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TALES OF THE TOWN.

LAST WEEK, I had occasion to discuss matters pertaining to religion, and in the course of my remarks I ventured the suggestion that there are probably few men who find no time in the turmoil of life to give at least an occasional thought to the possibilities of a future existence.

There undoubtedly exists a widespread and growing popular revolt against the traditional doctrines of retribution, finding expression in newspaper editorials, magazine articles and the popular novel. It is indicated by the restlessness of many of the most thoughtful and devout of the clergy, and by the silent but none the less emphatic dissent of a growing portion of faithful evangelical Christians. The popular revolt is directed not only against Calvinistic doctrines of election and infant damnation, but also and almost equally against the traditional Armenian conception of retribution. I will, with sufficient exactness for my present purpose, define the traditional doctrine in the following paragraph:

"Whoever in Christian lands and after arriving at years of discretion dies without having surrendered to the will and believed in the sacrifice of the historic Christ, shall have his lot and part in hell. And he shall there suffer torments which, whether they be material or spiritual, are of such a nature and intensity as to be aptly represented by the torment of unquenchable fire. And from this torment he shall never have surcease nor respite, but shall be maintained in a conscious existence of unceasing anguish forever and ever."

It should be said at the start that the doctrine itself, when clearly grasped and especially when specifically applied, is an appalling doctrine. To be sure, this is no conclusive argument against its truth, for life and death are appalling facts and full of sombre tra-

gedy on any theory of eschatology. But the popular mind is not severely logical, and there is an obstinate optimism, which in the long run overrides all mere formal logic and flouts any theory which blasphemes its irrational hopefulness. The doctrine in question, while it may be calmly held as a part of a great speculative system, becomes a mental horror and nightmare the moment it is specifically applied. It is a document difficult indeed in the meditations of the study, but almost impossible in the presence of the tears of the mourner and above the face of the silent dead. Since the last issue of THE HOME JOURNAL I have had time to make inquiries on this subject, and the following opinions of clergymen and others, as to a future state, might be read with interest:

A gentleman connected with the Baptist Church had this to say: "The Bible plainly teaches the doctrine of reward and retribution in the future world. The popular revolt against retribution is nothing more or less than a form of unbelief. It is a trick of Satan to lead men to pity themselves and think that a God of love cannot condemn men to eternal punishment. The Great Teacher has declared that if we persist in rebellion till we die we shall 'go away into everlasting punishment.' And there is no hell of despair so hot as the hell of a conscious separation from God, where we are shut out from his presence and mercy. The idea of a future probation may be logical and appeal to our sympathies, but it lacks the imperative element of being scriptural, and no 'popular revolt' can change the fact."

A Roman Catholic clergyman said: "We may not dare to penetrate the secret of God's Providence, but we may thankfully gaze with hope as well as awe at the great sacrament of fire, and trust that it will avail for the final purification of countless millions who have partially misused or neglected, or been inculpably deprived of the sacraments

of this earth. The operations of grace cannot be limited by measurements of earthly time, and in that last hour of his extremest need the prodigal may heed the call so long neglected, return to his father's arms and die forgiven. On which ever side it is looked at, the doctrine of purgatory is a most helpful, most consoling, most practical, most fruitful, most suggestive, most indispensable truth."

Here is the opinion of a Methodist clergyman: "The New Testament is not responsible for what men read into it between the lines, unless it is consistent with the lines themselves. I question the correctness of saying that there is a popular revolt from these views of the future destiny of the impenitent. As well might we say that there is a popular revolt against the Ptolemaic system of astronomy, or against lighting our homes with tallow candles as our fathers did, as if there were a movement to compel us to do so. The masses are not always right. The voice of the people is not always the voice of God. The people crucified Christ and poisoned Socrates. The impulse to progress has seldom or never originated with the crowd. All our advancement has been achieved through the leadership of one, or a few who have gone forward and cleared the way for the people to follow."

A gentleman of the Universalist persuasion said, speaking of Hades, that, "Unfortunately the largest proportion of criminals comes from the churches that teach this doctrine of retribution. Some one asked, the other day, 'Why it was that Unitarian and Universalist clergymen are never called upon to administer consolation to a condemned criminal about to be executed?' The answer is: Because they never find the members of their parishes on the gallows. If this doctrine is true, the ministers who have been recently interviewed ought to preach it much more persistently and robustly than they do. If it is true, they ought to preach it to

the exclusion of anything else. Every other doctrine should shrivel into insignificance. Instead of this, they talk about it in an apologetic and half-hearted way. Some of them refuse to express themselves. Others say: 'We do not know, it is none of our business.' When the avowed adherents of a dogma can do no better in its defense than a published interview indicates, the clergymen themselves are evidently about ready to join the popular revolt against hell."

"The view of hell which has made it a molten fire," said a clergyman of the Established Church, "into which all but the saved are cast and out of which they will never be able to come out and in which they cannot die and that little children are there, is swiftly being cast into the shade. Thousands of men in all churches doubt it, if they do not deny it, and few preachers preach it as of old. The whole religious world has toned down the ideal so often and so much that we may as well, at the first as last, say it has been overdrawn for purposes of policy, to terrify men into religion. We need to take a nobler view, and we must if we are to retain for the service of Christ the thought of this age."

The following, from a Presbyterian, will be read with interest, when it is compared with the doctrines popularly believed to be taught by his church: "The throne of God is a great white throne of judgment. Every heart beat, every swinging of the pendulum, every tick of your watch, as you hold it to your ear, tells of the flight of the soul to the throne of God. There are two great judgment seats beyond comparison, Christ standing at the world's bar long years ago and is even standing there to-day, asking 'What think ye of me?' but, bye and bye, when we stand before the great white throne, it will be 'What Christ thinks of us.' Think of the possible disclosures of that great day, for we are all wearing masks. There isn't a word in the Bible about eternal punishment for temporal sin."

The humble writer of these lines has no desire or ambition to set up his opinion against men whose business it is to investigate matters of this kind, but I would remark that there is no truth we are more wont to cover up and

evade than this of retribution. The sum of all history is God's benignancy toward the right and overthrow of the wrong, and no nation, even though God's chosen nation, can persist in wrong without feeling the final swing and blow of his punishment. Retribution is the teaching of history, and the strangeness of our spiritual blindness is that while we recognize this, we vaguely hope to escape the penalty of violated Scriptural law. God affords opportunity for repentance, and we are free to chose deliverance or retribution. It is the greatest temerity in the world to doubt a truth, which is supported by all the facts of history of physical life and of God's revelation through Christ. All this brings to my mind the story of a missionary who was endeavoring to convert an Indian. The heathen made a little circle in the sand and said, "That is what Indian knows." Then he made another circle a little larger and said, "That is what missionary knows, but outside there the Indian knows just as much as missionary."

Every part of even the smallest animal's structure is or has been of use to him; otherwise it never would have been developed. This fact is suggested to my mind by a story I heard the other day concerning a well-known lawyer of this city. He had never been to a circus in his life, and when an opportunity arose, while in the east, of going to a menagerie, he thought he would take it in. Moving around through the tent to where the camels were, he said to the keeper of the menagerie: "Can you tell me, my friend, what the hump on that animal's back is for?"
 "What's it for?"
 "Yes. Of what value is it?"
 "Well, it's lots of value. The camel wouldn't be no good without it."
 "Why not?"
 "Why not? You don't suppose people 'ud pay to see a camel widout any hump on, do yer?"

Some people are a little too particular about figures. The other evening, a society lady remarked to a gentleman friend: "I have crossed the ocean eleven times."

The smart young man adjusted his monocle and said:

"Ah? Born abroad?"

"No, indeed. Why do you ask?"

"Because, if you were born in this

country and crossed the ocean eleven times you would now be on the other side, don't you know?"

The lady figured a moment on the tips of her pretty fingers and fled.

Another story I heard a few evenings ago, was of a young man who had been boarding for a long time at the Driard. Finally the young fellow got married, and, in some way or other, he and his bride and father-in-law stopped at the hotel for a meal or two. As the bride was arranging her toilet, the old man rubbed his hands and said:

"Well, son-in-law, couldn't we go and have a little drink? Let's go to the bar."

"Oh, I never have indulged," answered the benedict, apparently shocked. "Indeed, I don't know where the bar is."

"Well, you can inquire of some of the employees, you know. Come along."

The employee, who was asked, grinned slyly and pointed to the barroom.

When they arrived, the bartender smiled to the young man and said: "How are you to-day?" calling him by name. The old man looked surprised and ordered a cocktail.

"I suppose same old thing for you?" said the bartender to the young man, pulling out a bottle of Scotch whisky.

I received the following letter this week from a young lady:

DEAR SIR:—I read your article last week on the subject of ugly girls, and really I must confess to have experienced much pleasure thereat. Now, I come to you for advice. I have two lovers; one is a merchant and rich, the other is a professional man and poor. I am not constituted on the plan of women who marry for love; with me it will be purely a business transaction. No I (the merchant) is not nearly so agreeable a gentleman as the professional man. Now, I want you to decide upon the best man, and I will marry him. Yours truly, Lucy.

Lucy, you have a pretty name, and even if you are inspired with mercenary motives, you doubtless deserve a good husband. If I were not a married man and the father of a family, I would be inclined to advise you to marry neither. Such being the case, however, I am in a position to treat your case impartially. Union, Lucy, is not marriage. Soul marries soul. A

woman should, first of all, marry a man of nearly the same age as herself. He should be of the same temperament and refinement of mind and manners. Two positives repel; a positive attracts a negative. Wealth and so-called position and title should never be considered, but much attention should be given to the capacity for work. It is the natural law of marriage that a man should work for his wife and children. But, you say, what has this all got to do with your question? Everything, Lucy. The lover who nearest fills the measurement laid down is the one to marry.

Six intimate friends, three young men and three young women, two years ago, agreed among themselves that one should not marry unless the other did. A year later one of the young men and one of the young women became engaged to each other, but as the others were yet apparently heart free they could not marry. Six months later another couple agreed to join their lots for life, but then came trouble. The third young man was willing to marry, but the third young woman was not. This drove the other two couples nearly wild, and they frantically reproached the reluctant maiden for keeping them out of happy matrimony. Finally she yielded, and the three couples were married.

If you ride in a street car and the conductor forgets to collect your fare, is it right or wrong of you to leave him in ignorance of the fact and get off without paying the five cents of your own accord? That is a delicate question in street car ethics, but before deciding to keep still and save your money it would perhaps be wise to reflect on the experience of a lady who boarded a car a few days ago and rode without paying a cent for the ride. "If that conductor does not know enough to ask me for the fare," she said to herself, "it is certainly not my business to look out for the interests of the company. I consider it a matter of principle not to give up my five-cent piece."

So she reasoned with herself, but alas for such reasoning! The conductor out there on the back platform was by no means a fool; on the contrary, he was a student of human nature, particularly of feminine human

nature; and if he had not asked the young lady to give him the regulation five cents it was not, as she supposed, because he had overlooked her, but because he wanted to get some fuller knowledge as to the workings of her conscience.

All the way down the street, four good miles, the horses carried that lady, and then she, all serene, prepared to leave the car without paying. The conductor sighed, and his barometer of human nature sank way down. The struggle had been fought and the battle lost. However, he reflected that was no reason why the company should lose five cents.

"Excuse me, madam," he said, politely, as her patent leather boot touched the lower step, "did I get your fare?"

There was a merry twinkle in his eye as he said this.

Ah! that was a terrible moment for the young lady. To say "yes" would be to tell a lie; to say "no" would be to admit that she had been cheating. So she told a fib, only a little one, however, and merely to save the situation.

"Why, didn't you?" she asked, innocently, raising a pair of blue eyes, in which there was no guile. "Oh, I am so sorry," and with that she dropped a nickel from her daintily gloved fingers into the conductor's outstretched hand.

"Pretty well done, that, wasn't it?" said the back platform philosopher to a passenger who had watched the transaction. "These women folks do beat the deuce for looking innocent. You wouldn't have thought that girl had been calculating on my tackling her for that five cents, but she had, just the same. Did you see how she had the nickel all ready there in her glove? Oh, yes, we have lots of them like her every day. But, I say, she's a daisy, ain't she?"

The Victoria Lacrosse Club are determined to do everything in their power to encourage the national game. With that idea in view, they have issued lady membership tickets, which will be supplied at a low figure to ladies desiring to become members of the club, and thus creating a new interest in a game that should be encouraged by every patriotic Canadian.

I am informed by a member of the club that a great many of those tickets have already been disposed of, and that there is every prospect of a large lady membership.

PERE GRINATOR.

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BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.

It is believed that fully five tons of hay will be cut on Main street this year.

The report that Gall River was likely to overflow is denied. The Bogusburg townsite people will always look out for the gall.

Great progress is being made on the snuff mill in course of erection, and it is hoped that this industry will be in operation in the course of a few years.

The Italian government is endeavoring to negotiate a loan of nine million liras, and has sent to the Bogusburg townsite syndicate for estimates.

A night school will be established in connection with the Bogusburg townsite sale. This will give at least one of the townsite people a chance to learn to write his own name.

When Katie Putnam was in Bogusburg 65 years ago, she bought two lots on Fraud Square. These lots have improved rapidly in value and may be sold some day for taxes.

The arrival by the last steamer of four gallons of whiskey has given a great impetus to the town and has resulted in the sale of several lots. The townsite people are, indeed, generous.

Bogusburg is bound to come to the front as a wonder of the nineteenth century. When prospectors fail to discover mineral they find curiosities, the latest of which is a man with an iron gall.

Clergyman (to dying townsite man)—My friend, are you not afraid to meet your Creator?

Townsit man—No sir; to tell

the truth, it's the other party that I'm more afraid of meeting.

The secret history of Bogusburg, with short sketches of the lives of some of the founders will appear in the Bogusburg Bugler in the course of a few weeks. The work will be published in pamphlet form and sold by all druggists.

A question which is very properly agitating the citizens of Bogusburg is: If in six weeks not one lot is sold, how many will there be sold in 55 years? The first correct answer to this question will receive a copy of the Bugler free for the rest of his natural life time.

The editor of the Bogusburg Bugler is a mild man. He rarely, if ever, indulges in personalities, but he feels constrained to remark that if a certain person interested in the sale of Bogusburg lots does not take in his mouth, he will be apt to bear of something to his disadvantage---when it rains.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

No children in the eyes of their mother are ever old enough to take care of themselves.

LIVING down a trouble is as difficult as trying to live down old age. The local Government may find this out.

It is easier for a woman to bear with a man who has ten faults than to be patient with a woman who has only one.

How are those who contributed towards the construction of the sewer as at present laid out, and whose property is not included, going to be benefited?

THE Peeler's Saturday night monologue:

Great sign of the Leopard,
Dost note Captain Shepard
Prowl about and peer,
To see them sell illegal beer
Within forbidden hours?

Pale star of even,
Dost see how Serg't Levin
Pokes his nose within
The palaces of gin
And around him lowers?

CANADIANS are said by The Denver Sun to be able to retire to rest now "without the fear of being awakened by the tramp of an American invading army." We are not sure about that. Several

of the deserters from the Mohican have been arrested, and taken back to their ships. The U. S. navy is still in a beautiful state of preservation.

SOME 17 of the Mohican men have evidently little confidence in the thoroughness of the repairs which the tin punt underwent in the dock, for when her fearless captain gave the word once more to brave the perils of the deep (Puget Sound), they funked, saying to themselves, with an ominous shake of the head, "we are the last of the Mohicans."

WE are concerned to hear that some Night-Errant, presumably from Seattle, has ruthlessly invaded the abode of the Hon. Mr. Pooley and taken unto himself a dress suit and pistol. We hope Mr. Pooley will pull even with the miscreant, for the fellow who would make off with a dress suit and pistol, would steal pullets—or, for that matter, a city lantern, yea even in contempt of our civic Pool-ice.

The mountains look on Beacon Hill,
And Beacon Hill looks on the sea,
And, musing there an hour alone,
I dreamed San Pedro might still be free.

With all the flourish of trumpets by those who assumed the task of floating this ill-starred vessel, it yet remains impaled upon the rock. The doctors of the patient started to resuscitate it by pontoons, but seem to think, now, that recourse must be had to a huge stomach pump. For our part, we would like to see the patient removed to a more comfortable lounge.

GENERAL BOOTH has returned from Australia with a most enthusiastic appreciation of the country and its people. In the course of an article which appears in The Current Contemporary Review, he says: "My comparatively brief stay in the southern continent convinced me that Australians are in possession of the most magnificent inheritance that has ever fallen to the lot of a young nation. All that is required to ensure them a splendid future, and to make them in the days to come the United States of the Pacific, rivalling the great American Commonwealth in prosperity and influence, is a large increase of population and a strong Government." The General has never been in Bogusburg or he would have qualified his remark about the great heritage.

ENGLISH SOCIETY GOSSIP.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters will not be in London at all during the season.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George will be in London during June, while the yacht Osborne is fitting out for their Norway cruise, but they will accept no invitations.

Americans are not arriving in London in very great numbers so far, but steamship agents say that their advance bookings for return passages are quite up to last year.

Well informed people who have seen the Prince and Princess on the Riviera, say that the reports as to their physical break-down over Prince Eddie's death are not exaggerated in the least.

Lord Dufferin is only the eighth ambassador sent by Great Britain to France since 1814; while the latter power has been represented at the Court of St. James by no less than thirty-eight men in that period.

After several changes, the Queen has finally fixed the date of the Drawing-Rooms for Monday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 18. Her Majesty will receive in person, assisted by Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice.

Edwin Elwell's statue of Dickens finds cordial approval from the best English artists. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress take a keen interest in securing it for London. Mr. Elwell is exceedingly well received in the best artistic and literary circles of English society.

The doings of the three Rosenfelds at the Monte Carlo gaming tables recall one lone instance of the successful gambler who retired with his winnings and thereafter risked them never again. He was Col. Pantou, of Pantou street, London, who is declared to have won at cards in one night enough, if invested, to bring him in an annual income of £1,500, and who thereupon "retired and lived a pastoral life to the end of his days."

William Walleth, "the Queen's jester," has died, and it is believed this office will not be filled again.

It is one of the most interesting survivals of Middle-Age life. There will no doubt be a protest after Tennyson dies against another appointment to the Poet Laureatship. There was a time when the court jester was a more important personage than the court poet. Riza Pasha, at Constantinople, in 1858, had a court jester who was a woman, and Montezuma, when Cortez found and worried him to death, had, it is believed, two court clowns, one of each sex.

THE KENNEDYS.

"The heather is on fire!" At 11 o'clock Friday, the prisoners Kennedy heavily manacled and chained were dragged into the august presence of Mr. Speaker, and after hearing their doom were conducted back to their dark and dreary dungeon, where they will remain until the hour of their deliverance. The harrowing spectacle moved the leader of the opposition to tears.

The sentence of the House appears very indistinct—some think it means death, while others look upon it as a huge joke. At the hour of going to press the K's are said to be resting beautifully, and not losing much sleep.

9 a.m.—James Kennedy ate a light breakfast.

9.30—The brothers appear resigned to their fate.

9.35—Robert Kennedy is losing flesh.

9.45—The serjeant-at-arms has been instructed not to deny the martyrs "spiritual" consolation.

9.46—Parson Brown will remain with them until the last hour.

9.46½—The Kennedys say that they forgive everybody, except the brass band that serenaded them.

9.47—The Private Bills Committee have forwarded the prisoners a pretty bouquet of forget-me-nots.

9.48—James Kennedy will write a book, and may give it the title of "Bars, Bolts, and Political Matters Generally," with elaborate footnotes by William Harrington Ellis.

9.50—Some friend of the Kennedys has sent them a deed of a Bogusburg lot, and they now seem anxious to die.

9.51—There is likely to be some difficulty in the further prosecution of the Kennedys, inasmuch as the serjeant-at-arms is unable to decipher the Speaker's warrant.

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CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700. \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 2 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,300.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot 20, by switch of Tram Co's Line, \$700.

JAMES BAY—Lot and two houses, renting at \$25 per month, \$2,800.

One 13-room house, 2 acres of land, all fenced and cultivated, highest part of the city and overlooking everybody, \$13,000.

OAK BAY, on the water side—7-room house and beautifully situated for bathing facilities, this is an absolute bargain, \$1,650.

Four and a half acres in Saanich District for \$13 per month without interest; also farm of 76 acres on Saanich Road.

ROCK BAY—Two beautiful lots, very suitable for a garden.

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Eighty acres of land, all of first-class quality, Saanich, 30 acres absolutely clear and 50 acres nearly so, facing salt water, \$6,500.

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BELMOT AVENUE—One lot, beautifully situated, \$600; also one lot, \$550.

FERNWOOD ROAD and Johnson Street—A fine 3-story dwelling containing 8 rooms, closets, hot and cold water, \$3,600.

VICTORIA WEST—A new 5-roomed house on Front street, fine, airy situation, \$1,200.

FAIRFIELD ESTATE—Dwelling house, seven rooms, rented at \$14 per month, \$1,300.

LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

CONSTANCE COVE—About one acre of land fronting on salt water, \$2,500. \$500 cash.

BEACON HILL—Beautiful house and lot, every convenience, 8 rooms, \$4,200.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

ALBERT, B. C.—152 acres of beautiful land, barn, stables and everything complete, capable of being made into a first class home for right party, \$3,200.

POWDERLEY AVENUE—Lot 21 113x118x120, \$525.

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PINE ST., Victoria West.—Lot 60x150, fenced, cleared, small house (new), water laid on, \$1,200. Very easy terms.

OAK BAY AVENUE—2 lots 60x120, \$500 each.

ALFRED STREET—One lot, 30x175, \$175.

OAK BAY, Water Front—Large lot, 60 feet front on road and about 120 feet on water, \$1,000.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Lot, 40x120, \$450.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Two 7-room houses, very easy terms, \$4,200.

CHAMBERS ST., cor. North Park St.—3 lots, \$2,650.

CHATHAM ST., cor. Stanley Avenue—Two beautiful lots, 108x120, \$2,000.

VICTORIA WEST, Powderly Avenue—A fine lot, 60x120, \$325. \$75 cash.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—100 acres excellent timber, all good land, no rock, adjoining Public School, \$3,000.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—102 acres land, 4 acres cleared, 40 acres slashed, two log houses, two rooms each, \$30 per acre.

House of 5 rooms, bath and pantry, \$1,400. \$18 per month.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

LAUGHING little Bessie Sanson and inimitably funny Frank Daniels will begin a two nights' engagement at the Grand on the 9th May. Miss Sanson has a way that always wins a warm place for her in the affections of the profession and public. She always looks pretty and she never offends; she has a pair of bright eyes and a sunny smile; she is invariably well gowned, and her dresses often show genuine originality in their design. She is, in dress and style, quite different from the rest of the farce-comedy soubrettes, and this makes her refreshing. Bessie Sanson was born in Scotland 27 years ago. She drifted into the London theatres when but a child, and played in the big English pantomimes. Then she went into the St. James Theatre with the Kendals and played the rough comedy parts. From the Kendals, she went to Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theatre, and then to America with the original Vokes family, playing the roles formerly played by Rosina Vokes, who had already gone a-starring. The little Scotch girl liked America, and so accepted an engagement from Hoyt and Thomas to play Venus in "The Rag Baby." Here she met Frank Daniels, and the two have been together ever since. Miss Sanson's relatives all live in England, and she spends her summers over there. She has never been married. "Little Puck" has been re-written by Frank Daniels, who has this season introduced many new features. The cast is a large one and embraces Misses Hilda Thomas, Annetta Zelva, Julie Kingsley, Minnie Miller, Nellie Buckley and Myra Smith and the Messrs. Bert Coote, Tony Williams, Robert Evans, Harry Porter, D. L. Don, George Campbell, J. C. Canfield, W. S. Belknap and the original Clipper quartet.

The following is the cast of "The Pirates of Penzance," to be presented at The Victoria on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday next:

Richard (a Pirate chief)..... Mr. C. Rowlands
 Samuel (his lieutenant)..... Mr. Martin
 Frederick, (a pirate apprentice)..... Mr. White
 Major Gen. Stanley..... Mr. C. A. Lombard
 Edward (serg't of police)..... Mr. H. Kent
 Mabel..... Miss M. Heathfield
 Kate } daughters { Mrs. Goepel
 Edith } of { Miss Pauline
 Isabel } Gen. Stanley { Miss Johnson
 Ruth, (a piratical maid of all work)..... Miss Wolff

Conductor..... Prof. E. Pferdner
 Stage Manager..... Mr. C. Rowlands

A number of rehearsals have taken place, and it is confidently believed that the performances will be the most successful ever given in this city. Special costumes are now on the way from San Francisco.

"Leah the Forsaken," which is to be produced Monday, May 2nd, at The Victoria, by the Hebrew Amateurs, promises to afford a treat to the lovers of the music and the drama. Miss Maud Howe, who has the amateurs in hand, is a very talented actress and has scored many a "hit" with "Leah," which role she plays to perfection. The amateurs are rehearsing nightly, and no doubt will surprise the Victoria public. The cause is a worthy one, and it is hoped that the Victoria public, will do justice towards it. Mr. J. C. Philo, who has charge of the stage, plays also the leading man, and no doubt success will crown his efforts.

The Spider and the Fly might be called a spectacular burlesque, from the fact that the features of the entertainment are scenic effects and catchy music. It is certainly without plot, but is taken as an idea upon which to weave one of the cleverest pantomimes that has visited the coast for years. The ballet is excellent, and the several comedians, one or more of whom are constantly on the stage, keep the audience in a roar of laughter from begin-

ning to end. The songs are mostly new and popular. Altogether, the performance is good.

Marie Wainwright has purchased a play from Clyde Fitch and will produce it next season. The heroine is a celebrated historical character, and Miss Wainwright regards the piece as likely to achieve great success. During the balance of the season she will appear in "Amy Robsart."

A nice list of attractions have dates at The Victoria in May. Frank Daniels will be there with "Little Puck" the 9th and 10th; Eli Perkins, 12th; Ovide Musin, 14th; and Gus Williams, the 16th and 17th in "Keppler's Fortunes."

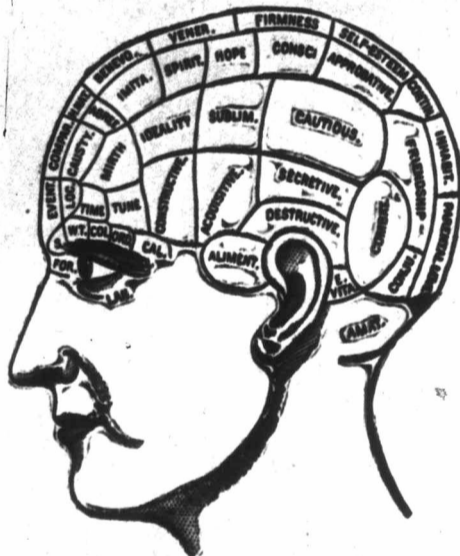
Professor Baldwin, of the Butterfly Company, has bought a business property on Cordova street, Vancouver, from Douglas & Co., for \$14,000, an evidence of his confidence in the future of that city.

Corinne, in Carmen up to Date, drew well at The Victoria. Her company has been carefully selected, and every one composing it seemed animated with a desire to please.

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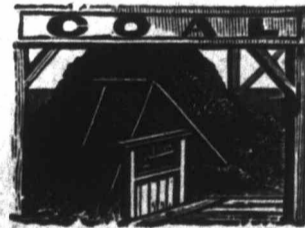
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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

LENT is over, and now, according to the canons of etiquette, the church, and womankind, society is free to plunge into the mad world of gaiety once more. A late Easter it was, to be sure, but nevertheless—if all the signs are reliable—it ushers in a spring social season of unusual brilliancy. Even at this early day a long line of parties, receptions and weddings are "lining up." The caterers and florists are smiling and happy, for they have many a tidy order down on their little books. As for the list of weddings, it out-rides the list of last spring in the number of prominent young society people who are to seek Hymen's altar, and that is saying a good deal, for last spring was a most brilliant social season. May has a great number of these happy events for herself, and so has June. Quite a few of the weddings will be elaborate church affairs, and a multitude will be cosy home gatherings. Victoria will show an unusual number of brides this spring and summer. That is a settled fact.

The Lenten period, just over, has been distinguished by great social moderation. True, there have been many informal receptions and social gatherings of the interesting but not showy order; but speaking strictly from a social standpoint, society has been very dull. Ladies have canceled their little social debts with afternoon tea parties and luncheons of various hues—pink, yellow and blue predominating. These afternoon gatherings have been very popular, and have proved a delightful novelty compared with the time-worn calling receptions. But Lent is past and now on with the dance and merrymaking! That is the shibboleth of society for the next three months and until warmer weather.

Have you heard of the fashionable fad in engagement rings, which takes us back to our grandmother's day? For it is the same old-fashioned, heart-shaped design that was her pride and joy. Those who do not follow the season's fads, select a single stone, either a diamond or the young ladies' lucky stone, namely, the stone dedicated to the month in which she was born. An engagement ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand until just before the marriage ceremony, when it is transferred to the corresponding finger of the right hand. The marriage ring, a plain gold band, takes its place, and oftentimes the engagement ring is used as a guard for it, though most women of fine taste prefer to see the wedding ring alone on its finger.

The concert given in the Market Hall of Vancouver, under the auspices of Christ Church, last Thursday evening, proved a decided success. The programme was lengthy and very well carried out. Mr. Cambie filled the chair in an able manner. The Misses Nicholls opened the concert with an instrumental duet, which was well executed, and met with great applause. Mrs. Watson, one of British Columbia's favorite prima donnas, was supposed to sing two solos, but was decidedly fortunate in getting off with four, being encored twice. Mrs. Buntzen was also encored, and very heartily applauded. Mr. Lee Rogers gave a burlesque of recitations and songs, and delighted his audience. Professor Trendell, in his clarinet solo, proved himself to be master of his instrument and music. Mr. Adolf Gregory, who possesses a very clear and powerful voice, in his song, "The Storm Fiend," pleased the audience very much indeed. Mr. McClinton, of New Westminster, being unable to be present, his place was efficiently filled by Mr. Wilson, who gave a recitation. Messrs. Burnett and Ramsay were greatly handicapped in their single-stick contest by the narrow limits of the platform, but both proved themselves to be masters of the art of fencing. The *Telegram* says that the entertainment was a splendid success, and Mrs. Machon is to be congratulated in the result of her efforts.

The entertainment in Christ Church Cathedral school room, last Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Willing Workers' Society, was highly successful. An interesting programme of music, vocal and instrumental, and recitations was given by the young people, after which refreshments were served by the ladies to all present. The young ladies who composed the broom company were: Lizzie Sharples, Sadie Sharples, Flossie Lettice, Maud Lettice, Annie Jones, May Creech, Gertie Collis, Birdie Cook, Mary Hiscocks, Annie Carter, Alice Carter, Goldie Tinsley, Flossie Parr, Edith Parr, Annie Drove and Nettie Gabriel. After the drill, a drawing for a fancy banner was held, Mrs. Lettice being the lucky lady.

The Assembly Hall, Fort street, was a scene of gay festivity and pleasure last Monday evening, a grand ball given under the auspices of Loyal Orange Lodges 1,426 and 1,610. One hundred and sixty couples were on the floor. A fine collation was served by Mr. J. Brown, of the Prince of Wales Hotel. Messrs. Thos. Ashe, John Braden, J. Holland, J. Walsh, J. Brethour, R. H. Walker, J. Hunter and Dr. Morrison were on the reception committee, and Messrs. J. Walker, J. Phillips, Geo. Bremston and J. Meldram acted as floor managers.

The sale of work and concert under the direction of the ladies and of Rev. D. MacRae's congregation, at Cedar Hill, last Tuesday evening, was successful in every particular, upwards of \$100 being realized, which, with about \$200 made by the same society last autumn, will be a good nucleus of a fund for the erection of a church. Special credit is due to Mrs. R. C. MacRae, the president, and Miss Scott, the treasurer, for the way in which they worked to insure success.

The Gorge Road Centennial Methodist Church will be opened on Sunday, the 22nd of May. It is not yet known what minister will preach the opening sermon, but it is the intention of the members to hold meetings for the first few weeks in the church, and entertainments of various kinds will be given.

A large number of tickets have already been sold for the entertainment to be given by the Young Ladies' Institute on the even of April 27.

F. G. Walker, of the legal firm of Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton, has been confined to his house for the past few days through illness.

Hon. C. F. Cornwall, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, arrived down from the interior last Thursday night.

Rev. Dr. Good, of Nanaimo, will preach at Calvary Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Prof. F. B. Fenwick, late organist St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, is ill at Banff.

Dr. Lake, of Edinburgh, and H. E. Talk, of Liverpool, are guests at the Driard.

Mrs. R. Brodrick leaves for California on the next San Francisco steamer.

Lewis Lewis is again around, but still very weak.

J. C. McLagan, of the *Vancouver World*, is in town.

The lectures of Professor Alexander at the Imperial Theatre are being well attended, and the interest in the subject of phrenology appears to be increasing each night. The Professor talks common sense and has the rare faculty of telling in a way

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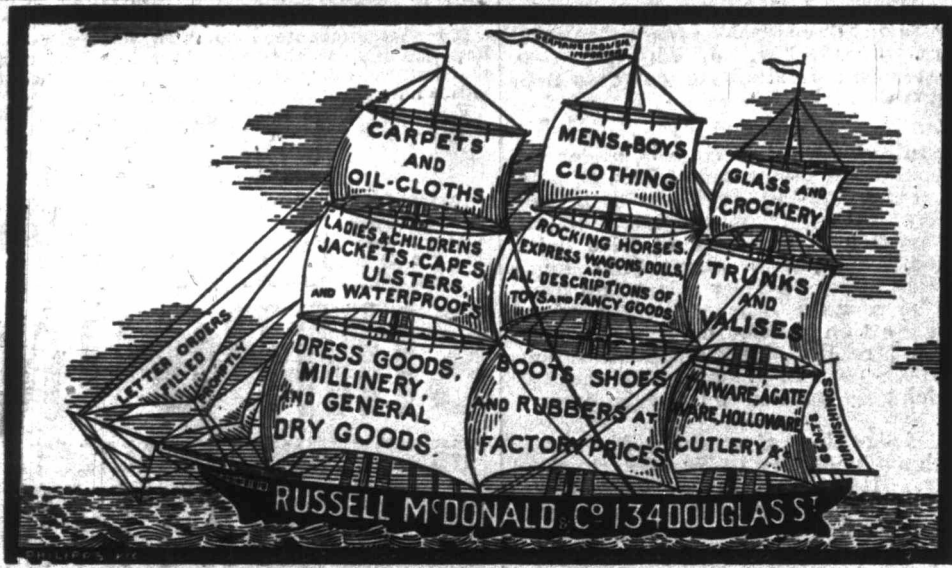
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