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PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic .-- The vital question.

II. Investigated by rulers.

1. Propounded by wise men.

III. Solved according to scripture.

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hopes by an inward inspiration.

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own country now again appears.

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LESSON XIII .- DEC. 24 ,1911.

Jesus Born in Bethlehem-Christ mas Lesson .- Matt. 2: 1-12.

Commentary .- I. The coming of the wise men (vs. 1, 2). 1. When Jesus was born -The month and the day of Christ's birth are not definitely known, but the date now accepted, December 25, B. C. 4, corresponds to the facts which we have bearing upon the event. It appears inconsistent to sake Christ was born tom. four years before Christ, but it must be borne in mind that during several cen-tries after the coming of Christ there was no uniformity among nations in reckoning time. Finally, in the sixth Exigunes, was appointed to ascertain the time of Christ's birth, and it was ordered that history should be dated from that time; but Dionysius, who first published his calculations in A. D. 526, put birth of Jesus about four years too tate. In Bethlehem-Bethlehem means "House of bread." Bethlehem was situated six miles south of Jerusalem. Of Judea-There was another Bethlehem, which was situated in Galilee (Josh. xix. which was situated in Galilee (Josh. xix., 15). The name Judea was given to the, region comprising the southern part of Palestine. The greater part of Judea was formerly the territory occupied by the tribe of Judah. Herood-Herod the Great. He was an Edomite, and although a proselyte to the Jewish religion, was notorious for his wickedness and cruelty. He reigned thirty-seven years in Judea, and died a few months after the birth of Christ. At this time "the sceptre was departing from Judea, a sign that the Mossiah was now at hand." Wise men-Or magl. "Originally a class of priests among the Medes and Persians, pricets among the Medes and Persians, who formed the king's privy council." They were men of learning and wealth. Augustine and Chrysostom say there were twelve magi, but the common belief is there were but three. "The Persian magi believed in a Messiah or future Saviour, who should in the latter day appear and renew the world in rightcourses."-Whedon. From the east-Perhaps from Modia, or Persia, was the character of the king? r possibly from Arabia. To Jerusalem it was natural for them to expect to had search? Why w find Jesus, the new-born King, in the Jewish capital. They had reason to sup-pose that the birth of a king would be did Herod gather together? generally known. 2. Where is he--This inquiry in Jeru-

salein brought Jesus into popular notice and called attention to the fact that the Messiah was to be born in Bethle-hem. Born King of the Jews—This was a title unknown to the earlier history of Israel and applied to no one except the Messiah. It reappears in the inscrip tioin over the cross.-Carr. Notice that Jesus was "born" a king. Ilis star-Many interpreters, especially those who by a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which occurred in May, B. C. 7, and again in December, with Mars added. It is, however, much more in harmony with all the facts to believe that the star which attracted the attention of the magi was provided for the occasion. To worship him-To do him homage. They were bold to confess the object of their

Herod's distress and plot (vs. 3-8) 3. Ifeard these things-The inquiry o 3. Heard these things—The inquiry of the wise men for the infant King was reported to Heroid at once, and created a profound sensation. Was troubled— The remembrance of his past deeds of cruelty and oppression, and his knowl-edge of the Roman policy in making fre-quent changes in the rulers of her pro-cinces combined to arouse his fears that his tenurs of office was exceedingly unhis tenure of office was exceedingly uncertain. He feared that the King whom the wise men had come to worship was

he was to be defeated in his cruel pur BANK OF MONTREAL III.—The Finding of Jesus (vs. 9-12). 9. the star ... went before them—The same star which they had seen in their Ninety-Fourth Annual Meeting

of Shareholders.

star had disappeared for a time, and this led them to inquire in Jerusalem for the young King whom they sought. Supernatural helps should not be ex-The Bank of Montreal has just com-pleted 94 years of business in Canada, which in the history of a young coun-try is no inconsiderable period. The 94th annual meeting was held on De-cember 4th, with President R. B. Angus in the chair. In many ways the meet-ing was one of the most memorable in the history of the bank, owing to the year that the new profit for the year supertational helps should hole ex-pected where ordinary means are to be had, stood over—The star pointed out the very house,—Benson 10, they re-joiced—The Greek is very emphatic. They rejoiced exceedingly because they saw they were about to find the child, and because they had such unmistakhistory of the bank, owing to the that the net profits for the year and because they had such unmistak-able proof of being in divine order. That alone is enough to cause rejoicing. 11. fell down-They prostrated themselves before him according to the castern cusfact that were the largest on record and that the retirement of Sir Edward Clouston as general manager was announced. An-other feature of more than ordinary om. "In this act the person kneels and buts his head between his knees, his iorehead at the same time touching the interest was the re-adjustment of th interest was the re-adjustment of the values of the bank premises. For years these were valued at \$600,000, but a recent appraisal increased this to \$4,000,000. The \$3,400,000 thus secured ground. It was used to express both ground. It was used to call and the but a recent appraisal increased the explosion of the East did not \$4,000,000. The \$3,400,000 thus secured approach into the presence of kings with twas partly used in increasing the rest out bringing them presents. The cust account, which now stands at a sum out bringing them presents. The cus-tom still prevails in many places. gold, etc.-Gold would always be useful, while equal to the paid-up capital, while the balance was carried to the profit and their delicious fragrance. These were the very presents Isaiah mentioned: "All oss account. The total assets of the bank now

the very presents Isaiah mentioned: "All they from Sheba shall come: they shall stand at \$230,000,000, making it one of the strongest financial institutions on bring gold and incense" (Isa, 60:6), "Inthe continent. A more detailed examin cense, or frankincense, is a resinous gum, flowing from a tree, gashed for the puration of the report shows that the net ation of the report shows that the net profits for the year amounted to \$2, 276,518, as compared with \$1,797,992 for the previous year. The balance of pro-fit and loss carried forward for the pose, growing in Arabia and Lebanon. Myrrh is also a gum <u>obtained from a</u> tree in Arabia."—Whedon, present year was \$1,855,185, or practical 12. warned of God in a dream-God ly double the figures for 1910, which am-ounted to \$961,789. Premiums on new bank stock issued by the bank during ommunicated his purpose to them in a manner that they understood, and the impression or conviction was so clear that they at once obeyed, should not return to Herod—The command had the year amounted to \$365,077, while the re-adjustment of the bank premises account brought in an additional \$3,been given them by Herod to return to 400,000. Thus a total of slightly over \$7,000,000 was made available for dis-ribution this year, of which \$1,440,000 was expended in dividends, \$3,000,000 condited to the rost account and \$708him with a report regarding the child Jesus, but now there came a command from a higher source not to return to Herod. God could have preserved the life of the infant Saviour, even if Herod credited to the rest account and \$708, 000 to new premises account, leaving a balance of \$1,855,000 to be carried for had known all the facts about him, vet he saw fit to blend human agency ward as balance of profit and loss. A further examination of the report shows with divine in his protection. another They could easily have gone east further examination of the right bearing in-that the bank has deposits bearing in-terest of nearly \$136,000,000, while its deposits now bearing interest amount to over \$46,000,000. The amount of call ord short loops in Great Britain and from Bethlehem, and thus returned to their homes without going back to Jeru Questions-Where was Jesus born and short loans in Great Britain and the United States consists of over \$42, 600,000, while the current loans and dis-Who was king of Judea? What Who came to Jerusalem seeking for Jesus? From whence did they come? Why was Jesus called King of the Jews? How counts in Canada and elsewhere amount to over \$121,000,000. The latter shows an increase of over \$9,000,000, which the wise men been led in their 'a? Why was Herod troubled? was Jerusalem troubled? Whom Herod gather together? For what indicates that the bank continues to do its full share in furthering the develop-ment of the country and that it continues to grow with the country. To call the wise men? What charge did Herod give the wise men? Why? How did they approach Christ? What warning was given to the wise men? After leaving tinues to grow with the country. To call and short loans which the bank keeps in New York and London, while return-ing only a small rate of interest, is found to be a wise provision. The call of these loans placed in London and New York is far less disturbing to Can⁵ when business then if they were on call lesus, what did the wise men do? How are we rewarded for seeking Jesus? adian business than if they were on call in Canada.

Altogether the showing made by the Bank of Montreal is a very satisfactory one and reflects the highest credit upon the directors and upon the general man-ager, who is now relinquishing the posi-tion which he has held for so many I. Propounded 1-y wise men. "Where is he?" No greater subject ever en-grossed the attention of mortals than pressed upon the wise men who journey-ed to Jerusalem in search of him who His successor will be Mr. H. V vers. His successor will be Mr. H. V. Meredith, who has been associated all his life with the bank, whose affairs he

will in future direct. The address of President R. B. Angus was "born King of the Jews." The in-quiry of the wise men was pointed and direct. It admitted no doubt as to the was, as usual, a careful resume of the financial, commercial and industrial ex direct. It admitted no doubt as to the actual birth of a new king. Their ques-tion was important. It meant that a change was at hand. It touched the interests of all he world and inspired glorious nope to believing hearts. The faith of the wise men stood in strong pansion of the Dominion. The Bank of pansion of the pominion. The park of Montreal, with its many branches scat-tered throughout the country and its intimate relationship with every plase of our national life, is able to present sutheritative reverse reasoning the of our national life, is able to present authoritative reports – regarding the country's growth' and development. Without exception this year's report by the president was full of optimism. That this was not unfounded is shown by the bank's record for 1911, which was contrast between the Gentiles and the unbelief of the Jews had been fully verified in the course of history. The the part of the Jewish people had in connection with the Messiah. His genthe most successful in the 94 years of ealogy and birth show that salvation was of the Jews. This second chapter presents the interests of the Gentile its history. - - -

CHRISTMAS SNOWDRIFT.

ways served with the first course of a Christmas dinner. The largest Christmas candles made

The largest Christmas candles made are nearly six feet high, weigh about forty pounds, are of pure white bees-wax and cost five pounds apiece. "Free gangway" is usually a special Christmas privilege aboard ship in the navy. It means that any or all can go ashore, as they please. Mistletoe is common in several parts of the world. It is extremely plentiful

of the world. It is extremely plentiful on several apple trees in Normandy and Brittany.

Brittany. In Devonshire the Yule log is known as the Ashton-faggot. The faggot is composed of a bundle of ash sticks bound with nine bands of the same vood. The great event of the old Christmas

dinner four or five hundred years ago was the entry of the chief cook bearing boar's head, garnished with rose mary The first Christmas tree in a British

Royal palace was in the reign of Goorge IV. Lord John Russell was present, and speaks of the tree being covered with colored candles.

with colored candles. Turkeys, mince pies and plum pud-dings are now regarded as the chief items in the Christmas dinner; but at one time they were mere side dishes in an enormous number of courses.

IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS.

If only I were Santa Claus I'd travel **********************

The Bride's First

Christmas.

my list with me. It is so difficult to shop

"Mr Floorwalker, where are the col

I wanted collars. (At the right place.) "Are husbands" collars here? Well, I am glad I have found the right place at last. Size? You clerks always ask so many ques-

tions, I never bought any before, be-cause we've been married only- No, his neck isn't very large. Why, I can

reach-But he has real broad should

were not too small. You'd better put

were not too small. You'd better put in nearly all large sizes. You see, I am starting out as economical as I can be. I think it must be so discouraging for a a man to have a woman spend his money on frivolous things. Now, as I was com-ing down the street I saw a big sale of hats—mov's hats. They had been in the

hats-men's hats. They had been in the window and were a little soiled, but I

found such a nice clerk, and he said if I got some of that "1910" soap it would make them look like new. Mr. Harris is

won't wear trousers unless they are pressed. So I bought three of these hats

pressed. So I hought three of these hats Don't you think they will last him a long time and save money? "Mr. Floorwalker, where are the gloves? Gentlemen's? Well, I hope he is. Why, he is my husband. Oh, I see what you mean! Yes, I want them for Mr. John Vincent Harris. (To

glove salesman.) Now, don't ask me what size I want. Not too large and

not too small. I should think you would

very particular about his clothes.

east and west Mrs. John Vincent Harris entered the every hovel where there lies big department store and seated herself little child at rest; I'd drive my reindeer over they'd never trod before, at the nearest counter. "No, nothing, thank you," she said to the solicitous clerk. "I just want to make sure I have over roofs

they'd never trod before. I'd seek the tenements where sleep the babies on the floor; Where rags are stuffed in broken panes to keep the wind away, And where a warm and cozy room is never known to-day. For even there I know I'd find hung u and stockings small

up and stockings small gns that they expected me on Christmas Eve to call.

If only I were Santa Claus, I'd pass

the mansions by And seek the cold and cheerless homes

whole head talier than—You say a four-in-hand? Oh, I am afraid he couldn't tie that, but you might give me a two-in-hand. Thank you; that is very pretty, but it is blue. He doesn't like blue. Of course you couldn't know that. Not that one. Why, my papa wears them, and he is lots older. Yes, that one will do. where pale-faced youngsters lie; And as they slept I'd pause a while and, bending low, I'd kiss The lips of every little tot-not one

of them I'd miss: And then I'd fill their stockings full of toys and sugar plume, And leave them sleighs and skates and

doll and Teddy bears and drums.

would not pass a cottage by, but I would try to be

nta Claus to every tot who still has faith in me. A Santa

If only I were Santa Claus--I'd make

the mothers glad, The dear, hard-working mothers who at Christmas time are sad;

at Unristmas time are sad; The kind and patient mothers, who rock their babies to sleep. And through the lonely hours of night sob bitterly and weep.

They

see their precious little ones half clad and hungry, too, Knowing the sorrow that must com

to them when night is through To every mother's face I'd bring the smiles once more, and we Would spend a while together at her babies' Christmas tree.

A CHRISTMAS COMMANDMENT. (By Albert Frederick Wilson.)

This then shall make the Christman heart: Love strewn like red, red rose across the Christmas dawn; not barter love, like merchandise exchanged upor the market places; but love thrown free and large from out the heart's red garden. Great handfuls scattered generous ly, yet tenderly, that Youth may not trample nor Oid Age look with cynic cyc. Love strewn like red roses; that cyc. Love strewn like red roses; that the clutching hand may drop its sweated gold to place the red, warm bloom within a rusted besom; that the barren hand in every hut and hovel may reach out and grasp its first real treasure. make hristma



things to get, please hurry. I just want to know where the other kind of hose are. It's for my husband. Thank you. (At the men's hosiery counter.) Juant to get a hose-not like these, but --The size? Oh, about fifty feet. Why, of course, I want it longer than a man. I-I you don't understand. It isn't this kind I want. No, nor ladies' either. Mr. Floorwalker, may I speak to you? "That clerk 1sn't a bit nice, and I think you ought to punish him. No he wasn't exactly impudent, but he was too busy to answer my questions. Thank you. I have had so much trouble to find the right kind of hose. I want long-no, my list with me. It is so difficult to shop at this time of the year, and it is al-ways difficult to find anything for one's --husband. Yes, I suppose many people did their shopping earlier, but I didn't have him then. I mean-"Why, yon sell neckties, don't you? How fortunate! They are on my list. No, I don't shink of any particular kind, but something for a tall man. He is a whole head taller than-You say a four-in-hand't Oh. I am afraid he couldn't tie Twe been to that counter. I want long not, fifty feet long. You see, we are think-ing of moving to the country in the spring, and we shall want to water the yard. Oh, ought I to have asked for the common garden variety? "Now I think I have everything on

my list except cigars, and I may as well go to a cheaper place for them be 85 cause John Vincent Harris always gives away all that I buy for him, he is so enerous."--Chicago News.

A REAL CHRISTMAS.

If yet there lurks in a dark corner of any man's heart the spirit of old Scrooge, why not re-read Dickens' "Mr. Floorwaiker, where are the col-lars? Thank you. (She approaches the counter.) You, pleaso — are you busy? I want some collars for my husband. Oh, are these ladies' collars? How stupid! I told that man distinctly classic "Christmas Carol?" And if the heart then refuse to warm to the season's cheer, Van Dyke's exquisite "The Other Wise Man" may save the day. Though there are some features of our present Christmas observances not altogether admirable, it is yet a splendid thing to put a child into the midst of this busy world, to light the candles on the tree and to distribute the gifts. And to live at least one day in the And to live at least one day in the spirit of good-will—is it not an antici-pation of the time when all men shall live in good-will all the days? It is December the twenty-fifth that keeps the world from growing old; every year on that day it renews its youth. No custom is more beautiful than that of exchanging gifts. And is it not pos-sible to preserve the giving spirit of Christmas, freed from all taint of com-mercialism? "It is more blessed to give reach—But he has real broad should ders. How nice you are to think of that! Yes, a box of assorted sizes would be just the thing. Some of them would be sure to be right, and I could cut the others off—that is, if they are not the new off the sure to be right.

Christmas, freed from all taint of com-merclalism? "It is more blessed to give than to receive" was declared many cen-turies ago. But when it comes to pass that he who receives a gift feels that he must give another in return, and of necessity of equal value—when Christ-mas giving comes to mean that I select something for my friends and my friends select something of the same value for me—it has fallen into a game of quid pro quo and has lost the genuine ring of Christian fellowship. He that gives thinking only of a return has yet to experience giving of the right sort. Let our giving be to remember friends, to experience giving of the right sort. Let our giving be to remember friends, to cheer the lonely, to relieve the needy. and all to be in the spirit of Tiny Tim's "God bless us, every one!"

We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas,

hout to displace him. All Jerusalen with him-Fearing that he would make this an occasion for renewing his acts of bloodshed. 4. Had gathered -He assembled the Sanhedrin. Lightfoot. Chief priests--This expression probably comprehends the acting high priest and his deputy, those who had been high priests at this time the office was often transferred by the Roman authorities-and 'the heads of the twenty-four sac redotal families, which David had distri-bated into so many courses." Scribeslaw and the collectors of the traditions of the elders. Many of them were Phar-isees. Demanded of them. Where the usist (R. V.)—Orthe Messiah, the offi-ial title of the promised deliverer. "The wise men had said nothing about the christ, or the Messiah, but only about the King of the Jews. Herod saw that the King of the Jews. Herod saw that this King must be the expected Mes-

sinh." 5. By the prophet- The prophecy is found in Mic. 5: 2. 6. Art in no wise bast (R. V.)--Micah says, "Though then be fittle among the thousands of Judah, yet out of they shall be come forth un tome that is to be ruler in Israel." Thi made Bethlehem "in no wise least." Al-though Bethlehem was little, yet it was evalued above all the other etites of 1s-reds." This made Bethlehem "in no wise "Yes! Sniff all you like! Dees smell good, I guess. I've been to busy these past day, I haven't even had time to sniff. "I declare I'm an excited as a child, Well, I never. Not in al my life did I see such fruit. Henry'll have to heller me out a punkin. I'll put it on the table, filled to spillin' over with oranges, apples, grapes and bananas. east." Although Bethlehem was little, east it was exalted above all the other ties of Israel. The princes-"The thou-ands" (Mic. 5: 2.) The tribe had been endivided into thousands, and over each sub-division there was a chieffain or prince.-Morison. A Governor-To con-trol and rule. Who shall be shepherd (R.

Vo. To feed and care for his flock as a shepherd. Christ is both Shepherd and King. My people 1-rael—Israel was tool's people in a peculiar sense. 7. Priv-ily called—Herod desired to keep the bananas.

King. My people is rachell-israel was the for specific rescise definite word concerning the mew King. And worship him also-thered fad no desire to worship Jesus. His only and the series definite word concerning the mew King. And worship him also-thered fad no desire to worship Jesus. His only and the series definite word concerning the mew King. And worship him also-thered fad no desire to worship Jesus. His only and the series definite word concerning the mew King. And worship him also-thered fad no desire to worship Jesus. His only and the series definite word concerning the mew King. And worship him also-thered fad no desire to worship Jesus. His only and the of jumbles. You wait. I'm go-

ray of light to the Gentile world. The wise men were not in fear of any loss by the advent of a new king, though he was born of another with The term Christmas used in England in 1611.

The goose, as a Christmas dish, comes from Scotland.

There is no historical mention of Christmas tree before, 1605.

by the advent of a new king, though he was born of another nation. They were not guilty of any crimes against his people and so they were benefited by each new revelation respecting him. They were not only wise for their much learning but because they sought full enlightenment regarding God's revela-tion to the world of which they had gained only a faint glimmer. Their course had been straightforward since the first light fell upon them. From Christmas tree before, 1605. Peacocks at one time took the place of turkeys on the Christmas table. Last year 3.700 tons of Christmas evergreens entered London, their aggre-gate cost being about .233,000.

the first light fell upon them. From the first to the last they were divinely guided. They were encouraged in their The hopes by an inward dispiration. The star had given testimony. Their hearts credited that token and they went to Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish wor-ship, to gain a more perfect know-

gate cost being about £33,000. Christmas cards are a comparatively modern institution. The idea came from the French New Year cards. Paris uses fifty thousand Christmas trees each year, of which about twelve thousand are bought by foreigners re-siding in Paris. siding in Paris.

In the old days plum pottage—the or-stary. Yea, t iginal form of plum pudding—was al-Christmas carol.

And these shall make the Christmas heart. prayer: Lips all sweet with gratitude; hands all strong from the workshop's close comradery; feet that are weary from field and street; backs that bend beneath the Samaritan load. Yea, these shall make the Christmas prayer. And these shall make the Christmas

carol: The prodigal's song upon the old home road; the scraping of ten thousand chairs in city barracks, where Sal

said chairs in city barracks, where Sai-vation Army beards complain beneath the feast; the tread of giftfolk upon the tenements' dark stairways; the langhter of little children in toyland's mystic realms; silver bells across the hills of snow; the whole glad world's pure Yea, these shall make the

learn some of the different sizes so you could tell people. (Holding out her hand.) It's lots larger than that. You think I wear a 6? Well, then, you'd bet-ter give me a 12 for hin, for he can hold both my hands in one of his. Are these a special sale? Isn't 49 cents cheap for all that kid? Mine cost \$2. No, I don't thick he will some more than two or some of the dr CHRISTMAS. And well our Christmas sires of old Lov'd when the year its course had roll'd, And brought blythe Christmas back again, With all its hospitable train,

think he will want more than two or three pairs. Now for the hose. (In the women's hosiery department.) On Christmas eve the bells w Sir Walter Scott. other

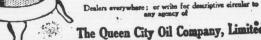
Are you busy? I have so many



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ages. And lively—don't say a word. The doin's those young ones think up—. But we just like it. They come to breakfast. Yes, sir. To eat chicken and dumplings, and stay 'til late evenin'. Oh, it's a day. How they do visit, big and little. "There's one Great Grandmother.

"There's one Great Grandmother. She's wonderful. And two grandmo-thers, besides the mothers and fath-ers and all the children. And eat-Well!

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ywy Sybil's Doom

Maltese window, wreathed with resca and honeysuckle and all things sweet-an exquisite picture in an exquisite frame. The rich June sunshine glowed in the deep red hearts of those fragin the deep red hearts of those ring rant roses, and sent shafts of fire athwart the brownish blackness of the girl's splendid hair. The white musiin robe she wore, with its rosy ribbons, fluttered in the faint, soft wind. She was neither a pronounced brunette nor blowde. She wore pink, and looked lovely; she wore blue, and looked love-lier still--wear what she might, she must ever be beautiful and thorough-bred, do what thay would she must bred; do what they would, she must ever be queenly. If you found her ever be queenly. If you found her sweeping a crossing for pennies, and she flashed upon you the light of those glorious eyes, you would have bated your breath and passe don, and left her "La Princesse" still. She was quite alone save for a frisky

She was quite alone, save for a frisky little Italian greyhound and a big, ma-jestic Newfoundland, stretched at full length ncar, and looking up at her with , lazy, loving eyes. As she stood dramy reverie of the hero of ifc-the "Count Lara" exiled from n a her life-the his father's halls-Cyril Trevanion-she espied a slender young man, dusty and travél-stained, sauntering slowly up to the house, smoking languidly as he walked. One glauce, and the young lady went hastily forward to meet him.

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"It is Charley!" she said, aloud. "Come, Cyril," to the stately Newfoundland; "come, Sybil," to the frisky little Ital-

"come, Sybil." to the frisky little Ital-ian, "here is your old tormentor, brother Charley." She tripped away down the linden walk and encountered the languid trav-cler under the trees. He was her only brother, two years her junior, and just free from Eton. The resemblance her tween them was very narked as far as looks went. Charles Lemox was sing-ularly handsome, and as vain as his al-mond-shaned eves and sheader feet and mond-shaped eyes and slender feet and hands as any reigning belle; but there all résemblance ended. "Dolce far niente" was the motto by which Master

it matter, no answerd them, improving the state of the state of the system is the

She stood now in the recess of a deep | the glass, my dear"-to the little waitress-"it must be that garrulity is in-fections, Sybil, and that I eatch the disorder from you. I'm not like this upon ordinary occasions. I find conversation rather a bore than otherwise; but when I come to Trevanion, I beat all the gos-

Sybil laughed. "You do talk, Charley, and as much nonsense as ever. Well, if your Mrs. Ingram is agreeable and amuses mamma, I shall be very happy to welcome her to Trevanion." "Don't call her my Mrs. Ingram,'

Charley remonstrated, plaintively. "She isn't. I would have kissed her when 1 came away, but she declined. She's one came away, but she decimen. She's one of the intensely proper sort, you per-ceive. As though," said Charley, still more plaintively, "a seraph might not embrace me, and come to no harm by

"Charley, don't be absurd! I spend the evening at Chudleigh. Suppose you

Thanks-no-too much trouble. And "Thanks—no—too much trouble. And it's so dreadfully exhausting to watch that girl, Gwendoline. I hata girls that becunce, and bang doors, and make eyes at a fellow. She's jolly, I admit, and sings 'The Pretty Little Rat-catcher's Daughter' to perfection; but— By the bye, Sybil, I met a consin of hers, a gallant major in the cavalry branch of the service, deer-stalking last autumn at Strathbase. He came up with Lord Anstrathbane. He came up with Lord An-gus-home from the Crimea, with his lushing honors thick upon him-and he told me lets about your demi-god, Cyril

"Oh, Charley!" with a little gasp. "And

you never told me before!" "Don't be reproachful, my dear. You can't expect everyone to dream by night and muse by day on the lost heir of Monkswood. No, I never told you be-fore, because I hate writing long letters, and it would have taken a ream at least of best Bath kild to have satisfied you ou that subject And then there is roully on that subject. And then there is really nothing to tell you but what you take for granted, and the Times has told nienter was the motro by which matter (Charles regulated the lazy tenor of his life. "How do, Sybil?" Charley said, lan-adidly, throwing away his cheroot, and which his salre permitting himself to be impetuously descended. They made him a captain Inte. "How do, Sybil?" Charley said, lan-gividly, throwing away his cheroot, and permitting himself to be impetuously kissed, with a gortle sigh of resignation. "Happy to see you again, and looking so nicely, too. Surrounded by puppies, big and little, as usual, I see—four-legged one. Really, my benatiful sister, do ing the grand agrees with you. You are as rosy as a milkmaid. And how's the grand agrees with you. You "Don't be inteverent, Charley," Sybil answered, pulling his ear. "Poor desa' "Don't be inteverent, Charley," Sybil answered, pulling his ear. "Poor desa' uncle is no better. His physicians all agree that to return to England was it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-his heart was set on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-heart was used on it. 'What does it matter.' he answered them, impat-iently, 'whether I die this month or nexit? Sybil, take me home,' and so here we die." "Emimently characleristie." Charley "Enimently characleristie." Charley "Enimently characleristie." Charley were ever 'without fear and without re-

Monkswood, and bid me wear this ring for his sake." A solitaire diamond give tered on the third linger of her jeft hand, the only ring she wore. "Except my mother and Charley, I have kissed one since. My herol my brave, lion-hearted Cyrill If he would only see back and take all! If I could only see him safe and take all! If I could only see him safe and happy once more, I would have nothing left on earth to wish for."

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have nothing left on earth to wish for." Miss Trevanion drove her brother over to Chudleigh Chase in the pony-phaeton a little later, through the amber haze of the June sunset. Sir Rup-ert Chudleigh was their nearest neigh-bor, and Miss Gwendöline Chudleigh the aversion of Charley, and Sybil's de-voted admirer and friend. They visited each other at all times and all seeseons each other at all times and all seasons after the fashion of girls, and little Gwendoline, who was only sixteen -

plump as a partridge, and rosy as any female "chaw-bacon" in Sussex-pretty well idolized beautiful Sybil Trevanion. Next morning Charley paid his res pects to General Trevanion, and an nounced the coming of his mother and her companion. The old lion, with hair like a winter enow-drift now, and a face

like a winter enow-drift now, and a face deep-plowed with hidden care and cure-less illness, lay in his darkened room, and listened impatiently. "Let them come!" he said; "a poodle dog or a widow--what does it matter. so that Lady Lemox and her pets don't trouble me. Keep your mother and her widow out of our way. Sybil, my dear; and Charley, the less I see of you, the better I shall like it. Hobbledehoys were always my aversion." the curative powers of Dr. Hamilton's Pills: were always my aversion."

a suffered from dyspepsia and in-digestion for five years. I suffered so much that I could hardly attend/to my work. I was weak and lost all courage. I enjoyed no rest until I decided to fol-low your treatment. To my great sur-prise I immediately began to feel better. "Pleasant!" said Charley, in soliloquy, "very! Hobbledchoys, indeed! Really, Sybil, the old men of the present day I am now using the second box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills, and I feel so well that are the horridest barbarians that ever cumbered the earth. I hope his vener-able noddle won't ache until I ask to I want to tell you that I ove this great change to your famous pills. I recom-mend Dr. Hamilton's Pills to every per-

see him again." Sybil barely expressed a laugh at her

Sybil barely expressed a laugh at her brothers wrath and astonishment. "Charley, don't talk slang—I hate it! And I must insist upon your speaking more respectfully of my guardian, or not speaking at all." The morning of the next day brought a telegram from Lady Lemox. She would arrive at Speckhaven by the four-forty train from London, and they were to meet her at the station with the car-riage. Sybil told the general the news. to meet her at the station with the car-riage. Sybil told the general the news. "Very well," was the response. "I don't care when she comes, but I can't spare you to go and meet her. Let Charley take the carkinge and go, and inform Lady Lemox that when I desire to see her l'il acad her word." do I dislike her, then? and are thos great dark eyes bold, and that brilliant smile false? or is it only my unkind

to see her I'll send her word." So Charley went alone, and in state, to meet my lady and her companion. The station, like all stations, was at The station, like all stateons, was at the fag end of the town, a dreary island in a sea of swamp and sandy plain, which the young man barely reached in time as the afternoon train rushed snorting in. He sauntered forward leisurely to meet his mother—a little dark woman, with a frettul, faded face that had been pretty once; and her companion, a bright little beauty with great black eves a pleasant smile, and great black eyes, a pleasant smile, and abundant glossy black sair.

"Had Sybil come?" Lady Lemox peev-bly asked. "No? How very unkind "Had Sybil come?" Lady Lemox peet-ishly asked. "No? How very unkind and ungrateful of her, when she, Lady Lemox, had not seen her for three years. Children, nowadays, were utterly heartess-no doubt General Trevanion ab sorbed all her affection by this time. And how was the general? Fit to die of Anti now was the general. The one of the one ailway porters are so rough and un-outh. Charles, do make haste and get s home-I am almost dead of fatigue

All the way to the Park. Lady Lemox ran fretfully on in a sert of dismal mou-clogue, growing so menotoneus that it the search of the form of the search of the search of the search of the house. Symbol met them at the door, and threw herself, after her impulsive fashien, into her mother's

arms. "Dear maniman! darling tramma! Hawkesley he thought of coming down how glad I am to meet you again. How long it secus since we parted at Lemox. And, dearest manma, how very well you "Looking well!" her ladyship murmu ed, repreachfully, "Sybil, how can you, when I am almost dead! You are lookwhen I am almost dead! You are look-ing the picture of health, I must say-quite too healthy-looking for my taste; but there are people who admire that red and white style of thing. I due say. My dear, this is Mrs. lagram-Edith, my daughter, Sykil. I hone yeu have seen that her rooms are as convenient to mine as possible-I really could not exist without her help now. Delphine," to her French maid, "take these things up-I am completely worn out and must lie down before I dress." Sybil herself led the way upstains, and showed the travellers to their apart-A MOTHER'S FRAISE <text><text><text><text><text>

then is given a chair, and the children of the house are put through their cate-chism. Those who answer well receive a nice gift from the "angels," and the others are given a black dog by the **NO MORE INDIGESTION** lemons.

demons. The black doggies are so fascinating that, alas! children haye been known to answer badly in order to obtain one! In Holland, too, St. Nikolaas pays his yearly visit to the children on De-cember 6, when he finds many pairs of shoes on the various hearths waiting to be filled with gitts be filled with gifts. French children also put their shoes

on the hearthstone or mantel piece, to receive presents from Jean Noel. In Germany, Christmas is an even greater festival than it is in England. Santa Claus as the Christ-child comes before Christmas Eve, in order to dis-cover how the children of the house here behaved during the past year. have behaved during the past year. A very delightful custom is still preserved on Christmas Eve among some of the German peasants. A table is spread for a meal in the feast room, and many can dles kept burning throughout the whole night, in case the Virgin and her Child, when bringing the children's gifts, should need refreshment. need refreshment. Despite St. Nicholas being the patron

The little Finns, however, look for-ward to the vointry, Santa Claus, The little Finns, however, look for-ward to the visit of Santa Claus with great zest, who comes from an unknown island in the Arctic seas to bring them all that they wart wort and in Fin. all that they want most; and in Fin-land he wears an immense fur coat and rides in his own traditional sleigh, drawn

by four galloping reindeer. In one country only is Santa Claus supposed to receive any help in the dis-tribution of presents. This is in Switzer-land, where he is always accompanied by his wife Lucy, who wears the Swiss peasant costume and carries the thing which are given to the little girls.

son who is suffering from dyspepsia. Your grateful servant D. R. Larose, 338 In China, Santa Claus pays his annual visit on New Year's Day, which is, of course, the great day of the year to the Jolliette St., Montreal, P.Q." All who have weak stomach and those who suffer with indigestion, headaches, biliousness, can be perfectly cured by cellow man. In that country he is rep esented by a tea trader, who carries resented by a tea trader, who carries on a bamboo pole two ordinary flat Chi-nese trays slung across his shoulders. These are filled with presents, which are distributed among the children. In America and the colonics, as in Successfully used for many years, mild and safe, 25c per box of all dealers, or The Catarrhozone

England, the children hang up their stocking on Christmas Eve for Santa Claus to leave his gifts in. He is generally regarded in these countries as being a very joxial, burly old gentleman, with a long white beard and a fur trimmed searlet coat, which has very capacious pockets

The latter garment he must find rather warm and cumbersome while duty in Australia and India. doing

NOTHING LIKE THEM They lingered late in the drawing oom. Lady Lemox had an aversion to "early to bed and early to rise," and FOR A SORE BACK there was musel to while away the hours of the summer night. Mrs. Ingram play-Dodd's Kidney Pills still doing ed as brilliantly as she talked, and sung more sweetly than she smiled, in the richest of contraltos. Sybil listened en-

chanted, and sung duets with her, and half forgot her unreasonable dislike. They lingered so long that Charley, rid-Mrs. T. G. Alexander, of Hawthorne After Twelve Years' Suffering, Tells ing homeward, through the misty moon light, a little flushed and heated after the Public What They Are Doing For Her. the wassail, found them still chanting

great work.

their canticles, and my lady turning Hawthorne, Ont., Dec. 18 .- (Special) There is nothing like Dodd's Kidney Fills for a sore back." That is the state ment of Mrs. T. G. Alexander, of thi "What a dissipated lot you are!" the Etonian said, politely; "singing matins, I suppose, as those gay old coves, the friars, used to do over there at Monksplace, and all her neighbors agree that she should know. "I suffered for twelve years from a pain in my back. Rheuma-tism and Heart Disease," Mrs. Alexander wood. Speaking of Monkswood, Sybli," said Charley, hiccoughing, rather, "I heard a piece of news to-night that will continues. "I was always tired and ner-vous and my sleep was broken and gure-freshing. Since taking Dodd's Kidfrey Fills I am feeling so much better that I feel I must say a good word for them." interest you. I met a man at the mess -a Captain Hawksley, of the Fortieth Heavies- and he told me he saw the idol of your affections, Cyril Trevanion, a week ago in London. He'd been stek, i

them." No matter how long you have suf-fered Dodd's Kidacy Fills cannot fail to help you if your trouble is of the Kid-neys, if you use Dodd's Kidney Pills car-ly the cure will be quick. If your trou-ble is of long standing it will take them longer to cure you. But they always seems, not to say seedy, and an object of compassion to gods and men. Told longer to cure you. But they alway atro Pamla from all n

Specialist Did Skin Trouble No Good

Very Itchy and Disfiguring. Got a Little Cuticura Soap and Cintment and Was Cured.

Ment and Was Cured. "For two summers I suffered with skin trouble on my arms, and on my legs from my knees down. My arms were badly disfigured, and I kept them covered. It came like the hives, and was very itchy. I consulted a specialist, who gave me medicine, as well as an ointment, but seemed to do no good. It was beginning to appear on my face. "I got a little Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura Soap. The first touch of Ointment seemed to relieve, and before the Cuticura Ointment was finished I was cured. I have not the least sign of trouble. I think it would have spread over my whole body if Cuticura Soap and Ointment had not cured me. I am delighted with them, and defeel pleased to think I have some-thing I have confidence in. I tell all my friends about them, and I think Cuticura Ointment is the best I ever saw." (Signed) M. J. Boddy, 73 McCaul St., Toronto, Dec. 22, 1910.

Cold-Sore Began to Heal With First Use of Cuticura Ointment,

Use of Cuticura Ointment. "Cuticura Ointment cured a very bad cold-sore that gave me hours of severe pain and loss of sleep. I tried lots of other remedies but nothing did me any good till 1 tried Cuticura Oint-ment, and from the very first applica-tion it began to heal and now there is not even a scar left." (Signed) Mrs. W. Boyce, Mermaid Farm, P. E. J., Jan. S, '11. For more than a generation Cuticura Scap and Cuticura Ointment have afforded the speedicst, safest and most economical treatment for skin and scale troubles, of young and old. Although they are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a liberal sample of each may be obtained free, from the Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., sole props., 57 Columbus Ave., Bosten, U. S. A.

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

Strange Actions by Father, Mother and Children at Christmas Time.

The mystery began with the hus-band coming home half an hour later than usual, so as to have the cover of darkness when leaving a package behind the vestibule doors, while he entered the house with a very innocent look on his face and told of his street

car being blocked. At midnight of that night, while his innocent-hearted wife was sleeping by his side, he sneaked out of bed and down stairs and secured the pack-

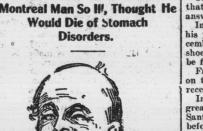
age and hid it in a closet. The next step was taken by bis wife. She took down from the pantry a pitcher in which she had been stor ing up dimes and nickels and pennies for months and months, and, after counting them over, she sneaked down town in the forenoon and bought and lugged a parcel home and hid it away

on the top shelf of a clothespress. J Then one of the children came in one day and looked and acted very mysterious, and shortly afterward might have been found hiding some afterward

might have been found hiding some-thing among the rafters of the garret. Then, as the mother suddenly and unexpectedly entered the parlor one afternoon, she almost stumbled over a daughter who was down on her knees and reaching under, the sofa. The mother cried out in her suprise, but asked for no explanations. Then desk and hareau drawers that fund not been locked for a year were found closed tighter than a drum. Closet doors that had stood wile open were

doors that had stood wide open were doors that had stood wide open were made fast. There was lingering behind when others went to bed. There was get-ting up before the others in the morn-ing. Each member of the family went around trying to look as innocent as a sheep, but at the time bearing a load of guilt on his conscience.

The strain was intense. The mysthe day came solved. It tery could not last. The when the nurder was sol the day 1 afore Christmas. That fam



Just read what Mr. Larose says of

suffered from dyspepsia and in

It was the old rhyme of "Doctor Fell"G

"I do not like you, Doctor Fel!, The reason why I cannot tell; But this I only know full well,

I do not like you, Doctor Fell."

Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

Co., Kingston, Ont.

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over again.

some American forest, the, ity trails the Froman, growing chamber excited, descliblely over exceptible), and both reductive provident to an excited the set of any follow tak-the grand, romande old house all to transsiver. There is no living foring there not even a watch dog- and for-enal creventian will net hear its name mentioned, the dear old monor in which to match of the dear old monor in which the suggesting it. I'm your only bothmentioned, the dear off manor in which for suggesting it, in your only moth-handleds of bis more have have inved and it, and it's my dirty to improve your morals. Resides, you'll never see him. "All? Charley stid, listening to this improvious domarks with serve calm, that unfortunate constitutional stub-tiant unfortunate constitutional stub-

Hawkekey he thought of coming down here to recruit-native air, and all that sort of thing. Good-night, ladies. Sup-pose you sing, 'We won't go home till morning,' by way of finale, and wind up the performance (To be Continued.)

OF BABY'S OWN TABLETS

who have been curied are telling about it in the newspapers almost every day. WHY HE SFANKED CHILDREN.

How the Settler Frepared the Young Ones for Christmas.

Mrs. Allen Mason, Carleton, N. B., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tab-lets ever since I have had children, and that is going on fifteen years. I have On the morning of the day befor Christmas I dismounted at the door of a North Dakota cabin to inquire the whereabouts of a man living in that neighborhood, and the sounds from within told me that one of the child within tota me that one of the children was being spanked. When the spanking had been concluded the solution the solution of t row, and the tenth one sitting down on the other side of the room. The man by medicine dealers or my mail at 25 thought some explanation should be cents a box from The Dr. Williams' made, and he said:

made, and he said: "It's the way I do every Christmas time, and I had just began when you rode up. Can you wait till I have

four of the other nine?" "Of course, but may I ask why you do it? They lock to me to be nice, well-behaved children."

They are as good children as you will find in the state, sir; but the spanking

must go on." "Yes, the spatialing must go on," add

Santa Chus, The original Santa Claus was St. Nich-olas, the wonderful boy bishop of Myra, who died in 343, and who was the par-ticular friend of children. He was the patron saint of Russia, and formas from his exertions, joined me at the

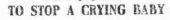
scated also as being that of batchers, thieves, maidens, parish clorks and sail-ors. This no doubt has something to do with the remarkable energy displayed by Santa Claus in December. by Santa Claus in December.

with the remarkable energy displayed by Santa Claus in December. When he reached Holland the Dutch celled him "St. Nikolass," and soon the name became abbreviated to Sauklas, This fatter title was cartied to New York by the Dutch enigrants, where the English colonists Anglicised it to Santy, wouldn't expect any Christman presents nothing. I was licking 'en so the wouldn't expect any Christman presen

DOGS OF WAR (From the Lordon Chroniele)

(From the Locadi Chromode) The dogs which are helping the Thetic forces against the Abors by performing settry duty are by no means the fir to figure in the British arms. When it East of Essex went to include to su-press the rebellion is 'the reign of Eliz-beth. His forces included by bloedhound with which to track down dugtives, aft the battler; and in all our wars with Section d is able down is not increased and to figure in the British arms. When Earl of Essex went to heland to press the rebellon in the reign of E both. Its forces included by bloodhe whin which to track down duglives, the battles: and in all our wars. Section the blockheant was largely for the same purpose.

ily had simply been preparing to Santa Claus each other. It always acts that way, and it always turns out appily.



Pabies cry because they are sick. It may be a pain in the stomach, colle, or rramps-but in any case a few drops of Nerviline soothes away the distress and where there are young children there should also be Nerviline. It cures all the minor allments just as promptly as the doctor—and not so expensive. For nearly fifty years, Polson's Nerviline has been the great household remoty of Canada. Sold everywhere in large 25c bottles. ----

BANTA ON THE WAY.

(W. D. Neshit in The Land of Make Believe," in Harper's.)

I can hear him singing faintly, As he arges on his deer, And his song is mellowed quaintly As the measures strike the car. But the lift of it is jelly, And the words of it are gay: Guet the mistletice and holly; I have started on the way

I can hear the hoof-heats thudding As the snow is flang behind, While the Inden sleigh is scatting With the swiftness of the wind: And the echois now are finging Broken murning of the song That old Santa Claus is singing While the reindeer speed along:

Little fellow, little fellow, while you And the network is a prime, where year shall show the workness tree. For your trust is all the families of the shadow and the gloam.

I and starting on my journey d wh the highway of your dram."

BIRD IN CHRISTMAS TREE.

A half starved particidge was found in a Christmas tree shipped from Malee to A. Dallas, in Waterbury, Conn. The tree had been tied as the bird was made a prisoner. When found, warmed and fed it revived. -----

"My doctor said I needed a change." "And did you not on his advise?" "You; I employed any these of ter." - Daskan Transcript.

The date allotted to Saint Nicholas in their stockings to-night!

THE ATHENS REPORTER, DEC. 20, 1911

PASSING OF "JEHU."

The Bus Driver Was Wittier In Flo tion Than Fact.

tion Than Fact. Who of us has not heard of the Lon-don bus driver? He has been for rears a stock character of all sorts of fle-tion and has furnished a theme for innumerable dissertations and easys. His philosophy has been commented upon and his wit has been cologised. We have all or rather the majority of us have at some time or other made more or less definite plans to travel and have always included in our route the great Metropolis of London, the bus driver has always been a part and parcel of the city and in fact one of the institutions. His day, however, has set and he has had to give place to the more mechanical and lass romantic method of locomo-tion. The following article will de-soribe the typical old time London bus driver.

tion. The following article will de-scribe the typical old time London bus driver. Here and there in Central London you may now come across yards that are full of buses—buses that are al-ready exiled from their own yards, to which they will never return; buses that will never leave the yards where they are now huddled except to pass under the hammer; buses that will never trundle along London streets again. And in the horse repositories are now hundreds of bus-horses that will never drag them again, perhaps never again hear "Hrrup!"—which meant "Higher up!"—but are to be dispersed, "fresh out of work," among "jobmasters, parcel carters, trades-men and others."

men and others." Both buses and horses are pathetic, for they have the pathos which at-taches to all passing things. But more pathetic than either — because he is not only human but an old friend — is the bus driver who is passing with them, who will never again mount his perch or ory "Lipoostree!" and when an old friend is passing some tribute is his due. is his due.

an old friend is passing some tribute is his due. He was not only friend, but philo-sopher; and how he came to be a philosopher is not difficult to under-stand. Both his altitude and his atti-tude were favorable to the practice of philosophy. He had all a oobbler's leisure for self-communion with the advantage over the cobbler of being more in touch with realities and his fellow humans. From his perch he daily passed a whole world in review, noted all the comedy of the pave-ments, and got into the habit of sum-ming up a sudden situation—a street row, a curious crowd, the rights and wrongs of an accident, and all the oddities of chance and circumstance that the tide of London's streets throws up. And as the germ of all philosopher malgre lui. But he had human machiness that philosopher malgre lui.

by disapher malgre lui. But he had human weaknesses that abould not belong to the true philo-sopher. Generations of tradition had convinced him that philosophy was expected of him, and so he tried to live up to a reputation that was really higher than his deserts. Generations of country cousins, and even of ad-miring townsmen, had encouraged and even a little spoiled him by hanging on his words until he came to regard himself as not only qualified whatever problem might be presented to him. And when his philosophy failed to meet the case his wit stepped into the breach. His wit! There again his reputa-

His wit! There again his reputa-tion went a little before him, a dan-gling carrot which he could never quite catch up. He was supposed to excel in that branch of wit known as repartee, though in practice it was found that he rarely adventured beyond variations, and those rarely sub-tle, on the old theme of "You're another !'

other!" But we so spoiled him by great ex-pectations that we angled even for the bit of wit that was to turn the laugh against ourselves, and we humored him and ourselves by see-ing more in his jokes than was some-times to be found in them. We would take no denial; and he. recognizing what was expected of him, gallantly did his best to maintain the feputation of his tribe, relying on the

INTERESTING RECORDS ONTARIO'S BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The Hatches, Matches and Despe of Province as issued by the Regis-trar-General Show That Marriages Do Not Follow Religious Lines With Any Degree of Regularity-June is Still the Wedding Month.

What the frivolous call "The stches, matches and despatches reord," for the Province of Ontario for 1910, which has been compiled the Registrar-General's Departby ment, and which this year has been placed in the printer's hands some months before the usual time, con-tains some interesting figures with re-gard to the vital statistics of the pro-

tains some interesting figures with regrard to the vital statistics of the province.
During the year there were 55,871 births, 94,098 marriagea, and 33,539 deaths, or 24.9, 10.7 and 14 per thousand of the population respectively for the 47 county municipalities in the province.
Of the 1,636 deaths from affections produced by external causes, 91 person took their own lives by various methods, hanging being the favorite.
96.8 per cent. of that number selecting that means of exit from a weary world. Mine-five persons were poison.
ed accidentally, 43 were burned to death, 112 died from burns received, 89 died from gas poisoning, 966 were drowned, 64 accidentally shot, 909 were killed by motor care, landslides and railways, 13 were frozen to death, 6 died from the effects of heat, 11 were killed by lightning, 18 by electric shock, 17 homicides took place, and the balance, 646, died from various accidental causes.
Old Ege was the cause of the death of 3,429 persons.

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March was the favorite month for birth, there being 503 in that month. Of the children born throughout the Of the children born throughout the year, 28,664 were males, and 27,207 females. There were 370 pairs of twins. 864 boys, and 876 girls. Triplets sur-prised the happy father in five cases, 9 boys and 8 girls. June continues to hold favor with the bride, 3,555 of the 24,036 marriages being celebrated in the happy month. September and December following in the order named, with 2,658, and 2,304 marriages respectively.

the order named, with 9,659, and 2,304 marriages respectively. There are two periods in a woman's life when her friends are vastly inter-ested in her age-when ahe marries and when she dics. The report of the Registrar-Gener-al for 1910 for the province goes rath-er deeply into some of these figures, and while all the secrets are not disclosed, yet there is some interesting information in its pages. With re-gard to the age at which persons mar-ry it is of interest to learn, so far as Ontario is concerned, that men do not marry at a later date than women, ry it is of interest to learn, so far as Ontario is concerned, that men do not marry at a later date than women, although it is popularly thought other-wise, to any great extent. Last year 5,166 grooms, or about one-third of the total number, married between the ages of 20 and 24, while 47 per cent., or nearly one-half, the women who en-tered into the bonds of matrimony were between those ages. With both sexes the next greatest number mar-ried between the ages of 25 and 29, and then comes 30 and 34 for the grooms and 15 and 19 for the brides. Under the age of 20, 453 men were married, one taking a bride who is in the 30 to 34 class, one selecting a lady who comes in the 35 to 39 group. Fifteen women between the ages of 15 and 19 married men between 40 and 44, two become brides of men be-tween 45 and 49, one married a man of over 55, and one a man over 60, and one a man over 70, as did also one lady of between 25 and 29. Cupid drives his bolt athwart de-nomination and convention. Just at the present time the question of mix-ed marriages is holding a certain



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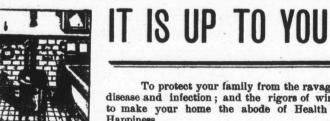
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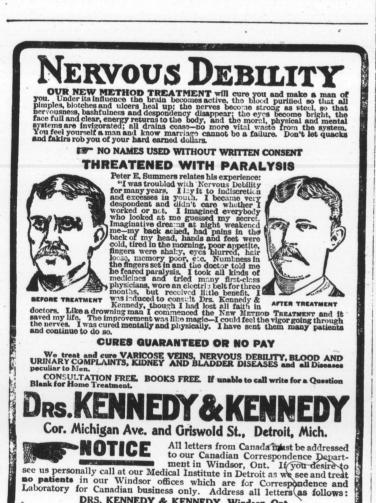
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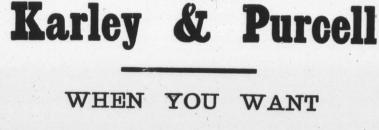
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#### The Wife of a Poet.

The Wife of a Poet. The intricacies of a great man's character are often simplicities to his wife. Once when the present poet laureate of England had paid a visit to Tennyson, his immediate predeces-sor, Tennyson walked with him as far as the gate which led to the highway. There, says Alfred Austin, in his re-cent "Autobiography," while the elder poet stood leaning on the gate a party of wide-eyed sightseers appeared. "What a vulgar people the English are!" Tennyson exclaimed. "They come here to watch for me and when they see me they say quite loudly. "There's Tennyson, who smiled ten-derly but archly. "Mr. Austin afterward repeated this to Lady Tennyson, who smiled ten-derly but archly. "My husband would be much more, annoyed if the people didn't come," she said.

#### Constable and His Picture.

Constable and His Picture. Constable, the eminent British pointer, one sat on the hanging com-mittee of the British Royal Academy when a small landscape was brought up for judgment and pronounced "aw-fully bad" by corrybody but himself. He rose and made a short and startl-ing speech. "That picture was paint-ed by me. I had a notion that some of you didn't like my work, and this is a pretty convincing proof. I am very much obliged to you." When his colleagues recovered from their stupe-faction the head carpenter was bidden to bring back the picture. But Con-stable wou'd not have it. "Out it goes!" he said grimly.

#### Painfully Frank.

Wordsworth on one occasion when talking to his wife referred to a time when, "as you know, I was better looking." "But, my dear," replied she, "you were always very ugly."

nomination and convention. Just at the present time the question of mix-ed marriages is holding a certain amount of public attention, but many of the good people who discuss the matter of persons of different faiths marrying will be surprised to learn to what extent such marriages are con-tracted in the Province of Ontario. From the mass of figures largely composing the annual report of the Registrar-General of the province for the year which came to an end on

Registrar-General of the province for the year which came to an end on the 31st of December last, and which, owing to the number of complicated tables which have had to be prepar-ed, will occupy the attention of the Government printers for many weeks out it encour that in one year elegan and all information from

ed, will occupy the attention of the Government printers for many weeks yet, it appears that in one year alone people of differing denominations in-ter-married to an astonishing extent. Methodist maried Roman Oatholies, Jews married Gentiles, while in many cases May wedded December. Out of a total of 7,381 Roman Catho-lics no less than 1,509 married out of their denomination. There were 665 Catholic grooms who married opn-Catholic brides, and 844 professed Catholic grips who became the brides of non-Catholic grooms. Of these marriages the large number were be-tween Catholics and Anglicans, then came Presbyterians, Baptists and Lutherans in order, but rather strange-ly no marriage between a Roman Catholic and a member of the Sal-vation Army is recorded, while two Roman Catholic men married Jew-esses, and five Roman Catholic ladies threw in their fate with as many Jews. on application.

esses, and nye Roman Catholic ladies threw in their fate with as many Jews. In addition to this two Jews mar-ried Anglicana, two Presbyterians, 6 Methodists, two Baptists, one a Con-gregationalist, and our persons who are described as being of no denomina-tion. The Jewess ladies did not show such a var 'ty of taste, but did ex-hibit a str. g Anglican leaning, for of the seven be married out of their faith, five to ried Anglicans, and two Reman Catholics. Anglicans, and two Reman Catholics. In Presbyterian ladies married Anglicans, 841 Methodist, 126 Roman Catholics. In Presputerian ists, 55 Lutherans, and the selections of 74 are not classified. Fifty-seven Lutherans sought, and got, Anglican husbands, 71 Presbyter-ian, 78 Methodist, 35 Roman Catholic, one Hebrew, and one Salvationist.

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ment of the Ontario Agricuitural College, is widely known as an institute A By-Law to repeal By-Law Number 152 of the Municipality of the Village of Athens in the County of Leeds, being a By-Law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating lecturer and writer on agricultural and domestic subjects. She has published a book on "Farm Dairying." Miss quor in the said municipality of the Vil-Rose established the Atheas Institute.

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liquor in the said municipality of the Vil-lage of Athens. Whereas the council of the municipality of the Village of Athens deems it expedi-ent to repeal By-Law Number 152 of the said village, being a By-Law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the said Village of Athens, Now therefore the Municipal Council of the corporation of the said Village of Athens hereby enacts as follows:----I. That By-Law Number 152 of the said municipal corporation of the Village of Athens, finally passed by the council thereof on the First day of February A.D. 1909 being a By-Law to prohibit the sale can be cured by the great fruit kidney and liver remedy

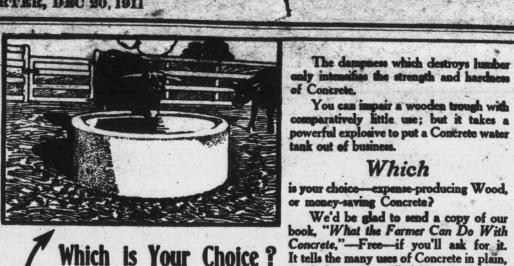
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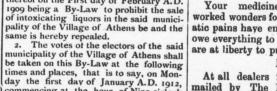
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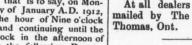
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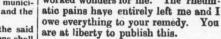
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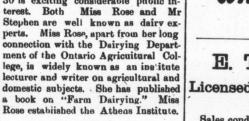




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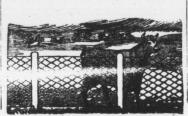
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### A Madonna of the Tenements

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(By Maud Tucker.) The dark face of Mrs. Carrucio looked pale and wan and bitter as the brought her children to the day nursery; and although she had turned to go, she seem-

ed to expect the questioning voice of the teacher. "Oh, Miss Florence," she said, in very broken English, "there is no God! There cannot be a God! If there is one, He has long since forgotten us! No one cares for us! And life is very hard!" Then she rolled back the shawl from her left arm, and showed an ugly

wound in the arm where her husband had stabbed her with a stiletto. The young teahear lost no time in taking the poor woman to a surgeon, who dressed the already infected

wound, and dealt with a case so difficult that he barely saved the arm from amputation.

amputation. The poor woman accepted the help stolidly, for suffering had wrought its work in her embittered spirit. A drunken, brutal husband, hard, inces-sant toil, and the care of three puny bilder with the care of three puny children weighed down her forlorn life She lived in one basement room, and her washing supplied the children's food, when her husband did not succeed in the money first and spending it for drink.

"There is not a dog upon the street whose lot is not happier than mine," she said. "No; there is no God."

To the three children, Leonardo, Michaef and Angelo, a fourth was soon added, and to her was given the name Rosie; for the mother did not recall the names of any italian artists that worth have fitted a little girl. And when the little girl was born, the worthless father deserted the home, worthless father deserted the home, "You see," she went on, "reindeers the names of any Italian artists that "You see," she went on, "reindeers which was perhaps the only thing ha had done to help it for a long time. It was no argument that changed the und the whole North Pole community and the whole North Pole community is are airshing.

creed of the poor immigrant woman. The 'simplest necessities of life were imperatively needed in that home, and they were supplied. Day by day a visiting nurse came in and cared for her. Day by day the children work tond in the day nursery. Frequent visits of the teachers brought simple comforts to the poor tenement, and life became a little brighter. But the sad look was there of a woman whose bopes were gone, and who had drunk to the dregs the cup of bitter experience.

had a Christmas tree at the They nursery, with simple gifts for the chil-dren. When the exercises were over, the teachers were taking down tree, one of them proposed that and they should carry it over to a home where one of the children was sick. The tree was too large, and had to be cut

tree was too large, and had to be cut off, but it was still a respectable tree. And its reception at the first home was so enthusiastic that they carifal it to<sup>-</sup> another, and yet another. Nor were giffy lacking; for a quantity of second-ward toys had been received, and there -was second-hand clothing for distribut. tion as well.

tich as well. A few of the children accompanied the two is to the first house, and the procession grew. Tirst went the tree, upheld by two to twenty children; then caffie the tesket of decorations. then a basiset of presents, and then the tedelices and the throng. It was long after dinner that when they came long after dinner time when they came to Mrz. Carnelo's one room.

It was a dark room with one com window, and that window was filled with children who could not get in. The table was still loaded with the remains of the thristics feast, and Mrs. Carrueio was holding Rosie, wh the three boys gathered about her. Int the bilst of the family group came the robderful tree; for the eleventh thm

adonna of the enements stepped the most wonderful little crea-ture Ethel had ever seen. She was about two feet tall and was cloaked in

Then Catarrh Sets in, Mucous Drops Into the Stomach, Coughing, Headaches and Debility Follow. a beautiful snow-white ermine skin. On

her head was a round ca pof the That the best method of curing caand standing up at the side was a beau-tiful spray of what Ethel thought look-ed like diamonds, threaded on slender tarrhal disease consists in using Ca-tarrhozone is now freely admitted. Ca-tarrhozone is infinitely superior to cough medicines, tablets, sprays and emulsions, which for the most part are wires, and they shimmered and glisten ed every time she moved her pretty head. Buttons of the same kind adornof no practical value except to ease the cough for the time being. Often liquid cough remedies contain opium, morphine and cocaine. With Catarrhoed every time she moved her pretty yellow curls poked themselves and smuggled about her neck. Her eyes were strry blue and her cheeks like a

zone you take no drugs—you employ Nature's way—just inhale Catarrho-zone's soothing healing vapor and re-lief and cure follow promptly. She tapped the window with her icicle wand. "I would come in," she said, and Ethel could hear her voice quite plainly through the glass, "but your room is warm and I do not want icicle wand. Weak Thoat, Racking Cough Cured Weak Thoat, Racking Cough Cured. "For five years I suffered from a severe bronchitis. A harsh, dry, rack-ing cough kept my throat in a raw condition fram one year's end to an-other. Before going to sleep at night I always had a bad attack, and in the morning before each breakfast I suf-fered greatly. My voice was harsh and raspy, and sometimes I found it difficult to make myself understood. Catarrhozone seemed to soothe and heal from the first day. It cured me, and now I wouldn't think of being without a Catarrhozone Inhaler-it the frozen dewdrops on my cap and coat to melt. Dewdrops are very rare in our land and besides they were a Christmas present to me from Santa Claus, and I value them very much. And that re-minds me of what I came for. About ten minutes ago I received a wireless message from His Royal Highness askmessage from his koyal fighness ask-ing me to sail over here in my airship and leave a little magie that would make you go to sleep. Ike'll be along himself presently and he wants your eyes to be closed when he comes. Now, without a Catarrhozone Inhaler-i means life to me." I have only a short time left, what shall

The above experience is related by Mr. Alexander P. Savary, of Hamilton, Pa., and proves the effectiveness of Catarrhozone, which will cure every cough, cold, bronchial or catarrhal at-"About yourself, and all you know of Santa," answered Ethel quickly, "but wish you could come in and be comfor'ble.

for ble." "Thank you, I am accustomed to standing, and this new aeroplane cos-tume is not very haid to sit down in, but I think it's tremendously becom-ing, don't you?" and she opened her coat and showed her little figure clothed is a velvet doublet and breeches of emtack. The dollar size of Catarrh-ozone contains two months' treatment and is guaranteed Smaller size 50c. sam ple size 25c. All dealers, or The Catarr-hozone Company, Buffalo, N. Y., and

and the whole North Fole community use airships. I suppose you heard," she said suddenly, "about our all having to move? Think of it! After all the years we have lived in the hidden Polar "aggion, to have our land discovered by some fussy old explorers, who didn't know what to do with it when they did know what to do with it when they did find it. But they didn't discover us. We saw them coming and vacated in time. We are settled very comfortably now in "new quarters where they are now in new quarters where they are not likely to stumble across us in some time. I tell you, Santa was augry about the whole affair. He said if it was not for all the dear little children in the world be way and the said of the said the world he would go out of business altogether, but he could not bear to dis appoint them, so he is busy again this year just the same as usual, and if I do not hurry he'll catch me gossiping here and cut me off without any presents in the morning. So good-night, little Ethel and Merry Christmas!" The night was

#### "WINDOW SHOPS."

inquired one woman of auother.

I was cured of terrible lumbago by over and Christmas Day had come. MINARD'S LINIMENT, REV. WM. BROWN.

I was cured of a bad case of ear ache by MINARD'S LINIMENT. "Don you know the window shops?" "What are they?"

I was cured of scusitive lungs by MINARD'S LINIMENT. MRS. S. MASTERS. "Oh, the shops that have all kinds of Attractive bric a-bree and novelties artistically displayed in the windows: the places that you lotter in front of and

A LUXURY. (Success Magazine.) Jim, who worked in a garage, had just declined Mr. Smith's invitation to ride in his new ear. What's the matter, Jim?" asked Mr. Smith, "Are you side?" "Tain't that--I "No, sh." he replied, "Tain't that--I done les? \$5, sch. an' I jes' natchirly got tub sit an' grieve."

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SIDEWALK COOKING.

THE WIGWAM BABY. THROAT BECOMES DISEASED Just as Much of a Tyrant as the FROM NEGLECTING COLDS White Child of Luxury. In the far north of Canada, where the

tlliness of the wilderness is broken only by the sighing and moaning of the wind i nthe forests and the cries of animals, and where the wild roving nature, of the red man finds happiness in freedom, there, in some sheltered nook, the Cree

there, in some sheltered nook, the cree pitches his wigwam. With hardly enough rude covering to shelter them from the icy blasts in win-ter, with scarcely sufficient food to sat-isfy the cravings of hunger, amidst squa-lor and hardship, the Indian and his source maintain a never-ending struggle and squaw maintain a never-ending struggle against frost and famine. Under such conditions as these the Cree girl-baby, the wee child of the forest, enters the race of life.

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warmih and confort. Why should she not be happy? Bliss-fully ignorant of the privation around her, she is always the same contented. smiling papose — a little olive-colored lump of beauty, as picturesque and ro-mantic as the country she inhabits. Whatever she wants she cries for, and

whatever she wants she cries for, and whatever she cries for she gets. She is a little tyrant of the wigwam, but the light and joy of her parents' loves, and they strive hard for her sake —The Strand Magazine.

#### WHY TROY FELL. (Cleveland Plain Dealer)

The Trojans locked out and saw th wooden horse. Ha. Ha, they cried, someone has left a horse standing at the curb for more than an hour. Let's run it in. So they ran it in and the rest is his-ter.

tory. Which shows that some municipal reg-ulations can be over enforced.

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the same effect. SHORTHAND having go UITIONFREE Write for particulars. THE BUSINESS UNIVERSITY of Canada. Correspondence Dept., King's Hall. Montreal, P. Q. the second of the second s THE USE OF LATIN. (Vancouver Province.) Takashi Komatsu, at one of the dim-ners of the recent Harvery commence-ment in Cambridge, praised the study f Latin "Latin is even useful socially," he said "I once attended a dance in Boston. A beautiful young debutante, surrounded by a half-dezen Harvard undergraduat:

s. listened intently to a story about a fortball squabble. "'And the casus belli?' she asked.

that it is too old



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LUMBER WASTE FOR PULPWOOD. For the purpose of manufacturing the fors of wood pulp produced in Canada in 1910, nothing was used, except logs of various species, which as our timber supply decreases are becoming valuable for lumber and other uses. No slabs or other sawmil waste was reported as be-ing converted into wood pulp by neglect-ing which practice. Canada is losing greatly. During 1900, the total pulp-wood consumption was from slabs and mil trimmings. If economy, had been uractised to the same extent in Canada into the same extent in Canada there have been cut. This would have been produced as from thirty-six how been produced as from thirty-six thous and cords of wood and not one pulp than Nova Scotia produced in 1910. Looking at the subject from another screater. Over one-half of the five obl-house in the slab waste of one-balf cord to every thousand feet of lumber might have been saved from the space the lowest estimate six hundred net states obtained would have produced at the lowest estimate six hundred net states obtained would have produced at the lowest estimate six hundred and secondry in the solution of pulp. So hat one and a quarter million cords of slabs obtained would have produced at the lowest estimate six hundred and secondry ind utilization of youlp wood when to four hundred and seventy-five thousen do not pulp produced at the lowest estimate six hundred and seventy-five thousand tons of pulp. The and in 1910. The sooner such practical termemes the longer will Canada have on decorate supply of pulpwood.-(For-estyry Bulletin No. 45.) THE WARNING OF FOOD EXPERTS Without Danger & Almost Painless, A Boon to Prospective Rethers. Nurse Eliles' MATRIXINE Removes the Perils of Childhearing & Strengthons Mother and Child, Mailed with Invais-able Information. \$5 or three \$12. The Electine Remedy Co. 52 ADELAIDE ST. EAST, TORONTO.

#### THE WARNING OF FOOD EXPERTS

The Russian method of drinking tea is and sugar are denied the woman with a super-abundance of flesh. AGAINST THE USE OF ALUM POWDERS.

There are many housewives that unthinkingly use alum baking-pow-ders in making biscuits, cake and pas-try, when it would only take a little A connoisseur gives a practical les-son in the making of it. As she is thin she does not omit the sugar; on the contrary, helps herself liberally to this

fat-making product. A very thin slice of lemon cut in half is placed in the teacup, and on this is peured a tablespoonful of boiling water. precaution to avoid doing so. Baking powders that contain alum cause indigestion and nerve disorders. English food experts condemn alum as which brings out both the juice and flavor of the lemon. After this the tea is added. an injurious adulterant unfit for baking-powder ingredient. If you not careful you may be buying aluan in your baking-powder and putting it in food. The way to be sure is to read the Fresh slices of lemon must be provided for the second cup of tea, which should not be made too strong. As eer-tain doctors consider acids good for the label on the baking-powder, and if the ingredients are not plainly printed on

it, refuse to accept it. THE LONG AFRICAN FOREST.

One of the great natural treasures of Africa is the immense extratropical for-est that extends almost unbroken from

the extreme southern end along the stern highlands to the equator. There are gaps in it, and the trees hange in kind somewhat with change f latitude, but upon the whole it has he same character throughout. The al titude above the sea changes regularly with decrease of latitude. Near the Cape the forest grows at sca lovel; in Natal and the Transvaal its altitude in-creases to 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 feet; and on approaching the equator it rises to 7,000 and finally to 10,000 feet. In the equatorial highlands the growth is very vigorous and the forest is en-riched with the "pencil cedar" of Abys-sinia.--From the Youth's Companion.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When serving poached eggs, instead of the usual slice of toast, place the ergs on rounds of bread, cut thin and sailed in butter.

If your corn does not pop well, it may

Among the new toys recently displayed at a special toy exhibit in Paris, says Popular Mechanics, were two which are related to aerial rikint. One of them, called "modern way," represents an at-tack on an airship which carries a tar-get consisting of two crossed flags. The prejectile is a simall aeropiane made of word and celluioid, with a screw pro-neiler attached at the stern. It is launch-ed by means of a pistol, the barrel of which has a longritudinal islot for the re-ception of the wings, and when the target is struct by it the dirighte bailoon sep-nates into two parts as shown in the illustration. The other nerial game is called "a race across the channel." Starting from the French ceast as Bleriot did, the toy air-NEW PARIS TOYS.

The other aerial game is called "a rac actors the channel." Starting from th French coast as Bieriot did, the toy and land. The aeroplanes are attached to elastic cords, which are stretched be tween puleys on the two coasts. Each player, by turning his pulley, causes hi-aeroplane to advance, but also produce vibrations which frequently result in a fall into the sea, which, for the safe of realism, is dotted with little vessels.

MRS. S. KAULBACK.

THE SAGACITY OF BEES

meal, Russian tea doubtless will hav

recollect a most interesting frames had come imed. The bees, far, were easily of in another skep, into not

on they left was cramined the s found lying dead.

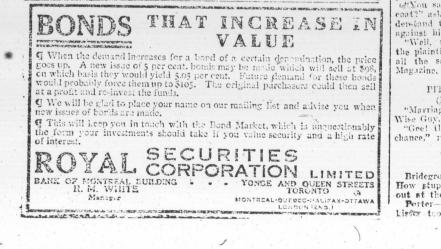
STAMMERERS can be cured, not merely of the habit, but of its cause. The Arnott Institute has per-manently restored natural speech to thou-sands-its coing it forday. Write for full



decorated with tins 1 and glass b and lighted with candles. and lighted with candles. It bore wonderful fruit -a shawl for the nother, shoes for the boys, white clothing far beby Rogic, and an old collection of second-hand toys. The light of the candles Land a re-fiction in the face of the par we fiction in the face of the por wo-rean. She had seen the Lord in the love of His children. She locked at the tree, now bare of presents, but still radiant with candles and ornal still radiant with candles and orna-ments, and looked again at the faces of the teachers, and then at the faces of her babe. Upon her knees she fell in front of the wonderful tree, and over her face, that had been foo sad for weeping, the tears flowed freely as she kuelt and ut-tered a prayer. And her face became shupst like the face of a Madohna, a-be had her hade and solved her sade she held her babe and solbed her sad-Magnificat in her native tongue.-Youth's Companion.

### THE FAIRY'S VISIT.

By M. H. C. It was the night before Christman Down on Lower Washington street, where the population is chiefly Syrian, It was the night before Chistmas, and for a long time after Ethel had been tucked in her bed she lay gazing out of the window at the frosty sky above and watching the twinkling stars, She was thinking what a big time it would be before morning came and shing she could go to sheep. "My!" she said to hereoff presently "that's a big star, bigger than all the rest and it here a brieffer twinkle. And its wink, how wire, the meat and onion all campates of big star, bigger than all the rest and it there he straing on twolloag pieces of has a brighter twinkle. And its wink-tion wire, the meat and onion alternate-ing at me-yes, Lawinked both my cycs is is. The placed the wires across the top and it winked back. Oh, you funny, of the part stirred up the coals, and sol-funny star," and she buried her head in the beddelothes and giggled. She would bunched mile sized "en brochette."-New take just-one-more-peck. There it York San.



"Thereanon her mother, with a sho Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in ed look, exclaimed: "'My dear, how o THIS ARTICLE REMOVED to say stemach?" er for fifteen minutes, drain and try Cows. If six to ten drais of spirits of cum THIS AND THAT. France possesses 19 lady barristers. Breeders in canaries in Norwich, Eng., total 2,060. hor are taken and a lump of sugar when -R.BA House fat bened f cezing starts, a bad cold may be For Red, Weak, Weary, Watery Eyes and B GRANULATED EYELIDS A good cleanser for hardwood is 10. Australia owns over 16,000 miles of rash it with a clean flannel wet in tur reliroad. The Canadian Pacific Railway has a mileage of track of 10,480. Nova Sectia sends away over 1,000,000 barrels: of apples during the section. The length of the Tay bridge is 10,612 feet, and consists of 85 spasms. Beath of the master puts an end to all contracts of hiring and sorvice. Organs were known before the time of Chysict and were used in religions ser-Murine Doosn'i Emart-Southas Eye Pair Drughts Sil Hairs Eye Ranedy, Linui, 28, 50, \$1.0 Muthe Eye Salro, in Acopile Tubes, 35c, \$1.0 EYE BOOKS AND ADVICT FREE BY MAIL EYE BOOKS AND ADVICT FREE BY MAIL centine and rub lightly afterward with inseed oil. "Indeed! Isn't that a er-rather large committee?" Figs and dates chopped with dired ap-les make a delicious combination for a "Well, you see we couldn't afford to create any hard feeling, and so we made MurineEschemedyCo.,Chicago salad with mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce create any hard feeling, and so we made it large enough to include about everyeaves. The juice of stewed cranberries with A BUSINESS PROPOSITION. (Harper's Weekly) "See here, ar. Eands," said Mrs. Tom-ins to the procer, "what do you mean y giving me only nine-tenths of a yound (Swiss cheese when I am paying for noned?" body. the addition of lemon and sugar to taste, makes a delicious drink, diluted Minard's Linimont Cures Distemper. with cold water. Christ, and were used in religious ser Most modern brassware is lacquered and needs only to be wiped off with a Christ, and were used in rengions ser-vices early in the Christian era. London's largest chandelier is the one at the Alhambra Music Hall. It is fitted with 60 electric light's, each of 500 candle -----MAXIMS OF A REFORMED FLIRT. and?" selling Swiss cheese, my dear mad-said the groeer with dirnity, "busi-caution promats use to allow myself r cent, for the boles, which, as you be aware, make to impression on most delicately adjusted scales." damp cloth. Work quickly and do not I. Flirt not at all; to flirt is to deanip cloth. Work query and do not let the surface get wet. Paint the inside woodwork of bedsteals with corresive sublimate and turpentine, 5 cents worth of the former to a pint ceive, and to deceive is to sin. II. Flirting is a feminine art; it DON'T LET CORNS TORMENT YOU is practised upon men for amusement, FOREHANDED. of the latter. and for brief personal triumphs. Men Use Putnam's Corn Extractor, which cures Corns in one night, without pain For thirty years Putnam's has been the (Boston Transcript.) do not flint-they only seek to devour. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Mrgazine Liditor-This is a spiendid stern, but I hever heard of the author before: did you? Assistant-Never, Shall I send R III. Flirtations with their husbands MORE TO BE PITIED THAN CENstandard cure of Great Britain and Am-erica. Try it. Price, 25c per bottle. A Cheinnati lawyer recently re-first with their own husbands, are in a combat which finds them weaponless. IV. Habitually to first is to cause one's heart to wither; that is the pen-alty for causing other hearts to ache. V. Flirting is least reprehensible when en practised upon meano leager youthful is the chief cause of jealouey in wives; ] SURED. Muggzine Editor-No. Put it rwny un-Muggzine Editor-No. Put it rwny un-til he becomes famous. (Puck) The Tall and Aggressive One-Evense, me, but I'm in a hurry. You've had that 'phone twenty minutes and not sail a WORK OF ONE HOSPITAL. In one London hospital alone-St. George's-some 2.600 patients are op-prated upon each year. The Short and Meek One-Sir, I'm talk ing to my wife!" THE REAL PROPERTY STATES AND ADDRESS OF A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIPTION OF A D "As Near Perfection as Possible" hey L VI. Furting is safe to the extent of leging covardly; the true flirt avoids the soft charms of moonlight and is shocked at the suggestion of a tetera-tete with the object of her attack. VII. If men were not blind they would never for a moment be deceived by the blank cathidage of a filed without say that this man stole your coat?" asked the Magistrate, "Do I un-derstand that you prefer charges against him?" "Well, no, your Honor," responded Most People Already Use--And Always Will Use "Well, no. your Honor," responded the plaintiff, "I prefer the coat, if it's all the same to you."-Lippincott's from v the blank cartridges of a flirt's ar-VIII. Only women understand that the glances, the sighs, the equivocal half-confessions of a fiirt bear no re-PITY THE FIRST MAN. Sugar (Philadelphia Record.) semblance whatever to the soft and gentle aspect of her whose heart is pre-"Marriage is a lottery," quoted the Wise Guy. "Gee! then poor Adam only had one They know from years of experience that St. Lawrence Sugar is absolutely the best they can possibly buy. There is never even a suspicion of uncleanliness about it. 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X. The flirt who practizes her art upon a susceptible youth to the winning of his fresh young heart creates a cynic, and a menace to the sex she thus in-tures THE RECKONING. (Fliegende Platter.) where it is used. It contains 99 99-160 to 10 per cent, of pure cane sugar, with Bridegroom (on the wedding trip)-How stupid! We cught to have got out at the last station. no impurities whatever. Perter-Yes, sir, you traveled a few THE ST. LAWFENCE SUGAR REFINING CO. LIMITED, MONTREAL kieste too far. and a serie where the series of the

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### WILLIE HOLT'S LAST CHRISTMAS -THE GENERAL'S STORY-

The general was sitting at his fireside reading when we went in. He was a fine specimen of manhood, in spite of the fact that his grey hairs and wrink-led face showed plainly that time and experience had combined in an effort to aftert his appearance in his old age. Des-pite hig years, however, he still had that erect earriage which had made him the damiration of all who knew him in the days of his activity. The general al-ways had an interesting story to tell, and it was not long before he started in to relate one of his numerous experien-ces.

"Christmas day never comes around,"

he said, "without my mind going back to

with mutiny and murder. "At that time I had in my regiment a little bugler. I had often noticed him as being too delicate and fragile for the his bleeding back a hoarse cry--almost being too delicate and fragile for the life he had to lead, but he was born in the regiment and we were bound to make the best of him. His father, as brave a man as ever lived, had been killed in ac-tion, and his mother had drooped and died six months later. She was a deli-cate, refined creature, the daughter of a Scripture reader, and had brought the box tro strictly according to her ideas.

boy up strictly according to her ideas. She was very much liked and respected by the men of the regiment, and the boy She was very much liked and respected by the men of the regiment, and the boy was the image of his mother, but, as he preferred her company to that of the men, he was not popular, and suffered from many a coarse taunt and mocking like.

After his mother died-I heard all this afterward-his life was made a mis-cry to him by the scoffing sneers and ri-bald jokes of the men whose butt he

About two years later, when Willie Holt (for that was his name), was four-teen years of age, the regiment was bivoluccked some miles from camp for rifle practice. I had intended leaving the boy behind, thinking him too delicate for such work—the ground was swampy and unhealtby—but my sergeant-major beg-gred hard to be allowed to take him along.

"There is mischief in the air, Colonel,' he said, 'and rough as they treat the lad -and they do lead him a life -his pluck and patience tell on 'em, for the boy is a saint, sir, he is indeed.'

he said; 'and rough as they treat the lad —and they do lead him a life—his pluck and patience tell on 'en, for the boy is a saint, sir, he is indeed.' —"I had a rough lot of recruits just then, and before we had been out a fort-night several acts of insubordination had been brought to my notice—those were tickUish times—and I had sworn to make an example of the very next of-fender by having him publicly flogged. "One morning it was reported to that, during the night, the butts, that, during the night, the butts, that, during the night, the butts, traced to a man or men in the very tent track to man or men in the very tent in which Willie Holt was billeted, two traced to a man or men in the very tent in which Willie Holt was billeted, two In which which which was characters in the regiment. The whole lot were immed-iately put under arrest to be tried by

court martial, when enough evidence could be produced to prove conclusively that one or more of the prisoners were guilty of the crime. In vain were the that one or more of the prisoners were guilty of the crime. In vain were they appealed to to produce the men, and at last I said: 'We have all heard the ovi-last I said: 'We have all heard the ovi-the prostrator of Christ died for you.'' dence that proves the perpetrator of last night's offence to be one of the men ward and take his punishment like a man, the rest will get off scot free: if not, there remains no alternative but to punish you all, each man to reader of No. 4 tent-" then turning to the pri-

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knew it, too, as he repeated once more 'I am ready, sir.'

"Sick at heart I gave the order, and what was perhaps one of the strangest and roost touching experiences I have ever had. It was duing my Indian ser-vice, stirring times, they were, too, ripe with mutiny and murder.

"Stop it, colonel, stop it! tie me up instead. He never did it. I did,' and with convulsed and anguished face he flung ago. Thoughts of the mother 1 had idolized came floating back, out of the dead past, and the words seemed a faint echo of her own. How long I stood there I know not

but I was roused by a hoarse cry from the man, and then I saw that Willie had fallen back on his pillow, fainting. I thought he was gone, but a rew drops of cordial from the table at his side His head fell forward-he had fainted. The next day, Christmas day, as ]

was making for the hospital tent when the boy lay. I must the doctor. "How is the lad?" I asked. purpose stamped upon every line of it and his steadfast, shining eyes met "Sing tired."

mine, clear and full. "'Colonel,' he said as he saluted, 'you In a flash the words came back to me. I had heard them often in the shadowy past, and I found myself repeating them "Though the day be never so long, It ringeth at length to even song, And the weary worker goes to his rest With word, of peace and pardon blest.

"For a moment I was speechless, "Sinking, Colonel" he said, quietly. "What?" I almost shouted, horrified--

Though the path be never so steep. And rough to walk on and hard to keep. It will lead, when the weary road is trod. To the Gates of Pearl—the City of God." "Thank you, Colonel," he whispered. "I'H soon be there." His tone of confidence seemed so strange to me that I said, involuntarily, "Where?" "Why, Heaven, Colonel. The roll-call

has sounded for me; the gates are open; the price is paid." Then, softly, dreamily, he repeated, as if to himself: "Just as I am, without one plea.

"Just as I am, without one plea. But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou blost me come to Thee, Oh, Lamb of God, I come." Then he lifted his dim syses to mine. "You will help him, sir?" he breathed, faintly, laying his hand feebly on the head of the man at his side; "you will show him the way to the Gates of -Deard?" sweet. The kneeling man lifted his head, and

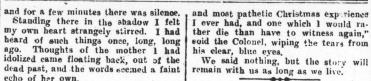
Pearl?" As each word fell halting'y, fainter and yet fainter came the breath of the dear boy. Suddenly a glorious light flashed into his dying eyes, and, with a radiant happy cry, he fluag out his arms, as if "Why Christ diet for me?" the man a welcome, shouting:

repeated, listlessly. "Yes; He died for you because He

man, the rest will get off soot free: if all the sub you have ever committed, not, there remains no alternative but to punish you all, each man to receive in turn ten strokes of the eat.' "For the space of a couple of minutes, you. He is knocking at the door of

His voice rang out, thrilling the heart of every man who heard it. Then gradu-ally the weak arms dropped; the light faded from the shining eyes, and the brave spirit of the martyrea boy fied to brave spirit of the martyred boy fied to God. "Such, my friends, was the strangest trays at 25 cents!

"Mother! Mother!"



Dressing a **Christmas Tree** they were dim and sightless. "Sing to me, mother," he whispered. "Sing 'The Gates of Pearl.' I am so

A Christmas tree ought to be selected with special reference to the space it is to occup; one of those with branches firm, not too broad, and quite tall is best. The upper branches should be decorated before the tree is set up, in case they are too tall to be reached by step-ladders. This can be managed by undoing the strands that confine the upper branches of the trees as prepared for market, then tying upon the tips of the boughs white cotton-batting snow balls, short loops of popped corn, strings of cranberries, glittering ornaments, etc. of cranberries, glittering ornaments, etc. The decoration of the tree may be more or less elaborate, as desired. To save expense, yet at the same time to insure a brilliant effect, it is a good plan to hang the gifts so that bright, contrast-ing colors may set off the tree. Bundles done up in brown paper are never pret. lone up in brown paper are never pret-

done up in brown paper are never pret ty; but dolls, bright covered books, gay-ly painted toys, bright silk handkerchiefs o.d white scarfs, sleds, wagons, etc., should be placed in prominent view. When the gitts are all nicely arrang-ed, take a liberal quantity of frost powder and a dozen, more or less, pack-ages of gilt and silver fringe (these are sold at one dollar per dozen). Spread the fringe to ornament as much space a possile and cover lightly the front and sides of the tree with it. Then sprin-kle the glittering frost powder upon the tree branches. Under a brilliant light the tree becomes a veritable creation of the tree becomes a veritable creation of fairyland. Santa, as a dispenser of candy bags and bonbous is always welcomed by the little ones. If he has a fund of Christmas rhymes, stories and songs to mingle wit's his gifts, he is all the more welcome.

#### MAKING IT EASY.

Daughter-Ma, I think you'd better let pa smoke in the house. Mother-I should like to know why?

Daughter-Every Christmas we have trouble trying to find a present for him

## Christmas Among the Negroes

An indispensable factor in the old-fashioned Christmas celebration on a southern plantation was a part contri-buted by the colored folk on the place, and it is a matter for present day con-gratulation that many of the veteran retainers of the days "befo' de wah" have, with their children clug steadfast-ly to the old conditions that is now in a revival of old conditions that is now in progress. No person can enter nore zealously into all that pertains to a Christmas jollification than the care-

Christmas jolification than the care-free, pleasure-loving negro. To the race in the southland it has ever been the pre-eminent holiday of the year. Just at the outset of any mention of this subject, it should, perhaps, be ex-plained that the present resumption of the lavish open-handed hospitality which was characteristic of the baronial estate on Division control ballow down in levely

was characteristic/of the baronial estate in Dixie in ante-bellum days is largely due to the fact that during the past few years moneyed men of leisure from all parts of the country have been buying up the splendid private estates of the south and resorting thereon, as nearly as possible, the conditions of ideal Amerian country life. In Virginia alone millions of dollars have lately been invested in this class

have lately been invested in this class of property by wealthy northerners, who, attracted by the mild winters, the mag-nificent saddle horses, the excellent hunting and other advantages, plan to make the old dominion their home for at least a portion of the year. Now the late autumn and the early winter is one of the next allwing energy of the mer of the most alluring seasons of the year in a goodly portion of the south and it naturally follows that Christmas is a great rallying time. The new owners of the colonial manor houses bring down great parties of guests, and find one of their chief sources of amuseemut in the

twentieth century "country squires," who are seeking to restore the atmos-phere of the old plantation days, have been enabled to enlist as retainers not the absence of the symbols of winter no cause for sorrow. To them Christmas means a day, or rather several days of feasting, singing and dancing, and they require no frost-touched air to what their appetites for the delicacits. A Christmas custom dear to the bearts of the old-time darkies in Dixie, as well as to those of the riging concentron is of the old-time darkies in Dixie, pa well as to those of the rising generation, is the practice of setting off fire-rawkers, discharging cannon and otherwise giving lond expression to joy so that the chief holiday of the year is quite as noisy as the fourth of July in other sections of, the country. As a rule the fusilade be-gins at midnight on Christmas eve, and in the days before the civil war there was little sleep on the night before Christmas either at the great house or in the "quarters" of the darkies. Fire of the colored people have funds to pu-chase a genuine cannon for such a cel-bration by converting the logs of tre-into follow the time honored method contributing to the noisy Christma jubilation by converting the logs trees in what might be compared giant firecrackers. One or two pour

yields a muffled sound that is as much a disappointment as is the fizzer fire-cracker to the average small boy. On Christmas eve or on Christmas night there are displays of fireworks of great-er or less proportions, and for weeks before the holiday every. cross roads store carries a stock of sky rockets and Roman candles and pin wheels, just as does the northern merchant prior to Independence Day. The game of "catching" Christmas gifts has from time out of mind been

Independence Day. The game of "catching" Christmas gifts has from time out of mind been highly popular among the plantation darkies of the south, who delight in prac-ticing it upon the less wary white folk. According to the rules, whoever meets you between midnight on December 25, and cells out "Christmas gift" ere you have had time or presence of mind to say the same thing has a right to demand a gift. ereat thing has a right to demand a gift, great or small. There is a disposition on the part of the younger members of each plantation community to keep up the practice during the whole of Christmas week, when there is much visiting back and forth on the countryside. Absolute democracy is observed in so far as parti-cipation in this game is concerned, mas-ter and servant being on a plane of per-fect equality, and it must be admitted that the noiseless negroes are usually victors in any such contest between the vacas

great parlies of guests, and find one of the colonial manor houses bring down great parlies of guests, and find one of their chief sources of amuseemnt in the holiday article of the old-time, unspoiled darkies. As has been explained the present day owners of southern plantations have found ready to hand on evry estate a large population of the colored folk. De-spite steady migration northwards of numbers of southern negroes. there yet remain, mayhap as squatters, a liberal representation of the blacks and the twentieth century "country squires," who are seeking to restore the atmos-hore of the old plactation dentification and the southern spite steady migration northwards of the dentification of the blacks and the gueded by a considerable portion of the population.

garded by a considerable portion of the population. Encouraged by their employers, the plantation darkies give over four or five days at Christmas time to feasting. The tables are heavily laden with rio, sausbeen enabled to enlist as retainers not a few former slaves and veteran house servants who are competent to carry their portion of a Christmas programme after the fashion of half a century ago. To the white residents of the south a "green Christmas" is something of a dis-appointment, yet one which must in most cases be expected, since it is sel-dom that snow and Christmas come to-gether. The colonial folk, however, fird the absence of the symbols of winter no cause for sorrow. To them Christmas means a day, or rather several days of feasting, singing and dancing, and they require no frost-touched air to whit their appetites for the delicaci's. A Christmas custom dear to the 'carts' of the old time derivation of the largest cabin is cleared for a dance and the jigging of a fiddle.

#### CHRISTMAS COMING.

Christmas is comin'! I hear it a-hummin' Up thru their chimbly-place outer their fine! Turkeys are smellin' it, old hens are tellin' it, Everyone's feelin' it plumb thru and thru!

Rub up their andirons-keep 'em a shinin': Scour up the pewter, an' copper an' brass, Fetch up their kettle with porcelain lin-An' pick up their guinces to turn into

Locp up their Christmas green, hang up their holly: Nall up their mistletoe over their door: Jest as we allus hev done heretofore. Jest as we allue hev done heretorfore.

which seemed like hours, there was a your heart. Won't you let Him in? Oh, dead silence; then from the midst of the you must, and then we shall meet almost completely hidden, Willie Holt stepped forward. He advanced to within his hand gently on the man's bowed

uple of yards from where I sat, his head.

face was very pale, a fixed intensity of A choking sob was the only answer

#### THE MESSAGE TO SANTA CLAUS.



"Now we'll write to Santa Claus," s aid Gertie, pen in hand, As by her elbow, Tom, her brother, took his anxious stand. "One letter will have room enough for what we both demand."

Then Tom commenced to name b is wants, and this is what he said: "Put down a pair of roller skates— ball bearing ones; a sled; A 'lectric engine, sword an' gun—gu n that shoots real lead.

"Got all of those? Well, add a dru m, a knife or two, And box of-What? That won't lea ve room for you? I'm corry, Sis, but you lose out. 1 'm only half way through."

## **Children at Christmas**

#### (By Arthur Stringer.)

We watched the trooping children play About the old house, once so gray And still. Then darkness fell, And one by one they said farewell The music and the laughter stopped, The play was done, the curtain dropped, The waning lamp of mirth burned low With each last ery across the snow, And we, Old Friend, were left alone! What was it lost, that we had known?

Old Friend and True, must even we Find nevermore what used to be? Man lives by change; through ebb and flow The new lives come, the old lives go; We lose and gain, yet year by year The aging heart grows more austere. It may be that the strain and stress Of our mad times tempt joylessness; It may be that our feverish days Forget the old more genial ways; It may be, too, the ashes of Dead hopes and dreams have smothered love! But plain it stands, no more we hold Earth's fond good-fellowship of old!

Yet thanks to one small spark, Old Friend, As down the Dusk of Things we trend, Age shall not strip our very heart Of all its old congenial art! Aye, thanks to each small voice and light That lent its youth to us to-night. And thanks to that strange fugitive Enduring Love by which we live, Thro' childlike eyes and childlike act We yet shall hold our youth intact! And thanks to one still jovial day We still, Old Friend, shall make our way By thought and Mem'ry through the snow To Youth, and that lost Long Ago, Where Laughter holding both his side Made all, our days seem Christmas tides!

trees in what might be compared giant firecrackers. One or two pour of gunpowder is placed in a stout h low log, one end of which is plugged and the explosive is touched off means of fuses of waxed and grea string running through gimlet holes b ed in the plugs. The charging of t

Tain't no use thinkin' of trouble an' Things that gone by sin't no place in our hearts; Christmas is comin' a week from termorrer. An' right from this minnit ther frollck-in' starts.





#### PLAYING THE NEW GAME, BEANO.

PLAYING THE NEW GAME, BEANO. Beano': Beano! Rah! Rah! Rah! This isn't a new college yell, neither is it the name of a new hash-ery, but it's a new game, a new Christmas game, if you please. England is so stuck on Beano-mot just plain beans, but the Bean-OH thing, that even the budget is well-nigh forgotten by all but some of the peers and David Lloyd-George. Now as to the game itself. You have to have a hot plate, the larger the better, and of course the plate must be warmed frequently. Then get as many, carpocapsa saltitans, or to be plain about it, jumping beans, as there are players.

ling.

