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The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

MODEL SCHOOL CHANGES.

Hon. Richard Harcourt, the new minister of education, contemplates some important changes with reference to model schools. The number of such schools will be reduced, the county and government grants increased and the terms lengthened. The whole time of the principal will be devoted to the model students. In cities and towns where there are a number of ward schools the model students are to be distributed among the various schools, thus securing to them a greater number of classes and obviating the bad effects of having raw teachers experimenting on the pupils of one school only.

When the scheme comes into effect, it will mean additional expense for Chatham, as Principal Smith, of the Central school, who is also principal of the Model, will have to devote his entire attention to model students—making the engagement of another teacher necessary.

A fact not generally known is that under the recently amended regulations a teacher with junior leaving standing may have a third-class professional certificate renewed as often as is desired by passing the model school examinations.

NO SUCH THING AS DEATH FROM DROWNING.

It is difficult to form a correct idea of the persistence of latent life in the case of the asphyxiated, says The Courier des Etats Unis, of Paris. It is popularly believed that, if the subject cannot be brought back to life after ten minutes' application of the usual methods, all further efforts are useless. That is a most unfortunate error, and it should be guarded against. It is an ignorant prejudice that has sent many people to their graves, who might have been saved by the exercise of a little patience.

Some years ago a coast guard named Agnel was on duty at a point called l'Anse du Propete, on the southern coast of France. He heard cries of distress. A cabin boy of one of the vessels at anchor was drowning. The master of the craft plunged into the water to save the boy. The effort was too much for him. He became exhausted and both were about to sink, when the coast guard came to their assistance. With difficulty he managed to bring the man ashore, but the boy disappeared under the water. Agnel swam out again to the place where the boy sank, and, after repeated dives, at last succeeded in bringing the little fellow to the surface. The boy, had been under the water for more than ten minutes. He gave no sign of life. Respiration was suspended completely. But, Agnel, remembering the instructions in the circular of 1894, given by Dr. Laborde of the Academy of Medicine, tried regular tractions of the tongue, and continued forcing them for three hours. His perseverance was rewarded with success. Respiration was at last re-established, and the boy recovered. The case is mentioned in the official report of M. Vautier, chief of the customs service of Marseilles, to the Director General.

Until 1899 no physiologist and no medical man would dare to assert that in such a case latent life could subsist for hours. But three hours does not mark the extreme limit. As a matter of fact, we do not yet know the length of time that separates apparent death from real death. It varies according to the subject. But, nevertheless, it is certain that the survival, or latent life, always exists in the case of a subject whose organs are sound. Exterior, or apparent death, revealed by the suspension of the functional manifestations, especially by the suppression of the cardio-respiratory function, is not the final and real death. "While the organism ceases to live on the surface," says Dr. Laborde, of the Academy, "it lives inside," that is to say, life continues in a latent state by the persistence of the functional properties of the organic elements and tissues. The sensitive properties are the first to disappear, then follow the motor-nerve functions, and finally muscular contractility. Complete death demands time.

In short, the general mechanism is stopped by the cessation of a primordial function, like that of respiration; but, if the organs are not injured, they can be started again and can be made to resume their normal action. While latent life exists one should never despair of saving a drowned or asphyxiated person. The most indispensable function to arouse is that of respiration, the primordial function of life. It is necessary to excite the respiratory reflex which, according to Dr. Laborde, possesses extraordinary vital power and endurance.

Now what is the duration of the latent life of the respiratory reflex? The above mentioned case shows that it can last for three hours. Dr. Laborde reports a length of from two to three hours in his experiments on dogs. He selected in one case, a strong bull terrier, and chloroformed the animal until respiration was completely

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stopped. The dog was apparently dead. Fifteen minutes' traction revived him. Then the experiment with chloroform was renewed until all evidence of complete asphyxia was established. The tractions were begun five minutes later. The dog was called Lazarus, a singularly appropriate name. This time he appeared to be sure enough dead. After two hours of tractions he gave no sign of life. Dr. Laborde gave the case up; but an employee of the laboratory, named Leon Jordon, who was very fond of poor Lazarus, continued the tractions. He noticed that the tongue began to reddens, which is the sure sign of the return of the first respiratory movements. After two and a half hours of tractions, a respiratory hicough was established, followed by gasps, and at last regular breathing began. Lazarus opened his eyes and looked around in astonishment. He recovered completely, and finally died of the mange some years after his resurrection.

It may be asserted with confidence that the respiratory reflex subsists, ready to go into action again for at least three hours after the condition of apparent death. That is an important fact which should not be forgotten. Some people may be astonished at the idea of lingual tractions continued for three hours. The coast guard Agnel possessed the necessary patience and perseverance to accomplish the feat; but it is clear that it is not within the reach of everybody. Dr. Laborde set about replacing the hand and a piece of linen by a little automatic machine, set in motion by clockwork, which gave twenty tractions a minute, with the required rhythmical intermittence. But it had to be wound up every five minutes.

Now this little inconvenience has disappeared. A little electric motor, fed by some accumulators, is attached to the machine, and it can work for three hours. This does away with the necessity of touching the tractor. This important method discovered by M. Laborde for reviving subjects apparently dead, has also the advantage of being able to establish real death with absolute certainty. Death is clearly proved when the respiratory reflex is abolished after five or six hours.

Formerly all hope of saving a drowned person was given up when, after half an hour all the ordinary old means of restoration were exhausted. But now, when a bather is taken out of the water, apparently dead, or a fireman is asphyxiated by noxious gases, regular tongue tractions must be resorted to, not for half an hour only, but for hours; and in most cases the unfortunate victims will be restored. To save a life is the noblest action that one can perform.

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it pays them to do so or not. Then when they find their expenses run high they get discouraged and condemn all advertising promiscuously. If business men would use the same discrimination in placing their advertising as they do in buying and selling their goods they would find that it always paid. The Red Cross Society advertised its late concert in The Planet alone and the affair was an unqualified success. This shows that to duplicate a Planet "ad" in another paper is a mere waste of money. It is unfair to The Planet, too, because it has to produce advertising returns both for itself and also for the useless space occupied elsewhere. The Planet reaches all classes of citizens, and no advantage is gained in duplicating anything which appears in its columns.

Our friend, the Binner, should get his new motto copyrighted:
He who flies and slinks away
Can return and lie another day.

British newspapers and British statesmen are throwing bouquets at Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—Windsor Record.

That won't prevent the Canadian electors, who have had the price of almost everything they have to buy increased, throwing bricks at him when election day comes round.

POOR WEG WAS SLANDERED.

Embro Courier.

Mr. J. G. Wegman, the gentleman referred to in the Courier a few weeks ago as being a Boers sympathizer, we are pleased to say, expressed himself as not being such. Indeed, his friends, who know him best in the town of Woodstock, where he resides, say he is a good loyal British subject.

HEALTH IN APRIL.

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A SHOCKING STORY.

Domestic Tells Why She Poisoned the Winold Family.

Cincinnati, April 3.—The officers think that Charles O. Winold, wanted on the charge of investigating the poisoning of his divorced wife, his children, and others, will soon be caught. Winold was seen here very drunk the night before the poisoning, and so disgraced from arrest that he can be easily traced.

The woman under arrest confessed that her name is Fatima Gillian. Her parents were afterwards found, and she was fully identified. She gave the names of Violet Foster and Lena Heigh when first arrested. It was thought at first that Winold had become crazed with drink since his divorce and the loss of his children, and that he was laboring under mental troubles, but in her cell the girl signed a confession to-day in which she said Winold promised to marry her. She admitted her infatuation and her intimacy. She said she begged to have his former wife first out of the way, that she sought and secured employment with the family where Mrs. Winold and her children were living, for the purpose of poisoning Mrs. Winold, that Winold came in the back way, entered the kitchen, put the poison in the oatmeal himself, and she served it after he left.

A GREAT CARGO OF COFFEE.

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MONTH'S FIRE RECORD.

The firemen responded to seven alarms during March. They were as follows: Mar. 5, chimney on the residence of Mrs. Murphy, Wellington St.; Mar. 14, vacant house on Prince St.; Mar. 15, residence of Alister McKay, Centre St.; Mar. 19, the "Marble Mansion," Colborne St.; Mar. 25, the Tecumseh mills; the residence of A. Shea, Head St.; Mar. 26, the flat residence on Colborne St. Four were tower alarms, one a still alarm and in two instances boxes were pulled.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Who mingle with worldly storm and strife,
To supply a brother's need.

There's many a one in ignorance vile,
The greatest, grandest, and best
Of all.

Because they are rich and possess a smile—
There's many a one.

There's many a one on life's great mart,
Who nobly, grandly, act their part,
Whose smiles are veiling a broken heart.

There's many a one.

There's many a one that the world will shun,
Who will bear when his earthly course is run
The Master's kindly words, "Well done!"

There's many a one. —A. A. Henry.

For our reform we trust the Heavenly powers; be that their care; to fight like men be ours.—Homer.

Necessity demands our daily bread,
Hunger is insolent, and will be fed.—Miliad, Homer.

To lie is the aboriginal form of evil.
To lie a little is not possible. He who lies, lies the whole lie.—Hugo.

Aspiring beggary is wretchedness itself.—Goldsmith.

The nakedness of the indigent might be clothed from the trimmings of the vain.—Goldsmith.

It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a noble-minded people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.—Horace Greeley.

"Help of my soul, desire of mine eyes, my superior self. The metallic hollow has just resounded to three (three) inflections, rise therefore on the columns extended to support the frame, and repair to the couch phoric with feathers."—Samuel Johnson's way of sending his wife to bed.

My burden has been greatly lightened by a load of books.—Hood.

Sad souls are slain in merry company.—Shakespeare.

Books are the sweet, unrequitable companions of the miserable, and if they do not bring us to enjoy life, they at least help us to endure it.—Goldsmith.

Take all sadness from the beautiful and it degenerates into prettiness.—Ruskin.

Nature framed but one such man, and broke the die, in moulding Sheridan.—Byron.

We are only the stewards of the talents given us.—Ruskin.

Love refines the thoughts.—Milton.

In solitude what happiness? Who can enjoy alone? or enjoying, what contentment find.—Milton.

It is true wisdom to love the highest and best.—B. M. Clay.

Human sympathy is very sweet.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

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For the year ended December 30th, 1899.

Dec. 31, 1899. To net Ledger Assets..... \$2,977,451.64

RECEIPTS.
Dec. 31, 1899. To Cash for Premiums..... \$744,865.58
To Cash Income on Investments..... 148,638.81

DISBURSEMENTS.
Dec. 31, 1899. By payments for Death Claims, Profits, etc..... \$303,081.50
By all other payments..... 231,182.32

Balance net Ledger Assets..... \$3,336,710.21

ASSETS
Dec. 31, 1899. By Mortgages, etc..... \$1,416,932.48
Debitures (market value \$608,935.65)..... 579,539.37
Stocks and Bonds (market value \$587,391.50)..... 569,983.62
Real Estate, including Company's building..... 334,651.79
Loans on Policies, etc..... 221,665.37
Cash in Banks and on hand..... 194,821.42
Cash in Bonds and on hand..... 28,705.06

LIABILITIES
Dec. 31, 1899. To Guarantee Fund..... \$ 60,000.00
To Assurance and Annuity Reserve Fund..... 2,929,652.06
To Death Losses awaiting proofs, etc..... 51,507.35

Net Surplus..... \$524,418.01

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"CHARCOAL NOAH."

"Hillo, there, bub! What in crea-
tion are you smokin' so hot?"
Though the voice of the speaker had
a sharp, rasping tone, it was not alto-
gether unkindly in its accent, and the
twelve-year-old boy, to whom it was
addressed, stopped short in his head-
long course, hastily brushing one of his
ragged sleeves across his tear-dimmed
eyes as he faced the other.
He had a thin, pinched face, and his
slight figure was clothed in a well-
worn suit of about three sizes too large
for him, so that he presented anything
but a comely appearance. He was fol-
lowing the wheel-path leading across
from Denby main road to the vil-
lage, when he was suddenly accosted
by him who had stepped from the
bushes overhanging the pathway.

The latter was a most unpromising-
looking man, past the prime of life.
His short, squat figure was attired
in a suit that was glazed with dirt
wherever it was not rent with holes
or patches in a bungling way, evident-
ly the work of his own clumsy fingers.
"Charcoal Noah" everybody called him
as far as he was known, and the thick
layers of dust from the grimy kiln
showed that he well deserved the
name.

"I say, bub, what's the matter?" he
asked, for though the boy had dried his
tears he had not answered his first
question.
"The squire has set me a drift and I
ain't nowhere to go," replied the boy,
with trembling lips.
"Air you the young un he got to the
poor farm—Curley, I believe they call
him?"
"Yes, sir."

"An' now arter summerin' you an'
gettin' his fall's work done he thought
it more in keepin' with his stingy na-
ture to turn you off than to winter you.
An' as true as I live, to-day is the 20th
of November, an' we air bounden sure
to hev winter set in afore moon
change."
"It was all on account of Romanozo,
sir; he lied about me and made his
father think I had done wrong when
he was to blame. I tried to do my
best."
"Nobody can't sult o' Squire Har-
den. Why, bub, I ought to know 'th'
of skintint, root an' branch, seen' all
th' coal I hev burnt an' carted fer him.
I suppose you ain't got menny frinds
to go back to?"
"I haven't a relative or a friend in
the whole world!" exclaimed the boy,
beginning to cry again.

"That's a lie!" cried the old charcoal
burner bluntly—at least while o' old
Noah Danvers lives. Come over to my
sod palace an' share a livin' with me.
You're welcome as long as you'll stay."

The boy, who, until we know a bet-
ter name for him, we must call Curley,
had often heard of the old charcoal
burner as a strange, eccentric outcast
from society, but he was not loath to
accompany him.
After going a short distance they
came into a clearing in the growth of
gray-birches, where a dark cloud of
smoke and the smell of burning coal
and wood betokened the vicinity of a
charcoal kiln. Near by was the queer,
odd-shaped abode of Charcoal Noah.
This last looked like the roof of a
small building with the eaves coming
to the ground. The sides of this A-
shaped structure were made of inner
surface of upright sticks covered on the
outside with a heavy coating of
sods. One end had been left open, and
this faced the side of a perpendicular
ledge at the base of which a fire was
burning cheerfully. Though the only
couch the occupant knew was a pile of
straw, the sod dwelling was first sight.
In such a habitation as this Charcoal
Noah had passed more than twenty
years of his life, tending his kilns and
growing much grimmer and blacker each
succeeding season, until it was no
wonder he was almost like a piece of
charcoal himself.

Friendless and homeless, Curley was
only too glad to accept of the old man's
rude hospitality, and he began to do
such work for him as he could, which
service was gladly received by the
other.
So a week passed, and though there
was every indication of the near ap-
proach of snow, and wintry weather,
the old charcoal burner declared he
must prepare and burn two kilns more
before he quit.

As the wood had got to be chopped
for the purpose, this meant consider-
able of a job, which would take nearly
two weeks of time. Now, after a kiln
has been built and set on fire, though
it is to be continually watched, night
and day, the old burner had generally
intended to cut his wood for the fol-
lowing one during his intervals of
waiting on the first. The weather, how-
ever, had prevented him from doing
this for the preceding days, so Curley's
helpful watching came in very handy
for him, as, after a little showing the
latter managed to tend the kiln al-
most entirely days. Then during the
night watches he took his turns in the
lonely vigils, climbing the sides of the
smoking kiln whenever it was neces-
sary and "stamping in" the sods, as
had to be done so fast as the wood un-
derneath was charred by the fire so as
to settle away.

Though Curley heard the words
plainly, he made no reply, wishing at
the same time Noah would come up
that way.

"Thought you did a smart thing, run-
ning away from us, didn't you, you
lazybones?"
"I didn't run away," replied Curley.
"Your father said he didn't want me
any longer."

"Oh, such a story! But perhaps you
like burning charcoal better. It is
such nice, clean work! And look,
Will, see what a fine house they live
in. Let's take a peep inside."

Knowing Romanozo's meddlesome na-
ture, Curley followed him and his
companion to the sod hut, to get there
just as the first was about to pull their
straw bed to pieces.

"Stop that!" cried Curley, clashing
his fists and showing that he was in
earnest.

"How are you going to help your-
self?" demanded Romanozo insolently.
"If I can't I'll call Noah."

Though young Harden was four
years older than the youthful coal
burner, he showed by his actions that
he was somewhat afraid of him, or it
may be he feared the appearance of
Noah Danvers, for he left the hut at
once.

Mr. Preston was down to the coal
sheds, and Romanozo, looking about as
if for some mischief he could do, his
attention became fixed upon the coal
kiln, when he said:
"Let's see you climb it, Raggy."

"I can't go up now," said Curley.
"Afraid, eh? You're a pretty coal
burner! But perhaps you're afraid of
solting those nice clothes of yours."

"The kiln is too near time for draw-
ing for anyone to go into it," replied
Curley, appearing calmer than he real-
ly felt.

"Bah! you say that because you're
afraid to. I guess if old Noah knew
what a little coward you are, he
wouldn't keep you long. But perhaps
you will go up now, just to show us
how spry you are," and catching Cur-
ley's cap from his head he flung it to
the top of the kiln.

The cap was an old one, but it was
all that the poor boy had, and he could
not afford to lose it. Stiffening the anger
and grief that he felt, he said:
"I can get it with a pole," and started
after one that lay on the ground near
by.

"You are too bad, Romanozo," de-
clared Will Preston, who had no sympathy
with him in this disgraceful affair.
"Think so, do you?" cried the other.
"Well, while the raggy imp is about it
he can get two caps as well as one,"
and without considering what he was
doing, Romanozo seized the new cap be-
longing to Will, to toss that upon the
crest of the smoking kiln.

Without realizing what risk he was
taking in his excitement over the pros-
pective loss of his cap, Will rushed up
the steep, treacherous side of the kiln,
and though he sunk ankle-deep in the
dried earth every step, he reached the
hollow depression on the top where his
cap lay, half covered by the fine dust
and cinders.

Then, as he stooped to pick up his
cap he suddenly felt the footing be-
neath him yield, and he sunk down-
ward into the burning pit, with a
shriek of terror upon his lips.

Curley and Romanozo had witnessed
this fearful mishap with looks of hor-
ror, and as the unfortunate youth was
enveloped in a cloud of fire and smoke
and cinders the last uttered a cry of
dismay.

Mr. Preston's attention was drawn to
the frightful scene by the cries, but
he was too far away to rescue his son,
if that were possible, though he started
for the kiln at the top of his speed.

Will, feeling the kiln caving in,
scrambled to reach a place which
would bear his weight, only to sink
deeper into the fiery pit, which was
liable to break forth into a light blaze
any instant.

But by that time Curley sprang up
the side of the kiln, and throwing him-
self flat upon its side, he reached out
his arms to grasp Will's outstretched
hands.



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nate had sat silent, listening.
At last he spoke.
"Young man," he said, "I am not
sure I understand you. Please be a
little more explicit."
"I am asking you, sir," said the
young man, reddening, "for the hand
of your daughter."
"Oh, is that all?" rejoined the mag-
nate. "Why certainly. If she has no
objections, I haven't. I thought you
were striking me for a pass."—Chicago
Tribune.

"Remember, Deborah," said Mrs.
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must come to the parlor door and say,
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they do in good society."
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at the parlor door and called out in a
shrill, far-reaching voice:
"Dinner is served. That's the way
they do in good society."—Chicago
Tribune.

"My dear," began the minister's
wife, "there's a bonnet down at the
mill."
"There you go again," he interrupt-
ed; "always thinking of worldly
things."
"But, my dear, you wrong me," she
said, "this bonnet is perfectly heav-
enly."—Philadelphia Press.

"I am a new woman," she announc-
ed.
"Rats," he cried.
Whereat there was a flurry, and
when the dust settled she was holding
her skirts in her place of refuge on a
chair.

He had unmasked her. She was
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North American.

"What awful rot Funsmith's jokes
are."
"Well, I cannot say that I am able
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"Laugh? I've got to laugh! Owe
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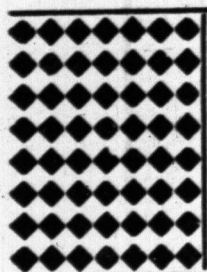
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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, April 3.—10 a. m.—North-
west to northeast winds, fine; a lit-
tle lower temperature. Wednesday,
fine.

LOCAL BRIEFS

About 26 tons of rain to the acre fell yes-
terday.
George Taffel, who has been seriously ill,
is much improved.

Robert Owens, a colored man, was struck
and killed by a G.T.R. engine at London.
Auctioneer Andrew Thomson paid
his license to County Clerk Fleming to-day.

Dr. Rutherford was called to Fletcher
this afternoon on professional business.

Mr. Chappel, of Dover Centre, under-
went an operation on his nose in
this city this morning.

Wm. Carlyle, who came home from Brit-
ish Columbia sick with pleuro-pneumonia,
is somewhat better.

Mrs. Richard Pritchard is recovering
nicely from the effects of the recent opera-
tion she underwent at St. Joseph's hospital.

Don't pay extravagant prices for
hay and oats, when you can buy them
at wholesale at Tennant & Burks.

Rev. C. J. Dobson, of Chesley, Ont., ar-
rived in the city yesterday to see his old
and esteemed friend, O. B. Hullin, who is
slowly improving.

A Chicago despatch says—Wizard's pre-
diction is that this will be the dryest sum-
mer in 40 years and the St. Louis corn bull
who sends this valuable prediction adds
that "If so look out for 75c corn."

Rock Band Concert Co. at the First Pres-
byterian church on Monday next. "The
entertainment was charming. I have never
seen such unanimous satisfaction." Rev.
W. F. Stewart, Detroit. Tickets 25c and
50c.

Corporation workmen began the
work of cleaning the crossing ap-
proaches to the Queen street pavement
to-day. This street will shortly be
acquired.

Foreman Michael O'Mara was busy
to-day locating and fixing a leak in
the water service pipe in front of Nel-
son's barber shop on King street. The
pipe had not been put low enough
and froze and burst.

Contractor Darling has a large
force of men engaged remodeling the
house on Hurvey street, belonging to
Mrs. William Terry. Mr. and
Mrs. Terry will take up their resi-
dence there as soon as the work is
completed.

Mr. Wm. Ball is bound to keep up with
the procession in the matter of improve-
ments. He owns the store occupied by
George F. Turrell, the well-known shoe
merchant. Mr. Ball intends to put in the
finest of plate glass fronts, a metallic
ceiling, etc., making it one of the finest stores
on the street.

LOADED ON TO THE BANNER.

The tenders for the county printing
for the ensuing year were opened on
Saturday. Tenders only were received
from the Thamesville Herald, the
Highgate Monitor and the Chatham
Banner. The contract was awarded to
the Banner, whose tender was con-
siderably lower than either the Her-
ald or the Monitor. The contract at
the figures taken is a heavy loss and
it is said there was some scheming by
other papers to lead it on the Banner.
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FOR THE WATER WORKS

The British and Boers are now Fighting --Desperate Struggle in Progress.

London, April 3.—Fuller news of disaster
to the British army in the neighborhood of
Sannas post does not tend to improve mat-
ters from a British point of view, but with
the dispatches so mystifying it is impossible
to accurately portray the present situation
or to foretell the ultimate issue of Lord
Roberts' attempt to retrieve the defeat.
The war office has posted a dispatch from
Lord Roberts reading as follows:

Bloemfontein, April 2, 10:30 p. m.—In
continuation of my telegram of March 31—
There has been a further delay in getting
accurate returns of the casualties, as the
action took place 22 miles hence, the tele-
graph cable has been interrupted several
times, cloudy weather has interfered with
signaling and although there has been no
engagement since the force is continually in
touch with the enemy.

There were many acts of conspicuous
gallantry displayed during the day.
A cross fire at 1,200 yards, for some
hours, the officers serving the guns as the
casualties reduced the detachments.
Several gallant attempts were
made to bring in two guns, the terms
of which had been killed, but at each
attempt the horses were shot.

BOERS HOLD THE WATER WORKS.
Rushman's Kop, Monday, April 2.—
The Boers are still occupying the wa-
terworks, which the British shelled
yesterday afternoon, the Boers re-
plying.

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS.
New York, April 3.—The Journal's
London special says a Boer com-
mand has marched 60 miles south from
Kroonstad and is now engaged in a
desperate battle with Roberts' forces.

SAVED FROM ANNIHILATION.
New York, April 3.—A despatch to
the Tribune from London says: There
are some curious discrepancies in the
official reports of Col. Broadwood's
mishap. According to two corre-
spondents the Boers were under com-
mand of Gen. Grobler, while another
names one Reichmann, a German-
American, as the commandant. Then
again, the Chronicle's account says
that two guns are reported to have
been recaptured, while the Times in-
dicates that the Boers got away.

It is interesting, too, to note that
while Lord Roberts speaks of the loss
of seven guns the Boers say they cap-
tured only six. Of the five guns that
are known to have been saved, four
did not fall into the hands of the
Boers simply owing to the fact that
when the drivers were shot the horses
stampeded out of action, but instead
of galloping toward the Boer lines,
they made off in the direction of

Bloemfontein and the opportune ar-
rival of the ninth division compelled
a detachment of Boers which had
been sent in pursuit, to beat a hasty
retreat.
Indeed, it seems that except for Gen.
Colville, the whole of Col. Broad-
wood's column would have gone under.
He forced the Boers back, and evi-
dently without much opposition, as by
the time he had got his artillery in
position the only resistance that was
offered to the advance of his infantry
came from the guns firing shrapnel at
too long a range.

According to The Chronicle, the
Boers cut off the water supply of
Bloemfontein, and destroyed the
pumping gear, as well as the field
telegraph. The waterworks were, how-
ever, new and the old supply of spring
water, if not very good, is still avail-
able. The Boer force is variously esti-
mated at from 6,000 to 15,000, but it may
yet be found that these figures have
exaggerated their strength.

The British losses in artillery in the
present war have been exceptionally
heavy. Altogether 23 guns have been
captured by the Boers, who, on their
part, have only lost seven.

LED BY A U. S. OFFICER.
New York, April 3.—The Journal as-
sumes that the American named Reichmann,
said to have been in command of the Boers
at the Rushman's Kop ambush, was in
fact a United States representative.

He reached the front about four weeks ago,
and like the French and German attaches, is be-
lieved to be helping the forces in whatever
way he can.

A Washington despatch said last night
that the war department had received no
report recently from Capt. Reichmann.
The report that he was fighting with the
Boers was a startling announcement to the
department. Capt. Reichmann is still
officially connected with the United States
government and such an act of his might
bring on grave diplomatic difficulties.

The cables giving this report were
handed at once to Adm. Gen. Gochin.
"Such a thing as this," said the gen-
eral, "is inconceivable. I cannot be-
lieve that Capt. Reichmann has done this
without first forwarding a resigna-
tion to the war department. I have
been asked several times today what
he had resigned, I cannot believe that
he would take part in the Transvaal's
battles without first leaving the
United States army. As I have said,
such a thing is inconceivable under
military law."

Capt. Reichmann is one of the most
conservative officers in the army.
That is one of the reasons why he
was sent to the Transvaal.
If Capt. Reichmann has joined in the
fighting without first resigning from
the United States army he will be lia-
ble to court-martial on his return. If
he does not return he will be dis-
missed from the service in disgrace, if it
be found true that he joined the Boers
while still holding a commission under
the United States.

The plumbers in Cleveland have struck
for an increase of from \$3 to \$3.50 per day.
George Fry, at Lynn Valley, near
Simcoe, lost his life in trying to save his
valuables when his house burned.

The Americans have executed a couple of
Filipino leaders on the charge of treason.
They were alleged to have slain Filipinos
who refused to join them.

WISE COUNSEL MAY PREVAIL.
New York, April 3.—A Dublin ca-
ble says: Green parades calling for
a nationalist parade during the arrival
of the Queen, are still unopposed. (Cor-
respondents have been supplied with a
list of the societies which it is said will
march on Wednesday, placing 10,000
men in line; but it is probable wise
counsel will prevail and that to avoid
trouble the nationalists will delay
their demonstration.

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guaranteed.

I.—Graylock, a perfect fitting glove, made
from the choicest skins, newest shades, in
tan, brown, black and gray, embroidered
in Parisian style in self, white or black,
3 dome fasteners, \$1.25.
II.—"Pauline" is the nicest glove in the
market at the moment, made of fine kid skins,
versatile fastener, embroidered in self, white
or black, all the newest shades, tans, castors,
black and white, \$1.00.
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Swede glove, is castor or black, 2 dome fast-
eners, very stylish, \$1.00.
IV.—Children's Kid Gloves, 2 dome fast-
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all sizes from 1 to 6, 75c.
V.—A few sizes in those Kid Gloves left
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Fancy colored curtain scrims, open striped,
40 in. wide, special value, good washing
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Fancy art muslins, extra good value, with
border, per yd. 6c, 10c, 12c.
Fancy art denims, special wide cloth, re-
versible patterns, warranted fast colors, suit-
able for sofa covers, cushions or curtains, per
yd. 17c, 22c.
Special values in silkolines, for drapes,
curtains and fancy cushions, per yd. 10c,
12c, 15c.
Corded cretonnes, in dark grounds, beau-
tiful patterns, per yd., special 10c.
Extra heavy oatmeal cretonnes, for cur-
tains, new spring designs, per yd. 12c.
Denim cretonnes, the new cloth, beautiful
colorings, choice designs, special for sofa
covers and cushions, per yd. 12c.
Ball fringes, in plaid, white and varied
colorings, per yd. 5c.
Cushion fringes, the latest, will give a
finish to both sides of your work, in mixed
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At this season of the year are filling the place of exhausted supplies of canned and fresh goods. To fill this vacancy we have in stock the following:

New Peaches, per lb. 15c
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Large Harvest Prunes, 10c
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LIVE STOCK PAYS.

Mr. Macpherson tells More About His Hogs and Cattle

And how he Makes Them Yield a Revenue of \$7000 a Year off 250 Acres.

Mr. John Northwood has received a second letter from D. M. Macpherson, of Lancaster, re the successful breeding of hogs. In this communication Mr. Macpherson says:

My statements to you were from practical experience and extended observation in relation to profitable and large pork production. Large, numerous litters, well saved, with rapid growth and early maturity in what the pork raiser wants and he must look round and select his breeding stock where he will obtain these to the highest degree. My experience with Berkshire hogs is, that while they are undoubtedly early fat-makers they are not good growers, and at the same time unsuccessful in raising large litters for an average of a number of acres. I aim to get an average of eight to nine pigs per sow from a herd of thirty sows. I could in the past get such from the large Berkshire type of Berk bear and York or Chester White sows. I have got an average of eight matured pigs. I have not practiced boiling feed but soak it instead. I use largely bran and shorts, mixed, also grain provender.

In reply to your query re-feeding 90 sows and 250 pigs on my farm, would say that the pigs are continuously pastured on about six to eight acres of pasture, which is supplemented with slops and meal. The cows are all pastured night and day on about 45 acres of arable prepared pasture, and in addition about 30 acres of stump new land broken pasture. The cows also get some meal, in small amounts, when the pasture is short in dry times, and during August and September they get occasionally some green corn or green feed. Should the pasture be insufficient to give a full flow of milk, I aim to feed in such a way, by this method so as to get 5,000 lbs. of milk per cow in 200 days of the summer from May to November.

I have no plan of a pig pen to give you. Am anxious to come across one that is right, but I have not done so yet. Have been studying out one of my own design, but it is not completed yet. My ideal qualifications of a pig pen are—warmth, dryness, convenience, ventilation, healthfulness and cheapness of construction, etc.

Your idea of the introduction of beet root sugar is a good one, but its growth and development should be compatible with the wants of the country and the skill to profitably raise and produce the sugar beet profitably. These aspects to me to be no lack of skill available to produce the beet economically and well, but it does seem to me that the farmer has to be educated up to a point where they can produce sugar beets at a profit, at which the sugar manufacturer can pay and leave him a fair profit. This fact, I feel assured, is the critical part of this question. For instance the average cost of milk production in Ontario is about 60 cents per 100 pounds, while I can produce it in large quantities for 25 cents to 30 cents—it is a question of large production of small profit in beet root sugar as it is with milk, pork or beef, or any other suitable product. Yours truly,

D. M. MACPHERSON.

STRIKING A MATCH.

Showing how Little Things may at Times Decide a Man's Fortune.

The truth of the saying that little things may oftentimes play an important part to men's affairs when the men least expect it was illustrated one day recently.

"See that young man over there," remarked an insurance friend of his, pointing to one of his clerks working away industriously at a desk in another room. "Well, he got his place in my office through the striking of a match, although he doesn't know it."

"I was standing at the entrance of this building about a month ago waiting for a friend to come down the elevator, when that young man approached me with a letter of recommendation and an application for employment. I had made it known a few days before that I needed another clerk, and he had heard of it. However, I had almost made up my mind to take on a young man who had been to see me the day before and was about to tell the last applicant so, when he pulled a match from one of his pockets to light a cigar he had been smoking, but which had gone out.

"'Sorry, sir,' he said, balancing himself on one foot, while he lifted the other so as to admit of his striking the match on the heel of his shoe. 'Sorry, for I would like very much to work for you, and I think I would have made you a good clerk.'

"The match striking incident made me think so too. Right at the young man's elbow was a great Italian marble column upon which were the marks showing where many matches had been struck by vandals too utterly indifferent to the rights of others to refrain from indelibly stamping their vandalism upon property to restore which would have cost hundreds of dollars. It would have been the most natural thing in the world for many a man to have scratched that match on the marble column, and the fact that this young man chose to use the heel of his shoe instead showed that he was thoughtful and conscientious, two very excellent traits. I was so impressed that I told him to come and see me, and the result of the visit was his securing the position. And his month in my office has shown that I made no mistake in sizing him up."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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ARE ANCIENT RELICS.

An Admirable Account of Many Babylonian Discoveries.

Substantial Evidences of Strange Mythical Beliefs

The German expedition, under Dr. Koldewey, has made two important discoveries in the Kasr Mound of Babylon. The first is a stela of dolomite, found in the east corner of the ruins. On one side is the image of a Hittite god. He is bearded, and wears a Phrygian cap, the hair hangs in a long braid, the outer garments is decorated and extends to the knees, and the shoes are curved and pointed. He carries a trident and hammer and wears a sword. This important individual is considered to be none other than the great Hittite god, Tishat, the god of thunder. The other discovery bears, over a worshipping man, the inscription, "Image of Shamash-Shaknu, the man from the lands Shuhia and Maru." Near the worshipper are the words, "A measure of metal, one measure of wine. I have appointed as a settled matter by this stone tablet; he who guards the palace shall enjoy these." These are evidently promised as a reward to the deities Hadad and Shtar for the protection.

Came Near It.

A certain Sunday School teacher in town who has a class of boys of "assorted sizes" established the custom in her class of repeating each Sunday scripture passage in unison until it was duly implanted in the "vacant minds."

The selection for the Sunday in question was, "Tis I, he not afraid," and after the usual mental gymnastics had been gone through, after an expectant hush, one promising youth volunteered the information that he knew.

"Well," what is it?" asked the teacher.

"It's me, don't get skeered," was his rendition of the verse.

How They Did It.

"My goods are quite au fait, I think."

The Boston maid avowed.

"And mine are really very swell."

The New York girl allowed.

"My fit-out's just about the stuff."

Chicago's damsel cried.

"There's ain't no kissing bugs on mine."

The Deadwood girl replied.

An Airt Liquid.

Little Silas—Say, paw, what is this here liquid air that the paper tells us is so good?

His Father—I don't know exactly, but I reckon it must be suthin' like soda water.

SURPRISED.

"It was wonderful to see that young American lady leading the mob," said one Parisian.

"What was wonderful about it?"

"Why, the fact that we could understand her French."

GAS

The proper time to have a Gas Range put in is now. Gas is the cheapest, most convenient fuel.

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THE DISTRICT

GUILDS.

Charlie Guild has sold his corner lot to the Misses Walker, of Charing Cross.

Lynton Powell, of St. Thomas, is home for a few days.

Matthew Steel has been very sick with pleurisy.

Miss Byrd Jenner, of Detroit, has been home for a few weeks.

Anniversary services here on April 22nd. Rev. Mr. Prosser, of Ridgeway, will preach morning and evening.

EAST BRANCH.

Bailey Shaw visited friends in Detroit recently.

Rev. Mr. Charlesworth, pastor of the Baptist Church, Wallaceburg, has been unable for the past few Sundays to take charge of his appointment here, owing to sickness.

Miss Rosa Heyward is slightly indisposed.

Geo. Woolver, of Loraine, is home for the summer.

Mrs. J. Richardson is on the sick list.

The Rev. D. Currie and wife, of Wallaceburg, visited friends on the East Branch last week.

Quite a large number of live hogs were taken from the East Branch to Wallaceburg this week for shipping.

J. N. McCoy intends putting up an addition to one of his barns this season.

Quite a number of East Branchers are complaining of too much cheek, caused by the mumps.

CHARING CROSS.

Miss Blanche Bixler, of Chatham, has returned home, after spending a few days with Miss May Hunter.

The solos rendered by Miss Baxter in the M. E. Church were highly appreciated by the congregation, and they hope they will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Baxter sing again in the near future.

A number of the young people of this village attended the farewell party given at the home of Mrs. T. B. Sanders, of Fargo. Their many friends in this village send with them their best wishes to their new home at St. Thomas.

We are glad to hear that our young friend, Samson Russell, is recovering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Harvey Seaman had the misfortune to lose a very valuable horse.

Thos. Dawson has returned home after spending a couple of days with his mother in Wallaceburg.

Mrs. Alf. Jenner, who has been living on Talbot Street for the last few years, has returned to her old home on the Middle Road. Her many friends are glad to see her back again. Mrs. Jenner, in her sad bereavement, has the deepest sympathy of her many friends in this locality.

S. S. NO. 3, HARWICH.

Report for March.

Class IV.—Obtainable, 100—J. Cundie 121, C. Vester 109, N. Cundie 103, H. Smyth 94, A. Newcome 86, M. Huffman 93, C. Cundie 92, E. Wickwire 89, R. Hill 87, A. Martin 85, C. Huffman 81, G. Proctor 67, C. Rockey 31, C. Huffman 30.

Class II.—Obtainable 130—L. Smyth 79, J. Hill 77, W. Hill 77, B. Huffman 64, L. Morrow 52.

Class II.—Obtainable 120—W. Byron 93, W. Perrin 79, R. Tye 77, R. Tye 72, T. Brown 72, E. Luddy 71, L. Morrow 70, B. Mason 68, R. Brown 69, A. Huffman 68, R. Brown 66, V. Roseborough 65, N. Smyth 58, H. Campbell 57, V. Tompkins 50.

Part II.—Obtainable 70—P. Morrow 56, R. Campbell 50, P. Campbell 43, L. Brown 53, G. Myland 42, G. Huffman 52, R. Proctor 38.

Part I.—B. Bustin 47, R. Cundie 37. Attendance every day.—C. Cundie; T. Brown, also Feb.; W. Byron, R. Campbell, P. Campbell, L. Brown.

ROMNEY COUNCIL.

The township council of Romney met on March 12; members all present.

Moved by Brown and McLean, that the report of C. C. re No. 7 drain, showing a balance of \$175.90 to its credit, be adopted, and the clerk prepare a by-law to refund same to parties entitled thereto.—Carried.

Moved by Brown and McLean, that the reeve purchase a No. 13 fire-proof safe of Goldie & McCulloch for use of treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by McLean and Edwards, that road division west to line of 5 and 6 in 2nd Con. be moved, that the piece of roadway between 6 and 7, S. R., and line of lots 5 and 6 may be better maintained.—Carried.

Moved by Brown and McLean, that Coun. Edwards have the stove platform repaired.—Carried.

Moved by Featherstone and McLean, that J. J. Imrie be appointed pathmaster of Div. 5, vice Jns. Renwick, reformed repaired.—Carried.

Messrs. Robinson, Lounsbury and Moody, representing Romney Agricultural Society, asked for a grant to help them enlarge the grounds and otherwise improve the same.—Carried.

The council granted \$50.

Moved by the tender of Wm. Williams to construct five bridges on Two Creeks drain according to plans prepared by A. Baird, C. E., for the sum of \$1,448, be accepted.—Carried.

Accounts Passed: Wm. Newman, C. E., bal. of acct. rendered 1899, \$8.50; Journal Pig. Co., \$2.25; C. H. Poits, snow plow and iron rods for culvert, \$3.25; Municipal World, supplies, \$7.80; Post, Pig., \$18; M. Labonte, \$25.08, clearing on 6th Con. road; W. A. Robertson, \$50, on sal. as collector; G. R. Smith, \$1, look for town hall; John Randall, \$1.50, error in acct.; Jas. Liddle, \$1, error in dog tax; Jas. Liddle, \$3, I sleep killed by dogs; G. A. Hustler, Alf. Costaworth and J. W. Hodgson, Com'r re No. 7 drain, refund, \$2 each; Jas. Shafer and Henry Green, \$7c each, error in roll.

HE SHOULD BE CAGED.

Jingo—I tell you when it comes to treacherous tactics no Filipino leads the band. He is a bird.

Jingo—That's right, and from our standpoint a bird in the hand is worth two in the ambush.

Gold represents all human forces; nothing is denied to him who opens and closes the mouth of the sack.

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If you have any use for a vehicle of any kind, or think that you have used your old rig long enough we invite you to call and inspect our large and assorted line of vehicles. We use nothing but the best material in the manufacture of our buggies and tack them up with the strongest kind of a guarantee. Our prices are very reasonable considering the high quality of the work. Our terms of payment are easy. WE BUILD FARM WAGONS AND FARM TRUCKS.

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We also have a new line of Solid Gold and Gold Filled Hearts at

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Notice to Contractors.

Bulk and separate tenders will be received up to 7 o'clock p.m., Friday, April 6th, by the undersigned architects, at whose office plans may be obtained, addressed to James Forsyth, Esq., Chatham township for alterations and additions to residence near Elberta station. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Jns. Forsyth, Esq., Architects, Proprietors. 1w Chatham, Ont.

Notice to Contractors.

Bulk or separate tenders will be received up to 7 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, April 4th, 1900, for the erection and completion of three veneered brick residences and one veneered brick convent.

On each of these buildings there will be stone work, brick work, plumbing and slating.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders to be left at the Architect's office by the time specified above.

JAMES W. CARSWELL, Architect, Market Building, Chatham, Ont.

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The City can Secure the Organization of a Pork Packing Co.

John Grandy Makes a Proposal to the Council to Commence the Solicitation of Stock.

John Grandy, insurance agent of this city, is anxious to undertake the organization of a pork packing company under the auspices of the city and thinks he can make a success of it. The following letter from Mr. Grandy, was read at last night's session of the city council:

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatham, Gentlemen,—

Re the organization of a pork packing company, I will be pleased to enter into a contract to organize a joint stock company of \$50,000, on the following conditions, that is to say, that the city will pay \$30 per month, paid monthly, for five months, and if I succeed in organizing such company by getting \$25,000 stock subscribed, which shall be deemed sufficient to commence business, that the city will pay me \$150 additional, making \$300 in all. The said \$150 to be paid when the \$25,000 of stock is subscribed. The term to commence at or about April 1st. It is understood that the council may cancel and terminate the contract at the end of any month if there is not reasonable progress made by me not getting about the proportionate part of the \$25,000 subscribed, each month. Such termination will require notice to be given at the end of the month.

Yours truly,
JOHN GRANDY.

The communication was referred to the finance committee.

THE QUEEN STARTS

Her Majesty is Now on her way to Ireland.

Most Elaborate Preparations to Insure the Sovereign's Safety.

London, April 3.—Queen Victoria left Windsor last evening en route for Ireland. Her Majesty is accompanied by Princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Not in the history of the Great Western and London & North Western railways have greater precautions ever been observed to protect the royal train than those which have been perfected when Her Majesty started northward. These officials, who have superintended the transportation of emperors, kings and princes of all nations in and out of Windsor, have exerted themselves beyond precedent to insure the safety of the royal train between Windsor and Holyhead.

Royal trains seldom run at night; but the queen, who is especially adverse to fast travel, stipulated that the trip should occupy 11 hours, although it is usually covered in six, slowness at a time when traffic is lightest was one of the reasons for deciding upon a night run. The preparations for the trip had been in hand for weeks and the train had already run every foot of the route and the portions of the apparatus of the train and the track had been subjected to the most careful inspection.

Leaving Windsor the royal train was in the hands of the Great Western Co.'s, and the London & North Western Co.'s officials assumed responsibility at midnight, when the journey by way of Grove and Chester to Holyhead began. The officials of the latter line and the little sleep, station masters, operators and track inspectors at every station along the route, no matter how small, were imperatively required to be on duty an hour before the royal train was due, to examine personally as to signals and switches, and to see that all was in proper working order.

The pilot engine named "Prince of Wales," which is a new engine, ahead of the royal train, and after its passage all tracks were kept absolutely clear. The royal train was drawn by two locomotives, with expert engineers, and a complete staff of railway experts and electricians accompanied the train for immediate action in case anything should go wrong.

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THAMESVILLE.

April 3. The river is rising rapidly and the much talked of flood will be on in a day or two.

Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Toronto, will lecture in the Presbyterian Church, on the "Interests of the Upper Canada Tract Society."

Robt. Ferguson, M. P. P., spent Sunday at home.

Miss Maggie Millar has secured a position in Ridgeway.

C. Barrett, travelling auditor C.P.R., was in town yesterday.

Dick Howat, of Windsor, spent Sunday at home.

James Duffus is expected home from Michigan this week.

Mr. Drumm, of Georgetown, the new editor of the Herald, has arrived and will take charge at once. We extend a most cordial welcome.

SOUTH POLE FOUND.

Explorer Borzhgrevik Ciglas to have Scored a Complete Success.

London, April 3.—Carsten E. Borzhgrevik, the leader of the south polar expedition fitted out in 1898 by Sir George Newnes, of this city, who, with the surviving members of his party, arrived on the steamer Sørø, at Campbeltown, near Bluff Harbor, N. Z., yesterday, telegraphs Sir George Newnes that the object of the expedition has been fully attained and that the position of the south magnetic pole has been located. He adds that the expedition reached the farthest point south, with sledges, of which there is any record, latitude 78 degrees 50 minutes south.

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THE COMIC CORNER.

Headstrong—The goat.

It is not considered an offense for a switchman to flag at his work.

Even the strictest vegetarian believes it is meet that he should eat.

An infallible receipt—What to do to obtain white hands. Nothing.

It is funny that the load makes the cargo before the train starts.

It is a wise hen that knows her own set.

An eye for an eye—The glass variety.

A live electric wire is in dead earnest.

No baggage master ever dares to handle an elephant's trunk roughly.

A fall opening—an uncovered coal-hole.

The whistling buoy is of much more value than the whistling girl.

A crusty employer believes that a laborer is worthy of his ire.

Mrs. Brown—What color are your little boy's eyes? Mrs. Robinson—Black generally. He's a terrible fighter.

Mr. Biggs—I put my foot right down on your business. Mr. Figgs—You've toed it, eh?

Tenant—Does this chimney always smoke like that? Landlord—Oh, no; only when there's a fire in the grate.

It is almost an impossibility for a messenger boy to get the run of his business.

Aunt Jo—And do you help your mother when she is cooking? Bessie—Yes; I keep out of her way.

"Oh, papa!" exclaimed little Fritz, running up, with a chestnut-burr in his hand. "Look! I've found the egg of a porcupine."

"You must come over and play with the baby some time," said the visitor.

"Maybe I will," answered the little girl. "Is it a walking baby or just a wagon baby?"

"We have no use for bear stories," said the editor. "Our readers demand something spicy."

"Well," said the manuscript, "this story is about a cinnamon bear."

Mamma—Sallie, if you had a little spunk you'd stand better in your class. Do you know what spunk is? Sallie (moodily)—I suppose it's the past participle of "spunk," mamma.

"Under the equator, gentlemen," remarked an extensive traveler, "it is so hot that the natives have to put the hens in ice-chests to prevent them laying hard-boiled eggs."

"Is your uncle an extensive farmer?" "You bet," answered the little city boy, who had just returned from a vacation in the country. "He weighs three hundred and forty-eight pounds."

Sunday-school teacher—And now, children, who have we to thank for this beautiful sunshine, and, more than all, the health-giving rains with which we are blessed? "Uncle Jerry Rusk."

"Pa, why does water run down hill?" "Why, my son, it has to yield to the force of gravitation." "You're way off, pop; that isn't the reason at all." "Indeed! And what is the reason?" "It can't walk."

Englishman—You have some pretty high buildings in Chicago, haven't you? "Chicagoan—Well, I should remark! Why the tops of some of them are covered with snow the year around!"—Puck

Archie (mindful of a vociferous little sister—Mamma, is it true that babies in Japan never cry? Mamma—That's one of the points of the apparatus of the train and the track had been subjected to the most careful inspection.

Leaving Windsor the royal train was in the hands of the Great Western Co.'s, and the London & North Western Co.'s officials assumed responsibility at midnight, when the journey by way of Grove and Chester to Holyhead began.

The officials of the latter line and the little sleep, station masters, operators and track inspectors at every station along the route, no matter how small, were imperatively required to be on duty an hour before the royal train was due, to examine personally as to signals and switches, and to see that all was in proper working order.

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