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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1881. A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Another year has nearly completed its course, and before our paper shall again visit the fireside of its readers, a new one will have been borne and fairly commenced its eventful career.

In manufactures a considerable advance has been made, and one that speaks volumes in favor of the push and enterprise of our people.

Don't forget the Dance in Victoria Hall tomorrow evening. All are invited. No local invitations issued.

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Butterick's January Fashion Sheets

arrived at Mrs. W. E. Miller's. The Christmas Tree at Pine Grove Middleton, realized \$100.

The river yet remains open. Large quantities of drift ice, however, float up and down with every tide.

There are now fifteen Mormon settlements in Northern Arizona, with an aggregate population of 7,000, and they are growing rapidly.

Donations.—A donation will be given to the pastor of Providence Church, at the parsonage on Wednesday the 4th inst.

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A letter from our friend Hugh Kerr, Esq., on the North West, appears in another column.

The following are the officers of Paradise West Grange No. 706, for the year 1882: Bro. E. Bauman, W. Master.

On Wednesday night last, the Presbyterian church was crowded with people, who witnessed the nuptials of Mr. J. W. Ross, to Miss Margaret C. Chesley, of this town.

Oh, how I wish my skin was as soft and supple as the skin of a young girl. You can easily make it so, answered the friend.

We have just received a copy of the Life of General Garfield, by Mrs. McCole. The work is endorsed by H. A. Hinsdale, of Hiram College, Ohio.

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STORAGE AND Wharfrage! AT THE COMPANY'S WAREHOUSE AND PIER!

WANTED. Men to buy farms. WANTED. Men to build a barn 40x50 feet.

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French Merinos and Cashmeres. Dress Goods. Mourning Goods.

Groceries. Flour, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, and Buckwheatmeal.

SALT. SALT. RICE! RICE! RICE!

TOBACCO! TOBACCO! TEA! TEA! Hardware.

J. W. Beckwith. TOBACCO! TOBACCO! TEA! TEA! Hardware.

Notes on Annapolis History.

D'Albany's Attack on Fort La Tour. The Fight at the Mill—His Inhuman Conduct Toward King's Daughter.

By W. A. CALNER.

D'Albany did not mean to arrange and perfect his plans for the overthrow of La Tour, while the correspondence was being carried on with Endicott. But I may as well state some particulars of the local war carried on by these parties. In 1684, the year before D'Albany's attempt to detach the English of Massachusetts from the interests of his adversary, he collected four vessels, in which he placed about five hundred men, and laid siege to the fort of Coridon, which La Tour and his small garrison were much straitened. He, however, made his escape secretly from his beleaguered residence, and went to Boston, where he chartered four vessels, enlisted men, and purchased and shipped thirty-eight pieces of ordnance, and, as a security for the payment of the cost of these, he gave a mortgage of all his effects, real and personal, in Acadia. With this armament he sailed for his fort on the 12th July, and on his arrival gave immediate notice to his enemy, who, unaware of La Tour's escape, was taken by surprise and took to flight, with a view of seeking shelter under the guns of his stronghold at Fort Royal. La Tour, who was not content, however, with raising the siege, made, pursued him across the bay and up the basin to the very walls of the fort, and finally forced him to an agreement, "near the mill" on the Lequille, to which, in his error, he had carried his ship, and as he could retreat no further, remaining bound to fight, which he did. In the engagement which followed, several lives were lost on both sides, and though no other particulars of this action have been preserved, we know that victory declared itself in favor of La Tour. The promptitude and decision of La Tour on this occasion, not only merited the success he gained, but the admiration which belongs to successful achievement, and the complete domination he possessed of the qualities of a great leader—qualities that have been subjects of eulogy by more than one writer. Soon as his defeat, D'Albany determined to visit France with the double object of securing his fortune, which had suffered much from it, and of clothing himself with greater powers, as lieutenant of the king, in his government. His rival La Tour had filled the position from 1681 to 1684 with great success, and would never have lost the Royal favor, but for the false charges brought against him by his arch-enemy, who now bent all his energies to compass La Tour's ruin. We have seen how he failed to execute the equity of Endicott and the English, but understood by this, he fitted out another armament, and having made everything ready, waited only a favorable opportunity of renewing his attack upon Fort La Tour. Having received certain information that his lord was absent from his stronghold, he thought the opportunity had come, and he immediately set sail for the scene of his first disaster of nearly three years before. In the absence of his lieutenant, he was favored by Marie Jacques, madame La Tour, determined to defend her husband's interests, and the terms of herself and her children against the attacks of the adversary to the last extremity. She had a handful of men committed to her, and the number under the command of D'Albany, but these she succeeded in defeating with the courage and determination which she herself felt, and for three days denied all the efforts of the attacking party and his numerous boats, but on the fourth day—being Easter Sunday (1687)—treachery on the part of some of the men who had served under her, effected what, up to that hour, all the powers of earth had failed to accomplish. She was obliged to capitulate after having again repelled him in a final attempt to carry the fort by storm, and was only on the pledge of D'Albany to spare the lives of the handful of brave fellows, whom she had commanded so heroically, that she consented to give up the fort; but to the eternal disgrace of the conqueror he violated the terms of capitulation, and hung the leader of the defenders, compelling their courageous leader to witness his barbarity with a rope about her neck!

"He wanted his overhanging force, Our stout defence he said was well; Our longer strife would end in worse, He offered terms most honorable."

That demon in a human form, Dark-nosed, incarnate treachery— Now sworn with blood-stained armor, The prisoned garrison should die.

No sound of utterance passed her lips, The while that awful deed was done, As if her soul were death-ecquipped— Her heart's contents most honorable.

Then with one loud, long, piercing shriek, 'Twas forth upon the earth was cast— No more could D'Albany's vengeance be met.

The heroine's heart has burst at last!"

"The mental and physical energies," says Montrose, "displayed by the lady on repeated occasions, while they so often carried her beyond the usual boundaries which nature and custom seem to have prescribed for the fair sex, do not seem anything extraordinary in her character, she was not like the faded Amazon, fascinated by the savage of Constant, or the Joan of Arc, or the maid of Saragosa, infatuated by fanaticism and vengeance. The love of her husband, and a desire to protect him and her family, and even the humbler soldier and settler, inspired her with her heroic fortitude; and the same feelings must have animated the destruction of her home and the downfall of all her hopes doubly bitter."

The value of the plunder taken in the fort is said to have amounted to, if it did not exceed ten thousand pounds. The loss to La Tour was, therefore, irreparable, for it also involved the death of his noble and heroic wife, whose nervous system had suffered a shock too great for her strength, and under which she passed into an untimely grave. Her ashes still repose beside the remains of her loved Quanguoy, though the precise spot of their sepulchre is both unmarked and unknown. Repeated in power.

Broken in heart, as well as to fortune, by these untoward events, La Tour visited to turn Boston and Piscatawa, but neither Kirk nor Endicott seemed to have been willing to ally with a distressed, or affronted man, so it says, at Turin, who went to advise him. But the triumph of his adversary was not to be of long duration as the reader will find by and by.

From the *Prise of Saint Ann* and other Poems, by F. S. Hillier.

No destination.

Bishop Gilman, of Cleveland, Ohio, has used the Great German Remedy, St. Jacobs Oil, and endorses it highly. He writes about it as follows: "I have used it for some time, and I have no hesitation in recommending it to all as an excellent curative."

The New Glasgow Plain Dealer tells a story of a young girl, respecting a connected case, it says, at Turin, who went to New Glasgow with a colored man to get married. The clergyman to whom they applied had some conscience, and telegraphed to the father of the girl, the re-

Washington Letter.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS. SPEECHES AND BILLS. MR. BLAINE'S RETIREMENT. ABOUT HIS EMPLOYMENT.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27th, 1881.

Quite a number of speeches were placed on the record in the Senate last week, and no less than 1600 bills were introduced in the House, and nearly 600 in the Senate.

The speeches in the Senate were chiefly, on civil service reform, and the subject of the presidential succession in case of the death or disability of the regularly elected Executive. Senator Garland, of Arkansas, introduced a bill, the object of which was to ensure the presidential succession against such confusion as was threatened on the death of Garfield, both the Senate and the House being left without a head, and the Vice-President alone standing between the chief magistracy and possible anarchy. Mr. Garland's bill proposing that the succession shall lie in the Cabinet, may be crude and faulty, but, if it shall have an effect to allay the apprehension to the subject of the presidential succession and election, it will do much good. Certainly, in our system of government, when the sovereign prerogatives are vested in the people, and are peremptorily transferred every four years, there should be most careful precaution against ever imminent lapses. The American people have a great and laudible respect for the institutions of the founders. Conservative sentiment acts like a Westinghouse brake on the break-neck speed of modern progress; but it is evident to all thinking men that the pattern cut for a sea-coast population of three millions, in a stage-coach and turn-pike era, will have to be enlarged to fit fifty millions of people, operating through steam and electricity, from ocean to ocean.

Mr. Blaine retires, and Mr. Frelinghuysen takes his place. The retiring premier has been severely criticized for his South American diplomacy. He has even been called "rackety and journalistic" in his management of our foreign affairs. The difference between Mr. Blaine and his predecessor in this way of doing things, and does not, like Mr. Everts, send encyclopedic despatches. The South American matter is of little importance, and it makes but little difference to us who is recognized as president of either or any of these perpetual anarchies called republics. But Mr. Blaine's more important paper, with reference to the Panama canal, I observe, is criticized only by aliens, averse to our national claims and policy. His assertion that the route across the isthmus is a part of our coast line, will receive the sanction of every American capable of "scoping" our destiny on this side the globe. Whether that destiny shall be to slowly absorb the continents and islands of the hemisphere, or to simply exercise such peaceful, unassuming overlordship as Germany, by alliance with Austria, is now seeking to exercise in Europe, the water-way to the Pacific can be fairly controlled by the United States alone.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES FOR THE WEEK.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Small-pox seems to be increasing. The daily communications are of daily occurrence. To-day the entire post-office force will be vaccinated.

It is stated that Mr. Donville, M. P., has secured several thousand acres of land in the North-West on very easy terms from the Government.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A cablegram to the Herald says that articles have been signed and £100 a side stake tonight for a match on the Tyne, April 2, between Hanlan and Boyd for £250 a side. Hanlan is estimated £20 for expenses.

At Warsaw a Jew arrested in a church for picking pockets, cried fire. A panic caused, 30 persons were crushed to death and many others injured. The shops of several Jews were gutted by the populace.

A syndicate composed of New York and Montreal men has been awarded the contract for the St. Lawrence tunnel. Walter Stanley will be engineer-in-chief.

But, Mr. Editor, I am forgetting myself, making my letter too long. Had I time and you space, I could tell you, in detail, what I might tell you in detail, but that is not my business. I am, however, sure that you will find it interesting, and I am sure that you will find it interesting, and I am sure that you will find it interesting.

Frederick A. Palmer, Auditor of Accounts of Newark, N. J., embroiled about \$25,000 of the city's funds, lost in a Wall Street speculation, and has surrendered himself and confessed to the authorities.

New York, Dec. 24.—A World's London dispatch says: "The English Government has determined to break up the Ladies' Land League, which has prohibited its methods of agitation and is as formidable as a regiment was. There are now 350 prominent Irishmen in jail, trying their case, without trial, but the tale of agrarian outrages does not decrease, although the Government, counting considerably with military, 50,000 armed men in the country. The daily story of outrage and murder and military incapacity is read with a feeling of intense weariness in this country, and the Premier may look for many hot and angry sessions of the House of Commons."

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 22.—On Monday night the wife of Postmaster L. E. Hardy was outraged by Barney Elliot during her husband's absence. The next morning Hardy early returned and killed Elliot with bullets and pounded his head to a jelly.

BRUNSWICK, Dec. 19.—The Lord Elliot of Ireland has issued a circular to the Irish police, informing them that the previous month he had declared the Land League a criminal association included females, and directing them to take measures against any woman participating in any illegal proceedings.

Cause and effect.

The main cause of nervousness is indigestion, and that is caused by weakness of the stomach. No one can have sound sleep and good health without using Hop Bitters to strengthen the stomach. Purify the blood, and keep the liver and kidneys active to carry off all the poisonous and noxious matter of the system. See other columns.

No remedy has been found for Fever and Ague which proves so uniformly successful as Ayer's Ague Cure.

The seven kings of Rome were Romulus, Numa Pompilius, Tullus Hostilius, Lucius Junius Brutus, Tarquinius Priscus, Servius Tullius, and Tarquinius Superbus, and the King of Steel Pens is Esterovore's Falcon, No. 47.

The New Glasgow Plain Dealer tells a story of a young girl, respecting a connected case, it says, at Turin, who went to New Glasgow with a colored man to get married. The clergyman to whom they applied had some conscience, and telegraphed to the father of the girl, the re-

Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR—

Last spring before going out to the North West Territory, a number of persons made me give my word that I would put a letter in the Monitor, giving some idea of the great North West, being going to my ground of survey, I found that I was already six miles from a post office, so that it was impossible to send a letter to your office even if I had time to write, but now on my return I mean to fulfill that promise. I had a letter from Dr. Denison, agent for Bridgetown, Fraser's Anker-Pain-Expeller, which I made free to publish it, and I must say that in no way are his ideas extravagant as regards wages of men. I saw an advertisement in Winnipeg, offering \$2 1/2 per day for men working on the railway, and \$40.00 per month and found, for teamsters to work in the woods logging, and tradesmen's wages are fully in conformity. As regards the soil of that country, it seems to be the most fertile land that ever saw, in most places it is a black sandy loam, about fifteen inches deep in general, and underneath a grey sandy loam to almost any depth. The land about Winnipeg is different, there it is a black clay soil, for feet, and underneath a kind of green colored clay to an unknown depth. The water in Winnipeg is not good to taste, and strainers, if not careful, are apt to be sick by using it for the first night, after that it is not so bad. My work, I have done about 320 miles west of Winnipeg, and there the water was excellent, both for drinking and washing. As regards the climate, my experience, of course, was only for the summer, but it was low and healthy climate that I ever experienced. While there I often thought that were any individual not too far gone in consumption, to go there and sit one summer on the prairie, that he would be cured. The ground here fell to my lot was low and very wet, so that both my men and myself were wet from morning till night, but strange to say not one of us had even a cough, and had we gone through the same in Nova Scotia, we would have been all dead, as the winter was so severe. I am doing a large amount of business in the jewelry line, he has made a fortune now, and if he continues as he is now doing, he will be a millionaire in a few years. He has been on the prairie with D. W. Courtwright for himself, a very fine young man, and doing well. I spent some pleasant evenings with him and his family, he has only two children, a son and a daughter, and I must say in all sincerity that his daughter is one of the most polite, pleasant, and well educated young ladies that I have met since I left home. Mr. Fowler has built a beautiful brick cottage on the left bank of Red River, as you suggest the name. I believe he is a very good man, who proved a very kind friend to me. He is now admitted to the Bar of Manitoba, to practise law. He has also made his fortune in that country. As many others have done, he bought a section of land, and made it his home, and now he is in Brandon, about 120 miles west of Winnipeg, this land lies on each side of the Assiniboine River, joining the railway station, he surveyed off a few building lots, and advertised and sold at auction one lot, and he has now a fine house, and I am told on good authority that he has refused one hundred thousand dollars for the remainder, and I know by my own knowledge, that his credit stands as high as any man in Winnipeg, and that is saying a good deal.

Farmers in the North West who have got any standing in the prairie, are making a fortune. I crossed a farm owned by a Mr. McKnight, on a place called the "Winnipeg," which he had bought for himself. He had eight hundred acres of wheat in one field, and I never saw its equal in any other field. He had also a few hundred acres of corn, and a few hundred acres of potatoes, and was commencing the fourth hundred, the furrows were four miles long. Regarding the produce of the land, the farmers generally look for 40 bushels of wheat to the acre; oats and barley from 60 to 70 bushels per acre, and potatoes from two to five hundred per acre, and last spring in Winnipeg, potatoes sold at \$1.50 per bushel, and I had for one year, one dollar per bushel, so that when you consider the produce of an acre and its price, there is nothing to begeth a man a fortune. The greatest trouble a farmer has there, is to get his manure, and to get it on the land. The grain is all thrashed by machinery in the fall, and the straw is all taken to the saw-mills, as they have only to take their moving machines out on the prairie and burn it, and they are ready to make my letter too long. Had I time and you space, I could tell you, in detail, what I might tell you in detail, but that is not my business. I am, however, sure that you will find it interesting, and I am sure that you will find it interesting.

Yours very truly,

H. C. KERR.

110 Cannon St., LONDON, E.C.

Dear Sir,—At the public sales, yesterday, the apples for sale comprised some quantity of Empire 2's, and a few Canadian Apples, of 2's.

Prices for really good hard fruit, were as follows:—

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Mary Elizabeth, sir.

'Names used to mean things—in the Bible—when I was a little as you read the Bible then. Does Mary Elizabeth mean an Angel of Rebekah?'

'Sir.'

'Where do you live, Mary Elizabeth?'

'Nowhere, sir.'

'And do you sleep?'

'In Mrs. O'Flynn's shed, sir. It's too cold for the cow. She's so kind she lets us sleep.'

'Whom do you stay with?'

'Nobody, only Jo.'

'Is Jo your brother?'

'No, sir. Jo is a girl. I haven't got only Jo.'

'What does Jo do for a living?'

'She—gets it, sir.'

'And what do you do?'

'I beg it better than to—get it, sir, I think.'

'Where's your mother?'

'Dead.'

'What did she die of?'

'Drip, sir, said Mary Elizabeth, in her distinct and gentle tone.

'Ah—well. And your father?'

'He is dead. He died in prison.'

'What sent him to prison?'

'Drink, sir.'

'Oh?'

'I had a brother once,' continued Mary Elizabeth, who grew quite eloquent with so large an audience, 'but he died too.'

'What did he die of?'

'Drink, sir, said the child, cheerfully. 'I do want my supper, she added, after a pause, speaking in a whisper, as if to go to herself, 'and I'll be waiting for me.'

'Wait then,' said the young man; 'I'll see if I can't beg you enough to get you your supper.'

'I thought there would be an extry one among so many folks,' cried Mary Elizabeth; for now she thought she would get back her five cents.

'Sure enough; the young man put five cents into his hat to begin with. Then he took out his purse and put in something that made less noise than the five-cent piece, and something more and more. Then he passed around the great room, walking still unsteadily, and the gentlemen who gave the five cents and all the gentlemen put something into the young man's hat.

'So when he came back to the table he emptied the hat and counted the money, and truly it was \$40.

'Forty dollars!'

Mary Elizabeth looked frightened. She did not understand.

'It's yours,' said the young man. 'Now, come to supper. But see! this gentleman who gave you the five cent piece shall take care of the money for you. You can trust him. He's got a wife too. But we'll come to supper now.'

'Yes, yes,' said the gentlemen coming up. 'She knows about every orphan in this city, I believe. She'll know what ought to be done with you. She'll take care of you.'

'But Jo would wonder,' said Mary Elizabeth loyally. 'I can't leave Jo. And I must go back and thank Mrs. O'Flynn for the shed.'

'Oh, yes, yes, we'll fix all that,' said the gentleman, 'and Jo too. A little girl with \$40 needs a sleep in a wood shed. But don't you want your supper?'

'Why, yes,' said Mary Elizabeth. 'I do.'

'So the young man took her by the hand, and the gentlemen who were known all about what to do with orphans, took her by the other hand, and they all went out in the dining-room and put Mary Elizabeth in a chair at a marble table, and asked her what she wanted for her supper.

Mary Elizabeth said that a little dry toast and a cup of milk would do nicely. So all the gentlemen laughed; and she wondered why.

'And the young man with the brown curls laughed, too, and began to look quite happy. But he ordered chicken, and cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes, and celery, and rolls, and butter, and tomatoes, and an ice cream, and a cup of tea, and nuts, and raisins, and oaks, and custard, and apples, and grapes, and Mary Elizabeth sat in her pink dress and red shawl, and ate the whole; and why didn't she kill her nobody knows; but it didn't.

'The young man with the face that might have been beautiful—that might yet be one, one would have thought, who had seen him then—stood watching the little girl.

'She's preached me a better sermon,' he said, below his breath; 'better than all the ministers I ever heard in all the churches. May God bless her! I wish there was a thousand like her in this selfish world.'

'And when I heard about it, I wished, too, too.'

'And this is the end of Mary Elizabeth's last Christmas story.'

Miscellaneous.

The Question Settled

There's no use in arguing the question of the potency of some substances for special service in emergencies. They will do all they promise, and more, if judiciously used. The following from Mr. P. Murphy, of No. 1 Fire Station, Ottawa, bears upon the point stated above. Mr. Murphy says: I had occasion to use St. Jacobs Oil recently, and must say that it is the best Liniment I ever saw used. I caught cold from getting wet at a fire, and it settled in my shoulder and down my back to my hip. I suffered a great deal from the pain. I was advised to try St. Jacobs Oil. I did so, and after the fourth application I was entirely free from pain. I cannot speak too highly of it, and advise others to use it.

Death of the Old Wife.

She had lain all day in a stupor, breathing with heavily-labored breath, but as the sun sank to rest in the far West, and the red glow on the wall of the room faded into dense shadows, she awoke and called feebly to her aged partner who was sitting motionless by the bed; he bent over his dying wife and took her wan, wrinkled hand in his.

'It is night!' she asked in tremulous tones, looking at him with eyes that saw not.

'Yes,' he answered softly. 'It is growing dark.'

'Where are the children?' she queried; 'are they all in?'

'Poor old man! how could he answer her, the children who had slept for long years in the old churchyard—had out-lived childhood and borne the heat and burden of the day, and growing old, had laid down the cross and gone to wear the crown, before the old father and mother had finished their sojourn!'

'The children are safe,' answered the old man, tremulously; 'don't think of them, Janet, think of yourself; does the way seem dark?'

'My trust is in Thee, let me never be confounded. What does it matter if the way be dark?'

'I'd rather be with God in the dark, than walk alone in the light.'

'I'd rather walk with Him by faith than walk alone by sight.'

'John, where's little Charlie?' she asked. Her mind was again in the past. The grave-digger of the twenty years before on Charlie's golden hair, but the mother had never forgotten him! The old man patted her cold hands, hands that had labored so hard. They were seamed and wrinkled and calloused with years of toil, and the wedding ring was worn to a mere thread of gold—and then he pressed his lips to hers, and cried, 'She had not courage and strengthed him in his trial of life! Why, what a woman she had been! What a worker! What a leader in Israel! Always with the gift of prayer or service. They had stood at many a death-bed together—closed the eyes of loved ones, and then sat down with the Bible between them to read the promises. Now she was about to cross the dark river alone. And it was strange and sad to the old man and the yellow-haired grand daughter—left them to hear her babble of walks in the woods, gathering May flowers and strolling with John, of petty household cares that she had always put down with a strong resolute hand, of wedding feasts and death bed triumphs, and when at midnight the bridegroom's voice, and the old man, bending over her, cried pitifully, and the young grand daughter kissed her brow, there was a solemn joy in her voice as she spoke the name of her children one by one, as if she saw them with immortal eyes, and with one glad smile put on immortality. They led the old man sobbing away, and when he saw her again the glad morning—she was shining like the jewel with the songs of birds and she lay asleep on the couch under the north window where he had seen her so often lie down to rest, while waiting for the Sabbath bell. And she wore the same best black silk, and the string of gold beads about her thin neck, and the folds of white tulle. Only now the brooch which fastened her white waist was shining in its place was a white rose and a spray of cedar—she had loved cedar—she had loved to sing over her work.

'Oh, my I in His court to be seen, like a young cedar fresh and green.'

'But what strange transformation was there? The wrinkles were gone. The traces of age, and pain, and weariness had all disappeared; but the face had grown strangely young and a placid smile was laid on the pale lips. The old man was awed by this likeness to the bride of his youth. He kissed the unresponsive lips and said softly: 'You've found Heaven first, Janet, but you'll come for me soon! It's our first parting in over seventy years, and it won't be for long—it won't be for long!'

'And it was not. The winter snows have not fallen, and there is another grave, and to-day would have been their diamond wedding! We had planned much for it, and I wonder—I wonder—but no! Where they are, there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage.'

Bloodhounds in the Russian Army

The Russians have strengthened their army by the novel addition to each company of a pack of powerful and carefully trained dogs. These watchful animals are sent out with the sentries on picket duty, where their sharp ears and still keener scent will prove an impregnable barrier to the lurking spies of the enemy. The dogs used are a species of bloodhound from the Ural Mountains. The dog is selected because of its habitual silence. It grows, but never barks—a matter of the first importance to soldiers near an enemy's camp. The Ural hound is gifted with an exceedingly fine sense of smell, keen ears, and is ever alert. Most comforting of all to the lonely picket, the dog is said to be especially courageous in defending his master. It is curious that, with the example of the King Charles spaniels before us, no one thought before of using these intelligent animals as sentinels. The Muscovites have gone further and are training swift hounds, as well as these same Ural dogs, to act as despatch bearers, much as the carrier pigeons were employed in 1871. They certainly would be hard messengers to catch, when sent stealing through the woods at night.

A Canadian Speaks.

When anything worth saying is spoken in that terse and pointed way which bears the impress of honest conviction, we like to have people know the nature of the communication. Of such a nature is the following from Mr. W. F. Hays, Campbell P. O., Lincoln Co., Ontario. Mr. Hays says: With great joy over my restored health, I would write a few lines concerning that wonderful remedy, St. Jacobs Oil. For the last six years I have been using various medicines internally and externally, but nothing would help me. Finally I procured a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, which cured me after a few applications. My mother-in-law, who has also been a great sufferer from rheumatism, was also instantly relieved by the use of the Great German Remedy. St. Jacobs Oil is a great blessing to suffering humanity, and I shall do everything in my power to make known its merits.

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