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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

**M**OST ugly girls have something pretty about them, and the few who know that they cannot claim even this limited endowment become pathetic to men of a generous mind, exciting pity, and we all know what pity is akin to under favorable conditions. I remember, says a writer in *Lippincott's Magazine*, a maiden of this stamp who secured a handsome and devoted husband by her very hopelessness of winning his preference, by the tender humility of her worship of himself. Living in the same house, the constant appeal to his chivalry became more powerful at last than all the varied charms of other women he might have won.

Ugly girls, however, generally carry their consolation with them in a blessed unconsciousness of their want of good looks. Have we not all seen them stand before a mirror noting the effect of a color or a new fashion, with an undisguised expression of admiration on their faces? very much like the ugly young man who ties his cravat and smiles at his image in the glass, with the comforting mental comment: "Not handsome, but devilish fascinating!"

The statement that "ugly girls are generally left to run to waste as unappropriated blessings" is not supported by evidence. Who has not met wives as ugly as an old maid in his list of acquaintances? It is safe to make the broad generalization that an ugly girl, all other things being equal, is likely to have fewer offers than a pretty girl, but quite as likely to receive the one offer which will make her a happy wife. It may be doubted whether a plurality of lovers is an unmixed advantage to a girl; one good lover, the elect man, attracted to her by affinity in its highest sense, is forever enough.

But all other things (save gift of beauty) seldom are equal between the ugly and the pretty girl; by the natural law of compensation the ugly girl has

either some inherent or some acquired quality that is lacking in the other, which asserts its charm as acquaintance progresses. Beauty only has the start in the race.

The ugly girl often has superior tact and finesse. Being obliged to study human nature closely in order to get the most out of it, she learns so well how and when to speak delicate flattery that she ends by convincing the man who scarcely noticed her on the evening when they were introduced that the lips which can utter such bewitching things are really beautiful; for somebody has said—I cannot give the authority for the quotation—that men are vain.

Propinquity often decides attachments of every kind. If a city man had to spend a winter in a Cape Cod village with a homely but pleasant girl he would be more likely to find himself in love with her by spring than with the pretty and pleasant girl he left behind when he went to Cape Cod.

An ugly girl has a firm grip, generally speaking. She is not sated with admiration or confident when she gets it that it will be perennial, so she does not let chances give her the slip after the fashion of many belles. When once married, she has plenty of grit, too, to protect her lawful property and to distance the pretty and unscrupulous flirts who would try their wiles on him.

It is questionable, after all, if a woman's beauty or homeliness makes much difference to a man after he has been married to her a year. Does he even know how she looks? He sees her inner nature, and the happiness of the couple is decided by the effect of their inner natures upon each other. Many a man with a pretty wife has been infatuated with the society of a very plain-looking woman, who possessed either intelligence or some power of adaptation he missed in his partner.

A friend of *The Home Journal* has

been making some calculations that may prove of interest. He forwards the following to the architect of the column known as *Tales of the Town*:—If a girl wishes to know how long she may venture to remain single without destroying altogether her matrimonial prospect she should investigate a table prepared by a mathematician who had apparently run out of anything else to figure on. Taking 100 as a basis, the figurer finds that the most women are married between the ages of 20 and 25, fully 52 per cent. of them. Only 14½ per cent. wed between 15 and 20, which seems to show that sweet 16, and even sweet 18, are no longer so fashionable or desirable in brides as they used to be. Between 30 and 35 the chances are 15½ per cent., a little greater still than it was between 15 and 20. There is material for hope in this fact, certainly. About 35, however, there is a tremendous drop. No more than from three to four girls out of a hundred marry between 35 and 40. The young woman who does not intend to finish her days single should therefore make haste to take a husband before she reaches the fatal age of 35. After a woman is 60 years old the chance is only one out of a thousand that she will ever marry.

To complete this analysis, one only needs the matrimonial temper tables prepared by Sir Francis Galton. One learns from them that among wives 53 per cent. are good tempered, while only 46 per cent. of all husbands are thus good natured. Among wives, moreover, only 6 per cent. are found to be "masterful." So that it is still safe for a man to marry.

The other day I was asked the meaning of the word "Siwash." I confessed my ignorance, but since then I happened to run across something that may enlighten others who are like myself in a benighted state. "Siwash" is the common name for the Indians on Vancouver's Island and in neighboring British possessions. It is nothing more

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than a corruption of the French "sauvage," the name given to the Indians by early French settlers in the northwest. The Indians, on their part, have adopted and curiously corrupted English words and phrases. With one tribe the ordinary form of salutation sounds something like "Clackawaya," and it has been traced to the fact that the Indians hanging about a military post were accustomed to hear the soldiers salute a post trader named Clark with "Clark, how are you?" which phrase the Indians adopted and corrupted.

Great has been my respect—I had almost said reverence—hitherto for that Knight Commander of the Order of Justice Sir Matthew Begbie. However, an invective of his thundered against a foxy townsite man that spreads his net for suckers on Government street, has almost made me waver in my notions of Sir Matthew's infallibility. For has he not irretrievably damaged the reputation of our city variety managers and crossing sweepers? Alas! the fiat has now gone forth that these last-mentioned laborers in the vineyard are no better than a townsite boomer.

A well-known clergyman, after long and anxious thought, which no doubt resulted in sleepless nights and a terrible strain on his mental faculties, has come to the conclusion that Sunday papers are published for the purpose of making money. This is news, indeed for the class who have so long labored under the delusion that all newspapers were published for glory. I do not know what the opinion of the reverend gentleman will result in, but I can say with the utmost assurance that the Sunday papers will be published regularly.

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. Whatever belief one may entertain concerning the link between this and some other world, I believe that the uppermost thought in the minds of the vast multitude is the problem of ever awaking from that "long and dreary sleep." I am acquainted with a great many good, earnest Christian people who are haunted with doubt, despite their devotions, through which they are moved

by hope alone, the father of their thoughts. And I have long been convinced that too much time has been wasted in prayers and tears for the welfare of the children of men beyond the great gap, and too little in lifting them up on this side. Men who have fallen by the wayside among the thorns and thistles, want something better than theological dogmas. A bowl of soup and a good bed frequently go further than a psalm-book or a doleful prayer.

PERE GRINATOR.

VICTORIA BUSINESS INDEX.

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## BRITAIN'S POSITION IN EGYPT.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

SIR:—Having read with much interest an article in your paper, headed as above, I venture to send you extracts from Sir Samuel Baker's work, "Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia," (1867), and think that a grand monument to British enterprise would be raised by carrying out the idea there sketched:

"Having visited every tributary of the Nile, I have been struck with the extraordinary fact, that enormous wealth is conveyed to Egypt by the annual inundations of the river Nile—the force of the stream is entirely uncontrolled. No attempt has been made to insure a supply of water to Egypt during all seasons. The inundations are caused by the sudden rush of waters from the torrents of Abyssinia in July, August and September; and the soil washed down by the floods of the Atbara is at the present moment silting up the mouth of the Nile and forming a delta below the waters of the Mediterranean. An immense proportion of the fertilizing mud is not only wasted, but navigation is impeded by the silt. Great reservoirs should be formed throughout the extent of Egypt from Khartoum to the Mediterranean comprising 16° of latitude, with a fall of fifteen hundred feet. This would afford any quantity of irrigation by the establishment of a series of weirs across the Nile at certain points, from which the water would be led by canals into natural depressions; these would form reservoirs from which the water could be led on a vast scale. As stone is plentiful throughout the Nile district, the engineering difficulties would be trifling.

"Mehemet Ali erected a barrage between Cairo and Alexandria, which by simply raising the level of the river, enabled the people to extend their channels for irrigation. But this was the crude idea which has not been carried out on a commensurate scale with the requirements of Egypt. The ancient Egyptians made use of the lake Marœtis as a reservoir for the Nile waters for the irrigation of a large extent of Lower Egypt by taking advantage of a high Nile to secure a supply for the remainder of the year; but they appeared to have ignored the first principle of irrigation, by neglecting to raise the level of the river.

"Egypt remains in the same position

that Nature originally allotted to her; the life-giving stream that flows through a thousand miles of burning sands suddenly rises in July and floods the Delta, which it has formed by a deposit, and it wastes a superabundance of fertilizing mud in the waters of the Mediterranean. Why should not the mud of the Nile which now silts up the Sea, be directed to the barren but vast area of deserts that by such a deposit would become a fertile portion of Egypt? The enormous volume of water heavily charged with soil that now rushes uselessly into the sea might be led through the deserts of Nubia and Lybia to transform them into cotton-fields that could render England independent of America. It is merely a simple and common-place fact that with a fall of 1,500 feet in 1,000 miles with a river that supplies an unlimited quantity of water and mud at a particular season, a supply could be afforded to a prodigious area by an annual deposit of soil from the water allowed to waste. This suggestion might be carried out by gradations.

"A single dam could be put above the first cataract at Assouan, at a spot where the river is walled in by granite hills. The water could here be raised to an exceedingly high level that would facilitate also the navigating of the river now frequently closed by the cataracts. By raising the level of the Nile sixty feet at every dam, the cataracts would no longer exist. Sluice gates and canals would conduct the shipping either up or down the stream. Were this principle carried out as far as the last cataract, near Khartoum, the Soudan would no longer remain a desert; the Nile would not only cultivate these immense tracts now utterly worthless; but it would be the navigable channel of Egypt for the extraordinary distance of 27° of latitude from the Mediterranean to Gondokoro. More remote countries in the interior of Africa are so difficult of access that it will be simply impossible to alter the condition of the inhabitants unless we change the natural conditions under which they exist. Their geographical position desert-locked excludes them from the civilized world. Nevertheless through that desert and neglected wilderness the Nile has flowed for ages, and the people on its banks are as wild and as uncivilized as they were when the Pyramids were raised in

Lower Egypt. Hereafter men will look in amazement on a mighty Egypt upon a network of canals and reservoirs spreading throughout a land teeming with fertility.

"In Ceylon water was conducted by artificial channels throughout the land. It was the most fertile country in the East; her power equalled her prosperity. The dams were destroyed in civil warfare; the country dried up; famine swallowed up the population; the grandeur and prosperity of the country collapsed; 10,000 square miles now lie desolate in thorny jungles, where formerly a sea of rice-crops floated on the surface. In Egypt there is an industrious population crowded upon a limited surface of fertile soil and yearning for an increase of surface. We saw the Egyptians boating the earth from crumbling ruins and transporting it with arduous labor to spread it on the barren sandbanks of the Nile left by the retreating tide. By the works above mentioned the water would have been filtered to the sea.

"In growing cotton before, the Egyptians suffered miserably as an unusual surface was devoted to its culture; grain had to be imported, not exported. As a conclusion the taxes on the increased produce would not only cover the first outlay on the irrigation works, but permanently increase the revenue. A dam across the Atbara would irrigate the entire country from Gozeragup to Berber, a distance of upwards of 200 miles, and the system on the Nile would carry the water throughout the deserts between Khartoum and Dongola and thence to Lower Egypt. The great Sahara is a desert simply because it gets no rainfall.

"England would become a desert if it were deprived of rain for three or four years. The deserts of Egypt have never known rain except in an unexpected shower. This is the way to civilize a country. The engineer will alter the hard conditions of Nature that have rendered man as barren of good works as the sterile soil of fruits. Then you may hope for usual progress."

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Yours,

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## BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.

CORA.

Oh, Jake! will you be true to me,  
When storms of trouble roll,  
And waves of anguish dash and drive  
Against my trusting soul?

JAKE.

Yes, Cora dear, you need not fear,  
Nor dread the tempest's shocks,  
Because my love for thee, my dear,  
Is founded on the "rocks."

1. And Moses arose and said:  
"Let Issachar, he that was one of  
the spies to spy out the land of  
Bogusburg, be brought unto me."  
And they fetched him.

2. And Moses spake unto him,  
saying: "O, Issachar, it is a matter  
of common report that thou wast  
one of the spies that wentest down  
into the land of Bogusburg for the  
children of Israel, to appraise it."  
And Issachar replied: "Thou  
speakest truly."

3. Then Moses spake, saying:  
"Likewise do they bring me word  
that thou didst visit Bayoak and  
didst talk with the sons thereof."  
And Issachar inclined his head, but  
spake no word.

4. Thereupon Moses pointing  
with his finger at him said: "O,  
Issachar, a captive taken at the fall  
of Bayoak brings the report that  
thou didst buy an option upon  
Rameses' Outlots to the city of  
Bogusburg and didst plan to sub-  
divide them and sell them in 6 foot  
lots to the children of Israel, thereby  
causing scandal among the sons of  
men. And I have caused search to  
be made in the registrar's office at  
Bayoak, and find a plat thereof  
filed and for record. Likewise,  
Issachar, I find that thou didst re-  
turn and report these barren, sandy  
outlots to be a land flowing with  
milk and honey, whereat the child-  
ren of Israel did invest heavily in  
these barren rocks, and are now  
cast down in spirit.

5. And Issachar looked upon the

ground and at first answered  
nothing. Then he said: "O,  
Moses, there is a big future ahead  
of Bogusburg. The country back  
of it is rich and the tillers of the  
soil are an industrious race. Bogus-  
burg is bound to boom."

6. Then Moses arose in wrath, for  
his son-in-law had bought from  
Rameses' outlots four 6-foot lots  
and paid all shekels down and had  
given back no mortgage. And he  
did issue a decree that the Rameses'  
outlots now remaining in Issachar's  
name should be taken for a public  
park and that the Children of  
Israel who had bought property  
there should appraise the price to  
be paid Issachar.

7. And Issachar went out of  
Moses' presence heavy in mind and  
he did murmur against Moses to the  
Children of Israel. But it was use-  
less, for what Moses said went.

8. And Issachar went and dwelt  
with the Phillistines.

## PUBLIC RIGHTS.

The Commercial Journal has the  
following to say concerning the re-  
cent attempts of the Victoria Tram-  
way Company to beat time:

"Sincethe Tramway Company secured its  
charter and obtained permission to do its  
business upon the streets of Victoria it  
appears to have become utterly oblivious  
to the rights of the public, and life and  
limb are scarcely worth consideration by  
it. An inquest was held the other day by  
Mr. Coroner Morrison and a special jury  
upon the remains of its latest victim, a  
poor little boy, the verdict being "that  
Samuel Harry Hatcher met his death on  
Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1892, by  
being accidentally run over by a tramcar  
on Douglas street, in the city of Victoria.  
No blame can attach to either motorneer  
or conductor, but this jury is of opinion  
that the scheduled rate of speed, viz., 10  
(ten) miles per hour, is too high a rate  
to be run with safety within the city  
limits. We are also of opinion that the  
tramcar motorneers are not a sufficiently  
trained body of men to be entrusted with  
the lives of the public."

"Here is a censure on the management of  
the road—firstly, that the rate of speed  
(ten miles an hour) is too high for safety—  
and secondly, that the motorneers are not  
a sufficiently trained body of men to be en-  
trusted with the lives of the public. This  
verdict was, moreover, arrived at after  
Chief of Police Sheppard had, in the most  
irregular, uncalled for and improper man-  
ner, interfered with the examination. The  
Chief, as it has been well said, has no status  
in the Coroner's Court, and has no author-  
ity to examine a witness or to take any  
part in the proceedings, and the Coroner  
should not allow him or any one else to ex-  
ercise the authority, and to perform the  
duty which he, and he alone, is authorized  
to exercise and perform. Albeit it has

been his custom to interfere whenever he  
possibly could, and, not unfrequently, when  
he has not been there, ordinary policemen  
have been allowed to discharge functions  
that are peculiarly those of the Coroner."

"In the case now specially referred to, the  
motorneer appears to have thought that  
he had done his whole duty when he  
whistled and slowed up; nevertheless he  
might have done more than this. Besides,  
it seems to us that a case would lie both  
for a criminal and civil prosecution, which,  
were it properly carried out, the rights of  
the public, as contrasted with the privi-  
leges allowed to a company, which at best  
is but on sufferance, might be better de-  
fined. The city is under no obligation to  
the tramcar people."

It has been remarked that our  
citizens are a little hasty in con-  
demning the tramway company, in  
fact a correspondent suggests that  
in case of war with the United  
States, Victoria could turn a couple  
of tram cars loose and work fearful  
destruction with the enemy. "Cry  
havoc, and let slip the dogs of war."

## SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

OVER twenty exchanges have  
copied extracts from the Bogus-  
burg Bugler articles appearing in  
this paper. Thus does the great  
townsite boom.

THE North American immigrat-  
ing Chinaman is now singing the  
refrain:

Of Nelson and the West  
We'll sing the glorious booming town, etc.

HAD not that lop-sided gunboat,  
the Mohician, sought a haven of  
refuge in the Esquimalt graving  
dock, we are credibly informed that  
her men would have been hum-  
ming from the depths of old salt:  
"And we never came back, but  
we'll meet on that beautiful  
shore."

IF marriage is a lottery love let-  
ters should not be permitted to go  
through the mails.

"PAUL, sit still, or you'll get a  
thrashing." "Mamma, if you pun-  
ish me, I will tell the conductor  
that I was five years old yester-  
day; then you'll have to pay."

OUR little legislature is as mad  
as a wet hen after a general pur-  
loinment of her eggs. The Messrs.  
K. think it all O. K. to lacerate the  
reputations of that band of patriots  
that hive over James Bay. The  
hive has begun a-buzzing, and the

journalists have thought it better to jump. Gentlemen, if stung you may have an antidote.

CHRISTIANITY without charity is like an autograph from a type-writer.

ON what seems good authority we are informed that Miss Lyons will support Sullivan, not Salvini.

LUCERNE, Switzerland, has an ancient wall with eight towers. The builders must have worked under the eight-tower law.

WE see in one of the daily papers that the Java coffee crop this year will be a complete failure. Java hear such disagreeable news.

THE Kennedys have skipped and the newspaper editors are wondering who will be the next to have his name in "The Lion's Mouth."

WE would direct the attention of the free and independent electors of Victoria to the fact that they have at last got an alderman they can Bragg about and one who will not be liable to raise the D—l-in the council meetings.

THE Colonist will in future publish notices of marriages and births free of charge. Persons contemplating matrimony and young married couples are respectfully requested to make a note of this and govern themselves accordingly.

As the Marquis of Salisbury possesses a mental power and diplomatic ability sufficiently marked to make him strongly unpopular in the States, newspapers like the Minneapolis Tribune get even with him by alluding to "Mr. Salisbury." Such editorial "argument" is simply crushing.

THE Victoria City Band serenaded THE HOME JOURNAL last Saturday night. This organization will furnish band and orchestra music for all kinds of entertainments, and no doubt Mr. Finn, the musical director, will secure sufficient work to recompense him for the trouble he has had in organizing a really first-class band.

VICTORIA bride—"Oh, I wish I were dead. I never supposed John would talk to me in that way." Victoria dame—"It's only a lover's

quarrel, dear. Don't get a divorce." "Divorce! Horror! I never dreamed of it." "No, it's no use, my dear; no use at all. Every lady in Seattle will tell you that it is just as hard to get along with one man as another. They are all alike."

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Barley Pearl	10
Bacon, breakfast	18
spiced roll	16
Beef, corned, tin	35
Bloaters	12 1/2
Blacklead, best	25
French Polish	25
Bricks, bath	12 1/2
Butter, creamery	35c or 3 for 1 00
dairy	25
fresh Island	50
Catsup, tomato	25 to 40
mushroom, pt	40
walnut, pt	40
Capers	25
Candles, Belmont	25
Ozokerit	50
Caviar	50
Celery, salt	25
Chocolate, Eagle	50
Cocoa, Fry	50
Epps	50
Van Houton's	1 50
Chutney	25 to 1 50
Cheese, Canadian	20
Roqufort	1 00
Swiss	50
English Stilton	50
Limburg	50
Brick Cream	50
Mellors Cream, pots	1 25
Parmasam	1 00
Pineapple	50
Edom	50
Clams	3 for 50
Cocoanut	50
Coffee, Costa Rica, green	25
Java	40
Mocha	50
ground	40
Cream Tartar	50
Currants, Patras	12 1/2
Vostizi	16
Corn, Ontario	3 for 50
Deville meat	40
Eggs, fresh	50
packed	25
Extracts, flavoring, 2 oz	25 to 35
Farina	10 lb. sack 1 25
Figs	per lb 25
10 lbs	2 00
Fish, cod, Pacific	12 1/2
Eastern	16
black	12 1/2
mackerel bloater	35
tins	1 00
Flour, Hungarian	6 75
Snowflake	6 50
Enderby	6 25
Fruits, assorted table, 3-lb. tins	40
2-lb. tins	25
pie, gallon	75
in Brandy	1 50
crystalized	25 to 75
Gelatine, Nelson's	25
Hams	20
Hops	40
Honey, gallon	1 75
4 lbs, comb, in jars	1 00
2 lbs,	75
50	50

" cube, San Francisco	10 lbs	1 00
" " Vancouver	12 lbs	1 00
" Extra C	15 lbs	1 00
Syrup, 1-gal. tin		1 00
" 2-lb tin		25
" Maple, gal.		1 50
Jams, assorted C & B	3 for	1 00
Knife Polish		25
Lard, pure, 10 lbs		1 75
" 5 lbs		1 00
Lentils		16
Lemons, Sicily		50
California		35
Lobster, Clover Leaf		35
Marmalade, pots		35
Maccaroni		25
Milk, Beindeer, tins		25
" Eagle, tins		35
" Highland Cream		25
Mince meat, jars		1 50
condensed		25
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To-night, Manager Berry's company closes a somewhat lengthy engagement at the Imperial. For two or three months this popular organization has held the boards at the above theatre, and while it can be said that they have done much excellent work, it cannot be asserted that they gave a really bad performance during their whole engagement. Mr. Berry's company is composed of people who will compare favorably with any travelling combination. In Miss Belle Inman, we have a leading lady capable of doing acceptably and in many instances cleverly the work which falls to her lot. Miss Inman is a hard worker, and during her whole engagement in this city it can be said of her, that she never came upon the stage without having studied her part in its minutest details. Mr. Berry, the leading man, seems to be imbued with but one desire in life, and that is to please everybody, and that he has succeeded the reception which he receives from his audiences affords the best proof. He has proved himself not only a capable actor, but also an honorable business man, during his connection with the Imperial. Mr. James Morton has made many friends during his stay in this city, who will watch his future career upward and onward. He is a thorough actor and deserves success. Mr. Fred Summerfield has been in this city for four or five months, and is popular not only on the stage, but in the little circle in which he moved. As a character man, Mr. Summerfield can fill an engagement with any company. Mr. Wm. Bennett has not been long upon the stage, but work hard, with the result that each succeeding week shows a marked improvement in his work. Mr. J. R. Bromson is clever, and can infuse life into any play, no matter how dull, and Mr. Lloyd does his best to please, with the result that he very often succeeds. Miss Kitty Berry, in characters, is, to use the somewhat expressive term, "away out of sight." Her Belinda, in *Our Boys*, will not be forgotten in this city for some time. Miss Raynetta Lewis, in soubrette parts, is pleasing and amusing. Her singing is a feature of every performance. Miss Annie E. Inman gives careful and accurate portrayals of the parts assigned to her. Last of all, Little Baby Inman will be greatly missed in this city. This little girl is without doubt a wonder. It is a matter of surprise how so young a child can be taught to read lines and act in the manner in which she does.

The repertoire of the company is an extensive one, and comprises the following standard plays: *Rosedale*, *The Golden Giant*, *Our Boys*, *Black Diamonds*, *Divorce*, *Planter's Wife*, *The Shaughraun*, *Under the Gaslight*, *My Partner*, *Lancashire Lass*, *Uncle Dan'l*, *The Private Secretary*, *Kathleen Mavourneen*, *Lady Audley's Secret* and *Rip Van Winkle*.

Mr. James Collins has gone in advance of the Imperial Comedy Company. This is the name Mr. Berry has christened his organization.

The Imperial has had a change of programme every night this week. The performances were of the usual high order of merit and fairly well patronized. The company open in Vancouver, Monday night, in *Rosedale*.

Ole Olsen at The Victoria, Tuesday night, completely filled the house. The performance was very good, and thoroughly amused all present. The specialties in the last act were equal, if not superior, to any ever seen in this city. Miss St. George Hussy has long had the reputation of being the best Irish character woman on the stage, and accepting her work with the Ole Olsen company as a basis, it is reasonable to predict that she need fear no rival

for some years to come at least. The Swedish quartette were deservedly encored, and added much to the pleasure of the performance.

Frederick Warde, in Henry Guy Carlton's play, *The Lion's Mouth*, opened a two nights' engagement at the Victoria, Thursday evening. The play is one which affords Mr. Warde great scope for his histrionic ability, and is superior to anything that has been written of late years. This gentleman has surrounded himself with an excellent company, and, as a result, he has done a larger business this season than ever before. *Damon and Pythias*, Friday night, drew out the full strength of the company.

The Kimball opera company in *Carmen Upto Date* will be the next attraction at The Victoria, April 19 and 20. The company is well spoken of.

The Spider and Fly company will hold the boards at The Victoria on the evenings of April 21 and 22. The company is a large one and has done a big business this season.

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**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

C. F. Wallis has returned from a business visit to Portland.

An Easter Monday celebration will be held at the Jockey Club grounds.

Col. Prior, M.P., is expected here from Ottawa by the middle of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Croft and Miss Duns-muir have gone to California on a pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lenz returned Wednesday evening from an extended trip to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews left last Saturday for England for a three months' pleasure trip.

Mr. Geo. Williams, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, Nanaimo, was in the city last week.

Queen Victoria likes a good novel, and she thinks those of Miss Marie Corilli about answer that description.

Mr. J. D. Pemberton intends leaving for a trip to England shortly. He will be accompanied by some of the members of his family.

The Rev. P. McF. McLeod, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, returned Thursday evening from a three weeks' trip to Toronto.

Loyal Orange Lodges No. 1426 and 1610 will give a ball in Assembly Hall on the evening of Easter Monday. Grand march at 8.30 p.m.

A Lodge of the Order of the Golden Shore will shortly be organized in Victoria. The Supreme Lodge of the order is located in San Francisco.

A farewell dinner was given Mr. Henderson, of the Bank of Montreal, by a number of friends, last Saturday evening, on the eve of his removing to Vancouver.

The Fernwood Chatauquan Circle in connection with Pandora Avenue Methodist Church gave their musical and literary entertainment in the church parlors last Monday evening.

E. J. O'Sullivan, principal of the British Columbia Business College, has for the third time won the first prize in penmanship against all Canada. Mr. O'Sullivan's Business College is growing rapidly in public favor.

The Marquis of Dufferin, Britain's new Ambassador at Paris, has a collection of water-colors painted by himself on view there, and the Marchioness lately charmed everybody by her bright and spirited acting in "A Happy Pair" at the Austrian Embassy in Rome.

The members of the Young Ladies' Institute will give an entertainment in the new Roman Catholic Cathedral on Wednesday evening, April 27th. A good programme is being prepared, and no doubt this entertainment will be up to the standard of previous ones given by the Y. L. I.

All who attended the entertainment given last Monday evening by the members of the Epworth League in connection with the Gorge Road Methodist Church, were well pleased with the entertainment provided for them. The programme was by the best musical talent of the city, and

the refreshments appetizing in the extreme.

The Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School will give an entertainment in the Cathedral school room on Wednesday, 20th, at 8 p.m. The entertainment will consist of songs, recitations, instrumental music, etc., concluding with an exhibition drill by the Broom Brigade. Proceeds of entertainment to go to the Willing Workers' Fund.

The crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. MacGregor was observed by their many friends at Craig Royston last Monday evening. The preparations were made upon a most elaborate scale, and brought forth many expressions of appreciation from those present. Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor received many letters of congratulation from the east and elsewhere. They were married at Almonte, Ont., on March 11, 1877. The then bride was Miss Sophia Pattie, sister of Mayor Pattie, of Carleton Place, Ont., and the high esteem in which she was held by her many friends at the time she has since retained.

Rev. M. C. Browne, of St. Michael's Church, performed the ceremony which made Mr. Edward Stepher Wilkinson and Miss Sarah Stevens, of Saanich, man and wife, on April 6th. Mr. Wilkinson is the second son of the late John Wilkinson, of Hilcole Hall, Derbyshire, Eng., and the bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Saanich. Mr. D. Stevens and C. Little supported the groom; the Misses Nellie and Jessie Stevens were bridesmaids. The bride wore white silk veil and orange blossoms, the maids pale pink and surah, each carrying lovely bouquets of flowers. After the knot was tied, all returned to the parents' home, where many friends received them, and there partook of a sumptuous breakfast. The bride was the recipient of many valuable and handsome presents.

The closing exhibition of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes was given in the rooms last Wednesday evening. There was a good-sized audience, composed principally of friends of the association and their sisters and cousins, etc. The classes were ably represented by Messrs. Herbert Roper, G. Tite, N. Demers, Jos. Sharp, A. J. Mallette, and Allan Brown. Their work on the rings, parallel bars and horizontal bars was performed in a manner which reflects much credit on the physical department of the association. A little tumbling was introduced by Messrs. Roper and Tite, and Mr. John Boyd did some clever club swinging. The orchestral music furnished by the Parfitt brothers added much life to the work by the class, and made it pleasant for the assembled company. An instrumental duet by Mrs. Drury and Miss Cusack was well executed. The banjo and guitar music by Messrs. McDowell and Booth received a hearty encore. Mr. J. A. Dummett, traveling secretary, said a few words on the physical work, and advocated more suitable quarters and the enlarging of the work. The evening was brought to a close by the serving of light refreshments, provided by the ladies of the auxiliary, who contributed not a little to the evening's enjoyment.

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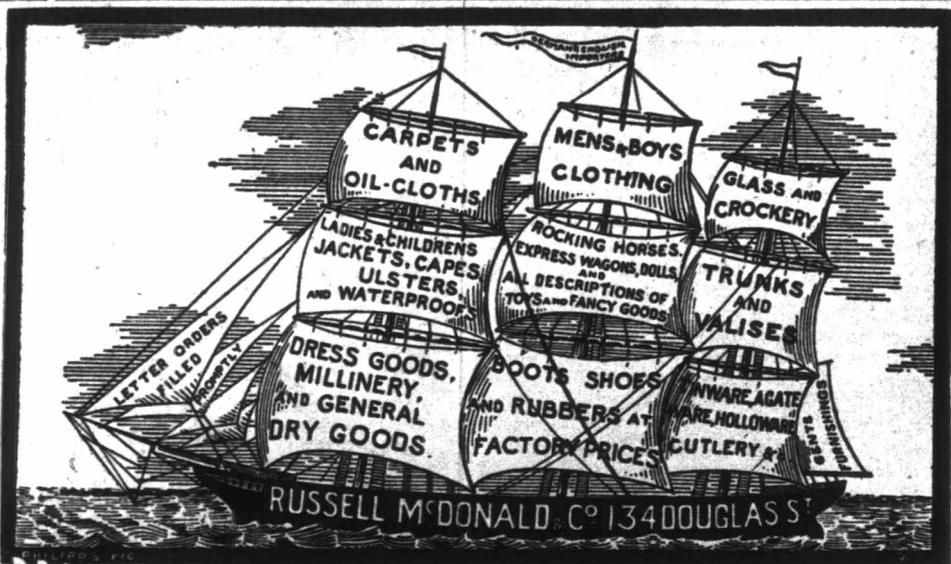
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