ruffles. It dripped on her hands. Stop her! Stop her! She has gone to call them. Stop her! Stop her!"

"Where did she go?" I asked.

He stared at me with his wide open eyes, all the whites showing, below and above.

"She couldn't have been here," said he. "It was a dream."

"Lord love you, a nightmare," said I.

So we went asleep again, but I heard of the woman so often after that that I grew used to her.

The cappen, as I called him, got to be worse and worse every day. I wanted to go ashore and fetch the doctor, but he would not hear of it. He raved if I tried to leave him.

At last there came a hot, hot night in June. It was burning hot all day and a dead calm at night.

About dark the cappen went to sleep, and I went and sat where I could see the water and the lights ashore. It was so still that I could hear the sailors in a Spanish ship moored not far away singing in their foreign lingo.

And I was sort of quiet and dreamylike when something happened that waked me mighty wide and sudden. Something was standing on the steps below me—something white. Something came toward me.

It was a little slender figure, with long hair all about its shoulders. I couldn't see its face. I don't think I really saw it plainly at all, but it went past me softly while I looked, and I knew it was a woman in a white ruffled gown, and that she had gone to the room where my master lay.

I shook too hard for a moment to move, but as soon as I could I started up to go to him. Just then a voice cried:

"Lighthouse, ahoy!"

I answered, "Aye, aye" and stopped a bit. Duty first of all things with a sailor.

A boat lay at the foot of the steps, and four men jumped out of it.

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There was no use saying anything, but I did try to stop them.

"I've got a sick friend aloft," says I. "Don't disturb him. I'm afraid the woman will skeer him ahyhow, he's so low."

"What woman?" said he.

"The one that came aboard with you, sir," said I.

"No woman came with us," he snarled. "Stand aside. Men, do your duty."

They went upstairs. I followed. I saw them walk into the cappen's room. I heard them cry out and stand still. When I got to the door, they stood in a row, looking down on the bed. I looked too. Man nor woman couldn't frighten the cappen more. He was dead.

"What has he done?" I asked the officer.

"Killed his wife," said he; "that's all. No doubt she deserved it, but it's not allowed by law when they do."

"God help him!" said I.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"The Trial Kiss" is the name of the new operetta which Millecker has just completed.

Great preparations are under way for the one thousandth performance of "Faust" at the Paris Grand Opera.

There is no chorus and no ballet in Mascagni's opera "Ratcliff," which is to have its first appearance in Berlin next January.

It would seem that Gilbert and Carr's new operetta, "His Excellency," has not made more than a "success of esteem in London."

Sir Arthur Sullivan is said to have realized \$50,000 from the sales of his song, "The Lost Chord." Balfe received \$40,000 for "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls."

That beautiful intermezzo, "Love's Dream After the Ball," by the gifted Czibulka, whose death the cable reported recently, has received a vocal setting for high voice.

To the Editor of THE HOME JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR—I may have mistaken the meaning of your correspondent, "A Volunteer Chorister," but I take it that he (or she) meant to insinuate that the choir-master receives a *quid pro quo* for allotting the solos at the church services he conducts. Personally I never sing

in a choir unless I am paid to do so, and though I have by no means a bad tenor voice, I am sorry to say that of late my services have not been called into requisition. Perhaps I may ascribe this very unpleasant state of affairs (to me) to the fact that the choir-masters are guilty as charged by your correspondent, and, if so, I entirely agree with him (or her) that it is a practice much to be condemned.

Yours truly,
SIMS REEVES, JR.

Sir George Grove, editor of the great "Dictionary of Music and Musicians," has resigned his position as director of the Royal College of Music, in London, at the age of seventy-four. It is expected that Dr. Hubert Parry will be invited to take his place.

Upward of 200 one-act operas have been written in Germany and Italy within the past twelve months, as a consequence, probably, of the success of "Cavalleria Rusticana." The plots of nearly all of them turn on tragical outcomes of illicit love.

"Jolly Old Chums," at The Victoria, Wednesday evening, did not possess one redeeming feature. The company has been apparently recruited from the culinary department of some American hotel.

Both Jean and Edouard de Reszke are to sing at Bayreuth one year from next summer, when the trilogy as well as "Tristan and Isolde" will be sung. Jean will sing Siegfried and Tristan. Rose Sucher has been mentioned for the Isolde, but Mme. Nordica may return and sing the role there.

Joseph Hoffman made his only appearance this season, at St. James' Hall London, last week, before a very good audience, but did not create any special excitement. His performance was an artistic success. Infant prodigies

in music are not exciting the interest they did a few years ago.

The rumor that Verdi is at work on an opera to be founded on "The Tempest" is evidently unauthentic. Maurel, who was named for the principal role, has heard nothing of the work. "It may be true," he said the other day, "but when a man is eighty-three years old it is not possible to make many predictions about his future work."

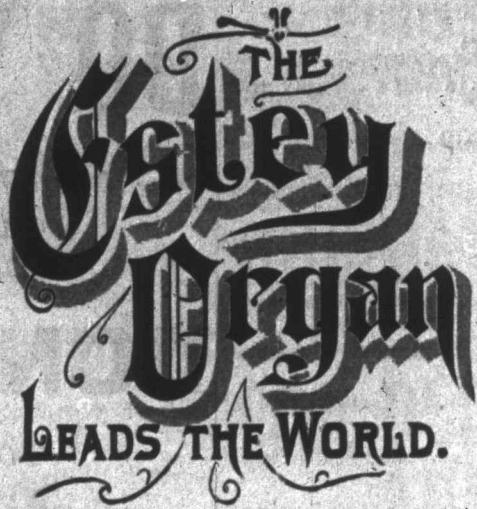
The new machinery for producing the motion of the Rhine daughters in Wagner's "Rheingold" is thus described: Each of the three singers stood in a sort of cornucopia, hung from pulleys and trolleys by nearly invisible wire ropes; each of these three appliances required for its manipulation, the aid of thirteen men, and every movement, up or down, to the front, or back, or side, was controlled by a separate rope; while one man of each thirteen acted as director, indicating each moment as called for by text or music.

The cantata "Daniel" will be given by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening. The principal parts will be taken by Mrs. McCandless, Miss Hutcheson, Messrs. Mitchell, W. Muir and J. G. Brown. Mr. G. J. Burnett will conduct the choir. In the second part of the programme, the Messiah solos may be changed, viz., "Thus saith the Lord" and "For He is Like a Refiner's Fire," in place of "For Behold Darkness" and "The People that Walked."

Miss Sharpe's pupils gave a recital at Institute hall, Wednesday evening.

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GENIUS AND MADNESS.

Moliere was subject to convulsions.

Schopenhauer was always gloomy and pessimistic.

Ben Jonson and Nat Lee were almost slaves to alcohol.

Paganini, the violinist, often fell into a cataleptic state.

Schiller was a victim of fainting fits and convulsions.

George Eliot had frequent attacks of nervous prostration.

Chatterton was undoubtedly insane when he took his own life.

Shelley is said to have had visions in which he devoutly believed.

Both Kepler and Cuvier died of different forms of brain disease.

Johanna Southcote was a cataleptic of the same variety as Joan of Arc.

Ignatius Loyola had visions which he seems to have regarded as inspired.

The brilliant Southey finally sank into a state of mental stupor, in which he died.

Lord Clive's melancholy finally ended in madness, and he died by his own hand.

Socrates imagined that he had a familiar spirit or guardian angel that conversed with him.

WELL-KNOWN FOREIGNERS.

Alexander Dumas has been fined twice for keeping a vicious dog at his home in Paris.

M. Durnof, the aeronaut, who first opened communication between Paris and the outside world in 1870, is dying in a Paris hospital.

Multafa Bey, formerly private physician to the sultan of Morocco, is said to derive an income of \$100,000 a year from his profession.

Countess Alesio, of Turin, Italy, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday recently, accompanied her husband through all the hardships of the Moscow campaign while she was a bride of eighteen.

The Archduke Rainer, of Austria, has a collection of 10,000 Egyptian papyrus documents dating back from B.C. 1200. The collection contains commercial letters, contracts, tax records, wills, tailors' bills, novels and even love letters.

Dismarck said to a correspondent who visited him at Varzin a couple of weeks ago: "I shall never enter public life of any kind again. I am out of the harness forever." As he is verging upon the age of fourscore this is not particularly surprising.

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A Queer Find.

In the year 553, A.D., while workmen were engaged in trenching the salt mines in Prussia, they unearthed a triangular building in which was a column of white marble. At the side of the column was a tomb of freestone and over it a slab of granite inscribed with these words, which were in Latin: "Here rests the ashes of Peleg, grand architect of the Tower of Babel. The Almighty had pity on him because he became humble."

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While in the public mind the great vine at Hampton Court Palace is esteemed the most remarkable, even that is excelled in dimensions by the still greater vine at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park. Not only these giants, but probably all other vines in the kingdom, have to give place for extent and productiveness to that most remarkable vine which is just at the present moment carrying the enormous quantity of 852 bunches and a total weight materially exceeding half a ton.

Queer Custom.

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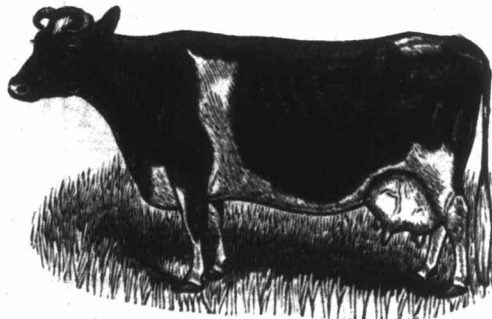
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Joe took from me fourteen twenty-dollar gold pieces, and then I introduced him to Mr. Bascomb, who happened to stand next to him. They shook hands and they were pleased to see each other, and Mr. Bascomb handed out \$130 in gold. So it went clear down the line, the robber trusting to every man's integrity to hand over his entire boodle. In this instance I believe every one of us did, as he got about \$1,300 from the crowd. He did not ask for watches or jewelry, and when some one told him that he had forgotten the stage driver, who stood holding the leaders by the bits, he laughed and called out:

"How much cash have you got about you, Sam?"

"About \$30," replied the driver as he produced the coins.

"You are too small pickings, and I know you have a wife and child to support. Now, gentlemen, I don't want your firearms, and I don't believe any of you will be fool enough to fire on me when you see notes or them. Pile into the coach and drive ahead. Should you meet with another gentleman in the same profession I will console you to realize that you have no cash to be robbed of."

A week later, though there were fifty men out looking for him, "Gentleman Joe," as we had titled him from the first hold up, stopped another stage on that line.

After his second robbery he was so vigorously pursued that he had to abandon the Silver City route, but in the course of a couple of weeks he was heard of up in the Humboldt Valley. His advent was characterized by a feat which has no peer in stage-robbery. He caught the up-stage and the down-stage just as they were about to pass each other at 3 o'clock in the after-

noon. ~~There~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~five~~ ~~men~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~woman~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~four~~ ~~men,~~ ~~a~~ ~~woman~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~boy.~~ With the drivers there were eleven men and all well armed and yet he appeared so suddenly and moved about so swiftly that it was at first supposed there were four or five robbers in the attack. The drivers he paid no attention to, but he lined up the nine passengers, searched the first and made him go through the others. It was said that his haul amounted to \$5,000, and as it was all in gold coin he had it lying on a blanket in the road when the passengers re-embarked and the stage rolled away.

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THE WHEEL.

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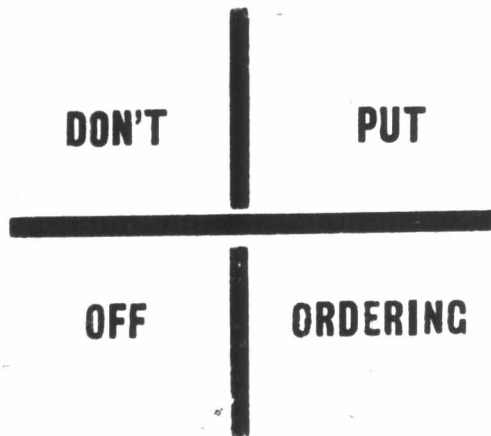
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