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THE DOUBTFUL FATHER.

Embarrassed Young Man—"Have you—er—got any cradles?"

Shopman—"Yes, sir."

Young Man (becoming still more embarrassed)—"(In cases where—where—wh n it wasn't just—just what you expected, you know, and—and—and you have to buy cradles, you know, is it customary to buy two cradles or—as one cradle big enough for both of 'em?"

A gentleman of the Hebrew persuasion was "once upon a time" gazetted to a crack Scotch regiment. The new acquisition was discussed by all the members of the regiment with some warmth. "Weel, weel," at length remarked one veteran, "I've seen mony strange things in my time. We've had Hielanders frae England; we've had Hielanders frae Wales; and we've had Hielanders frae Ireland; but in the whole coorse of my existence, boys, this is the first time we've had a Heilander frae Jerusalem."

Professor—"If you were called in a case where a man had fallen head foremost down a fifty-foot mining shaft, what would you advise?" Medical Student—"I should advise his friends to fill up the hole, and save funeral expenses."

DESCRIBED.

"How would you describe a college boy?"

"I'd call him a chap who might be a fine student if he had time to study."

An ambition to own a sky-scraper is a lofty ideal.

David Heron's Temptation

"Silence! You dare to hint at such a thing to your own father!"

It left the lips of the courtly mine-manager with a suppressed vehemence that he would have scarcely credited. He had half risen, staring at that little glass panel in the door which shut off the outer offices—almost as though he feared a buz of threatening voices and a host of pointing fingers. But all was still. He wiped something from his forehead, sat back, and looked across into Sheila's grey, questioning eyes.

"I do dare," came her steady whisper. "Not for my own sake, but for yours—yes, and for David Heron's! He has trusted you, worked for you, believed in you, to an extent that any disaster to you now would crush himself. What is that?—another inspired paragraph from an English newspaper?" She picked it up and read the first printed words slowly: "Shareholders in the almost forgotten Little Goliath Mine may be pardoned a thrill over the news that the elusive lode has been accidentally located. If the latest cabled reports can be trusted, there seems little doubt that the mine is yet destined to fulfil——" She paused, dropped the paper, and looked away, with quivering lips.

"You're man, my pet," he forced out with a strained laugh. "You've dreamed all this. I'd send you right away only that a few hints of that sort breathed in your sleep might set the gossips talking and bring about an unjustifiable slump in the newly-revived shares; might even ruin myself and—as you suggest—David Heron with me!"

"Dad!" The grey eyes were misty, her voice trembled, as she crept closer and put her hand on his shoulder. "Is it all a part you are playing? I understand very little, but I love you still; and my heart tells me that something is wrong. It breathes in the air, in your own haggard face, in your sleepless nights. Yes, away in old England hundreds of people are waiting anxiously for the truth about this new lode in the old mine; their shares are balancing for a rise or a fall. Here, in Australia, what is going on? Why the secrecy, the procrastinations, the private meetings between you and this syndicate, which appointed you sole manager to exploit the mine on the strength of your reputation? Is there the shadow of shame behind? Is the reef struck as rich as all these reports have implied?"

"What do you mean?" he asked, in a husky, dogged voice.

"I mean," she whispered, "that the shame of a crash and exposure would cling to David for life. I may not be able to influence you, but I know that he has been drawn into it unconsciously. Let me warn him of what may happen, even if it leaves him no alternative but to give up his position here and start life anew."

With his lips set hard, Mr. Foskett rose and pointed.

"Go! Go back to your friends, your music—to a woman's proper sphere! Remember, if any hints of the kind should get abroad, I shall know the source and how to act effectually. As you say, David Heron has all at stake, and will sink or swim with me. Now, maybe, you understand, and will keep your place as a woman."

"Yes," she answered, very pale now; "I understand now why you would never let him know that I had £5,000 in my own right, and why you feared I might wish to invest it in the mine shares, as you allowed him to invest his little all!"

"Go!" he repeated. "You're in love with the man, and have taken my consent for granted, and that's sufficient. Never mind what I mean. Enough that your dread is all imagination, and that in three months' time the shares will be standing at a premium in England."

Mechanically Sheila passed the door of the private staircase leading to the living portion of the handsome mine-estate office. The instant the door had closed Mr. Foskett sprang up and slid the catch. He swerved round, both hands to his head. In that brief instant he had undergone a physical transformation. His face was blanched, his eyes were sunken and staring. What to do?

He was drawn both ways and human nature had pulled hardest. True it was that, persuaded primarily of the syndicate's good faith and good fortune, he had sunk all his private means in the scheme and the purchase of shares at a discount. Now that the mine had proved bare of all but patchy veins of unpayable ore, he must go on at all costs; he must sell the remnant of his commercial integrity to save his money; he dared not draw back and face a crash. Over the seas there, the hundreds of eager eyes were turned toward Australia; he could seem to feel them burning into him, as he stumbled to his desk and clutched some papers. What to do? Every moment was precious. The artificial "rig" in the shares had already begun; once a breath of the truth leaked out, the great cry must come, and their price would recede again to dwindling-point. And here, only that morning, had come the cablegram from the startled agents in London.

It was in cipher. Hastily unravelled, it read: "Only just discovered that influential body original shareholders have secretly dispatched from London Lambert Littlewood, famous Australian mining expert, by steamer Calthrope, for surprise inspection of the mine and to take back samples of reported quartz. Calthrope due to-day, Wednesday. Unless emergency instructions duly carried out, all is lost."

He could bear the suspense no longer. With a groan his hand dropped heavily on the gong that set tinkling a bell in his chief clerk's room. All or nothing now! His breath suspended, the muscles of his face twitching uncontrollably, he stood and stared at the baize door.

Now it had swung back. David Heron came in with his quiet, confident step, the wave of curly hair pushed back from his forehead, on his lips the suppressed whistle of a man who had every cause to be happy.

"Want me, sir?" Then he paused, as if doubting whether it were the man who had entered the office that morning. "You are ill, Mr. Foskett! Let me——"

"Shut that door; fasten it!" came the husky gasp. "No time to talk. Look at this!" and his shaking hand held out the cablegram and the private code.

Wonderingly, David Heron took and compared them, and then looked back at his chief.

"Honestly, I don't understand," he said. "What is there to fear? Let him come by all means!"

"Come! Here!" That sunken voice echoed the words. He moved slowly forward, till his hand gripped the athletic shoulder. "Are you mad? He cannot; he must not reach this place for three days, at least. He must be kept back at any cost, and you are the only man for the work; you are the one man in whom I dare confide. On you now depends everything. I must have time; if he reaches the mine before Saturday, all is over. What do I mean? That it will take me every hour till then to procure and place, so as to blind an expert, the blocks of payable quartz that I should have had in position weeks ago!"

"'Salt' the mine!" Heron gasped, vaguely, at the end of that pause. He had quivered and paled, but that was all as yet. "Is that what you mean?" His hand came slowly up. "Mr. Foskett! Have all your reports and glowing accounts been fabrications? Is all this a huge fraud to revive the share price? Have I been living in a fool's paradise? Is—is my money gone?"

"Don't!" Mr. Foskett tiptoed to the baize door, looked out at the row of unconscious clerks, and strode back with a sudden access of suppressed passion. "Think before you say another word! What is your loss to mine? My money, your money, is still safe if the truth can be kept back till the rise in the shares gives us our profit. You stare! I can face anything, risk anything, sooner than restart life as a pauper. No one here knows but our two selves. Keep this Littlewood back till Saturday, and he shall see the payable ore turned up in tons with his own eyes. The surprise element of the visit is our salvation. He is bound to be impressed and to carry back a report favorable enough as to developments to start a 'boom.' And then——"

"And then——?" David Heron had closed his eyes in a sort of incredulous horror to shut out the haggard tempting face. For the moment that wave of fierce resentment had prompted him to catch by the throat in one strangling clutch the man who had led him blindfold to the edge of this precipice. Just in time there came the recollection that he was Sheila's father still. "And then—?" he repeated, bitterly. "Exposure and the felon's dock for all concerned!"

"No!" Nearer he came till his breath fanned hot on the young Scotsman's cheek. "Let me tell you all before you decide; realize once for all that I have sunk so low that my alternative to ruin would be suicide. No! that exposure need never come; it has been obviated by a fateful stroke of destiny. Do you know why the old managers ceased working the mine in reality? Heron, if the miners had known, they were working daily in the shadow of death. It was found out afterwards, and hushed up, to prevent a collapse in the shares; but the syndicate have found out and will utilize the discovery.

"Listen! At the very foot of the main shaft, where the cage stops and the tunnels slope away, there is only a casing of black cement and a foot-thick layer of quartz holding back an accumulated flow of water from the lake a mile away—far more than enough water to flood the mine for ever and end its history. The moment our present object is attained that water will be set free. Think of all your hard savings and your hopes! Are they not worth a month's silence, a little help at this extremity?"

"No!" It burst brokenly from Heron's lips. He had drawn slowly back; his hand was upon the door. "No! I see it all; I know now. You have been more than generous to me; that was the bait. You have allowed yourself to become the tool of obscure scoundrels, but you do not make me your tool in turn! If what you say is true, every moment longer that I identify myself with the Little Goliath Mine is a moment of everlasting discredit to the man who worked to win your——"

"Ah, now think twice! You had forgotten. You hoped for my daughter. If the worst happens to me, Heron, the worst happens to you." He pointed to the private door. "You force me to play my last card in this life-and-death drama. She was here a few moments ago and confessed that she loved you. That gave me my idea; I admit it. Do you want her? Then that is her price. I simply say Lambert Littlewood must be kept back. There is no one but you to trust. If he should reach the mine to-morrow you will see no more in this life of Foskett and his daughter. Think!"

"Heavens! Sheila the price of that!" That hard sob in his throat his face white and rigid with the intensity of the most terrible mental battle a man could know, Heron strode to and fro. Thrice he turned with that fierce "No!" on his lips, and thrice looked quickly away from the man whose face showed all too plainly that he was at the end of his tether. "Is there no other way?" he begged. "Can nothing be done?"

"Nothing. To-day decides all. It is far more vital than you realize. It is that—against your money and Sheila. I mean that word and will keep it."

"Does she know? Would she ever know if—if I paid your vile price?"

"I cannot say. She loves you; that in the woman is everything!"

"Aye! Heaven help me; I valued her respect, too. No matter. If I'm to play the villain, let me know at once. What is it that I am to do?"

"Sh!" A tap at the door; a telegram for the mine-manager. He tore it open feverishly. His face was a study as he held out the form. "Your answer!—the solution! Look! From the agent at the docks; I wired him at once as a final resource. Lambert L—— and valet landed late last night. Took express this morning to reach Balcarras Junction 7 p.m. to-day and has wired there for horse to ride straight to your office; thence to mine for inspection early in morning. Means business, but good sort. Cost of this information heavy." It's clear—clear as daylight!" breathed Foskett, in an agony of suspense. "You need not go far; he must take the five-mile ride through the dusk. His horse may shy; any slight mishap might happen to a man riding here, even if he knows the country. A drug would work; he would wake next morning to find himself many miles away, and nothing could ever transpire. Nothing too desperate!" he added, with a shudder. "I have it! The creek path there, where the roads run three ways. He would be certain to slacken up, and then, a chloroformed cloth——"

There was no answer. Still and strange David Heron stood while sixty might have been counted; then, with that mechanical word, "The creek path!" he groped toward the door and was gone. It might have been one minute, or five, before the mine-manager came to himself with a start. That private door—it seemed as if a faint little moan had sounded on the other side of it. He stumbled forward and slid back the catch. And there, like a statue, with wide, horror-filled eyes, stood Sheila. Her lips were struggling to speak.

"Dave! Call him back! My Dave!"

"You dare!" The desperate man gripped her wrist. "Sheila, think! He's gone to save us all! His failure may mean our ruin and your good-bye to him for ever!"

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The dusk had fallen swiftly. Just light enough now to frame the white, granite-like face of the man who stood there by the lonely creek path, his sombre eyes staring away toward Balcarras Junction—that faint glow of light in the valley down there. So he had stood for an hour; so he would stand for hours more, his fingers clutching the length of lariat-thong, his mind a chaotic blank. The express might be late; the information might be wrong, and the solitary rider never appear that way; but he must wait and realize afterwards what that hour of madness had meant.

What was that? His dulled brain seemed to grasp two sounds at once—faint hoof-thuds far to the right and a pattering of feet on the near left. He shrank instinctively, as a flying, breathless figure resolved itself in the dusk; and then—but the rest seemed part of the wildest dream. He only knew that two arms had circled his neck suffocatingly; that sob after sob was breaking against his cheek; that he was staring down into the imploring eyes of the woman whose love was to be the price of his life's dishonor.

"Dave! Dave! Not for me—not for all the money in this world! Quick! I heard all; I've risked all and come to save you! Let that man pass free and I will answer! I will pay!"

Far from realizing he tried to resist, but a paralysis of mingled hope and fear seemed to hold his limbs. Nearer, nearer, came those hoof-thuds; but the lariat has been torn from his grasp. It was a woman's weak arms that drew him stubbornly back into deepest shadow; a woman's hand that silenced his lips and held him in a spell as horse and rider loomed into view. The animal reared; its rider stared down piercingly at the motionless figures of a man and a woman. Next instant, little guessing at the tragedy that had waited in his path, Lambert Littlewood, the mining expert, had vanished in the gloom and a wild cry of reaction had broken from Sheila's lips.

"My darling! Quick! Not a word—not a moment to be lost. No one knows. It came to me in a flash. This way, this way! In the mining-shed there—all the tools you will need. It's at the foot of the main shaft, where the tunnelling begins; it is marked with a white star on the plan! Not a word! I can lower the cage and you; I am strong enough to-night to raise it again. Half an hour's determined work, and then—by dawn to-morrow the Little Goliath Mine will be flooded and the great living lie nailed down for all time! Can you understand? Dare you risk it, for my sake? If you love me prove it now. The ruin will come, but no shame need follow it. Better it comes now, and hundreds of innocent people be spared the loss that was to make the syndicate rich. Dave, you lose your all too, but you win back the respect of the woman you love. Is it worth it? Answer quick, and then I can tell you something more."

And a new light—no, the old light—came back into his eyes and looked down into hers. Something like a sob broke in the man's throat, as his arms drew her close in silent reply.

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Before midnight of that day a trickle of water from the lake a mile away had broken through the fissure and quickened to a rivulet that crawled steadily along the unfinished galleries and tunnels of the mine. All through the long night that flow continued, and when dawn flushed crimson and the mining expert drew up with Mr. Foskett at the mouth of the main shaft a glance showed that the truth about the Little Goliath Mine would never be known now.

"Dame Nature has made sure of all our dividends!" was the historic remark cabled by Lambert Littlewood to England that day. "The mine, whatever its secret, is a thing of the past."

It was forty-eight hours later. Crouched at a desk in his inner office sat Mr. Foskett. He had heard no voice, no footfall, but a hand suddenly gripped his shoulder. He stumbled up with a cry, his fingers closing upon the butt of a revolver, as if the finality of all had come.

"Sit still; put that down," said a quiet voice thrilling with just a touch of sorrowful scorn. "You are safe, so far, in spite of yourself. True your great scheme has failed, but—"

"I'm ruined," came the hoarse gasp. "I could face anything but that. I'm a beggar!"

"Not quite," was the cold reply; and something fluttered down on the desk. "Take it! a cheque for £5,000. It represents precisely the market value of your precious shares at the moment when, by my help, you hoped to inflate that fictitious value. No thanks! It is I who am the beggar, and your own daughter who has given her all to save you from the penury you so dread and so richly deserve!"

"Then—then—you want her still? You come to ask me for my daughter in return for this sacrifice of hers?"

"No!" David Heron turned away. "I ask nothing. We two stand together now, with our way to make in the world, but with perfect love and a clear conscience to help us. Your daughter is here; we have come to say good-bye. You are saved, and my wife has paid the price!"—London Tit-Bits.

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The proposal to thus lay bare the innermost secrets of anatomy was suggested by Dr. Kassabian in a paper read before the convention of the American Roentgen Ray society in Houston hall, University of Pennsylvania. It aroused instant attention, and has been the subject of widespread comment.

INSISTS ON FEASIBILITY.

Dr. Kassabian was disinclined to predictions when interviewed, but he is earnest in his opinion of its feasibility. Thus far his experiments have convinced him the only problem lies in the construction of a photographic machine adapted to the work.

"The advance in X-ray appliances," said Dr. Kassabian, "together with the skill now being shown in the operation of the machines, makes the moving picture of the heart's action entirely practical. Formerly a single X-ray photograph took from two to four minutes. Now one can be secured in a second or less. The pulsation of the normal heart is seventy-two strokes to the minute. A photographic machine on the kinetoscope principle would show the dilation and contraction of the heart and the action of the diaphragm with mathematical exactness. It would reveal also the identical location of the heart. I am quite convinced of the feasibility of such photographs.

PHOTOGRAPHS INACCURATE.

"As it stands now we have only a single view of the heart, and as the photograph might be taken during either contraction or distention we can never have an accurate view of its size. I consider the idea entirely feasible."

A further possibility of the machine is the recording by the watch of how varying emotions react on the heart. Physicians can then determine just what effect excitement, fear, distress, joy, etc., have in accelerating the movement of the organ. Dr. Henry Hulst of Grand Rapids is another believer in heart motion pictures and an active experimenter.

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PLOUGHED THROUGH HERRINGS.

An extraordinary experience befel the mail steamer Nord, of the Calais and Dover service, while crossing the English Channel recently. The searchlight of the steamer was being used, when the man on watch in the bows noticed a peculiar agitation of the sea just ahead. The cause proved to be an immense shoal of herrings swarming down Channel. The mail steamer ploughed her way right through the shoal, churning up and killing thousands of the fish with her great paddle wheels. The shoal was so thick that it affected the progress of the steamer.

About the ....House

SOIL FOR HOUSE PLANTS.

If the soil is in proper condition many thiogs are possible with certain tender plants, especially flowers, that are out of the question with poor or indifferent soil, writes Mr. John C. Chamberlain. In my garden I have shade conditions to overcome and for a time could not make a success of anything except spring bulbs, which blossomed ahead of the shade of the trees. Lately I have filled the soil full of half-rotted manure in the fall or spring and put it on the surface in summer. It will not do to feed too heavily or to use fresh manure where small-seeded annuals are to be raised, as they do not like the ammonia that is liberated so freely by it.

It is useless to plant flowers without using considerable fertilizer of some kind and stable manure is of the best, as it keeps the soil in good texture. A well-nurtured plant will winter almost without special care, but in poor soil less hardy perennials disappear over winter. Such feeders as roses and dahlias will grow in poor soil, but seldom repay the trouble, besides roses, or any plants having insect enemies, are much less subject to their ravages when in vigorous condition. The best method of fighting insects is with the water hose. Set it strong and fire everything living off when too small to return. A big syringe will answer where water pressure is not to be had.

Does anybody have trouble with pot plants? Plant raisers seldom awake to the fact that when a plant is doing poorly it is because the soil needs changing. This is easily proved by taking the plant out of the pot when it will usually be found that there is a lot of soil with no roots, in which case the soil is very often sour. When a plant stands still, even for rest, after vigorous flowering, there is always danger of losing the small roots and few plants will start them over again. Far better keep the pots root bound, especially as so many plants will blossom best in that condition. I have kept certain plants several years without repotting by applying surface fertilizer, but this could only be done where the pot is rather small for the plant.

GOOD RECIPES.

An Emergency Discovery.— When Irish potatoes are not at hand and bread making is, boil two tablespoons of rice in a quart of water until the grains are soft. Use this, water and all, instead of potatoes. The bread will be every bit as nice and some prefer it to potatoes. This was an emergency discovery one bread day when no potatoes were available.

Cocoa Fudge.—One-fourth cup milk, 1½ tablespoons butter, 1½ ounces powdered sugar, 9 teaspoons cocoa, a pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Melt the butter with milk in a saucepan. Add sugar, cocoa and salt, cook and stir until the mixsure strings (about eight minutes.) Set in a pan of cold water, and add vanilla. Beat very gently and the instant it begins to thicken pour into buttered dishes. When hard cut in squares. Have a care not to beat it too much.

Mince Meat.—Take a beef tongue weighing 2½ lbs. and boil briskly 1½ hours. Prepare 2 lb. beef suet, 4½ lbs. chopped apples, 2 lbs. seeded raisins, 2 lbs. currants, 1½ lbs. citron, shredded, 1 glass quince jelly, 1 pt. cooking molasses, 2 qts. sweet cider, the juice and grated rind of 2 oranges, the juice and grated rind of 2 lemons, 1 oz. cinnamon, ½ oz. nutmeg, ½ oz. cloves, ¼ oz. mace and 1 lb. sugar. Chop the beef and suet fine, removing all strings and shreds. Mix all ingredients and let stand 24 hours before using.

A Wholesome Sweet.—Remove the stones from good, clean, fresh dates, and fill the cavity with shelled, fresh, brittle peanuts. Roll the dates in pulverized or confectioners' sugar and pack in prettily decorated candy boxes—some of which you may have saved through the year as being too pretty and dainty to destroy or throw away. How handy these will come in now, to fill and bestow on some little child's heart at the holiday time! Any kind of nut meats may be used in place of the peanuts, or chopped raisins and nut meats combined into a sort of paste, make an excellent filling for the dates. The best thing about these goodies, is that they are fresh, pure and wholesome.

Pretzels.—Put large tablespoon yeast into ½ pt. warm milk. Stir in 1½ lbs. flour and beat well. In another dish put ½ lb. butter and beat it to a cream; add 2 ozs. sifted white sugar, 3 well beaten eggs, another tablespoon yeast and a little salt. Into this put the dough and beat until well blended and perfectly smooth. Cut off pieces the size of an agg and roll them into round bars six to eight inches long and tapering at the ends. Place them on buttered tins, curving them in half circles, new moons, or any odd shapes, leaving a little space between. Set them to rise where the heat is even, not too warm; when light brush over with beaten egg, dust with sugar and bake a light brown.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

When papering where the plaster is broken or gone, paste oil cloth over the spots. This gives a smooth surface on which to hang the wall paper.

The winter ices and ice creams may be much richer than those made for summer desserts. One that is simple, rich and nourishing is frozen whipped cream. Flavor, sweeten and whip pure cream. Remove the paddles from the freezer, pack in ice and salt in the freezer, and let stand four hours. It is not to be stirred.

Ice-cream freezers that freeze too rapidly are not desirable. It takes from twenty to forty minutes to produce a smooth, evenly frozen ice cream, and the ripening process should be allowed for.

Winter beets are an appetizing dish when boiled till tender and served with a white sauce. They require long cooking.

The reason why fried oysters and other shell fish are in the frying pan by preference, are so often indigestible is, we are told, because of the action of the cooked butter on them, which is bad for indigestion. Olive oil is much preferable.

What to eat gives a rule for determining the purity of coffee. When purchasing, gather a little in the palm of the hand and press firmly. If it sticks together in a ball or lump it is adulterated. Pure coffee falls apart when the hand is opened.

DON'TS IN DRESS.

Don't sacrifice fitness to fashion.

Don't spoil the gown for a yard of stuff.

Don't sacrifice neatness to artistic effect.

Don't neglect quality for the sake of quantity.

Don't dress more fashionable than becomingly.

Don't imagine beauty will atone for untidiness.

Don't dress to startle people's eyes, but to satisfy them.

Don't look a frump because you cannot look especially smart.

Don't dress your head at the expense of your hands and feet.

Don't buy foolishly and then blame your limited income for your shoddy appearance.

Don't wear vertically striped material if you are tall.

Don't expect great bargains to turn out great savings.

Don't wear big sleeves and big hats if you are short.

Don't jump into your clothes and expect to look dressed.

Don't put cost before cut. Corded silk won't cover a poor fit.

Don't forget that dress was made for woman, not woman for dress.

Don't put all your allowance outside. A shabby petticoat kills the smartest gown.

CHINESE ON ANATOMY.

Have Never Dissected a Body, and Guess at Organs.

Chinese medical literature is copious and its bibliography has been drawn up with the most scrupulous care; but the whole contents consist of unreasonable commentaries on the works of a few old masters, whose texts, like those of other sacred volumes of Oriental literature, are far too sacred to suffer the smallest innovation. Those "masters" of Chinese medicine were contemporaries of Machaon and Podalirius, who dressed the wounds of the beseigers of Troy. Direful would be the almost inevitable results of the exploration of any of the cavities of the human body by the Chinese practitioner! No Chinese representative of the healing art has ever dissected any portion of the human frame. Accordingly, their ideas of anatomy and physiology are matters of faith—confirmed by images which have been reproduced during untold centuries. Their esteology teaches that the skull is formed of one bone; so is the pelvis; the number of ribs varies with the individual, and at the junction of the arm with the forearm is placed a subital patella. According to Chinese splanchnology, the small intestines communicate with the cavity of the heart; while the colon, after describing 16 circumvolutions, terminates by opening into the lung.

The heart governs the vital processes—in operation with the cavity of the stomach it supplies all ideas and all the pleasurable sensations. The liver is the habitat of the soul; and it is from this gland that all noble and generous sentiments emanate. The gall bladder is the receptacle of courage; its ascent in the body is the cause of a fit of anger. They have an idea of the continuous motion of the blood; but it seems to be the product of an imagination more riotously Oriental than even that which created the other items of their physiologic knowledge.

They do not know the pulmonary circulation; they, naturally, know nothing of the valves in the veins; they do not even appear to have quite grasped the motor function of the heart itself; but they nevertheless profess to differentiate no less than 74 varies of pulse—simultaneously recognizable on the person of a single individual.

In its ultimate structure the body is composed of five elements; fire, water, earth, wood and metal. Each of those elements is in harmonious rapport with the corresponding members of the series of five planets, five metals, five solid viscera, five colours and five tastes. All diseases originate from disturbances of the primary and essential quintic harmonies of these co-relations.

HEALTH AND ECONOMY.

Hints That Are as Rational as the Average Free Advice.

Don't drink. You'll get thirsty again.

Don't remember anything—especially your debts.

Don't work. It is very bad for the health to tire yourself.

Don't lend—borrow.

Don't want anything. If you should want anything, don't buy it; beg or steal it.

Don't try to say anything when you talk. It consumes brain power.

Don't eat anything. Your stomach may get out of order.

Don't wear clothes. They retard the free movement of the body.

Don't marry young. Don't marry old. Don't marry at all. If you are tempted to marry, attend court on a divorce day.

Don't get sick. If you think you are sick, whistle or turn somersaults. This is nature's cure.

Don't go to law. Choose the lunatic asylum.

Don't get excited. Keep ice in your mouth.

Don't read. It may affect your eyesight.

Don't fret, don't cry, don't laugh, don't buy, don't sell, don't grieve, don't love, don't play, don't humor yourself in anything, don't breathe.

Don't even be displeased. If your favorite corn is stepped on, say "Thank you."

Don't be dissatisfied with anything. If your bank breaks be thankful you didn't have more in it.

Don't lose your temper. Nobody will pick it up and bring it home, even if they stumble over it.

BARRED.

"There's one thing the woman can't get into!" said the anti-woman suffragist.

"What's that?" cried a chorus of feminine voices.

"The secret service!"

PROOF.

"What makes you think he wears ready-made clothes?"

"Because he borrowed my overcoat two weeks ago and hasn't returned it."

ELECTION OF A MAYOR

SOME CURIOUS OLD CUSTOMS IN ENGLAND.

High Wycombe's Annual Ceremony of Weighing the Mayor.

Electing the mayor is attended with many quaint old customs in different parts of England, and not the least curious—forit is observed nowhere else in the kingdom—is High Wycombe's annual ceremony. As each year comes round so each mayor is weighed, and his weight to the ounce recorded in the corporation's book kept specially for the purpose. At the conclusion of his year of office the mayor is weighed again. Yet his Worship does not enjoy this distinction entirely alone. Every member of the civic body has to submit to the ordeal and endeavor to preserve dignity under trying circumstances. This amusing ceremony has been carried out, more or less regularly, since the thirteenth century. On the auspicious morning the corporation, attended by the beadle and mace bearer, in their gorgeous old-world costumes, proceed to the mayor's residence, and his worship having put in an appearance, they march in solemn and stately procession to the Guildhall, where the weighing is conducted.

WITH CONVIVIALITIES.

Calne, Wiltshire's old-fashioned market town, has a custom just as curious. Annually the municipal officials meet for a wine and cake party, where, in a convival spirit, sitting round the festive table, the mayor for the ensuing year is elected.

Among the many quaint ceremonies Brightlingsea enjoys, one of its most interesting is concerned with the appointment of its mayor. At the door of the ancient parish church on the all-important morning come freemen, jurats and others of the populace as desire. All having assembled the party proceed to climb into the church's belfry, where it has been the custom for centuries to elect the mayor and freemen. Here, far above the top of the surrounding houses, with bell-ropes hanging about them, the mayor is invested with his robe of office and elaborate gold chain, each link of which appropriately represents a sprat and an oyster.

PENALTY FOR TALKING.

A quaint old-world ceremony took place not many weeks ago at another Cinque Port—Dover. It was the meeting of the Council of Brotherhood and Guestling, held for only the third occasion in 327 years. Each of the mayors of the five ports—Dover, Sandwich, Hastings, Romney, and Hythe—was present in the robe of a baron of the Cinque Ports, attended by his mace-bearer in gorgeous habiliments. Part of the ceremony consisted in reading some of the decrees from the Black Book of the ports made in the 13th year of Queen Elizabeth's reign. One of these decrees forbids a member to speak more than once, under a penalty of 3s. 4d—quite a formidable sum in those days.

Even more ancient are the quaint ceremonies observed every now and then by the mayor and corporation of Dunstable. When recently the bailiff and hayward, known in a less ancient borough as the town-crier, tendered his resignation, quite an epoch arrived in the history of the quaint old town. A Court Leet was at once held, attended by the mayor and corporation in civic state and all the old customs were enforced. Jurymen serving for the first time were fined 1s to buy "colt ale" for their fellows. Two aldermen were again elected as ale-tasters after one had been fined 1s 4d for neglect of duty, which is to walk into any one of Dunstable's thirty-six licensed houses and call for a free stoup of ale. The mayor and his councillors would as soon think of ignoring these old customs as of appearing on a state occasion without their robes of office.

AN ENVIABLE PRIVILEGE.

Newcastle's mayor enjoys the privilege of once a year being allowed to select and kiss any young lady who takes his fancy among the coal city's inhabitants. The kiss is rather costly, however, for it is the custom to afterwards present the young lady with a sovereign, while a further gift is made her by the lady mayoress, no doubt to disprove jealousy. The sheriff, not to be outdone, also bestows a kiss upon a fair bystander—at the same rate of expenditure.

An excellent custom is observed at the election of the mayor of Newport, in Monmouthshire. The town clerk is deprived of his cocked hat, which is passed round to the assembled officials, for contributions towards the maintenance of a children's cot at the local infirmary. The dispensation of charity is also a feature of Newbury's mayor. Every year from an ancient gift known as the "St. Thomas' Half Crowns" his worship distributes coins of this value to about 100 poor widows.

Most mayors inaugurate the commencement of their year of office by a sumptuous spread, but of all mayoral feasts Peterborough's is surely the strangest. The luncheon, at the expense of the mayor, is held upon the occasion of the opening of Peterborough's Bridge Fair, when his worship and the councillors, in civic state, sit down to regale themselves at a feast of champaign and sausages.

STAMMERING AND BLUSHES.

Fear Causes the One in Man and the Other in Woman.

The fact that the proportion of those afflicted with stammering is one hundred men to one woman is one of the most curious things in pathology.

A mere man, in discussing woman's immunity from stammering, was depraved enough to suggest that any interference with her ability to talk would be a cruel and unusual punishment. However this may be, a well-known doctor was asked how he accounted for the immunity of the fair sex from this affliction, agreed that it certainly was a strange thing.

"Stammering," he said, "is an epileptic affection of the speech organs, and the victim is usually a person of a high-strung, excitable temperament. At the last analysis the cause lies in the mind—that is, the stammerer stammers because he fears he will stammer, and thus make himself ridiculous.

"Now, women are much more prone than men to nervous disorders and this makes their immunity from stammering all the more remarkable. For some mysterious reason their nervousness affects their organs of speech only in the rarest instances."

The theory has also been advanced that women are less self-conscious than men, and there is little doubt but that self-consciousness is the basis of the stammerers confusion. On the other hand, it is asserted women are more self-conscious than men, but in their case the self-consciousness runs to blushes instead of stammering. Nine girls out of ten who are victims of the blushing habit blush from the same reason reason that the stammerer stammers—fear of doing so.

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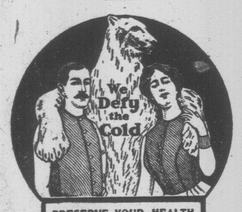

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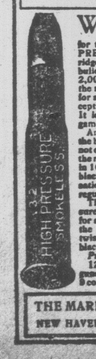

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Liberal Convention.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, the Dominion Liberal Leader of New Brunswick, has caused a convention of the party to be called at St. John on Thursday next. It is expected that representative men of the party will be present from all parts of the province.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson has a Walk Over.

No one will question the discretion of the Liberal-Conservatives of Westmorland in not putting up a candidate against Hon. H. R. Emmerson, whose acceptance of the office of Minister of Railways and Canals necessitated his seeking re-election. Sheriff McQueen opened his election court at Dorchester on Saturday but "the enemy" did not appear and at two o'clock Mr. Emmerson, who was the only candidate, was declared elected by acclamation.

Political.

Hon. H. A. McKeown, who is Solicitor General in the Local Government and Mr. Richard O'Brien, of the St. John Globe were the Liberal party candidates in nomination for the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by Hon. Mr. Blair's resignation of his seat as representative for the city of St. John. The convention committee selected Mr. McKeown by a vote of 55 to 42 and on motion of Mr. O'Brien the nomination was made unanimous.

The meeting, although it was composed of men who were divided in their preferences regarding the candidate to be chosen, were unanimous in their determination to stand solidly for the man selected, and it is gratifying to Liberals everywhere that the campaign is being conducted on these lines.

The Liberal Conservatives of St. John appear to have had difficulty in inducing any prominent member of that party to run against Mr. McKeown. The names of Hon. Mr. Foster, Mr. W. H. Thorne, Dr. A. A. Stockton, Mr. W. S. Fisher and others were freely mentioned, but it seems that each of those gentlemen declined the honor. The party held a convention on Monday, and Dr. J. W. Daniel was unanimously chosen to oppose Hon. Mr. McKeown. The selection is a good one, as Dr. Daniel stands well with his party, has served the city creditably as an alderman for four years and as Mayor for two years. It is a pity that so good a man should be asked to go up against what appears to be sure defeat, but it is to Dr. Daniel's credit that his loyalty to his party has induced him to accept the nomination.

Mr. Robinson M. P. for Northumberland was in Moncton on Monday and was interviewed by the Times in reference to the political situation in his county. He said we had not yet begun to talk politics; that when the elections are actually on will be time enough to begin to discuss politics and when they are over the north shore people will drop politics again and go on with their business. Mr. Robinson had not heard who the prospective Liberal candidate is or whether there will be any at all.

Mr. Robinson is quite right in stating that matters political are in a state of quietude in Northumberland, and it is simply because there is no reason for them to be otherwise. When the time comes, however, for the county to address itself to the matter of choosing its representative in the next parliament a proper interest will be manifested, and if the Conservatives put up a candidate there will be as lively a contest as usually takes place on the Miramichi. Afterwards, as Mr. Robinson indicates, we will again get down to business and leave political agitation to the gentlemen who usually employ themselves in efforts to ascertain why they are not "dispensing the patronage."

The yellow press telegraphers have already placed the theme of the Pope's health on their list of subjects for use when there is a paucity of other news matter to interest the readers of the big dailies. His Holiness' health is, of course, good, but according to the bogus newsmongers it is causing "grave apprehension." It is said that the Pope is sufficiently a humorist to be amused by the use he is put to by the needy press telegraphers.

The St. John Sun, Globe and Star appear to understand each other excellently in their common political purposes. Hence the statement of the Star that a large number of good Liberals in St. John resent the interference of the new Minister of Railways and "the machine" in favor of Mr. McKeown, resulting in strong talk of a "packed convention." The Star says that the Liberal boilers have appreached Timothy O'Brien, Editor of the Monitor, with a view to having him enter the field as a protest against machine rule, "but so far he has not given an answer. Should he refuse it is said some one else will take the field."

Mr. Timothy O'Brien is a brother of Mr. Richard O'Brien who competed with Mr. McKeown for the Liberal nomination in St. John. The Globe, of which Mr. Richard O'Brien is managing director, should see that its co-workers, the Star and Sun, do not give away any inside understandings. It goes, without saying, that Mr. McKeown can easily defeat any combination of treachery within his party, or of fair opposition from its opponents. It may also be said that the Star's story has no foundation outside of the talk of a few adherents of the Globe, Star and Sun, who are associated with those papers for purposes connected with provincial—not federal—politics. They are, however, only "the ridiculous few."

At the annual meeting of the United States National League for the Protection of the family, held at the Diocesan house, Joy St., Boston, last week, an interesting report was made by Dr. Samuel W. Dike, corresponding secretary of the league.

Dr. Dike said that the need of giving serious attention to the evils confronting home life is steadily increasing. Legislation of a more or less important character affecting the home has recently been passed in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, District of Columbia and Utah. In other states unsuccessful attempts at legislation will be renewed at the forthcoming sessions of the legislatures.

Statistics of divorce in various states also were given, and mention was made of the fact that in 1902 there were some 4,351 divorces granted in the six New England States and there appears to be a steady increase in all except Connecticut. According to the latest statistics available, there was one divorce to about every six marriages in Maine in 1902; one divorce to every 8.3 marriages in New Hampshire in the same year, one to every ten in Vermont; one to every sixteen in Massachusetts; one to every 8.4 in Rhode Island; one to every 8.8 marriages in Ohio; one to every 7.6 in Indiana; one to every eleven in Michigan. Statistics of divorce in foreign countries also were given.

The St. John Star says that the monthly meeting of the Local Government has been postponed until after the by-election in St. John. As the meeting was postponed for a week, owing to the premier's absence in New York and is to take place next Tuesday, 9th inst., it will be necessary for the date of the election to be changed in order to save the Star from pleading guilty to another outbreak of prevarication.

Death of Hon. Robert Young.

The death of Hon. Robert Young took place at his home in Carraquet, yesterday, Wednesday, morning. Mr. Young has been in poor health for a number of years and while his death cannot be said to be altogether unexpected, its announcement will be received with regret by a very large number of friends in the province and elsewhere.

Hon. Robert Young was in his seventy-fourth year. He was born in Tracadie and educated in Chatham; elected to the the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for Gloucester in July, 1861 and sat therein until 1867, when he was called to the Legislative Council and become a member and president of the Executive Council in July, 1872. He was one of the ablest of New Brunswick's public men. His genial nature won and held the personal friendship of political allies and opponents alike and when ill health led to his retirement from active politics it was felt that the province had sustained a real loss. He married in 1857 the second daughter of William Hubbard, Esq., J. P., of Tignish, P. E. Island, who, together with their sons, R. H. Lee and Fred, who are married, and James W., single, Miss Isabella; and Ethel (Mrs. Frank Fraser), of California, survive him.

A Peculiar Case.

It will be remembered that a little more than six months ago Richard Mann was brutally done to death on the Quebec side of the Restigouche while on his way home up-river from Campbellton. Richard and Michael Murray and Archibald Gerrard who were said to have killed Mann, were arrested on that charge and held for a grand jury. Their trial was to have taken place a fortnight ago at New Carlisle, but one of the counsel for the Murrays claimed that the prisoners could not rely on having a fair trial there on account of religious and social prejudices which had been aroused, and he applied for a change of venue. Meantime the grand jury deliberated on the indictment and brought in no bill against Gerrard and Michael Murray, but one for manslaughter against Richard Murray.

The judge decided to grant the application for a change of venue, and the trial of Richard Murray is to take place at Quebec, beginning on 11th April. There is no question of the fact that Mann, who had in no way done anything to provoke the Murrays, was kicked and jumped on until he was dead. The granting of a change of venue seems to a movement by which an attempt is to be made to defeat justice, and the outcome will be watched with considerable interest, owing to the course of counsel in appealing to religious prejudice in order to save the accused.

The finding of the grand jury seems to be justified by the facts, but counsel for Murray is universally condemned—as he ought to be—for his firebrand appeal for a change of venue. It is an unjustifiable reflection on the people of the county of Bonaventure from whom the petit jury would be drawn. The decision of the judge on the application suggests that he isn't much of an improvement on the learned counsel for the defence.

Premier Tweedie in New York.

A reporter of the New York Evening Telegram (The N. Y. Herald's evening issue) has been interviewing Premier Tweedie and that paper of last Friday gives the result, as well as some other matter, in connection with Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley and Lawler's visit to the big commercial metropolis of the United States. It says:—

Premier L. J. Tweedie of New Brunswick, Canada, accompanied by Attorney General Pugsley, of his government and R. A. Lawlor, a prominent king's counsel of Canada, have been in the city for the past few days on important legal business and are staying at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Premier's strong features of Napoleonic cast would attract attention anywhere, and his likeness to the late President McKinley, of whom he was a great admirer, have often been commented upon. At the time of the late President's death Mr. Tweedie's despatch to the White House, "He was a just man, and walked in his integrity," was probably the most epigrammatic and effective of any received.

In talking to an Evening Telegram reporter yesterday on the relations between Canada and the United States, he said he was glad to see signs of an awakening in this country to the importance of a reciprocity treaty between the two countries, which would no doubt be an accomplished fact before very long.

"We in Canada," he said, "are not turning somersaults in our eagerness to get into your markets as we were some years ago. We feel we have the raw material which you need for your manufactures. We have the products of the mine, the field and the forest. In the words of your Senator Hanna," he said, with a smile, "We hold the 'ace,' or the 'age,' or the 'edge,' whichever it is, and intend to 'stand pat' until 'called.'"

Noticing Mr. Tweedie's familiarity with the terms of poker, the reporter asked him if he would express an opinion of the correctness of Mr. Hanna's knowledge of the game as evidenced in his recent utterances, but the Premier remarked that as Canada and the United States were now settling all their differences by arbitration commissions, it would not be wise to cause any new complications by getting into a controversy with such a prominent candidate for the Presidency as Mr. Hanna on the great American game.

Speaking of annexation, Mr. Tweedie said there was a total lack of any sentiment in that regard now in the Maritime Provinces, where in former years it had its strongest foothold. "We are all loyal to the mother country," he said, "devoting all our energies to developing the interests of our wonderful country, whose rich endowments by nature for material prosperity are just becoming to be generally known, and have very little time or disposition for academic discussions on the possibility of changes in our political relations. We are not blind, however, to the fact that the spirit of modern development is more and more towards the unification of the races, and that the great English people will have to get together to preserve their dominance, but the ways and the means of such a consummation could safely be projected down the years for the consideration of the wiser generations to come."

Mr. Tweedie gave a dinner at the Waldorf last night to a number of New Brunswickers residing in the city. Among the guests were former Representative John J. Adams and wife, Mr. Samuel Adams, of the Sixth avenue dry goods store, and wife; Mr. R. A. Lawlor, Miss E. Parker, Mrs. Batison, Mr. R. B. Adams, Mr. George Henderson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Flanagan. The guests were for the most part from the celebrated game country of Miramichi, N. B., which Mr. Tweedie represents in Parliament, and took on the nature of a family gathering from the land of the moose.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

The Bay Chaleur presented the unusual spectacle of a continuous ice field on Friday and Saturday last.

Angus Kennedy, the well known hotel keeper, of St. Andrews, died on Tuesday at the age of 76. A widow, six daughters and three sons survive him. He was ill of heart disease, only four days.

The colonial fisheries department of Newfoundland has received advices that seven vessels hailing from American, Canadian and Newfoundland ports, are adrift amid the ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It if feared that the crews of some of these boats may perish.

Stewart Edward White's epic novel of the forest, "The Blazed Trail," has surely joined the list of books which may justly be called classics in their line, if steadiness of sale is any evidence. McClure, Phillips & Co., the publishers, have just brought out the fifteenth edition, and the sales for this Christmas season are practically as large as they were the Christmas season of the year when the book was first published.

A meeting of the house of bishops of the Province of Canada was held at Montreal on Friday for the purpose of acting upon the resignation of Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia, which was accepted with regret. Those present were Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, who presided, and the bishops of Toronto, Fredericton, Ottawa, Quebec, Algoma, Niagara and Ontario, and the bishop coadjutor of Montreal.

The statement of deaths caused by railways during the year ending June, 1903 has been prepared by the Department of Railways. It shows an increase of ninety deaths on steam railways as compared with 1902. In 1903 there were 420 killed, made up as follows: Passengers, 53; employes, 186; others, 181. In 1902, there were 330 killed, as follows: Passengers, 19; employes, 146; others, 165. In 1903 there were 39 deaths by electric railways, including nine passengers, seven employes and twenty-three others.

A Rexton despatch of 27th Jan. says:—The extreme cold weather of the last month has effectually closed Northumberland Strait between Richibucto Cape and the West Cape of Prince Edward Island. It is a rare occurrence to have that passage frozen so early in the season. The Strait is sometimes filled with drift ice, which moves with every change of wind, but is seldom permanent. This winter, however, the ice-bridge appears to be complete. Residents at the Cape think there would be very little difficulty in making the passage to the Island on foot; but this is a feat that will hardly be attempted, for the distance is great (eighteen miles) and there is no inducement to justify the risk.

Chatham Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held Monday evening.

Ald. Snowball, McIntosh and Morris were absent.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Ald. Hocken reported from board of works that the committee would not recommend the renting of the engine house to Mr. Burns on account of there being no other place to store water cart, etc.

Adopted.

Ald. MacLachlan of Finance Committee reported as follows:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that a tentative proposition, in respect to the settlement of the pulp property taxes, was agreed to at a meeting of committee of the whole held at the close of the last special meeting of this council, Jan. 15th. This had for its basis the valuation of the property in question at $100,000 for assessment purposes, both for town and parish. The parish representatives and assessors, with consent and advice of the Secretary-Treasurer, agreed to so correct the assessment for 1903, and the Bank of Montreal paid over the sum of four thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars in settlement of town and parish taxes to date.

As directed at the last council meeting, your committee purchased four of the town's unsold water debentures of $500 each for the sinking fund, and has had them duly stamped and deposited as the property of the sinking fund, and the money therefor has been placed to the credit of the Bond Account. As the balance in the sinking fund, with accrued interest deposite, is now sufficient to buy another town unsold water debenture of $500, your committee would recommend that this be done, and the debenture marked and deposited in the usual manner. This will leave only $1,000 of the bond issue yet to be sold.

Adopted.

Ald. Watt submitted the Water and Light bills for month, which were ordered paid.

Ald. Watt read police bills for January and they were ordered paid.

Ald. Hocken reported "no bills" in the fire department for January.

Ald. Watt read the following Scott Act report for the month.

John McKinnon,	fine and costs	$53
Thos. Flanagan,	"	53
P. Archer,	"	53
G. Morris,	"	53
R. Flanagan,	"	53
Art. Martin,	"	53
Earl Freaker, dismissed		
		$318

Ald. Maher moved that tenders be asked for 200 copies of town accounts in pamphlet form.

Carried.

Ald. Watt moved the following:

Resolved that this council is anxious to assist by every means in its power, in promoting the sale of the pulp mill property, with a view to the speedy resumption of the manufacture of pulp in this fine mill, feeling as we do that such resumption is necessary to the welfare of our town;

Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this Council, the pulp mill property in the town should not be valued for assessment purposes at a larger valuation than $75,000.

Ald. Watt felt that the town would do better than this if any company purchasing the mill would also operate a paper mill in connection with it.

Ald. Maher expressed his willingness to assist in promoting the sale of the mill.

Ald. MacLachlan had always favored granting low assessments rather than total exemption, and he would have pleasure in supporting the resolution.

Ald. Gallivan, although in favor of doing anything that would tend to have the industry started, did not see any advantage in passing such a resolution.

Ald. Hocken doubted that the resolution would help sell the mill. Such a thing should come from some other source than through ald. Watt. He had heard one of the aldermen say that there were two or three parties just climbing over each other to buy the mill, and he thought that any company wanting inducements should address the Council and ask for them.

Ald. Watt was glad that ald. Hocken had so expressed himself. The parties who will probably buy the mill are strangers, and it is proper that some interest in the matter should be taken by the Council, so as to convey the fact that the Council does not favor assessing the mill at any such fancy figures as $240,000 or $150,000. He wanted it placed on record that the town would not treat the purchasers of the mill in any harsh manner. Knowing that the mill would not be assessed above $75,000 would certainly be an inducement to prospective purchasers.

Ald. Hocken said it was not long ago that the Council met in committee and informed a prospective purchaser that the assessment would not be over $75,000. The agent of the present owners could give such information. There was not much use in passing the resolution, as the matter rested with the ratepayers, and it might be that they would feel like giving total exemption.

Ald. Gallivan thought it queer that when the mill's taxes had just been settled on $100,000 basis, the Council should now want to place the valuation at $75,000. The matter looked too much as if the town was begging for someone to buy the mill. When a bona fide company is ready to buy and operate, the town and Council will use them right.

Ald. MacLachlan would vote for the resolution as the mill was to be sold on the 28th, and prospective purchasers would have something definite to work on. It was all very well to say that the town would use the purchaser right, but there was nothing definite in it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of ald. Maher, ald. McIntosh was given two months' leave of absence.

Ald. Maher moved that the auditor's salary be increased from $25 to $40 per annum, and that Mr. Salter be paid accordingly.

Ald. Gallivan said Mr. Salter had not asked for an increase, and he objected to aldermen making such recommendations.

Ald. Maher said the extra amount was paid last year and it should be paid this year.

Ald. Watt said the fact of Mr. Salter not asking for an increase showed that he was willing to do more work than he should for a small amount. The position of auditor was a very responsible one, and as the work had increased the salary should also be increased.

Motion carried, ald. Gallivan voting against it.

Ald. Gallivan thought it important that the ratepayers should know the assessors would be appointed at the regular meeting in March.

Adjourned.—Commercial.

Municipal Council.

[*Continued from last week*]

FRIDAY.

Council was called to order at 10 o'clock by Warden Schofield.

Coun Lewis asked Sec Treas if assessors of the parishes have right to assess on Dominion salaries.

Sec Treas—I think not.

On motion of Coun Doyle the account of Geo Stables, parish clerk, $17, passed as $12, as this is all the law allows.

On motion of Coun Doyle the accounts of district clerk, Alex Jessiman, $5 50, and Wm Irvine, chairman at election, $2, passed.

On motion of Coun Crocker the return of John Vanderbeck, highway com'r, Derby, passed.

On motion of Coun McColm the account of Nevil Whitney, parish clerk, Northesk, $6, passed; also recount of William Jones, chairman at election, $1 50.

On motion of Coun Perry the account of Wm A Melanson, parish clerk at Rogersville, $9, passed.

Coun Swim moved that the resolution passed at the previous session in reference to running of parish lines be withdrawn and the following resolution adopted in its place:

Resolved, That lines between the parishes of Blissfield, Blackville, Northesk and Southesk be run and that Mr Samuel Freeze or some other reliable Crown Land surveyor be employed to do the work, and that said lines be traced out before the next assessment is levied.

Carried.

On motion of Coun Crocker E P Williston was reelected auditor.

On motion of Coun Hurley the account of Miles Maroney, parish clerk of Blissfield, $6, passed.

On motion of Coun Swim the Blissfield parish and county officers were appointed.

Coun Sullivan asked if any auctioneers in the county had paid license.

Sec Treas—No. The auctioneers paid license in the towns.

Coun Crocker asked if it was necessary for all parish officers to be sworn in before they could act, and if Justices of the Peace are supposed to do this work free.

Sec Treasurer thought their appointment was sufficient, but they were liable to a fine if they did not qualify. He also thought that the J P was entitled to 20 cents for administering the oath.

Coun Sullivan thought that such J P, should keep on file at his office a list of such qualifications.

Coun Crocker presumed they did, as they had to give certificates of qualification. The law distinctly states that justices must send returns to Sec Treas.

Coun Sullivan—Does not the law say that every J P in the county must make returns to the Sec Treas of convictions, etc., and should they not make returns whether there are any convictions to report or not, so that the Council would know?

Sec Treas—The law so states, but very few make such returns.

Coun Parks said that he and his colleague could not agree on the list of parish officers for their parish. Last year Coun Hubbard was at the Council alone and made up the list to please himself. This year he (Coun Parks) wanted to make a change in the assessors and they could not agree. He moved that Everett Goodfellow be appointed assessor.

Coun Hubbard said that Jas Sheasgreen, the present assessor, satisfied the ratepayers. The former assessor it was thought showed a partiality and he was requested to appoint Mr. Sheasgreen. The only charge against Mr Sheasgreen is that he had taken $200 off his father's assessment and $150 off his brother's. These were receiving Dominion salaries and he understood they could not be assessed on them. He would ask that Mr. Jas Sheasgreen be reappointed.

Coun Parks said that the School District of the parish was dissatisfied with the assessor, and asked that another be appointed.

Coun Morrison asked if the Councillors for Southesk had agreed on two of the assessors.

Coun Parks said that he would agree to the list as it was last year if he would be allowed to choose one man.

Coun Hubbard said he would agree to choose one man and allow Coun Parks to choose one, and the Council appoint the third.

Arthur Burns and Robt M Johnston were the two thus agreed upon.

Coun Morrison asked if this was the only charge against Mr. Shaesgreen.

Coun Parks—Yes. The school district made the complaint and asked for a change. Did not know whether the two mentioned were assessed on income only or not.

Coun Connors said that at Chatham, and he thought Newcastle too, it was the practice to assess persons receiving Dominion salaries on a portion of their income, and it was just a matter of courtesy whether they paid it or not. The law would not compel them to pay.

Coun Anderson moved that the matter stand over until the afternoon session, and that the Councillors from Southesk endeavor to come to an agreement in the meantime. Carried.

Coun Doyle moved that a jail committee of three be appointed. Carried. The following were appointed — High Sheriff, Councillors Watt and Morrison.

Coun Flett thought that the Council should take some action in reference to passing resolutions on the late Sheriff Call and Coun Dolan of Nelson. All knew Sheriff Call and it would not be necessary to speak of his good points here, but they were not all so well acquainted with his late colleague, Mr Dolan. He was one of the progressive young men of Nelson, one who took an active part in all that pertained to the advancement and improvement of the community. For about twenty years he was a Government surveyor and for about twenty-five years he was in the employ of Messrs Geo Burchill & Sons and in all that time he had never made an enemy and that firm speak of him most highly. For two years he sat at this Council board and proved himself a man of sound judgment, ever alert to do his duty to his parish. He moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare such resolutions.

Coun Morrison in seconding the motion, said he agreed with Coun Flett. In the late Sheriff's dealings with the Council he had only one characteristic and that was his endeavor to do his duty with justice to himself and to this county. With reference to Coun Dolan, those of the present Council who knew him, knew him as a progressive, clear headed business man who was ever striving to advance the interests of his constituents.

Couns Flett, Morrison and Swim were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions.

On motion of Coun Flett the parish officers for Nelson were appointed, and the accounts of Thos. Lynch, parish clerk, Nelson, $10, and Wm McKinley, district clerk, $7 50, passed.

On motion of Coun Hurley the following resolution passed:

Whereas the Com'r of Roads for Dist No 5, Blissfield, has failed to make any return for the past year; Resolved, That he be ordered to make return to Sec Treasurer forthwith.

On motion of Coun Connors the account of T M Gaynor, town clerk, Chatham, $12 50, passed.

On motion of Coun McColm a list of parish officers for Northesk passed.

On motion of Couns Hayes a list of Blackville parish officers passed.

On motion of Coun Doyle the following Public Wharf committee was appointed—Jas A Rundle, E Hickey and J H Phinney.

On motion of Coun McNaughton, the following section was added to Bye-law No 18, Relating to Booms:

That the Boom Master of the Black River Boom shall be entitled to five cents per thousand superficial feet of logs securely boomed, and it shall be the duty of the Boom Master to have the Boom opened for rafting not later than the eighth day of June on five days' notice given to operators, and that said boom be moved on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

Coun Perry moved the following resolution:—Resolved that Ephriam LeBlanc, com'r roads for Division No 2, and Marcil Richard, com'r roads Dist No 2, Rogersville, make their returns for 1902 to the Sec Treas forthwith. Carried.

Coun Doyle that $100 be assessed for Scott Act purposes.

Coun Sullivan said he understood that there was a sufficient amount on hand for this year. He thought if there was enough on hand that no assessment should be made

Coun Lewis moved as an amendment that this matter stand over until the Scott Act accounts were passed.

Coun Doyle said it was not right to leave all the business over until the afternoon session. As a member of the County Accounts committee he could inform the Council that there was a little over $700 on hand. He wished to have as much business put through in the morning as possible.

The matter was allowed to stand over and Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

[*Continued next week.*]

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Notice is hereby given that Martin Fox has been appointed guardian of the limits formerly held by The Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co. (limited), and that trespassers on same will be prosecuted.

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FOR CHATHAM (read down) Freight	Express		FOR FREDERICTON (read up) Express	Freight
6 40 a m	4 00 p m	Fredericton	2 20	5 23
6 50	4 03	Gibson	2 17	5 20
7 20	4 15	Marysville	2 05	5 05
8 40	5 27	Cross Creek	12 40 p m	2 50
10 15	6 25	Boiestown	11 25	1 20
11 30 a m	7 10 ar / 7 25 lv	Doaktown	10 30	12 05 pm
1 20	8 25	Blackville	9 25	10 20
2 30	9 20 ar / 9 25 lv	Chatham Jct	8 25 lv / 8 00 ar	8 50 / 8 10
3 00	9 45	Nelson	7 40	7 50
3 20	10 05	Chatham	7 20	7 30
4 00 ar	10 20	Loggieville	7 00 a m	7 05 a m

Connecting with I. C. R.

GOING NORTH.

	Maritime Express.	Day Express
lv. Chatham,	10 55 p. m	12.40 p.m,
Nelson	10.55 "	12.55 "
Ar. Chatham Junc.	11.15 a m	1.40 "
Lv. " "	11.30 "	1.30 "
Nelson	11.50 "	1 50 "
Ar. Chatham.	12 10 "	2 10 "

GOING SOUTH.

	Maritime Express.	Day Express
Chatham,	7 00 a. m.	10.20 a. m.
Nelson	7.20 "	10.40 "
Ar. Chatham Junction	7.40 "	11.00 "
Lv. " "	8.30 "	11.50 "
Nelson	8. 0 "	12.10 p. m,
Ar. Chatham	9.10 "	12.20 "

The above Table is made up on Atlantic standard time.

The trains between Chatham and Fredericton will also stop when signalled at the following flag Stations— Derby Siding, Upper Nelson Boom, Chelmsford, Grey Rapids, Upper Blackville, Blissfield Carroll's, McNamee's, Ludlow, Astle Crossing, Clearwater, Portage Road, Forbes' Siding, Upper Cross Creek, Covered Bridge, Zionville, Durham, Nashwaak, Manzer's Siding, Penniac.

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Separate sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tender for Shed for Wrecking Crane" or "Tender for Car Repair Shop" as the case may be, will be received up to and including

MONDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1904,

for the construction of a Shed for Wrecking Crane and a building for Car Repair Shop at Stellarton, N. S.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Station Master's office at Stellarton, N. S., and at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specifications must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER,
Railway Office, General Manager.
Moncton, N. B.
January 20th, 1904.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday the 26th February, 1904—for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week each way, between CHATHAM and TRACADIE from the 1st March next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Chatham, Tracadie and intermediate points and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector at St. John.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Superintendent.

Post Office Department,
Mail Contract Branch
Ottawa, 11th January, 1904.

Publisher's Notice.

The publisher desires to urge upon the notice of all who wish to contribute matter of any kind to the ADVANCE's columns—whether it be advertising, news or notices of meetings, etc.—that the paper goes to press on Wednesday afternoons and, to ensure publication, their favors should be in the office not later than Wednesday morning.

The printing of the paper is frequently delayed by persons who hold back accounts of meetings, announcements of entertainments, etc., which they might easily send in days before that on which we go to press, but they seem to consult only their own convenience and often place them in our hands on Wednesday after the paper is made ready for press, and seem to think it a hardship because they do not appear; and, in most cases of this kind, the contributions are really free list advertisements. We want to help every deserving organization in the community, freely, in every legitimate way, but must expect them not to delay the publication of the paper when they wish to make use of our columns. Send your matter for the ADVANCE along on Monday or Tuesday, but don't hold it back until Wednesday if you can possibly avoid doing so.

DENTAL NOTICE:—Dr. Vaughan's office will be closed on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., owing to his duties as dental surgeon to the Hotel Dieu requiring his presence at that institution.

PASSED:—Mr. Donald Buckley, of Mr. C. P. Hickey's drug store, Chatham, passed his preliminary examination before the N. B. Pharmaceutical Board at St. John on Thursday last. There were nine up for this examination, only four of whom passed. There were four or five up for the final exam., but all failed; Mr. Buckley was, of course, not amongst these latter.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary $1024 a year and expenses, payable $19 70 a week in cash and expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

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A FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL was held on Saturday evening in the Campbellton Curling rink, the ice of which is about as large as that in the Chatham Exhibition building, while the rink itself is one of the largest and best in the Province. There were about 150 masqueraders on the ice. The characters were varied, and many of them original, and the whole affair a pleasant one. The management was good and the music by the Campbellton band all that could be desired.

THE LEADING BUSINESS COLLEGE in the Maritime Provinces—that of Messrs. S. Kerr & Son, St. John—had the best year in 1903 of the thirty-six it has been in operation, and it is, this year, keeping up its record of increase. The reason why it is preferred by students is because its being long-established is a guarantee of its efficiency, while its reputation for enterprise in availing itself of the best known methods, in order to impart them to its patrons and keep them fully up to the times, has won public confidence. The success of its graduates in finding good positions always open to them is also evidence of the good opinion business men have of it.

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Personal.

Friday's Moncton Times says:—Mrs. Wm. Johnstone and Mrs. R. Murray, of Chatham, are visiting in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schwartz.

These ladies have now returned home.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie and R. A. Lawlor, Esq., K. C., have returned from a business trip to New York.

R. A. Lawlor, Esq. and Messrs. R. A. Snowball and S. D. Heckbert go to St. John to day on business connected with the Miramichi Exhibition Association.

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Farmers' and Dairymen's Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick will this year be held at Fredericton on 22nd, 23rd and 24th March. Among the speakers will be His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. L. P. Farris, F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, W. S. Spark, Canterbury, England, W. A. Mackinnon, Chief Fruit Division, Ottawa, R. Robertson, Supt. Maritime Farm, Geo. H. Clark, Chief Seed Division, Ottawa, and other prominent agriculturists. There will be the usual reduced rates on the Railways. Programmes and all information may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Thos. A. Peters, Fredericton, N. B.

The Judge and his Snow Plough.

The writer was a witness at Dorchester on Monday last to what city people would be inclined to regard as a most unusual incident. There had been a great snow storm the day before, and those who were out early on Monday were able to notice a large man, enveloped in fur clothing, and driving a team of horses, attached to a home made snowplow with a small packing case as a seat. He broke the roads in all directions and then ploughed out the snow from the entrances of the different churches and school buildings—the whole work occupying some hours. The writer learned that that was no unusual work for the teamster, who was no other than His Honor Mr. Justice Hanington of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. Is it any wonder that he is so near to the hearts of the people of Dorchester?—New Freeman.

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Ontario Highlands Hunting

10,000 DEER AND 100 MOOSE KILLED.

In conversation with an official of the Grand Trunk Railway system, he stated that the deer and moose hunting season in the Province of Ontario for November last, was even better than previous years, as returns from the express companies and other channels demonstrate. The Canadian Express Company carried a total of 2 959 deer with a total weight of 309,101 lbs. This number shows an increase of 682 carcasses over last year. These figures, of course, do not give any idea of the total number of animals killed, as the major portion of them are carried by other conveyances, and many of the hunters bring home the heads only, as trophies. It is estimated that about 10,000 deer and 100 moose were killed during the fifteen days open season in the "Highlands of Ontario." It has been noticeable this year, that a great many more sportsmen from the United States have gone up into the hunting regions and all having met with good sport. The partridge and duck shooting has been very good throughout the "Highlands," but quail has been more scarce than in past years.

GRAND CARNIVAL

At Chatham Skating Rink, Thursday, Feb. 4th.

Handsome prizes will be given for the following events:

Best Lady's costume.
Best gentleman's do.
Best girl's do.
Best boy's do.

Admission: Adults, 25c; Children, 15 cents.

Season ticket holders in costume will be admitted free.

There will be a band in attendance.

Any person, whether in costume or not, will be allowed to skate after 9.15 p. m.

The prizes will be on exhibition at Heckbert's in a few days.

Mrs. Ritchie's Funeral

The funeral of Mrs. Allan Ritchie, whose death at Montreal was announced by the ADVANCE last week, took place on Friday afternoon from her late residence, the remains having been brought home by Hon. Mr. Ritchie for interment. There was a short service at the house, which was conducted by Rev T. H. Cuthbert, Rector of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, after which the funeral procession followed the remains to St. Paul's church, upper Chatham. Here, they were met at the gate by Ven. Archdeacon Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, reciting the opening sentences of the office for the burial of the dead. The service proceeded as the casket rested in the accustomed place, Rev. Mr. Cuthbert assisting the Rector and St. Paul's choir assisted by members of St. Andrew's choir, Newcastle, chanting the 39th Psalm, and also singing the hymns—"The Saints on earth in concert sing" and "Abide with Me," led by organist Geo. Burchill, jr. The service was concluded at the grave in the lot where the remains of the little daughter of deceased and of other members of the family are at rest. Messrs. J. B., M. S. and P. H. C. Benson, Robert Ritchie, W. A. Park and Osborne Nicholson acted as pall bearers. The funeral procession was a very long one, denoting the respect in which Mrs. Ritchie was held and the general sympathy felt for the bereaved husband and family.

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Well known and the next best thing is to know a reliable cure. Mrs. W. Eddies of Stony Mountain, Man., says: "D. Hamilton's Pills are just the thing. They go to work at once. I use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills." Price 25c. per box.

The Menu vs. Kisses.

Mrs. Edward A. Bigelow, member of the Social Economics Club, of Chicago, who has opined that the secret of a happy home lies in "feeding the brute," by which is meant the husband, seems to have heard the applause that her prescription provoked for she has proceeded to elaborate her theory.

"A man would rather have a well-turned lamb chop than a kiss any day," Mrs. Bigelow affirms. "The modern wife pays too much attention to Shakespeare and Browning; too little to the cook book. In laying out the scheme of domestic happiness it does not do to wander far away from the original proposition, 'Feed the brute, and forgive him.'

"I learned how highly men value their daily fare before I was married. My good old grandmother impressed that upon my mind when I was yet a girl, by telling me the story of a young wife of her acquaintance. The poor little thing attempted to follow all the ideals of married life. She loaded the tables with flowers, bestowed kisses plentifully, and was altogether bright and sunny. She served her husband with every fancy dish her art could conjure up, and if ever a palate was sugar-coated, his was.

"As the days went by her husband became less and less appreciative, until there were evidences of absolute revolt. The poor little wife came to my grandmother, weeping her eyes out. 'Feed the brute strong meat, and when he wants a kiss let him come after it,' was the advice of the elder woman. It was followed by the younger and it worked like a charm.

"It is a law of nature," said Mrs. Bigelow today, "and it is still in force."

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MERCHANTS INVEST IN MYTHICAL COLLECTING AGENCY.

About the end of December, a middle aged man, signing himself E J. Collins, and representing the S. V. Collins' collecting Agency," Toronto, called on city firms and induced about 60 merchants to join the Agency.

An entrance fee of $5 was charged and the firm was furnished with a form to be sent to the delinquent debtors which read something like this:

"In looking over.....books..... that.....have an overdue.....against you amounting to $.....for..... As.....have a chance to sell this to the O. E. Collins, Collecting Agency, Toronto, and do not wish to do so, please call or remit and settle on or before the.....or.....shall be obliged to sell."

This the firm would fill in, sign and send to the delinquent.

If the account was not settled at a stated date, the bill was to be sent to the Collins agency, which concern agreed to buy the debt outright.

One firm who subscribed wrote to the agency in Toronto, asking for printed list on which to send a statement of delinquent accounts which the system might fail to collect. The letter came back unopened and marked by the postal authorities, "No such firm in Toronto."

A second letter was sent with the same result, and now the merchants are guessing. Previously it is said that the gentleman calling himself Collins had visited Campbellton, Newcastle and Moncton, when the same game was successfully worked.—St. John Gazette.

Mr. Carling Kelly Loses.

The London Canadian Gazette says:—

"Mr. Justice Grantham and a special jury have had before them the case of Bradshaw vs. J. Carling Kelly, which was an action brought by a Liverpool stockbroker to recover £1,000 upon a bill of exchange, of which defendant, a Canadian, and a company promoter and financier, was the alleged acceptor. Mr. Kelly, it seems, came from Canada with the object of promoting the Sapphire Corundum Mine, and he, in conjunction with Mr. Hooley and a Mr. Lambert became the promoters of the Sapphire Corundum Company. The defence to the present action was that the bill was got from defendant by the fraud of Mr. Hooley, and that he gave notice of that fraud before the plaintiff became the drawer of the bill. This was a retrial of the action in consequence of defendant having sworn on the first trial that on March 1 he gave notice that the bill was obtained by fraud, and it was found by looking at the almanac, that March 1 fell on Sunday, and therefore the interview could not have taken place on that day. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, and his lordship entered judgment accordingly, with costs. This reverses the decision arrived at when the case was previously tried before Mr. Justice Darling."

Sports in Chatham.

Last Thursday was a gala day at the Exhibition Association's building, Chatham, which, as our readers know, is being devoted to skating and Hockey. On Thursday, however, there was a new attraction in the way of a curling match between three rinks a side, representing the Chatham and Fredericton clubs. With its usual sense of fair play the Chatham club determined to meet its Fredericton friends on new and neutral ice, and it thus came about that curling was, for the first time, played in the exhibition building. One of the best of Chatham's players, with three of the strong men of the local club had No 1 ice, but their Fredericton opponents rolled up a count of fifteen before they got anything on their side of the score board, and they ended with only five to their credit, while their opponents counted twenty two. On No 2 ice the conditions were almost reversed, Fredericton scoring only seven to Chatham's twenty-one, while the contest was about even on No 3 ice. Following is a list of the players and the results, by rinks:

FREDERICTON.	CHATHAM.
John Palmer,	Alex Burr,
R S Barker,	Geo Watt,
F P Hatt,	Wm MacLachlan,
Jas H Hawthorne, sk 22	Jas McIntosh, sk 5
C J B Simmons,	Fred Maher,
Geo Ferguson,	Chas Ruddock,
S D W Simmons,	H McKendy,
H C Rutter, sk 14	Geo Hildebrand, sk 13
D W Burpee,	Jas McNaughton,
Fred Peters,	Wm Johnston,
A E Massie,	Edwd Johnson,
Jas Tibbitts, sk 7	S D Heckbert, sk 21.

In the evening, the visiting curlers were entertained by the Chatham Club at the Riverview Hotel, where host Archer put up the following menu:—

SOUPS.
Tomato Soup. Oxtail Soup.
FISH.
Boiled Salmon, Butter Sauce, Egg Sauce.
FOWL
Roast Goose, Apple Sauce. Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
MEAT.
Roast Beef, Worcestershire Sauce.
VEGETABLES.
Potatoes, Turnips, Carrots, Parsnips,
SCALLOPS.
Tomato Scallop. Corn Scallop.
DESSERT.
Snow Pudding, Vanilla Sauce. Lemon Sponge, Cream Sauce. Lemon, Mince and Gooseberry Pie, Lemon, Strawberry, Pineapple and Vanilla Jelly.
FRUIT.
Oranges, Apples, Grapes.
Tea, Coffee and Cocoa.

The chair was occupied by President G. Watt of the Chatham Club and the vice chairs by Messers. R. Murray, K. C., Geo. Hildebrand and S. D. Heckbert and there was the usual round of toasts, speeches and songs.

Moncton and Chatham's Hockey teams put up a most attractive and vigorous game on Thursday evening, the visiting team receiving fifty per cent. of the receipts, which amounted in all to about fifty dollars, net. The ice was in splendid condition. Considering the fact that the Chatham men had played but very little together before the match, they did very effective work. The play of the junior members of the team—Crombie, Watters and Morrison—was particularly admired. Snowball was a tower of strength to the home team and the subscribers Perry was always on hand when wanted, while the other seniors left little to be desired in their play. If these players continue in practice and learn a few combination wrinkles they will be hard to beat. The men in play on Thursday evening were as follows:

CHATHAM.		MONCTON.
Wm Ahearn	goal	Lee Wortman
R A Snowball	point	Tab Donald
G Perry	cover point	Toby Logan
R Crombie	rover	R W Wortman
G Burnett	left wing	H Smith
S Watters	centre	Roy Campbell
H Morrison	right wing	J Steeves

Mr. Richard Tibbits referred the game and D. G. Gould was goal judge for Moncton and F. P. Hatt for Chatham. The score was Chatham 6, Mono on 4.

The Chatham men entertained those of Moncton at Mr. Geo. Thompson's restaurant after the game.

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The Breeding of Grain.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Commissioner's Branch,
Ottawa, Jan. 14, 1904.

Good work has been done along various lines by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and by some of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture in Canada with a view to encourage the use of high class seed of the best varieties, but there is yet room for a considerable increase in the average yield of common field crops by the use of better seed grain.

The object of forming associations of seed growers may not be perfectly clear to all. The idea may be new in Canada, but there are associations of seed growers in other countries, such as the Illinois Seed Corn Growers' Association, that are doing good work. The benefits derived from associations of breeders of live stock are pretty well understood. The advantages to be derived from organized efforts on the part of seed growers are not dissimilar to those which breeders of pure bred live stock obtain through their associations, and the general operations of an organization of seed growers are similar to those of live stock associations.

Associations of breeders of pure bred stock fix a standard which must be attained before animals will be recognized as pure bred. In fixing standards of excellence for pedigreed animals the principles which underlie improvement are recognized. The same principles that are applied in the improvement of animals are also applied in the improvement of varieties of farm crops. Heredity is the lever by which improvements are made and on which breeders of either plants or animals depend to fix desirable characteristics; but the law that like begets like must be taken in its broad sense, because it would not be possible to make improvement if it were not for the tendency toward variation. Heredity and the tendency toward variation can be turned to account in the improvement of plants equally as well as in the improvement of animals, but unfortunately few farmers make any attempt to systematically apply these principles to the improvement of plants. Through heredity and variation improved varieties of field crops tend to revert to the wild types from which they evolved; but when these improved sorts are provided with the environment best suited to their growth, and the continued selection of the most desirable specimens practised, this natural tendency toward reversion is overcome.

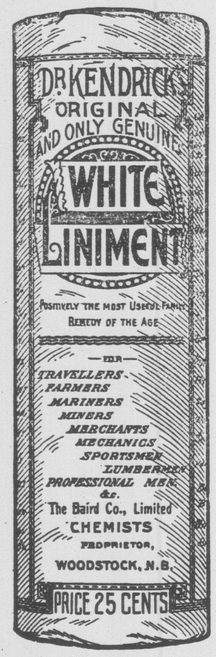
Though it is highly important that the variety of grain be well suited to the locality where it is to be grown, too much faith has been pinned to the names of varieties without due attention to the quality of the seed itself. It is not always recognized that there may be as much difference between two strains of seed of the same variety of grain as there is between two distinct varieties, so far as capacity of the seed to give a large yield of grain of good quality is concerned. It is therefore important to use seed of the best variety that has had kindly treatment and continued selection for several years. In the production of good paying crops the cost of the seed is small but the influence of the seed is great. Plumpness and freedom from impurities is not sufficient proof that seed grain is capable of giving a good crop. Breeders of poultry do not pay much attention to the size of eggs for incubations; they want, first of all, to know something about the good qualities that the germ in the egg has inherited from the parents, and not only from the parents but from the majority of the ancestors. It is equally important that seed be taken from a crop in which the individual plants have had an opportunity to attain a maximum vigor and yield per plant, and it is just as important to have definite information about the crops and how the work of selection was carried on for several preceding years as it is to have a knowledge of the ancestors of breeding animals. In consideration of these principles which underlie improvement in common grain crops, and in view of the limited supply and growing demand for high class seed grain, an effort is being made by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa to form an association that will operate for the mutual benefit of seed producers and seed consumers.

According to the provisional rules of the association, seed grain that is pure, true to variety, and that had the benefit of a system of careful growing and continued selection for three consecutive years, is recognized as improved seed. The operations of members are closely inspected and records are kept of the amount and pedigree of the seed they produce. It is proposed to issue a catalogue for general distribution each year in which names and addresses of members will be given, together with the kinds and varieties of seed produced by them, the pedigree of the seed, the amount of seed for sale, and the price per bushel. It is also proposed to supply members with certificate forms, having printed thereon the rules with which members are required to comply in the production of seed. Purchasers of pedigreed seed may obtain one of these certificates with seed bought from a member: the signature of the member would be a guarantee that the seed supplied had been produced in accordance with the rules. The purchaser would then have an opportunity to verify the pedigree of the seed by having it registered.

W. A. CLEMONS,
Publication Clerk.

DIED.

At Montreal on Monday 25th January, ult., Susan E Hacken, wife of Hon. Allan Ritchie, and second daughter of the late Richard Hucken of Chatham.



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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two and made between the said Elphlet P. Allen and Janet Allen his wife of the first part; and me, the undersigned Herbert B. McDonald of the Town of Chatham in the County aforesaid Accountant, of the second part; and registered in Northumberland County Records on the fifth day of December A.D 1902 in volume 79 of said Records, pages 518, 519 and 521, and is numbered 307 in said Volume; there will, for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture, default having been made in the payment thereof contrary to the provisions of the said Indenture; be sold at Public Auction, in front of the Post Office in the said Town of Chatham on Thursday the Fifth day of May next at the hour of Twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows: "All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises on which the said Elphlet P. Allen now at present resides, situate in the Parish of Glenelg aforesaid and known as Lot Number Two, containing one hundred acres more or less, and which said Lot is abutted and bounded as follows, to wit: On the east by lands owned and occupied by Alexander McKenzie; on the west by lands owned and occupied by Mary Anderson; on the south by the Little Branch of the Black River; and on the north by lands owned by the Heirs of the late Roderick Robinson; the same being the lands and premises that were sold and conveyed to the said Elphlet P. Allen by Mary Anderson, by deed bearing date the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two as by reference thereto and the registration thereof will more fully and at length appear, which said Deed is duly recorded in the County Records for the County of Northumberland in Volume 79 of said Records, pages 513 and 514 and is numbered 304 in said Volume.

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From the Recorder, Brockville, Ont.

Rev. R. Hackett, general agent of the African Methodist Church in Canada, spent several days in Brockville recently in the interest of the church work. Talking with a reporter he said he always liked to visit Brockville, because he found so many of its citizens in hearty sympathy with the church work he represents. "And besides, said Mr. Hatchett, I have what may be called a sentimental reason for liking Brockville. It is the home of a medicine that has done me much good and has done much good to other members of my family. I refer to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." "Would you mind," asked the reporter, "giving your experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" "Not at all," said Mr. Hatchett. "I always say a good word for this medicine whenever the opportunity offers. I know some people object to speaking in public about medicines they use, but I think this is a narrow view to take. When one finds something really good and really helpful in relieving human ills, it seems to me it is a duty we owe other sufferers to put them in way of obtaining new health. You can say from me therefor that I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a very superior medicine—I know of no other so good. My work, as you may judge, is by no means light, I have to travel a great deal in the interest of our church work, and it is no wonder that often I find myself much run down, and afflicted almost with a general prostration. It is on occasions of this kind that I resort to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I can say in all sincerity that they have never failed me. The pills have also been used in my family, and among my friends, and the results have always been satisfactory. You may just say from me that I think those who are afflicted with any of the ills for which this medicine is recommended will make no mistake in giving Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial."

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INDUSTRY'S SPUR.

Political economists have told us that self-interest is the main-spring of industry. It is not true. Love is the mainspring of industry. It is love for home and the wife and children that keeps all the busy wheels of industry revolving, that calls the factory hands early to the mill, that nerves the arm of the blacksmith working at his forge, that inspires the farmer at his plough and the merchant at his desk, that gives courage to the soldier and patience to the teacher. Erskine was asked how he dared, as an unknown barrister, face a hostile Court and insists on his right to be heard. "I felt my children," he replied, "tugging at my robe, and saying, 'Here is your chance, father, to get us bread.'" It is this vision of the children and others dependent on us that inspires us all in the battle of life.

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This remarkable tree is a native of Natal and other parts of South Africa. Its odd name was given to it because men cannot saw it without sneezing violently. The dust of its wood has just the same effect as the strongest snuff, and is so irritating to the nose that workmen are obliged to sneeze even when they are planing it. If a piece of the wood of this tree is put in the mouth, it is found to have a very bitter taste, and no doubt it is this bitterness which prevents insects of any kind from attacking the timber of the sneeze-wood tree. The fact that insects find it so disagreeable makes its wood very valuable for work that is required to last a long time.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

The fur-bearing animals are more persistently hunted than any other, since many people depend for a living on their capture. When it is shown that in one year there are brought to the market the fur of 180,000 pine-martens, 400,000 stone martens, 800,000 polecats, 400,000 ermines, 160,000 minx, 55,000 otters, and from America alone 150,000 beavers and 100,000 chinchillas, it will be seen that their extermination is a question of a short time. The sea-otter is now to be found only in the Northern Pacific, on the northern coast of California, and thence along the coast of America and of Asia. To-day fewer than 2,000 sea-otter furs are sent to the

Greed For Gold

Or, The Sign of the Arrow

CHAPER XL.

"Burton," said Deane, as they were seated at breakfast next morning, "I am going to London by the express, and I shall have a day in town. It would be a trifle dull for you, the investigation I have on hand. The river runs close here, and the fishing is good—I sampled it some two or three years ago; amuse yourself with a rod till I return, will you?"

When Deane reached Waterloo, he took a cab to Gray's Inn Square. He entered the office of a firm of solicitors there, and, sending in his card, was at once accorded an interview with one of the principals. That interview lasted about five minutes, and, coming out, his waiting cab took him to Finsbury Pavement, to the office of a money-lender there

"Isaacs," he said to the proprietor, "I went out of my way to render you a service once. I don't agree with the judges of the High Courts that because you are a money-lender you should be altogether denied common justice. On that particular occasion I saw you got it. You then said you hankered after an opportunity of repaying me."

"Jumpin' Moses, Mr. Deane! I'd do anything in the world for you! You saved me nearly five 'undered quid. Do you want anything to that amount now—on a slip of paper without sureties even?"

"No," replied Deane laughingly; "I did not know your gratitude could take so material a form. No, I do not want to borrow anything; I want some information which you can give, or gain for me."

"Anything in the——"

"You are a subscriber to Perry's Inquiry Office, aren't you—loan office section? I want a list of the loans a certain person has obtained. Will you get it for me?"

"With pleasure."

"There's the name and address, then," said Deane, as he pencilled it on paper. "I will come back for the report in an hour if that will suit you."

"I'll send a clerk at one, Mister Deane; always glad to 'blige you."

Deane's cab took him to Guy's Hospital, and he had a long interview with the nearly convalescent Lucy. She told him all she knew: of the conversation she had listened to; of the attempted murder of the gipsy; how she had caught the last train up because it was late; of her seeing the Frenchman get out of the train at Waterloo, and Ashley's being on the platform with his bicycle to catch the midnight train home.

That interview finished, back to Finsbury Pavement and the money-lender's office.

"A fick un this, Mr. Deane. Up to the neck in loans," And the Jew handed over the Inquiry Office report.

It may not be general knowledge, but Deane knew, that when a man applies to a loan office for an advance, he is "put through"—that is to say, an inquiry is made. That particular inquiry is registered, and the next time the would-be borrower makes application to any loan office, that registered information stands against him when he is again inquired about. It is a marvellous system.

Deane cast his eyes down the long list of applications to loan offices made during the preceding twelve months by the person he had inquired about, thanked Isaacs for the service he had rendered, and the cab carried him to Waterloo again. There he discharged it, and sought out the superintendent of the line. His card secured him an interview, and books were fetched, reports looked into, and time-sheets gone over, and in fact all the information he needed given him; for Deane was well known to the company's officers He had rendered certain valuable services which placed them under a deep obligation to him.

"Give me a line to the Grayne-wood station-master, will you?" he said, "directing him to let me see the working of the signal-box at that station."

"Certainly."

It was done, and, armed with that letter, Deane journeyed to Granyne-wood. Production of the letter from headquarters ensured all the attention he required. In the signal-box he inquired into the working of the home and distant signals, and examined the time-book kept there. Then he departed, leaving the signal-man and station-master wondering what could be the object of his inquiries.

Deane did not go to the hotel, but kept along the main road which ran close to the line. Ont of sight, and at some distance from the station, he leaped the separating fence, and got into the six-foot way.

He walked along till he reached the one-armed distance signal close to the garden of Grayne Hall, and here he examined things very closely. With his magnifying glass he went to work on the earth beside the signal, and carefully examined the hedge over which he could look into the garden of the Hall.

The soft, clay soil of the bank under the hedge showed the marks of boots, and, as they led up the bank in the direction of the Hall gardens, they were sufficiently interesting to Deane to make him desire a cast of them; being sheltered, the recent light rains had not affected their clearness.

Deane had come prepared. From one pocket he drew a flask of water, and from another a packet of powder; these he mixed in a folding rubber bowl, and carefully poured into one of them indentations made by a boot. He left it to harden whilst he continued his investigations.

Two pieces of rope two or three yards long gave him food for thought. It had always been an axiom of his that little things were infinitely the most important. He stood with the pieces of rope in his hand some minutes; then further away he saw another piece. Picking its end up, he found it to be much longer—many yards. He did not pull it, but followed its course. A gleam of triumph came into his eyes as he saw to what it was attached.

Up the iron step-ladder he climbed till he reached the semaphore and colored glasses worked by the lever from the station signal box. He examined that carefully, and what he saw satisfied him, for the gleam came into his eyes again.

By the time he had descended, his plaster cast had set. Wrapping it catefully in paper, he put it in his pocket, and, coiling the rope and things he had found attached to it into a compact mass he journeyed back along the line.

Regaining the road, and with his light coat over his arm—what he had found, beneath it—Deane entered the hotel and his own room unnoticed. He pulled the pillows and bolster from their proper positions on the bed and sat, his own particular way, in and amidst them, bringing into play that brilliant, incisive reasoning power which had enabled him to solve so many curious problems.

He sat there hour after hour, dead to the world, the only movement he made being the refilling and lighting of his pipe and an occasional upward glance at the rings of smoke which issued from its bowl; and even the pipe went unattended to at last, so deep was the train of thought upon which he had embarked.

"There you are, Deane," said Burton, as he entered his friend's room. "I wondered what on earth had become of you! Dinner is just on the point of being served."

Deane rose instantly, and accompanied his friend to the room below. On the sideboard was a bunch of bananas. Deane seized it, tore one off, and, hurriedly peeling it, started eating it as if famished.

"You will spoil your dinner," said his friend; "you are commencing at the wrong end of it. Are you so hungry?"

"Haven't tasted food since breakfast, forgotten it, in fact,"

"You have been absorbed, then. A clue? Have you found the guilty one?"

"Yes."

"Arrested?"

"No."

"When?"

"After to-morrow's examination before the Graynewood magistrates. I must let things go to that length.

"There is, pardon me, no doubt?"

"Absolutely none."

"I congratulate you; but you must be tired of hearing me say that. It is a satisfaction to know that the real murderer will hang for the crime."

"I doubt if that will happen."

"You surprise me! And yet you said there was no doubt?"

"There is none—there will be none. You shall hear the murderer confess in this very room to-morrow night. What sport did you have? Were the fish biting? I remember once, when I was fishing——"

And Deane started off on a piscatorial anecdote. The other saw that the subject of the murder was done with for that night: he knew Deane's moods. Once he buried a subject no living conversationalist had power to exhume it.

CHAPTER XLI.

"There's a remarkable instance of police intelligence," said Deane as he sat at breakfast next morning, "I've read in the Telegraph. A man found insensible in the streets is taken to a cell as a 'drunk,' kept there all night, and in the morning it is discovered that he has been drugged and robbed of securities he had about him to the extent of £5,000."

"Certainly a hard thing," replied Burton, "because the thieves have had so long a time in which to cover their traces. At the same time, I do not quite see how it is to be avoided. You cannot expect that an expert in drugs is to be appointed to every little police station, or that the active and intelligent twenty-two-shilling-a-week constable is to be selected for his brain power."

"Yet you think I am signing for Utopia?"

"I think anything which entailed greater outlay in the crime department of the country's administration would raise a storm in the Commons?"

"A House which sees as far as its nose only—if houses have noses. However, to our muttons. The examination before the magistrates is at eleven o'clock; they are sitting earlier to-day. You will go?"

"Oh yes, I am interested; I shall go with you."

"No, my dear Burton, you will go alone. You are interested, I am not. Go by all means. There will be a little performance in this room this evening which will give you an insight into the methods of what Janson is good enough to call my 'fads' and 'theories.'"

"Here?"

"Yes. Attend the police examination by all means. The matinee will sharpen your appetite for the evening bill."

"And you?"

"Whilst you are so occupied, I shall pay one more—my final—visit to the Hall. All the servants are witnesses, and I shall therefore, practically, have the place to myself."

"You think to discover——"

"Merely a confirmation of what I already know. Still, the police are ever reluctant to admit a mistake. They have made one with Dubois and Grayne. They will need the strongest of evidence; they shall have it."

At this moment a boy knocked and entered the room, and, inquiring, said:

"Mr. Deane?"

"Well, boy," inquired the detective, "what is it?"

"Are you Mr. Deane?"

"I am."

"I was to give you this 'ere letter"

"Thank you."

Deane read it and shrugged his shoulders, gave the boy sixpence, and dismissed him.

"I shall go with you to the court, after all, Burton. This letter is from Reginald Grayne. It throws no light on the matter, but it introduces an amusing and sentimental element. The affair, so far, has lacked humor. I suppose one should welcome it."

Burton and Deane went out together. Deane's object was an interview with Reginald before the court sat. As a matter of fact, he did not stay for the Court's sitting. But before he left he had set Reginald and Vere's hearts beating the faster; he had told them that before another twenty-four hours has passed the prisoner should be free. When Deane said a thing, he had such a way of speaking that people believed him, hence that accelerated beating of hearts.

To Lawyer Causton he said the same thing, and urged him to pray the court for another adjournment—say, only for two days, rather than suffer a committal for trial. Once committed, difficulty in liberation would arise, where as before committal the thing was in the magistrates' hands.

Janson listened to the request and promised not to oppose the application. For the first time he felt nervous. No man likes to be covered with defeat, and somehow that positive manner of Deane's told; that, coupled with Causton's continually pouring his suspicions of Evelyn Westcar in his ear, was shaking his belief.

"You speak confidently, Mr. Deane," he said, "and I don't deny that if you say a thing, it's likely to have a bottom. Do I understand that within this two days you propose asking for you are going to charge some one else with the murder?"

"Charging, my dear Janson, is in your line. I merely point out the individual, I press the button, as it were, and you do the rest."

"You are going to point out some one else as the murderer in two days?"

"In less time then that."

"Oh!"

"To-night—Wednesday—is the theatre-train night. You can leave here for London as late as 10.25, can't you?"

"Yes."

"Are you able to stop down till then? I want you to dine with Mr. Burton and myself, just we three,"

"I can, of course——"

"But you are doubtful of the good of it, eh? Well, mistrust is natural, I suppose. Still, I have never led you a wild-goose chase, have I?"

"No."

"Then shelve that mistrust. Dine with us this evening, and I will promise you excellent dessert."

"Dessert?"

"Yes; in the shape of an introduction to the real person who committed the murder. That shall follow your dinner."

"I should want strong evidence."

"Dear Janson, it shall be served you; and, lest even positive evidence you should doubt, from the murderer's own lips you shall hear confession of the crime."

Janson was visibly perturbed. He did not like the turn affairs were taking; he had been so emphatic in his opinion of the Frenchman's guilt. The proof had seemed so positive. Still, Deane was a factor to be reckoned with.

"I'll dine with you to-night."

"Good. You will not be sotry, I promise you. I have in my possession the proofs which I will then hand over to you. For the present, good-bye."

The prisoners were remanded again At seven o'clock in the hotel the three men sat down to dinner. Janson tried in vain to draw Deane on the subject of the murder.

"My dear Janson," he said, "there is a time for all things. We have dined. We now enjoy our cigars. Let us continue to enjoy them unsullied by the mental odour of blood. Presently the murderer will come here, by appointment, then let us have an atmosphere of gore; till then, let all things end in smoke."

Presently there came a knocking at the door, and the waiter entered.

"A lady to see you, Mr. Deane."

Evelyn Westcar entered. She came straight into the centre of the room, and, addressing Deane, said:

"I have come to give myself up for the murder of Sir George Grayne."

(To be Continued.)

GIVES "GO."

Food That Carries One Along.

It's nice to know of food that not only tastes delicious but that puts the snap and go into one and supplies staying power for the day.

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A great many years ago the people of Egypt, had many idols, worshipped the cat, among others. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more active at night, and because her eyes changes like the moon, is sometimes full, and at other times only a light crescent, or, as we say, a half-moon. So they made an idol with a cat's head, and named it Pasht. The same name they gave to the moon, for the word means "the face of the moon." The word has been changed to "Pas" and "Pus," and has come at last to be called "Puss," the name the most of us give to the cat. Puss and pussy-cat are pet names for kitty anywhere now. Who ever thinks of the name as given to her thousands of years ago and the people who then bowed down and prayed to her?

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"I had been troubled with Kidneys, I had a severe backache and my limbs were swollen. I used several medicines, but none did me any good, and I had given up all hope of getting well.

"One day a Dodd's Magazine was left at my house and I read it carefully and my case was there. I bought Dodd's Kidney Pills and began to use them. Before I had finished one box I got relief and four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely."

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TOBACCOS CAUSE DEATH

VARIETIES THAT PROVE FATAL TO SMOKERS.

Smoking the Coffee Bean Is Harmful—The Terrible Indian Hemp.

For many weeks during the winter before last stormy weather made it impossible for relief boats to reach the Longships Lighthouse off the Cornish coast. When at last the sea calmed sufficiently for the ship to be visited it was found that the crew, though they had some food left, had entirely run out of tobacco. They had been forced to smoke ground coffee, tea leaves, and hops.

It is a curious fact that while cigarettes made of the leaves of the coffee tree are declared to produce an unconquerable aversion for tobacco, yet the smoking of the coffee bean is extremely harmful. It produces a peculiar kind of sore throat, which may actually prove dangerous if the practice of coffee smoking is persisted in.

Tobacco is without doubt the most wholesome of vegetable substances used for smoking, but it is by no means the only one so employed. One of the chief of these substitutes is Indian hemp or "bhang," the use of which has increased of late years in the East even more rapidly than that of opium. The leaf is prepared by drying and powdering, and is then mixed with ordinary tobacco and smoked in a common tobacco pipe. Or sometimes it is made into balls with tragacanth gum, and smoked like opium in a very small pipe.

INDIAN HEMP.

is literally a tobacco of death, for it has been used from time immemorial to excite the passions of fanatical murderers. The Indian sepoys were made mad with bhang before taking part in the awful scenes of the Indian Mutiny.

Another name for bhang is "hasheesh," whence comes the word "assassin." A third name for Indian hemp is ganjah, which is the term that Indian coolies use.

A petition has recently been circulated in Jamaica that the Government will forbid the sale of ganjah to the East Indian coolies who work on the banana and sugar plantations in that island. Habitual users of the drug become maniacs with homicidal tendencies, and are given to running "amok" and killing all in their path.

The physical effects of the smoking of Indian hemp are varied and terrible. Sometimes the smoker giggles inanely, at other times he goes balancing along first on one foot then the other, rubbing his hands and talking to himself. His appetite becomes furious and he will eat even clay and grass. Catalepsy is a frequent result of indulgence in this horrible drug; in other cases dropsy supervenes, and the inevitable end is death.

Very different, but equally terrible, are the effects of opium on the smoker of this poison. A small ball weighing from twenty to one hundred grains is a full smoke. It is put on the pipe with a little pair of wire tweezers and it bubbles as it is ignited. Three or four whiffs respired through the nostrils are sufficient to send the smoker off into a state of

DREAMY UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

The dreams of opium are said to be heavenly, but the dreamer wakes with a harshness in the throat, and, unlike the smoker of "bhang," he has no appetite at all. He becomes fearfully thin, his face shrinks; his hands become like birds claws, his skin turns yellow and wrinkled; his teeth become black, and soon decay and fall out. Melancholy, constant nausea, headache, and a perpetual thirst ensue. In the last state there is a waxy appearance of the skin of the face, and dark marks at the sides of the mouth. Sooner or later his miseries are ended by death.

Of less familiar substitutes for tobacco there are very many. Some such as the dried leaves of the tomato, the potato, the egg plant, and the colt's-foot, are not particularly harmful unless smoked in excess. Colt's-feet leaf indeed, is credited with the power of curing colds.

There is a weed common in parts of the Alps and known as mountain tobacco, which the Swiss mountaineers dry and smoke under the impression that it will steady the nerves at great heights. The plant is however, a virulent poison, and its smoke has a serious effect upon the heart.

North American Indian medicine men smoke the dried and powdered leaf of a certain species of holly. The fumes send the smoker into a kind of stupor, in which he fancies he sees visions, and the habit eventually becomes

IMPOSSIBLE TO SHAKE OFF.

Red Indians smoke also lobelia leaf which has strong narcotic properties.

Another species of lobelia is smoked by some of the Siberian wild tribes under the name of "tombski." The leaf is dried and afterwards soaked in water. It must be smoked damp, and is therefore used in a water pipe.

Kaffirs, before tobacco became so easily procurable as it is to-day in South Africa, used to gather the leaves of the native camphor and prepare them for smoking. The use of this peculiar form of smoking mixture has a remarkable effect. It produces a kind of aphasia—that is, the smoker has no control over his language, becomes utterly incoherent and cannot say what he means.

Another Cape tobacco is the leaf of the wild dagga. It is a favourite with the Hottentots when they are unable to obtain the coarse black Fingo or Pondo tobaccos of which they are fondest. A very few whiffs of the ordinary Pondo tobacco would be too much for the average British navy, even though well accustomed to the strongest of black twist.

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Basil: "When we are married, my love, we shall have a lot to struggle with." Ella (consolingly): "We shall have each other!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria,

"I suppose you thought you were fishing when you caught me?" growled the man who is always disagreeable. "Well, I used to think so," sighed his little wife; "but now I know I must have been bear-hunting."

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DOGS WEAR MOCCASINS.

The making of shoes for dogs has now developed into quite a big industry, and is especially flourishing in Labrador. The dogs attached to sledges travel at great speed over the rough ice, and some protection for the feet is necessary. The shoes are made of sealskin.

BANK-NOTES AS FUEL.

The novel spectacle of a steamer being stoked with bank-notes was once witnessed at a Mediterranean port. Forty-five sacks of the apparently valuable paper were tossed into the furnace of the vessel's boiler. The notes were cancelled documents of the Bank of Algiers.

DISTILLED DRINKS.

Alcoholic beverages are distilled from bananas, the milk of cocoanuts, rice, and peas. The Japanese distil spirit from plums, peaches, and the flower of the motherwort. The Chinese make an alcoholic drink from plums

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"Another step forward in the federation of the nations," suggests the Paris Figaro, would be made by the adoption of a universal postage stamp. Such a stamp, with the title of "the postage stamp of peace," is to be proposed at next year's International Post Congress.

One of the most fascinating dreams of the engineer is the project, frequently mooted, to turn the sea into the Sahara Desert and create a new Mediterranean. The scheme rests on the fact that large tracts in the Sahara lie below the level of the sea. A canal would do the business say French engineers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Clara (looking at a display of bonnets, etc.): "Don't you think they are very handsome?" Amy (whose thoughts are on the other side of the street): "Very; especially the one with the black moustache."

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