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## ALL THE WORLD OVER.

## must have liberty.

Fithal as la roe a charter as the wind"How on whom I please."
${ }^{\top}$ is unnounced in a Phila felphia despatch that a Miss Trelawney Fhasierty, a devotee of the athletic and ahilarating game of lawn tennis, was Bcently 'eprived of her eyesight during De progreas of a tournament in that eity. Phas circumatance aflords me a text for a ter wrods oth this, most interesting but Thuger uus game. I am prepared to admit hat lawn tennis, when played by Latgley street barristers, is not by any weans as calamitous as it would ap(aar the the ordinary obsorver. It "also worthy of note that during the raent tournament in Vietoria, there were tally no serious accidents, and the game, whough spirited enough at times, did ant degenerate into rough play. Thisshows that law $n$ tennis, when played by young men and ladies, who exercise a due samunt of self-control and caution, is not - Perilous pastime, but rather one which may be made a source of healthful diverWhn. The despatch referred to nbove which bufell whether or not the calamity Which befell Miss Trelawney-O'Flaherty that such int ional, but it is asfe to infer that such was the case. If so, is it not tive that cur young people abanduned vous telinis and took up some less hazardmandinusemement not necessarily demandink the services of a fully equipped my anything whis ? Without desiring to ar anything which might be construed as "reflection on lawn tennig, I would sug-
gest that lacrosse be subatituted cherefor. In support of this proposition, I have only to remind my readers that, last auminer, a match of lacrosee was played in Vietoris, and although the conteatants were gonded on to fury by their respective commanders-Captain Mills et althere were no such sanguinary results as that which is reported to have overtaken the fuir Philadelphian, the bells of $C_{\text {ies: }}$. nut street society-Mise Trelawney-OTla-
herty. herty.

In previous is -ues of this paper, I have referred to the fact that a proposition for the establishment of an iron and steel plant wne before the City Couhcil. plant of this kind to cost in the neighburhood of $\$ 2,000,000$, to employ about 2,000 hands and to turn out not leses than 50 ,000 tons per annum, was proposed to be erected in this city by Mr. J. P. Witherow, who, I am told, is a gentleman of 35 years' experience iu this line of busiwess. The income availuble from the Canadian Government aloue in the way of bonuaes on the output would amount to about $\$ 150,000$ per annum.
It is needless th dwell on the great advantage that would ac.rue to the city if such a concern were to be put in active opers ion. The emp'oyment of 2,000 hands, of course, means an addition to our population of $s$ me eight or ten thousand peop'e, with the attendant increase in the volume of busivess that wuuld be transacted by our merchants with these incomers.
It appears that the only aid or encouragement that Mr. Witherow asked of the Council was an uniertaking to submit a scheme to the ratepayers for the guaranteeing of the interest on the bonds of the company for a period of twenty years on the security of the assets of the company and of the bounties given by the Government, the amount per annum of the guaranteed interest being only about one third of the annual bounty.
I would have thought that a progressive body of men would have instantly agreed to submit such proposition for the approval or disapproval ot the ratepayers, but, to my utter astonishment, some tive sapient mossbacks voted this reasonable proposition down. It seems to me that such flashes of incapacity as these, if cont tinued, will serve to thr wauch a lurid glare upon the ntter uselessness of our municipal sys cm , as at present consti-
tuted, as to ormpel all progressive citizens to loudly call for a complete change in the management of civic affairs.
The attitude of these five jelly-fish aldermen on this single occasinn has probably caused the greatent material loses, direetly and indirectly, to the people of this eity of any act of the Council during the present year, whioh, I admit, is saying a good deal. What will our citizens think of these five men when they find out too late the material benefits that should have accrued to the city frum the conversion in our own midst of our inland ore into manufactured products have been secured by one of our neighboring cities on the Mainland ? How will they relish the prospects of the go-ahead people of Renttle or Tucoma converting our choicest iron deposits into an extensive source of revenue for themselves?

It was an afternoon this week-an afternoon glorious with sunshine. Every. thing seemed in a golden haze of dreamy splendor. Still, the air was not languorous. The freshening breeze carried in its breath a tonic compounded of essencess ouught from the snow-mant ed Olympians and the cool waters of the Straits -a tonic animatiog existence into an appreciation of living. On such das s, the greatest sceptic owns living a privilege, and young manhoond is prone to revel in the romantic.
He stood on the corner of Government and Yates, senaitive of the many delights of the day-a true foretaste of Indian summer. It was his afternoon off. He wasn't a barber. Other people have "afternoons off" besides tonsorial artists, plea-e to remember. As she passed him at the corner aforesaid, his heart throbbed with wild ecstacy. She had given him one swift, tender glance from eyes, each pupil of which suggested a modest violet, centered in a cluster of white daiaies. Anyhow, he voted her the loveliest maiden he ever cast eyes on. "She must be an American," he concluded. Not that all Americans are lovely. Neither did this particular enchantreks wear a veil. Girls, south of the line, are given to veils, and, under their delicate manipulation, these transpareut weavings become invested with some subtle charm, giving to faces a certain piquancy, which, perhaps, la belle Canadienne is the murt successful in imitating. Though this
particular maiden did not wear a vell, he was correct in his surmise. She hailed from the Hilly City-Sentlle. Well ! he simply oould not resi. $t$. So he followed. He quieted all fears of discovery by the reflection that she was not a Vietorianonly a transient-so that there was little risk of it reaching the seleet circle in which he moved. In future, this young man will conduct his flirtations more cautiously. Of course, one understands, that it is a very difflicult thing to resist attractive eyes and winsome ways, without diaplaying some sign of the improssion made by a gracefully gliding pieture of loveliness. This gilded youth, though, who bears a reputation of being very "proper" in everything he does, fur once relaxed his strict doportment, and seemed lost in the contemplation of fairy-like grace. They had passed each other two or three times, and he had gazed at her limpid orbs with unconcealed admiration in his dark-grey eyes. There is no question at all about the blushing damsel's share of blame, if any. Every now and again, she would glance in a shy, encouraging maunor, and his bosom was filled with mixed emotions of joy and gratulation at the reception accorded his manifest attentions. Up Government they went. After turning the corner, she tripped up the stairs to a photograph gallery, to examine a "proof," and see whether it was up to expectations. Be waited nervoualy during what seemed an interminable interval, gaxing at Fell'n window display. At last ahe re-appeared, and up Furt, along Douglas, down Yates they walked, flirting in a moat glaring manner. An they neared the cronsing lending to the postoffice, he thought results would be better, if he twok the other side of the street, for then he could go through ull the handkerchief mancouvres, coughs and eye-making with. - ut exciting comment. So intent was he a the object of adoration, that he could not take his eyes away, and watehed her as she passed Green, Worlock \& Co's defunet bank. She looked around with an in. viting amile, when suddenly, "out of the glorious sunshine, where everything seomed in a golden haze of dreamy aplendor, out if the fremhening breene, carrya breath of tonic, compounded of ensen. ces oaught from the snow-mantled Olym. pians and the cool watern of the Straita," something dropped with the accelorated velocity of a pile-driver into the hateful depths of an exeavetion, reeking with foul and poisonous gasen. She certainly took a atrange way of showing her aym. pathy, and, naughty girl, was even callous enough to amile, when the burly eop fished him out, louking a sorry, bodraggled speeimen, with his trousers, once light, all aplashed with alimy yellow clay, Of ouurse, the bystanders, lounging in front !
of the post office, waiting for their mail by the Kingaton, ovuld not refrain from chatiling the poor, hapless chap, who, in future, will remember the moral, that it is dangerous to flirt, and look back over one's shoulder, when man-trapa in the shape of gaping semer trenches are ready tọ awallow the unwary.

In The Home Journal have appeared several articles on the subject of suicide. The opinions expressed were naturally the results of the beliefs of the writers. 1 have no doubt it would interest many to learn the stand whioh the Oatholic Church takes on this question. Oatholic proachers rarely take notioe of the subjeets of the day in their sermons ; but Futher Searle, of the Church of the Paulista, in New York, recently remarked in the beginning of an admirable sermon that it was not neoesaary to remind his hearers that the Catholic Church declared suicide a ain and a grievous and mortal sin. "And not only that," said the reverend speaker, "but mmong Catholics, suicida is consaidered as specially great and grievoun among mortal sins, selfmurder being of the same nature as the murder of sume one else ; and yet more, as in one sense the must deadly of all mortal sina, since it ordinarily implies dying in the very act of sin, and therefore shuts out the hope of repentance or pardon.
"Of course, huwever, we allow it to be posaible that this most tatal of all acts may be committed in a fit of temporary insani'y, which may greatly reduce or even entirely remove ita criminality, or it may be committed by one who, though sase, is not aware of the teaching of the Church and of right reason on the matter, or, without fault on his own part dies not believe in that teaching.
"Also it in quite possible that even though death ahould seem to follow immediately, there may yet be time for enlightment by God's grace and repentance for the act. So in no case can we abnolutely assume as a cormin'y that the soul of asuicide in iudeed lont, or evan that the aot was in itself mortally oulpable, as it appeared in the mind of the one committing it."
"It is not uneommon for as suicide to out his throat or shoot himself and then immediately to show a return of manity and repentance; the flow of blood relieving the brain prossure. In this oase a priest would administer the rites of the Church very rapidly, und would be bound to do so. Even where death appears to be instantaneous there may still be an instant of returned reason and time for a pang of contrition. Death in utill a myatery and much may happen in a little while; persons drowning have
tustified to seeing their whole lives pass
before them in a minute or so; and was the Holy Father himsolf who marked, when he hoard that Renan ha died impenitent, that God in Bis good neasuight atill have given him time a he reached the edge of eternity to form a prayer for mercy.
"It is presumption, however, for ang one living in ain to depend upon a hop of this kind. Those who do so run ar enormous riak."
Father Searle concluded his sermot with a atriking argumett. He anid:
"We should remember that naturall the whole creation belongs to Him, wh crented it. We may aequire a right to nome part of it as agniuat other men but we can never, by any act, or exertion of our own as againat Him by whom i was drawn from nothing.
"He has the right to claim all we hav at any moment, for it fundamentally belongs to Him. Common sense as well as religinn, sanctions the words of holy Job in his affliction: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; as it hath pleased the Lord, so is it done bleased be the name of the Lord." This is not merely $n$ blind submistion to an irresistable power-no, it is the confoasion of an indubitable right.
"The natural ownerahip of God over us remains; He has never parted with it. He can, indeed, commisaion us, or make us His agents or miniters to take even human life. Such a right is reoog. nized by the common sense of mankind and annetioned in the Seriptures, as inherent in the State; but oven by the State it can only be oxercised in God's name, ns the minister of God's justice. Kven the State neyer aequires 4 . ownerahip over man.
"No man has a right to absolutely dis. pose othan life any more than that of anotherman. He is here lufringias ont the right of God, expressed in the words I have taken as a test: See yo that 1 alone am, and there is no other God busiden Me; I will kill, and I will make aiive.'
"The suieide, then, direetly purs him. nelf in the place of God; he arrozates to himself the right that belopge to God alone and which han always remained reserved and never communiented to my erea'ure in general terms.
"The prohibitiol is in possession ; the presumptioneseservine the life of ench and overy one of us as God's untransfer. red property romains till it is overth rown by an expross atatement on his part, in general or in the particular case. The suicide, then, is always a thief, and, moreover, asacrilegious one, laying hands on what in the exclusive possension of the Almighty."
I hear that there is n movement on fout mongat the young Liberal Conservativen

Thin culy to organize a Liberal Conser. rave Aamciation, and, although the
$\qquad$ has not yet taken definite phape, l liusten to express my mont unrimulitiod approval and promise a hearty The Times and Mr. Laurier to ary notwithstanding, this counwuing Liberal at the next eleewill the young men who form important part of the electorate principles of their party. It is bush time. tro, that the organization now pryp.becl was accomplished, and I trust phat II. time will be lost in getting to There are many men in Vie oria, wid a kront many of them young men too, ah, though many miles distant from Lheir whd homes in Eastern Cana as, mad w.w. murruunded by political influences, in main) rrapects not of the best, have not insutcell, and will not forget the faet that Whey are Canadians, and when the quen(1,in if Canadian poltices is concerned, (they will all have something to say. It wasul nign, may the politionl prophet, vien the voung men of the eountry take an wherest in its political welfare, and in riew if the happeninge of recent yeass, it in Well for Canada that she has youvg well who d not forget the principles that wre mastilled in buybood. The Consercative element in Victurin is atrong, and ureds but to asaert itaelf to. let the ducticurs (of whom there a-e nome) see that the blow hard talk of the "Liberala" f what "wo" will do at the next elections, the c. the taken with a grain of salt. lat men nay here, that I aincerely trast (II) mimatake will be made in perfeeting the Yinung Laberal Conservative organization. 1 thust not be made in any way $n$ class it a nectionsl quthering, as is another Ustilization of which 1 may have nopmethunk I' any later on, and 1 am sure from the nt it ude of thone why have taken the intiative, that there is little danger of thin lot the listas be taken in hand, and, when a sulticient number of names have Inen roceived, is public meeting should be called, then organization and work, for the nis st seneral $\mathbf{D}$ invinion elections ard mot fur nway, and already there are pumin's that unless the revision of the vuturn' lista is watched, our friends on the "other side" will be up to some of their wld tricks. Next week, I will have more to may about the organization, but for the preacut, all that oan be done is to prepare li, the public merting, and get together the young Conservatives, who, at the next electin!, are to have a great deal to any abrut men and prinoiples.
$V_{\text {ictorin was honored last week by a }}$ visit from Mr . George Hetherington-Ham, the dintinguished author of many meriCorinum works on the advantages which the Canadian Pacific Railway offers as a great highway between Furt Rouge and
the Orient. Mr. Ham, it might be re marked, formerly reprosented Fort Rouge in the Winnipeg City Council, and -it was while occupying this position of trust, conforred upon him by the three then residents of that place, that he first conceived the colomal enterprise of securing China as as market for the garden truck, eto., which was then being grown in Fort Rouge. Juat at the time, how. ever, when he was ibout to put his scheme into notual operation, the Northwest rebellion broke wut, and George, up to this moment a man if pesce, ahouldered his old flint-look and proceeded to the front. Histery has not recorded the exact number of the enemy uur hero killed during the months the war listed, but it is asfe to any that they aere "too numurous to mention." After the war was over, Corporal Ham, for he retired with that rank, metaphorically speaking turned his sword into a pl-wahare and tilled the soil. Then oame his groat upportunity. The Oanadian Pacifie tailway required the services of a man possessing the varied qualifiontion of the veteran, and uiter much persuasion he mas induced to abandon his pastoral pursuits, and show Vau Horne how to run a transcontineutal line, at the somewhat insignificun: m'ary of 87,500 per year. That he susceeded in fultilling his contract is prowed by the fact that his stipend has been increased every year, until now he travels in a apecial car, and enjoyo the many privileges which are rega-ded as the spec al prerogatives of ruilway magnates. Leaving facutiousness anide, I would romark that the more offlicials of Mr. Ham's atamp the Ca-adian Pacific employs, the more popular it will beeome.
The Ottawn Journal remarks that " there are aeveral protty meas and self. ish provincial sta'utes in furce in Can da, principally thuse passed at the prumpting of highly educated profeasional men, as, for instance, those which forbid Quebee medical men or lawyers from practising in Ontario, and viea veran ; but one of the meanest is atates is that of the Manitoba Legislature regarding game. No one not domicile 1 in the province can shoot uame there, nave after paying a license fee of 825." As the Hamilton Times remarks, are we not one people?
All indicationn point to our Industrial Exhibition being ${ }^{7}$ great success. The people are taking a livelier intereat this year than heretofore. The different
amuse amusement und sport committees are working en"rgetianlly, and repa to affirm that competitions will be keen. The tug of-aur conteat between representative teams of nationalities is a new feature, locally, but, judging from the excitement and enthusiasm cated elsewhere by this test of physical endurance, the sport
provided by this entertainment will be apprecist d. The lacrosse and baseball ms'ches, horse races and parade of stock are other appetising items in the bill of fare. Another factnr of suecess is the increased facilities of the street car service. It is to be hoped that the trams will be equal to every domand.

It becomes the duty of this paper to chronicle the death by drowning if one who has been intimately connected with it for some time past. I refer to the aceident which removed John B. Oarmiohnel from the sphere of his earthy labors. Mr. Oarmichael was for some time previous to his denth an ncesptsble contributor to the columis of The Home Jovamal. He was a y ung man of considerable naturul ability and his articles on Kennel and Poultry were read withintereat by fanciers throughout the Province. Mr, Carmichael was born and broukt up in Victoria, and was held in the highest esteem by his aequaintances. It he had lived he would have made a visit to Walos some time during the next month. By his death, Viotoria loses a most worthy young man, and his mother and sisters a loving son and brothor. The Homs Jounsal sympathizes with them deeply


Mr. C. A. Semlin, the ailver-tongued orator of West Yale, has been chosen leader of the Osponition in the locel Legislature. While admitting that Mr. Semlin is by long odds the most nuitable man in Her Mnjesty's loynl Opposition for leader, I must not be understood us puying a compliment to that gentleman. So far as my knowledge of the Opponition extends, there in not one inail in it who possesses even mediocre nbility.
The platform of Mr. Semlin's party is fearfully and winderfully oons'ruc. ted dooument. It rings with hatred to the Ialand. Especially does this fenture manifest itsalf in the plank relating to the British Pucific railway. It is also worthy of renark that the party of which Mr . Semlin is now the leader never avinces a disposition to be positive. On points of generally polisy it is as remarkably vague as the trade poliey f the Hon Mr. Laurier.
Light, a Vancouver publioution, will this week change its name to the Mainlander. Light was a well-conducted weekly newapaper, and although it has only been in existance for six montha, has won for itaelf an abiding place in the hearts of its conatituents. It was published in a community whe e light is needed, and it fulfilled its mianion. Therefore, I am sorry that it hus changed its name. The title Mainlander will suggest to the minds of most people something that will have of rita object the atirring up


#### Abstract

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of sectional strife between the Island and Mainland of this Province. I do not know this will be the line which the Manlander will adopt, but I trust not. What is needed is a paper that will put forth every honest endeavor to bridge the chasm now existing between the two sections of this Province.

A Mainland paper makes the state ment that the people of New Denver sent a petition to Premier Davie asking thar a subsidy be granted to the Nukusp \& Slocan Railway to build a spur into that town. Hon. Theodire replied, referring the petitioners to the res lution passed by the Opposition convention in Nelson, in April last, which laid down as a plank in their political platform that railway building and operation should be loft to private enterprise.

A short time ago, a resident of Turonth, sent his two children to an "American" city to visit their grandmother for a year. When application was made to admit the children to a public school, they wore refused admission on the ground that as they were from Can da, they were nonresidents. Doubtless the authorities had right upon their side, but the incident shows to what length ill feeling for Canada can go in the States.

Great poverty is still reported as existing in Melbourne. The distress is acute among the laboring classes, as the Government has refused to start any relief works. Thousands of men who have gone to the gold fields have left their families behind in abject poverty, and are remitting nothing to them. Food has ever been cheaper in Australia, son that e charitably dispused can make a little out of their meana to go a long way. Close óbservers declare that a atrong Govern. ment would find the opportunity in the present situation to restore the industries of the people, but the prosent Government in annoyed and hampered by or. ganized factions of votern.

The following on fuke advertising schemes is recommended to the attention of several Victoria merchants. The remarks were made by one of Cansda's m'sst successful merchants : "When 1 was young and verdant, and thought I knew it all," he says, I went icto hotel registers, circulars, posters, write-ups, and similar things. Many of them were nice in theory, but I could get no results. I then tried newspaper advertising. That paid me, and I have used it ever since."

A correspundent evidently an educated gentleman, writes: "The attention of 'the editor the Province,' who is really the ouly authority on English on Broad street, is respectfully called to the fol-
luwing sentence which appeared in a legal advertisement in Friday morning's Culonist. 'Payments made to others are
discharge of luability.' Surely the author of the above quoted elegant expression cannot be the same captious individual who makes it his business at all times and in all places to correct the errors of the vulgar crowd of 'Colonials ?' And now we await a dissertion on mur. dering English, bah juve!"

1 was rather pleased with the remarks of the Colowist, Friday morning relative to uative Canadians. I agree with the morning puper that "C onada is producing a race of men who compare favorably with the natives of any other counstry morally, intellectually and physioully.', I also agree with the statement that "there are still far too many curs and oads among Canadians " I enunot imagine a more deteatable oreature than the native born Canadian who attempta to npe the Engliahman. John Bull has many peculiari ios which are natural and become him. No sensible man bolds it a fault in an Englishman to drop his h's, drawl, and stammer. I was going to say he was born that way; but perhaps it would be nearet the mark to may that he came by the habit honestly, for it is a beculiarity of the land in which he was reared. On the other hand, when we see a Uanadian, attempt to imitate an Englishnan in these things, it rather diaguste un. I have in my mind at this moment a loud-mouthed, ill bred Can. adian, who has just one ambition in life and that is to be mistaken for an English. man by an Englishman. John Bull in all his pristine loveliness I rather esteem, but the Canadian parrot I deapise.

## SPORTING GUSSIP.

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THE Victuria Jockey Club were ning. ularly unfurtunate in having bad weathor for their fall meeting, but, with true sportamanlike real, they weut through with their programme though it involved considerable personal lone to the members of the club. With the excep. tion of the $2: 30$ class list, there was not even a suspicion of crookedness in any of the events, and the judges, who seem at last to have grasped the duties of the position, most effectually killed what was a most flagrant job to rob the public. Of the true inwardness of the deal whereby Storm was to be permitted to win, no one will probably ever give the exact story to the public, but inasmuch as every one conuected with Innocentia had played Storm in the poolbox, it could hardly be expected that the mare would make very strenuous effurts to win. The judges, however, put down their feet very strong-
cheered them to the echo. The ruaning races were excellent, but the presence of the Calgary filly, "All Smoke," scared away opposition in the cbief eventa, ouly Doncaster throwing dowa the gauntlet to the daughter of Silk flown. Duncaster ran very well both times, but he could nut give the weight to the year uld, whose owner backed her extensively, and she landed his money rather easy. Lyme Long the winner of the half mile and repeat is a likely looking customer and will be heard of again. The Jockuy. Club must be congratulated on the manner in which the meeting was conducted, every detail being attended to by the proper officials, and nothing of the usual laissesfaire manner of allowing things to run themselves coming to the surfa'e. Nuw that a ruce meeting has been held in Vie. toria, at which owners, riders and public were taught that racing will be conducted according to the recognized rules, we may see a revival here of the aport of kings, and though the club are lomers financially they have inaugurated an era of prosperity for the turf which will baur ita own fruits.

## pootmall.

The Rugby Football Olub holds its first meeting next week. It is probable that the opening game will be with theHorneta of the Mainland, and not with the Royal Arthur team, as announced in our last issue. There has been some talk of playing under the rules adopted by the Rugby Association of Eastern Canada, but it is very improbable that any ehange will be made. The game plaged here is Eng. lish Rugby to the letter. The Ontario men, whilst following the English rulen in the main, have introduced a fow innovations in the placing of the men. Thuy have, with the object of getting the ball into play, leasened the number of players in the acrimmase, and put the extra men on the wiugu. Many in Ontario claim that the wing players are perfectly useless, indulging in senseless serapping and body checking, the ball being their last oonsideration. It is undoubtedly true that the play is freer under the eastern rules, the result being more attention to passing and combination work, and a very prominent Rugby man in Toronto last season after specially studying the American college game, advocated reducing the number of players tu eleven ; involving, of course, the doing away with the four wing men. The game played on the Sound is the college Rugby of the States. There is as much difference between the American and English game as there is between Association and Rugby. One side under the American game is given possession of the ball. The field is marked with equi-distant linea, running at right angles to touch. The side having the
ball hew three trials to make the distance bew well these lines with the penalty of rosknup the ball to their opponenta, whi, il their turn, are given the same chanicis. Peculiar combinations are Wirheil, the famed "V" wedge, first used Malc, being the favorite. The player hulduiz the ball is stationed within the surkle if the "V," and when the rush in madr, stemps to make the gain from sme unexpected quarter. It is unfortunn " that these varieties of Rugby exist, wt the divergence preclydes con ests betweell our clubs and the organizations on the siound. The Englash game is phyed in Portland and San Francisco. Whilmt great atimulus would be given to Kugk, if it were possible to arrange conivat w w I 1 Nenttle and Theoms, it looks inty much as if local enthus aste will have - intent themselves with games bewron our different Provincial clubs.

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The Amity team play the Nanaimo lub to day on the new athletic grounde then coal eity. The players of the ctiria nine are the following : Lenfenty, $\checkmark$ tuith, c; Partridge, 1 b; Widdowson, (i,wen, Heo, 3b; Williams, as is; luch, 1.f; Wrigglenworth, e. f: Sehulta,

Mr. I'hil. F. Kelley, manager of the earlle Athletic Atmociation base ball leam, has written that his men are practicing for the game at the Exhibition in Anerican Day. Thornton, the lefthanded colloge man. * so effective on Mueen in birthday, will probably be in the Im, for the visitors, and Dr Cobb, at ther college man, will figure behind the that. Vietoriana will weloome the vattle players, whose conduct on the linld, and clean playing have gained for them mony admirers in this city.

## THE OAR.

The new sholl ordered by the James liay 1 thletic Association has arrived at last, and the boys are waiting anxiously "1. N"." the bont unpacked, and pais "prricul" on prospeotive speed and durability.

It seems that Vietcria will have no represe tatives in the sculling and fournared cvents at the Westminster regatta during Exhibition week, most of the local men having given up practice, and, therefure, being in no condition.

## LACROSAR.

The lacrosse match between the seniors of Valicouver and Vietoria last Satnrday; reaulted in a vietory for the latter by a noure of 5 to 2. The matoh was exciting throughout, the principal feature being the rough play of the Mainland team.

The next game will be the protested one between Vancouver and Victoria, which will probably be played in this city Sept 29. This will decide whether or not Victoria will tie Westminster.

The James Bays defented the Stars by by a soore of 5 to 2 last. Saturday, at Caledonin Park last Saturday. The game Was apirited throughout, and reflected the highest posible degree of credit on both teams. The date for the match between the James Bays and the vietorious Mainland team has not yot boen fixed.

## CORRESPONDENOE.

## (We do not hold ourselves responsible for the

 oplalons of our correspondentedTHE BTBEL PLANT,
To the Ealtor of Tus Home Jounnal.
At the last meeting of the Oity Oouncil I noticed that a very important matter was brought before the dity fathers by one of the aldermen, uamely, Ool. Withorow's proposition to establish a steel works in Vietorin, to employ 2,000 men and $t$, pruduce 50,000 tons of ateel per year.
Now, the importance of such a buaneis to this city and province eannot be overeatimated. It would be of immense benefit in a hundred difforent ways. I do not blame altogether the council as a whole who voted upon this proposition, but I do condemn the worthy alderman who fathered the motion. He did not bring the matter before the council in a business like or intelligent way, and it was handled and disposed of as if it were a huge juke. Now, I ask, when is this indifferent, lethargie kind of conduct going (o atop) Have not our council enough common-sense business about them to treat this question in a broad-minded, liberal manner.
We talk about railronds. Steel workn are vatly of more importance to Vietoria than a railroad. Get the business and then railfunds will come. Someone will any, "it can't be made to pay." Leive that matter alone, I say ; capital will take care of itself.
1 would rather take the opinion of one practical man than the crude ideas of a dozen councils such as we have in Victoria. I believe the people of this city would carry a by. law for the scheme by 3 to 1.

I have been in busiuess in Victoria for years, but I have yet to see the council of Victoria that assista the business community as it should.
Let this question be reconsidered and brought before the people.

Yours, etc.
Busingss.
Mr. J. D. Taylor, of the Colonist, has returned from Ottawa.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

It is rumored that a well known lawyer of Langley street, who is now viviting friends in the vicinity of Port Townsend, will undertake a voyage on the sometimes tempestuous sea of matrimony, in the near future.

A harvest Service of Song will be given in the Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt atreet, on Thursday evening, 27 th inst. The choir, which will be strengthened for the occasion, will prosent an interesting programme.

A young gentleman, well-known and popular in Vietoria society oiroles and the seoretary of a prominent government offloial, will, it is maid, go oast and wed one of the fairest daughters of the Dominion capital.

The Vietoria Quadrille Olub has demoustrated its claim to success by giving a most enjoyable hop at Hebrew L dien' Hall, Wodnesday evening last

Mrs. Watt's lectures at St. Ann's Convent are an interesting literary treat. Her discuasion of the novelist Barrie was a brilliant effort.

Rev, Prof. Bryee, one of the best known Scotchmen in Oanvda, renched Vietóri، Thuraday night on a short visit to the const.
The Daughters of England gave a necktie social and dance at'Sir William Wallace Hall, Thursaday evening.

It is whispered that a well known com. mercial traveller will enter the ranks of the benedicts during the week.
The family of Mr, O, H. Steckuls have removed from Nunaimo and beoome resi. denta of the capital.

Mr. Geo. Burnett has so far recovered as to be able to again take up his musieal duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendray were among those who visited the Interstate Fair this week.
Prof. Baird, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, has been visiting Victoria this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Bobert Irving have left on a short visit to Portland.

The Misses Crosby arrived down from the N rith Wednesday.

Miss Broderick returned from the Sound Wednesday.

## WHALES IN HARNESS.

' $[\mathrm{T}$ is strange,". said, Iones, reflectively, as he puffed vigorously at his cigar, "that Jackson Peters never tells us of any more of his idear for inventions. The last thing he mentioned wis his ingenious notion of putting hinges on the trunks of orchard trees, so that in case of high wind they could be turned down. You never perfected that plan, did you, Jackson? And Joues turned toward the young man with great apparent interest.
"The thing could be done," answered Peters, as if Jones had cast doubts on its practicability. "And it would be a great boon to fruit growers in Nomegs and , ther draughty parts of the country. Lately I've been wondering that more progress is not inade by inventors in the line of submarine war boats. If the fish ides won't work, why not take the duck as̀ the living protutype of a vessel, and produce sumething which can dive, at least.'
"Your notion is of a boat which can dive to escape the enemy, and then peck a hole in his hull with its beak, eh ?" remarked Jones.
"Well-yes," assented Jackson Peters.
"Would you hare it web-footed, and construct it so it could get out and waddle on the beach in connection with land forces!
"You are not taking this thing seriously, Jones."
"But I am. And wings, Jacksonive your duck warship wing. Then if it gets caught in shallow water by a superior force, it can rise up and fly away, giving vent to loud and defiant quacks on a steam-quacker.'
"Perhaps you're ri cht," said Jarkson, wearily. " N , doubt about it, in fact."
"I have been detected in the neighborhood of right ideas," admitted Jones. "Possibly you could get some marine hints from an accou $t$ of my experience with the New York und Boston Leviathan Towing and Transportation Line, which I operated in the late sixties. You remember the line, Robinson ${ }^{\prime}$ '
Robinson answered "yes," without a blush.
"One night after I went to bed," continued Jones, "it occurred to me that, though hundr ds of land animals are of use to man while living, not one of the sea animals had ever been put to any practical use till dead. It seemed probable that the most useful purpose to which fiving land nnimals was put by man was as draught animals, of which we may take the horse and the ox as examples. Why were not the animals of the sea used for draught purposes? I became so excited that I lay awake all night thinking about it. The result was the New York and B ston Leviathan Tuwing and Transportation Line.
'During all of my life to think has been to act, therefore you need not be surprised to know that in a month I had left New Bedford on a chartered whaling. steamer looking for whales. "I had decided that the whale was the animal most suited to my purp se. Off the coast of Labrador we sighted n large school of whales. Fortunately it was a graded school, so to say, consisting of true whales, Greenland whales, humpbacked whales, in-backed whales, spermaceti whales, and so forth. We had considerable truuble in driving them at first, but I rigged up a fog-horn with a reed so it would say 'shon,' and they soon learned what it meant, and we worked them along down the coast by ensy stages. A good many of the mote skittish ran back, and I thought at wne time that I uight have to ser.d a tug ahead with a herring on the end of a stick to coax them; but we finally got them down to Gardiner's Bay, Long Island, and grounded them in the shallow water.
"Of course it has always been s-If. evident that the whale would make a splendid driving animal if he could be controlled. The most impurtant and hardest thing was clearly to keep him from diving A carcful study showed me that the whale could not dive without first putting his head duwn; therefore, all that was needed was a check-rein sufficiently strong to restrain him in that respect. I selected a right whale about seventy-ive fyet long, which I had noticed was a good traveller, and proceeded to harness him. I put a bit about four inches in diamet $r$ in his mouth, with ten foot check-rings un each end. From this bit I ran a hawser along his back and around the part of his tail where the fluk $s$ are joined to the body. 1 then put on a large collar, attached a sand-barge by four-inch wire cables, and turned him toward deep water for a trial spin.
"Naturally, of course, that whale did not readily take to harness. He reared up, rolled uver, sharged ahead, struck out fiercely with his flukes, blew a stream of water like an artesian well, and otherwise misbehaved. His efforis to dive were something startling, but the checkrein held, and he tinally gave it up.
"I had wire-cable reins connected with the wheel in the pilot-house, and stood there and guided him, "ecasionally touching him up with a bamboo fishing. pole. In two hours he drove fairly well, and in a week was fully broken, though healways remained hard-mouthed, and was never what you might call a lady's whale.
"I then went ahead and broke the others of the school to barness. I found the Greenlands made the best draught


































 she has so long occupied at the entrance of the Victoria harbor, of which she has been no ornament, and to vesseis at tempting to enter which she has been an unquestioned source of danger. mat

THE VICTORIA HHOME JOURNAL.
"F / NTEREST TO WOMEN.
$T^{H E R I E}$ is an ancient tradition which ; of a glases of such wonderful bineneses and delicacey that simply to trrather "ppon it would shatter it. of sech If licate purity is the mputation of wiman. A breath, a word, an insuluation is sufficient to tarrish the lastro dit he furreast gem which ever adorned the benvififul form of woman. The cminbinel wealth of all the kingdoms, mpublics and principalities of the world purchase for moman another ceecl which would boorme her a millionth part ow well ; nor, is this matchloes gom
whthw the xift of wealth or power. it in
sumply the prerogative of momen INinty station only, it is the birthright wferery women who ever lived or who ever will live. It is that of which 4. Paul said, "You carry a treasuro drout with you, but you carry that rrasure in an earthen veasel." Woman bun no gift over which should be kept such jealous watch and word ; for, so Ively, so invaluable is this bright jerel that if it be once lost no, power on earth of in hearen can restore it. The Bible ellis us that Jesuas healed lepers and reatured the dead to life; bat in no angle instance does it tell us that Ho reatored twa woman her loat virtue. His treat heart pitied such women, but eren He cuuld not again make them what they vere.
In the women of their own immediate tamilles, men value virtue $m$ re than all ther endowments of face, form or mind. Lhas of virtue is the one ground which Bntish law recognizes at just cause for divorce. Loses if virtue oatracies a Foman from the society of her kind, makes her an outcast from home, a proy to remorse, a vile thing to be jeered at ${ }^{\text {by }}$ men and shunned by women.
In aome rare casees women careleally thruw away their virtue, but in moost cases of luat virtue it is due to theft on the part of some moral valture bearing the eshape and reseemblance of manhood ; and this stupend rus theft, the foulest crime which one being is capable of perpetrating upon another, the ouly theft utterly beyond restitution is legalveed hy the laws of every Christian land, without exception. Yen, the laws of every land protect these moral vultures in their purait and robbery and ruin of Sureet, innocent, ignorant female ohildren!
For $_{\text {or }}$ curror For curroboration of this assertion as regarils Vietoria, reed the "age of consent law," in force right here in British Columbia, which gives no protection to our pirls onee they have arrived at the mature (l) age of "Fourteen." Men aturuted with filchy crime, reeking with ${ }^{\text {know ledge of evil may deliberntely and }}$ Ppenly pursue, betray and desert little kiris, if fourteen (or other teens), and to
these poor, deluded, ruined viotims, the lave nayu "There is no redrese for you, The man who betreged age of consent. of my protection : botray you io the objeot coll in tromeden of of you and sinky, or soourcompmasionato protection of some refuge provided by charithble women ; or, if your silly brin is not sufficien tly strong there you through this moral Chrrybdia,
 thooe dreary mulls you; go, thut within which has been shora of its beauty just at the threahold of momanhood, 1 have no concern with you, you are but one of many thousands, I muut see that your deppoiler malks forth in freedom to reennet the ame trigedy with come other unsuspecting, foolithbly fond young
giri." 1 have heard that consent lave are alvays made in noeret soestion, behind cloved doors, as if those who made such ahameful have were not proond of their own wirk. Whether this be true or not, the men who made thom deserve the contempt and scorn of all momen, as io the men who keep them in force.
If women could lnow beforehand the fearrul consequences of diahonor, would any moman of sound mind choose it in proference to death ! I think not. Yot, it the man who dithonors a little girl were mercifully to give that girl death, the law would go in hot purait of the con ard who could murder a moman. With the murderer of woman's sooll the ham has nothing to do. Deith to a girl is so much more desirable than loses of honor that it really soems as if it would be humane to reverse the law in the tro canees
Uatil a girl reaches the age of twentyone she owes allogiance, under the lav. to her parentas ; but at that age the law emancipates her and makes her a repponsible being. Now, if the parents of a fourteen-year-old gill ahould die, leasing mid girl heireess to vuat landed estates, or to great manuffacturing concorna, or even to a fow paltry hundreds of dollars, it wruld be regarded as the grosesest abburdity to expeet that girl to manage her own property unwarded and unprotected. The law would step in, kindly assume control and watcoh faithfully over her estates or properties until the girl should marry or attain her majority. No law reegnaizes a girl of fourteen as having sufficient morldly knowledge to control her businems affiair, and yet, it expreasly implies that she is sufficiently wiee to be aboolute guardian and protector of that quality which is more to her than all the weath of all the earth. Why should the "age of consent"" be made seven years younger than the age of majority? No b dy of nas.
men has the moral right to keep in force a law which reoders it mafe for one of their kind to ruthloally ravibh young girle of virtue and henor, For repeal of these lawis women of every class and oreed and natimen ohould wage a mighty and unceasing marfare. To do this it is n.tr necosary to have the ballot ; already
brave women are in the brave momen are in the van of this great moral reform battle, help them on by fighting the good fight in your own homes, by the moral suasion you can bring to bear on fus hers, huibands, brothers and sone. At your own firoside instil into your bogs the prineiple which vill cause them to help provide for your girle the protection of the atrong arm of the law, at least until your giris shall have attained their majority.
The seduction of a young girl should cuuse every moman's heart to bleed with sympathy, every woman's voiee to be riaiod in righteous protest agginats such foul infamy ; but, sorry am I to suy, this is not univerally the case. There are many-too many-women, muthers even, who combine with the law in protecting men from the punithment and odium which should attend their deapicablo actions. Mo herr, who would be shocked beyond measure at the mere thought of clasping in friendahip the hand of a fallen roman, will not only clasp in friendahip the hand of that fallen woman's despoiler, but will kuowingly and willingly open to him the sanctity of their homes and introduce him to their pure, young daughterr. There are many girls even, who, fully cognizant of such a man's evil deeds, are yet willing to marry him.
A way with the age of consent law । It is a shame to Claristianity, a shame to divilization, a shame to Canada.

Cathiaine d.
An eminent authority, Professor Paul Montaretetza, says the Spanish women are the moot beautiful in the world. Beanty is birtbright of the duaky eyed daughters of Spain, and the big ceities and the country towns there are full of feminine charmers. Of all the countries of the world Spain is the one where hair has remained the great glory of womani. It is a different vegetable in Spain from what it is in any other country-soft, glorioualy beautifu, and from the days of Velasguez $t$, Goya down to the preseut momen' the sp stiobh woman has brought it hiw on her face and has put $n$ H wer in it with cunsummate grace. The types ot Spanish beauty remain unchanged. From the lofty duchese who amiled on Sancho Panza, the Carmen and the Rosina of Seville, that type so beloved by the writer of operas, downin to the cigarette $\mathrm{grl}^{1}$ and the favorite of the bullighter, all Spanish momen are beautiful once in their lives. Many of them of the patrician class remain very beautiful, and the hair is always superb, What men they have had to paint them! Perhhps if a high forehead is permisesble anywhere it is in one of Marillo's Madunnas.

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MUSIC_AND THE DRAMA,

T'HOSE who saw and heard "Blit Tom," the negro musical prodig at The Victoria, Thursday eveuing, cou not but be mystified. Whether 1 alleged idiocy is real or assumed, wheth he is merely acting a carefully rehearse part, or whether he is truly as he repr sonts bimself, are debatable question In any tvent, he has a marvellous men ory, both musical and recitative. The are so many inconsistencies that one prone to doubt. In the first place, havin such imitative faculties, how is it the his programmes are the same, with fe exceptions? The repertoire here was th same as given at hundreds of perforn ances, for mauy years past ? When heard him in 1892, everything was th same, only Mossowski's Serenata wa substituted for Mendel-aohn's Rondo Then, on the other hand, supposing To to be an idsot, it would be easy to under stand how difficult it would be to trai him to go through a regular programin without breaking out into somethin startling and unexpected. One can un derstand him going through a prepare programme, but it was hardly consisten with the claim of utter imbecility, when during the test of his phonetic spelling he asked gentlemen in the audience t repeat words he had not heard clearly Behind the scenes, he mumbled all sort of uncanny sounds, and his conversation was irrational and abrupt as any poot meutally unbalanced creature. Then, at the end of the performance, whilst he was playing the national anthem, the curtain began to drop, and le turned around im patiently and ordered the curtain to be rolled up, until the piece was over. he were blind, how did he know the cur tain was falling ?
One marvels why Nature should select one, apparently coarse and sensual, to intarpret divine melody and harmony. No one will gai say that his reading of the classical pieces was beyond criticism Take Paderewski's Melodie Antique. There was the same varied tone culor, all the cantabile effects and flexible execution of the Polish pianist. De Pachmann or Friedheim could not have rendered Beethoven's Moonlight sonata more acceptably. When erities write of virtuosi of the calibre of Jossefy, Rubenstein or Paderewski, their playing is spoken of as exhibiting rare inagery, original conception and scholastic treatment. $*$ Blind Tom" produces the ssme uffects. music has all the nuances, all the sound contrasts of the others. Is it all mere imitation? Is there no head, no berrt entering into his wonderful music? Is it all an enigma? A spiritualistic friend of mine submitskhat Tom is a medium in the hands of some departed master.
inimations especially of the muxie box wod the church organ，demonatrated the roned riscources of the piana，uaually qphen in with contempt，when coutrasted vth the intinite poasibilities of atring and rud ins：ruments in reproducing effecta． ＂The Bu the of Manasass，＂\＆composition by＂Blind Tom，＂presents another difif－ cully to thuse interested in arriving at his wur haracter．The composition involves busurcical knowledge and the depieting of watite scines．How could an idiot give wcha a fat thful portrayal cf even＇s in their atural urder ？One would look for some－ danny wildly incongruous，and not the wethell and arrangement calling for ox－ ermes of intellect．
Lawrence Hanley and Georre Osbourne buve cornbined this anason and supportied br a pow worful company will appear at the Victoria．Monday aud Tueeday eveninga． yr．Hacley，who was for many years Ie ding support for Booth and Barrett， bus w＇n great renown ase a star for his dever acting in Blanche Marsden＇s com－ dy．＂The Player，＂in which Mr．On wurne also does some clever chameter rork．They will also be meen in a new play＂An American Girl＂，written by the weceresful young dramatist，Grattan Don－ aelly，who has the distinction of having erolved more succeseaful plays than any Iring A merican play wright．

Last Wednesday，the beautifal little operetta，＂Elma，the Fairy Child，＂was presented to a Wellingtou audience for the first time by the children of St．Mat－ hew＇s church．The music is of the most catching nature，and no music sounds as weetly，as purely，and as touching as when rendered by the clear voices of children．Great care was taken in the presentation of the operefta．

Mrs．R．J．Skinner is over fiom the Mamland．

H．川．J．H．Turner returned from the Mainland Thuraday night．
Thr：Homr Journal ackuowledges with thanks the receipt of a dozen bot－ Hes of beer from the Excelsior Brewery． ＂ur expert announces that＂it＇s all right．
Owing to the death of John B．Car－ michae＇．The Home Journal is forced to aband in the Kennel and Poultry Depart－ ments until arrangements are made to secure some gentleman who can discuss those subjects intelligently．

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Chaptrr III (Oontinued).
${ }^{6}$ THAT sounds pretty, and I suppose you expect a courtesy, but I'll fool you. Some other time. Just listen, and then judge whether I have any chance of passing through the pearly gate. I'm implicated in a gambling operation. You see, the Carlyles invited me to enter a fifty cent pool. They vouched it being quite an innocent diversion. The pool is worth twenty dollars. There were twelve drawings - just the number of entries for the plate-and the rest were blanks. They all said that I was a lucky one to pick out the slipof paper pencilled with ' Dorothy ;' but, Steve, I kuow that this race means a lot to you, at least Forsyth-Snith told me that you were betting heavily, and-and"-Zein checked her words confusedly, for she was just on the point of confessing something she had no intention of divulg ing.
"And-and-what $?$ " amusedly enquired Fairlie.
"Oa! you'll think mea silly goose," she answered shyly, hanging her head
'You women are all alike, arousing curiosity, and theu refusing to gratify it," said Steve with simulated petulance.

- If you want to know so badly, then, 1 tore up my slip of paper entitling me to twenty dollars, if Dorothy won. couldu't bear to make a gain out of your loss," and Zela inclined her head still lower to conceal the burning tide of crimson, suffusing brow, cheek and neck.

Steve's only answer was a suddeu pas. sionate squeeze of the dainty tan-gloved hand that hung so near his own. The pressure thrilled her with ecstacy. Fairlie's eye-lids quivered. He felt a contraction about the throat. "What a trump of a girl she was? How loyal? Oh ! if Osceola could only win ?" he cogitated, his brast heaving with pent emotion.
" Did you notise Osceola when Dorothy galloped past her just now $?$ " divertingly exclaimed Zela,
" No !" briefly responded Steve, wrapt in thoughts of her loveliness.
"It was most amusing. I really do believe that animals have as much m telligence as we supposedly gifted mortals possess. As Dorothy went by in a canter, Osceola stopped, and turned her head, with those large knowing black eyes of hers, and seemed to take in all the points of her formidable rival. It was as human as could be. Certainly meresothan yolrbrutal jockey - Rufus Jackson's action in viciously jerking her head away, and urging her forward. But how could anyone expect au ignorant stable boy to understand the motives of a dumb
creature ?' and Zela's interest and sympathy were expressed in speech and feature.

A race course is no place for mystio metaphysics, but the fallacy of your ascribing 'motive,' forsooth, and other lofty mental attributes to the animal world prompts me to give you a muchneeded lecture. Don't you know that there is an unbridgeable chasm-a yawning abyss-between man and avimal? I quite understand that you women claim that man and brute are convertible, synonymous terms, but you must bear in mind that dumb creatures are only supposed to act by instinct, that they only experience bare sensation, and haven't the ability to correlate nerve impressions by the unifying function of thought, by which sensations "-
"Stop, sir professor, that's too technical fur me ; put it down on paper and I'll study it," Zela said with mock irony. "Just the same, your scientific division between man and animal is responsible for much torture to the latter, and there would be small need of societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, if we would always remember that they are subject to the same feelings as we arewithin circumscribed limits. You won't deny that they suffer, that pain and joy are as much to them as to us."
" Well, science and the Bibleapparently join hands. Whilst there are many scriptural passages evidencing a kindly disposition to these ill-used, poorly understood creatures, there are few positive injunetions against maltreatment. How trustful, faithful, kindly they often are ; and how cowering, skulking, spiritless they become under the masterful lord of creation's domination? Give man unbridled power to rule, and he becomes a despot, whether it be on the throne or the lowlier responsibilities of the kennel and the stable; but, look, the starter has given the signal for the horses to get into line! Good-bye," exclaimed Steve, hurriedly.
He pressed her hand lingeringly. mist came into his eyes. "Bah! I mustn's give away to my feeling," he muttered beneath his breath, and atrode away. He looked behind once, and saw Zela standing on the same spot where he had left her. A miagiving-a nigh uncontrollable impulse-urged her to run forward, but she resisted, and Fairlie was lost in the pushing, jostling crowd that always eddien around the book-makers just before the horees are sent awny.
The field of twelve were restless, and over-anxious to get off. There were half-a-dozen falsé atarts. Once Dorothy got to the quarter post, the jockey sawing her mouth before she could be turned. One ugly-tempered beast was pawing and rearing, and attempted to hurdle the
railing in frent of the grand sta creating a panic and shrieks of hor among the feminine portion of audience.
"It looks like a go this time," shout some one as the horses came to the in a line.
"They're off," burst from the crow as the starter's flag dropped, and the was a flash of ateely heels flsing away a mad seramble for place. It was splendid send-off. Only one horse h been left at scrateh. The rest were co fusedly bunched, and spectators we vainly attempting to pick out the diffe ent entries. After the quarter, thoug the horses stretched into a string, at lea a couple were straining for first, three four for second, and the rest trailing the rear. The pace was hot. They a nearing the half. "Yellow and blac leading"-" crimson and white gaining were the sounds that came in deafenin roars from the excited multitude. "Lool look, it's crimson's day," came sudden! during a loll, and the onlookers breat lessly craned their noeks. Sure enoug "crims $n$ and white" had spurted, an was crawling past the flauk of "yello and black." "Crimson will pass" "crimson has it." They were speedin along furiuusly, stride for stride, nip an tuck. A groan of disappointment cam from the onlookers. Rufus Jackson colored in crimson and white, had falle behind, and Dorothy, the favorite, ridde by "yellow and black," was a good tw lengths in the lead, as they came aroun the turn at the north side of the ova track.
"Here they come"-"Here the come," and the people scampered to th fence to see them pass.
Dorothy and Osceola had drawn awas from the others, and were racing down the stretch. It looked like the favorite' win. Rufus had not put the whip, anc Dorothy was being lashed for a fina spurt. The gap had increased. "Yel low's race," shouted the crowd. A seconc afterwards, there was another cry: "See crimson's whipping" True enough Rufus was' slashing away in earnest. Sould Osceola do it ? Was there time The finish was dangerously near. Game little Osceola responded to the call, and the crowd, the majority of whom had taken Onceola at long odds, went wild with freuzied enthusiasm, as Fuirlie's mare olosed the apace separaiting them. They are zushing past the grand stand the riders plying the whip and the strug gling steeds straining for vantage. They flew past the finishing post together.
"A dead heat"-"Dorothy has
"Osceola's won" were the conflicting orien, whilat the uncertain ones enquired, "Who's won ?"
All eyes were centered in anxious sus
pelas' mouncing the winner.
Phuhts wore set at rest, as the large strung out, spelling the
gain streaked with leaping gleams. Pain fully, his fevered brain revolved every phase of the sore dilemma.
"Yes / he would have to do it. Thero Wns no escape," and with a sense of in tellectual pleasure, he argued the prom and cons of suicide. Was it cowardly to avert diggrace? What right had he to take a God-giveu life before the expiration of is natural term of existence? If he had committed wrong, why ahouldn't he expiate it by earthly punishment? His soul revolted againat the atern decrees of the earthly tribunal passing for justice. How would the law with its vaunted anpience treat his offence? Would it nut indiscriminately sentence him, and rudely deprive him of every atom of self respect, putting beyond reach any possibility of retrieving lost dignity and abandoned honor! Society still elings to a barbaric code. Civilizatiun has been slow in devising appropriate gradations of punishment. Retribution is still the cry of outraged law. One would have thought that enlightened religion would concern itaelf more with the salvation of the individual offender. Religion sounds well from the pulpit. It looks past the conviet cell with disdainful eye.
The thought of long prison coutinement settled it with Steve Fairlie. He clenched his teeth in grim resolve. He summoned up a picture of the coroner's jury viewing his remains. Would it be on the table of his room, or on the marble slab at the morgue. The surgeon would trace the courne of the bullet, and, from the position of the body and pistol, would learnedly deliver an opinion as to whether the shot was self-inflicted, and discuss the possibility of toul-play. There would be an enquiry into his financial status, his past life and habits. The jury would retire, and bring in a verdict of "suicide through despondency or temporary insanity." This verdict was as hackneyed as the favorite cause of death among the medicos, when unableto detect any specific malady-heart failure.
He left the window, unlocked a small drawer in the camphor-wood cabinet, and took out a thirty-eight calibre Smith and Weston. The chambers were empty. He saspped the trigger a few times. It was double-action. He went to the same drawer, and brought out a circular box of cartridges. The pistol was soon loaded. A writing-pad lay on the table. He addressed a letter to Mr. Grant, telling him everything, and asking him to take Osceola, the grays, any prize-money the mare might win and all his personalty ss part payment of his debt. He next wrote to Zela. He made half-a-dozen beginnings, and tore up as many sheets. At last, it was finished. He was sure she would understand all. There was no hurry. He went to the Steinway upright, and, out of pure peversity, improvised something fantastically light, and of lively tempo. He marvelled at his contradictory
moods. "My playing ian't a bit dolorous or funereal. This is my dying dirge, and I feel awfully like laughing." And he dia laugh convulsively, until his head fell forward against the music-holder. Then he rose, and went to the table again, and, burying his face in his hands, gave way to a pastionate fit of weeping, "This is baby play," he muttered in desperation, and again he nervously fingered the revolver.
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There aro，however，not a few people who，if not exactly anxious，sre desirous of having a few words with Sir Charles H．Tupper，who earued his title as the price of his willingness to sacrifice Pritish Columbin interests to Imperial exigeticies． They would like to know what he pro－ poses to do ab ut securing a settlement of those s－aling claims against the United States Govern nent，wh se adjuatment the authorities at Washington have contrived to atave off wo long，while all the time they have been allowed to have，as it were，their own way，in connection with a matter in which the Paris arbitratorn declared that they were utterly in the wrong．The Fraser River canners would also like to interview the gentleman，as we have more than once pointed out，in regard to fishery regulations of one sort or another，which the ignorance and bill－ headednens of the Minister and thone by

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whom he is surrounded and advised have made not nuly oppressive but utterly un－ adapted to the conditionn with which they are designed to deal．Tupper is the man whom the British Columbians would like to get at，and we can assure him that he and his Department are mainly respon－ sible for the strong feeling of discontent and diamatisfaction which prevails here， and which，havink as they think，the members for the Province at their beck and call，they have not taken ateps to allay．Had，we may，Mr，Laurier had something more definite to offor thas the burden of his parable，the Government might well have reason to be appruhen－ nive ：but，as it is，he has made but few， if any，converts，and has not doue much to strengthen his nupporters in their faith． －Commereial Journal．

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(is well known that the most experi-
mored Indian hunters will not engge to "uip "II vomesels where they are not trasted Th he anme manner as white men. In 2t, unth the authorities provide spocial ancturn tur the engagene"t of Indiant Whnerm nnd asailors, their shipment has to to mally under the ordinary conditions. "a w wrol, equally with the whites, the in. inhtian are expobed to hardohiph, and in the nune way are entitled to restoratives, Dhen. in his diseretion, the captain of the Imerel crunsiders them necoesary, More "er, the manne eonditions which ronder rinulantun neceasary for white men mutt pplly wi. Indians: The latter are made Thi" wome flesh nud blood as the whiteo, wald unle eratanding that they are of a more Ucctalite temperiment than the whites, him mawt er, for his own mofoty's anke, and. anlluk suprome control, is not likely to do wher than to see to it that the apirita, m"ny served out by him personally; or Minter hins special direotions, are not given " L , wich an extent at will arouse their Mampun or place them beyond control.
The face in this oase, too, show that it nu only when at a subequaent period rhey muttinied and obtained posenession of Il the supplien on shipboard that they thuwed the devil that wat in them. When hee cluwe season arrived and the vessel could n,te enter Behring Sea, the Indians became impatient, refuting w accopt the
oaptain's explanations, and despite the haw and in the very face of the patrol fleeta, whose busiuses was explained to them, they rove and seized the ship. While in full pouseaiin, they got hold of the supplies, and, under their influence, behaved in such a manner as to show that they wero hardly human beinge. Yet these tame brutes had acted othervise, shen, in the captain's diberetion. atimusatta had boen adminiistered to them.
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Hid the Pand pirates been deant with the utmost rigor of the law, their offence would have hanged every one of hem. but a fow years ago, and geen now would have necured for them a protracted incercoration. But, the mot favorable incerrowsusible having been taken of their case, they, in order to be revenged nyainast the captain and owners of the ressel, seek to plicee themselves under the wing of to place themberies Indian Dopartment, whieh not unanturally foels bound to extend towards hem its protection. But it would appent chem itsprita how that monaters such as that the nats show bod to proteotion, anve they are, are entilied a prison thould give such as the wails of 4 prise an endeavor to chem, and it is ouly by an endeavor 5 make a local law over-ride one which is rooognized the world over that there oan be found anything affording the slightoost be en prosecution as in the prosent base for aproecearicil Joun nal.

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