

THE MISSING FERRY BOAT.

Careful Search Failed to Find Any Trace of Her.

Manager of Company Thinks She Turned Turtle.

Some of the Crew—The H. W. Oliver Safe.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The rumor that the missing Marquette and Bessemer car float No. 2 might be in shelter behind Long Point, Ont., was dispelled last night, when a tug sent out by the company on Thursday morning returned with the report that, after hours of scouting behind the point and along the coast, she had failed to discover any trace of the missing vessel.

General Manager Leslie, of the company, said: "It is my opinion that the heavy sea broke the key which held the cars in place and, weighted heavily with coal, they raced to the stern of the boat, overcoming her keel. She probably turned turtle and sank without a minute's warning. This theory is borne out by the fact that the men were splendidly drilled, and only a short time would have sufficed for them to launch the boats, which with proper handling would ride almost any storm."

SOME OF THOSE ON BOARD. (Special Wire to the Times.)

London, Ont., Dec. 11.—The men from this district known to be on the Marquette-Bessemer No. 2 are John King, London, aged 26, an Englishman, only in the country a short time; Roy Hines, aged 26, whose parents live near Port Stanley; W. Wiggleworth and E. Harvey, two boys, chums who went recently from Aylmer, King and Hines were coal passers, and Wiggleworth and Harvey deck hands.

THE OLIVER SAFE.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The steamer Henry W. Oliver, which was reported to have been lost on Lake Erie and which left Buffalo Tuesday afternoon, passed up Detroit River yesterday afternoon on her way to Milwaukee.

The steamer Captain Thomas Wilson, also reported missing, is tied up at Marine City, Michigan.

THANKS, W. O.

Mr. Sealey Secures Favours For H. M. Veterans.

John Gardner, president of the County of Wentworth Veterans' Association, has returned from Ottawa, where he went to transact business for the association.

While there he inspected and approved of the model of the statue by the famous sculptor, Hamilton McCarthy, to be erected on Stoney Creek battlefield. He also secured through Mr. W. O. Sealey, M. P. for the county, four mortars to be placed around the base of the monument.

The association is very fortunate in securing these, as they are very scarce, the Government having to get two from Kingston, one from Montreal and one from Quebec. While in Ottawa the president tried to interview the Premier, but was unable to do so, as he was not very well. The resolutions passed at the last convention of representatives of all the associations re the bounty act and pensions were left with Sir Wilfrid's secretary. These resolutions express the feelings of all veterans in the Dominion, and petition the Government on behalf of the vets.

Stop That Cough.

With Parke's Cough Balsam. This is an old, well-tried remedy, composed of the most soothing balsams and extracts known. It will stop, and stop permanently, a cough quicker than anything on the market. Sold at 50c. per bottle.

Parke & Parke, druggists, Market square.

Commercial Travellers'

Certificates for 1910 are now being issued at the office of John Lennox & Co., King street east.

PERFECT WEATHER; TIGERS CONFIDENT.

Expected That 20,000 to 30,000 Will See the Great Game in New York.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

New York, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Beautiful weather greeted the Tiger football team when they arrived here this morning, and conditions were most auspicious for the exhibition of Canadian Rugby which will take place at Van Cortland Park this afternoon. While there is no particular interest locally in the outcome of the game, thousands are anxious to see the Canadian style of play, and it is estimated that between twenty and thirty thousand people will see the game. Better weather could not be desired. The Tigers arrived shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and after breakfast all went out to see the sights. The boys seem confident of defeating the Rough Riders, and all appear to be in the best of condition.

NEW YORK HERALD COMMENTS.

The Herald of yesterday says:

One of the most conclusive pieces of evidence that the Herald's plan to have two of the crack Rugby teams of Canada give a demonstration of their game Saturday is causing the American football solons to show the greatest of interest was received yesterday in a despatch to the Herald. It was an assurance from Alonzo A. Stagg, football coach and athletic director of Chicago University, that he was going to make the one thousand



ROBERT J. MENARY, Prize orator who is to speak at Erskine Church mass meeting Sunday night.

RESULTED IN HIS DEATH.

Mr. James Anderson's Injury Proved Fatal Yesterday.

Death came with great suddenness yesterday to one of Hamilton's most prominent manufacturers, in the person of James Anderson, vice-president of The Brown, Boggs Co., Limited.

On account of the electric power being off yesterday, the company was utilizing an auxiliary engine, and an extension of a shaft was decided necessary. At 1:30 p. m. the deceased, while looking at the work proposed, unconsciously backed into the engine, losing his balance and must have fallen backwards into the main driving belt, and was instantly whirled forward and crushed between the fast running main pulley of the engine and the belt, resulting in such injuries that death resulted a few hours after being taken to the City Hospital.

The deceased was in his 33rd year; was born in Dufftown, Scotland, and came to Hamilton in 1882. For some years he was employed with Mr. S. J. Moore. In 1890 he, with Messrs. J. M. Brown, N. G. Boggs and W. E. Blandford, formed a partnership known as Brown, Boggs & Co., which some years later was formed into a limited company, and since then he has occupied the position as vice-president.

He was a man of retiring disposition, but beloved by all who knew him, his many sterling qualities finding him many friends. He was a member of Knox Church for many years; a Liberal in politics, and a member of the Maple Leaf Lodge, Chosen Friends.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and the following family: Mrs. George Raffan, Toronto; Mrs. W. A. Haycock, Regina; Misses Annie, Eleanor, Ina and Isabel.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 22 Fairleigh avenue, on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. to Hamilton Cemetery.

WHERE IS HE?

Enquiry has been made at the Times office about a young Englishman who is believed to be residing in or near Hamilton. His name is Percy Breeze. He left Sussex, England, on March 28th, 1907. Any information relative to his whereabouts sent to the Times office would be to his advantage.

Just Look! You Don't

Need to buy. We'll show you some of the smartest overcoats and suits you ever saw at \$11.99; they are \$16 special values, offered Saturday and Monday.

Perhaps you'll like to see our \$29 Carra grey and black melton overcoats; they have the style and snap few tailors can equal. Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

W. J. COLHOUN, The new U. S. Minister to China.

HAD A FIT.

Quite a stir was created on the market this morning by a man named Bentley having a fit. He was walking in front of some of the wagons when it seized him, and he fell between two of them. A crowd quickly gathered, and two or three people ran for a policeman, the result being that three of them were on the spot in a few seconds. It took the man some time to recover, and as soon as he could tell his name he was taken home in the ambulance.

A Somker's Christmas Gift.

Genuine meerschaum pipes, cigar cases, Turkish hookah pipes, tobacco jars, fine briar pipes, in cases, cigar holders, humidors, tobacco pouches, genuine calabash pipes and fine cigars in small boxes are sold at peace's pipe store.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED.

Scarlet Fever in Dundas is Again Quite Serious.

Successful Concert Given by the Presbyterian Choir.

Methodist Ladies Gave Afternoon Social and Debate.

Dundas, Dec. 11.—The Board of Health held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the fever situation. The decision was that all town Sunday schools, all the public school rooms excepting that of Principal Morris, and the separate school with the exception of the entrance form, shall be closed until after the Christmas holidays, and longer unless there is a decided abatement of the epidemic. A few weeks ago the schools were re-opened, as the number of cases had been reduced to one, but trouble again made its appearance in an alarmingly increased number. Stringent means are now considered necessary if the disease is to be stamped out.

Knox Church choir concert on Thursday evening was a decided success. The choir was very materially aided by Miss Estelle Carey and Robert Symmers, of Hamilton. The first part of the function consisted of an organ solo by Miss Alice Durrant, the organist of the church, two solos by Miss Carey, vocal solos by Mr. Symmers, Walter Laing, Mr. Fenwick, and a duet by Messrs. Fenwick and Laing. The second part of the programme was a sacred cantata, "Patience, Pardon and Peace," which was rendered in a manner most pleasing and masterly. The attendance was good, and the function a very satisfactory and enjoyable one.

On Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Methodist Church held an afternoon social tea at the residence of Mrs. W. H. C. Fisher. The attendance was a record one, and, besides the sociability afforded by the tea and social, there was a further programme of a very enjoyable character, consisting of solos by Mrs. John J. Lyons, Mrs. Garwood, Mrs. Binkley, and Mrs. Crow. Mrs. Whalley and Mrs. Pilgrim gave readings. Following this part of the programme was a debate, the subject being, "Resolved, that married life is preferable to single life." The affirmative was very ably championed by Mrs. (Rev.) Harvey and Mrs. Robert Clark, while for the negative Miss Eva Pennington and Miss Clara Horning did their very utmost. The affirmative won. Rev. Mr. Harvey, Principal Saunders and W. H. Moore acted as judges. Mrs. Rowley, President of the Auxiliary, presided, and Rev. Mr. Harvey gave a short address in opening the social end of the programme. After the regular business of the meeting had been disposed of, refreshments were served. Mrs. Fisher, who is always a very pleasing and acceptable hostess, was given a hearty vote of thanks for the use of her home for the occasion.

The Antis have got the start of the local optionists in the matter of lively rigs for election day. But the "drip" say it is all right; they will have plenty of conveyances.

Miss Theresa Watts left this morning to spend the holidays at her home in Clinton.

Miss Annie Burns, of New York, has been paying a visit to former Dundas friends.

Miss Murray, a graduate nurse, arrived in town last evening to care for the children of her brother, John R. Murray, who are afflicted with scarlet fever.

A special meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday evening.

The managers of the local option campaign announce the engagement of Rev. Dr. Chown to address a public meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, the 23rd.

On Tuesday evening next a public meeting will be held in the Council chamber to further the proposal to entertain the Rugby Club for their successful efforts to capture the intermediate championship of Canada. Some speakers high up in Rugby matters, from a distance, will be present.

Rev. Jessie Gibson, of Toronto, will be in Dundas to-morrow, in the interest of the Bible Society, and will preach in the Baptist Church in the morning and address a mass meeting in Knox Church in the evening.

Rev. S. H. Gray will preach a local option sermon in Knox Church at the morning service to-morrow.

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We have Hydro-electric candidates and temperance candidates, but what we need is a few plain citizen candidates who will transact city business in a business way.

Perhaps ex-Ald. Bailey doesn't know when he has had enough.

How would it do, Mr. Macallum, to put the transmission line underground in its passage through the city? I would hate to have it at my gate.

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The Man In Overalls

The longer you delay your Christmas buying the more difficult and unsatisfactory it will become. Take a friend's advice and go after them.

I hope you will read the opening instalment of our new story in this evening's Times. It's clever, clean and enchanting.

Those men who want to push the Mayor out of his chair are not doing it for the good of the city.

Of course, some of those tramps might be only too glad of a job.

A good strong iron-shod snow shovel would be a sensible Christmas gift for pa.

Some day vessels will be prevented from sailing after the insurance lapses.

If it had been a little later in the season the Beach contingent might have

Thomas vs. Meakins, \$172.83 goods sold; Nesbitt & Gault; Cahill & Soule; Ontario Pipe Line Co. vs. American Street Lamp Company, \$317.68 under contract; Nesbitt & Gault; Watson, Smoke & Smith (Toronto).

Thomas vs. Gynn, \$171.20 goods sold; Kerr & Thomson; Lewis & Arrell.

Morris vs. Stein, declaration; Nesbitt & Gault; Publow & Ogilvie.

Burland vs. Perry, \$300 promissory note; Bell & Pringle; Dewart, Maw & Hodgson.

Grimshy Co-operative vs. Biggar, \$167.61 goods sold; G. B. McConachie; S. D. Biggar.

Bark vs. Lambie, \$169.61 work done; Kerr & Thomson; John Harrison.

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AT R. MCKAY & CO'S. MONDAY, DEC. 13, 1909

Select Your Gifts From This Splendid Monday List and Save

Ready sharp at 8.30 Monday morning with a grand array of specials that will interest every thrifty buyer.

Toy Department Specials for Monday

About 2 dozen Kid Body Dolls, light or dark hair, will go to sleep, shoes and stockings, all shades. These Dolls are regularly 85c each; Monday will go on sale for 60c.

Table listing various toys and dolls with prices, including Rag Dolls, Dolls Cradles, and Dolls Folding Beds.

Xmas Suggestions From Glove Dept.

See our range of Ladies' Real Kid Gloves at \$1.00 pair, made by the well-known makers, Perrin, Revillon & Rouillon.

Mocha Gloves \$2 Ladies' Mocha Gloves, silk lining throughout, fur-trimmed tips, strap wrist, with neat dome. This Glove, while having good wearing qualities, would make an excellent gift.

Misses' Gloves Full range of Misses' Kid gloves, in real French kid, or Walking Gloves, in 1 and 2 dome styles, all sizes, tan only; just the thing for the little miss, in neat box.

Men's Phoenix Mufflers 29c

Men's Mercerised Phoenix Mufflers, about 25 dozen in the lot, assorted colors, fastens close to the neck, with dome fastener, worth 75c, special for Monday.

Silk Ties 25c 75 dozen Men's Silk Ties, all colors, and the very newest patterns, regular 50c each, to clear Monday for 25c each.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, extra fine quality, 3 in dainty box, for 50c.

Take Advantage of These Dress Goods Bargains

Second Day of the Great Christmas Sale of Dress Goods Let your gift be Dress Goods; nothing nicer to give and always very acceptable, on sale positively the very latest style suitings and dress fabrics at a mere fraction of their values.

Regular \$1 Venetian Suitings Reg. 75c Cheviot Serges For Going Monday 49c Yard 59c Yard

Nifty Voiles and Crepe de Chines 75c, Reg. \$1 Yd. Another decided bargain from the Christmas sale of Dress Goods, come blue, pink, wistaria, pale grey, rose, printing Cashmeres, Panamas, Serges, reseda, cream, brown, navy and Crepe de Chine, etc., on sale—all the black, has a lovely soft silk stripe, popular colors in the lot, firm make of the season's novelties, Christies for house dresses, children's mas sale price 75c yard dresses, etc., at, per yard 29c.

Monday Bargains From Neckwear Dept.

Lace Ties 25c Lace Ties, in cream and ecru, made of net, with pretty medallions on ends, would make nice Christmas presents, regular up to 75c, to clear Monday for 25c.

Elastic Belts 25c Elastic Belts, in black, brown, navy, green, with pretty dark buckles, regular 50c, for 25c.

Handkerchiefs 5c Each, 55c Dozen All-over Embroidery Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge, a nice gift for children, regular 10c, Monday 5c each, or 55c dozen.

Specials in Kimono Cloth For Monday's Selling

Reversible Cotton Eiderdown in dark shades, with light colored facing, nice heavy quality, 27 inches wide; regular 25c, Monday 18c yard.

Crossbar Muslin 15c A very special line of crossbar Muslin in all the new fancy bars and checks, good width, nice fine quality; worth 20c yard, for 15c.

Fancy Vestings and Kimono Cloths, done up in blouses and kimono lengths, in fancy gift boxes, all prices. Be sure and see these while we have a good assortment.

A small deposit will secure any of these for Christmas. Third floor.

R. MCKAY & CO.

Saved From the Sea

CHAPTER I. What a mad night it was! Great heaven! what a fierce, mad gale it was that raged that night all along the south coast.

The wind shrieked and tore up channel like a pack of demons yelling and whirling in the hideous orgies of a dance of death, driving the flood-tide on before it, tossing up the angry sea into mountains of foam and breaking, the lifted themselves like the monsters of a fevered dream, poisoning above their prey, then hurling the white-capped mass of water down upon their fated victims, whether that were rock or beach, human handiwork or human life.

It had blown a gale all day, and in the early morning some of the Brighton boatmen had said "the wind would sink at sunset—it was just the last gasp of the September gale," but when night came, black as pitch, and wilder than ever, they were forced to change their note, and men and women in the scattered crowd that began to gather all along the sea frontage, looked at each other, and many a careless lip, that perhaps rarely whispered a prayer, breathed a deep, hushed "heaven help those at sea to-night."

Hark! What was that? The deep boom of a gun out at sea, heard through all the roar of wind and water—once—twice—that awful sound of woe that made those men who had till now remained in-doors spring to their feet with blanched cheeks, and rush forth to swell the crowd without.

"Girls, I'm off!" I can't stand that sign of distress!" cried a gentleman who, with two fair young girls, had been watching the gale from a handsome front sitting room in the Bedford Hotel. "I am a physician still, if I am retired, and I may be of use. Give me my fur cap, my daughter, and Blanche, hand me out that brandy flask—quick! Thank you."

And Dr. Roland Clifford hurried out. His thews and sinews might be of use as well as his skill, for he was a fine, powerfully built man of the Danish type, and not more than four or five-and-forty.

It was a densely dark night, and the wind drove the foam in a blinding white mist of spray right in-shore. That and the pitiless fury of the gale made it an absolute battle with the elements to make headway at all to the beach—such of it as was still uncovered—below the green opposite Brunswick Terrace. But as thither the people were streaming, on that part also Dr. Clifford bore down as best he could.

Flambeaus were almost impossible, and men with lanterns moved about, throwing a fitful, lurid glare here and there, which only deepened the darkness around.

"But where is she—the vessel?" asked Dr. Clifford of an old boatman. "Nothing can live long in such a boiling sea as this."

"No, sir; I'm afraid nothing can. They made three tries to launch the life-boat afore they could get her off, and now heaven only knows where she or the vessel are! They sent up rockets here when the gun went, and we could just make her out, sir, straight afore us here, dimmished, her funnel bent, and she just beating her life out on the bar—a biggish craft, too—a Red Star liner, I reckon."

"I thought I saw something black on the foam just now!" said Clifford quickly. "So did others. The crowd surged, then watched breathlessly; then a wild cry of excitement burst forth: 'A boat! a boat struggling for life!'"

Up from the coast-guards' post went a flaming rocket with a! into the howling wind's eye. "She's close! To the rescue!" shouted the stalwart doctor, rushing forward with a score of gallant fellows, all ready to wade out the moment the boat was near enough to be aided.

Now she sunk deep into the trough, anon she was high and half swamped; now she is close, but on the very crest of a breaker, and the brave rowers are fighting every inch of way. Ha! a flash, the cry of men, the frantic shriek of women! The little craft is capsize, and they are flung into the seething waters as the wave rushes on to the ship's side.

Before it can retreat, dozens of men have rushed in, while others hold aloft lanterns; and a great cheer breaks out as man after man struggles back to shore with some poor creature rescued, and they are carried up and delivered over to the eager, kindly cares of the women and doctors, and the hospitality of residents.

Meanwhile, there was breathless watching for the life-boat. "She's got a splendid crew in her," one man said to Clifford, who remained on the scene of action, dripping, but ready to lend a hand fifty times more. "There was one hand short, but a gentleman pushed through the crowd and volunteered. 'It didn't matter to any one whether he lived or died,' I heard him say; and he went. Ah! another rocket. Look, sir! there she is. What an awful sea to fight against! Did you see how full she is of human souls?"

It is scarcely possible to describe adequately the next few minutes of watching. A thousand lives seem to each to be crowded into that short span of time, as they caught glimpses of the long life-boat, now down, now up; pitching, tossing, lost, it seemed, one second; the next she poised on the crest of the incoming billow, and the captain's order was heard above all the roar of the elements: "Now, men, give way!"

It is in such moments that Heaven gives brave men double strength—in such moments, perhaps, washes out the stain of many a sin. The gallant crew obeyed as one man; the boat rushed on to the flood; fifty strong men strung forward to meet her, as she was half dashed, half grounded on the beach. They pulled her higher on, helping out the exhausted passengers, and carrying the women—five ladies.

"My husband!" Clifford heard one of them sobbing, wildly. "He's the captain. Oh, save them! There were four men with him and the stewardess. She was so brave!"

"Yes, that's all true," said the life-boat officer. "We couldn't take even one more, and they got off in the gig as the vessel broke up."

"There's the gig, close!" cried one—the man who had volunteered into the life-boat; and the next moment a wild cry went up: "Great Heaven, she's capsize! They're all in this mad sea!"

Several men, when the life-boat was approaching, had lashed long ropes round their waists, in readiness; and now these rushed into the sea, amidst such cheering as did one good to hear. Then breathless moments of suspense. One was drawn back, bruised, half insensible himself, but clutching a man's form, still alive, perhaps; then another sank, and the crowd cheered as the five men were brought up into the ambulance, long since ready!

"Where is the woman?" cried some one near Dr. Clifford. "There is something, surely, battling out there; but nothing mortal can get to it!"

"I launch the boat—again!" was the cry, but a tall, slight man—the gentleman who had volunteered into the life-boat—sprang past them all. "Too late for that!" he cried. "But, by Heaven, a woman shall not drown while I live!"

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"Is he safe—is he safe?" she almost cried out; "my life is not worth another's loss."

Minnie, who had waked up, interposed. "Dear Mrs. Barclay had plenty to do with her duties, and her father's patient was her guest. She would attend to there is a ringing cheer. Clifford and a dozen others rush forward, and as the waters pitch themselves over, they drag the daring rescuer and his charge out of danger. She is half blinded, his strength utterly exhausted, and for some time he seems scarcely conscious of those anxious faces till the officer speaks.

"I'll call a fly, sir, for you ought to get these drenched things off. Drink this, sir; it won't hurt."

"Thanks—no cab." The young man rose slowly, pausing; then his lost vitality rallied to his forces. "I am all right now. Don't fuss, please, for I'll soon walk to my hotel; it's better than riding, when one's drenched, you know. Where have they taken the lady?"

"To the Bedford, sir. They say she isn't dead."

"Heaven grant it, whoever she is, poor thing!" the rich, soft voice answered. "Good-night, friends."

He was moving on, the crowd, puzzled, giving back. "But, sir, your name, please? You were in the life-boat, and—"

"Bah, what matter? No name. I hate a bother and fuss about nothing."

"Nothing to save a life like that!" said a woman, as he strode away. "Bless the man! I reckon the lady won't call it nothing."

"Queer customer!" said another—"don't mean to have his sov. or society medal neither."

"Guess he's rich," added a third. "Did you see his togs and the ring on his hand?"

Who and what was this stranger?—this unknown rescuer of an unknown woman? Only the stewardess of the hapless vessel—nothing more to him or any one else, as far as he knew. (To be Continued.)

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Is there any reason known? And, in short, it seems to me Sounds and letters disagree.

Sentence Sermons. The virtues never vaunt themselves. Faith should give meaning to the forms of religion. He cannot keep his friends who fears to have foes. Good manners are the clothes worn by good morals. It is a good thing for the oak to look often at the acorn. When a sermon gets thin it is sure to spread itself out long. Your size in heaven will not depend on your sighs here. Ignorance is the weakest protection possible to innocence. When a man's faith is dead he is always zealous for its bones. Progress seldom comes on a track; she makes her own way. Moral blindness is often due to pressure in the money nerve. The power to comfort others does not come from consoling yourself. You never get any higher than the things you put on top in your life. He who dare not be misunderstood never says anything worth understanding. As we paint the pictures of imagination.

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Bushart, who was not over 22 years old, was a sailor on the steamer W. A. Paine, which came into port on Thursday. Yesterday morning he expressed some clothing to his home in Elkhart by the American Express, and it was from the receipt found on him that his name and address were procured.

At 10 o'clock in the morning he went to the tailor shop of Kropman & Greenberg, No. 11 North Division Street, and was measured for a suit of clothes and paid \$15 down. About 1:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon he entered the store at No. 59 Dante Place. Mrs. Sofia was alone in the place at the time.

She told the police that he rushed into the place excitedly, handed her a \$5 bill and entered the rear room. She supposed that he was being pursued. She looked into the street and everything was normal. She then went to the room to see what Bushart was doing, and she claims that he grabbed her and tried to place a handkerchief saturated with chloroform across her face. She was stronger than he and broke away and a moment later heard the shot.

Mrs. Sofia raised an outcry and the police were called. Bushart was partially dressed and dead in his hands. The right temple, where found, the police learned that the pistol with which he was killed was his own. He had displayed it in the tailor shop. The handkerchief and a bottle of chloroform were in the room.

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TROUBLE IN THE PEDRO CLUB. Indignation marked the meeting of the Pedro club last week.

The women were so angry that they scarce had power to speak; O, it's plain a split is coming, ere another month is o'er.

There will be two clubs, I'm certain, where one was known o'er '97. And the cause of all the trouble is that Mrs. Graham claims That Mrs. Schultz had gone outside and called her awful names.

When the meeting came to order Mrs. Graham took the floor. And her face was white with anger, it was plain that she was sore; 'I've heard,' she loudly shouted, 'from a dear old friend of mine, That Mrs. Schultz is hoping that I'm going to resign; And, furthermore, she stated that she doesn't like my style, That my house is always dirty, that I'm gadding all the while.'

"I never did," cried Mrs. Schultz, "my dears, that isn't so!" "Keep still," said Mrs. Graham, "till I've told you all I know: 'A friend of hers told Mrs. Paine, a neighbor on our street, That Mrs. Schultz had told her that you and I made a great cheat, And she said that with my husband I don't get along at all!' Here she broke down altogether and began to loudly bawl.

"Shame! Shame!" cried Mrs. Graham's friends, whose tears fell like the rain; "Hold on! Hold on!" the others cried, "let Mrs. Schultz explain!" "She can't explain," they answer made, and then the fight began; In fury friends of Mrs. Schultz replied: "She can! She can!"

And thus they squabbled back and forth and made a great ado, And if that club'er meets again, 'twill have to meet as two.

No danger of New York city becoming depopulated, even if immigration ceases and outsiders remain away, for we are adding about 875 souls a week to the population by births.

Don't attempt to look for Mr. Smith in the New York Telephone Directory unless you know his first name, for there are 712 of him.

PILES Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding, swollen, protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. 6c. at all Dealers or DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT, DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

If You Want a Buyer Capable of Paying Your Price ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES NOW Is the Time to Capture the Christmas Buyers TIMES ADS TALK Business 368 Telephone 368

The Times readers are the buyers of Hamilton. Advertisers, do you see the point?

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1909.

THE LEADERS SPEAK.

At a great meeting in Albert Hall, London, last night, Mr. Asquith opened the campaign for the Liberals with a declaration that if the Government were returned to power it would demand that the right of the Commons to the control of finance should be freely acknowledged. He also declared that the policy of the Liberal party would be to secure local self-government for Ireland in all matters of purely Irish concern, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme authority of the Imperial Parliament. Mr. Asquith declared that the Government was determined to make a recurrence of the present attempt of the Lords upon the liberties of the people impossible.

The Prime Minister's declarations were made with great vigor and explicitness, and with the full authority of his colleagues. Local self-government for Ireland will now have a prominent place in the programme upon which the people of the United Kingdom will pass. Mr. Balfour has issued an election manifesto in which tariff reform, which, being interpreted, means protection, is presented as the only salvation of the Empire. This red-herring drawn across the trail of the Lords is intended as a diversion, and an appeal to those interests which seek to transfer the taxes from themselves to the masses of the people. According to Mr. Balfour's manifesto the adoption of this so-called tariff reform is the only means by which the United Kingdom can retain the colonial preference. This statement, as Canadians know, is an egregious falsehood, in which Mr. Balfour himself cannot, and does not, believe. The loyalty of the colonies to the Empire does not depend upon Great Britain levying tariff taxes upon her people, and Mr. Balfour's suggestion that such a price must be paid to retain colonial fealty is at once an insult to Canada, and her sister British States, and a reflection upon the intelligence of the people at whom it is addressed.

DAMAGING OUR CREDIT.

At a Tory club meeting in Toronto recently, Mr. E. R. Osler undertook to apologize for Whitney's Hydro-Electric legislation, and attempted to excuse it by referring to the high credit of the Province of Ontario at the present time. Mr. Osler is a partisan of the partisans, and even he did not risk his reputation by attempting to show on the basis of actual transactions that Ontario's credit had not suffered by the confiscatory legislation chargeable to Sir James Whitney. The failure of the \$3,500,000 4 per cent. Hydro-Electric loan is a matter of history. On coming back from London the Provincial Treasurer fight-heartedly put that upon the Canadian market at 102. Had that been an ordinary loan at such a price with the special advantages offered to purchasers, profit should have been taken up in a week or ten days. This one was not in such demand. After much advertising and drumming one-half of it was taken up in four months. As a contemporary points out, the power taint, "the bar sinister of a confiscatory policy, and a predatory deprivation of private property and lawful right, prevented any finance house standing sponsor for a power loan in London at any price which would save the face of Ontario's credit." Toronto's Mayor and Treasurer went to London to float \$7,000,000 of bonds, including \$2,750,000 for a Hydro-Electric distribution plant. Prospects were so dark that they offered less than \$2,000,000 of the bonds for sale, "judiciously relegating the Hydro-Electric item to the background," as the Financial Post remarks.

It is useless for Mr. Osler, or any other defender of provincial legislative had faith, to attempt to argue that Sir James Whitney's confiscatory policy has not damaged Ontario's credit. The Financial Post gives this comparison of prices in London:

Ontario 3 1/2 registered stock, due 1946, 94 1/2, 96 asked.

Nova Scotia 3 1/2 registered stock, due 1949, 94 1/2 bid, 95 1/2 asked.

In this instance Nova Scotia has the advantage over Ontario.

Ontario's 4 per cent. registered stock, due 1947, issued at the same time as New Brunswick's, of practically the same period, is on the same basis, whereas it should be much higher.

As Goldwin Smith remarks, Mr. Osler was speaking "as a member of Sir James Whitney's party, at a party meeting, and in the tone of a partisan."

To argue that the assumption by the Whitney Government of the power of confiscating private property and shutting the doors of the courts of justice against the citizen will not affect the financial credit of the Province is too much of a task for even a man of Mr. Osler's party devotion to attempt by any appeal based upon reason and the facts of financial experience.

A YEAR-LONG DAY.

In a recently published article Prof. Percy Lowell, of the Flagstaff, Arizona, Observatory, presents a theory of the planet Venus which will be somewhat startling to those of us who have not kept pace with the astronomical discoveries of the last few years, and will compel us to revise all opinions founded upon what we were accustomed to regard as well settled facts concerning that planet. Venus is orbitally next inside the earth in the solar family, and is the brightest star presented to our gaze, be-

ing frequently visible in daylight. She is but slightly smaller than the earth, her diameter being 7,510 miles, while that of the earth is 7,925. Venus' year is 224.70 days long, and we have been taught to conceive that her axial revolution was completed in 23 hrs. 21 min. 23 sec.

If Prof. Lowell has not mistaken the import of careful investigations extending over twenty years we shall have to abandon this notion of Venus' day. Soniaporelli by careful scanning of the markings on the planet came to the conclusion that her day was an immensely long one. In 1896 the study of the subject was taken up at the Flagstaff Observatory, and well defined markings were found not to change their position, although watched carefully, first through hours, and then for days and weeks. They always bore the same relation to the illuminated part of the disc. Moreover, not only did the planet always present the same face to the sun, but the poles were perpendicular to its orbital plane, her equatorial longitude being always directly under the sun! Elaborate photographic and spectroscopic tests, too technical for our present purposes, but of the utmost scientific value, confirmed long series of observations.

The consequence of accepting this conclusion is that we must think of Venus as having a day identical in length with her year! She makes but one revolution on her axis while she travels her orbit around the sun. Her polar perpendicularity to the plane of her orbit leaves her with one hemisphere ever in the blazing heat of the solar rays and the other in eternal darkness and cold. It is a world of extremes in which life as we know it is probably impossible. Having an atmosphere, such extremes of heat and cold would probably cause great storms; and this would fit in with some astronomical theories long held.

Prof. Lowell does not think Venus' day was always year-long. His theory is that her "spin" has been during long ages "braked" by tidal friction. Did she rotate on her axis, as has been supposed, in a little more than 23 hours, she would be "squat" or flattened at the poles. She is perfectly round. That in itself supports Lowell's theory. This tidal friction has gradually slowed up Venus' "spin" upon axial rotation synchronizes with orbital revolution. All seasons are alike to Venus. One half blisters in everlasting sunlight; the other freezes in eternal night. Will the forces which operated to produce these effects on our sister orb ultimately similarly affect the earth?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are you still putting off your Christmas buying till a more convenient season?

Now that Laurier sports a gumball, surely Foster can hardly do less than claim a soar throat.

Does ex-Ald. Bailey hunger for a repetition of last January's performance? Will the conspirators be able to boast that they "played him for a sucker"?

Cobalt produced in 1908 19,437,873 ounces of silver, more than 94 per cent. increase on the yield of 1907. Of the silver output of the world in 1908, Ontario furnished 11 per cent.

Who called the Hydro conspiracy "meeting"? None of those approached are willing to own up to anything more than yielding to persuasion to attend it. Whose money is behind the plot?

That story of an earthquake at Ottawa should be received with reservations till it be ascertained whether the member for West Hamilton was not practising some ponderous eloquence at that hour to be fired at Mr. Speaker.

The effect of Whitney's gerrymander of the Province is seen in a representation of 18 Liberals, whereas if they were represented according to the numbers of Liberal voters casting ballots there would be 40.

The "pay-as-you-enter" street cars are said to be well regarded by the Detroit company and by most of the public. They are found to contribute to the safety of passengers and to prevent overcrowding. It will take a little, however, for the ladies to get used to them.

The labor situation in Germany is showing slight improvement, but the number of idle workmen is still very great. Official returns for October show that the number of applicants for each one hundred vacant positions was 43, as compared with 166 in October a year ago.

According to Chinese law a foreigner cannot become a citizen of that country unless he has resided ten years in the empire and can give proof that he is of good moral character. A Chinese is not allowed to abandon his nationality if he holds an official position, or if he has not paid his taxes.

Toronto now receives over \$1,400 a day in percentage of earnings from her street railway. Toronto has an excellent street railway contract, and but for the determination of some members of its Council to prevent it, it would be serving the city to the satisfaction of all who use the cars.

Not even the eloquence of J. P. Downey, M. P., can obscure the fact that under the indeterminate sentence system the limit of a prisoner's sentence would be fixed by prison officials, and not by the judges in open court; and it would be quite possible for gross favoritism and injustice thus to thrive in

silence and secrecy. Moreover, when we have the parole system, which has worked well, there remains nothing to excuse the advocacy of substituting the juries and turnkeys for the judges of the land.

Bishop Spalding, of Utah, declares that "the women are more anxious for polygamy than the men are," and as long as woman suffrage prevails there it will be impossible to establish laws that will result in the abolition of polygamy. Carry the news to Mrs. Pankhurst and her fellow-suffragettes.

Did you notice that although it made a great splurge about the hole-and-corner meeting of Hydro conspirators to try to induce opposition to Mayor McLaren, the Herald carefully omitted to mention the name of one of those present? Is it not said in the Good Book that wicked men fear the light because their deeds are evil?

The poet Watson is fortunate in being a native of Scotland and a resident of England, both lands which adhere to the tradition of respect for literary genius, more or less pronounced.—Toronto Telegram.

That is not according to the records, which show that Watson was born in Yorkshire, England, and is of Yorkshire ancestry. But Watson's conduct should not be regarded as reflecting discredit upon his birthplace or parentage.

In the year ending March 31, 1908, the British postoffice handled the following business: Letters carried 2,907,400,000; post cards, 860,000,000; half-penny packets, 933,200,000; newspapers, 202,300,000; parcels, including parcels sent abroad, 113,020,000; total, 5,035,920,000. This gives the number of packages per capita transmitted: Letters, 65.1; post cards, 19.3; half-penny packets, 21.5; newspapers, 4.5; parcels, 2.3; total, 112.7.

The Toronto News remarks that "should the Payne tariff precipitate a fiscal war on this continent, it will not be because Canada has not dealt reasonably by the United States, or on account of any provocation from this country." That is strictly true. And still there have been some politicians in Canada who have shown a disposition to cringe under the United States threat and refrain from ratifying the French treaty. It is not to be doubted that such a course tends to lower Canadians in the eyes of their neighbors.

The Bavarian brewers have been complaining about a great depression in their business in 1908, but in spite of this, the beer production of Bavaria was 488,261,369 gallons, or only 4,179,903 gallons less than in 1907. Only 73,289,502 gallons, or 1 1/2 per cent, were exported, and as an offset to this export there were imported 2,241,455 gallons of foreign beer. The home consumption was therefore 248 quarts of beer for every man, woman and child in the kingdom. Only 12,134,356 gallons of the exports went to foreign countries, the balance being consumed by the various other German States. The Bavarian brewers paid a malt tax of \$9,503,784, which was \$346,968 less than in 1907. Beer occupies a very important place in Bavarian life and industry.

Prof. Johnson, a personal admirer of Tom L. Haworth, of Cleveland, discusses at some length his character and public life in an article in the Outlook, and comes to the conclusion that Johnson was demoralized by success and sought to turn it to personal good rather than to the good of the people. He sums up the street railway struggle by declaring that the failure of the holding company plan does not in any way prove the hopelessness of low-fare movements in the regulation of our city street railroads. But it does go a long way, he says, to establish the validity of the argument that municipal ownership would give rise to evils equaling, if not surpassing, those of private ownership. And that is the opinion of thoughtful, disinterested men everywhere.

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the bar-room. Are the members of the Moral and Social Reform League prepared to dig down into their pockets or raise the funds otherwise, to provide these quarters?

AN ASS-ERTION. (Toronto Telegram.) Owing to a collapse in the supply of electric power, nothing is moving in Hamilton to-day except the long ears of the Spectator and Times respectively.

NO MONOPOLY. (Christmas Puck.) "I want a license to marry the best girl in the world," said the young man. "Sure," commented the clerk, "that makes thirteen hundred licenses for that girl this season."

BUT HE DOESN'T. (Dunville Gazette.) If Sir Wilfrid Laurier is as honest as his friends say he is, how is it that he permits and encourages the "blockers" to prevent any effective inquiry into the public accounts?

THE FINESTISH GRIN. (Buffalo Express.) "What is meant by 'finestish grin'?" "Didn't you ever see the passengers on the platform of a car that didn't stop at a corner where someone was waiting to get on?"

CHURCHES TO-MORROW. Special Services and Special Music.

In Central Church Rev. W. H. Sedgewick will preach at both services. Miss Sutton, soprano soloist, will sing in St. Peter's Church Sunday evening.

The subject of discourse by the minister of Unity Church to-morrow evening will be "Atmospheres." In Knox Mission Mr. T. C. Mustard, of Knox College, will preach at both services to-morrow.

Rev. T. L. Turnbull will occupy the pulpit in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prof. F. H. Jacobs, of New York, for fifteen years solo singer with D. L. Moody, will assist Pastor Philpott in the Gospel Tabernacle both morning and evening.

Rev. John Young will discuss temperance from the Bible standpoint in St. John Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. All interested will be made welcome. The pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. MacLachlan, will be in his pulpit at both services. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed in the evening.

Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd, vice-provost of Trinity College, Toronto, will preach at the morning service in Christ's Church Cathedral, and Canon Abbott, M. A., in the evening. In Ryerson Church the pastor, Rev. C. S. Applegate, will preach at both services. The evening subject will be "The Unwise Man and the Star," or "Worrying About Christmas."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold special services commemorative of the fifth anniversary of Rev. J. A. Wilson's induction. Rev. D. C. Hossack, M. A., of Toronto, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special collection for interest fund.

Emerald Street Methodist Church will have for its preacher at both services to-morrow Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, the popular pastor of Wesley Church, Toronto. Organ recital at 7.45 p. m. Excellent music.

At Simcoe Street Methodist Church the Rev. G. S. Cassmore, of Victoria University, will preach at both services. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith, B. A., will preach at both services at Charlton Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow.

At the First Congregational Church the pastor will preach in the morning a sermon to boys and girls, entitled "Peter's Shadow," and in the evening on the topic, "Martin Luther, the Monk That Shook the World."

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Phibbs Merrifield, soprano, of Cincinnati. Rev. H. Edgar Allen will preach in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday morning on "The Holy Name." This will be the fifth of the series of sermons the pastor is now preaching on Sunday mornings on "The Lord's Prayer." As it is education day in the Baptist churches, Prof. McCrimmon, LL.D., of McMaster University, will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. The feature of to-morrow's programme will be the men's meeting at the Crystal Palace Theatre, addressed by Rev. Dr. Hooper, acting pastor of James Street Baptist Church. A male quartette from Central Methodist Church will sing. All men cordially invited.

Gymnasium men's Bible class at 10 a. m., led by D. M. Barton. Bible Study Club at 3 p. m., led by Paul H. Wilkes.

Religious work committee meeting to-night at 8.30. Cabinet meeting Monday evening at 6.30. Singing class Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Chees and checker players will rally on Wednesday evening to make final arrangements for a trip to Brantford on Thursday.

London and Hamilton senior basketball teams will play here Christmas night. The Boys' 4.15 meeting Sunday will be an open one in the boys' rooms, led by Frank Melroy. A good attendance is hoped for.

The Boys' Cabinet will meet Monday night at 7.30, when every member is expected to be present. The work of the committees will be gone over. The training class of the Boys' Club Union will be held at 8.30 sharp, Monday night, and all should plan to remain.

EAST HAMILTON, Y. M. C. A. Rev. E. Sheppard will be the speaker at 4.15 Sunday afternoon service, of special music, everybody cordially invited.

Committee of management will meet Tuesday, 14th, at 7.45 p. m. sharp. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

Harry Lauder to Appear at Massey's Hall, Toronto. It has been arranged for Harry Lauder, with supporting company, to appear at Massey Hall, Toronto, Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, and the fact that fare and a third arrangements will apply over these dates will be taken advantage of by many of our citizens to see the world's foremost singing comedian, and incidentally visit Toronto during the Christmas season. Tickets will be on sale at Canadian Pacific City and Station Ticket Offices.

WHAT IS DEATH? Is there any, or is what seems to be merely transition? Mr. James Laird, of Inverkip, a thorough Bible student, will deliver a lecture to-morrow evening, Sunday, Dec. 12, in the C. O. E. Hall, 67 James street north, opposite Rebecca street, at 7 p. m., upon the subject of "Death." The one who has heard Mr. Laird upon former occasions will be glad of the opportunity of hearing him again. This will be the first of a series of lectures which will be given consecutively. The subjects will be duly announced.

That's Different. "May I offer you this little gift, Frau-lein Kate?" "Excuse me—I never take presents from men."

"But it is only a copy of my book of poems."

"In that case I will accept, I thought it was something valuable."—Flegende Blaetter.

WAS DELICIOUS WITH ECZEMA. On Chest, Back, and Head—Pain, Heat, and Tingling Were Excruciating—Nerves in Exhausted Condition—Sleep Badly Broken.

CURE BY CUTICURA SEEMED LIKE MAGIC. "Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for what Cuticura Remedies have done for me. I suffered from Eczema of the face, neck, and chest, and the itching and burning was so bad that I could not sleep. I tried many remedies, but nothing helped. I then bought Cuticura and used it as directed. In a few days the itching and burning ceased, and in a few more days the skin was clear and smooth. I feel like a new man now. I can sleep peacefully and my nerves are at ease. I am truly grateful to the Cuticura Remedies for what they have done for me. I will always recommend them to anyone suffering from Eczema or any other skin disease."—Mrs. T. W. Hyde, 1. Ongar Place, Brentwood, Essex, England, Mar. 8, 1907.

DR. SAM SMALL. The Citizens' Campaign Committee has been fortunate in securing Dr. Sam Small, the famous Southern temperance orator and scholar, for a week's campaign, commencing Monday, Dec. 13th.

Dr. Small is a captivating orator. Many who heard him in the Central Methodist Church on Friday evening declared it the finest temperance address they had ever listened to. His audience was held spellbound by his powers of logic, wit and earnest eloquence. His address was a powerful appeal to patriotism and a graceful example of rare and refined oratory.

The general public will be glad of this opportunity to attend and listen to these popular addresses. For particulars consult advertisement in this issue.

GOLD LEAF. Cast in Ingots and Flattened, Annealed, Cut in Pieces and Beaten. Gold leaf, of which such large quantities are used by picture frame makers, as well as by other trades, is made as follows, says the Canadian Painter and Decorator:

An alloy of the desired color having been formed, the gold is melted in a crucible at a temperature well above the fusion point. It is then cast into an ingot and flattened, by rolling between a pair of powerful steel rollers, into a ribbon one and a half inches wide and ten feet in length to the ounce.

After being flattened it is annealed and cut into pieces of about six and a half grains each, and placed between the leaves of a "cutch," which is about half an inch thick and three and a half inches square, containing about 180 leaves of tough paper, manufactured for the purpose. This is beaten on for about 20 minutes with a seventeen-pound hammer, by which the gold is spread to the size of the "cutch." Each leaf is then taken out and cut in four pieces.

These are put between the leaves of a "shoder," four and a half inches square and three-quarters of an inch thick, containing about 720 skins which have been worn out in the "mold" or finishing process described later. The shoder requires about two hours' beating with a nine-pound hammer. Each leaf is again cut in four pieces and placed between the leaves of a "mold" composed of about 950 of the finest gold beaters' skins, five inches square and three-quarters of an inch thick, the contents of one shoder filling three molds.

The material has now reached the last and most difficult stage of the process. During the first hour the hammer is allowed to fall principally on the centers of the mold. This causes gaping cracks upon the edges of the leaves, the sides of which rapidly enlase without leaving any trace of the union after being beaten upon. At the second hour, when the gold is about the 150,000th part of an inch in thickness, it for the first time permits the transmission of light. If the gold is pure, or but slightly alloyed, green rays pass through; when highly alloyed with silver violet rays appear.

As a rule about four hours' beating with a seven-pound hammer is required. A single ounce of the hammer is sufficient to beat about 1,200 leaves three and a quarter inches square. The finished leaves are taken out of the mold and the rough edges trimmed off by slips of rattan fixed in parallel grooves of an instrument called a wagon, the leaf being laid upon a leather cushion for that purpose.

The leaves are placed in "books" capable of holding twenty-five leaves each, which have been rubbed over with red ochre to prevent the gold from clinging to the paper. The fine goldbeaters' skin is the outer coat of the casing of blind gut of the ox, specially prepared.

Alliterative Aphorisms. Marriage makes most men meek. Happy hearts harbor highest hopes. Weeping women are oft most wondrous. Man, maid and moonlight make matrimony. Pessimists picture pleasures pernicious plagues. Divers dark deeds drive directly to divorce decrees. Love lights the lamps that illumine the line of life. Saints, unlike sinners, shun society to seek solitude. Alimony alleviates the ailments attendant upon altered attachments.—Life.

In Her Own Way. "Would you like to marry a widower, 'shoder'?" "Rather not. When I marry I mean to train my husband myself."—Flegende Blaetter.

MONDAY SHEA'S CORSET SALE December 13, 1909. All For 49c

Rousing Sale of Girl's Coats At Half Price

Nearly 300 Girls' Winter Coats bought this week at sweeping reductions from the best manufacturers in Canada and passed on to you in the same open-handed way. All made of splendid warm cloths, light and dark colors, in the very best styles to fit girls 3 to 15 years. The regular values are from \$3 to \$10; they go on sale in 4 lots, as follows:

\$3.00 to \$3.50 Coats for \$1.50 \$5.00 to \$6.50 Coats for \$2.45 \$4.00 to \$4.50 Coats for \$1.95 \$8.00 to \$10.00 Coats for \$4.05

Half Price Sale of Women's Suits Still On. You never saw better made or better cut garments; Italian lined, silk lined and satin lined; all the new style touches, the best makers' clearing lots; everyone perfect. All on sale at actual 1/2 price figures:

\$12.50 and \$15.00 Suits for \$7.50 \$18.00 to \$20.00 Suits for \$10.00 \$25.00 Suits for \$12.50 \$30.00 to \$35.00 Suits for \$15.00

WOMEN'S COATS IN EVERY SIZE, 32 to 48, 1/2 and 3/4 OFF, at \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00.

Splendid Values in Handkerchiefs. Women's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3/4 inch hems, very fine weave, worth \$2, on sale for, each 12 1/2¢; per dozen \$1.50. Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3/4 inch hem, the best value in Canada at \$2.50, \$75 up to \$7.50. Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, embroidered initial, each 25¢. Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs, beautiful quality, at 25¢. Imperfect Handkerchiefs for fancy work (imperfections so slight you will have to be shown them), regular 20, 25 to 50¢ quantities, for 10, 12 1/2, 15 and 20¢.

Gift Umbrellas--Reasonably Priced. Men's Umbrellas with natural wood, ivory and horn handles, gold and silver mounted, splendid quality of covers, special at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, \$57.00, \$57.50, \$58.00, \$58.50, \$59.00, \$59.50, \$60.00, \$60.50, \$61.00, \$61.50, \$62.00, \$62.50, \$63.00, \$63.50, \$64.00, \$64.50, \$65.00, \$65.50, \$66.00, \$66.50, \$67.00, \$67.50, \$68.00, \$68.50, \$69.00, \$69.50, \$70.00, \$70.50, \$71.00, \$71.50, \$72.00, \$72.50, \$73.00, \$73.50, \$74.00, \$74.50, \$75.00, \$75.50, \$76.00, \$76.50, \$77.00, \$77.50, \$78.00, \$78.50, \$79.00, \$79.50, \$80.00, \$80.50, \$81.00, \$81.50, \$82.00, \$82.50, \$83.00, \$83.50, \$84.00, \$84.50, \$85.00, \$85.50, \$86.00, \$86.50, \$87.00, \$87.50, \$88.00, \$88.50, \$89.00, \$89.50, \$90.00, \$90.50, \$91.00, \$91.50, \$92.00, \$92.50, \$93.00, \$93.50, \$94.00, \$94.50, \$95.00, \$95.50, \$96.00, \$96.50, \$97.00, \$97.50, \$98.00, \$98.50, \$99.00, \$99.50, \$100.00.

Blankets for Practical Gifts--Reasonable Prices. Beautiful English Blankets, pure wool, the best value ever offered by the Shea Store, splendid, lofty, finish "whipped" at both ends, all sizes up to 2 1/2 yards wide, per pair \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.50, \$

COLLEGIATE SPEECH DAY.

Medals and Prizes Presented by Prominent Citizens.

Large Attendance of Parents and Friends of School.

Work of the Pupils Gave Much Interest.

The annual presentation of medals and prizes to the successful pupils of the Collegiate Institute took place yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall, which was filled to capacity by the pupils and their parents and friends.

Miss L. A. Stewart won the "Hobson" gold medal, which was presented by the donor, Thomas Hobson.

The "Griffin" trophy and cup were presented by Lyman Lee, who outlined the manner in which the trophy and cup had been presented many years ago by Dr. Griffin.

The Cadet Corps of the Collegiate was present and gave a pleasing exhibition of drill.

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Logie was present and said that when he attended school they did not have any building facilities or cadet corps as there were at the present time.

Those who took honors during the year were: Toronto University, F. Ainsworth, Miss J. M. Hegg, Miss M. S. Brown, Miss N. L. Evans, Miss E. Cloke, J. K. Graham, Miss L. A. Gwyn, L. B. Henry, J. G. Laing and Miss B. R. Thomson.

McGill University, H. Burrow, W. P. Hudson, C. E. Daw, G. F. Morton, and J. N. Williams.

Western Reserve University, Miss Ruth H. Read.

Before the presentations the school and the Technical School were open for inspection, and the work of the pupils proved highly interesting.

N. Williams, A. M. Yeates, Z. Zimmerman. Model School Certificates. B. A. Caraher, A. M. Davis, F. A. Dugan, E. C. Hogarth, A. Holston, M. M. Kappele, H. Lee, E. F. McJanity, I. M. Neil, B. Nelson, M. M. Rooney, E. J. Sager, V. Transom.

Amusements

PICTURES AT THE SAVOY. Few people realize that it costs more to produce a motion picture than it does the average society play.

HARMONIC SOCIETY CONCERT. The programme for the concert of the Harmonic Society on Feb. 3 will consist of three operatic selections from "Tannhauser," two short cantatas, "The Crusaders," by Nils Gade, and a setting of the 100th Psalm by Saint Saens.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE. The entertainment given by International Lodge last evening drew an audience that filled the C. O. O. F. Hall to overflowing.

KILLS GIRL.

Follows Murder by Shooting Himself Through the Heart.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 11.—Enraged at seeing his schoolgirl sweetheart, Laura Braden, sixteen years old, in company with another youth, Walter Seybold, eighteen years old, also a high school student, shot her shortly after noon today and later, when surrounded by officers, shot himself through the heart.

The following pupils won prizes at the University of Toronto Intercollegiate meet, held last October: 100 yards dash—C. S. Morgan. 220 yards—C. S. Morgan. High jump and broad jump—C. Manning.

Part II.—A. E. Baxter, N. G. Dixon, I. P. Dymont, E. M. Gillard, A. Kendrick, M. A. Laidlaw, E. V. Marshall, H. L. Moore, E. M. Moss, A. L. Scott.

MEN FORGET BUSINESS CARES IN THE ENJOYMENT OF A

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A Gourlay-Angelus provides ANYONE with the ability to play ANY music artistically.

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The Angelus-Music Library contains 16,000 compositions representing more than 1,500 composers.

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EVERETT TRUE.

A HEROINE OF FINANCE. Feet of the Business Giants Paralleled by the Mother of a Family.

The atmosphere of the skyscraper restaurant was conducted to conversation, the tables being so separated that each had in its way the privacy of a room.

The record price of \$75 has been paid for a butterfly at an auction in London.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is the original—has been the standard for thirty-five years. There are thousands of so-called "just as good" Emulsions, but they are not—they are simply imitations which are never as good as the original.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Saturday, December 11th, 1909. The Golden Shopping Hours from 8.30 to 11 o'Clock

These Dainty Silks Make Their Appeal to You in Gift Giving

You know the many dainty and exquisite gifts that can be made from silk, scarfs, ties, waists, opera bags. These are but a few of the things one can accomplish with silk.

- China Silk 25c Yard. Dresden Crepes 69c Yard. Cream Raw Silk 69c Yard. Colored Shantung 69c Yard.

Gifts for the Little Tots

Then there is the baby to consider. He or she is just as much in need of the useful gift as well as the playful.

- Infants' Wool Jackets 50c to \$1.50. Silk and Cotton Bibs .50 to 75c. Teddy Bear Blankets \$1.50. Bear Cloth Coats \$2.00 to \$6.00. Bath Robes \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

Suitable Gifts for Men

This ad. news is for women only. It suggests the most appropriate things to buy for husband, father or brother.

A Grand Array of Men's Holiday Neckwear at 50 and 75c

Hundreds of patterns in plain and rich fancy Silks, also Crochet Ties, in plain and stripes, open Derby or plain ends. A wonderful assortment for holiday choosing.

- Men's Gloves. Handkerchiefs. House Coats. Shaving Sets. Travelling Rugs. English Hosiery.

FINCH BROS., 29 and 31 King Street West

THE HEBREW ALLIANCE.

First Central Organization for the Defense of the Jews. The origin of the Hebrew Alliance, which now trains 45,000 pupils in 150 schools in the Orient, will soon celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

Everybody's Column

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Editor Times.—Please explain exactly what is meant by "7 per cent. cumulative preference shares."—Ignorant.

SENATOR BOWELL.

Editor Times.—How old is Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and was he born in Belleville?—Tory.

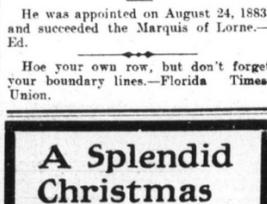
SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Editor Times.—To settle a dispute will you please answer whether under any conditions an estate of \$12,000 would have to pay succession duties in Ontario?—Interested.

GOVERNORS-GENERAL.

Editor Times.—When was Lord Lansdowne Governor-General, and when did he succeed in that office?—Young Canada.

A Splendid Christmas Gift



About the finest Christmas gift one could give or receive would be a HEINTZMAN & CO. PLAYER-PIANO

One always likes to give the best when making Christmas gifts. That is why we say a Heintzman Piano.

PIANO SALON 71 KING STREET EAST

A PAGE FOR THE LADIES

Paris Fashions---Filmy Black Gowns, in Endless Variety, Popular This Season.



NEW FASHIONS IN HATS.

Here are three of the most graceful models of the day. The first one is a plain turban of silk beaver trimmed at the left with two small ostrich feathers and tiny silk roses.

The large hat is of black velvet trimmed with colored plumes to match the gown, which is a late French innovation.

Medium sized feather trimmed hats with turned-up brims faced with stirred silk are very popular with young matrons.

At a tenth part at least of the cost. The woman who buys what she knows is the best without troubling as to price instinctively chooses the hand work and the cut heads, but while the best is the best, never was there a season when a limited amount of money could be invested to better advantage than at the present moment.

Excessively—might be said aggressively—plain and simple in effect are many of the most expensive gowns this season, their cost, so it is said, being due to the originality of design and the models designed by an artist.

The whole is so harmonious that even an amateur in such affairs recognizes instinctively the beauty of the gown. But it is not a fashion to be copied rashly. A machine worked garment over a good fitting last year's gown will turn out far more satisfactorily than a copy of the severely plain and simple gown the cost of which counts easily three figures.

To the lover of clothes, the woman whose taste has been educated, and, incidentally, satisfied by an unlimited allowance for gowns, the gowns this season are more attractive than she has ever known.

She recognizes at a glance the fine quality of the material, the exquisite coloring and the wonderful beauty of line that exists under the apparently clumsy drapery, and she selects quickly what is becoming; for the woman who is not becomingly gowned this winter has either poor taste, no vanity, or no money; and, while these wonderful specimens of dress may be only for the wealthy, the woman of limited means can get by spending time and thought for extremely smart models herself even in these extravagant days.

Gowns for Home Wear. Gowns for wear at home in the afternoon or for informal luncheon and early parties are made of the black voile de soie in many instances. Open at the throat in a short V shape or with the V filled in with transparent yoke, the waist made in soft surplus folds of the material over softer folds of tulle and edged with velvet, the model is the most attractive one. But there is another model, that is in great demand—the full blouse waist and the tunic skirt, slightly gathered with velvet belt, fastened with two fancy buckles. The sleeves are elbow length over longer sleeves of tulle or net and are also finished with a band of velvet ribbon. The description does not give the impression of how charming is this simple but extremely smart model, which has some of the lines of the long Russian blouse, so extremely becoming to a slight figure.

Embroidered tulle is one of the most fashionable of all materials for evening wear this winter. White of finest quality it has much more "body" to it than had the old fashioned tulle, and the finest silk nets are wonderfully strong. They have to be heavy, the weight of the spangles and embroidery with which they are adorned, but neither do they look heavy and thick, no matter how elaborate the work, on account of the quality of the net. There are many fancy nets as well as the plain silk net, and the tulle, and some of the openwork nets are all embroidered with fine cut jet beads that make an even lighter effect, while the diamond effect, the rhinestones embroidered or set in the net, makes the whole gown look as if made entirely of jewels.

The introduction of color into the thin black gown is most cleverly worked out this season, not only in the linings and bodies, as previously described, but in the trimmings on the waist. An openwork embroidery of jet on an all black satin brocade gown will be laid over pink satin, of which just the edge of the satin will show. This can be intensified by the introduction of coral beads through the jet embroidery or in a large ornament on the front of the waist, but it is not necessary to even wear the color in such fashion, for the touch of pink satin under the jet will be quite sufficient to relieve the all black.

A. T. ASHMORE. A young girl's theatre dress is little different from any party frock. Crepe de chine is the favorite material, and, indeed, there is no texture so serviceable. It can be cleaned times without number, and can frequently be dived after a season of hard work, and with the addition of a fresh yoke and perhaps a net or chiffon tulle will be disguised to look brand new.

In spite of the fact that so many styles of dress are worn at the moment there are some few rules that can be definitely laid down. For a young girl's evening dress short sleeves—that is, elbow or three-quarter length—are smart, but long, collarless yokes are worn unless unbecoming, when a boned collar

string of tiny pearls bent into butterfly form. It costs \$63. Christmas is almost here again, and soon from all parts of the country the young people will be trooping home from school and college for their two weeks of holidays. The rest of the winter may be devoted to the amusement of the debutante and the young married set, but during holiday time the school girl reigns supreme. For her are given the informal cottolene, the theatre parties and the gay luncheons, so that during two weeks of unalloyed bliss she may forget all in her own happiness of the first term and cease to worry about the hard work that is in store for her during the coming season.

There will not be much time for dress-making appointments when the school girl finally arrives, but she will in all probability require a new evening gown, and a late and exquisitely beautiful idea is to have bags and collars made of platinum mesh work with tiny pearls almost solid through the design. These are more than beautiful. Network bands are very effective for the evening coffee.

Paris novelties show much fine jet. Earrings and necklaces in the best jet are smart and dainty affairs. So are the various other accessories.

Nursing the Convalescent. Do not try to prop the patient up in bed with the aid of a number of pillows. If a regular back rest is not obtainable a good one may be improvised by inverting a chair on the bed. When the patient sits up, if an invalid chair is not to be had, choose a deep, broad armchair with a high back, if possible. If no other arm chair is available except a rocking chair, this can be made to serve by placing a book or two beneath the front rockers. Unless the rocking chair is used by the patient it is well to take it from the sick room altogether. Visitors are often thoughtless enough to choose such a chair and keep up a perpetual motion, which is enough to drive the patient distracted.

Thoughtless visitors are one of the serious problems in nursing the convalescent, just on a short visit, from a cheery friend is one of the best medicines. The health of the patient must not be risked through fear of giving offence. Visitors who are likely to spend time with the invalid taking her bow, who sit at feasting and talking over her illness, or in dilating on their own worries or the illness of mutual friends, should not be admitted to the sick room, or should be warned to refrain from depressing topics. Arrange the visitor's chair in such a way that the patient can converse with her without turning her head, and if she does not leave after a visit of considerable length do not hesitate to ask her to do so.

A TRIO OF TIPS FROM SHOPLAND. More a Q more wonderful do the skirts grow, and they are being caught up and draped around the figure in folds that would shame a Roman toga. At present there is nearly always a complete underskirt of the material, but there is little doubt that skirt linings will return to favor, as a foundation will be necessary for the arrangement of the voluminous folds. It is, indeed, refreshing to write this phrase after the very unbecoming Directoire modes.

The vicissitudes of the tunic are remarkable. Any new mode of drapery arrangement is welcomed, and, as all are elegant, they are, therefore, to be praised. A frock of bronze green satin has a scarf tunic of bleu de nuit gauze, cut low at the back and edged with green and blue beads. The mingling of the two colors is very happy, and it is as nearly like that elusive shade called peacock as any dyes can be. Again, the rose corsage bouquet is indicated, this time made of bronze satin, an unnatural shade for the queen of flowers to assume, but of striking effect.

The new pendants have a distinct character of their own, and make the subject of jewelry most interesting, particularly as it is now possible to match the hat and the gowns in color. The pendants are either completely round, heart-shaped, or of a long and narrow form, much like the fashionable carrying in shape. The hearts are set pave of latticed with gems, and the round models are treated in a like manner; it is, therefore, the long-shaped, highly-set pendants that lend themselves best to the jeweler's art when he is entrusted with old-fashioned-looking ornaments, set probably with numbers of differently-colored stones, that have to be modernized.

BLouses. Note the change. Where's the white blouse? Where are the satins and laces? Gone, to make room for blouses to match. Ordinary blouses are of silk and moire. Moire is one of the most favored of silks. For dressy extra blouses metal nets now stand first. Metal nets also trim and serve as foundation under transparencies. Chiffons to match the suit are made over pale-toned or cream nets and laces. Of these chiffon blouses may be over a colored lace in a gayly harmonious contrast.

DAINTY HAND-MADE WAIST. Shirt waists and separate blouses are quite as popular as ever and are very pretty when developed in the soft new crepes or flannels. A touch of hand embroidery seems quite necessary to the waist of to-day, and a soft lingerie jabot worn at the left side from shoulder to waist is a pleasing finish.

FINE CHRISTMAS JEWELRY THIS AS ever in choosing gifts for the fair

MARY JANE DRESS FOR THE YOUNG GIRL. This is one of the most charming frocks of the summer for young girls, and it will be seen for the season wanes in heavier materials. Nothing could be more becoming to graceful, slender figures than this style, and it is a safe prediction that it will be popular for a long time to come. The dress illustrated is made in soft cream Henrietta cloth, with black satin ribbon garnitures. The broad sash is an innovation. Otherwise the dress is quite simple. The skirt is a scant plaited one, very short, and requiring perfectly shod feet. Mothers will see in this model many possibilities for the serious question of school dresses. With the aid of a good plain pattern and an inventive mind, two or three dresses can be made after this style, but still be quite different.

Less amount on hand from Permanent Pavine Fund (By-law No. 246) \$15,000 00

Take notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed by-law, which has been taken into consideration and which will be finally passed by the Council of the Municipality of the City of Hamilton (in the event of the assent of the qualified electors of the City of Hamilton) on the 15th day of January, 1910, and that the votes of the electors of the City of Hamilton shall be taken thereon at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon, at the same place and by the same Deputy Return Officers as are appointed for the municipal elections on that day.

By-Law No. For raising \$200,000 for permanent roadways.

Whereas it is desirable and necessary to substitute permanent asphalt pavements for certain worn-out roadways set forth in the schedule attached to this by-law, part of such roadways to be wholly paved with asphalt and part with creosote blocks and asphalt.

And whereas, it is estimated that the cost of such permanent pavements, including the cost of substituting the City Asphalt Plant and the less than the cost of the same as issued under this by-law, will amount to the sum of \$250,000 as shown by the said schedule attached hereto.

And whereas, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward VII., being Chapter 107, Statutes of Ontario, 1906, the Council of the City of Hamilton, by By-law No. 246, passed on the 26th day of April, 1909, authorized the issue of debentures for the sum of \$125,000 to pay the City's share of the cost of construction of, and improvements to permanent pavements, between James street and Barton street, between James street and Sherman avenue, and between James street and Queen street, and the proceeds of such debentures there will be the sum of \$125,000.

And whereas, the amount of the whole rateable property of this municipality, according to the last revised Assessment Roll, being that prepared for the year 1910, is \$29,276,696.

And whereas, the amount of the existing debenture debt of the municipality is \$5,344,942.42, exclusive of local improvement debts secured by special rates or assessments, of which debt no part of the principal or interest is in arrears.

And whereas, the sum of \$200,000 is the debt intended to be created by this by-law, and it will require the sum of \$3,000.00 to be raised annually for a period of twenty years, the currency of the debentures to be issued under and by virtue of this by-law, to pay the interest of the said debt, and the sum of \$125,000 for the payment of the debt created by this by-law, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said City for the purpose and with the objects aforesaid.

And whereas, it is necessary that such annual amount be raised and levied in each year during the said period of twenty years, by a special rate sufficient therefor on all the rateable property in this municipality, as hereinafter provided.

Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows: 1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the City of Hamilton and the City Treasurer to issue debentures upon the security of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from year to year, in such amounts as may be required, which may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of such debentures, in sums of not less than \$10,000, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said City for the purpose and with the objects aforesaid.

2. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly on the 1st day of October and April in each year, and shall be payable in gold coin, for not less than one hundred dollars currency, or twenty coupons of fifty dollars each, or twenty coupons of the said sum of \$200,000, and the said debentures shall be secured with the seal of the said Corporation and the seal of the Mayor and countersigned by the Treasurer of the said City.

3. The said debentures shall bear date the first day of April, 1910, and shall be made payable in current currency of the Dominion of Canada, or in British or elsewhere, and shall have attached to them coupons for the interest thereon, which coupons shall be signed by the said Treasurer.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly on the 1st day of October and April in each year, and shall be payable in gold coin, for not less than one hundred dollars currency, or twenty coupons of fifty dollars each, or twenty coupons of the said sum of \$200,000, and the said debentures shall be secured with the seal of the said Corporation and the seal of the Mayor and countersigned by the Treasurer of the said City.

5. The votes of the qualified electors of this municipality shall be taken on this by-law on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1910, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon, at the same place and by the same Deputy Return Officers as are appointed for the municipal elections on that day.

6. The votes of the qualified electors of this municipality shall be taken on this by-law on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1910, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon, at the same place and by the same Deputy Return Officers as are appointed for the municipal elections on that day.

7. On Thursday, the 30th day of December, 1909, the Mayor shall attend at the Council Chamber, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to appoint persons to attend at the various polling places and to attend at the meeting of the voters by the City Clerk on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing or promoting the passing of this by-law, respectively.

8. The Clerk of the Council of the said municipality shall attend at the office of the City Clerk, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1910, and sum up the number of votes for and against the by-law.

9. This by-law shall take effect on the first day of March, 1910.

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NOTICE TO LEASEHOLDERS

A leaseholder who is entitled to vote on this by-law is one who has a lease of property in the City of Hamilton which extends for a term of twenty years from the first day of January next, and for which property such leaseholder is rated on the last revised assessment roll to take thereon the above \$400, and who, under such lease, has covenanted to pay all municipal taxes in respect of the property leased, and the same assessed for local improvements; provided, however, that every leaseholder who desires to vote on this by-law must file with the office of the City Clerk, at least ten days prior to the date of voting, a statutory declaration stating that said lease meets the above requirements.

The names of leaseholders neglecting to file such declarations will not be placed on the voters' list for such voting.

S. H. KENT, City Clerk. City Hall, December 4, 1909.

BY-LAW NO. For the issue of Debentures for \$25,000 to pay the City's share of the cost of the erection of a new Registry Office.

Whereas it is desirable and necessary to provide a safe and fire-proof Registry Office for the County of Wentworth and the City of Hamilton, at an estimated cost of \$25,000, and it is expedient to issue debentures for the sum of \$25,000 to pay the proportionate share of the cost to be borne by the City of Hamilton, as payable at the end of twenty years, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

And whereas, the amount of the whole rateable property of this municipality, according to the last revised Assessment Roll, being that prepared for the year 1910, is \$29,276,696.

And whereas, the amount of the existing debenture debt of the municipality is \$5,344,942.42, exclusive of local improvement debts secured by special rates or assessments, of which debt no part of the principal or interest is in arrears.

And whereas, the sum of \$25,000 is the debt intended to be created by this by-law, and it will require the sum of \$3,000.00 to be raised annually for a period of twenty years, the currency of the debentures to be issued under and by virtue of this by-law, to pay the interest of the said debt, and the sum of \$25,000 for the payment of the debt created by this by-law, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said City for the purpose and with the objects aforesaid.

And whereas, it is necessary that such annual amount be raised and levied in each year during the said period of twenty years, by a special rate sufficient therefor on all the rateable property in this municipality, as hereinafter provided.

Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows: 1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the said City, for the purpose aforesaid, to issue debentures upon the security of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from year to year, in such amounts as may be required, which may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of such debentures, in sums of not less than \$10,000, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said City for the purpose and with the objects aforesaid.

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Beamsville, Dec. 11.—Mr. Geo. Slingerland spent a few days in Guelph this week.

Mrs. F. Sussex is visiting in Bothwell. Mr. Tice Konkle, accompanied by his daughter and nephew, have gone down to old Virginia for a trip.

Mrs. J. A. Hewitt and Miss Ethel Hewitt were in Hamilton on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Jennings Toronto, spent the week end at Inverurie.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Thompson, Hamilton, were guests at the Couse House on Sunday.

Senator Gibson has been confined to his home for a couple of days with a cold.

Mr. Lang is opening a home-made candy kitchen in the store formerly occupied by Geo. Ryckman.

St. Alban's Church Sunday school will have their Christmas entertainment in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, December 30.

Hall Book was visiting friends in Niagara Falls over the week end.

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The two-year term for school trustees, Montgomery, Buck, Macintyre and W. E. Tufford, expires at the close of this year.

Mrs. Mary Robertson is spending the week with Guelph friends.

Mrs. Crown has rented Mrs. Brine's house and moved into it.

Mr. Chas. Wilson is here from the west and is staying with his brother, Sidney J., for a short time.

An old favorite Christmas tree and entertainment takes place in the mountain Presbyterian Church on Christmas eve.

Mr. W. Lounsbury is wrathy on account of some arrears in taxes that he thinks shouldn't have been paid by him.

The treasurer, however, thought otherwise, and the bailiff was sent down to Lounsbury's to look into the whys and wherefores of and incidentally to take possession of a horse until the smithy whacked up. Bill's ire is now at a white heat, and the whole bloomin' outfit from reeve down will be put out of business within the next three weeks if the wrathy smith knows anything about elections.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Education no decision was arrived at as regards the acceptance of any application for a high school principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Binkley, Dundas, were the guests of J. H. and Mrs. Henry during the past week at the lake.

"Santa Claus" a cantata, will be given at the Victoria school, Vineland, on the night of December 22. The children are putting in daily rehearsals, and the affair will be both musical and entertaining.

The trustees of Grobb's, Clinton, have been made in connection with the High School.

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Charlie Albright has been taken to the County Hospital for treatment.

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The village treasurer still has Mr. Lounsbury's horse in seizure for arrears of tax money, and he will be sold to satisfy the village claims next week unless the money is paid.

The following is the public school report for the month of November, giving the first eight pupils in each case where there are more than that number in the form:

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The best blankets in our big stock to be sold all next week at special reduced prices.

And now for our great Xmas sale of Blankets, a special offering of our choicest all wool beauties, which opens sharp at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning. This is an all-week sale.

We want every woman—the men, too—in Hamilton to see our Blanket display. We want you, yourself, to see these fine lofty goods and to examine their make. These are cut and finished at both ends and each blanket is put up in a great separate envelope.

Remember this special Xmas offering opens on Monday morning and continues all week. Those who are on hand at 8.30 o'clock, of course, will have the finest assortment to choose from.

Here are some of the exceptionally fine values which will confront you on our Third Floor all next week starting on Monday morning

Our \$5.75 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$5.18

Our \$6.38 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$5.69

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Quite a number of our patrons who want to get out of "the beaten path" of Xmas gifts have been selecting gifts of late from our exquisite curtain stock. Why not you? We are announcing hereby a special offering for the Xmas trade. This offering includes some of the finest of Swiss Points and Ducess in our well assorted display.

There are exactly 10 beautiful designs which we are going to offer on Monday and for every day of the following week at prices which have been reduced as follows:

The \$8.50 and \$8.65 qualities for \$7.79

The fine \$10.00 qualities for \$8.98

The \$12.00 and \$12.50 qualities at \$10.98

The \$21.00 qualities at \$16.00

THIRD FLOOR.

Our Window Shades

We make to order and also hang window shades of the best quality opaque and Scotch Hollands in plain and self stripes. Materials are of superior wearing qualities specially made for The Right House in a range of good colors.

Each shade is mounted on a Hartshorn spring roller and is finished with a tassel. These values are the very best obtainable and a phone call or postal card order will bring a man to your home to measure the windows. Let the next be Right House shades.

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WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

TIGERS AND ALERTS READY FOR GREAT GAMES TO-DAY.

Crowd Saw the Boys Off For New York—Manager Howell's Team Had a Fine Work-Out.

The huge, six-driving-wheel engine which steams every evening from the T. H. & B. station, pulling its regular train of cars, had an extra burden last evening, in the form of a special coach, used for the purpose of conveying the Tigers to New York city, where they will play the Rough Riders, of Ottawa, the exhibition game promoted by the New York Herald for the purpose of demonstrating to the American football authorities that the Canadian style is far better than the American game—a change the Herald has been advocating for some time. Headed by President Dr. W. G. Thompson, Manager H. Lazier, and Secretary Arvey, the team embarked, carrying all the regular players, and a few intermediates, who will be on the line ready to jump into the fray in a moment's notice.

There was a large crowd at the station, and the players were jubilant, all expressing confidence in regard to the result, which they claim will be Hamilton all the way. As intimated in the Times last evening, Trainer Sim Vaughan and a few members of the Executive accompanied the team, acting as chaperons. The advance guard, which left the previous evening, is expected to meet the team at the station, in company with representatives from the New York Herald.

The Ottawa team, twenty-two strong, left the capital yesterday afternoon at 4.30. Six spare men were included in the party. The speculation as to whether Stronach would play was settled when the attractions on the white way and the banquet at night proved too much for the big Scot, who, after much persuasion, finally consented. It is reported that Rufus Ryan, whose application for admission to play Interprovincial football was refused by the Board of Governors, is included in the party.

There is trouble brewing if the Ottawa team insists on playing Ryan. It is remembered that a few years ago the same trouble took place, in which a lot of wrangling resulted, but the Ottawa club finally gave in. In all probability the same thing is likely to happen again, and will not be settled so easily, in view of the fact that to-day's game is only an exhibition. Should it happen, it will be up to the Herald to settle it. The Tigers insist that they will not play against a professional.

While to-day's crowd may not be noted for its size, it will, without a doubt, be one of the greatest collections of American football authorities who ever witnessed a game of football. The United States game is becoming more dreaded every year, in view of the large number of fatalities, and unless the game is reformed in such a way as to decrease the number of accidents, the great game will have but a short existence, now that the Legislatures have taken the matter in hand. The Canadian game is known for its science, open plays, lessening the chance for players to receive injuries, and with the intention of showing to the American public that the game is nearer the ideal, the Herald has completed all arrangements for the game at their own expense. They have invited all the American coaches, including Yale and Harvard representatives, and other notable men, from all parts, to witness this game. Local people will be supplied with bulletins in the Times' window immediately after every score.

If condition counts for anything in landing a championship, the Alerts, who are scheduled to meet St. Michaels' at Rosedale this afternoon, should have little difficulty in winning. Last night, despite the very disagreeable weather, under the rays of the electric lights, at the Cricket Grounds, the local boys put the finishing touches on a training course which should benefit any team. They went through a fast routine of practice, in which they paid special attention to their signalling and combination work, after which the team indulged in a short run, finishing up with a fine rub down. The whole team was never in better condition and are as fit as a fiddle for the game of their lives.

The local team that will try for the championship to-day will be the same aggregation which has represented the Alerts all season, with possibly only one exception—a change in the scrimmage. All the players showed up well last evening, and the management thinks it would be a bad move to make any changes now. The following will be the line-up:

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HELPS DEFEND TENNIS TROPHY.



WALTER DUNLAP.

Dunlap is one of the finest tennis players in Australia, and was the alternative member of the team which successfully defended the Davis cup from the American challengers.

Gossip and Comment

Professional hockey seems to be in for some hard knocks this winter. The rival organizations have their swords drawn, and seem to be in for a slashing game. When hockey players go slashing with sticks it is bad enough for those concerned, but when the managers take up sharp edged instruments something is going to suffer, and the good guess at this stage is that it will be the game of hockey.

So "Old Kaintuck" is to have no more bookmaking—at least, on a legal basis. The Blue Grass has done much for horse breeding and racing, and it may yet show the world that racing can be successfully carried on without the thousand forms of lousiness which follow the professional gambler. If it can do so it will have done more for racing than all its past efforts on behalf of the development of the horse has meant to the world.

It is rumored around certain quarters that Denny McCarthy left with the Tigers for New York, where he may in all probability play, holding down a position in the scrimmage.

Kentucky Against the Bookmaker.

Court of Appeals Has Rendered an Important Decision.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 10.—The Court of Appeals in a decision handed down today abolished bookmaking at the Latonia race track and put an end to that form of betting on horse races in the State of Kentucky.

TURF JOIS.
San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Big fields were the rule at Oakland to-day. Three pronounced favorites were winners. John H. Sheehan, at 10 to 1, took the big end of the purse in the third. Walsh rode two winners.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 10.—To-day's players received a sudden jolt in the very opening race, when Harvey F., the heavily played 9 to 1 favorite, was beaten by Cindy, whose price at the closing time was 11 to 2. Acrobat, the strong favorite, at 7 to 10, in the sixth race, was beaten by St. Joseph, who carried a fairly good list of backers at 8 to 1.

Napanea's ice races will be held on Jan. 25 and 26. The programme will be announced shortly.

National League Down to Business.

Talk of Extending Baseball Along into Indian Summer.

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National Baseball Club, arrived in New York to-day, with the announcement that he was in favor of John Montgomery Ward for president of the league. Mr. Murphy said that he had nothing against President Heydler personally, but that he considered Ward the right man. The Chicagoan refused to say whether he would vote for Heydler to continue in his old position as secretary and treasurer of the National League. Murphy looks for the National League magnates, whose meeting is but four days away, to wind up their business in short order. He thinks that a president will be elected on the first ballot. Garry Herrman, of Cincinnati, chairman of the National Commission, the only other out-of-town club owner who has already arrived, is a strong advocate of the re-election of Heydler and

MARKED BILL LANDS CAPTAINCY FOR BUTCH.

Butch Macginnity was in a mellow mood. He had just signed two affidavits and corralled 80 cents. He was sure of tobacco for the rest of the week, and the old-fashioned toddy he had allowed himself gave him a feeling of admiration for the human race.

Doggy Coot sat beside him in his law office and talked of old days at Lalapa-loosa, when Butch was all state fall-back. Smiler Wright was there, too, and Spike McConigal and the rest of the bunch.

"Just the crowd for a story," said Doggy. "Give us that yarn about how you were elected football captain, Butch."

Butch didn't need a second invitation. "It was this way," said Butch. "The story is about how I was elected for the second year. The first was a cinch."

"I belonged to the Pa Delta Flush frat, and the only other fellow who had a chance for the captaincy was Skinny Rogers, the left end. He belonged to the Brings N' DeKalongs. A week before election a went around to the boys. Brigna Nu frat house and told the boys if they'd vote for me I'd be for Brother Rogers next year. I'd be for that if we didn't agree we'd neither get it, because Saint Fletcher, the Y. M. C. A. boy, would get it with the help of the Baker Potato Pies. All of which was not bunk, but on the level."

"Well, they agreed, and I was elected like falling off the water wagon. We won the championship, and about Thanksgiving Brother Rogers began to act as though he had nettles under his shirt. He began to wonder about that captaincy, and threw some strong hints about my remembering their little agreement."

"But I just looked wise and said nothing. I made up my mind private-like that I was the man for captain, not Rogers."

"The non-frat crowd began to get busy and put Fletcher in the race. The Brings Nus heard that I was going to throw them down, and I had a couple of warm sessions with them. Finally I said that fraternity domination was the ruin of college athletics. This was at a mass meeting and stirred up enthusiasm among the barbs and the frat fellows who never had a chance at honors."

"Of course my brothers in the Pa

Delta Flush whooped her up, because that was part of the plan, but the Brings Nus looked sour. Of course that speech made it look as though I was down and out and was for Saint



THAT DOLLAR BILL YOU SKINNED OFF THE EDGE WAS MARKED

Fleecer. He smiled as though he'd been elected already. "But I had more things up my sleeve than those rummies dreamed of. I called a meeting of the barbs to fix it for Fletcher. Fletcher wasn't there. Modesty kept him away. When I got the barbs together I gave them a nice talk and pledged them to vote for Fletcher if he was a candidate, otherwise to vote for poor little Butch."

"Then I went to Fletcher's room. 'Saint, old boy,' said I, 'don't you think they'd better get a one-armed man to pass the collection plate at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening prayer meeting?'"

"'What's that?'" yelled Fletcher. "Don't you suppose I know? That dollar bill you skinned off the edge last week was marked."

"It's a lie," said Fletcher. "How did you find out?'"

"'Never mind,' I said. 'Just retire from the race and you'll hear nothing more about it.'" "We had a talk, but of course Fletcher bent. I was elected, and Brother Rogers got two votes, and it looked to me when I sized up the ballots that them two were written by the same hand."

Pitcher Won't Choose Practice Ball 'Cause It Feels Heavy When Picked Up.



"Eddie" Summers, the Detroit pitcher, stood in front of a travelling bag in which the balls used at Bennett park are kept. The pitcher's hand reached down to the bag and then withdrew. Summers leaned over to Geo. Speer:

"Pick me out that brand new ball there, will you, and hand it to me?" Speer smiled, picked out a new ball, handed it to Summers and asked: "Why?"

"I never like to pick a ball myself." And again came the question: "Why?"

"Well, I will tell you why. When I lift a ball out of the bag it feels as heavy as lead, but when it is handed to me by someone else it feels light as a feather. If I pick it out myself and start warming up, I feel as though I am throwing an iron ball and I can't pitch. When someone hands the ball to me I feel as though I had all kinds of speed."

Lafitte and Speer began picking out balls and handing them to Summers. Lafitte said he felt a difference in weight and Speer said it wasn't enough to brag about, but Summers won his game and so his argument holds.

MONEY SPLIT EQUALLY AND WELCH AS REFEREE.

(By Tip Wright.)
When Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries fight, July 4th, 1910, the third man in the ring will be Jack Welch. The \$101,000 purse offered by Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason will be equally divided and the moving picture profits will be split three ways.

Believe me, I am right. Jeffries, Johnson, Berger and Little are more than fighters and managers of fighters—they are regular business men, and I am not making too broad a statement when I say that one of the two managers has already made a proposition to the other to split the purse evenly.

I know there's a lot of talk about a 75 and 25 division and a winner-take-all split, but there isn't anything to it. It looks better when the public believes that "to the winner goes the spoils," but business methods will prevail in this battle, and good business declares for an equal division, with each man getting the same amount.

If the circumstances were different, such a division of the purse would arouse suspicion. But not even the most radical anti-fight bug would dare suggest that the July fight is not on the level.

In the first place, Jeffries would not entertain for a second a proposition to lose. I'd sure hate to be the man to make such a proposition to the big fellow. And by the same token, Jack Johnson, since he won the title, would sooner think of cutting off his right hand than of laying down.

No matter how much some of his fights may have been questioned, Jack Johnson, champion, is not the Jack Johnson of five years ago. If he loses it will be because Jeffries is beyond all question the better man.

It is from the pictures that the fighters and their managers will reap the big money. The fight, while necessary for the photographers, is financially a side issue. Johnson and Ketchell are cleaning up \$150,000 from their pictures, and I know the Johnson management is figuring upon tripling this sum in the Jeffries fight.

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LYING HURTS THE LIAR.

"All boys," an old philosopher says, "are born liars." Perhaps it is because lying is the diplomatic refuge of helplessness. The instant we learn to know punishment, desire to escape it becomes a prime instinct.

Morality, like knowledge, is not hereditary, but attained. The child must learn that lying is a sin and a self-injury, just as it must learn by being burnt to avoid the fire.

Until this lesson is learned, the child, youth, man, will continue to lie. Many never learn it. Perhaps none ever learn it very thoroughly.

Lying comes not of aggressive shrewdness, but of cowardice and a shallow cunning that is often treacherous and tricks the lie into transparency.

But it is not the danger of being found out by others that is most to be dreaded; far more dreadful is it that the liar must know himself to be a liar.

His self-respect suffers; the heaven in him loses strength and leaves him dead dough.

The cunning that leads to lying is a rot that must permeate the whole character and make a man ever uncertain of himself.

It distorts his perspective, obscures his vision and warps his comprehension. The habit of misrepresentation leads to misconception; the judgment becomes as erratic as the tongue, and there results the man who actually "couldn't tell the truth if he wanted to."

Nothing else so shakes the confidence of one's friends as known lying does; nothing so shatters one's own self-confidence as does lying, whether known to others or not.

The cowardice that fathers lying increases with the lie. Fear of detection joins with self-contempt in making the liar a greater coward than before. One lie calls for another in its defence, and as the poet said, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!"

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LOOKS LIKE A MERRY WAR IN WHICH HOCKEY WILL SUFFER.

The Professional Game Seems to be in For Trouble—U. S. Wants Teams From Toronto.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Suspicion of each other, and distrust of all, have affected the local professional hockey clubs to an extent that both they and the public would not be surprised at any action that would upset the plans of two weeks ago, when the National Association and the Canadian Association organized separately, and declared that neither would have anything to do with the other.

If the public turn an indifferent shoulder to professional hockey during the coming winter the clubs themselves and the men who have taken upon themselves the financial backing of these clubs, will have nobody but themselves to blame.

First of all there was that E. C. H. A. meeting of Nov. 25, when Wanderers were ignominiously turned out of a combination alleged to be formed for the good of hockey throughout Canada, and given the name of the Canadian Hockey Association. Then there was the meeting of Dec. 2, when the Wanderers, combined with another dissatisfied element, the Renfrew Club, that had looked for Ottawa's support on Nov. 25. These two, with Cobalt and Halesbury, two clubs that had never figured in local hockey politics, formed the National Hockey Association of Canada.

Within two days the National club showed that they had the financial backing that would make it hot for any club in the rival organization that would stack up against them in the bidding for players. As a result of Renfrew's frenzied bidding, Ottawa will probably pay out in salaries at least \$40,000 more than the club figured on two weeks ago. Ottawa has the players, but Renfrew has forced the figures up to a point where a club cannot expect an even break on the receipts it will take in during its playing season, unless past records are broken.

The indications are that the season will be one of war and ill-feeling—and hockey will suffer.

TORONTO TO PITTSBURG.
Toronto, Dec. 11.—If all the invitations that "Varsity" has received from American teams to visit their cities are accepted the University players will get some fine trips this season. Some time ago an invitation was received from the New York Athletic Club, asking for a game between Christmas and New Year's, and shortly afterwards it was followed by two from Harvard and Yale.

That was not the end of the line, however, as yesterday afternoon a letter was received from Pittsburgh suggesting a series of three games in that city on or about the end of January. The first game would be played with the State University, the second with the Technical College, and the third with the Pittsburg University.

No special dates were mentioned in the communication, that matter being left in the hands of the local college.

OTTAWA FANS UNEASY.
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—There is evidently some big deal under way in the professional hockey arena. What it is is impossible for these other than the officers of the club to tell, but something is likely to be sprung in the course of a few days. Vice-President L. N. Bate, of the Ottawa Hockey Club, to-night gave an emphatic denial to a report that the Ottawas were going to desert the Canadian Hockey League and join the National Association. "Not on your life," he remarked, when questioned as to the possibility of Ottawa leaving the Canadian. He would not deny that something was brewing, but went as far as to say that it did not affect Ottawa. The local hockey magnates expect to see the National knock up, but refuse to say what will cause it.

A Railway in Southern Arabia.
The British political resident at Aden has finally completed arrangements for the building of a twelve-mile steam railroad from Tawahi, off Steamer Point, Aden, through the old town or camp and thence to Shalki (Othman), the outpost of British territory in Arabia. The surveys and plans of construction have all been worked out, and the concessionaries are now only waiting the approval of Earl Morley before beginning to lay the track. The concession for building and operating the line was awarded to a wealthy native firm and an English company. The entire cost of construction will be about \$100,000.

The proposed railroad will be the only one in southern Arabia, and will naturally be of the greatest service to Aden, whose only present means of communication with the interior is by donkey or mule. It is expected, however, that the road to Shalki Othman may be extended within a great time through the neighboring tribe of the Abdalli and beyond Lahaj, their capital.—Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

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The lying cheat in the "Year of Wakefield," who was always swindling everybody, went to jail for debt, while his honest neighbor, whom he swindled many times, steadily prospered and died rich and respected. Fiction—eh? Well, it is immortal as fiction simple because it is true to life, the world over, all the time.—Memphis World-Schmitz.

Telegraph instruments are busy workers in New York city. Last week they ticked off 161,250 messages.

"LITTLE DEMON" BOASTS VICTORY OVER GOTCH.



FRED BEELL.

The "Little Demon," as Fred Beell was branded years ago, is the only wrestler who has laid Frank Gotch on his back since he became champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of the world.

Beell defeated Gotch in New Orleans, and for two weeks was world's champion. Then Gotch got him on the mat in Kansas City, and what he did is history. The two are to meet in a handicap match shortly.

up a good game for the Y's. The line-up:

Collegiate (43)—Fosset, Howard, forwards; Souther, centre; Thompson, McFarlane, defence.

Second Boys' Club (27)—E. Smith, W. Smith, forwards; W. Lees, centre; Hall, Webster, defence.

The second game was very fast, the Hamilton team putting up a fine combination and outclassing the Brantford boys by as much as the score indicates (62-24). The Telephone City boys were never in the lead, and their defence work was rather poor, allowing Kennedy, the star forward of the local team to get over a dozen baskets, and Wright, the other local forward six baskets. The feature of the game was the fine silent signals of the Hamilton team, which worked time and again and puzzled the Brantford team considerably. The half-time score was 34-11, and at the final blow of the whistle 62-24.

The teams lined up as follows: Hamilton (62)—Wright, Kennedy, forwards; Bainbridge, centre; Stevenson, Madgett, defence. Brantford (24)—Gregg, Glen, forwards; Jones, centre; Watt, Preston, defence.

The first game was very interesting, as there is much rivalry between the Collegiate and the Y. M. C. A. The second team of the boys' club played a steady game during the first half and led by the score of 13-11, but their downfall came soon after, half time, when they let their checks run loose, and Howard and Thompson rolled in baskets after basket for the school, and won handily by 43-27. Ed. Smith put

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F. W. Arnott Puts on Fine Score of 636—Standing of the H. B. & A. C. League.

Four games were rolled in B class at the H. B. & A. C. last night. The Canvesso team won two from the Grand Trunk and the Gun Club No. 2 took three straight from the U. D. S. Co. F. W. Arnott rolled the splendid score of 636 for the Canvesso team, and to his work is due the victory, as Ogilvie and Sage made 568 each for the G. T. R. H. Brown, of the Gun Club team, was high in his match with 514, and C. E. Thomson, R. R. Simpson and H. M. Sweeney each reached the coveted 500 mark.

The individual miss and out tournament for all classes will be held at the H. B. & A. C. to-night. It will be run on the handicap basis. A class at 180, B class at 165 and C class at 145. A handsome prize has been donated by President J. L. Council, and to this is added the club's prizes. A large entry list is in, and further entries will be accepted from members until 8 o'clock, when play commences.

Table with columns for player names and scores. Includes names like G. T. R., C. Ogilvie, S. Munroe, E. Sage, F. Sharp, R. Weatherston, Geo. Lowe, R. J. Clumpf, C. W. Adam, F. W. Arnott, F. Smith, U. D. S. Co., J. A. McMahon, C. V. E. Thomson, C. Yorick, W. Davidson, H. Sweeney, H. B. & A. C. League standings, W. P. Thomson, J. E. Johnston, H. Brown, E. W. Borrow, R. R. Simpson, H. B. & A. C. League standings, W. P. Thomson, J. E. Johnston, H. Brown, E. W. Borrow, R. R. Simpson.

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Gleason is For San Francisco.

Denies Report About Two Sets of Articles Being Signed.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Jack Gleason, the San Francisco fight promoter, who, with "Tex" Rickard, of Nevada, will handle the Jeffries-Johnson fight on July 4, arrived here last night from New York. Concerning Rickard's reported statements that the fight would be held in Salt Lake City, he said: "Where the fight between Jeffries and Johnson will take place is as yet in doubt, and it will not be definitely settled until Rickard and I meet again, which I expect will be in two or three weeks. Rickard is to come to the coast very shortly, and I will have a conference with him in San Francisco. I want the people to understand that I am for San Francisco or vicinity first and last, and will use every effort to see that the match takes place in these parts. The charges that two sets of articles were signed are utterly false and without foundation. They were designed by envious people to hurt the fight, but I can say truthfully that the articles as given to the newspapers will stand for the fight."

AERONAUT HURT.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A Wright, and European, and Captain Englehart, was piloting over Johannisthal Field to-day, lost its balance and plunged to the earth. Capt. Englehart was unconscious when picked up and removed to a hospital. The extent of his injuries was not determined at once. Recently he has been taking passengers up with him.

PRAIRIE FLOATED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The transport Prairie, which went aground in the Delaware River on the night of Dec. 2, while proceeding down the river with 700 mariners for Central America, was floated to-day.

HORRIBLE END.

Three Men Burned to Death in Boiling Tar.

Saw Their Doom Coming—One Man Escapes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Held fast in a lake of flowing tar, four men at the McClintock & Irving Company's roofing plant early to-day were compelled to watch the gradually approaching flames. Three of them were burned to death, while the fourth managed to extricate himself, although he was seriously burned.

The dead are: Peter McGonigle, John Trent and Patrick Carry. The man who escaped with burns was Patrick Moran. It is said the men were not employed at the works, but since winter set in had been in the habit of sleeping there at night. In some manner the valve of a large vat opened, and before the sleeping men knew their danger they were engulfed. Unable to free

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themselves, although they struggled with all their might, they saw the tar flow to a boiler, where it was speedily ignited. Then as the fire crawled towards them they frantically cried for help. The night watchman was attracted by the cries, but was powerless to aid them.

ZELAYA ON TOP

Nicaraguan President Outwits Insurgent General.

United States May Yet Have to Intervene.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 11.—This city, the headquarters of the provisional government, has been thrown into alarm by a sudden realization of the strength of the Government army against which Gen. Estrada, the leader of the insurgents, had been supposed to be making irresistible headway. Estrada apparently has been hoodwinked by Zelaya, and no one would be surprised if the latter's troops should appear before the city at any hour. Estrada is hoping for timely aid from the United States.

If President Taft is determined that Zelaya shall be deposed, it is believed here that the United States will find active participation in the struggle necessary.

All idea of the enemy attacking fortified Rama has been abandoned. The truce which covers the conference of the Government envoys is at an end.

Another cause for alarm among the insurgents is the report brought by the cruiser Des Moines that Zelaya's men at Greytown are far from the desperate condition which has been reported through hearsay here.

The current prices this morning were:

Timothy 1 40 1 60

Dressed hogs 10 50 11 00

Butter, dairy 0 26 0 30

Do, inferior 0 22 0 24

Eggs, new laid, dozen 0 45 0 50

Do, fresh 0 35 0 40

Chickens, lb 0 13 0 16

Ducks, lb 0 13 0 15

Turkeys, lb 0 18 0 20

Geese, lb 0 11 0 12

Fowl, lb 0 10 0 12

Apples, bbl 2 00 3 50

Potatoes, bag, by load 0 55 0 60

Celery, dozen 0 30 0 35

Onions, bag 1 00 1 10

Cauliflower, dozen 0 75 1 25

Cabbages, dozen 0 50 0 60

Beef, hindquarters 8 00 9 00

Do, forequarters 5 00 6 50

Do, choice, carcass 7 50 8 00

Do, medium, carcass 6 50 7 00

Mutton, per cwt 7 00 8 00

Veal, prime, per cwt 9 50 10 50

Lamb, per cwt 9 00 10 00

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OTHER MARKETS.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are slow, at 12 to 14c per lb. for live cattle; refrigerated weight; Liverpool, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c; refrigerator beef firm, at 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c per lb.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—December 1909c, May 1909c, Oats—December 33 1/2c, May 30 1/2c.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York.—Bradstreet's bank clearings: New York, \$2,137,404,000.

Domination of Canada—Montreal, \$41,943,000, increase 32.7; Toronto, \$33,738,000, increase 16.0; Winnipeg, \$24,105,000, increase 25.9; Vancouver, \$7,540,000, increase 92.7; Ottawa, \$3,511,000, increase 21.7; Quebec, \$2,513,000, increase 5.0; Halifax, \$2,961,000, increase 3.5; Hamilton, \$1,981,000, increase 26.4; St. John, N. B., \$1,637,000, decrease 3; Calgary, \$2,625,000, increase 54.4; London, Ont., \$1,439,000, increase 7.1; Victoria, B. C., \$1,229,000, increase 55.3; Edmonton, \$1,259,000, increase 29.0.

COBALT STOCKS.

The mining exchanges in Toronto have settled into a state of apathy preceding the holiday vacation, and the proceedings in the board are without features of interest. The good news from the mines apparently has little effect, as the buying public is apparently exclusively interested in other affairs at present.

Things are shaping, however, for a strong bull market after the New Year, and the brokers are ready to wait, and are holding firm, and there seems to be simply a period of inaction. Crown Reserve was some easier yesterday, a few lots selling at 4.65, while La Rose was at 4.73; Tretnewey hovered around 1.45, closing a half point higher, while Temiskaming closed a fraction higher than the opening price, 70. There was some activity in Peterson. Lake around 21 1/2, and Silver Leaf also had some fractional variations about 13 1/2.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REPORT

Montreal trade reports to Bradstreet's say while wholesalers generally are still busy with trade on Christmas goods, there has been some natural easing in the rush or orders. Business, however, is still heavy for even this time of year, and the brokers are steady in the volume of trade. There has been considerably in excess of that of last year.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say the holiday trade is now getting in full swing, and there seems every reason to expect that its volume will be heavy. In fancy goods, jewelry, toys and other similar lines a good many rush orders for further supplies are coming forward, thus showing that trade is well above the expectations of some months ago when orders were placed.

Winnipeg reports say good sleighing is having an excellent effect upon general trade there and throughout the country.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say there continues an excellent tone to trade at these points and throughout the Province.

Quebec reports to Bradstreet's show little change in trade conditions during the week, which is due to unseasonable weather.

Hamilton reports say seasonable weather has given a much better tone to the retail trade in general lines of goods and there is now a brisk business moving in all kinds of holiday supplies. In the latter connection the season promises to show large gains over last year. Local factories continue busy and orders on hand for spring are reported large. Trade in building materials continues quite active and values are steady to firm. Collections are generally satisfactory.

London reports say general retail trade has shown considerable improvement during the past week.

Ottawa reports say an excellent business is now moving in general and in holiday lines and country trade is also reported to have shown considerable improvement during the past week.

Cyrus Townsend Brady, Naval Academy graduate, author and Episcopal priest, has had a new experience. His parish, St. George's, Kansas City, being without a church, the Jewish congregation of B'Nai Jehudah offered the edifice as a place of worship for his parishioners. Dr. Brady, accepting the courtesy, now finds himself conducting Christian services in a Jewish synagogue. "The action of the Jews seems to me a significant example of modern church comity," said Dr. Brady. "Their generous offer is the first of the kind I have heard of."

Piano music is bought by the sheet, but it is frequently delivered by the pound.

Chicago now has a law which makes traction companies return the fares to passengers who are on a car which is detained 10 minutes or more while trying to go somewhere.

The Lincolnshire (England) County Court ordered a man, who was owing \$90 to a money lender, to pay the debt in installments of 2 cents a month, at which rate it will take 365 years to pay off the whole sum.

Uncle Sam's forests are being cut down three times as fast as they grow.

COOK'S DATA.

Geographic Society to Investigate Fabrication Charges.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The National Geographic Society has decided to investigate the claims of Captain August W. Loose and George Dunkle, an insurance broker, recently made in New York, that they furnished to Dr. Frederick A. Cook observations and data to prove that he reached the North Pole.

Prof. J. H. Gore, Rear Admiral Pillsbury and Dr. C. W. Hayes, of the Geological Survey, went to New York today to begin this work. They expect to report to the society here on Monday. Prof. Willis L. Moore decided on this course yesterday at a conference with members.

GOLDWIN SMITH

Favors Voluntary Union With No Annexation to States.

(Special Wire to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11.—Goldwin Smith has addressed the following letter to the editor of the Kingston Standard:

"It seems that I have been represented as advocating annexation. Let me assure you that I have studiously avoided the use of a term which implies submission on the part of Canada to the power of the United States. That which I think seems the dictate of nature and likely as such to come to pass is the voluntary union of the two great English speaking communities on the continent for their mutual benefit and society. Social union seems to be already pretty complete.

Christmas and New Year Excursions.

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CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

At the regular meeting of St. Mary's Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters, held on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected: Past Chief Ranger—J. T. Cusley, Chief Ranger—R. C. Slatery, Vice-Chief Ranger—C. A. Hayes, Recording Secretary—J. T. Connor, Financial Secretary—J. P. Melody, Treasurer—J. J. Guay, Speaker—H. J. Whelan, Trustees—H. A. Wand, J. McKenna and H. J. Chalen.

Worth Knowing.

The improved pie pan has a blade fastened to the centre, which revolves around the bottom of the dish beneath the pie crust when the end protruding from the side of the dish is moved.

To use cold halibut or other white fish, remove the bones and flake it and arrange it in layers, with bread crumbs and seasoning in a buttered baking dish. Cover the top with buttered crumbs, turn in hot milk to moisten sufficiently, sprinkle grated cheese over and bake. Boil vinegar in the fish skillet or pan to destroy the fish odor.

Comforts and quilts should be dried in a good stiff breeze, so that they may be as light and fluffy as when new.

A spoonful of oxgall to a gallon of water will set the colors of almost any goods soaked in it previous to washing.

If your rug curl up at the edges, they can be made to lie flat by dampening the curled edge and pressing with a hot iron.

If leather in chair seats sticks to the clothing, sponge with a mixture of ether and alcohol, dampening the cloth lightly and following it by wiping off with a clean flannel dampened with pure chloroform. The varnish was badly done or it would not stick.

The figures of this country's wheat crop indicate not only a larger home consumption as a result of increased population, but also a larger consumption per capita.

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SUN FIRE

The oldest Insurance Office in the world FOUNDED A.D. 1710 BI-CENTENARY 1910 HOME OFFICE: LONDON, ENGLAND

Canadian Branch: Sun Building, Toronto, H. M. Blackburn, Manager. Thos. Cochran, E. M. Faulkner, Jno. Harvey, R. A. Milne, T. H. P. Carpenter (Hamilton Agents).

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Saturday, Dec. 11.—There was a fair-sized market this morning, and sales were decidedly brisk. Poultry was one of the features, spring chickens being especially in evidence. The prevailing price was from 65 cents to \$1.25. Turkeys were somewhat scarce, and the price advanced two cents, making it from 18 to 22 cents a pound. Dairy produce is still very scarce. Creamery butter sold on the open market at from 30 to 32 cents, while on the inside market sales were reported at from 28 to 30 cents. Strictly fresh eggs still remain scarce and showed a tendency to be firm, whole, selling at from 30 to 35 cents and retailing as high as 45 cents. Even at these prices there was a good demand. In the meat market dressed hogs were boosted 50 cents per cwt., the new price being from \$10.25 to \$10.75. The wheat market was reported to be a little firmer.

The current prices this morning were:

Timothy 1 40 1 60

Dressed hogs 10 50 11 00

Butter, dairy 0 26 0 30

Do, inferior 0 22 0 24

Eggs, new laid, dozen 0 45 0 50

Do, fresh 0 35 0 40

Chickens, lb 0 13 0 16

Ducks, lb 0 13 0 15

Turkeys, lb 0 18 0 20

Geese, lb 0 11 0 12

Fowl, lb 0 10 0 12

Apples, bbl 2 00 3 50

Potatoes, bag, by load 0 55 0 60

Celery, dozen 0 30 0 35

Onions, bag 1 00 1 10

Cauliflower, dozen 0 75 1 25

Cabbages, dozen 0 50 0 60

Beef, hindquarters 8 00 9 00

Do, forequarters 5 00 6 50

Do, choice, carcass 7 50 8 00

Do, medium, carcass 6 50 7 00

Mutton, per cwt 7 00 8 00

Veal, prime, per cwt 9 50 10 50

Lamb, per cwt 9 00 10 00

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows:

Granulated, \$4.85 per cwt. in barrels; No. 1 golden, \$4.45 per cwt. in barrels; No. 2 golden, \$4.25 per cwt. in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. (Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags, prices are 5c less.)

OTHER MARKETS.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are slow, at 12 to 14c per lb. for live cattle; refrigerated weight; Liverpool, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c; refrigerator beef firm, at 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c per lb.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—December 1909c, May 1909c, Oats—December

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Latest Works That Meet With Public Favor.

Canadian Authors Take Prominent Place In List.

Stores Are Full and Display Much Artistic Taste.

Since the Times wrote an article some weeks ago on the most popular books of the day, the publishers have put on the market number of new ones.

There are books to the right and books to the left and all around one. And there are pictures and magazines and a thousand and one things that command attention.

However, there is one magazine that has a story written by a Hamilton man, Hubert Footner, 272 Jackson street.

A passing comment on the pictures and calendars to be seen in the book stores.

Following are a few of the best selling books on the market at present, with a brief sketch:

"The Foreigner," by Ralph Connor—This Canada has a tremendous task confronting her, resulting from the great influx of immigrants to the Northwest.

"Northern Nights," a new book by Sir Gilbert Parker is welcome. "Northern Nights" consists of seventeen short stories dealing with life in the west.

"The Attic Guest"—As in the "Web of Time," the main figure in Robert E. Knowles' new book, is a young Scotch minister, with unbiased opinions of right and wrong.

"When a Man Marries," by Mary Roberts Rinehart, author of the "Man in Lower Ten," will interest lovers of a light humorous story for they will find it most delightful.

A children's book that will interest Hamiltonians is "The Kite Book," by R. Cory Kivert, a former Hamilton boy.

A South Side man claims that the janitor of the flat building in which he lives is the meanest janitor on earth.

"Never gives us half enough steam during the day," said the complainant, "and at night the conditions are simply awful."

Serves Him Right. Mrs. S.—What is the greatest punishment that a man can receive for bigamy?

SPOKE WELSH.

None Without It Could Hear Mr. Lloyd-George.

A novel method of frustrating the suffragettes, and also of preventing undue crowding, was adopted recently in connection with Mr. Lloyd-George's visit to the new Welsh Chapel.

In order to obtain admission to the chapel each member of the audience had to answer a test in the Welsh tongue.

NO WORD YET.

The Bessemer Not Seen Since Tuesday Morning.

Little Hope That Any of the Clariot's Men Are Alive.

Windsor, Dec. 10.—Much alarm is felt for the safety of Pere Marquette at ferry Bessemer, which runs between Conneaut, Ohio, and Port Stanley, Ont.

Over thirty vessels are reported as sheltering under Long Point, but the ferry is not among them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher Were Married Sixty Years Ago.

St. Catharines, Dec. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding at their home, "Dulverton Farm," near Queenston.

Mrs. Fisher before her marriage was Miss Lavina Goring, daughter of Mr. Hamilton Goring, and she was wedded at her father's home, known as Deer Park Farm, between Homer and St. David's.

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RHEUMATISM

I want every chronic rheumatic to throw away all medicines, all liniments, all plasters, and give MURPHY'S RHEUMATISM REMEDY a trial.

News in Brief

A citizen has asked the Toronto Library Board to open the libraries on Sunday.

An appeal is to be taken against the Medical Council in the case of Dr. W. R. Cook.

A German and United States firm each contemplates establishing a smelter in Ashbridge's Marsh, Toronto.

The Elder-Dempster Company proposes to establish a steamship service from the St. Lawrence to New South Wales.

The Railway Commission has decided that Toronto must pay one-third of the cost of changing the grade at the Sunnyside crossing.

Sir Montagu Allan has again denied that the Allan Line has been sold to the C. P. R., but he says a working agreement has been arranged.

Rev. W. Halpenny, D. D., of Indianapolis, has accepted the position of general secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association.

At Juvissy-sur-Orge, France, an aviator named Ferratos, while manoeuvring at a height of 25 feet to-day, fell and received injuries to his arms and legs.

The United States battleships Georgia and Nebraska collided Thursday afternoon while engaged in tactical exercises off the Virginia capes.

Rev. J. E. Marshall, pastor of the King Street Baptist Church, Berlin, for the past seven years, has resigned, to accept a new charge in Montreal.

News comes from Saint Philippe De Neri, Kamourasko County, Que., that Mrs. Louis Caron, wife of a bootmaker, has given birth to four children at a time.

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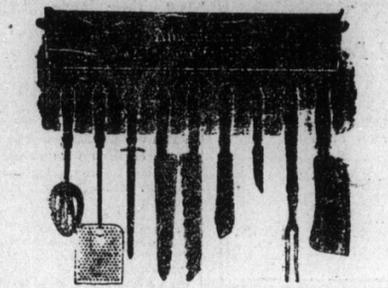
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What You Want is a Friend—One That is True as Steel

We have found what you want —Our AMERICAN KITCHEN FRIEND A COMPLETE kitchen equipment, a utensil for every purpose.



MADE of the highest grade of crucible steel, carefully tempered, ground and polished by the latest improved process.

In back of rack a space is arranged to put kettle covers, trays, and such shallow articles for cooking utensils as are frequently and readily required.

four children, who are in a very destitute condition. Frank and Albert Hale, aged 14 and 16, who claim to live near London, Ont., were arrested near Clarmont on Friday afternoon after a three days' chase by constables for breaking into Jones' hardware and grocery stores here on Monday night last.

Fifteen lives and half a million dollars in property loss on land and sea is the toll now known to have been taken by the storm which swept Newfoundland and its waters last week.

TO KILL EIGHTY. Paris, Dec. 10.—Eighty men of the Eighth Regiment of Hussars, in garrison at Verdun, have, by the merest accident, escaped death by poisoning.

TIMES PATTERNS.



GIRL'S DRESS—A DAINTY FROCK FOR DRESSY WEAR OR GENERAL WEAR.

No. 8398.—Princess effects are as much in evidence for girls as for women. In this design here portrayed, the front is arranged to form a double box-plaited panel under a square yoke.

It will take several days before you can get pattern.

BOY BURGLARS. KILLS TWO WOMEN.

Seventeen Appear in Court at Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 10.—Seventeen boys between the ages of twelve and fourteen were arraigned in court to-day on a charge of burglary.

SOLES AND HEELS SLIPPED IN PLACE LIKE SHOE LACES.

Revolution in footwear seems to be promised by an ingenious invention which shortly will be placed on the market. The idea, says the London Graphic, is no less than a removable sole—the old wears through, the new is slipped in, for all the world like a new pair of laces!

UNITY LADIES

Gave a Successful Sale and Entertainment.

With many more articles on display than last year, the annual bazaar and supper of the Women's Alliance of Unity Church was held yesterday afternoon and evening, and resulted in a financial success, nearly all the booths being well cleared out early in the evening.

CANADIAN HORSES.

Won Prizes at Horse Show in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—The following are Canadian prize-winners at the big horse show.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Brant Farmer Was Accused of Firing Through a Window.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 10.—Stephen Collins, a farmer, of Fairfield Plains, was discharged her to-day on the charge of shooting through a window in a room occupied by Mrs. Postle, aged 82 years.

WINNIPEG REAL ESTATE.

A Lot of Fake Schemes Worked by a Band of Operators. Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—There is a small-sized scandal brewing among real estate dealers here, following the recent unusual activity in certain sections of the city, and rumor says that a fake option scheme has been worked to a finish.

Vapo-Cresolene advertisement with logo and text: FOR WHOOPING COUGH, CROUP, ASTHMA, COUGES, BRONCHITIS, SORE THROAT, CATARRH, DIPHTHERIA.

SIR WILFRID'S TWO SEATS.

Conservatives Attack the Position Taken by the Premier.

Question Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Objects to Intercolonial Passengers Drinking Montreal Water.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The dual position occupied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as representative for both Ottawa and Quebec East in the House of Commons is not to the liking of the Opposition, and a renewed effort on their part to harass the Premier and force him to give up one or other of the seats led to a lively debate, which occupied the whole of this afternoon. In seeking to convey the impression that Sir Wilfrid has acted unconstitutionally in delaying his election, the Opposition chose a somewhat peculiar course. Last week Mr. Meighen, the member for Portage la Prairie, raised the question by asking for a ruling as to whether under the rules of the House a member returned for more than one constituency must elect within a prescribed period. The Speaker, after looking into the established authorities and giving the matter careful consideration, decided that, while the British Parliament had passed a sessional order prescribing a period within which a member returned for more than one constituency must elect, there was nothing in the rules of the Dominion House to indicate that such a sessional order should be enforced in Canada. He suggested, however, that the question should receive the consideration of the Committee on Elections and Privileges.

Despite the fact that no attempt was made the time to challenge this ruling, and notwithstanding that there was a government resolution on the order paper to appoint a select committee to revise the rules, and a bill before the House dealing with the question of dual representation, the Opposition to-day, on a motion to go into supply, moved and pressed to a division an amendment which covertly impugned the Speaker's decision, and sought to affirm the principle that all sessional orders of the British House of Commons in force on July 1, 1867, formed part of the rules, usages and forms of the Dominion Parliament. The object of this proceeding, of course, was to have it go out to the country that in delaying his election of a seat the Premier had, as one Conservative Speaker went the length of saying, "violated the laws of the Dominion." The attitude of the Government, as expressed by the Minister of Justice and Sir Wilfrid, was that the Speaker had given a ruling which they believed to be well founded, but that in any case the question was one of interpretation, which could be best determined by the select committee it was proposed to appoint. In the end the amendment was defeated by 90 to 61.

Mr. Meighen, in moving his amendment, submitted that the Speaker's interpretation was wrong, and that all sessional orders of the British Parliament in force on July 1, 1867, were, in the meaning of the words "rules, usages and forms of proceedings" of the Dominion Parliament.

Mr. E. N. Lewis introduced a bill providing for the appointment of Government inspectors to look after the sanitation of railway cars, and calling for a report from the railway companies giving the names and duties of all men in their employ who work over twelve hours in every consecutive day, or 84 hours in any week.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur's bill to prevent shipowners from contracting out of liability for negligence or fault in shipment of goods was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries.

Dr. Black started the House with the statement that passengers who travelled on the Intercolonial Railway "drank disease and death" in the water supplied to the cars at Montreal. He called attention to the epidemic of typhoid fever in Montreal, and declared that the water of that city was without any doubt contaminated and a source of danger. Though the people of Montreal were content to be poisoned, he did not see why innocent travellers on the I. C. R. should suffer.

Hon. Mr. Graham admitted that the matter was of importance, particularly as a traveller on the I. C. R. is not only drinking water, while on other lines they were allowed to dilute it. He promised to inquire into it.

Christmas and New Year Excursions.

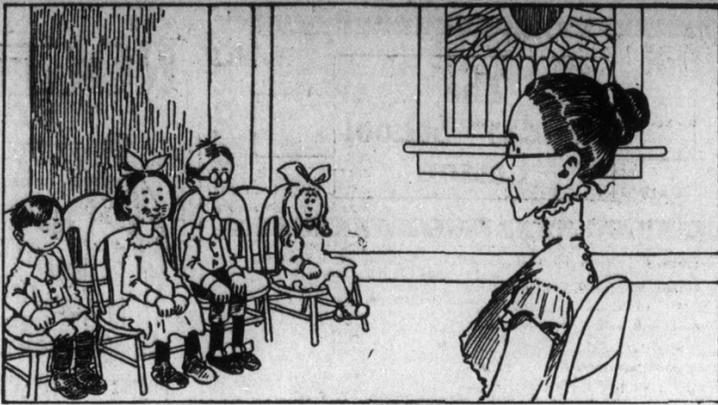
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For Dad and the Boys.

See Christmas presents in razors at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Largest and most complete stock in city. In safety razors, the Gillette, Auto-Strop, Witch, Boker's, Gem Junior, Ender's, Ever-Ready, Shaver and others. In regular razors, the Carbo-Magnetic, Barbers' King, King Shaver, Champion King Cutter, Diamond Edge, Johnson, Griffin and many others.

Prudent With His Money.

There is an Oregon statesman who is very prudent with his money. He rarely spends anything if he can get some one else to do the spending for him. One morning he was walking down the street with a friend and they met a beggar who had a tale of woe that was amusing. The statesman listened and asked some questions. Then he turned to his friend and said: "John, this man's story affects me greatly. Give him a quarter." "Love makes the world go round," noted the Wise Guy. "And we are also said that love levels all things," added the Simple Man. "How can it do both?" "New Christmas loaves, the great event! Let all good cheer invoke. Here's hoping that may be your bent, And that you won't be broke."



AND THE SAME TWO SUNDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

FOR HOME RULE AND FREE TRADE.

Two Planks of Liberal Party Laid Down by Asquith—Power of Lords Must be Curtailed

London, Dec. 10.—At a monster meeting in Albert Hall, Mr. Asquith, the prime minister, laid down the policy on which the Liberal Government is appealing to the country. He repeated what had been said by other Ministers—that if it were returned to power the Government would demand the limitation of the powers of the House of Lords, and then went a step further and pledged the Liberal party to grant self-government to Ireland.

The meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The audience, which filled the vast hall, greeted Mr. Asquith and the Ministers who accompanied him with round after round of cheers. The audience was entirely male, women having been excluded in the fear of demonstrations by suffragettes. Every corner of the hall had been searched during the day for women, and a small band of them was routed out, but they managed to get two male supporters into the meeting, who interrupted Mr. Asquith momentarily with cries of "Votes for women." They were promptly ejected.

COMMONS' WILL NULLIFIED.

Mr. Asquith pointed out that just four years ago Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, then Prime Minister, had outlined in Albert Hall the policy of a new Liberal Government, which included many reforms. The representatives of the people in the House of Commons had labored faithfully to carry into law the measures promised, but a fitting climax to the work had not been reached. The House of Commons had voted to be stepped upon by the House of Lords. Therefore, the House of Commons was now on the eve of another dissolution, and it had fallen to his lot to take up the burden. The last time, he said, the Government had reckoned without its hosts, but it was not going to make that mistake again.

"I tell you in the name and in behalf of the Liberal party," Mr. Asquith proceeded, "we have at this moment laid upon us a single task—a task which dominates and transcends because it embraces and involves every great and beneficent social and political change upon which our hearts are set. That task is to vindicate and establish upon an unshakable foundation the principle of representative government."

Referring to the education and licensing bills, the Premier said that the Government stood, in the main, on the principles of the bills which the House of Lords rejected. The franchise law, he added, was still encumbered with artificial distinctions and impediments, for which there was no justification. On woman suffrage Mr. Asquith said his views were well known, and he had no reason to alter them despite the suicidal excesses of a small section of the advocates of such a change.

Mr. Asquith, turning his attention to

Ireland, said she had been fortunate for once, because the measures sent up in her behalf did not come violently thwarted—the prejudice of the House of Lords.

"Speaking last year, before my accession to the Premiership," Mr. Asquith continued, "I described the Irish policy as the one undeniable failure of British statesmanship. I repeat to-night what I said then, and on behalf of my colleagues, and I believe, on behalf of my party, to reiterate that this is a problem to be solved only in one way—by a policy which while explicitly safeguarding the supreme, indivisible authority of the Imperial Parliament, can set up in Ireland a system of self-government as regards purely Irish affairs. There is not, and cannot be any question of separation. There is not and cannot be any question of rivalry or competing for supremacy, subject to these conditions. That is the Liberal policy. For reasons which we believe to have been adequate, the present Parliament was dissolved in advance from proposing any such solution, but in the new House the Liberal Government at the head of a Liberal majority will be in this matter entirely free."

Mr. Asquith defended the budget as necessary to social reform, and in this respect old-age pensions were the first step. The budget, he continued, had been torn out by the House of Lords after weeks of debate, and the Government as a result was confronted with three constitutional innovations: First, the claim of the same House to the right to compel dissolution of the popular Chamber, and third, the assertion of the House of Lords of their powers to make and unmake the Executive Government of the Crown.

"What has been done," declared Mr. Asquith, "may be done again. It becomes our first duty to make its recurrence impossible. We shall, therefore, demand authority from the electorate to translate an ancient written usage into an act of Parliament, and to place upon the statute book recognition, explicit and complete, of the settled doctrine of our constitution, that it is beyond the province of the House of Lords to meddle to any degree or for any purpose with national finance."

The Premier said that neither he nor any other Liberal Minister supported by a majority in the House of Commons was going to submit again to the rebuffs and humiliations of the last four years. They would not assume office unless they could secure safeguards which experience showed to be necessary for the legislative unity and honor of their party. The Liberal party, Mr. Asquith declared, was not promoting the abolition of the House of Lords or the setting up of a single Chamber, but it asked the electorate that the House of Lords should be confined to the functions proper to the second Chamber, and that the absolute veto must go. The Government was unanimous, he said, in demanding the absolute control of the finances of the House of Commons, the maintenance of free trade, and of an effective curtailment or limitation of the powers of the House of Lords.

The meeting carried a resolution declaring unabated confidence in Mr. Asquith's leadership. Mr. David Lloyd-George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, chairman of the meeting, received an ovation.

Early Fuel Consumption.

When steamers first came into use very little attention was bestowed upon the consumption of fuel. It was not until the Cunard steamers were started crossing the Atlantic in 1840 that reliable records of fuel consumption began to be kept systematically. The Britannia, one of the early Cunarders, used to make the run from Liverpool to New York in about 14 days on a coal consumption of about 4.7 pounds per indicated horse-power an hour. The modern steamers do the work on about 1.2 pounds of coal a horse-power an hour.

The fertile field becomes sterile without rest.—Spanish.

BALFOUR MANIFESTO

Accuses Liberal Party of Conspiring to Overthrow Lords.

London, Dec. 10.—Arthur Balfour, Unionist leader, to-day issued a manifesto to his constituents in the city.

It will be disappointing to an enormous section of his political followers, inasmuch as it dismisses tariff reform as the "first plank" in the Unionist programme.

Mr. Balfour makes no attempt to define tariff reform, but concentrates his attack in an accusation that the Liberal Government is engaging in a conspiracy to destroy the constitution by substituting a single chamber government, like that of Greece.

The manifesto is exceedingly long. It reviews the history of the crisis and declares that the Government's claim is that the House of Commons should be the uncontrolled master of every class and without appeal to the country even in most extreme cases.

He cites the United States, where the fundamental principle of the constitution is that every class of property should be taxed alike and says no such measures as the British budget could be adopted there without a two-thirds majority of both houses or become law without a national mandate from the people. Mr. Balfour says that if the House of Commons should be limited to six hundred, although the total strength of the regiment is over 800. The brass and bugle bands will be taken along. If the present arrangements are carried out the regiment will leave Toronto on August 15 and proceed direct to Quebec, where ten days will be spent in preliminary training, after which the soldiers will proceed by an ocean liner to England to remain until Sept. 20. The headquarters of the regiment in England will be the famous training ground at Aldershot, and there a full course of instruction will be given to the Toronto soldiers. It is proposed to distribute the officers and men among the different British regiments of the permanent force, who may there and thus make the Queen's Own familiar with actual training in the old country, which is said to be second to none in the world.

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Mr. Balfour in charging the Government with conspiracy to secure a single chamber system like Greece, says that the House of Commons is the primary organ of popular will, possessing powers certainly not possessed either in the United States or France; but these unexampled powers, he declares, will not satisfy the single chamber conspirators who want the House of Commons to be independent not merely of the peers, but of the people.

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BOOM IN COTTON.

Great Excitement on the New York Exchange.

New York, Dec. 10.—Not since the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York Cotton Exchange witnessed a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred to-day, with the announcement from Washington of the Government crop report. The galleries were crowded with visitors from the south and others who saw the market soar to a new record for the season, with the gains of more than \$2 a bale over yesterday. Both May and July options touched the high mark of \$15.80, both gaining approximately 42 points over yesterday's close. Bull brokers prevented a more violent advance, as they had distributed heavy selling orders every five points up from \$15.55 for May and July. They sold enormously on this rise, supplying the demands from the shorts, and also the hurried rush of buying orders. The market continued in an excited state up to the close, with estimates that 500,000 bales had changed hands in the last hour. May closed at \$15.87 and July at \$15.74.

The finest flower will soonest fade.—French.

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FINE TRIP.

Queen's Own Rifles to Train at Alderhot.

Expense of Trip to be Borne by Sir Henry M. Pellatt.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is to be celebrated next year by the visit to England of six hundred officers and men of this crack Canadian regiment as guests of the commanding officer, Sir Henry M. Pellatt. Sir Henry is bearing all the expenses of the trip of his officers and men, and this visit of Canadian soldiers to England will, in years to come, have a great historic interest.

All the arrangements have been made by Sir Henry Pellatt through Earl Grey, Governor-General, and the officers of the Militia Department, with the War Office in London, England, and now nothing remains but to arrange a few minor details. The number of officers and men who will go will be limited to six hundred, although the total strength of the regiment is over 800. The brass and bugle bands will be taken along. If the present arrangements are carried out the regiment will leave Toronto on August 15 and proceed direct to Quebec, where ten days will be spent in preliminary training, after which the soldiers will proceed by an ocean liner to England to remain until Sept. 20. The headquarters of the regiment in England will be the famous training ground at Aldershot, and there a full course of instruction will be given to the Toronto soldiers. It is proposed to distribute the officers and men among the different British regiments of the permanent force, who may there and thus make the Queen's Own familiar with actual training in the old country, which is said to be second to none in the world.

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Pain in Heart

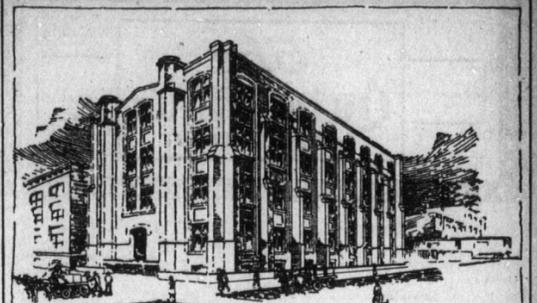
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Pointers on Gas

(W. Marshall in Dunnville Chronicle.)

Consumers of natural gas often complain about large bills and other disagreeable things chargeable to the above product that a few words on the subject of its use might not be out of place. First we will take the BURNER.

There has been much useless talk on this subject. The heat is in the gas, not in the burner, and if a burner secures the combustion of all the gas which passes through it without producing carbonic oxide gas and at the same time placing the heat where it will be most useful it has done all that can be done. Talk about burners that burn large quantities of air is all nonsense. A cubic foot of gas in complete combustion combines with a mixed quantity of air part of the gas will be unburned or if there is an excess of air combustion will be imperfect and part of the gas will be unburnt.

PERFECT GAS FLAME.

A perfect gas flame is a clear blue and perfect transparent. A white or milky blue flame shows imperfect combustion. If a flame flows or lifts away from the burner it shows either too much air or a smothered condition, or want of proper circulation in the flue. If any portion of burned gas mixes with the fresh gas, issuing from its burner, it poisons the latter and there will be imperfect combustion. The best results in burning natural gas are obtained by a burner with small openings so arranged that the fresh gas issuing from it and you will become mixed with fresh gas issuing from the other. It is also a mistake to attempt to hold back heat by too tightly closing the damper in the pipe and prevent free circulation out of the flue. When this is done the poisonous products of combustion are retarded so long around the burner that it poisons the fresh gas issuing from it and you will again have incomplete combustion.

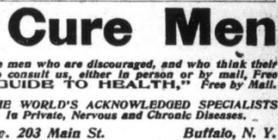
CHIMNEY.

The amount of draft in chimneys differs, so that there can be no set rule given here for adjusting the damper in the pipe. If you find water dripping from the pipes you will know that condensation is going on in the flue and that there is insufficient heat to carry the burnt gas to the outside atmosphere and you will have imperfect combustion. You must then open the damper in the pipe sufficiently to allow good circulation and the trouble will cease.

Great care should be taken in having burners properly set and adjusted to have as near as possible a perfect flame. In imperfect combustion you are not getting all the heat you should, and are also paying for and conducting through the flue to the atmosphere gas producing for you no results whatever and at the same time endangering your health, destroying plants and tarnishing silverware, etc., by producing carbonic acid gas, and in many cases sulphuric acid gas.

Too much care cannot be taken to have the inside of burners and air mixers clean and free from dust or other collections, as it hinders the flow of the proper proportions of air and gas to the flame, producing incomplete combustion, the production of which, from whatever cause, needlessly increases the cost of gas bills.

One of the worst hindrances to complete combustion is imperfect draft or circulation to the atmosphere. The chimney should be straight, clean and tight, admitting no cold air in the flue or pipe between the burner and the outside at-



The Housekeeper

Freshen salt fish in sour milk. If you cook fish often, keep a grater, or new curly comb, especially to scale with. Before scaling, let the fish lie for half an hour in cold water, then, still holding it under water, to prevent scales flying, use the grater, and scaling becomes a simple matter. If you wish to skin the fish, dip in scalding water, then in cold, and the skin will come off easily. Dry the fish by pressing carefully between layers of paper. Fish will keep for several hours on ice in a hay cooker, covered as for cooking. Wrap it in a cloth wrung out of vinegar if to be kept over night. The vinegar is a preservative, and also prevents the taint of the fish permeating the refrigerator. A tablespoonful of vinegar added to the water will make boiled fish firm and white. A few pieces of salt pork laid in the baking pan before the fish is placed in it will keep it from sticking and add a pleasant flavor, but if this is not liked, butter the pan and cover the bottom with a piece of waxed paper. When the fish is done, lift paper and all. This not only keeps it from sticking, but helps to preserve the shape. To keep fish from sticking to the frying pan, wash the skillet with vinegar before putting in the butter. The fish are more easily handled if fried on a pancake griddle. Mustard, vinegar, or ammonia water will remove odors from hands and utensils. BAKE FISH IN PAPER. Clean and wash the fish thoroughly, and pepper and flour it inside and out sparingly. Roll in manilla paper at least three times. Pinch the ends of the paper together, then fold back and pin securely to prevent the juice from escaping. Bake in a moderate oven, allowing fifteen minutes more than if baking uncovered. When ready to serve remove the paper, to which the skin will adhere, and place the delicious, juicy fish upon a platter. Garnish with parsley or any desired garnish. Fish cooked in this manner does away with fishy dishes and disagreeable odors. India has 744 newspapers and 973 periodicals.

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The Quiet Hour

For Thoughtful People

THEY SERVE WHO WAIT.

"I will go and work for my King," I cried;

"There are so many ways on every side,
But my feet could not reach the open door,
And I heard a voice whisper, "Try no more;
Rest quietly on this bed of pain,
Strength for some other day to gain."
And my heart was filled with dark despair.

For how could I serve my Master there?
While I lay dead by day?
Those chances to work would slip away,
Then slowly the darkness lifted, and lo!
Again came the whisper, soft and low,
"When they cease to murmur against their fate,
They also serve who only wait."
—British Weekly.

PRAYER.

Help us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, truly to lift our thoughts and desires to Thyself. We bless Thee that we can speak all our hearts to Thee. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst help us to cast out of our minds any thoughts, and out of our lives any purposes and aims, of which we dare not speak to Thee. And do Thou come near to us now, that all which is within us may feel Thy touch, and be kindled to praise and magnify Thy great name. Surely Thou wilt enter into the narrow rooms of our hearts if we open our desires to Thee, and Thou wilt come as the King of Glory, and fill the place with light and peace and glory. Amen.

SIGNS AND TIMES.

Moses warned Israel that disobedience to God's laws would be visited by chastisements, increasing in severity, until the crowning one of "seven times" should come upon them. A time is a Jewish year of 360 days. Seven times is therefore 2,520 days. But in the principle of "year for a day" (Numbers xiv. 34, and Ezekiel iv. 6) this period is really 2,520 years, and is "the times of the Gentiles." It began 606 B. C., when, as foretold, they were carried captive to Babylon, and will therefore be completed in 1914. Although after seventy years' captivity some returned and rebuilt Jerusalem and the temple, they have, ever since 606 B. C., been dominated by Gentile power. Our Lord said this would continue "till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." He then added: "And there shall be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars; distress of nations in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; men fainting for fear and for expectation of those things which are coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads because your redemption draweth nigh." The leafing of the fig tree and all the trees shows summer is nigh. These signs show the kingdom of God is nigh. Luke xxi. 25-31. The Zionist movement and awakening of other nations look like the leafing of "fig tree and all the trees."

"Roaring of the sea" is in scripture war or great disturbance of nations. (Isaiah xvii. 12. "Sun, moon and stars.") In Daniel xii. wise ones or teachers (spiritual) are compared to stars. Christ is "the light of the world." The seven stars thou sawest in my right hand are the seven angels (human overseers) of the churches. Rev. i. 19-20. A woman (gospel church) clothed with the sun (the gospel light) and the moon (light of the Jewish dispensation) under feet, and a crown of twelve stars upon her head. This is the explanation given by Rev. J. H. Paton in "Day Dawn." Also the "seven times" and time of the Gentiles are condensed from the same work.

THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY.

(H. T. Miller.)

Many things accompany salvation: church towers, steeples, chapter houses, almshouses, orphanages, hospitals, Sunday clothes, a seat in church, not forgetting the collection, catechisms, church history, rubrics, dogma, bending the head and knee, with suitable words.

Many things adorn salvation: fair speech, cramped vocabulary, and constrained manners, liberal words and donations to good objects, Easter Bibles, votive offerings and classic music, organ peals, stained glass, incense, genuflections, vestments, prostrations.

Glance at the essential things that constitute salvation.

Lift me the veil of the mechanism, and formal, and well-mannered worshipper. At what shrine do they bow, what bony hands they lift, before what image are they prostrate? Let me see the marble floor on which they kneel; henceforth I know them well; can tell where to find them in leisure hours, and what the atmosphere and temper of their homes.

Can I see in the dim religious light, ease, wealth, dignity, engraven on this inner shrine? Are these the magnets that draw, the invisible lines that make them fast? Let me catch up the relict of his laughter, the sentiments to which he responds, the gleam of his eye, and I know his sincerest wishes and deepest desires.

Men take in part of God and think they worship and serve: power, majesty, mercy, justice, skill. Lo! these are parts. But He is not divided, nor is the human soul. A part of the soul and a part of Jehovah, can never constitute salvation. The Egyptian worshipped power and built the pyramids; the Greek worshipped beauty, yet their combinations were not complete, as Paul discovered. The modern man worships wealth, and this yellow fever, this scourge of delirium, is decimating the people by millions. Oh, where can rest be found? What attitude do you assume—what object do you set before you? Standing before a God of whose mind the universe, of whose Spirit the Man of Nazareth, is the accepted symbol, we must become, in proportion to the sincerity and depth of our devotion, transfigured with the divine glory of reason and affection, that can rest upon a nature like ours; and raised to a comprehension of that love of Christ which passeth knowledge, our souls must not only obtain a fairer proportion, but ex-

ceed also to nobler dimensions, as they "fill us with the fulness of God." Here nothing is exuberant, nothing deficient, but there prevails a harmony of spirit absolute and divine.

In the eternal Providence that rules us, reason can conceive, conscience can demand, affection can discern, nothing which has not its expression in the author and perfecter of faith. In worshipping the combination of attributes, through which He has shown us the Father, there can be no fear that any duty will be forgotten, any taste corrupted, any aspiration laid asleep. Drawn upward by such an object, nothing in its own nature low and weak, the simplicity of the child, the strength of the man, the love of the woman—the thought of the sage, the courage of the martyr, the elevation of the saint; the purity of the angel, press and strive to unite and realize themselves within our souls.

"As many as receive Him, does Christ give power to become the sons of God." (The Presbyterian.)

The ground question for man is not, "What do I like?" or "What does society demand of me?" but, "What is God planning for, and how can I help it along?" But what can I do that will make me other than a hindrance in the march of His purpose? To what can I turn, my hand so as to feel the unflinching pulse of the eternal will, and learn the melodies of the world and of my own life? The message of Jesus will furnish the needful answer to every query here if rightly applied to present day requirements and conditions.

Self-conscious, reflective man has a permanent stake in the universe, and the sacred office of religion, its word, its message, and service, is to instruct him in what this stake truly is, and how he may be, as he wants to be in his best moments, something of abiding value. While there may be other and quite legitimate desires, such as those for personal comfort and social relations, this must be the supreme quest, for he becomes a dangerous derelict from the moment he abandons his claim on the eternal.

It is the "being with the upturned face," thinking and seeking the "things above," who is taming and harnessing for noblest use the vital and physical energies of the world, and who is the true benefactor of his kind. It is the upturned look, the sense of the invisible, which alone enables the soul to grasp the right values and relations of things, and the real and permanent in the wearying flux of appearances and the stream of change. The upturned look is the way to the will of God, and the doing of that will means doing the things that are worth while and remain, because in harmony with the divine will. The restlessness of the human spirit arises from ignorance of that plan. But just as soon as one is made aware of it, and sees that "something is doing," something grand and definite, to which he is related, and which is moving on towards mighty and beneficent ends, the fever of unrest dies down, and motives of glorious reach and worth animate the soul. The world, at the heart, is spiritual, and organized for righteousness. He is no longer a fraction, broken and forlorn, clinging disconsolately and desperately to the far-out rim of life, but an integer, realizing that his place, if still humble, yet is in the very throne-room with God. And this is the communion, which Jesus makes of Himself to man.

The Most Beautiful Woman Who Ever Sat to Van Dyck.

Just as Mr. Sargent has declared that the Duchess of Sutherland is "the most beautiful woman who ever sat to him," so did the great Van Dyck make a similar declaration about Beatrice de Cusance, the daughter of Claude Francois de Beauvois, the greatest beauty of her time and one of the most fascinating ladies at the Court of Brussels. In 1633 she was led to the altar by the Prince de Cante Croix, who left her a widow in 1637. During her short wedded life she had captivated the heart of the Duc de Lorraine, who now repudiated his first wife in order to marry the fair widow.

As a consequence, infinite gossip and scandal at all the European Courts ensued, and the Pope refused to sanction the marriage. Still, for a time Beatrice was very happy, until a few years later another great beauty appeared above the horizon; the Duke was drawn thither, and she was deserted. When Van Dyck painted her she was in the heyday of her charms, and, as we have said, the painter acknowledged that no woman so radiant had ever crossed his path, either as man or painter. "Few portraits among Van Dyck's masterpieces," writes the painter's biographer, the late director of the British National Gallery, "are so alluring as that of Beatrice de Cusance as she trips up the steps of the palace, with a little spaniel barking at her feet, casting as she goes a look from her eyes enough to fascinate any beholder, whether Royal duke or otherwise." This portrait is at Windsor Castle, where it is a great favorite of the King; and a reputation is at Warwick Castle. From "The Power of Beauty," in the December Strand.

THIS ATHLETE OF FIFTY-TWO YEARS

SAYS HE OWES HIS WONDERFUL ENERGY TO DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Was Tortured With Rheumatism and a Cripple Till the Great Kidney Remedy Cured Him.

Six Nations, Ont., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Fifty-two years of age, but still young enough to captain the lacrosse team, John Silversmith, of this place, can truly be looked on as a wonderful athlete. One would naturally think he was all his life a healthy man, but it was far otherwise, and he unhesitatingly states that his wonderful energy and vitality are due to Dodd's Kidney Pills. "I suffered from Rheumatism for over seven years," Mr. Silversmith says in telling his story, "and it finally made a complete cripple of me. My back was bent nearly double, and when I tried to walk I had to use crutches. Latterly I could not get around at all and I suffered excruciating pain. "Two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills gave me relief; sixteen boxes cured me completely."

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For Safe and San Revivals.

The Baptist pastors of half a hundred churches in northern Ohio have decided to get along without professional revivalists and will themselves do the revival work by exchanging pulpits. This step is undoubtedly a wise one and will prove beneficial to the denomination. There are revivalists and revivalists. Some of them are earnest, sincere and devout men and women, blessed with consecrated common sense, and they do good. There are others of the blatant and sensational type who do positive harm to the cause of religion. Just think of leading a procession of enthusiasts, as one of them did recently, through the red light district of Chicago! It is such deeds as this and the blasphemous ravages of others that have brought revivals into disfavor with sensible Christians. A little stirring of the flocks by outsiders from time to time is well enough, provided the outsiders are of the right sort, but pastoral work diligently pursued is more lasting in its good results.—From the Lowell Courier-Citizen.

Masked Musicians.

The Shakuhachi players of Japan are a privileged class of itinerant musicians. Their instrument, a kind of reed oboe, enjoys what is perhaps a unique distinction, it having been adopted as a unit of measurement, a sixth of a sen, or about two feet.

A peculiar headress something like an immense peach basket had served as a cool variety of mask, permitting the wearer to see without being seen—a decided advantage to such people as have come down in the world and are undesirable of publicity.

It also serves as a further distinctive feature of this class of musician to those who do not read the descriptive matter which is hung in front of each player.—Wide World Magazine.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XI.—DEC. 12, 1909.

Paul's Last Words.—2 Tim. 4: 1-8, 16-18.

Commentary.—I. Paul's solemn charge to Timothy (vs. 1-5). I. I charge thee—This was Paul's last charge to Timothy, his dying request. Before God—This charge is put in a most solemn form, God and Christ were looking at him. The quick and the dead—The idea is that Christ would be alike the Judge of all who were alive when He should come, and of all who had died. At His appearing—When Christ comes the second time He will judge the world and then enter upon His peaceful kingdom, in which His people shall reign with Him.

2. Preach the word—Proclaim, as a herald, the glad tidings of salvation as disclosed in the word of God. Be instant—Be constantly on duty; be urgent. In season, out of season—It is not to be rude, or in any wise unfitting as to time and circumstance. Paul was always courteous; he timed and suited His words most wisely. Yet who ever exemplified this injunction more admirably?—Butler. Let it be always in season for thee; not when sitting in the church. And if you should be in peril, or in prison, if compassed about with chains, if even going forth to death, at that very time convince, withhold not the word of rebuke. For even then rebuking is in season, when the word meets with success.—Chrysostom. Reprove—Ar convince; show them their errors. Rebuke—Show them their sins. Exhort—Appeal to men. Show the truth as opposed to their sin. Longsuffering—Have patience and perseverance, for the work of bringing men to God is sometimes slow and discouraging. Doctrines—Teaching.—R. V. The word doctrine here, and in other places in the New Testament, does not mean a creed, but teaching the truth.

3. Time will come—In the third and fourth verses the necessity is shown for this faithful ministry. It is one that has always been in force, since human nature is the same in all ages. Not endure—They will not listen to healthful teaching that is calculated to lead the soul away from sin to holiness, but they procure teachers who will flatter them in their sins and carnal pleasures. Itching ears—It is the listeners who have itching ears—ears which desire to hear some pleasing thing, with no reference to their vices. Turn away—Because sound and salutary teaching about their own errors and sins is abasing to the pride of men, it will not be endured. Yet their moral natures demand some epistle; hence they will resort to various so-called teachers, in order to obtain rules of life that suit their native tastes. Watch—Be vigilant against error and against sin, and faithful in the performance of duty. Endure afflictions—These verse sounds like a review of Paul's life. He is charging Timothy to follow on in his footsteps. Evangelist—Much the same as a preacher or missionary. In the apostolic age, persons recognized as evangelists seem to have occupied a position between apostles and pastors, and to have stood in a certain relation to the former with regard to the diffusion of the gospel and to the planting of churches. Full proof—Leave nothing undone that it is possible to do for God.

11. Paul's triumphant anticipation of martyrdom (vs. 6-8). 6. Ready to be offered—I am already being offered.—R. V. The allusion here is to the custom which prevailed among the heathens of pouring wine and oil on the head of a victim when it was about to be offered in sacrifice. The apostle was in the condition of the victim on whose head the wine and oil had been already poured, and which was just about to be put to death. The meaning is not that he was to be a sacrifice; it is that his death was about to occur. Probably there were events occurring in Rome which made it morally certain that though he had once been acquitted, he could not now escape.—Barnes. Departure—The verb from which the noun translated "departure" is

derived means in Greek to loosen again; to undo. It is applied to the act of loosening or casting off the fastenings of a ship preparatory to departure. The proper idea of the use of the word would be that he had been bound to the present world, like a ship to its moorings, and that death would be a release, a setting free, thus permitting the soul to go forth, as with expanded sails, on its eternal voyage. 7. The good fight (R. V.)—Against Satan, sin and error. The enemies and the armor are described in Eph. 6: 11-17. Finished—Most men in his position would have thought the greatest struggle just before them; but Paul counted death as nothing. My course—He compares his Christian life to a race which is finished now that he sees the goal so near him. Kept the faith—The truth of the gospel. Paul had not turned aside on any account, or imbibed a single error. 8. A crown—Won in the cause of righteousness. It was not the crown of ambition, or a garland won in the struggle for worldly distinction" (see Jas. 1: 12; I. Pet. 5: 1). At that day—The day of judgment; the morning of the resurrection.—Clarke. Love His appearing—While that is a day to be dreaded by the wicked, it is looked forward to by the righteous with joyous anticipation.

III. Various directions given (vs. 9-15). Paul urges Timothy to come to him without delay. He evidently desired Timothy to be with him at the time of his death. Paul speaks of some who is with him. He asks Timothy to bring have left him and says that only Luke his overcoat and books.

IV. Last words (vs. 16-18). At my first answer—It seems clear that during his second imprisonment Paul was twice arraigned. The first time he stood alone, making his own defence. It is generally believed that the persecution against the Christians was so severe at this time that Paul could obtain no one to plead his case. "Nero, who had himself set fire to Rome, charged it on the Christians, and they were consequently persecuted in the most cruel manner. Nero caused the mto be wrapped up in pitched clothes, and then, chaining them to the stake, he ordered them set on fire, to give light in the streets after night."—Clarke. May it not be laid, etc. (R. V.)—Paul prays for those who had forsaken him. 17. The word stood with me—When human help failed me the Lord came to my assistance. The charge against Paul probably was that he had introduced a new religion, and among the Romans this was punishable with death. Paul however, maintained that Christianity was not a new religion, but the natural and legitimate development of the Jewish faith. Preaching—fully known—At the time of his trial Paul evidently spoke to a large concourse of people with great liberty. Mouth of the lion—Ancient writers said that Paul had reference to Nero, but as Nero was in Greece at that time it seems more plausible to understand the expression as referring to the imminent danger which confronted the apostle. 18. Lord shall deliver, etc.—Living or dying Paul was the Lord's. No evil design of his persecutors would cause him to falter. He was a martyr, and his life is sacrificed the Lord "will save me unto His heavenly kingdom." To whom be glory—Paul's triumph is complete. "Thus passed away one of the greatest of men, a man of affairs, an orator, a statesman, a diplomat, a great traveler, the pioneer missionary, the greatest theologian, a masterly writer, a profound philosopher, founder of churches, leader of men, faithful pastor, loving friend, humble follower of Jesus Christ. And though he died a prisoner, he passed away as all Christians may pass away, with a song in his heart the reflected light of heaven."

PRactical Applications.

A. Faithful Living.

I. Preach (v. 2). In winning men to Christ God has chosen to use the human voice. Talmage said: "What could Peter the Hermit have accomplished had he stayed in his monastery, and issued a printed call to arms, even though he had showered Europe with circulars? But when that fiery little monk, lean, swarthy, keen-eyed, eloquent, bare-headed, bare-footed, girded about the loins with a heavy cord, and mounted on his mule, undertook the tour of Europe, preaching the first crusade, with tears and groans, smiting his breast, passionately invoking vengeance on the ruthless Saracens, all Europe sprang madly to its feet and hurled itself upon the Orient. So of the gospel. It must be in the blood like iron, in the eye like fire, in the voice like a trumpet call. It must be preached by men who have had it preached to them; to sinners by men who have sinned; by dying men to dying men." "Preach the word." "Feed the flock" (I. Pet. 5: 2). Proclaim the written word, with its inexhaustible truths, and the incarnate Word as the Son of God and the Son of man. Preach the word without apathy—it is divine; with confidence in its necessity—it is unfulfilling; with assurance of success—God has promised and shall not retract (Isa. 55: 11); with unwavering faith—the time is fast coming when Amos' prediction shall be fulfilled, "A famine in the land, not...of bread...but of hearing the words of the Lord; and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it" (Amos 8: 11, 12).

II. Watch (v. 5). 1. Watch with the Savior. Jesus said, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26: 40). We should watch as near friends. If we consider him who endured such contradiction of sinners against himself" (Heb. 12: 3), we shall never go out into the world and deny him and forsake him. If we think often, "What would Jesus do?" "What would he say?" "What would Jesus like?" faith will not decline, hope will not grow cold, love will not be negligent.

2. Watch for the Savior. "Love his appearing" (v. 8). A few watched for his first coming; Zacharias, Elizabeth, Simeon, Anna and the wise men. We who are looking for his second coming should watch with loins girded and lights burning. We should watch perseveringly (Lph. 6: 18). "Watch for...souls, as they that must give account" (Heb. 13: 17).

There is no greater guard against temptation, no higher incentive to holy living, than the hope of the Lord's coming. A little boy was sent from home into a place of business where the work was hard and confining. It was dull and wearisome, and he longed for home. He

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wrote and begged his father to let him come home, but it seemed best that he should stay. Later the father sent word that he would come himself, before many days, and bring him home. The boy took new heart. He worked patiently and well. Every morning as he swept the store he would glance out of the window and say to himself, "Perhaps he will come to-day." So he watched in hope day after day, until one morning looking down the street he saw the old horse and buggy. He dropped his broom, and ran to meet his father, crying joyfully, "Oh, I am so glad you have come!" "Looking for that blessed hope" will help us to "live soberly, righteously and godly" (Titus 2: 12, 13). We are not to watch for death, but "look for him" (Heb. 9: 28); not to watch and worry, but "watch and pray" (Mark 13: 32).—A. C. M.

Crime as a Profession.

Crime in general, I should here say, is diminishing, but professional crime is on the increase, and it is this kind of crime which is the most serious danger to the community, as well as the severest tax upon the police administration.

The comparatively small band of known criminals who are responsible for almost all the serious crimes against property live well. They can name their favorite wine and they know a good cigar. A trip to Brighton is an ordinary incident in their easy lives, and a winter visit to Monte Carlo is nothing uncommon. They are responsible for the elaborate frauds and great forgeries and jewel lar-

ceries and bank robberies which now and then startle the public.

In fact, the professional is a man who takes good care of himself. He is no out-at-elbow petty thief. He does not work on foggy nights or during prolonged frosts. As a matter of fact, a fog causes no anxiety to the Criminal Investigation Department, and a burglary epidemic, like a fever epidemic, flourishes in mild weather.

I know this upsets a popular notion, but it is true all the same. Professional crime is organized crime, and all organizing involves crime. Now, professional men, even burglars, do not care to be abroad at night when the thermometer is approximating a polar temperature.—Sir Robert Anderson in the December Strand.

Yellow Paint in Panama.

By reason of the superiority of yellow paint under the climatic conditions existing in Panama, the Isthmian Canal Commission has decided to paint the cars of the Panama Canal Railway yellow. In coming to this decision the commission has followed the example set by one of the leading trunk lines in the United States, which have made yellow the standard color for passenger equipment. Canary yellow has been adopted as the standard color for the coaches, refrigerator and box cars and all cars used in passenger service on the Panama Railway. Tests to ascertain the color best suited to withstand the local climatic conditions, which are unusually hard on exterior paints, were made, with the result that yellow demonstrated a superior lasting quality over the other colors that were tried.





The GAGE of BATTLE

THE DAY OF THE DUEL
(A True Story)



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He sat upon the headland, watching the long blue ranks of waves shoulder in from the Antarctic Sea to spray in thunder beneath him. The steady breath of the wind, pure and chill as the cheeks of the ice ranges whence it came, kept the streaming smoke of the whaler which was boiling down blubber in the little cove well to leeward. Though safe from the odorous folds of that ragged black banner he glanced uneasily from time to time toward the spot where the vessel lay concealed, as if constantly and unpleasantly reminded of its presence.

His shifting gaze gave him an appearance of alert attention, but he did not notice a figure that was slowly ascending the headland at his back. He started when the figure hailed him from the lower terrace of the rock.

"Ahoj there!" the newcomer called cheerily. "How'd you get up? Regular old bird roost, so far's I can see."

The man on the rock turned and looked down at the stranger who thus intruded upon his privacy. He saw a young fellow in rough seaman's garb, powerfully built, his face burned with exposure and his hat perched rakishly at one side of a tangled thatch of light hair. A bizarre note was added to his attire by a full, bright green silk handkerchief which he wore knotted loosely about his throat.

The man on the rock, without answering the query in words, pointed a precarious way near where the other stood. The newcomer gauged it quickly, nodded, and after a stiff pull dragged himself up to the flat summit. "A rare lookout, mate," he announced, sweeping the view with appreciative eye. "Sort of private observatory, eh?" he added, inspecting his silent companion with frank curiosity. The appearance of the man on the rock justified the scrutiny. Tall, thin and dark, he was dressed in a nondescript collection of tattered garments. In place of boots he wore woven grass sandals, and his trousers had been cut off at the knee, apparently to check progressive fraying. The abbreviation gave him a comic air of immaturity that his sullen, bearded face belied.

"How did you know I was here?" he returned, with a quick flash of suspicion. His speech was oddly precise.

"Why, if you come to that, the Maori boys down at the village said there was a white man in these parts and told me where I'd likely find him. You see, whaling for eight months kind of makes a chap sour on the crew he's with, and when we do make port, why, even a graven image is good company."

"You don't talk like a sailor," said the other, without noticing the allusion to his own distant welcome.

"Nor you like a cannibal tribesman," snapped the stranger, "and still that's the part you're cast in. However, I am a sailor, though I haven't always been a whaler. There's no mystery about me. I'm George Dibble, one time midshipman, U. S. N. now harpooner on the steamship Caesar. That's all. If you've got any questions to ask, don't. And he tilted his hat at the opposite angle and glared defiantly.

Each Was In Error.

The direct, outspoken manner of Dibble seemed to lift some shadow from the sombre face of the man on the rock. "I'd be the last one in the world to ask questions," he said, with a jerky little laugh. "I was afraid that was what you were after. Every stranger I've seen in these parts for four years has taken me for an escaped convict and had visions of a reward." "I don't blame them," said Dibble, bluntly. "The only difference between me and the others is that I don't care a continental damn whether you're a convict or not."

"Well, I'm not," said the man on the rock.

"All right," grinned Dibble, "that lifts no burden from me. My only emotion is relief at finding you've a tongue in your head. But you'll admit that white men don't usually camp out on the southern coast of New Zealand from choice. And four years! Good Lord!"

"It's not any queerer than your being on a whaler," answered the other with a show of spirit.

Dibble frowned, then grinned again. "You touched me there, my son. We'll start even again. What do they call you around here? Man with Pants, or White Chief, or what?"

"If you want my name it's Edward Lundy. I'm a Canadian," said the man on the rock quietly.

Dibble laughed, displaying strong, sharp teeth. "For generosity in purely gratuitous information we run a close race," he said. "If I felt as you evidently do I'd take to the hills. What makes you linger?"

"Why—I suppose—" said Lundy, hesitatingly, with his jerky little laugh. "I guess I rather like some one."

"Want to talk," nodded Dibble. "Yes, I can understand that, all right enough. I feel the same way myself. Well, here we are, both satisfied. I'm on liberty to-night to see the birds and paint the towa red. Can't you take me around and show me the sights?"

"Of course," said Lundy, who had thawed under the advances of his new acquaintance. "There's not much here. But have you ever eaten a Maori meal or seen a poi dance?"

"Not I," said Dibble. "I've got too much respect for your friends to break in on their society without being properly introduced. I suppose it'll be all right with you to vouch for me, though, eh?"

"Oh, they're all right," laughed Lundy. "They're very friendly along here. The wild tribes are up in the mountains and back to the north. Would you like to come up to my place and take dinner with me?"

"Going to have much company?" asked Dibble, with a keen glance.

"There'll only be my wife."

"Ah," said Dibble. He paused a moment, then



NEITHER SHOWING A TRACE OF FEAR.

went on carelessly. "Well, I don't know whether my man can get out my dress suit or not. You'll pardon me if he can't. I'll be on the beach about dark. Must be going now. Goodby, old chap." He lowered himself to the footholds in the rock and dropped easily to the lower terrace. With a parting wave he scrambled down to the ground and strode away.

His Native Wife.

Lundy was waiting on the shore of the cove at the appointed time. He led Dibble through the little settlement, where the flashing of fires through fragrant smoke betokened the preparation of the evening meal. He continued to a hut higher up the hill, in a sheltered nook, and entered. Dibble followed boldly. The dwelling was built with some pretension to comfort and boasted a rough stone fireplace. In front of this a woman was crouching.

"My wife, Too-ora," said Lundy briefly. The woman at the hearth stood up. Dibble had been conscious of an intense curiosity to see the partner in the joys and sorrows of his strange acquaintance. But he lost it now in admiration. Straight and slender as a young tree, Too-ora turned proud, lustrous eyes upon the visitor. Her skin was a soft, warm brown, almost a copper, and Dibble thought instantly of the handsome women among the American Indians.

The straight, black hair, braided in two heavy strands, bore out the resemblance, but Too-ora was more beautiful than any Sioux or Chippewa girl he had ever seen. Her skirt of twisted grass strips served to accentuate the smooth, subtle curves of her limbs. About her shoulders she had thrown a thick, crimson fabric, that lay gracefully to her figure and left one purely moulded arm free. Dibble's blood tingled in him as he gazed upon her, and it was with a distinct effort that he recovered the ease to return her murmured greeting with "Madam, I am honored in making your acquaintance."

Nor did the stiff drawing room phrase seem odd when once spoken. He could have framed no other address to such a magnificent and queenly hostess. The remark he made to himself was, "This accounts for part of the four years."

She withdrew immediately and Dibble followed her with his eyes to the last second. He turned to find Lundy watching him.

After the meal of fish and herbs Lundy led his guest to the carved council hall in the middle of the settlement and they saw the poi dance, in which the young native women participated. Dibble was the more content because Too-ora was present, and he had full opportunity to observe her. None of the others handled the twirling pois—little bags of rushes held by strings in each hand—with grace or dexterity approaching her own. Her lithe, supple body flashed in the red glare of the torches as she moved and swung to the rhythm of the chant. While yielding to the spirit of the dance with a sinuous grace that made his veins sing, she was restrained and indulged in no wild, impetuous gestures, as did her sisters. He noticed, too, that her face bore none of the disfiguring tattoo marks which marked all except the youngest girls.

On the way back to the hut Dibble noticed that Lundy had retired again to his barrier of suspicious reserve, and he divined the cause. It was not strange that a man who had a gem like Too-ora should be uneasy when any other approached her. But Dibble was not the one to play at hidden intrigue.

"Fine woman, your wife," said Dibble, avowing his admiration frankly. "I hope you don't think me a beast for staring at her that way. You've got to allow something for a man who hasn't seen land for nearly a year."

When they had settled with a bottle of Hollands by the fire Lundy warmed once more, and their session

lasted far into the night. Softened by the liquor and the unwonted excitement of company the host became confidential. He came at length to the story of Too-ora, telling it with mingled diffidence and pride.

"You've noticed that she's different," he said. "She came from one of the wild tribes far back to the north. I went there under safe conduct from the chiefs, bartering muskets and cloth for carved work and native weapons. She was the daughter of Ti Whoyao, the ruler of a small but warlike nation, and when I came back she came with me. We were pursued for miles by her father and by her promised husband, Karaton, but escaped through the friendship of tribes nearer the coast which were then at war with Ti Whoyao."

"I have since received messages from her father saying that if I would consent to have her lips and forehead tattooed with the marks that indicate a married woman he would consider me his friend and son. As it is he does not regard her as my legitimate wife. I refused."

The Lure of the Woman.

"Naturally," cried Dibble, who had also mellowed under the Hollands. "What? Place the hideous blemish of black and blue rings and scrolls upon that precious pearl?"

"You find her beautiful, then?" asked Lundy, "with a shift of his dark eyes."

"Beyond compare the most beautiful woman of a savage race I have ever seen."

Lundy seemed to dwell upon the words a moment, then he rose, a little unsteadily. "I have some business with the chief of the village," he said. "If your shore leave has not expired I should be glad to have you wait here for me."

"Thanks," laughed Dibble, reaching for the bottle. "I have all night. We leave early in the morning. I'll try to get along with this for company."

Lundy left the hut, and Dibble sat at the table with the bottle at his elbow. The fire, replenished by Lundy as he stepped out, lighted the place with a flickering, fantastic radiance. Dibble, his imagination inflamed by the events of the day, stared about the room. The ruddy gleam of the fire brought up the poi dance once more before his vision. How swift and sure and strong had been the play of that rounded form! How softly that wondrous skin had flashed under the torches! How the direct glance of those great, proud eyes had thrilled him!

There was a faint, rasping rustle of grass plait, and he looked up to find her there.

He scrambled to his feet and bowed, offering her the other chair. "I am charmed, madam," he said. "It was plain she knew no word of English, but she took the chair, smiling and nodding prettily. She

had her crimson shawl about her again, and Dibble casting about for some way of making himself agreeable and reminded of the native love for gaud and display, took from his pocket a little glass necklace which he had brought ashore. This he presented to her.

It required much gesturing to convince her that the gorgeous thing was really a gift. When she understood, with great animation she indicated that he should fasten it in place himself. He stood over her and passed the necklace about her neck. His hand touched the warm, live skin. She looked up at him confidently, a little smile on her full lips. His eyes sought hers with sudden intentness and his hand trembled against her shoulder. She did not draw back.

Then, suddenly, he did not quite know how or why, he straightened himself, gripped his will and forced away the raging impulse to crush her in his arms. Perhaps it was the simple, childlike trust she showed, perhaps a momentary qualm, perhaps a thought of Lundy—he could not tell—and while he quickly fastened the ornament and resumed his seat he went so far as to argue against it. Even according to Maori custom Lundy was not her husband. Surely one taste of those ready lips might be his and no harm done. He laughed abruptly under the whip of the struggle and poured out some Hollands into a pannikin.

"Your health, madam," he said, as she continued to nod and smile. "At least I may propose your health. To the belle of the islands!"

As he tossed off the drink Lundy glided in at the door. Too-ora vanished at a single move of his head and he advanced to the table. There was a stranger glitter in his eyes than yet seen there and a heartier smile on his face. He poured himself a drink in his turn and his words had a ring to them as he said, "To you, Dibble. To the fortune beaten wanderer who is still a gentleman and a friend."

Dibble stared at him and as he stared his mind took another leap. Lundy had seen and heard. Lundy had watched. Lundy probably had never more than stepped outside the door. A conception of this strange reclusive, fanciful, weird, but one that he knew instinctively to be true, came to him. It was a man tortured with jealousy, even a little mad with it. A man who lived at the edge of a white hot brazier of jealousy and who sometimes deliberately dipped his hand into it, drawn by the devilish fascination of the pain. He had tempted his visitor, enduring what anguish of fear in the result, writhing with what dread and passion, Dibble could only guess. A wave of repulsion swept over Dibble, but he threw it off with a

laugh. He wondered insistently what Lundy would have done if he had stolen that kiss.

"You'll stay with me to-night, Dibble."

"Here?"

"Yes. We may as well have a time of it until your ship sails."

"All right," said Dibble, carelessly. "If you're willing I'll take the chances."

It was past midnight when the men stretched themselves on the mats by the fire to sleep. As he took the first dim steps toward slumber Dibble was aware of gentle, regular breathing from the rear room of the hut.

The Revelation.

Lundy awoke with a start. The sun was shining in at the door of the hut. He looked around for Dibble, but the place was empty. He stepped to the door and looked toward the cove. The whaler was gone.

"Too-ora," he called. There was no answer from the inner room and he entered. She was not there. An object on her sleeping mat caught his gaze. He stooped and picked it up. It was a bright green silk handkerchief.

The faro dealer was manipulating his cards with thin, nimble fingers. His bright, sharp eyes kept constant watch, but his face was so colorless and impassive as if moulded in wax. About the board, under the yellow light of the smoky lamps, crowded the bent figures of the players, attentive and silent. It was San Francisco in the gold times. Men gambled feverishly with mother earth for her treasures and gambled with each other for what each had won. The crowd melted and grew and changed without commotion as losers left and new players came. Always the man with the cards dealt, swiftly, deftly, with fixed face in which only the eyes lived.

It was late, in the crowded hour, when the thing happened. Suddenly the unerring fingers faltered, stopped. The intent players looked up in surprise to see that the dealer was staring at a man who had joined the group and had just thrown a coin on the table. What they saw next was that the dealer's right hand fell into the convenient drawer, where a revolver lay. There was a quick rush, a scramble, and the space was cleared save for these two.

The newcomer was a broad shouldered, powerful man, with sun burned face and a thatch of light hair, prosperously dressed. He smiled at the dealer tolerantly. It was evident that he did not understand. The dealer rose slowly and took two steps toward him, leaning over the table. Then, brutally, without warning, he struck the smiling face a blow that sent the newcomer spinning backward.

The newcomer gasped, recovered himself with a wrench and shot a hand toward a rear pocket. But he was caught and dragged back by a dozen hands. The crowd, relieved of the threat of immediate gun play, had hung upon both the men. The faro dealer, who had not taken the weapon from the drawer, made no resistance, but he kept his burning eyes upon the other.

The look of bewilderment, wrath and amazement upon the features of the man thus suddenly attacked struggled with dawning recognition. "Why—damn you—it's Lundy," he spluttered.

"Yes, it's Lundy, and you are Dibble," breathed the faro dealer. The crowd watched this exchange with appreciative interest.

"Well, what in hell is the matter with you?" stammered Dibble.

"I've been waiting five years for this," answered Lundy. With a reassuring glance to the captor on his right he loosed his right arm, took something from a pocket and tossed it across to Dibble in a loose, furry ball. Some one picked it up and revealed it as a green silk handkerchief of bright hue. Dibble accepted it mechanically and stuffed it away.

"Gentlemen," drawled a lanky, mustachioed man in miner's garb who strode between them, "perhaps you'll pardon my intruding, but there seems to be some slight difference pending. If you'll take my advice you'll settle it somewhere else and in the usual way. The vigilantes have a nasty habit of making these promiscuous shooting scrapes mighty unhealthy." The suggestion was neatly seconded by the polite appropriation of available weapons from both belligerents, to which they submitted with good grace.

"A friend of mine will wait on you to-morrow, Lundy," said Dibble, who had recovered from his surprise. "At the Exchange Hotel," answered Lundy, formally, and the other left the room.

They met, with their seconds, near the race course early in the morning two days later, September 20, 1881. The terms, acceptable to both parties, precluded the possibility of anything but a fatal ending. They were to fight with pistols, at four paces.

Placed thus, almost within striking distance, they waited for the signal, neither showing a trace of fear or uncertainty.

"Are you ready?" came the warning of the second.

"Yes," they answered.

"Fire! One!"

Both levelled and fired at the same instant. Dibble wheeled, stood erect for a second, and fell on his face. It was found that the bullet had passed through his lungs and that death would be a matter of minutes. He asked faintly that he might speak with Lundy. The latter, who was unharmed, approached reluctantly. "I suppose—you thought—Too-ora?" began Dibble. Lundy nodded, with set face.

"Was she gone?" asked Dibble. "Again Lundy nodded.

"You were wrong, old chap," said Dibble, with a ghost of his old smile. "You'll have to go back and look up Karaton, her old flame. I've always suspected it was he. I woke up that night to find a ton of naked devils on my chest. They bound and gagged me, poured a drug down my throat and took me aboard. The captain thought I was drunk and put to sea. Here, I won't need this any more. You might keep it—as a souvenir."

With a last effort he partly dragged from a pocket the green silk handkerchief.

"The Day of Conflict," Next Week.



In the World of Amusement

General Gossip

An incidental item which will be of special moment in the Elgar Choir festival to those interested in ecclesiastical music, particularly that of the early and modern mass, will be the performance of a celebrated Crucifixus from a Lotti mass on Feb. 1, followed by Verdi's Requiem Mass on Feb. 2. Lotti's work is one of the greatest of the schools favored by the church of Rome, and for overpowering ethereal grandeur attained by no other aid than that of the human voice, he has accomplished what all modern authorities are compelled to acknowledge at the last word in "a capella" church music. On the contrary, Verdi's great work—strikes straight to the human side of humanity, fires the elementary emotions and appeals with equal strength to the virtuosos and the average public. The colossal dramatic climaxes of the "Day of Wrath" are not surpassed in any of his greater works. It is doubtful if any work has aroused such tremendous opposition and been scathed by so much criticism, yet it has won its way and stands today one of the greatest efforts of the age. If worship is from the masses, then should Verdi's effort be proclaimed a glorious success, for he has clothed the Requiem in such a manner as to appeal at once to the great public and not alone to the fortunate few who are blessed with a fine musical conception.

These two great works are in preparation by the Elgar Choir.

Harry Lauder, best described as the "Robbie Burns" of singers, will appear at Massey Hall, Toronto, the entire week of Dec. 20 for six matinees and six evening performances. This will be the only appearance in Ontario of the great Scotch comedian, whose name is a household word wherever the Anglo-Saxon tongue is spoken. A large number of residents of this city will doubtless take advantage of the cheap railway rates to go to Toronto and hear Lauder. Mr. Lauder will be assisted by one of the best vaudeville companies to be found anywhere. His appearances will be so arranged that the performance will be finished for the afternoon or later evening trains.

Seats can be secured by writing the manager of Massey Music Hall, Toronto. The prices are on a thoroughly popular scale from 15 cents to \$1.

At the Grand

The Smart Set, consisting of S. H. Dudley and his company of colored folks drew a fair-sized audience last evening to the Grand. It will be on this afternoon and evening and is certainly worth seeing.

The singing of the chorus is especially good and the work of Mr. Dudley is very funny. There are some good solo singing and several catchy songs.

Farce-comedy of the jolliest kind is "The Arrival of Kitty," which will be seen at the Grand next Friday. From the rise of the curtain to the final drop one may be prepared to be amused to a point of hilarity. The comedy is of the rapid fire order. In addition to the farcical excellence it is replete with musical hits which give the piece zest and color. The opening scene is humorous, showing a familiar situation, but one which dramatists have never produced. "The Arrival of Kitty" will be one of the best popular price shows of the year, and should attract a good sized audience to see the dashing Kitty, the show girl, who leads a merry life herself and who persuades others to join her in her effervescent frivolities.

"Graustark," G. B. McCutcheon's story of love and romance, which proved so big a success in the book world, and has scored as a theatrical offering, will be the attraction at the Grand next Saturday matinee and evening. The popularity of Geo. D. Baker's dramatization of McCutcheon's novel is readily enough guessed at when one stops to consider the absolute lack of melodramatic features, and the presence of so much clean and wholesome dialogue and interesting stage pictures. The delightful love stories running throughout the play are bright and entertaining, and of as much interest to the male as the female sex. A company of strength and ability is said to be employed in the rendering of the different characters, and a feature of the entertainment is the magnificent



BERTHA GALLAND, in "The Return of Eve," at the Grand on Christmas Day.

societal investments, with old world costumes fitting the period and locale.

H. H. France, who presents "The Time, The Place And The Girl," which comes to the Grand next Monday week, is a firm believer in placing the prettiest girls in the most conspicuous places at the proper time to produce a counter irritant in the minds of those who think they are about to be disappointed. He believes that a song hit which can carry itself on its merits, is quadrupled by the swaying of a group of broilers in the foreground of an array of well-gowned show girls, and his experiences have taught him to pick winners in arranging his productions. The young women who constitute this section of "The Time, The Place And The Girl" possess all these qualifications so necessary to please the eye and charm the ear. There are ten musical numbers, which are given girls in timely action.

Those who have seen "The Time, The Place And The Girl" will agree that there is not a single song in it that is not clever and catchy. Most plays of this sort have one or two breezy things upon which the entire production hinges, but the unceasing variety of melody and mirth of this production has gained for it an undying reputation.

Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto have passed judgment on Miss Bertha Galland's newest offering "The Return of Eve," and have unhesitatingly endorsed the verdict of New York that it is one of the most original and brilliant comedies of the day. Miss Galland will be seen at the Grand Christmas matinee and night. Local interest in the coming of the beautiful player has been strong since the announcement of her engagement. She has always been identified with success and since the days of her last Canadian tour in "Dorothy Verdon of Haddon Hall," she has been misapprehended by playgoers of the Dominion. Her new play is a brilliant modern comedy of unusually novel theme. "The Return of Eve," which the Shuberts are sending here for the first time, is a story of a twentieth century Adam and Eve, brought up in a fenced in Garden of Eden in the wilds of West Virginia. This circumstance comes about through the fact that an eccentric millionaire, wants to experiment over the possibilities of living as Adam and Eve did at the beginning of the world. The untimely death of the millionaire, however, caus-

At Bennett's

Another of the season's best vaudeville hits will be submitted for the approval of the Bennett patrons next week when Billie Burke's miniature musical comedy, "Models Jardin de Paris," is presented. The company, which is headed by Carroll Henry, a noted comedian, comprises a dozen clever and talented people. The offering runs about twenty-five minutes, and it is said to abound in sparkling dialogue and bright comedy situations. It is not a posing act, as one might suppose from the title, but a ludicrous picture of studio life. Mr. Henry, as "a wise fish," who helps Ida Marcie, a painter, to separate "Pop" White, a man about town, from considerable loose money, is very amusing, especially in the employment of a catch line. His style is original and his clever work keeps up an almost incessant flow of laughter. George R. Raymond and Harry H. Lamont, in the other male characters, give excellent accounts of themselves, and June May, a comely young woman, who looks trim and neat, sings with splendid results. She has a clear, sweet, strong voice and knows how to get a great deal out of a song.

An excellent musical offering will be presented by El Coto, the xylophone virtuoso, who has attracted wide attention since his appearance in this country. He is said to display remarkable skill, and his act is always in demand as a feature on the best vaudeville bills in the country.

"The Intruders," the comedy sketch in which Herbert Brenon, Helen Downy and company will appear, has many mirth provoking situations and complications that are brought out in an entirely original manner, and by a clever trio of farce comedy exponents as vaudeville has yet offered. Brenon is a natural comedian. Clure is a splendid foil for his comedy stunts, and Helen Downy contributes exceptionally good acting as well as a charming figure and personality.

Ethel Whiteside and her pickaninies will be seen in a lively dancing and singing number. Miss Whiteside is a charming comedienne, has an extensive wardrobe, and she and her little company work with snap and vim.

Jeann Robb and company, billed as "Canada's own entertainers," will pre-



MODELS OF THE JARDIN DE PARIS,

Billy Burke's latest miniature musical comedy, with Carroll Henry, at Bennett's Theatre next week

comedians, and they have a rapid fire of patter that is said to provoke hilarity. The kinoscope will show new pictures.

The Christmas bill at Bennett's will bring a great array of vaudeville talent to Hamilton. The chief attraction will be Charles Leonard Fletcher, the noted impersonator and entertainer, presenting artistic and realistic impersonations and character studies of stage and literary celebrities.

Lola Farrell and Frank Otto will be seen in their comedy sketch "After the Shower."

Nellie Eltinge and William Keogh have a rollicking little farce, entitled "23 on the Red."

McDevitt and Kelly are clever comedians and dancers.

Bardini and Arthur are noted travesty artists.

The Ballots will be seen in novel gymnastics.

GOOD SHORT STORIES

Sir William Henry Perkins, the inventor of many coal-tar dyes, was talking in New York, says The World, before he sailed for England, about the Psychological Research Society.

"Crookes and some other scientists go in for psychical research," he said, "though I confess that to me the subject means no great appeal."

"Personally I have come in contact, during a fairly long career, with but one ghost story. It was a man whom I'll call Snooks."

"Snooks, visiting at a country house, was put in the haunted chamber for the night. He said he felt no uneasiness; nevertheless he took to bed with him a revolver of the latest American pattern."

"He fell asleep without difficulty, but as the clock was striking two he awoke with a strange feeling of oppression."

"Lifting his head, he peered about him. The room was wanly illuminated by the full moon, and in that weird, bluish light he saw a small hand clasping the rail at the foot of the bed."

"Who's there?" he demanded, tremulously.

"There was no reply. The hand did not move."

"Who's there?" said Snooks, again. "Answer or I'll shoot."

"Again there was no reply, and Snooks sat up cautiously, took careful aim and fired."

"He limped from that night on, for he shot off two of his own toes."

BEFORE AND AFTER.

Colonel Peterby met his colored gardener, Jim Webster, a short time ago, according to the Baltimore News. Jim had been recently married.

"How do you like matrimony, Jim?" asked Colonel Peterby.

Jim shook his head dubiously.

"What's the matter?"

"Yer see, boss, before we were married, when I knocked at de dore she used ter say: Am dat you, honeysuckle?"

"Now, when I come home she bawls out: 'Clean off dem boote before you comes in dat dore, you black moke!'"

ALWAYS READY.

Of the culprits haled before a Police Magistrate there was one—a Irishman—who had caused no end of trouble to the police. The Magistrate regarded the prisoner with mingled curiosity and indignation.

"So you're the man that gave the officers so much trouble?" his Honor asked. "I understand that it took seven policemen to lock you up."

"Yes, yer Honor," responded the Celt, with a broad grin, "but it would take only one to let me out."

DOUBTLESS TRUE.

A teacher in a Birmingham school was endeavoring to explain the term "book-keeping," as applied to our railway system, says London Tit-Bits.

"Now," he was saying, "can any of you tell me the name of the office at which railway tickets are sold?"

"The booking office," replied one of the lads.

"Right," responded the teacher. At this moment his eye fell on a small boy at the end of the class who was evidently paying very little attention to what was said.

"Did you hear that, Spry?" he demanded.

"Wot sir?" asked that youth, innocently.

"As I thought, you were not listening. We will suppose your father decided to have a day's holiday and visit the seaside. What would he have to do before he could take his seat in the train?"

Without a moment's thought the boy replied: "Without a moment's thought the plying: 'Pawn his tools!'"

The five great original forests of the United States covered 850,000,000 acres and contained 52,000,000,000 feet of lumber.



HARRY LAUDER, who will be in Toronto during the entire Christmas week.

sent the original little comedy singing and dancing number, "Cute Comedy Courtships." Miss Robb is a London girl. She presented her elaborately staged act for the first time at the Bennett Theatre here recently, and made an instantaneous hit. The act has been completely revised, and considerably improved since then.

The comedy bar act of the three Ernests should make a corking good opening number for the bill. The work is very fast and the comedy pleasing.

Hanley and Jarvis are conversational



SCENE FROM GRAUSTARK,

To be seen at the Grand Saturday afternoon and evening next.

GUELPH SHOW.

Success of Fair Exceeds All Expectations.

Dealers From Prairie Provinces Purchase Heavy Horses.

Guelph, Dec. 10.—It was 8 o'clock tonight when Guelph had had time to stop and take breath for a week. In former years the winter fair has practically terminated on Thursday night, but this year the judges did not finally get through their work until late to-day, when the various championship awards were made in the horse section. The horsemen, who were dubious as to the wisdom of transferring their winter show to Guelph, have all been converted, and when the judging was concluded this afternoon they attempted to lift the roof with their cheers for the Royal City.

One of the concluding features of the show, which is always of interest, was the judging competition for the students attending the Ontario Agricultural College. Holsteins, Ayrshires and Shorthorns, upon which the judges had already made their decisions, were turned into the ring without any identification marks to show how the awards had gone, and the students were not only called upon to place the animals, but to give written reasons for their decisions. This year an unusually large number of young men participated, and the percentage of those who lined the cattle up in the same order as had been previously done by the ring experts was very good indeed. As a matter of fact, it was with the greatest difficulty that the awards were made, the final decisions being based on points for the written reasons.

All the dressed poultry and carcasses were auctioned off to-day. The poultry was bought in large lots by dealers, and they immediately commenced to drive a brisk retail trade at slightly advanced prices. It may be mentioned that the champion beef animal, a steer owned by Mr. Jas. Leach, of Greenbank, was sold for \$225. At the auction sale of carcasses fair prices were realized. Pork fetched 11½ cents per pound, beef 9½ to 10 cents, yearling sheep 7 to 10 cents and lambs 12½ to 13 cents.

In the horse section the championship for hackney stallions was carried off by Messrs. Graham & Renfrew's Brigham Radiant. Yet another success was achieved by Plymouth Horse, the gallant little animal also owned by Graham & Renfrew, which was declared to be the champion pony stallion of the Show. In Clydesdale stallions, Cowden Prince (Graham & Renfrew) carried off the championship, with Smith & Richardson's Commodore as runner up, while the last mentioned breeders won the championship for Clydesdale mares with Queen Minnie. In the champion class for

Canadian-bred Clydesdale-shire mares, Messrs. Geo. Davidson & Sons' Queen Boss was given the red rosette, with Smith & Richardson's Bell Prim in reserve. Royal King III, owned by John Gardhouse & Son, was declared to be the champion shire stallion of the Show, the second place going to Sand Boy, owned by F. Drury & Son, of Charing Cross. Mr. T. A. Cox, of Brantford, won the championship for pony mares, with Tiny Kit, and Mr. J. M. Gardhouse that for shire ares with Blue Bell.

It is of interest that a very large number of the horses at the Show found purchasers. Several buyers were in attendance from Manitoba and Alberta, and some of the choicest stock on exhibition will as a result go west at prices ranging from \$500 to \$800, most of the purchases belonging to the heavier type.

Mr. J. A. Fletcher, of Valetta, carried off the Steele-Briggs trophy for the best bushel of Alsike clover seed, the Bate cup for the best twenty-five ears of Flint corn, and the Hodgson cup for the best collection of grain.

Perfectly Passive.

"Jed Blake to the bar," ordered the Judge in a rural Alabama Court. A big, hulking negro ambled up to be arraigned for murder.

"Jed," began the Judge; "you are charged with the gravest crime known to the law, that of taking the life of a fellow-man. One of the forms of punishment for murder is death. Have you made any arrangements for your defence in this case, Jed?"

"No, sur, Judge. I ain' done nuthin'."

"Have you a lawyer, Jed?"

"No, sur, Judge. I ain' got no lawyer. I ain't got nuthin', Judge."

"Well, Jed," said the Judge, showing a little impatience, "have you talked to anybody about this case?"

"I talked to de sheriff some dat night when he come after me, Judge; but you knows dat didn't do no good."

"For your information, Jed, I will state that it is within the province of this court to appoint counsel to any defendant who has none. I am now ready to appoint you a lawyer. Do you want one?"

"No, sur, Judge. I don' want nuthin'," replied Jed rather dolefully.

"See here," snapped the Judge, "I won't have any more of this foolishness. You say you don't want any lawyer. Well, then, what do you intend to do about this case?"

"Well, I tells you, Judge, I ain't 'tendin' to do nuthin'. Ef it's jes' de same to you, Judge, as far as I's concerned I's 'willin' to let de whole matter drap right here."—Everybody's Magazine.

Following Orders.

Charlie—What have you been doing to your face, dear boy?

Percy—I tried to shave myself this morning.

Charlie—What on earth for?

Percy—The doctor told me that I ought to take more exercise.—Illustrated Bits.

No one can give what he has not.—Latin.



AMADA HENDRICK,

at the Grand Christmas week in "The Time, the Place and the Girl."

Society

Mrs. F. F. Dalley has sent out cards for an "at-home" on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, at "Arlo House."

Mrs. George Fearman was hostess of a bridge party on Monday afternoon, when the prizes were won by Mrs. Percy Downie.

Mrs. Crawford Scadding has returned to her home in Toronto, after a visit to the Misses Hobson, Bay street south.

Mrs. Charles Murton entertained at luncheon on Wednesday, when the ladies present included Mrs. P. D. Crerar, Mrs. C. J. Jones, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Alexander Turner, Mrs. S. O. Greening, Mrs. George F. Glasco, Mrs. John Hoodless, Mrs. Ingersoll Oimsted, Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. Calder, Mrs. W. R. Mills, Miss Emma Fuller, Mrs. W. A. Spratt, Mrs. Frank Wanser.

Miss Dorothy Willgress has returned from a visit in Montreal.

Mrs. R. S. Morris is spending the week in New York.

The Misses Howell, Charles street south, gave an informal tea on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Champ, New York, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Champ, "Undercliffe."

Mrs. James Walker, Chicago, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. Tasker Steele.

Mrs. Southam, "Pinehurst," has returned from a visit to Ottawa and Montreal.

The bazaar held by the ladies of St. Paul's Church in the Sunday School was a most successful affair, a substantial sum of money being realized.

Mrs. F. S. Backus is in New York.

Mrs. J. S. Gordon, Ray street south, gave a tea on Friday afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Jane Gordon.

Mrs. David Thompson is visiting in Simcoe.

The Misses Baldwin, Toronto, are staying with Mrs. George F. Glasco, Charlton avenue west.

Mrs. Charles Murton gave a bridge party on Friday afternoon when the prizes were won by Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. James Gillard and Mrs. P. H. Alexander.

Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. P. H. Bradley, Mrs. W. A. Gilmour, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. F. S. Glasco, Mrs. Myler, Mrs. Alex. Zimman, Mrs. Percy Donville, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Ethel Calder, Mrs. W. J. Southam, Mrs. Horning, Miss Muriel Hoodless, Miss Gartshore, Miss Dorothy Willgress.

Mr. and Mrs. Willgress entertained at dinner on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirkbridge have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Leila Fern, and Mrs. Ernest Arthur Chapman, of St. Andrew's College, Toronto. The wedding takes place at 4 o'clock on Wednesday, December 22.

Dr. A. S. Vogt, of Toronto, has been in the city for two days examining in music for the University of Toronto. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hewlett, Main street west.

The Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Sweeney announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Miriam Sweeney, and Mr. Reginald Heber Edmonds, of the Bank of Commerce, New York.

Mrs. Will Mason, Mrs. George Morrison and Miss Douglas Irvine were guests at the reception held by Mrs. John Irvine in Toronto this week.

The London Evening Standard and St. James' Gazette of November 17th contain the following wedding notice: "St. Margaret's, Westminster, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. H. C. R. Williamson, son of the late Mr. Stephen Williamson, M.P., and Miss Muriel Stewart, daughter of the late Mr. A. G. Stewart, of Montreal. Bishop Welldon, dean of Manchester, officiated, assisted by Canon Hensley Henson, rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bride was largely attended. The honeymoon will be spent on the continent." The bride is a niece of Mrs. Robert Ferris, of this city. A lengthy description of the wedding tressonau is given in the Gazette, accompanied by full size pictures of the bride in her wedding gown and of the bridesmaids in the dress she wore at the wedding. From the description given the wedding dress must have been both handsome and costly.

Folly. All men have follies. Those of the wise man are known only to himself; those of the fool to all men but himself. -Smart Set.

A Man to Their Taste. "I can't quite grasp your idea," said the alderman in our ward who was elected by Italian votes; he's Irish, isn't he? "Yes, but his name is MacAroney." -Boston Courier.

"Let us put our trust in Providence," said the wide-awake magnate. So saying, he and his companions took the first train for the capital of Rhode Island and incorporated. -Puck.

MISS ASQUITH Nursing Her Betrothed, Hon. Archie Gordon.

Winchester, Eng., Dec. 11.—Seeking Miss Violet Asquith to give her an opportunity to reply to Wm. Watson's metrical attack, a pathetic situation has been discovered which bids fair to attract such universal interest that the incident of a "Woman With a Serpent's Tongue" may be relegated to comparative obscurity.

The daughter of England's Prime Minister was found watching in a hospital in Winchester, where Hon. Archibald Gordon, second son of the Earl of Aberdeen, lies critically ill.

While Miss Asquith's name has been bandied about in connection with Watson's effusion, she had been enduring agonies since the while the life of Archibald Gordon hung in the balance.

There had been no announcement of the engagement between the couple; their closest friends have not hinted at it, but the tireless vigil of Miss Asquith is permitted to tell its own tale.

Miss Stanley, who is sojourning with Miss Asquith at the Royal Hotel here, conveyed this message to the correspondent: "Miss Asquith asks me to tell you she is entirely indifferent to anything Watson may say about her. She has met him only once or twice, and has no desire to meet or speak to him again. The matter does not interest her at all. Therefore, she has no wish to say anything further on the subject."

The Hon. Archibald Gordon met with a serious motor accident near here a fortnight ago. Immediately upon receiving word of the accident, Miss Asquith motored from London to Winchester and went direct to the hospital.

M'CHARLES AWARD Is Made to Thomas L. Willson of Ottawa.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Mr. Thomas L. Willson, manufacturer, of Ottawa, a native of Princeton, Oxford county, formerly residing in Hamilton, has been awarded the first M'Charles prize, under the bequest of the late Aeneas M'Charles, by the Board of Governors of Toronto University.

The prize is \$1,000 in money, from an investment of \$10,000 by the giver in Ontario Provincial bonds, to be awarded from time to time by the governors of the university to Canadians who achieve signal success in inventing or discovering methods of treating Canadian ores, in inventing appliances to lessen the dangers of electricity or in scientific research on useful practical lines.

Mr. Willson is awarded the prize as the first to manufacture calcium carbide in connection with his many patented inventions in connection therewith.

DOWNY AT CLUB DINNER. Guelph M. P. P. Spoke on Subject of Prison Reform.

Indeterminate System as Seen at Mansfield.

Declaring that the present system, to an extent, was modelled on the old idea that torture and vengeance were the only means by which the unfortunate could be reformed, Joseph P. Downey, M. P. P., who spoke before the Canadian Club last night, on the subject of "Prison Reform," made a strong plea for a more humane and modern method in dealing with moral delinquents.

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Mr. Downey declared, after explaining the indeterminate sentence, that it placed the prison key in the offender's own hand. "Without the indeterminate sentence," he said, "it would be nonsense to attempt uniform methods in the system of Ontario. Under the definite sentence there is no encouragement. The man is resentful. He has been degraded and brutalized. The indeterminate sentence carries with it the incentive to reform."

WILL STEWART OPPOSE M'LAREN? PERFECT WEATHER; TIGERS CONFIDENT.

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Where is Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission? City Engineer MacLure would like to know. He had intended going to Toronto last night to confer with Mr. Sothman about the motors, but received word that the engineer was not in Toronto. He was said to be in London, but a telegram sent there brought no response. It was hoped to have Mr. Sothman at the meeting of the Fire and Water Council on Monday afternoon, so the Council can award the contracts for pumps and motors on Monday night.

W. J. Butler, Deputy Minister and Chief Engineer, has informed City Engineer MacLure that the bottom width of the new Erie-Ontario canal should be 250 feet, and the locks 1,000 feet long, 83 feet wide at the gates, with a 25-foot depth in the reaches on the sills.

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FORTUNE FOR P. C. FULLER. (Continued from Page 1.)

some money to buy something to eat. Mr. Hutchinson took the boy to his home and asked his wife to give him a meal. Mrs. Hutchinson then invited the youth to call when he was hungry. Last Wednesday he called, and overheard a conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson about the former taking his wife's watch to the jeweller to have initials engraved on it. Mr. Hutchinson took the watch to Robert Inkster's store to be engraved, accompanied by the boy. Next day the young man called at the store in question, saying he was a relative, paid for the engraving, and got the watch, since then he had not been seen by the Hutchinsons till his arrest.

The profound admiration and respect that Patrick Lynch, Ray street north, has for the fair sex was shown last night by his approaching them, raising his hat and bowing very gallantly. Pat was filled with liquid joy, and the ladies' C's Cameron and Barrett lodged him in the cells for the fifteenth time this month. Pat admitted being in a state of uncontrollability. He paid \$3.

In domestic affairs the phalaropes have adopted the most startling of modern innovations, and if they ever establish political organizations, the chief question will be as to the wisdom or otherwise of extending the franchise to males. The female is the larger, and in summer wears a gay costume of black, white and buff, with a reddish brown garget.

When the period of domestic life is over they venture almost to assert themselves and assume a place in the mixed flocks. The heads of the several households have then left off their gay plumage and the natural disparity is not so apparent. On the southward journey there may be a passing recognition of something approaching equality, for travel and contact with strange habits and unfamiliar views of life may have the effect, even in the lofty night flights and the days of loitering recuperation.

Alphabet of Good Manners. (Composed by Dierckx at the age of 12 years.) Avoid those all roundness, all haste. Be gentle, be cheerful, be kindly, be chaste. Consider the needs of the old and the weak. Don't volunteer counsel, think twice ere you speak.

Every thing that is self, be not boastful or proud. Fear scandal and gossip, let your talk be not loud. Greet with equal politeness the high and the low. Have a heart full of kindness, a soul pure as snow. Inture never by a look, or a word, or a tone; Join not those that are evil; far better alone. Keep promise and counsel, let your word be good. Leave lying to slaves, of yourself be not fond. Move slowly; be modest in action and dress; Never swear; never mock at another's distress; Overdressing avoid, but at fashion don't peer. Pay due tribute to usage, but bend not to fear. Quit all that is harmful to self or to others. Remember this: it is a wide band of brothers! Shun the fool and the ruffian, the fop and the boor. Take pleasure in helping the weak and the poor. Use good language or none, all coarseness avoid. Vulnerability is with sin alloyed. Walk ever in virtue, in grace and good will. Xcelling in good and decreasing in ill. Yonder, can be thy guidance in everything bright. Zero marking thy standing in all that's not right.

The average price of common brick at the kiln decreased from \$8 in 1907 to \$5.75 in 1908, while for vitrified paving brick the cost in 1907 was \$11.02 against \$10.90 last year.

The ordinary price of sand and gravel is said to range from eight cents to \$1.50 a ton. Gravel for roofing or other special purposes may cost \$3 a ton and special glass sands bring from \$7 to \$30 a ton.

The 12 principal crops of the United States alone show a value of over \$5,000,000,000 at last reports.

ANGLIAN Christ's Church Cathedral.

Christ's Church Cathedral. James St. North, between Robert and Barton. Rector, Rev. Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., 213 MacNab Street North. Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd, Vice Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, will preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. Canon Almon Abbott in the evening.

Church of St. Thomas. Corner of Main street east and West avenue. Rector, Rev. E. J. Etherington, B. A., 11 West avenue south. THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 11 a. m.—Service. 2 p. m.—Sunday School. 7 p. m.—Service.

Church of the Ascension. Corner John Street and Forest Avenue. Rector—Rev. Canon Wade. Services to Charlton avenue west. 7 a. m.—Morning prayer. 9 a. m.—Sunday school and Bible class. 7 p. m.—Evening prayer.

St. George's Church. Corner Tom and Sophia streets. F. E. Howitt, rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School and rector's Bible Class at 9 a. m. Wednesday evening—Sunday School lesson explained by the rector. All Sunday School teachers invited. Seats free at all services.

Church of St. Peter. Corner Main street and Sanford avenue. Rev. J. W. TenEyck, M. A., rector. Residence, 418 Dundas street west. THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 11 a. m.—Holy Communion. 7 p. m.—Sunday School. Rev. J. W. TenEyck will preach at both services.

James Street Baptist Church. 5 E. corner James and Jackson streets. 11 a. m.—Prof. A. L. McCrimmon, LL.D., will speak on "Educational Work of Our Denomination." 7 p. m.—Sunday school and Bible classes. 7 p. m.—Rev. E. Hooper will preach.

Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. Corner Victoria avenue and Evans street. Pastor, Rev. H. Edgar Allen. 11 a. m.—"The Holy Name." 7 p. m.—Professor McCrimmon, of McMaster University. Hymn books provided.

First Congregational Church. Corner Cannon and Hughson streets. Pastor, Rev. Ernest H. Tippett, 2145 Ingham. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 12. Telephone 2132. Residence telephone 2145. The pastor will preach at both services. Morning topic—"Peter's Shadow." Evening topic—"Martin Luther, the Monk That Shook the World."

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CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH. John Street North.

John Street North. Pastors—I. Towell, D.D., and I. Couch, M. A., B.D. 11 a. m.—Rev. Dr. J. V. Smith. 7 p. m.—Rev. Dr. I. Towell. Morning anthem, "God is Love"; solo, Mrs. Paaken Antonsen. "Hark! Hark My Soul" and "Band of Rev."

Charlton Avenue Methodist Church. Cor. of Charlton avenue west and Hess street. Rev. W. J. Smith, B.A., pastor. Parsonage, 25 Hess street south. Phone 484. The pastor will preach at both 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. to-morrow. Adult Bible Classes for both men and women in connection with the Sunday School at 3 p. m. You are cordially invited.

First Methodist Church. Corner King and Wellington streets. Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, pastor. Residence, 25 Main east. Phone 151. 11 a. m.—Dr. J. V. Smith. 7 p. m.—The pastor. "Who Should be Our Civic Ruler?" Morning Anthem, "O Lord, Thou Art My Strength." (Gordon); quartette, "God is a Spirit." (Bennett). "Jesus Will Give His Beloved Sleep." (Spence); duet, Miss Lancelotti and Mr. Robertson.

Ryerson Methodist Church. Main street, just east of Sherman avenue. Rev. C. Sinclair Appleghat, pastor. Residence, 25 Slater street. 10 a. m.—Ryerson Brotherhood Men's Own Meeting. 2:45 p. m.—Sabbath School. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Evening subject—"Worrying About Christmas."

Simcoe Street Methodist Church. Corner Simcoe and John streets. Rev. H. B. Christie, pastor. Parsonage, 28 John street west. 11 a. m.—Rev. G. S. Cassmore, of Victoria University. 7 p. m.—Rev. G. S. Cassmore, of Victoria University. All cordially welcome.

Zion Tabernacle. Corner Pearl and Napier streets. Rev. Arthur H. Goring, B. A., pastor. Morning subject—"The Purpose and Power of the Atonement." Evening subject—"A Heroic Decision."

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. Rev. D.C. Hoesack, M.A., LL.B., of Toronto. Will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special music. Special collections.

Central Presbyterian Church. Corner Caroline street and Charlton avenue. Rev. Dr. S. Lyle, pastor. 11 a. m.—The pastor will preach at both services. Morning topic—"Peter's Shadow." Evening topic—"Martin Luther, the Monk That Shook the World."

Erskine Presbyterian Church. Pearl street, near King. Rev. S. B. Russell, pastor, residence, 45 Bay street west. Telephone 514. Dr. C. L. M. Harris, organist and choir leader. Morning—Rev. R. S. Burnside Russell. Evening—Communion. "There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy Like the Wilderness of the Sea." Service in school-room from 8:15 to 9:30, under the auspices of the Citizens' Campaign Committee. "License Reduction." Strangers welcome.

St. Giles' Presbyterian Church. Corner Horton avenue and Main street. Rev. John B. Young, M. A., pastor. Residence, No. 14 Fairleigh Crescent. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services. Morning solo—"The Lord is My Shepherd." Mrs. Edith Taylor. Evening solo—"Hold Thou My Hand." Mrs. J. B. Drummond. Orchestra at all services. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Knox Church. Corner James and Cannon streets. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B. A., pastor. Residence, 52 Victoria avenue south. "Phases 1909." 2 p. m.—Sabbath school and adult Bible classes. 7 p. m.—Pastor's topic, "The Speechless Guest."

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. Corner MacNab and Hunter streets. Rev. Beverly Keitch, M. A., pastor. Residence, The Mansie, 106 MacNab street south.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. N. W. corner James and Jackson streets. Rev. John B. Young, M. A., pastor. Residence, 41 Dundas street. 11 a. m.—"The Glory of Faith's Venture." 7 p. m.—Communications' class in chapel. 7 p. m.—"The Costliness of Christian Character." "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Preacher—The Rev. D. R. Drummond. Strangers cordially welcomed.

St. John Presbyterian Church. Corner King and Emerald streets. Rev. John B. Young, M. A., pastor. Residence, 21 Emerald street south. 11 a. m.—"Jeremiah's Third Address." 7 p. m.—Sunday School. 7 p. m.—Sunday school and men's and women's Bible classes. All welcome.

St. James' Presbyterian Church. Corner Locke and Herkimer streets. Pastor, Rev. T. MacLachlan, B. A., 281 Locke street south. Services: 11 a. m.—The pastor. 2 p. m.—Sunday School and Bible Class. 7 p. m.—Communion service.

Westminster Presbyterian. Minister: Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, B. A. 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.—Rev. T. L. Turnbull will preach. Friday, 8 p. m.—Preparatory service.

SPIRITUAL. The First Spiritual Church, A. O. F. Hall, James street. Lecture, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for lecture taken from audience. Mrs. Messersmith, of Rochester, N. Y., lecturer and message bearer. Lyceum, 10 a. m.

UNITARIAN. Main street, near Walnut. Rev. W. Delos Smith, minister. Residence, 451 Main street. 11 a. m.—Sunday School. 7 p. m.—Adult class, "Studies in Evolution." Orchestra. Church 7 p. m.—"Atmosphere." A cordial invitation extended to all.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Geo. Drennan, the popular baritone, will take hold of the management of the Colonial Theatre. C. W. Walker, of this city, has been granted a Canadian patent in abrasive wheels for grinding pulp. Rev. J. P. Lloyd, D. D., Vice-Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, will preach at St. Mark's Church to-morrow evening. The fire department had a run to James street north last night, to extinguish a blaze on a street car, caused by an overheated stove. Allan McIntosh, 78 Wellington street south, had his watch stolen from his vest pocket in the dressing room of the Central Y. M. C. A. last night. The John McPherson Company and its employees will give an at-home on the evening of Friday next, Dec. 17, to celebrate the opening of the large addition to the building. Seven tables of players from the Liberal Club were the guests of the Ramblers last night for a return game of hussenoifer. The Liberals were victorious, the score being 78 to 75. To-morrow afternoon at 4.15 a mass meeting of men will be held in the Red Mill Theatre, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to be addressed by Rev. J. P. Lloyd, vice-provost of Trinity University. Rev. D. R. Drummond conducted the pre-communion service in Erskine Church last evening. Rev. S. Burnside Russell receiving into communion thirteen new members, five by certificate and eight on profession of faith. The remains of Albert Edward McGillivray, who died at Newbury, Mich., arrived here early this afternoon. The funeral took place in the undertaking rooms of Green Bros. to Hamilton cemetery at 3 p. m. Mr. S. Nelson, the bailiff, received a satisfactory settlement of his claim, through his solicitor, W. M. McLeod, for injuries which his wife sustained and damages done to his horse and rig in the automobile collision on near the High Level Bridge a few days ago. The ladies of Caxton Chapter, I. O. D. E., announce an important and interesting lecture, the second, by Rev. Canon Sutherland, M. A., sub-dean, on "The Heroines of Shakespeare," to be given under their auspices on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m., in the drawing room of the Waldorf Hotel. For six days more the Art Exhibition will be continued in the Museum, Public Library. There are a number of beautiful pictures by local artists, including two by John S. Gordon. For the nominal charge of 25 cents an artistic feast may be enjoyed by going to the exhibition.

A PITCH-IN.

Two Cars on H., G. & B. Were Damaged This Morning.

An accident which, fortunately, was not serious, occurred at 7.46 o'clock this morning on the H., G. & B. line at Webster's Crossing, when car No. 301 pitched into the rear end of car No. 304, smashing the vestibules and fenders of both cars, and giving the passengers a good shake-up. Both cars were heading for the city, and car No. 304 stopped at Webster's Crossing to pick up a passenger. Luckily there were few passengers, and the conductor of No. 304 was in the front part of his car when the collision occurred, otherwise there might have been casualties. After temporary repairs both cars continued their trip, and arrived here thirty minutes later than the scheduled time. Both cars were taken to the repair shop.

REMARKABLE AFFAIR.

"Kolloid-Wolfram" Lamp Cuts Down Electric Light Bills.

Dr. Hans Kuzel was a poor German chemist, who occupied his evenings and spare time in experimenting with various metals and their alloys. Tungsten especially interested him, as, whilst containing valuable properties, its extreme hardness and brittleness made it impossible to use in any commercial form. His experiments resulted in the manufacture of the "Kolloid-Wolfram" lamp, that wonderful invention which, whilst immeasurably improving electric lighting, also cut the expense of current in four, and placed electricity within the reach of the humblest householder. There are, of course, many spurious imitations, all more or less defective, but the only original "Kolloid-Wolfram" lamp is being manufactured by the Canadian Tungsten Lamp Company, Limited, of this city. Dr. Kuzel's method of treating tungsten is now in use in many of the largest tungsten factories in Europe, and Dr. Kuzel has in a few years risen from a poor workman to a multi-millionaire.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The Sunday class will be held as usual at 4.15 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. J. Orr Callaghan and her subject, "The Sowers." Tea will be served at the close. All girls are welcome. The regular board meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held on Tuesday morning at 10.30. A large attendance is expected, as plans will be made for the annual meeting. The social evenings on Friday are very well attended, and an invitation is extended to any girl who has not a home in the city, and would be glad to spend a social hour with us. There is no class distinction in Y. W. C. A. work, and each girl is made welcome for herself. In spite of inconveniences in the building this work grows. Good work is being carried on at our Stuart street branch, nearly fifty children attending the sewing and physical classes on Saturday afternoon. The work is in charge of Miss L. Smith and a staff of teachers. The physical work is being taught by a member of the senior gymnasium class of the Central Y. W. C. A. When our girls realize that their personality, time and talents are gifts that grow richer in the giving, then our department will be filled with willing workers. Twelve girls of the senior gymnasium class will give a demonstration of their work at the lecture to be given by Mr. Burton at Association Hall on Friday, Dec. 17th. His subject will be "Beauty and Health."

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DEATHS.

ANDERSON—At the City Hospital on Friday, December 10th, 1910, James Anderson, Vice Pres. of the Brown-Boggs Co., Ltd., 19 his 38th year. Funeral from his late residence, 22 Fairleigh avenue, Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Moderate winds and cloudy to-day. Sunday easterly winds and cloudy, with snow or sleet.

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of highest pressure now covers the great lakes and middle states, while to the westward of the lower Mississippi there is a disturbance which will probably move north-eastward. The weather is fair and moderately cold throughout the Dominion. Toronto, Dec. 11.—Forecast: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate winds and cloudy to-day; Sunday easterly winds and cloudy with snow or sleet. Washington, Dec. 11.—Forecast: Western New York—Snow to-night and Sunday, increasing north winds. Lower Lakes—Increasing east to north winds, probably becoming high on Erie, snow to-night and Sunday. The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 26; 11 a. m., 33; lowest in 24 hours, 23; highest in 24 hours, 33.

59 LIVES LOST.

Terrible Tale in Human Life of Great Storm.

\$1,000,000 Worth of Property Lost—Sailor Suicides.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 11.—The terrific storm which passed over Lake Erie on Wednesday night and Thursday reaped a harvest of human lives and more than \$1,000,000 worth of shipping property. Late reports show that fifty-nine lives were lost, that twenty sailors were rescued, that four boats were destroyed, and that one is aground and badly damaged. The summary shows: Steamer Clarion, burned; fifteen lives lost, six saved. Steamer W. C. Richardson, sunk; five drowned, fourteen saved. Car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, wrecked; thirty-eight lives lost. Steamer Josiah G. Munro aground, attempting to rescue sailors from the Clarion. Tow barge sunk; no lives lost. A sailor from the Richardson, crazed from exposure, committed suicide. There is now practically no chance that any of the thirteen members of the crew of the Clarion have survived. Two of the crew are known to have perished. Neither is hope held out for the 38 Connaught men of the car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, who have been missing four days.

GIRL KILLED.

Detroit Child Cruelly Mistreated and Murdered.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The murder of Helen Brown, thirteen years old, was revealed to-day by the finding of the child's body half frozen in a truck yard. The child's face and head were frightfully cut and battered, and there were proofs that she had been cruelly mistreated. It was evident that she had made a desperate fight for her life. Footprints in the snow showed where the murderer had led his little victim to her fate.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY Christmas and New Year Excursions. Between all stations in Canada, also to Detroit, Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge, N. Y. AT SINGLE FARE. Good going Dec. 24th and 26th, 1909, returning until Dec. 27th, 1909. Also good going Dec. 28th, 1909, and Jan. 1st, 1910, returning until Jan. 2nd, 1910. AT FARE AND ONE THIRD. Good going Dec. 21st to Dec. 25th, inclusive. Also good going Dec. 29th, 1909, to Jan. 1st, 1910; returning until Jan. 2nd, 1910. Secure tickets and further information from Chas. E. Morgan, city ticket agent, W. G. Webster, depot agent.

MOVING PICTURES AT Y. M. C. A. The programme for this afternoon and this evening in Association Hall of moving pictures and illustrated songs, is one of the best ever seen here, including travel scenes, tragical, pathetic, sensational and comic pictures. Those in the lighter vein predominating. Two laughs a minute guaranteed. Steamship Arrivals. December 10.—Empress of Britain—At Liverpool from St. John. Corinthian—At Boston, from Liverpool. Canadian—At Boston, from Liverpool. Panama—At Liverpool, from Boston. Ryndam—At Boulogne, from New York. Caronia—At Genoa, from New York. Cedric—At Genoa, from New York. P. F. Wilhelm—At Bremen, from New York. Koenig Albert—At Gibraltar, from New York. December 11.—Compania—At New York, from Liverpool. At the pre-communion service of Knox Church last evening the pastor, Rev. E. A. Mitchell, received into church membership forty-eight new members. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, of Toronto.

Ald. PEREGRINE Chairman of Finance respectfully solicits your support as CONTROLLER for 1910

One Dollar Deposits. Do not hesitate to make a deposit of one dollar in the Traders Bank. Most people imagine that the Bank does not want to be bothered with small deposits. This is a mistaken idea. The oftener you deposit, the more you save, for it removes the temptation to spend, and the danger of loss. THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA HAMILTON, ONT. 21-23 King St. West. Cor. Barton & Wentworth Sts. Open Saturday Evenings. Banking Room For Women.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF A. W. MAGUIRE & COMPANY, OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON, INSOLVENT. Notice is hereby given that the said A. W. Maguire & Company, of the City of Hamilton, Flour and Feed Dealers, has made an assignment under R. S. O. 1897, Chap. 147, and amending Acts of all the estate, credits and effects of the said firm to J. T. Middleton, of the County of Wentworth, for the general benefit of her creditors. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the said Assignee at the Court House, Hamilton, on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive a statement of affairs, appoint inspectors and have an ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. Creditors are requested to file their claims with the Assignee, with proofs and particulars verified on or before the day of such meeting. Notice is further given that after the 30th day of December, 1909, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given. Dated at Hamilton this 10th day of December, 1909. J. T. MIDDLETON, Assignee. Court House, Hamilton.

PURE AIR BETTER WORK LONGER LIFE. The PULLMAN SYSTEM of Natural VENTILATION. WM. STEWART & CO., Saturday Night Building, Toronto. To Whom it May Concern. Take notice that I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife and I hereby revoke any express or implied authority which she has heretofore had to pledge my credit or contract in my name. Dated at Hamilton this 6th day of December, A. D., 1909. GEORGE NICHOLSON.

IT BEATS THE WIND. The strongest winds stop when they come up against the American Weather Strip and cold weather does not stop us from putting them on. AMERICAN WEATHER STRIP CO. 87 Westworth north. Phone 1407. Montreal, Que., Dec. 11.—The Allan Line mail turbine steamer Victoria, from St. John, N. B., and Halifax for Liverpool, arrived at Halifax 4 a. m. Dec. 11. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The Allan Line steamer from Liverpool arrived at 6 o'clock this morning with 42 saloon, 161 second cabin and 638 steerage passengers. Liverpool, Dec. 11.—C. P. R. M. S. Empress of Britain arrived Liverpool 10 p. m. Friday.

THE TIMES READERS ARE MENTALLY NOURISHED DAILY ON FACTS—NOT FADS OR FANCIES. Y. M. C. A. CARD. McE's meeting at 4.15, Crystal Palace Theatre. Speaker, Rev. Dr. Hooper. Stagers, Male Quartette. All men cordially invited. Rev. E. Sheppard will be the speaker at 4.15 at the East End Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon. Song service. Special music. Everybody cordially invited.

AMUSEMENTS. MATINEE DAILY ALWAYS GOOD BENNETTS Week commencing Dec. 13. Billy Burke's Latest Miniature Musical Comedy. MODELS OF THE JARDIN DE PARIS Introducing the Celebrated Comedian CARROLL HENRY 10 people. All special scenery and electrical effects. BRENON--DOWNING CO. Presenting Their Farcical Playlette THE INTRUDERS EL. GOTO Jean Robb & Co. Xylophone Expert Cute Character Courtships ETHEL WHITESIDES & PICKS THE THREE ERNESTS The funniest of all horizontal bar acts. Hanley & Jarvis The Kinetograph Conversational Latest Motion Pictures Prices, evening—15c, 25c, 35c and 50c. Matinees—10c, 15c and 25c. Seats on sale Monday for Xmas afternoon and evening.

CITIZENS' CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. To-night at headquarters, 29 James street south. Chairman—Mr. J. J. Greene. Speaker—Rev. Dr. J. V. Smith. Sunday night, Erskine Sabbath School, 8.30 p. m. Audiences Hamilton School for Oratory. Speakers—Winners in championship oratorical contest.

SAM SMALL. Georgia's greatest orator will speak Mon., Dec. 13—Sinclair Meth. Church, 8 p. m. Tues., Dec. 14—Charlton Ave Church, 8 p. m. Wed., Dec. 15—St. Andrew's Pres., 8 p. m. Thurs., Dec. 16—Gospel Tabernacle, 8 p. m. Fri., Dec. 17—Knox Pres., 8 p. m. Sat., Dec. 18—Centenary Meth. Church, 8 p. m. Sun., Dec. 19—Emerald St. Meth., 11 a. m. Dundas Sunday afternoon. James Street Baptist 7 p. m. Everyone invited.

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE. TO-NIGHT. THE TIE With S. H. DUDLEY 75, 50, 35, 25c and 50 others in the Musical Comedy SET HIS HONOR THE BARBER.

Red Mill Theatre. MASS MEETING FOR MEN. Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4.15 p. m. Rev. J. P. D. Lwyd, D. D., Vice-Provost of Trinity College. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Niagara.

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HARMONIC SOCIETY. DR. C. M. HARRIS, conductor. GRAND OPERA HOUSE. Feb. 3rd, 1910. Soloists: MRS. BRUCE-WIKSTROM, soprano; ERNEST T. MARTIN, tenor; ALTHUR BRIGHT, baritone. Chorus 175, children 80, orchestra 40. Reserved seats one dollar.

ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS. 31ST ANNUAL EXPOSITION. FIRST TIME IN HAMILTON. Open every day from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Art Gallery, Public Library UNTIL DEC. 17th. Admission 25c. School children 10c.

MOVING PICTURES. Y.M.C.A., Association Hall TO-NIGHT. Latest and best pictures and illustrated songs. Two and one-half hour programme. Afternoon 2 to 5 o'clock, 5 cents to all; evening 7 to 10 o'clock, 5 and 10 cents.

CAXTON CAPTER, I. O. D. E. Rev. Canon Sutherland, M. A., sub Dean, will give the second of his series of lectures on HEROINES OF SHAKESPEARE in the drawing room of the Waldorf Hotel on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. Course ticket, \$1.00; single ticket, 35c. Notice of January lecture later.

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