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TALES OF THE TOWN.

THE commercial paper of this city notes a distinct improvement in trade conditions. The volume of business is increasing, and prospects are brightening for the future. The monetary situation is without special features, either in the great financial centers or locally. The demand, while subject to the mid-summer dullness, is improving in many points and promises to be quite active within the next 30 days. Collections are fairly good everywhere.

Undoubtedly our people should be well satisfied with this state of affairs. Very few cities in Canada could have passed through an epidemic of even such diminutive proportions as ours and show a similar report. In fact, I believe it proves, as I have always contended, that Victoria possesses the material upon which great commercial cities are built. But she can never hope to become much more than what she is at present if a thoroughly enterprising class of men are not placed at the helm. The sloth cannot accomplish great things, nor can a city government, such as the one now at the head of civic affairs, keep pace with the enterprise of the neighboring cities.

That I am not alone in this opinion is evidenced by the fact that there is now a movement on foot to place in nomination at the next municipal election a ticket composed exclusively of business men. Simply because a man is economical, even unto parsimony, it will not render him eligible for a place on the ticket. He may know how to saw a board straight, plaster a wall, conduct a real estate sale, or believe he can feed a multitude for three whole days with a few loaves of bread and a can of salmon; but if he be not imbued with thorough business principles, he will not be recognized by the business men when they are making up their slate. This is a move in the right direction, and I have no doubt it will recommend itself to every man in this city who has the future greatness of Victoria at heart.

Making perhaps smallpox the excuse, the council is now going to kick over the traces and spend or borrow money right and left. One alderman proposes to borrow \$50,000 for surface drains, while another one, not to be outdone by this sudden outburst of prodigality, proposes to make it \$100,000, as glibly as if proposing to spend privately a \$20 piece! I must honorably exempt Messrs. Hunter, Humber and Bragg—all dissidents. I remember at the beginning of the sittings, the civic body only "estimated" spending \$25,000 on all the streets together, and it is now proposed to spend \$50,000 for surface drains, besides \$30,000 on account of the main sewerage scheme; and I understand there is an overdraft of two or three hundred thousand dollars at the Bank. Have our city fathers again been prospecting for gold on the Work Estate? Of course we have the smallpox yet with us, for which \$50,000 is already asked on account. Is there any talk of another Royal Commission?

But there is yet something to be said for Mr. Beaven. He was elected as the economical mayor. He was to succeed a very popular man—most men are popular who spend a great deal of money. By the way, the Hon. Mr. Beaven was himself at one time very popular, while occupying a higher position. He spent money, sowing it broadcast with in some cases but

slender good results, and sometimes the reverse. However, let bygones be bygones. Mr. Beaven and council were to succeed, shall I say a spend-thrift mayor and council. Mr. Beaven has hitherto, I think, redeemed the implied pledge at his election, of discouraging useless expenditure. When the smallpox broke in upon us, Mr. Beaven, though probably quite alive to the emergency of the case, was still following unconsciously in the groove in which he started. How could he be lavish all at once!

A correspondent who has evidently read with close attention the real estate articles that have appeared in these columns writes and asks, with every appearance of good faith, whether or not all the schemes dealing with outside real estate are based on misrepresentation and exaggeration to the extent that is characteristic of the enterprises already mentioned in THE HOME JOURNAL.

The fact that we are in receipt of a letter of this kind demonstrates to us the casual and superficial way in which Victorians, and particularly Victorians with money to spend and invest, are apt to consider and discuss matters in which they are very much concerned. One would suppose that when a man was in possession of sufficient money to begin to think of buying a home, he would inquire very carefully as to the place where that home is to be established, and make a deliberate investigation as to the means of getting there and the surroundings of the place after it has been reached. If this were done, the projectors of land schemes that are fraudulent or very nearly so would speedily find their business exceptionally unprofitable. And, if such investigations were made, those who are looking for permanent homes would speedily discover places that were possessed of advantages and where the investment of their money meant a proper and natural benefit to them in the future. If people with money had done a little investigating last spring before investing it, there would be very little need for warning them against land schemes, and certainly no necessity for pointing out the proper places for them to patronize.

It is, of course, fraudulent for a company to buy up ground that is absolutely worthless in itself, that is not adapted for any improvement and that lies so far away from anywhere as to be practically useless for a man doing business. It is when these lots are sold to people at attractive terms—who buy them in most cases without looking at them, that the fraud consists, and it is this kind of fraud which I have thought should be persistently and relentlessly exposed. In exposing the pretensions of some of these land sharks, the purpose of these articles is fulfilled. I do not want to go into land schemes that are legitimate and honest, for the simple reason that if would-be purchasers would make the most casual investigations these schemes could easily be identified.

My attention has been directed to a feature in connection with the contemplated Victoria & Sydney Railway, which I believe is worth looking into. I am informed that already several of the Saanich farmers are proposing to cut up their farms into lots and place them on the market. Now every one knows that there is no possibility of a large city being built at any point along the proposed line of railway, and that nobody but a fool or a knave would attempt to think of such a thing. I therefore would

advise the Saanich people to stick to their farms and cultivate them thoroughly—something I am sorry to say that has not been heretofore strikingly characteristic of the yeomen of that district.

I observe, with much pleasure, that President Ellis of the British Columbia Agricultural Society, has "bared his strong right arm," as a preliminary proceeding to working for the success of the exhibition which opens during the latter part of next month. Mr. Ellis has reason to believe that the forthcoming fair will be equal in every respect to that of last year. At present it really looks as if the space at the disposal of the directors will be insufficient to accommodate the numerous requests that will be made for it. Several new features are spoken of in connection with the event this year.

It appears after all that I was in error in saying that Mr. J. C. McLagan was first known in this city as an agent for Bibles. Mr. McLagan's advent was as agent for the Toronto Globe, and as the Globe is called the "Grit's Bible" down in the county where I came from, the mistake occurred quite naturally. A curious thing in connection with Mr. McLagan's work in this Province for that paper is the circumstance that he presented each new subscriber with a real handsome and durable watch as a premium. These watches were admirable "time"-keepers. It was a matter of rumor that they would not lose a minute in a day; in fact if anything they would gain more than twice that time. So well and favorably known did they become in the city of Victoria that Mr. McLagan conceived the idea of starting the "Times," a paper which, I am pleased to chronicle, under the intelligent management of Mr. Templeman, has since become the leading exponent of Liberal ideas west of Toronto.

Speaking of Mr. McLagan's laudable desire to place a reliable timepiece within easy reach of every man, woman and child in this Province, a somewhat unfortunate neighbor of mine (Phillip Chalk, Esq.) informs me that the genial and benevolent agent betimes would adorn himself with a long, flowing white beard, and with a scythe thrown over his right shoulder, to represent Father Time, would parade up and down Government street. On several occasions he was mistaken for Santa Claus, and was as often addressed by that title as by Father Time.

I was nearly forgetting to mention the fact that these watches had metal cases and were manufactured at Waterbury, Conn. By reason that it took half-an-hour to wind them up, farmers used to remark in a facetious way, of course, that they would either have to neglect their farming operations or let the watches run down. A policeman, whose word I have no reason to doubt, informs me that no thief has ever been suspected of stealing a Waterbury watch.

Mrs. Partington and Mrs. Malaprop are not the only ones who take liberties with the language and have a cinch on lingual "gaucheries," by any manner of means. We have a prize winner right in our own city, and she can say some of the most peculiar things with charming innocence. The other day she was speaking to a lady to whom she had modestly introduced herself, and as a part of her conversation she made the following unique observations:—Why, my dear Mrs. So-and-So, you have no idea what a lovely time we had over

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at the museum the other day. I wish you could have went. We saw one collection of relics that was a perfect "rondyview" of curiosities: it is so interesting that I am going to write a "memorial" about it. So you play tennis, do you? Well, since this place has become such a "reservoir" for the tennis players, I want to learn the game so much, and I am sure I could learn in a little time under your intelligent "intuition." And so she kept on in her linguistic gymnastics until there was not a dry eye or an unwrinkled face in the vicinity. And all the time she looked as pretty as a peach, in white gown of China silk, and with the sweetest smiles imaginable.

A common sight on the streets of Victoria and an exasperating one, is a delivery man or driver abusing his horse. A merchant who has such a man should lose no time in dispensing with his services. A man must understand the disposition of his horse and be governed accordingly, and it is ridiculous to expect an animal to do your bidding so long as it cannot understand what you want done. Whipping and abusing a dumb creature does not help matters.

A Government street merchant said the other day: "How popular in business circles is the man who always pays his bills promptly without quibble or delay. Everybody wants to do business with him. He can buy goods cheaper and secure prompt delivery than those who do not follow his example." A nimble farthing is better than a slow penny, and if the merchant gets prompt returns on his goods he can turn the money over rapidly and with largely increased profits. If returns are slow about getting around he loses the use of this money for a time, hence loses a profit. All business men recognize the value of ready cash in trade, even though their credit be the best. Ready cash always buys goods at a discount.

Before closing, will the brethren please join with me in singing the following appropriate selection from Herrick's Litaney:

When the artless doctor sees
Not one hope, but of his fees,
And his skill runs on the lees,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When his potion and his pill,
His, or none, or little skill,
Meet for nothing but to kill,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

PERE GRINATOR.

PERSIA.

We parted in the streets of Ispahan,
I stopped my camel at the city gate;
Why did I stop? I left my heart behind.

I heard the sighing of the garden palms,
I saw the roses burning up with love,
I saw thee not; thou wert no longer there.

We parted in the streets of Ispahan,
A moon has passed since that unhappy day;
It seems an age; the days are long as years.

I send thee gifts by every caravan,
I send the flasks of attar, spices, pearls,
I write thee loving songs on golden scrolls.

I meet the caravans when they return,
"What news?" I ask. The drivers shake their heads.

We parted in the streets of Ispahan.
—Richard Henry Stoddard.

"Decline a man," the teacher cried.
The maiden colored red.
"Decline a man?" the pupil sighed,
"I can't—I won't!" she said.

When she clambers the mountains
Or dives in the sea,
I know that she ever
Is thinking of me,
For I all the cash for her frolics supply.
For her doting and wealthy old father am I.

DYING WORDS OF THE FAMOUS.

"My beautiful flowers, my lovely flowers."—Richter.
"James, take good care of the horse."—Winfield Scott.
"Many things are becoming clearer to me."—Schiller.
"I feel the daisies growing over me."—John Keats.
"What, is there no bribing death?"—Cardinal Beaufort.
"Taking a leap in the dark. O, mystery."—Thos. Paine.
"Let the earth be filled with his glory."—Earl of Derby.
"There is not a drop of blood on my hands."—Frederick V.
"I am taking a fearful leap in the dark."—Thomas Hobbes.
"Don't let that awkward squad fire over my grave."—Burns.
"Here, veteran, if you think it right, strike."—Cicero.
"My days are past as a shadow that returns not."—R. Hooker.
"I thought that dying had been more difficult."—Louis XIV.
"O Lord, forgive me specially my sins of omission."—Usher.
"Let me die to the sounds of delicious music."—Mirabeau.
"It is small, very small," alluding to her neck.—Anna Boleyn.
"Let the earth be filled with his glory."—Bishop Broughton.
"Let me hear those notes so long my solace and delight."—Mozart.
"To die for liberty is a pleasure and not a pain."—Marco Bozzaris.
"We are as near heaven by sea as by land."—Sir Humphrey Gilbert.
"I do not sleep. I wish to meet death awake."—Maria Theresia.
"I resign my soul to God; my daughter to my country."—Jefferson.
"I would not change my joy for the empire of the world."—Philip Sidney.
"Farewell, Livia, and ever remember our long union."—Augustus Caesar.
"I have sent for you to see how a Christian can die."—Addison to Warwick.
"Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."—Christopher Columbus.

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- 1 18-carat gold chain, 32 penny-weight. 25 00
- 1 Gold Watch with heavy quartz chain and Locket, cost \$275 \$125 00
- 1 Diamond Ring, 2 1/2-carat, cost \$275 \$175 00
- 1 pearl, 8 1/2 grains 25 00
- 1 unset Diamond, blue tint, weight, 2 carat, less 1 \$180 00
- 1 2 1/2 carat do \$225 00
- 1 Ladies' seal-skin coat, cost \$700.00. \$350 00
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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Leonard Scott and bride are in the city.

Dr. Walkem, of Nanaimo, is in the city.

Sir Frederick Frankland is registered at the Dallas.

Miss Laura M. Adams has returned from New York City.

The Misses Sharples are at home from their trip to the Sound.

Col. L. H. Northey returned from Tacoma, Thursday evening.

Miss Wolfenden and Miss Theobald have returned from the Fraser.

Capt. Ogilvie, R. C. A., came home by the Yosemite, Wednesday evening.

Chas. E. Jones, the Government street druggist, has left on a visit to the east.

Mrs. J. B. Lovell and daughters returned from the Sound, Wednesday evening.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C. P. R., arrived in the city from Vancouver, Thursday evening.

Revs. J. H. White and C. F. Tate came over from the Mainland, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Rayner and Miss Denry were passengers from Port Townsend, Wednesday evening.

The Bay View campers, with beautiful badges, attended the lacrosse boys' reception.

Geo. Riley, of the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway, has gone east, accompanied by Mrs. Riley.

William Cauldwell, of Brown Bros., wholesale stationers, Toronto, is in the city for that firm.

Mrs. Winch, of Vancouver, who was visiting Victoria for a few days, returned home, Wednesday.

A. W. Hayden, representing the Canada Paper Company, Montreal, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

Mrs. W. A. Richardson, wife of Dr. Richardson, of the Jubilee Hospital, has gone to Toronto on a visit.

E. E. Wootton, of the well-known legal firm of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, has gone on a trip to New York.

Miss McKinnon, of the California State Normal School, of San Jose, is in the city visiting Mrs. R. P. McLennan.

J. W. Stirtan, of the firm of Stirtan & Co., dry goods merchants of Vancouver, came down on the Yosemite, Thursday evening.

Chief Engineer Geo. Lent, of the City of Kingston, left, Friday morning, with Mrs. Lent for a visit to Harrison Hot Springs.

W. Cauldwell, representing the well known firm of Brown Bros., wholesale stationers, Toronto, is spending a few days in this city.

Capt. A. Cox, of Halifax, uncle of Capt. Cox of this city, is at the Dominion hotel. He intends to make Victoria his home for the future.

Sir J. B. Lyall arrived from the east, Wednesday evening, and is registered at the Driard. He is here on a pleasure trip and will remain for a few days.

Ben. C. Ferguson, formerly of this city, is now manager of the Stevens County Standard, a neat, 8-page paper published at Colville, Washington.

Mrs. Bert, of the Knowlton, P. Q., Institute, is in the city, and, it is expected, will deliver an address on the Institute and its objects before leaving town.

The campers are beginning to return to the city. The latest to return were the Misses Phillips and their aunt, who have been spending the last week or so in camp.

Mr. Frank S. Stannard and Miss Jennie Rudge were married last Monday evening at the residence of the bride's father, King's Road, by Rev. J. H. White.

Dr. Gordon, his many friends here will be pleased to learn, has returned to Vancouver from Toronto, restored to complete health. He will resume his post of duty on the Empress of India.

Mr. Chester B. Macneill, barrister of Charlottetown, P. E. I., arrived in Vancouver last Tuesday, accompanied by his wife and family. It is this gentleman's intention to locate permanently in Vancouver.

A. B. Fraser, of Lee & Fraser, real estate agents and brokers, Trounce Avenue, left Thursday morning, via the C. P. R., for Europe. He was accompanied by his brother, A. H. Fraser, of the N. E. T. & E. Co., and A. A. Johnson, of the Scotch Jewel Box, who goes to Glasgow to bring out his family.

The lacrosse boys, who have been camping out during the hot weather, disbanded, Thursday, celebrated the event by entertaining their friends, to the number of a hundred couples or more, at a ball given at the Victoria Gardens. The hall was very prettily decorated with a profusion of lanterns, lacrosse sticks, etc. Mrs. Davis catered in first-class style, and there was nothing wanting in the completeness of the arrangements to give pleasure to all who were on hand. The music by Brown and Patterson's string band was a most enjoyable feature of the event.

At Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster, last Monday morning, Mr. H. R. Ernest Farrar was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Kate Williams, by Rev. H. Irwin. Mrs. Farrar, nee Miss Williams, is the second daughter of Captain Williams, of Barmouth, North Wales, Eng., and arrived in Westminster on Sunday last from Europe. Mr. Farrar has been in this country for about two and a half months. After the marriage service, which was only witnessed by a few friends, at which Mr. James Bloomfield acted as best man, Mr. and Mrs. Farrar partook of a wedding breakfast at Mr. A. C. Wilson's residence on Royal avenue.

Another of those auspicious events looked forward to with interest by all, more especially the fair sex, was witnessed last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. A. McNeill, at Wellington, the occasion being the marriage of her eldest daughter to Mr. J. B. L. Jones, of Nanaimo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Young one, and was a private one, only the relatives and a few friends being present. Miss Sadie Ramsay was bridesmaid, while Mr. J. L. McKay acted as best man for the groom. The bride wore a gray travelling suit, and carried a handsome bouquet the gift of Mrs. J. Bryden. After congratulations, the wedding supper was partaken of, and a social evening spent by those present. The newly married couple amidst showers of rice and old shoes, drove to Nanaimo whence they go to the mainland where the honeymoon will be spent, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Sol Smith Russell is working towards the coast.

Ray Lewis, a Victoria girl, is meeting with marked success at Morosco's San Francisco theatre.

Jeannie Winston, an old-time Victoria favorite, is singing in a revival of Pinafore at Minneapolis.

C. G. Craig and Mattie Earle, who were here with the Capt. Swift company, have been engaged for the new stock company at the Alcazar, San Francisco.

Manager Cort has billed as follows: Marie Hubert Frohman, in The Witch, Aug. 21 and 22; Gloriana, 30 and 31, and Yon Yonson, Sept. 7 and 8. The last named dates occur during race week.

Esther Lyons, who caused the arrest of that clever financier, Manager John E. Rice of the Imperial Stock Company, is in New York City, but will shortly return to Portland, Or., and press her suit against J. F. Cordray & Co.

If the quarantine is raised in time, and just now there is every reason to believe that it will, Haverly's Minstrels will reopen The Victoria on the evening of Aug. 12. The organization is said to be high class in every particular.

THE BIRTHDAYS OF THINGS.

Diving bells were invented by a Dutch mariner in 1609.

Anemometers were invented by Woflers in 1709.

The revolving pistol was the invention of Colt in 1836.

Covered carriages were first used in England in 1580.

The first iron wire was drawn in Nuremberg in 1361.

The first plaster cast was made by Verrochio, 1470.

Bayonets were first made at Bayonne, in France, 1647.

The torpedo was the invention of Dr. Bushnell in 1777.

The first cast-iron plow was made by Newbold in 1797.

Corn shellers were the invention of Phinney in 1815.

Gun caps were first used in 1822, in the English army.

Shorthand writing was the invention of Pitman in 1837.

Aniline dyes were discovered by Unverdorphen in 1826.

Flints for gunlocks were used in the French army, 1630.

The Armstrong gun was planned by Armstrong in 1855.

The turning lathe was invented by T. Blanchard in 1843.

Billiards were invented in France by Devigue about 1471.

The planing machine was invented by Woodworth in 1828.

Wooden pavements were the invention of Nicholson in 1854.

Shoemaking machines were invented by Gallahue in 1858.

The mariner's compass was a Chinese invention, 1200 B. C.

The notation system of writing music was invented in 1070.

The moonlight ride to the Gorge and dance at Victoria Gardens, to be given to-night by the Victoria City band, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. The crowd will be select, for invitations only will be recognized. The party will leave McIntosh's boat house at 8 o'clock in boats towed by the steamer Gorge. The band will play the round trip.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Now that the Council is considering the advisability of taking over the Hospital, it may well be said to be in the dumps.

WE offer it as a suggestion to our American friends that they permit the Pinkertons and the Anarchists to fight it out.

VICTORIA is one of the poorest markets in the country to ship inferior goods to, and the sooner shippers understand this the better it will be for them.

If some of the *News* staff do not cease speaking disparagingly of brother members, they will be reduced to the ranks at the next meeting of the Clan-na-Gael.

WE mention it merely in a casual way that the newspaper which uses an electric motor to run its presses cannot be spoken of by this journal as "our steamed contemporary."

TORONTO *Empire*: Russia's Government has the reputation of being the most stupid constitutional authority under the sun.

What's the matter with the Victoria city government?

"No, Mr. Wharfstreet," she said, kindly. "I am sure I could never learn to love you."

"Oh, maybe you could," rejoined Wharfstreet cheerily. "Never too old to learn, you know."

TAPPER—So you don't altogether like the new pastor's sermons, eh?

DAPPER—No, they are too profound; they necessitate too much headwork.

Tapper—Quite true. I noticed you were nodding through his entire discourse yesterday.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

WE attach no significance whatever to the fact that a few days subsequent to the call made by the *News* for clothing for the quarantine station, the staff of that paper were observed to be wearing pretty good clothes themselves. We merely look upon it as a great stroke of enterprise.

SHE—No. Papa forbids me to marry you.

He—Why?

She—He objects to your family.

He—Isn't it old enough?

She—I don't know. Chief Sheppard didn't learn the age of your wife and children.

WE have never claimed for Victoria that she had an invincible lacrosse club; but we do harbor a well-defined suspicion that if a test of proficiency in sport resolved itself into marbles, or any like game of desperate chance, we, in the classical language of our Government street contemporaries, would be quite "out of sight."

EDITORS of the party journals in the United States are tickled exceedingly with the idea that Uncle Sam has succeeded in "squeezing" Miss Canada, as they put it. When such liberties with a loyal British subject like Miss Canada take place, Uncle Sam will quickly find good reason to laugh at the wrong side of his mouth.

PAT. EGAN persistently remains at Santiago, although given leave of absence, presumably to gloat over the great recent international triumph of the American eagle. Poor little crushed Chili is anxious to get rid of the obnoxious individual, but the grand and noble Government of the United States is still bent on maintaining its "dignity."

"The largest coin I find in the collection basket this morning," said the Rev. Mr. Wilgus, "is a ten cent piece. If the members of this congregation are expecting to pay their way into a better land on the instalment plan, it seems to me that they are calculating on a much longer mundane life than has been allotted to man since the days of Methuselah."

THE reports through Yankee cable sources about the Queen being guarded and fearing attacks upon her person must be taken with more than the traditional grain of salt. Fiction concerning the hated British royalty and aristocracy, as well as about British and Canadian "Tories" is one of the incidents of the present electoral silly season.

THE native Canadians are having an innings in the management of Canada's public. A few years ago it was Scotchman Macdonald against Scotchman Mackenzie, but now the men on the front benches—Abbott and Scott in the Senate; Thompson, Foster, Carling, Haggart, Laurier, Cartwright, Mills and Paterson in the Commons—are men born in Canada.

THE news that one million dollars will be spent on defenses in the vicinity of Victoria comes a trifle late. What has Victoria to defend now? is a question worthy of serious contemplation. Our lacrosse club can no longer be defended; nobody wants our Mayor and Council, and in fact the only thing in sight that really requires fortification is Judge Crease's wild, untamed Assyrian donkey.

THE *Colonist* on Friday morning did us the honor of editorially copying some remarks with reference to THE HOME JOURNAL from the pen of Mr. Edward Delille in the *Nineteenth Century*, under the caption "The American Press." When we said last week that we would live to see the day when the *Colonist* would take back its cruel, hard words, we had no idea that the returns would come in so soon. But in the words of the old song:

"For while the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return."

It is authoritatively announced that the baseball season in the United States is a failure. This is largely due to the rains that have prevailed. But there are also indications of a dearth of interest in the games. Men do not wait eagerly for baseball returns as they did several years ago. They are not baseball mad. But while there is manifestly less interest in baseball than there was, the subsidence is not in amateur or non professional playing. There is nothing to indicate that the passion that brings a crowd into a vacant lot at any time of day to play ball or to watch others play is subsiding. The rains have not quenched its ardor in the least or modified the enchantment. It is simply ball-playing as a business that the public is a little tired of. Even if the big clubs of professionals were to go out of existence the game of baseball would be likely to continue in high favor indefinitely.

TORONTO *Empire*: It is satisfactory to learn that the smallpox in Victoria has been absolutely eradicated. For a time the situation was sufficiently alarming to justify the action taken in Vancouver and the concern which Toronto and other cities felt about the transportation of the disease eastward. The awkward mess, however, which has developed in Vancouver is to be regretted. Now that the cause of the trouble has been removed, the twin cities of the Pacific slope should do nothing that would reflect upon their character as good neighbors. There has been too much officialism on the one hand and too much popular heat on the other, but such things are likely to occur in the best regulated communities in times of scare.

For the information of the *Empire*, we might say that the hour for reconciliation on the part of Victoria has gone by. Vancouver will in future keep her hens out of our backyard, or we will let them see what sort of neighbors we are. However, if the Vancouver *World* retracts, we might be willing to recognize them when there wasn't a crowd around.

OUR FRIEND, THE MILKMAN.

When the baby is being weaned it is a milk shake for him.

After it gets in the can, it is a wise cow that knows her own milk.

The prettier your servant girl the better measure you are apt to get.

While they all claim to be milk dealers, many of them are manufacturers.

Don't expect to get trusted just because you know he chalks up his milk.

WHAT MRS. GRUNDY SAYS.

That city people visiting country houses continue to astonish the natives.

That many people absolve themselves from churchgoing in hot weather.

That the shop girls off on their vacation are disposed to make an impression.

That fashionable morals were, perhaps, never so bad as at the present time.

That some of the summer novels are bad enough to be suppressed as indecent.

That wise business firms discharge clerks who are "patrons of the turf."

That a college graduate in some families is something akin to a white elephant.

That the society dame is foolish who makes known her intention to smuggle if she can.

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IN THE HAMMOCK.

"May I swing you in the hammock, just a little, Jenny?"
 "Yes, but George, dear, do it easy, go it light if any."
 So he swung her, swung her, swung her; higher, higher, higher,
 Till at length his muscle by the exercise did tire.
 Then the hammock went much slower, slower, slower,
 Till at length it stopped, alas! to go no more.
 "May I sit beside you in the hammock, dearest Jenny?"
 "Yes, but George, dear, do it easy, go it light if any."
 So he sat beside her, and quite near her, nearer, nearer, nearer,
 Not at length, but ever dearer, ever dearer, and much dearer.
 And he pressed her to his bosom, working lightly, oh, quite lightly,
 Till at last he did embrace her, quite tightly, oh, so tightly.
 "May I love you just a little, oh, my dearest, fairest Jenny?"
 "Yes, but George, dear, do it easier, go it light if any."
 And his lips did kiss her face on that evening, as they swung,
 Till at last with dearest Jenny quite an intimacy had sprung.
 The empty hammock went on swinging in the gentle evening breeze,
 It may end this little story, I'll be excused, if you please.

FALL DRESS GOODS.

"Bedford cords are to have a renewed lease of popular favor for the coming fall." So say the men who ought to know best—the men who have bought them in anticipation of such a call. Printed chailies, which are reported to be very scarce, will be good stock for early fall trade for indoor dresses, teagowns and wrappers. Straight and fancy weaves will be sold and colorings will exhibit a tendency towards browns and olives. Old rose plum, heliotrope and wine as well as reds, will also be good sellers. In foreign fashion centres, navy is deemed passe. This color has advantages peculiarly its own, possessing as it does the faculty of suiting so many different styles, yet when the great flat of fashion goes forth its advantages will not be considered. All-wool serges in medium weights will be popular, and in henriettas and diagonals there is anticipation of a big business. Solid colors of rich deep tones in camel-hair fabrics will also rank among the favored. In less staple goods, the leading high novelties will be the velvet effects. On wool foundations, velvet stripes and croched figures of velvet will be produced. Other novelties [are those rough goods in Persian effects, in which only the very finest retail trade will invest. They are fantastic, expensive and will appeal only to people who desire to be thought extremely fashionable. Embroidered henriettas are spoken of as being possible leaders for fall. Some of these shown for party dresses in cream with pink or blue figures are really very pretty. For street wear in these goods, solid colors self embroidered will be shown and tend to be very stylish.

Stripes in two colors in serge effects are

said to be looking up.

Of course, for the more advanced winter trade, the heavier makes will be in demand. All boucle mixtures of a rough nature will be very stylish.—Dry Goods Reporter.

HARD ON HUSTLERS.

A writer in the Michigan Tradesman comes down rather heavily on the "hustler," as the following quotation will show: "The hustler of to-day is often a farmer who has found his calling distasteful, and with speculative instincts has established himself in business with no knowledge of trade further than to undercut in price and startle by loud advertising. He succeeds in demoralizing prices, and doing, for a time, an apparently large business. Having a few favorite customers to whom he sells at jobbing rates in consideration of their personal influence, he is able to spy out all the weak points of his competitors and oftend coax away customers. In many staples and partial luxuries, he has a habit of dealing only at occasional intervals, and then at cost prices, just enough to call such trade away from his competitor, who believes the public should be served all the time with such goods at fair prices, if served at all. He catches on to all the gambling schemes adopted by certain manufacturers to introduce their specialties and the homes of his customers are in time filled with useless bric-a-brac, and cans of baking powder bought at prices that would make a Chatham Street Hebrew blush to the point of his aquiline nose. Every other device is made use of as fast as offered to force on a credulous public goods that would not sell on their own merits. Schemes of all kinds to boom business by pyrotechnic display are pushed in rapid succession. The result is he has made a noise in his little world, sold a great many goods at a very little profit to himself or to the public, and is then anxious to sell out and go where there is a larger sphere for the exercise of his peculiar talents. The village could well spare him were it not that another neophyte with a swelled head would take his place, and pursue a similar system with new variations.

"And this is what some thoughtless people call enterprise! What the world wants to-day is less of this class of hustlers. The centrifugal force that moves the business world is at present sufficient to keep it spinning along in its own regular orbit. We do not want more speed. Neither do we want a more eccentric orbit. Let us rather attach the centripetal force of wise experience, that it may revolve in harmony with other commercial, social and moral planetary systems and thus go ahead safely, while no less surely, in the boundless future of our national greatness."

JUDGE OUMET, of the Province of Quebec, has decided that a notary, who, in addition to his notarial business, receives deposits, pays interest thereon, and deals in real estate, can be looked upon as a trader and cannot plead that he is a professional man, and, therefore, exempt from the provisions of the insolvency law. Under such circumstances, a demand of assignment can legally be made upon him.

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- Lot 18, subdivision 70, West Fernwood estate, 51 x 135, \$400; terms, \$150 cash, balance \$35 quarterly at 8 per cent.
- Lots 23 and 24, Cadboro Bay Road and Oak street ea, 40 x 120, two 2-story houses, 6 rooms, bath, closets, etc., \$4,200; terms \$1,000 cash, balance \$30 per month without interest.
- Lot on Cadboro Bay Road, corner of Oak st, 40 x 120; \$450.
- Lot 63, Whittier avenue, Cloverdale, 1/2 acre, 2-story house, 10 rooms, plastered, good well, \$2,500; terms \$300 cash; \$500 quarterly, or \$500 cash, \$200 quarterly.
- Lot 24, Richmond avenue, 40 x 135, \$2,100; 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 19, Moss street, 65 x 90, \$700, terms 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 21, block 10, Powderly Avenue, \$525; half cash, balance 3 and 6 months.
- Lot 16, part of section 38, part of lots 34, 36 and 38, Esquimalt District; \$1,000.
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- Lot 16, block 31, Springfield estate, 4-room house, bath and pantry, \$1,400; terms \$200 cash, \$15 per month.
- Lot 5, section 74, Victoria City, \$20,000, 15-room house and 1/2 acres land.
- Lot 30, Oak street, off Cadboro Bay Road, very easy terms, \$450.
- N 1/2 of s 1/2 of block 43, Cloverdale estate, \$350, 1/2 cash, balance to suit.
- Section 107, Lake District, 10 acres, \$35 per acre.
- Part of section 16, S. Saanich, 50 acres, 4 cleared and fenced, at \$60 per acre or \$50 cash.
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SQUARING THE CIRCLE.

The London Court Journal cries out "Eureka"—because it has discovered what it thinks is a never-failing rule for squaring the circle—a rule that mathematicians have been in pursuit of for twenty centuries. We give an extract from the article referred to.—

"If you take a wire twelve inches and a quarter long, the quarter being allowed to unite the two ends, you have a circular wire exactly twelve inches; and if this wire is made to form the true square, each of the sides will be equal to nine square inches. Now if the same wire is allowed to assume the true circle, it is evident that the area of the circle will be the same as it was in the square. For instance, if a wall be built around a city, and it is found to be twelve miles round, the area of that city is nine square miles. Therefore, the square of any circle is equal to three-fourths of its own circumference."

This theory seems plausible, still it is not "founded on fact." The rule only holds good with regard to that twelve-mile circle. The square miles in such a circle are nine. This we suppose no one will dispute. Let us apply the test, however, to a large circle. Let us suppose that the wall around a city measures 24 miles. According to the Court Journal's theory, such a city would contain an area of 18 square miles. Instead of that it would contain an area of over 30 square miles. The Journal must try again before it can claim that reward. A mathematician in Albany has a theory much more plausible. He gets the square of circles by "assuming" that the diameter of the circle is one-third of its circumference. From this diameter he throws away one-fourth. He then takes the remainder and multiplies it by itself which he says gives the square in every case. For instance, take a circle 288 inches in circumference. The diameter of this he calls 96 inches. From this deduct one-fourth—24 inches—and we have 72 left. This multiplied by itself amounts to 5,185, which he says is "just the number of square inches in the circle named." The question now is, is he right?

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TWO LEAVES FROM A WOMAN'S LIFE.

An old and wrinkled woman, shivering over a scanty fire. The wind shrieks like a mad thing around the rattling windows, then rushes off into the night, only to return and with redoubled fury rend at the quaking casements.

The withered crone pulls the ragged remnants of a shawl more closely around her lean shoulders and fills a long pipe with some brown substance she draws from a pocket hidden somewhere in her rags. The opium fumes steal over her and fill the wretched hovel, and in them this is what she sees:

A large and beautifully furnished room, although the fast thickening veil of twilight is settling down upon the luxurious divans, the embroidered screens and the soft rugs, and half obscures them from view. The wind, heavy with the perfume of near water-lilies, strays through the open casement and out again to murmur in the thick-leaved branches silhouetted against the darkening sky. A nightingale somewhere in the wood is mourning to the wind.

Now the eastern horizon pales at the approach of the queen of night. Concentrated stars grow dim. The silvery rays light as with a halo the red-gold curls of a little maid framed in the window-seat. Toward the west the dark river turns on its way, and it, too, bears a silver gleam on its crest.

There is a face shining through the gloom within the room, framed in shadows like a dream picture, and light fingers sweep the strings of a guitar. Softly the strains of a Spanish ballad echo through the dark stillness:

When, in thy dreaming,
Moons like these shall shine again,
And daylight beaming,
Prove thy dreams are vain;
Wilt thou not, relenting,
For thine absent lover sigh,
In thy heart consenting
To a prayer gone by!

Outside, the mightier gale mourns to the wind and the odor of lilies weights the air.

The fire has gone out. The opium pipe will never be smoked again. A motionless heap of rags in the corner. The war of the elements rages on in the black battle-ground of the sky.

WHERE IT CAME FROM.

There are many amusing and varied stories afloat regarding the origin of that all-prevalent ditty, "Ta-ra-ra-Boom-de-ay," and so many have laid claim to being the discoverer or composer of it that the mystery is almost as deep as the authorship of "Beautiful Snow," though up to the present writing Col.

John A. Joyce has not filed his bill. In writing of these two productions in his interesting little sheet, Stage News, Augustus P. Dunlop says: "I saw the original poem of 'Beautiful Snow' in poor Mr. Watson's handwriting and read it in Harper's Weekly, and even before that time I had heard 'Ta-ra-ra-Boom-de-ay.'" I have watched the paragraphs floating on the crest waves of journalism and for six months waited for one, of many that could tell, to come forward. Not being myself as old as to remember the advent of the song in America, I can only tell what I heard about its importation, which was neither from France nor England, but from Africa, for the song is 'negro' in every detail. There lives upon the west coast of Africa a tribe of hardy seafaring black men, known all over the south, West Indies and South America as Krumen. They were unlike the other slaves captured and brought over in many particulars. Their noses were not flat, no 'nigger driver' ever drove them to any great extent, they did not, as a rule, mix with the other slaves and could be implicitly trusted both on land and at sea. They were magnificent sailors, and as sailors were 'worth more,' hence they were mostly employed on the water—one of their conditions being if free, that they should be allowed to see their homes once a year, and they kept tally of the time to a day. When pulling at a rope, hoisting a sail or an anchor, one Kruman would shout 'Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay,' and with 'boom' all would give a mighty pull, just as any other sailor to-day pulls when singing. The negroes at the docks in New Orleans caught the refrain and 50 years ago it had reached far into Louisiana, when a ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay was shouted when anything was to be hoisted at the sugar mills. 'Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay' means 'Easy, easy, up she goes'—and there you are, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding." This will relieve the public mind greatly

A NEWSPAPER MAN'S ROMANCE

A daily newspaper in Boston had on its editorial staff a young graduate of Harvard university, whose parents reside in Waltham, Mass. The young editor wrote well, and his reviews attracted the attention of the older literary men of Boston and the neighborhood. An occasion arose for sending the young gentleman to Montreal for a piece of newspaper work. He went there and registered at the St. Lawrence hotel. He had been there but a few hours when he noticed that he was closely watched by a gentleman older than himself, who seemed to be staying in the hotel. Before his first

evening was passed, he was surprised to receive a card bearing his own name from a gentleman who waited for an interview below. The gentleman was asked to come to his room and proved to be the same one who had watched the young man in the office of the hotel. He at once explained his reason for calling. He said he was a member of the English parliament on a visit to Canada. He had lost a son by death to whom the young man from Boston bore a striking resemblance, and his interest in him had been increased by finding their names to be identical. He inquired concerning the young man's family and all about him. The result was he gave the Boston boy an urgent invitation to come to England as his guest, at the same time expressing a desire to make the acquaintance of his parents. He at once accepted an invitation to visit Waltham and meet them.

So pressing was his request that the young man should return with him to London that it was complied with at the earliest possible moment. Taking with him letters of introduction to a number of literary men in England, the young editor sailed for that country, and in the space of a few weeks found himself possessed of a valuable acquaintance among some of the most important people of the Old Country. Among others whom he met were the Walter family, the principal proprietors of the London Times. One of the ladies of the family took a special interest in him, and this is not strange, for he was a man of attractive person and manners. Through her active instrumentality, an offer was soon made to him of employment in the Times office. This came to him unexpected and undesired, and he was disposed to refuse it. He was urged to accept, however, and was told that it would be easy for him after spending a few months in the home office in London to go abroad on some desirable duty for the paper. He accepted the offer, and after a few months was sent to Paris with independent authority and under circumstances every way most agreeable. He is not a subordinate of the noted de Blowitz, but acts as a special commissioner from the editor of the Times in Paris. This brings him into relations with the highest functionaries, and it is doubtful if any one connected with the paper has ever held a more important and responsible place on its staff.

From the time when he left Boston for Montreal, this young man's destiny seemed to have been shaped for him by influences over which he has held no control whatever. His name is W. M. Fullerton, and every word of what has been written about him is stated to me by one of his personal friends, to whom he told the story in Paris last year.—M.

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