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A LITERARY GEM RESET.

(Hymn after Midnight in the House of Assem sembly.)

Hast thou a charm to stay the morning star n his steep course? So long he seems to pause On thy bald awful head, O Speaker Higgins! The members of thy House at thy feet Rave ceaselessly; but thou, most awful Form, Resist forth from thy noisy sea of sticks How silently! Around thee and above Deep is the air and dark, dim lit with gas, Methinks, O sapient mass, thou piercest it As with a wedge. But when I look again It is thine own calm home, thy crystal shrine, Thy habitation now from day to day! 0 dread and silent Man! I gazed upon thee Till thou, still present to the body's sense, Didst vanish from my thought. Entranced in prayer.

I worshipped the Great Unwashed alone. -SAM T. COLERIDGE.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

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

HERE are some in this community who believe that while the members of the Victoria City Council have, "in the public interest," been careful to reduce the salaries of the municipal officials, they have not made what might be considered a sweeping reduction in their own. It is by no means a general custom in well ordered communities to pay aldermen for their services as is the case in the city of Victoria. There are no poor men among them, otherwise, under the present law, they would not be qualified to sit. They are all property owners and well to do citizens, and the office they hold should be considered to be amply recompensed in the honor conferred upon the members by the votes of the people. If they begin their motives. As it is, there is grave reason to doubt that their desire to retrench is more than on the surface.

Some of the members are described as gentlemen, and others as capitalists. There are also real estate and other business men sitting at the Board, who are supposed to be well to do, otherwise they have no right to be where they are, in justice to themselves or to the public whom they are supposed to serve. Previous mayors to the one who last went out were content with the honorarium and allowance for expenses which they received, and, if the times are hard, the men to whom I refer, in the event of their service being other than for mere hire, should prove themselves to be equal to the situation. If they are not disposed to show the sincerity of their motives and their willingness to adapt themselves to what they say are the circumstances, they ought to make way for men to whom wages are no object.

The changes have been rung too frequently and emphatically upon what are persistently preached about as "hard times," and made such for the benefit of people whose desire is to prey upon the misfortunes of others and who also take care that they themselves shall not be in any way disadvantaged thereby. They contrive to keep up the costs of rents and all the articles of which they have to dispose, but with consummate meanness, they contrive to rob-for it is little else-those who have labor to sell, endeavoring at the same time to fill the country with Mongolians or those of whom, when they were dependent on their own exertions, they were accustomed to speak as " North American Chinamen." These are the men who make times hard. They are not even as enterprising as the man who is spoken of as having in olden times made up his mind to pull down his barns and build greater; but if an infinitely merciful Providence would, in his wisdom, deal with them as summarily as in the case recorded, there would be comparatively little lamentation, but, on the contrary, a good deal of satisfaction-not to say rejoicing.

A correspondent writes: "I read your article on crime, and while I agree with nearly everything you said I must con-fess that it would have been more satisfactory had you offered a solution of the great problem which is staring our present civilization in the face." In answer to this correspondent I might say, that in discussing this subject, I take no credit for the arguments advanced; I am indebted to the latest medical and scientific authorities on the subject of heredity. So in saying that it is only right that work of economy at home, one would be medical men should have something to panic at the Surrey Jardens in 1856 was

say upon the expediency of a marriage taking place between two persons in whom the criminal nature is abnormally developed, I take no credit for originality.

Biologists assert that inebriety is a physical disease which may be inherited, the children of inebriates becoming perhaps epileptic, insane or criminals. In a large proportion of cases the third and fourth generations from drunkards are criminals or paupers. But it is uncertain, having pointed out the undesirable nature of a union upon physological or pathological grounds, the advice of the medical man would be adopted. There is no such thing as "future" with persons who have plighted their troth; they are too much absorbed in contemplating and revelling in the present. "The things that are," afford them all the satisfaction that they require without, in their opinion, demanding any consideration with regard to the things that might be. For example, no marriage should take place between persons having the same hereditary tendency to disease, a prohibition which is especially important in contemplated marriages between relatives. The medical profession admits that it is face to face with one of the greatest problems in sociology which confronts the present day, and it is its duty to open up the way so that the religious and civil authorities can follow. It has been proposed that, as undesirable immigration is another source of the growing evil in this country, the Government should take the matter in hand, and only admit those immigrants who can furnish a consular certificate that insanity, incbriety, crime nor pauperism is not hereditary in the families from which they sprung. It is a comparatively easy matter for the Government to exclude from admission any more of these people thus diseased, but how to dispose of the stock now on hand will tax the best minds of the country.

The Government interposes no objection to the marriage and multiplication of these people. It licenses and legalizes a traffic which largely contributes to their propagation and the influence of which will be handed down to posterity. It is the duty of the Government as a sanitary measure, to assume entire control of the manufacture and sale of alcohol. Every attribute of the human family might be improved and new ones be possibly developed were science brought to the aid of sentiment in mating the sexes.

As bearing upon the point that great public men often quake, before rising to speak, a recent issue of Cassell's Saturday Journal says that Mr. Spurgeon, although few guessed it, was nervous in speaking, and one result of the disastrous that he ever afterwards dreaded excitement in great audiences. At the Free Trade Hall in Manchester, 1872 the orator was in buoyant and brilliant form. Yet before delivering his address he had been attacked by nervous sickness in the anteroom.

This curious preliminary recoil seems to be a frequent characteristic of the efforts that establish or increase fame, although it is not recorded that Mr. J. M. Kellie has ever experienced this difficulty. Inquiry shows that some form of timorousness dogs distinction like its shadow. It may have peculiar and even eccentric features. Mr. Ldmund Yates has mentioned the case of a distinguished living politician, noted for his dash and aplomb while in the British House of Commons, to whom on one occasion Sir Henry Halford, the eminent physician, gave an account of a railway accident. The narrator was elaborate in his description, and it was too much for his listener's nerves. In the midst of the story the doctor had to break off. His friend was on the point of fainting. Condition of mind bordering on panic has often prevailed up to the test moment with men who have had to face critical audiences.

The late Lord Derby earned the title of the "Rupert of debate" from his dashing alacrity, but he declared: When I am going to speak, my throat and lips are as dry as those of a man who is going to be hanged." He never rose to speak without experiencing a peculiar and very unpleasant "nervous tremor." The same was said of Lord Lyndhurst. That eminent jurist and statesman was totally unable to free himself, from beginning to end of his career, of trepidation and nervous emotion when he got upon his legs to address either a court or parliament. Canning, too, told his friends that he knew beforehand, by a disagrecable set of symptoms. when he should win and hold the ear of the House and extort the admiration even of his adversaries. He was always conscious of an omnious chill of fear. meant not failure, as was his dread, but a fine oration. Emilio Castelar, the silvertongued Spanish Tribune, is simply miserable on the eve of a great speech. unrest and anxiety on such occasions are a characteristic feature of the man. He wanders distraught about the building in which the Cortes is in session. He rushes into the cafe to take a glass of water seems to be seized with a fever; fancies he will not know how to put the words together; that he will be laughed at or hissed; not a single lucid idea of his speech remains in his head-he has confused and forgotten everything-until the moment when he looked round upon the expectant faces and delivers the first sentence of his address. Then words do not fail; they come to his help in stately, sonorous order. Then courage does not flag. He is a statesman with a mission, inspired and earnest. Every atom of timorousness has evaporated.

Mr. Kitchen, we think, was unduly exercised the other day when he complained that since the publication of the Cranbrook

estate prospectus, Col. Baker had practically ignored him, passing him "without even giving him the time of day." For my part, I do not blame the Colonel, no matter whether the allegations made be justifiable or not. Few people, if any, care to be subjected to the fire which was kindled with the assistance of the document referred to; but I am surprised that, supposing "the gentlemen opposite" believed all their charges to be well founded, any one of them should care to be recognized by the person whom they had so scathingly attacked.

If there is one individual more than another who is clearly entitled to be relieved by his constituents from any longer making the Legislature a pillory of crass foolishness, it is Tom Keith, the Bootian from the Coal City. The only thing that seems to stir inside his cerebral cavity is the Chinese maggot, with the result that the House is being continually deluged with resolutions and motions that have been repeatedly pronounced unconstitutional.

Talking of the Chinese, a correspondent asks: "Has it never occurred to the loafers who are always denouncing this inoffensive race that their presence in a country like this in reasonable numbers is by no means an unmixed evil? What other race has shown its willingness and its capacity to drudge for the whites in the way that this one does? For what is laundry work and navvying but the most mepial kind of drudgery? What white man of spirit will engage in such avocations? To me it seems that their office in the great march of Anglo-Saxon progress is substantially that of so many pieces of machinery, which, if properly adapted, will facilitate that progress. Every time a mechanical invention, the object of which is to save labor is offered to the public, men of the Keith stamp will be found to spring up and bedevil it as a device to rob the workingman' of his bread. Yet does not economic history invariably show that in the end the device always provides more work and that of a higher and therefore more remunerative order? The gcal of true statesmanship is the constant lifting up of our white population to higher planes of labor and the consequent abandonment of that which is menial and beg garly to the inferior races of men, who for the time being are intruding in our midst."

When the estimates were before the House, last week, the Opposition endeavored to assume the role of obstructionists, but found to their dismay that they had caught a Tartar in the person of Premier Davie. All sorts of unparliamentary tactics to kill time were resorted to by the corporal's guard from the swamps of Chilliwack, one chromo going so far as to empty his nasal organ in barnyard style, for which he was duly called to order by an over-sensitive member on the Government side of the House. The chairman, however, after some discussion, ruled that this particular course of conduct was allowed by the laws and customs of the Assembly, and was therefore quite Parliamentary. Notwithstanding the descriptions

glances of the leaders of obstruction, the obdurate Premier continued the level in twenty-four consecutive hours, until the last syllable of the nauseous dose was properly swallowed, and then as a sort of desert put his Redistribution Bill on the plates of the enemy. The anarchists of the Opposition have probably learned in the Opposition have probably learned in this time that it is not well to monkey to much with the band-waggon of progress especially when the reins are in the hand of Premier Davie.

When the tall, wraith-like form of Join Winchester Brown rears itself in the House one almost expects to see a bomb hurled among his foes. As, however, mobine-coats are to be seen convenient to apprehend John by the neck and seat, it is evident that nothing worse is to be feared than the vibrations of his tongue, and it is surprising how many newspapers and whisked out and read by the enemy when John begins to talk.

Tell us, tell us, Winchester John, Why do you spout with those goggles on!

Not having caught-on to a portfolio, R. C. Cotton seems to delight in employing his time in making trouble for the Government. In the meantime he may find he has caught-on to a snag if he trills with the law as administered by the Supreme Court. It has gone forth from that august tribunal that Cotton is not king, but that he, like any ordinary subject, must bale out his conscience under oath to satisfy the disagreeable inquiries of his creditors.

How talisman-like a word may come! Let anyone say "schools" on the floor of the Legislature and with the certainty of an echo a Nemesis-like shape in the gallery shakes off its torpor and forthwith drapes its whiskers over the railing. It will often alternately glower on the Government and grin its silent plaudits at the Opposition, its eye with fierce frenzy rolling as it sniffs the battle from on high, yet no one seems to pay any special attention to the occurrence, for it is only the Opposition candidate for the tiars of Dr. Pope-John Nimblewig Muir, Nevertheless, the late Hon. John Robson must often have said to himself as the late Mr. Macbeth is reported to have said :

"Approach thou like the rugged Russian bear The armed rhinoceros or the Hyrcan tiger, Take any shape but that, and my firm nerves Shall never tremble! "Hence horrible shadow! Unreal mockery hence!"

Ever since ex-Mayor Beaven's attempt last New Years to buck the Teager, only to get 't all the same fowl, as the Colonist would say, his public demeanor appears to have increased in bitterness and gall to his adversaries. "You are a disgrace to the House," "You may shout order till you are black in the face," are samples of his method of salutation to his opponents in the Legislature. Robert, you should try Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup, or some other like unguent, or you may come to resemble Robert the Devil revived.

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s to use every means to prevent this st formidable destroyer of public tranlity from getting any hold in this Proce. The demand that no public officely like held by a Roman Catholic is spaisin the extreme. It is the offspring of fishness and cowardice. The Proper itroons' Association and their methods not wanted here, and the man who res them any countenance in this counshould be promptly disfranchised and ereby marked out for the public conmpt which he so richly deserves. Friend, and off your neighbor's religion.

Vancouver is to have a new weekly per. The Light, I understand, will be etitle by which it will be known. The od people of Vancouver are in danger being engulfed in an avalanche of ewspaper. This is about the tenth which as been started in the Terminal city pring the last two years, all of which ave died as suddenly as they have sprung to existence. However, this indeed, night be called the newspaper age. And he fleeting official organ that "has come ostay" is not to be despised-so far as umbers go. The 'organs" are continully springing up with all the ardor and nthusiasm of youth, and with a good leal of youth's indiscretion. Organs come nd go-down into oblivion-still premature graves seem not to strike terror nto the hearts of aspiring journalists, for it would seem as if the woods are full of them. The illiterate contributor to the editorial waste basket is abroad in the land agitating for the "long-felt want," with a suggestion of being able to fill it. This interesting discoverer of journalistic vacuum will have it that the editor who rejects his illiterate communications is a

And what an ocean of organs there are Religious, industrial, fraternal, socialistic. anarchistic, atheistic, independent, cap italistic, etc. I'here's a nice babel of tongues all intent upon building a tower of reform and all disagreeing upon the style of architecture! But what of it; let them write, if they write well. One can admire an eloquent preacher and not agree with him. So this avalanche of newspaper would not be looked upon as an evil if the average man could be made to understand that proficiency in a particular trade or calling does not always include journalistic ability. The intelligent amateur is bearable; the egotistical, illiterate newspaper quack is a vexation of soul and should be criminally indicted for malpractice.

The cupidity of human nature is alive to opportunities. The rage for newspaper notoriety has not escaped the watchful optics of the gentlemen who are ever on the alert to grasp the main chance.

Printers Ink learns that there is a company making a business of printing and selling diminutive newspapers for the use of amateurs and others, and, judging by their prospectus, they must have quite a trade. In their prospectus, this company sets forth the case about as follows : Small papers are used for two distinctly different purposes—one by young people to gratify

a literary taste, the other by business firms to advertise and boom their business.

A lady correspondent takes THE HOME JOURNAL to task for some recent com-ments on the habit of flirting, which seems to permeate female society to an alarming extent at the present time. Now, I am not in the least opposed to flirting. As a writer, some time ago, in the New York Sunday Mercury said, it is a natural amusement, and there are instances where it may be called a beneficial occupation. But I should like always to see them flirt in the right way. In other words, I should like always to see them so hold themselves always that they would invariably have the best of the situation. It is a painful sight to witness a girl putting herself in false positions, doing and saying foolish things, letting go her prestige, just when she ought to be holding the palm the highest. And many girls do this, I am sorry to say, simply out of ignorance of some of the features of men's character which every woman really should know.

One of these things that it is no to know and firmly to grasp is that a man in the sentimental stage of flirtation has the tender feeling more intermittently de-veloped than a girl; his moods of absorption in the object of his temporary infatu ation come and go, while a girl who is at all in love is apt to be in love all the time, without intermission. Thus it happens that some of her own very interesting and melting moods coincide with some cooler moments of his; some moments when he is more intent upon a fine impending football game, or a political crisis, or a business venture, as the case may be, than upon the softer emotion that for the nonce is in abeyance. Now, an inexperienced girl can never take these passing coolnesses of a man with whom she is carrying on a flirtation in the right way. She bridles, or is offended, at them, or she tries (which is the most fatal mistake of all) to force to the fore the sentimental state of mind in him by that same state of mind in herself.

And if there be one thing that rules a man the wrong way, that lessens his respect for a girl, that indeed totally defeats its purpose, it is an evident intention on her part to make him sentimental when he does not feel inclined to be.

When a girl is smitten there is practically nothing else in life for her, for the time being, but the man she is smitten with and the scenes and atmosphere in which he and she revolve. When a man is smitten he has the emotion with tremendous strength at imes (strength much more tremendous than the girl's, at any moment), but there are all the same, other things for him in life. That is the difference. It is inherent in human nature, and nothing can change it. And it follows that the clever girl, the ultimately most successful and triumphant girl, is she who understands this distinction perfectly well, and when she finds that "the" man is one of his "off" moods; much more taken up with other things—things that claim the attention of his own sex—than he is with her, rises blithely and brillife fashioned after such physical and mental pattern is tolerably sure to have

wearying him to death, and disgusting him with pouts or aggrieved meins of wounded sensibility, begins to show brisk interest in the topics that then absorb him, and seems to be no more intent upon sentimentality than he is. A girl who looks love-sick while the man in the question is a bit absent-minded, is really too weak and absurd for words. It is that sort of girl, depend upon it, who will lose her lovers, whose influence and attraction will be short lived and who will make a dious wife to the husband who finally

The other kind of girl, the one who takes the bull by the horns, as it were, who seizes her cue and never languishe out of season, is the one whose running you can't back to any extent; the one whose swift fact and strong self-restraint will carry her with a high head, and a serene front, through all the ups and downs of the feminine career, One of the results of tact and self-restraint is to teach a girl when to break away, too, when to withdraw a little; when to be, at any given moment, the first one to cry a halt, to change the current of the conversation, to end a scene. This is the thing that should always lie in her hands. She should never suffer herself to wait until the man takes the initiative. When he does so he is probably already a little tired of the situation. And a girl's prestige is gone if she permit that fatigue to declare itself.

That a girl should, in all ways, hold her-self in precisely the right attitude with regard to the men who may be interested in her depends very largely upon the state of her health in general; of her nerves in particular. If a girl's nerves are shaky, er moods and emotions get the better of her, and push her into doing, saying and even looking silly things, when her judg-ment would really tell her clearly enough to take another course. For the nerves are great traitors, and make us all, wh they are in a pad condition, unjust to ourselves at the instant when we least expect or desire it. With women it is especially so, and yet women precisely need particu-larly to hold themselves in full possession of their wits and faculties, for the world pardons sentimental blunders in a man, but never in a woman. Indeed, it pardons no blunders in her at all. Yet, as I say, most of her blunders come, not from her faulty judgment, but from her nerves, which play her false.

Keep, then, the whole system in strong, active, working order; bathe regularly; walk, live as much as possible in the fresh air; eat plain, good, substantial food; do not indulge in very late hours. This regimen tones the nerves, and to it I should like to add a sort of mental regimen for the same purpose-the avoidance of too much poor literature, the keeping of the mind free from weakening reverie, the quick, conscientious perfor-mance of any duty that lies ready to the

steady nerves, and therefore to sail clear of many rocks; she never brings ridicule upon herself in any flirtation (a girl cannot afford to make herself ridiculous under any circumstances); she keeps the allegiance of her lover, when she has one, in earnest; and, crowning and most difficult success for a woman, she retains her power over the respect and devotion of her husband.

As I write news comes to me that Green, Worlock & Co's bank has suspended, with assets of some \$610,000 and liabilities \$444,000. The cause of the failure is said to be the recent American depression and the inability or "unwillingness of the chartered banks to render temporary assistance te the manager "-Mr. Worlock. That gentleman, I understand, in no way allowed it to be seen that there was any trouble brewing. He was in more than ordinarily good humor, at the close of business, on Thursday evening, saying, as he left the bank, that he had business to do after dinner in the office. That business now appears to have been the drafting of what may be described as a cleverly worded announcement of suspension and the fastening up of the doors and windows for the denouement of Friday. From what I can gather, and I have talked to a good many people, there are few important business interests in the city that will be seriously affected. Not a small number of people of small means are, however, for them, very materially interested, they having, owing to the higher rate of interest offered, deposited their hard earned savings in this generally considered exceptionally reliable institution. are, it is true, one or two old time concerns which will lose heavily; still the principal effect will, it is stated, be felt among the working classes and people of small incomes who may be expected to be, in consequence, more economical in their outlays. It would appear that, if the Bank be economically liquidated, the delay caused by that process will ultimately be the worst feature of the case. There will, of course, be some actual loss, and to those who sustain it I extend my heartiest sympathy, as well as to Mr. Worlock, the popular and highly esteemed manager.

PERE GRINATOR.

The Countess of Derby, wife of the former Governor-General of Canada, presented last Thursday to the Duke and Duchess of York the wedding gift of the Canadian women. The gift consists of two fine horses and a sleigh. Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner, was absent from the presentation ceremony on account of illness.

Lord Aberdeen and his family occupied a box during the recent visit of Madame Patti to Montreal, and at the end of the first act he went behind the scenes to congratulate the sweet singer. When the curtain fell at the conclusion, however, the orchestra did not play, as usual, "God save the Queen." The audience stood in embarrassed silence for a few minutes, when Lord Aberdeen himself sang the national anthem, in which he was joined by the audience, who afterwards dis-persed with cheers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

ISS HUNTER, the young lady who took the leading part in Antigone, the play recently presented in Greek in Toronto, is a sister of Crown Solicitor Hunter, of this city. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen occupied a box, and were very enthusiastic over the production. All the Toronto papers speak highly of the performance, the Globe having the following to say: "Miss Hunter, who plays the part of Antigone, is a beautiful girl with a mass of auburn hair, which is very effective when dressed in the Greek style." The same paper concludes a lengthy complimentary review thus: "Later on, when the womanly side of Antigone's nature comes to the front, as it does when the awful doom is pronounced by Creon that she shall be entombed alive, Miss Hunter fully throws herself into the situation. The pathos of her lament when, for the first time, the terrible nearness of death comes to her in its grim reality, and the heroism of her nature seems to waver a little, is most touching. It is in this part that Antigone is at her best." At the close of the performance the actors were called before the curtain in response to the repeated and tumultuous calls of the audience, and Miss Hunter received a garland of flowers. The paper from which we have quoted says: "Her regal beauty and magnificent bearing had woo the audience almost as much as her interpretation of the part."

Readers of English magazines must have noticed brillian; articles bearing the signature of Madame Blaze de Bury. This remarkable woman died a few days ago, and was buried in France. She was of Scottish parentage and birth, having been born at Oban 80 years ago. Her father, also a Scotchman, was an officer in the English army, and her mother, an Edinburgh lady. She married a wellknown critic of The Revue des Deux Mondes, who, however, predeceased her, but he brought her into association with all the cultivated minds of France. Her correspondence extended to most of the great men of Europe, statesmen like Bismark as well as savans. In her brilliant salon assembled from time to time all the genius of France. Her broad sympathies enabled her to agree with the most diverse mental and moral movements, and her equal knowledge of the chief European languages was the mark of her interest in the intellectual phenomena of her time.

Mrs. E. J. Watkins, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as "Kit," the talented lady writer of the Toronto Mail, is a visitor in this city on her way to the Midwinter Fair, Mrs. Watkins represented the Mail at the World's Fair, and her letters to her paper were read with interest by Canadians. As a writer on female topics, "Kit" stands unrivalled. and has been offered lucrative positions on several American newspapers, but prefers to remain on the publication with which she has won so much success. She has travelled extensively in Europe and Africa, and her acquaintance with the from the Mainland.

countries of those two continents, toge with her flaished style of writin her contributions not only interests but full of information for her readwhose name is legion. Mrs. hopes to return to Victoria before in and will write for her paper a chapter so as a result of her observations while our midst.

One of the most notable women speis the Countess of Aberdeen. She president of the Women's Liberal Feb ation of England, and remains in the position in spite of her absence in Canal She is an admirable chairwoman, and is something wonderful to se the great meetings over which she has preside every spring. Mrs. Gladster was the president of the Women's La eral Federation before the Countess of Aberdeen, when the Federation split over the suffrage question.

A snug little sum was realized at the James' sewing circle, at St. Ja school house, Tuesday afternoon. Though the weather was a little tempestuon quite a number of the fair sex bravel the elements to attend the sale, and pur chasing was brisk throughout the after

Wellington is notable for its so gatherings. At a meeting held in Mr. W. G. Frazer's store on Tuesday evening the Wellington Social Dancing Club was formed. It was then decided to give a series of five dances beginning last night and continuing on alternate Fridays. Some pleasant evenings are in store is its members.

The minstrel performance now being n hearsed by the young men of St. John church is progressing favorably under the direction of Mr. Ernest Pauline. The company will number some twenty-five performers, and they promise a joly minstrel show to their friends. The entertainment will be given shortly after

A full rehearsal of the Mikado was held Thursday evening, without books. Attention was given to studying the business, and the promoters are well satisfied with the progress already made. The date of production has been fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday evening, April 4 and 5.

Mr. Robert McPherson, a prominent official in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Vancouver, and Miss Sinclair, also of that city, were united in marriage Thursday evening of last week.

Social events will be unusually au merous and brilliant at Ottawa during the forthcoming session.

Miss Clarke, of Nanaimo, was married last Thursday to Mr. Fred Low.

The Nanaimo bachelors will give a ball in the near future.

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OTES ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

WENT over to the House one day last week, but unfortunately no further om could be found for me in the crowded dumns of THE HOME JOURNAL, so I had leave for this week a description of hat I saw and heard. The subject under iscussion was the excluding of Chinamen om working in the mines-a resolution rought forward by Mr. Keith-a very andible proposition, particularly close to lection times. Mr. Davie showed him hat this Bill would allow an Indian, a Hottentot, or even a Single Taxer the rivilege, and he intended to bring in a Bill to exclude all obnoxious characters, ikely to be dangerous to themselves or thers. (I thought what a pity the Premier could not bring in such a Bill to apply to the Legislature). The Speaker, of course, like a sensible man, ruled Mr. Keith's motion as unconstitutional. Then, it was something to see Mr. Beaven. He told the Speaker he was usurping to himself the authority of the Supreme Court, nay, even the Judiciary Committee of the Privy Council. He reiterated there words for over half an hour, and to show the public how the time of the House is wasted, he used the word "Sir" one hundred and forty times, "arrogating" ninety-four times, and "Judicial Committee of the Privy Council" about one hundred times. I thought that a reporter had a pretty easy time of it, merely giving the sense of what a member is trying to express, but how even a Times reporter, made half-a-column out of those few words baffles my comprehension. He also explained to the Speaker, that when he was in power, although the whole legal fraternity in the House at that time were against him, he passed laws that were totally unconstitutional, that were in force to this day. Ah, those were halcyon days! He was not bothered by such fellows as Davie then. It is no wonder Manager Jamieson finds it hard to fill his theatre at a dollar, when you can go to a screaming farce in the Legislature, such was enacted on the 23rd and 24th inst. "Open all night" for nothing. and then to hear the leader of the Opposition call the ministers a "lot of blackguards." I wish I could talk to them like that when they ignore my claims

I see John N. Muir will not be silenced, but advertises some more conundrums in the Times, of Tuesday last. He offers no premiums for their correct solution. (No 1). Who purloined Miss Ramsay's letters? I give this up. (2) Who purloined J. N. Muir's certificate of character and ability? I give this up too, for I have heard of all sorts of theives, but a fellow must be very hard up who would be found with these in his possession; and then he asks the editor "if Premier Davie should not clear his skirts, etc." ? I never knew the latter wore kilts. When I saw him last, he wore a very loud pair of fashionable unmentionables. John, you make me tired; you are setting nearly as bad as Colman and the Chinese.

You must excuse politics, Mr. Editor, I know you told me when I first entered your employment I was to avoid three

things-politics, religion and the Chinese. Well, except I was an Edgar Wakems what else could I write about? Do y want me to be another John N. Muir and write about my own grievances. If you do, I'm on, if you will let me have the whole sixteen pages every week. But, to return to business. I see in Tuesday's Colonist that Mr. Beaven alluded to the bear garden scene of last week, and said he had serious thought of calling the editor of the aforesaid paper to the "bar" of the House. I really thought he was joking, as I had never heard of him "shouting" for anybody, and then I did not know they had a "bar" in the House; but I have since learned there is such an institution attached to the Legislature, which might partly account for the "sleepy" state of some members and the fightable attitude of others. I throw this bit of news out for the information of the W.C.T.U., who, perhaps, don't know how often their husbands and cousins and uncles are called to the "bar" of the House-but assuredly no by Mr. Beaven. The Speaker gave the House a very broad hint on Monday in getting Mr. Winchester to say prayers; he finds moral force is no good, and so he has recourse to a "Winchester."

I was so shocked by reading Sunday morning's paper that I had recourse to something more sublime and took to reading that beautiful poem "The Burial of Sir John Moore," and, thinking of a modern knight, my thought ran thusly:

Not a speech was heard that was worthy of note

As the Estimates through the House hurried, Though Beaven discharged many a venomous shot

To try and get Theodore flurried.

We saw them again at the dead of night
When to the House from dinner returning,
We saw that some were determined to fight
By the electric brilliantly burning.

And Beaven came in from the midnight dews With his phalanx all around him, And Davie began to roundly abuse, And the ministers that surround him.

Now Beaven's "as mad as the d—l," we said,
And we managed a pillow to borrow,
For we knew that what Beaven took in his
head
Would as likely last till the morrow.

Some said he ought to be home in his bed, But he said he'd give no quarter, And he talked away till his poor old head Had to be bathed in a basin of water.

Loudly he talked of the money that's gone
In trips to the East and to London,
In fact he looked so woe-begone
You would think it was his "he'd been
robbed on."

We then woke up, and he'd hardly done
When beneath the window calling
We heard the loud voice of a son of a gun
Of a watchman "one o'clock " bawling.

Then one by one we all walked down
From our place in the uppermost story,
And made the best of our way to town,
And left him alone in his glory.

I heard a pretty good story the other day of a collector pressing an Irishman for money, who was at last persuaded to give him a check for the amount due, which, on being presented, was duly marked "Not sufficient funds." He hunted up

the debtor and showed it to him and asked him the meaning of it. Pat gazed at it for a bit, and finally gasped out. "Holy Moses! I knew things were pretty bad in Victoria, but I never thought things had come to such a pass as this, that the first bank in the place had not sufficient funds to pay a paltry cheque for twenty-five dollars; it beats creation!"

I have again to render another tribute of praise to the police. They have actually discovered the existence of gambling in Chinatown. Wonders will never cease! I have a little boy, ten years, of age, who used to bring home a small piece of paper every night with curious hieroglyphics on it, for which he told me he paid ten cents. He also informed me that it was short-hand he was learning, and of course I encouraged him in his praise-worth, desire to improve himself. One evening, however, he brought home \$18, which, he told me, had been given him for proficiency; but I learned the sad truth almost as soon as the police—that he had been gambling in a Chinese lottery. I would not be the least surprised if this intelligent body of men should discover that liquor is sold on Sunday in nine out of every ten saloons in the city. The'r particular field of operations seems to be the finding of old Siwashes full of whiskey ; then it is an easy matter to find out who supplied the firewater. By this e coffers of the city are rep ished-\$5 in the first instance and \$50 in the second—and from this source they also derive their own salaries, or in other words are self-supporting and have no need to quarrel with their best friends. I was told the following story the other day by a friend of mine, concerning a certain saloon not a thousand miles from Victoria called the "Wasp's Nest." One Sunday morning, while going to church, he heard the rattle of the dice and very loud talking. Then he suddenly observed an "officer" coming along, and—tableau: a bottle of whiskey was thrust into said "officer's" hand from the side

"When thieves fall out honest men get their due." Mr. Editor, this old proverbhas nothing to do with the two butcher shops now in full swing in the market. One is known as "Prince Edward Island Mutton "and the other "Vancouver Island Mutton." With their squabbles the public has nothing to do; but before the arrival of the former we were paying fully 20 per cent more for meat than it is now selling for; but there is another Richmond in the field trying to freeze out frozen mutton. Mr. Editor, it can't be done. Query: Which pays for this advertisement.

AN INTELLIGENT VAGRANT.

The Prince of Wales is really the father of the waitz in England. Much of the popularity of these dances in recent years has been due to its persistent advocacy by him. For private reasons the Prince has been compelled of late to discontinue the dance and substitute instead the dignified quadrille.

HORTICULTURE.

(Under this heading all questions relating to flowers or horticulture will be answered.)

THE GARDEN.



AKING it for granted that the manure for hot beds is procured and prepared as directed last week; now proceed to fit up the beds with fermenting materirials for your frames; pack the manure (and if procurable put in a few layers of

leaves) into a heap, not less than 2 ft 6 in. high and at least 8 to 10 larger every way than the frame to put over it, firming it down by beating it with a fork, as you work up, so as to form a firm wall and shelf all round. Having placed your frame in position, fill in 4 to 6 inches good, fine soil, half loam and half leaf mould, or old hotbed manure. Place a plunging stick into the bed and close the lights; try temperature daily, and do not plant till all fierce heat has subsided. The bed should be of a nice genial warmth-say 80 to 85 degrees. An extra frame can be prepared in the same way later on, and will be of great service, much better results being obtained by moving the young plants to the other frame as soon as large enough to handle; and it will be particularly suitable for cucumber and melon plants, when the heat in the first frame is subsiding. Some of the things that may be most useful for frame work are cucumbers ("Robinson's Telegraph" is the best), melons and is the best), melons and tomatoes planted in 60 size pots or on turves 6 inches square, celery planted in boxes ("Henderson's Pink Plume" is one of the best), "Earl of Wakefield" cabbage and Henderson's succession cabbage-the latter for the main crop. Anyone fortunate enough to have plenty of frame room should plant "Shorthorn" carrot in drills 5 inches apart, and small sets of early potatoes 8 inches apart every way, early breakfast radishes, lettuce, mustard, cress etc. The earlier you can raise your tomato plants the better. "Ham Grein" and "Ridgeway Perfection" are the twe earliest and best English varieties.

Flower seeds may be raised in boxes placed in the frame, such as "Asters," "Marigolds," "Stocks," "Lobelias," "Salpiglossis," "Petunias," "Verbenias," "Zinias" and "Phlox Drummondi," which afterwards prick out into nursery beds. Never water your frames with cold water, but the water should be same temperature as the frame.

It is a good plan to have nursery beds prepared in a warm situation for pricking out flour seeds, small cabbage, cauliflower, etc. These beds should be well in the sun, and a few frames made very light and covered with a cheap, thin tifney will protect them for a few days after they leave the hotbed, till they have well established themselves

All bush pruning must now be brought

to a close. Much depends upon this being Important to those want carefully done, how the bushes will be fruited during the coming season. Raspberries require little pruning; the old canes that died in November should all be cut out and the young canes shortened to equal lengths. Leave the best canes on on each stool, and only what are required. A nice way of training raspberry canes is to bend over the canes from each stool till they form an arch and tie them together. This causes all the buds to break equally and is easy for the picker. On no account should raspberries be dug amongst, but forked lightly, so as not to disturb the roots, which should be close to the surface, and should be heavily mulched with long manure.

Next week I shall continue this sub-

J. W. WEBB.

Fern Hill, Boleskine Road, March 3.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Editor Horticultural Department-I have several grape vines although seemingly healthy have never borne much fruit, Would nitrate of potash and ground bone help the production of fruit, and what quantity to each vine?

Answer-Nitrate of potash is a powerful stimulant, and should only be used in a diluted state. The best time to apply it is when the berries are swelling. Ground bones are excellent, but should be incorporated with the soil. In all probability your vines need proper pruning, and very possibly the roots have got into a cold subsoil; if so you will not make them fruitful by any manure whatever, but they would have to be lifted and properly treated.

Editor Horticultural Department-Would you advise cutting back roses this early, and to what extent would you cut out the old wood? 'SUBSCRIBER.

Answer-I will write an article on rose pruning next week.

Editor Horlicultural Department-I have some young fruit trees which are badly grown with moss. Will you please advise me the best way to take it off, and is there any preventative? FRUIT.

Answer-Dust with powdered quick lime when the trees are wet. The trees in the fall of the year can be washed over with a solution of lime sulphur and cow

Mr. J. W. Webb-In your article on the garden last week you say, "A row of peas may now be put in. Plant parsnips in drills well dug and manured ground." Is it to be understood that parsnip seeds may now be sown? AMATEUR,

Answer-Parsnip seed should be sown now; early as possible. J. W. WEBB.

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POULTRY.

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THE new executive of the B. C. Poultry, Dog, and Pet Stock Association held their first meeting last Saturday for the purpose of receiving the books, etc., from he retiring officers. Vice-President Geo. Jay took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president. The former secretary was not present; bu; sent in his statement, which, with the treasurer's report, was referred to the auditing committee. Some communications were attended to and the meeting adjourned for a week, when a complete statement of the financial standing of the society will be presented.

The society intends to hold monthly meetings open to all members, and expect by this means to arouse increased interest in poultry and dogs. Already several schemes have been outlined calculated to improve on the last show.

We will give as full reports of the meetings as our space will allow, and while being careful not to print anything liable to cause discussion, yet we shall not hesitate to expose any practices inimical to poultry interests.

Severe comments have been made on the fact that at the last show, three leading directors won a majority of the special prizes that they themselves had rustled up. We are assured that under the present regime this will not be

A man cannot sell thoroughbred chickens if he does not advertise them. The breeder may know he has good stock but the purchasing public does not.

For broilers, the breeding pens should be mated at the beginning of December. Choose a line vigorous cockerel with well developed pullets or two year old hens. An Indian Game male is the best and the females should be, Partridge Cochin, Brahma, Wyandottes or Plymouth Rock The Indian Game-Partridge Cochin cross, we have proved the best, having had chicks weighing 2 los at 8 weeks old and showing great breast meat. To make a success of the broiler business, artificial incubator must be resorted to and the breeding stock well looked after. The feed should consist of some grain, fresh meat, green stuff and plenty of grit should be on hand. The fowls must have plenty of exercise or they will lack vigor and you will find many unfertile eggs. In selecting eggs for the incubator use only those of perfect shape and medium size, and have them as fresh as possible. Get the temperature of your machine under control and to the point where you want it before placing an egg in. The best results are got with the temperature at 101 the first week, 102 the second, and 103 the third. We believe in the no moisture plan for the first two weeks, then put in a little, increasing as the hatch progresses, till the nineteenth day, when all eggs

90 degrees, and all that float perfectly still may be thrown out as dead.

A machine that has much ventilation needs more moisture than one with dittle ventilation. The incubator should be put in a room that can be kept at an even temperature as even the best makes are very susceptible to outside influences. We know of no better place than a dry cellar. The eggs should be tested on the third day and all clear ones removed. If there is a large proportion of these, the incubator should be replenished. Commence turning the eggs the second, and we advise cooling off after the fourth day by lowering the temperature to 90 degrees for five minutes. Do not bother with any chicks that have to be helped from the shell as they seldom live, and a broiler raiser can't offord to waste any time on non producers.

We are willing to conduct a question bureau in connection with this department, and any fanciers in need of information are requested to send in their queries. We will do the rest.

Vancouver fanciers are talking of organizing a society and holding a show. We shall be glad to get reports of their

Bantams can be kept where other breeds cannot, and are most fascinating and useful pets. The Black Red Game Bantams is our favorite and we offer a few points for the many breeders of this prince of pigmies.

The cock should have a sprightly air, narrow and long in head, their neck standing out of square, prominent shoulders, hackle carried well back and not falling on each side of his neck, short back, and body tapering to the stem, tail weil whipped up and carried low, tail feathers short and narrow, the top feathers free from bend, wings short and close fitting, a long, straight wing being very objectionable; thighs and shanks long, and feet free from duckfootedness. The hen is similar in shape and both must have very close plumage.

In mating, care must be taken to see that no had faults are introduced in purchasing new stock, and any faults in one must be counterbalanced by excellence in that point in the other. Three females are enough for one male.

When hatched, the chicks are very delicate, and it is poor policy to stint their food with the idea of keeping them small. Feed them all they can eat of boiled rice mixed with middlings, with dry chit rice to peck at. When two weeks old, wheat once a day may be given. The most critical time is when they are changing their first feathers, and a little raw meat is then a great help. They may be hatched from now on to the end of June. We do not advise hatching later, as they are undeveloped when the rains come.

There is a great opening here in the Polish classes. These beautiful birds have been absent from our two last shows, and should be dipped in a basin of water at as they are good layers and hardy if given

a covered run, we hope to see some at next

If your back yard is too small for chick ens, borrow a setting hen and get a setting of duck eggs and raise them. Ducks hatched early will fetch one dollar each at eight weeks old.

The Cochin or Brahma that is hatched on January 1st has a mortgage on the first prize at next winter's show.

Like will Beget Like. At Victoria, '93, won 1st on breeding pen. Victoria, '94, 1st on pen (fie) Ist and 2nd cockerel, 2nd cock, 2nd pullet (fie.) Like Did Beget Like. Pen No. 1 Cockerel Pacific of Ajax strain—Eggs, per setting, \$3.50. Pen No. 2 by cockerel "Golden West" mated to six pullets selected from 89 choice pullets bred by me—Eggs, per setting, \$2. Pen No. 3 by cock "Max," sired by "Prince William I," he by "Ajax 4," he by "Ajax 1"—Eggs \$2. Eggs \$2.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Postmaster Shakespeare gave one of his popular stereopticon entertainments at Blue Ribbon Hall, Esquimalt, last night. The Victoria West Methodist church sol-fa class rendered a number of choruses during the evening, and Mr. Forth and a number of other local vocalists took part in the entertainment.

A meeting for the reorganization of the Y.M.C.A. was held Friday evening. The speakers were: His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Ven Archdeacon Scriven, Revs. Dr. Campbell, A. B. Winchester, E. Robson, and Messrs. Siddall, Teague, Cuthbert, Davey and Spragge.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Ella Leizer to Mr. Mose Hamburger, of Wellington. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. S. Philo, at the residence of the bride's parents, Pandora avenue, on the 6th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday night, by giving an At Home to a few of their numerous friends. About 100 guests were present.

Capt. Robertson, of the Yale and Westminster Pilotage Authority. who has been residing at "The Anchorage," Niagara street, James Bay, will remove to Vancouver early in May.

A well known young Victoria contractor will be one of the principals in an interesting ceremony which will take place about the 20th inst., at San Francisco.

Mrs. A. A. Aaronson gave an At Home, Thursday, at her residence on Blanchard street, to the young people. A most pleasant afternoon was spent.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the home of Miss Leitch, Beacon Hill, Friday evening. About twenty young people were present.

The congregation of Calvary Baptist Church will extend a call to Rev. Thomas S. Baldwin, to fill their vacant pulpit.

The Victoria Choral Society are making satisfactory progress with their practices of the "Erl King's Daughter."

L. G. McPhillips and E. P. Davis, Vanconver barristers, are in the city on professional business.

Harry Moody has graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College with honors.

The Daughters of Rebekah will give a dance on the evening of March 9.

Mr. George Stelly returned from a visit to San Francisco last week.

Mrs. A. K. Stuart, of Vancouver, leaves for England to day.

Capt. and Mrs. Irving are at Ottawa.

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SPORTING NOTES.

CRICKET.

The United Banks Cricket Club have elected officers as follows: Mr. W. C. Ward, president; Messrs. G. H. Burns. A. J. C. Galletly, George Gillespie, F. H. Worlock and R. L. Ker, vice-presidents; G. S. Holt, captain; H. F. Mytton, honorary secretary and treasurer; and L. Craig. D. Doig, C. A. Goffin, B. Goward and W. H. Pegram, committee.

THE WHEEL.

At a meeting of the executive of the Wanderers held Thursday, it was resolved: "I hat this club heartily endorses the proposition contained in the memorandum furnished by the Victoria Athletic Grounds Association, it being understood that the club will be consulted in the construction of the path referred to." The Wanderers are considering the advisability of changing the club name.

FOOTBALL.

The Rugby match against Vancouver is off to-day.

Much interest is being taken in the Association game at Caledonian grounds to-day.

The Irish team which will play "The World," St. Patrick's Day, will have a run on Monday evening, starting at 8:30 o'clock from Quebec street.

SPORTING TIPS.

Chas. Minor has returned to Victoria and will handle a full line of sporting goods.

The National Anti-Gambling League, of Great Britain, have decided to draft a bill against the publication of betting news and sporting "tips."

The general meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will take place the third week in March, when new officers will be elected and the reports of the retiring ones received.

Mr. J. Savannah, the Fort street photographer, has returned from a visit to the Midwinter Fair. Mr. Savannah investigated the latest inventions in photography, while in the Bay city.

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VENTILATION AND ILLUMINATION-ATTRACTIVE TABLEWARE.

Latest Styles in Dining Tables-Principles to Be Observed in Table Decorations-Domestic and Imported China-Lamps Adapted to the Dining Table.

In no portion of the dwelling is the taste of the house mistress so much en evidence as in the dining room. There must be ample space, good ventilation, plenty of light, but no glare; linen spotless and crystal shining, though neither may be of a fine quality, and china without the suspicion of a nick. Then, with two or three Plain dishes well arranged and served, garnished with greenery and flowers a Canadian housewife can entertain a king.

As for tableware, the names and prices are too numerous to mention. At first class houses can be obtained good, common earthenware sets, stamped with brown, blue and green. While cheap, they are both pretty and durable. For those who prefer imported ware comes the Wedgewood, the Doulton, the Min-



DECORATED CHINA

ton and so on up to the hundreds of dol-For those who choose a nice porcelain, while believing in home manufacture, the Trenton ware amply satisfies the most fastidious.

For table decorations there are designs without number. A bright woman may easily improvise upon a hundred differ easily improvise upon a hundred differ ent schemes. One principle should never be forgotten. If flowers are used, they should not be profusely selected of the sweet scented varieties. With the odors of viands and those of blossoms mingling together there can be but little harmony. Neither should the decorations be made so high that the view is intercepted between parties placed vis-a-vis. Again, while the dining room should be comfortable, it is a mistake to have it kept too warm. The windows may be slightly opened from the top, yet not enough to create a draft.

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One of the latest fashions is that of a triangle shaped dining table made by placing three small tables corner to corner. Over the cavity may be placed a large circular tray, which can be filled with flowers. This arrangement has the merit of novelty and the fact that every one faces the host and hostess, who occupies seats respectively at the point of the triangle and the centre of the base.

The dining room ought to be well lighted. A number of mirrors adds to that purpose. Nothing can be more enlivening than the effect of multiplied lights and the reflections from the gleam of crystal and silver. Somehow these seem to gently exhiliarate and promote conversation, Bar-



A BANQUET LAMP.

quet lamps, some two feet high, are suitable for the dining table. They may be softly shaded in harmony with the prevailing tints of the flowers or other decoration. These shades may be of home manufacture. Either self colored china siik, crimson, gold, pink or white trimmed with lace, or of bolting cloth painted in soft colors, are good, according to Deco-rator and Furnisher, authority for the foregoing.

Linoleum in the Kitchen,

An authority on such matters recommends a thin quality of linoleum to be used as a dado for the walls in a kitchen. It should be glued close to the wall, and may be finished at the top with a plain moulding. It may then be oiled or varnished, or left in its natural condition, as one chooses. It is in every way to be pre-ferred to a dado of wood, which is liable to crack and leave interstices in which insects may lodge. The dado of linoleum is as easily washed as a dado of tiling, and is even more durable, while it is a good deal cheaper.

In the natural wood color in which this material comes, it would make a very pretty dado for a wall painted pale blue. As linoleum is nothing more than the blown pulp of wood, combined with exidized linseed oil, it can be readily seen cxidized inseed oil, it can be readily seen that it can be treated in any way that wood can be treated, while it is exactly suited to this purpose and the purpose of covering kitchen floors. A dado is almost a necessity in a kitchen, because a plastered wall gets chipped with continual wear. Linoleum offers just the right material necessary for such protection.

Value of the Piano in Homes.

Young people are so constituted as to require recreation. The parent that ignores this fact in the treatment of his children does them as positive a harm as if he neglected to feed and clothe them. This recreation should be furnished them in their own homes. Here comes in the value of the piano or organ as a house-hold necessity. Furthermore, children need the refining influences of home

An Inexpensive Rug.

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A cheap and pretty rug is made of pieces of carpet, such as may be purchased at slight cost at almost any carpet factory. In the centre of a piece of canvas 1½ yards long and three-quarters of a yard wide place a 10-inch square of the carpet, sewing it on firmly. In the corners of the square put small half squares, having the opposite corners match. The rest may be alled out with half squares of any desirable size. Rind the edges with braid.

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To make lemon drops, take a cusury sugar, juice of two good lemon very little water. Boil until the harden in water.

Place in a bag of soft fiannel, five or inches square, bits of toilet soap too a for use, and then use it as a cake of a With expensive toilet soap this is a hi economy not to be despised.

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The best way of treating a store the has not been blacked for some time is the rub it well with a newspaper, adding just a little clean grease of almost any kind it will soon take a polish after a few treatment of this sort. ments of this sort.

Temper at the Breakfast Table,

"Many persons affleted with a peculiar derangement of the digestive organs as seized with an almost uncontrollable initiability as soon as they sit down to examore particularly at the breakfast table remarked an experienced Arch street physician. "This is caused by a prematur secretion of the gastric juice, due to a to vivid anticipation of food, To avoid possible insanity, such persons require careful medical treatment. I once attended a young lady professionally whose rather stern father was so often obliged to said her away from the table for unreasonable bursts of temper that he grew suspicious of her sanity and caused her to be watched. It appeared that as soon as she reached her room she seized a pair of scissors, opened a trunk and, drawing forth a roll of ribbon, proceeded to anip it into small bits. The trunk was nearly full of such snippings, and it was remembered that she was continually purchasing ribbon. I cured het of such manifestations of wrath by treating her for dyspepsia."

Picture Nursery Screen.

A pretty nursery screen is made by covering the panels with any solid bask-ground desired—black, dark red, or brown—and pasting pictures cut from nursery tales upon them. One panel can be handsomely decorated with the pictures that made last year's calendar such a thing of beauty, illustrating, as many of them do in such lovely fashion, the procession of the months. The plethora, indeed, in these days of really exquisite specimens of the lithographer's art makes a disposition of them, after they have survived their brief present in current weekly, monthly or annual, a real proplem to those who dislike to discard them wholly or keep them forever out of sight.

An Old Time Custom.

From the twelfth to the fifteenth century small mirrors, carried in the pocket or attached to the girdle, were regarded as indispensable adjuncts to ladies' tollets. The pocket mirror was a circular plaque of polished metal fixed in a shallow but and covered with a lid.

Simple Cure For a Cough. Simple Cure For a Cough.

This old time cure is not to be despised because it is simple and within the reach of all: Slice three or four onions on a shallow plate, pour over them half a cupful of sugar, cover with another plate, place on the back of the stove and let them simmer until cooked. Eat the preserved pnions instead of supper, and repeat next day if the cough is not ared.

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ALL ALOUT GLOVES.

STYLES THAT ARE FINDING FAVOR-THE PROPER CARE OF GLOVES.

Suggestions Concerning the Selection of Gloves Directions for Putting on Gloves the First Time How to Take Them Off Without Destroying Their Shape.

The principal changes that mark the fashion in gloves have to do with the matter of color and manner of fastening. matter of color and manner of fascening. This winter red is one of the most popular colors, hence gloves are to be seen in all the red shades, including the red browns and red tans, for day and street wear. For evening wear there is quite a choice in colors. White and pearl are the most approved tints, though delicate tan is also in good taste and any color worn to match the dress, yellow, old rose, heliotrope or any chosen hue.

For ladies wear the walking glove is of glace kid, four buttoned, with three narrow rows of stitching on the back. If the color is one of the red shades, the stitching will be of the same, or of scar-



THREE STYLES OF GLOVES.

or white, according to the wearer's fancy. A new style of glove also popular for outdoor wear has a gusset let in on the under side to afford ease in slipping on, the extra looseness being remeded by a clasp at the wrist, which draws in the glove and makes it a perfect fit. For evening wear the mousquetaire gants de Suede are the preferred style, accord-For evening wear the monsquetaire gants de Suede are the preferred style, according to Harper's Bazar, authority for the

foregoing.
In glove wearing, of course, the first ob-

ject should be to secure a perfect fit.

If a glove is of the right size and cut much of its subsequent tractability detends upon the way it is first put on. It should be referred. should be perfectly adjusted to the hand, with every seam straight and true, each finger pushed down to its proper place, and the whole fitted smoothly. This will require a little time, but it will be minutes well vested, for the glove entering upon well vested, for the glove entering upon its usefulness in this way will ever after be found ready to the hand and in every way

A writer in Good Housekeeping advises that no attempt be made to button the glove till the hand is perfectly fitted; then glove till the hand is perfectly fitted; then begin at the bottom and proceed gently—do nothing with gloves in a hurry. A dress glove for visiting or evening wear should fit closely and perfectly, but at all other times those which have more room inside should be employed. For walking, driving and other service, where protection of the hands is the object in wearing gloves, they should be sufficiently large to the hands entire freedom.

As there is a right way and also many wrong ways to put on the gloves, there is also a right way to take them off. The authority quoted says: They should never be drawn off by the finger tips unless they are old and very loose. Taking them off in that way soon stretches the ends of the fingers so that they can never afterward be made to give a pleasing fit. Instead, take the glove by the wrist and draw it gently back over the hand till the second joint of the fingers is reached. It can then be drawn off by the finger tips without damage. When it is thus taken off, the very best way to treat it is to leave the fingers distended, just as they came from the hand. When it is next wanted, it will fit the hand much more easily and look better than if it were smoothed and flattened back into the form of a new glove.

There are gloves for extreme cold weather lined with lambs' wool, and then there are knitted mittens in silk that are durable and easily put on and off.

Homely Hints.

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Put a little soap on that creaking gate or door hinge and permanently stop that in-tolerable nuisance of a noise.

When anything is spilled on the stove or milk boils over, making a suffocating smoke, sprinkle the spot with salt and the fumes disappear. appear.

When frying eggs keep the edges turned up with a teaspoon as fast as they whiten. This will keep them from being tough and indigestible and make it easier to lift or turn the egg without breaking the yolk.

Black woolen and cotton hose should be washed by themselves (so not to get lint on them), pulled in shape, hung on the line from the toes, as then the drip will go down instead of remaining in the toes and shrinking them.

A Writing Portfolio.

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A very serviceable writing portfolio may be made of linen canvas. Modern Priscilla advises that it be lined with chamois skin or fine flannel pink around the edge. The outside is cut in one piece, 13 inches wide and 26 inches long, which is folded into three equal parts for the two covers and the pocket, formed by turning one end over. A piece of stiff cardboard is placed between the outside and lining of the covers to give substance. A flap for the pocket is made of the canvas and lined, and this is held down by fancy buttons and elastics. Painting or embroidery may decorate the front of the cover.

Berlin's Public Kitchens

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These popular establishments are described by George S. Layard in the Nineteenth Century. A public kitchen for the working classes was inaugurated in 1866 by a German woman, Han Morgenstein. She has established many of these kitchens, each one having a public dining room, comfortably warmed and furnished, and supplied with the daily papers. Each kitchen, supplying perhaps from 300 to 400 people with daily meals, is managed by a local committee, the whole scheme being under the control of a central council. All the paid cooks are on the premises by 6 in the morning, and the vegetables and meat have been brought in before them. Waste of any kind is strictly forbidden. A subscription of \$3,250 was sufficient to start this scheme; the reserve fund set aside for providing new kitchens increases every year, while the council pays fair wages and is able to pension off its old servants. For a sum varying from three to six cents the Berlin workman can obtain a satisfactory meal at any of these restaurants. A dinner for four cents allows a basin of thick, substantial German soup, a plate of vegetables, and a plate of pudding, and a roll of bread in addition coats a little over one fourth of a cent.

HOW TO LAUNDER SHIRTS!

Directions For Washing, Starching and Ironing—With and Without Gless.

In Table Talk occurs some plain practical lessons in the art of "doing up" men's shirts: Soak the shirts, cuffs and collars in lukewarm water until the old starch is thoroughly softened. Do not bend the bosom or any stiff places back and forth, until by the soaking and gentle rubbing the cloth has become pliable. Stiff linen, especially fine linen, is as easily broken as cardboard, and shirts are quickly ruined by carelessness on this point. Wash clean and hang out to dry, being as careful to have this properly done as the washing. The shoulders of the shirt only should be laid over the line, allowing the bosom to hang the line, allowing the bosom to hang smooth and straight between. Snap out the cuffs and collars and hang them so that the weave of the cloth pulls true.

When the shirt is thoroughly dry—not before—starch it, fold the bosom length—

before—starch it, fold the bosom lengthwise along the middle line; dip it into
the starch, not gingerly, but rub it in
and dip it up and down that the starch
may penetrate the bosom evenly and
thoroughly. Wring out as dry as possible and again hang out on the line as before directed. Wipe off any drops of
starch and starch the collars and cuffs
in the same manner. When the linen is
dry, sprinkle as usual.

When ready to iron, begin at the body
of the shirt, fold it lengthwise down the
back and iron the body smooth. Fold
the sleeves along the sloped seams and

the sleeves along the sloped seams and iron smooth, being careful not to negiron smooth, being careful not to neglect to iron among the gathers. The point to be remembered is to keep the iron straight with the warp threads. When the sleeves are ironed, open the wrist bands, lay them flat, right sides down and press until they are dry. Turn and press on the right side. Do the same with the neck band; then fasten it together and prepare to iron the bosom. Spread the shirt flat upon the table, slip the bosom board inside, and smooth out the bosom nicely with the hands. Wet the surface lightly with very weak raw starch, using a clean, very weak raw starch, using a clean, thin cloth; then press with a heavy—not too hot—iron up and down the middle of the bosom. Begin at the bottom, holding the neck band tightly with the other hand so as to pull the bosom into shape as you iron. The iron should be lightly rubbed with wax before being touched to the bosom.

When a polish is desired, after you have ironed the bosom smooth and white but before it is quite day, taken

white, but before it is quite dry, take a polishing iron, rub it with wax and press the bosom hard until it shines. Cuffs and collars are ironed on fiannel covered and collars are ironed on fiannel covered boards in the same manner. Dampen with weak starch water and press upon the wrong side first. Then iron on the right, being sure it is perfectly smooth, and after polishing press dry on the wrong side. Any good laundry soap will do as well for shirts as for the other clothes. Silver gloss starch is the most universally used, and a good quality of white wax is needed. The best irons are the steel finished ones, a heavy one for the ironing, a lighter weight, smaller, round pointed one being needed for the polishing.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

R. BURNETT, organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, is hard at work on the "Messiah," which he intends giving towards the end of the present month. He has secured the assistance of good voices from several of the church choirs of the city, among them being the well known soprano, Miss Heathfield, and Mr. J. G. Brownbaritone. The chorus numbers about 35—rather small for such a heavy work—but with good voices and quick readers this can be overcome. The rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church. Mr. Fisher is accompanist.

The concert for the poor of the city was exceedingly well attended, the admission fee being placed at the nominal sum of 25 cts. The programme was an excellent one, many of our best professional and amateur artists taking part. Among the former were Madame Laird, Prof. Buck, Mr. Wolff, L.C.M., and among the latter Miss Cameron, Parfitt Orchestra, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Brown. The fee for such a concert was ridiculously small; more especially when the object was such a worthy one.

Another of those social parlor concerts was given on Wednesday evening by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Munsie, Johnson street. The large house was well filled, in fact, uncomfortably so. Neverthless all present enjoyed a musical and literary programme of merit rarely heard in the best concerts in Victoria: Piano duett, Misses Munsie; song, Miss Hutcheson; song, Mr. Collister; song, Mrs. McCandless; recitation, Mr. Chisholm; song, Madame Laird; song, Mr. J. G. Brown. After the rendition of the above programme, the ladies served dainty refreshments to those present. Dr. Campbell, the pastor of the church, presided and made a short

address during the evening. It was a menjoyable and profitable evening.

The Presbyterians are init during the continued. There is to be an entertainment in the Spring Ridge Music Hall, on Wednesday or ing, under the management of Mr. J. G. Browthat ubiquitous gentleman, who seems in a connected with every entertainment that given in the city. The concert isfor the bess of the mission fund in that neighborhood, as the following are some of the items on the programme: Quartettes by male voices of the Brown's choir; duett, Mr. Kinnaird and in Brown; solo, Misses Way, Stapleton and Prese and Messrs. Gold, Collister, Lake, Nicolan Kinnaird and Brown; plano solo, Mrs. Halpiano duett, Misses Munste; recitation to Messrs. Hay and Chisholm. The One on Monday evening, in their hall, also forth funds of the mission, and an equally first deprogramme will be given including the name of some of the best vocalists and elecutions in Victoria. The fee in both instances is on twenty-five cents. Pandora avenue can mustain two minutes' walk of the Spring Ridg Mission Hall, and Oak Bay avenue can mustain two minutes' walk of the Spring Ridg Mission Hall, and Oak Bay avenue can make the Oak Bay hall. It is expected that but places will be crowded to the doors.

The Sons of Erin have nearly completed the programme for their concert on the 17th of March. Among those who will take part of Mesdames Laird, Rowlands, McCaudles and Harris, and Miss Styles' female orchestra, and Messrs. Rowlands, Evan-Thomas, Brown, Phila, White and many others.

Kamloops is to be congratulated on having an excellent choral society. On Friday night of last week, a concert was given by this or ganization in Raven's Hall, of that place. The attendance was large, and the programme endenced a high order of merit. The conducts was Mr. J. Savage, and the accompanis was Mrs. J. F. Betts. The chorus consisting of Mesdames McCutcheon. White, McDonald and Gordon, the Misses North, Miss Matthews and Miss Harmon and Messrs. Harper, P. C. L. Harris, McLean and Douglas, was well balanced and strong.

It is rumored that Ellen Terry's daughter, Alisa Craig, is desirous of remaining in this country, and that possibly she may be engaged by Charles Frohman. Gordon Craig. Ellen Terry's son, after having been on the salary list at Daly's theatre, London, for six months during which time he has had no chance to appear, has severed his engagement and signed with Mr. Tree, at the Haymarket, where he is to appear at once. On dit that Ellen Terry is seriously angry with her son, Gordon, not only because of his early marriage last year, but because of his impending debut in the character of a father. She speak bitterly in private of her misfortune in being obliged to figure, thus early, as a grandmother. Another child of a famous parent, Ellaling Terriss, is charming all London by her dainty performance in "Cinderella" [at the Lyceum. She married Mr. Seymour Hicks, actor and playwright, last autumn.

The visit of the W. T. Carleton Opers Company to this city, the last three nights of the present month, will be a musical event of more than usual importance. The repertoire to be given will consist of the most popular of the light operas, each one of which will be handsoriely costumed and produced with careful attention to every detail. The chorus is a large one, and istrong, well trained voices are conspicuously present, each individual having been carefully selected by Mr. Carleton personally. In fact, the calibre of the company is quite up to the high standard that has characterized Mr. Carleton's previous engagements, many favorities of past seasons being otalned in the ranks of the present organi-

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Pretty Marion Terry will join Charles Yndham's company when the new comedy Lady Violet Grivelle is produced at the riterion Theatre, London. Mr. Wyndham roposes to give more than one new play in e course of the season, including Mr. Arthur enham's new comedy, with the idea of dding new characters to his repertory before estarts on his projected visit to America.

Patti Rosa drew a large house at The Vicoria Monday night, "Miss Dixie," in the minion of many, is not nearly so well suited othe clever little actress as other comedles n which she has ocen seen in the past. However, an enjoyable evening was spent.

The next attraction at The Victoria will be John T. Kelly, with his group of funmakers, in "McFee of Dublin." In Irish comedy roles. John T. Kelly is acknowledged equal to any actor on the American stage. On this tour Mr. Kelly's company is composed of several who have already won fame on the stage. The company is well spoken of by the press where ever it has appeared.

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He Measured 80 Inches.

In the resting place of the old kings or Denmark, the Cathedral of Roeskilde, a recent visitor notes that there is a column against which a number of monarchs have been measured and upon which their dif-ferent heights are recorded. One of them is Peter the Great, and we learn by this means that the shipwright czar measured no less than eighty Danish inches, equivano less than eighty Danish inches, equiva-lent to something like six feet ten inches in our measurement. Only one other of the sovereigns was taller, and that was Christian I., of Denmark, who, according to this authority, was just a trifle over seven feet English. The czar, Alexander III., is about six feet one inch and is about a couple of inches taller than Christian IX. of Denmark and about four inches taller than King George of Greece, neither of whom, nevertheless, is what would be called a short man. It is worth nothing that in the same ancient cathedral where this column is to be seen Saxo Grammati-cus, the Danish historian from whom Shakespeare borrowed practically the en-tire plot of "Hamlet," lies buried.

A Good Story of Browning.

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Lord Coleridge's lecture on "Education and Instruction," delivered last June in the Salt Schools, Shipley, Yorkshire, is published in the Contemporary Review. Included in the article is Lord Coleridge's story of Browning: "He once rebuked me story of Browning: "He once rebuked me in a way which I relate for the comfort of those small, striving souls who watch his flights and try to follow his course in vain, till he disappears from them in the clouds. He was so kind as to give me many of his volumes, and he knew I honestly read them. Soon after one had thus been given me he asked me how I liked it. I replied that what I could understand I heartily admired and that parts of it I thought ought to be and that parts of it I thought ought to be immortal; but that as to much of it I really could not tell whether I admired it or not, as I could not understand it. 'Ah, well,' he said, 'if a reader of your calibre understands 10 per cent. of what I write I think he ought to be content."

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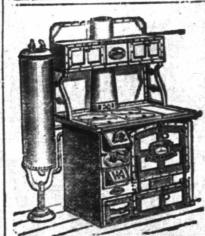
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The Mennonites number several thousand, but they are never heard of in politics. They are busy tilling their 100,000 acres, raising stock, planting orchards and piling up wealth. The wide-awake vesterner, standing on the street corner explaining the "contraction of the currency" to a knot of listeners, sees a half-dozen odd-looking wagons come toiling up the road. They are loaded with wheat and sole nn faced. Mennonites, who guide the aberer teams, pocke? the payment and trudge homeward. The orators hold forth in the country schoolhouse, and the eager real estate agent plats additions to the towns, but the Mennonites pay no attention to either. They keep on selling wheat and corn and cattle until they have become the richest class of farmers, probably, their number considered that Kansas affords. They take few papers, they do not vote, they care nothing whether the government is Republican or Democratic in its management. They are as isolated as though they were upon as island, except as they bring in their produces.

duce to the shipping station.

It is noticeable that nearly all the lands are in the much discussed arid belt yet the Mennonites never ask and or seed wheat. They prosper every year, and their homes are veritable storehouses of garden and field products. To step into them is like a visit to the land of the Volga Curious furniture, strange garb and peculiar habits impress one with the feeling that he is in another land and another age. The houses are for the most part, surrounded by stone walls and old country fashions in fencing; barns and implements are everywhere apparent. They have their own minister, their own church and their own schools. When a higher education is desired (and some of the young people are as forward in their ambition for learning as American youth) there is plenty of money in the village bank to send them to Europe or to some eastern college to acquire it. During the last year, when common complaint of hard times

went up from the dwellers on the plains, when seed wheat has been sent by the thousand bushels to American settlers, the Russians have continued to thrive. Their old-fashioned vehicles have come regularly to the railroads, and car load after car load of wheat has been sent east. Lumber dealers in the towns where they do their buying say that there has been no diminution in their purchases, and that by far the larger portion of their yards' sales have gone to their Russian customers. There is an important lesson in their success. They have shown by their works what industry and frugality can accomplish upon the prairies, and what can be done with the right kind of effort. Still, it is doubtful if the American settler could bring himself and his family to the grinding economy of European peasant life which the Mennonites have transplanted in their settlements.

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