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## A Black Bargain For Friday Shoppers

In order to reduce the stock we are making extraordinary bargains in Black Dress Goods for Friday, and those who will take the trouble to investigate will be delighted with the many money saving chances. We can't tell of all, but these for Friday are too good to miss. Come early if you want first choice

### FRIDAY'S SALE OF BLACK DRESS GOODS

- 1 pc. all-wool Mohair Black Dress Goods, boucle check effect, 42 in. wide, regular price \$1.10, for per yd. 62c
- 1 pc. all-wool worsted, small design, 44 in. wide, reg. price 75c for..... 37c
- 4 pcs. bright flash, neat design, all-wool fancy black dress goods, 42 in. wide, reg. price 75c for..... 46c
- 2 pcs. Black Blistered Crepons, splendid for separate skirts, reg. price 85c for..... 53c

### FRIDAY'S SALE OF BLACK DRESS GOODS

- 1 pc. very fine Black Henrietta Serge, all-wool, 42 in. wide, reg. price 50c for..... 33c
- 1 pc. 40 in. wide, all-wool black dress goods, very neat design, reg. price 75c for..... 37c
- 1 pc. 42 in. wide, all-wool bright flash, black satin cloth, regular price 50c for..... 34c
- 1 pc. 44 in. wide, all-wool, very fine, with slight overcheck of white, suitable for waists or skirts, reg. price \$1 for..... 40c

### FRIDAY'S SALE OF BLACK DRESS GOODS

- 1 pc. 44 in. all-wool Black Brocade, reg. price \$1 for..... 42c
- 1 pc. 42 in. all-wool Black Boucle effect, reg. price 75c for..... 37c
- 2 pcs. all-wool Mohair Black Brocade, satin finish, metalized effect, very handsome for skirts, reg. price \$1.75 for..... 80c
- 1 pc. plain Black Bedford Corduroy, 42 in. wide, all-wool, reg. price 50c a yd. for..... 34c
- 2 pcs. 42 in. wide, all-wool and Mohair Black Blistered Crepon, very bright flash, reg. p. 10c \$1 yd. for..... 63c

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## January Clearing Sale Specials for Friday

### LADIES' WRAPPERS

- 9 only, made from fine quality wrapper-stuff, good weight, Mother Hubbard style, with shoulder caps, trimmed with ruff and fancy braid, fitted lining, new patterns, fast colors, reg. \$1.50 quality, Friday..... \$1.00
- 6 only, Fancy Wrappers, extra fine wrapper-stuff material, very prettily made and trimmed, fitted lining, full skirt, in handsome designs, fast colors, reg. \$1.75, Friday..... \$1.29
- 500 yds. Heavy Unbleached Cotton, full yd. wide, firm round thread, clean smooth finish, good value at 8c yd., Friday..... 5c
- 10 pcs. Heavy Shaker Flannellet, full 32 in. wide, in good stripe patterns, firm weave, warranted fast colors, regular 7c quality, Friday..... 5c

Circular Pillow Cotton, 46 in. wide, fine quality, pure bleach, regular 17c value, Friday..... 12c

2 pcs. Table Linen, extra fine grass bleach, warranted pure linen, satin finish, in choice patterns, reg. 75c, Friday..... 58c

American Art Denim, in beautiful new designs and colorings, warranted fast dye, reg. 10c, Friday..... 7c

Undershirts, fine quality wool mosen in fancy shot colors, deep frill with 3 row cording, lined throughout with colored flannel, regular \$2.25 value, Friday..... \$1.63

3 doz. Ringwood Gloves, assorted on 10s in Ladies' and Misses' sizes, sold reg. at 25c, 30c and 35c, Friday..... 17c



Ladies' Vest, fine heavy union quality, long sleeves, open front, silk trimmings, elastic waist, regular 50c quality, Friday..... 33c

Lace Curtains, extra fine Nottingham lace, 3 yds. long, wide width, new designs, reg. \$1, Friday..... 79c

5 pcs. Curtain Muslin, large and small coin spots, fine quality, regular 15c and 18c, Friday..... 12c

Coco Mats, extra quality, regular 65c, Friday..... 47c

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## DARING BURGLARY

Midnight Mechanics Operate on the Banner Office.

Police Notified of the Affair—Office Safe Escapes but Three Boxes of Cigars are Missing.

Another daring robbery has been added to the criminal annals of our city since the curfew tolled last evening. Some time during the hours of darkness during midnight mechanics effected an entrance into the office of the Banner and succeeded in making away with three boxes of good cigars, some pencils and paper.

The burglary was not discovered until the arrival of the manager this morning, when the whole establishment was placed in an uproar. The city police were immediately notified and all the employees carefully examined, but as yet no clue has been found to lead to the detection of the crooks.

The victim, however, is determined to leave no stone unturned in investigating a crime of such a serious nature. It is surmised that the burglars may have been effected by a gang of crooks, probably hailing from Chicago or Detroit, and on the arrival of Government Detectives Murray, Greer, Rogers, Campana and Mahoney an organized investigation will no doubt be instituted.

Fortunately the dampness of the night prevented the use of giant powder on the safe and thereby it is said the large amount of money always to be found in newspaper offices escaped the thieves. Yesterday being market day a weekly subscriber dropped in and unexpectedly paid up his back sub-

scription for a year. In view of this large sum being in the safe it would doubtless have been wiser to have secured the special services of an officer for the night, but owing to the unusual quietness of the city of late this was not thought necessary. Hence the desperate burglars, evidently knowing that the office was unguarded, made their raid and captured the cigars. Accounts as to the actual loss differ. Enquiry at the police station elicits the information that only one box had been reported stolen, but uncorroborated reports direct from the Banner increase the number of boxes to three.

With the city overrun by criminals so daring as to steal cigars from a newspaper office it would be well, until the police can round up the gang, for the citizens to place special guards on their woodpiles and personally petition the chairman of the property committee to place an electric light at every corner.

In explanation of the presence of this large quantity of cigars in the office, it is stated that they were intended for service in South Africa. There is nothing in the Geneva convention to prevent the use of either lyddite or cigars on the enemy, though why a highly respectable and influential journal like our local cotem should wish to add to the ordinary horrors of war by sending cigars, it is hard to imagine.

HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA CURED IN NO TIME. By using Dr. Price's Pain Expeller. Sure harmless. Cure rheumatic and sciatic pains toothache, 25c.

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### TEACHERS DOING WELL.

Inspector Colles returned last evening from an official visit to schools in the vicinity of Road Bay, and speaks in very pleasing terms of three of our city young ladies who are teaching in that locality. Miss A. Wanless, in No. 13, Harwich, and Miss A. Newcombe, in No. 13-2, Harwich, are building well upon the good foundation laid by them during last year. Miss Florence Nicholson, who has begun in No. 4, Harwich, has already won the confidence of her pupils and is making excellent headway. We are pleased to hear good reports of our young citizens abroad.

### ADVANCE IN COAL.

Hard coal is now \$5.75 per ton. In consequence of the advance in railway freight the dealers have been compelled to put the price up 25 cents per ton. Ed 1c.

### FILIBURY.

Jan. 18.—The two year old child of Mrs. J. Horlock, of this village, died yesterday of diphtheria after a two weeks' illness.

Rev. T. Dobson conducted prayer meeting in the Presbyterian church last night, owing to the illness of Rev. W. McPhail.

Jon. Pettier, of Staples, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Ella Stewart is recovering from appendicitis.

The new Marchants' bank is nearly completed, and is furnished equal to any city bank, both externally and internally and will be occupied in a few days.

R. H. Smith is advertising for an electrician to work the plant of the electric light here.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.



AT MODDER RIVER.

## BULLER HAS ATTACKED

There are Now no More Rivers for the British to Cross.

TUGELA FORCED AT TWO POINTS ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

BRITISH FORCES CONCENTRATED AND ENGAGED IN A SUCCESSFUL FLANKING MOVEMENT—ENEMY'S TRENCHES BEING SHELLED—ABOUT 27,000 MEN ENGAGED.

London, Thursday, Jan. 18.—The Times this morning publishes the following despatch from Spearman's Farm, dated Jan. 17, 9:20 p. m.:

"The force marched westward on Jan. 10. Lord Dundonald, by a dashy movement, occupied the hills above Potgieter's Drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, taking the Boers completely by surprise. The same evening the infantry followed.

"Gen. Lyttleton's brigade crossed the river yesterday, and to-day shelled the Boer trenches beyond with howitzers.

"Gen. Warren's force is now crossing Trichardt's Drift, five miles above. It holds a position five miles from the river, a position five miles from the river.

The other morning papers are out with extra editions confirming the despatch from Spearman's Farm to the Times. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, under yesterday's date, says:—

"I am permitted to wire from Spearman's Farm that Gen. Lyttleton yesterday afternoon ferried and forced Potgieter's Drift and seized with little opposition a line of low ridges a mile from there. During the night a howitzer battery was carried across to-day from Mount Alice, near Swartkop, naval guns and howitzers effectively shelled the Boer position, which is strong.

"Gen. Warren's force yesterday crossed the Tugela six miles farther to the west, near Wagon Drift, with all arms, in the face of a hot and heavy fire from Boer cannon and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgment two miles further on towards Spronken Kop."

### DUNDONALD'S ADVANCE.

A despatch to the Daily News from Spearman's Farm describes Lord Dundonald's advance to Swartkop Hill.

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commanding Potgieter's Drift, and says:—

"Gen. Lyttleton's brigade was sent to hold a position on Swartkop Hill, leaving a strong body to hold Colenso, and Gen. Hildyard's brigade at Springfield, our whole force advanced without delay. The ferry pont at Potgieter's pont was on the further bank of the Tugela, and in order to bring it to our side, Lieut. Carlyle and five men of the South African Light Horse swam across the river and brought it over.

"After four day's halt on the south side of the Tugela, our advance northward began on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Gen. Lyttleton's brigade crossed the drift that evening and held the kopjes on our right.

"Sir Charles Warren's division has made an attack upon the enemy's left flank. The column is now crossing the river."

The Ietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing late Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, says:—"Arrivals from Estcourt report that there was fighting on the Tugela to-day. The result is not known here, dated yesterday from Pietermaritzburg:—"News has been received that Gen. Buller is making satisfactory progress."

The War Office announced at midnight that no further news has been received. A large crowd of inquirers, including the Duke of Norfolk, left disappointed.

### SURPRISED THE BOERS.

London, Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:03 a. m.—Gen. Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's Drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso, on Wednesday, Jan. 10. This intelligence is contained in an exclusive despatch to the Times, dated yesterday (Wednesday). He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches. This news completely dispelled the statement that Sir Chas. Warren's force went in the direction of Weenen, and it tends greatly to restore confidence in Gen. Buller's tactics. The suggestion that he had divided his forces into three columns had given cause for anxiety. It is now seen that such a view was erroneous, as Gen. Buller's forces are concentrated.

### BULLER'S FORCE.

Gen. Buller's force, so far as is known, consists of 23 or 24 battalions of regular infantry. 11 squadrons (there are three in each regiment) of regular cavalry, the South African Light Horse, Imperial Light Horse, Thorneycroft's Horse, Bethune's Horse and other colonial mounted men, Natal Infantry, ten batteries of field artillery, some of the siege howitzers and about ten naval guns. The total strength, deducting losses, should be 22,000 infantry, 3,500 mounted men, 50 field guns—if the pieces lost in the Tugela battle have not been replaced—and 20 siege and naval guns, with about 2,000 artillerymen.

METHUEN MARCHES OUT TO FIGHT AND MARCHES BACK AGAIN.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Jan. 17.—There was a demonstration in force yesterday under Gen. Methuen, a division being engaged with the object of ascertaining the strength and disposition of the Boers' force, and also in order to try to withdraw the Boers from Kimberley, where they have been lately. The British discovered the Boers in force, and being reinforced from the direction of Jacobsdorp. At 4:30 the artillery opened fire, the shells dropping in the Boer entrenchments with great precision. The attack was directed against the Boer left. The firing continued until sunset, mostly with artillery, although the Guards on the right, fired some

long range volleys. The Boers reserved their fire until the British were returning to camp in the darkness, when six shells followed them. There were no casualties among the British

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## SPECIAL LOW PRICED



For this month—many lines of shoes which we want to clear out before Spring comes, we are making low prices on as an inducement to sell quick.

Among the lot are One Hundred and fifty pair LADIES' FINE KID Lace and Buttoned Boots, made by J. B. KING & CO., HAND-TURNED SOLES, also GOODYEAR WEAR heavy SOLES, in all sizes, regular price

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## Stock-Taking Sale The Ark

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## The Planet

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## TRUSTED, BUT DECEIVED.

Mr. George A. Morris writes to the Montreal Witness, as follows:

"When you state that 'there is a large body of Liberals who on many matters of political principle and practice have been forced into an attitude of disapproval, and even of opposition, to the Dominion Liberal government,' you state a fact that will be verified when the result of the next Dominion election is announced, and if this be true in regard to other matters, it is doubly so in regard to the prohibition plebiscite.

"I have given the Liberal party active support for over ten years.

"I can do so no longer.

"I have no love for the Conservative party, but I will use them to defeat and punish the Liberals.

"There are a great many honest men amongst the masses who feel very sore over this matter.

"They trusted and have been deceived and utterly ignored; they will be heard from at the polls."

## TOO MUCH SCHOOL.

Editor Edward Bok has an article in the January Home Journal, in which he denounces the American system of cramming school children as "a national crime at the feet of American parents." He says:

No child under fifteen years of age should be given any home study whatever by his teachers. He should have not more than from one hour to four of schooling each day, the hours increasing with his years. Outside of school hours he should have at least three hours of play. After fifteen the brain has another period of rapid development, with special increase of the higher faculties. Four hours of schooling, then, is not too much, provided the child's physical being is capable of it, and in time an hour of isolated study may be added. But that is enough. Five hours of brain work a day is the most that we should ask of our children, and the child should pass at least two hours a day in the open air. Our boys and girls do not get enough fresh air and sunshine into their bodies and natures. The higher institutions of learning understand the need of physical development for brain growth far better than do our lesser schools and our homes—sad as it is to admit it.

The Ontario government has passed an order in council prohibiting the export of pulp wood in its raw condition after April 30th next. Score another for the Conservative policy.

If the city engineer carries out his announcement in regard to keeping corporation gangs at work, clearing the city sidewalks on the frontage tax system, it ought to make plenty of work for the unemployed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says he permitted the Canadians to enlist in the British service for South Africa. That bears out the charge of his opponents that Mr. Tarte sent the first contingent C. O. D. and is sending the second the same way.

The Ontario Government has definitely applied the manufacturing clause to spruce cut from crown lands. This act is a notice to the owners of timber rights that the wood after April 30 must be made into pulp in Canada. The Government's course probably means that the business of the province will be considerably increased at the expense of the United States.—Buffalo Express.

That is one way of looking at it. Another is, that Canada proposes to utilize for her own advantage, instead of allowing the United States the whole benefit, one of the rich sources of profit with which nature has furnished her.

The South African war has demonstrated the fact that the days of cavalry horses instead of being over are just commencing. The necessity for mounted infantry in war has been shown to be so great that the demand for well built saddle horses for the next few years will probably be enormous. Most of the foot regiments of the great powers will undoubtedly be mounted as quickly as the change can be made. This will be a good thing for the horse breeders and hay raisers of America, but it will vastly increase the cost of keeping up the standing armies of Europe.

The year 1900 is not a leap year because, while divisible by 4, it is not divisible by 400. The length of the year, it is stated by the astronomers, is 8,655 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds. For these odd hours and minutes a day is added every four years, but it will be seen that the addition of 24 hours is a little too much—so a further correction is made by dropping out the extra day in three out of every 400 years. So the year 4,000 will not be leap year, although it will be divisible both by 4 and by 400. It is to be hoped that the people on earth in the year 4,000 will remember this and not have such a time about it as we of 1899 have had over the end of the century.

The annual report of the Ontario license department shows the same decline in license revenue which has been manifest during the past few years. In 1874 there were 6,185 licenses; in 1897 there were 3,160; in 1898 3,123; and now there are 3,040. Of this number 2,584 are ordinary licenses; 97 beer and wine; 64 are for six months; 312 shop, and 23 wholesale. The revenue from the licenses amounted to \$587,381, compared to \$602,853 in the year before. Of this \$232,589 went to the municipalities and \$231,523 to the province.

Those who are denouncing the British generals now in the field, and even suggesting the recall of some of them, should ponder on the career of Wellington. As an English writer puts it: "It is a matter of history that the corporation of London petitioned for his recall after Talavera. Had modern conditions prevailed, it is hardly possible that he would have been allowed to prolong his resistance behind the lines of Torres Vedras. The retreat from Burgos would have been magnified into a disaster necessitating instant recall, and the immediate publication of the awful slaughter roll of Albuera would have roused the nation to a frenzy incompatible with the steady prosecution of the campaign."

Dr. Bryce, the Provincial Registrar-General for Ontario, in his report of deaths for 1899 states that the total number of deaths was 21,370, or 11.5 per cent. per 1,000. This is a remarkably low death rate and shows that Ontario is very healthy, the death rate being lower than any other country within the British Empire. The figures of marriages for the province for 1899 show the total number of marriages to have been 15,293—an increase of 381 over previous year. In five cities there was a decrease of 122 marriages over 1897, while in the rest of the cities of the province the increase amounted to 506. More Methodists married than any other denomination, the number of persons being 10,382. There were 6,400 Presbyterians wedded, 4,902 Anglicans, 4,657 Roman Catholics and 1,908 Baptists.

A COMMA MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Kansas City Journal.

By a misplaced comma, a paper in Greeley county raised a dickens of a row. It said: "Two young men from Leoti went with their girls to Tribune to attend the teachers' institute and, as soon as they left, the girls got drunk."

The comma belonged after the girls.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VIGOR.

Dundas Banner.

Sir Charles Tupper was thrown out of a conveyance while driving and was somewhat jarred, but not seriously. He is a wonderful old man and is in his 79th year. At his time of life most men are content to toast their toes before the grate fire and leave politics to younger men, but Sir Charles feels that the world is out of joint and that he was born to see it right. There is no other man like him in Canada for his age on the platform and in getting from place to place. He seems to be eternally on the move and talking all the time.

It is an Ill Blast That Moves Nobody Good

Uncle Reub—Wonder what's in that thar gratin?

"Whew!"

Two Ladies of Fashion Meet.

A family living in a North Side flat welcomed a new housemaid last week. The girl had just come from Michigan and her appearance was prepossessing. Soon after her advent it was discovered that she was inclined to treat the family with a patronizing air.

"Mary, you must do better, or I shall have to find some one to take your place," the mistress remarked the other morning.

"I don't allow any one to speak to me that way," replied Mary, with a toss of her head. "I'm just as good as you are and I want you to know it."

Mary flounced out of the room and returned in two minutes with the weekly paper from her town. Among the social items was the following:

"Miss Mary Hanson has gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Miss Hanson is an acknowledged belle in the leading circles of Sawdust Creek."

Mary waited until her employer had had time to read the "personal," and then said with withering scorn:

"As I have always been accustomed to going with the best in my town, and as I don't believe you ever have your name on the society page of the Sunday papers, I guess I can't afford to stay with you."

The North Side woman declared the domestic incident closed.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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Seasonable Desserts.

Cherry Dumplings.—Cover the bottom of a tumbler with seeded cherries, and sprinkle with sugar; add a couple of pinches of good baking-powder dough then more cherries and dough until the tumbler is three-fourths full. Stand the tumbler in a steamer, cover tightly, and steam forty-five minutes. Serve with hard sauce flavored with nutmeg.

Cherry Pudding.—Beat two eggs until light, add one scant pint of milk, one level teaspoonful of salt and enough flour to make a stiff batter, mixing two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder in the first cupful put in. Now add as many cherries as can be stirred in. Steam two hours or bake an hour. Serve with fruit sauce.

Cherry Roly-poly.—Of course, it is understood that one of the best uses to make of cherries is to put them in the ever-popular roly-poly. The biscuit-dough should not be very short, and should be rolled as thin as it can be handled. Spread the fruit on thickly, and sprinkle heavily with sugar. Dip the pudding-cloth in hot water, wring dry and flour well. Arrange the cloth at the end of the dough so that when it is rolled another turn or two will carry it into place, where it may be tied up loosely enough to admit of swelling. Hard sauce flavored with nutmeg is best for roly-poly.

Sunshine, Dessert.—Bake sunshine cake in small, straight-sided individual pans. With a cutter cut almost to the bottom, taking out the inside, leaving a shell. Fill with fine strawberries over which some pineapple has been grated; sweeten, add just a few drops (three or four) of brandy, and cover the whole with whipped cream. There must not be enough pineapple to be distinguishable. It gives the strawberries an indescribable flavor.

Tipsey Pudding.—Molten the little round cut from the small cakes mentioned above with either Maderia, sherry or rum; cover with whipped cream or rich custard.

LEFT HIM TO DIE.

Bright's Disease Pronounced Past Hope by Physicians.—South American Kidney Cure is the Life Saver.

A traveller for a well-known western manufacturing firm was so hale and hearty that the possibility of his contracting kidney trouble was far from his mind, but through neglect of his health he contracted Bright's disease, and through neglect of his health he contracted Bright's disease, and through neglect of his health he contracted Bright's disease.

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## WOMEN TALK THE MOST.

In 1,000 Couples Observer Finds 751 Girls Lead the Chat.

"There it is again. Just what I had made up my mind to long ago," exclaimed the wag as they were standing upon the street corner, elongating the elastic substance in their necks at the passing female population.

"What's that?" replied the other, inquiringly.

"See that couple—that fellow and girl? Notice anything about them?"

"Nothing in particular. Don't see but that they conduct themselves about as any other couple does. Don't see that they differ from the general run at all."

"That's just the point; they're doing just as the general run of 'em do," retorted the wag with apparent satisfaction. "Yet people don't notice anything peculiar regarding it."

"What are you driving at, anyway, old man? Explain yourself," demanded his companion.

"Well, it's just this. For several weeks past I've been taking observations to determine the relative amount of time a woman talks to the number of times a man is permitted to speak when they are alone in each other's company. At last I have discovered a safe ratio, and what it is you can easily determine for yourself when I give you the figures."

With this he drew forth a notebook, and continued: "I've taken 1,000 couples, and as they passed me, noted which one whether the man or woman was doing the talking. The snatches of conversation I caught while they might have been interesting as a subject for further thought did not interest me. I've been dealing in mathematics only. These figures are accurate and taken with great care. The couple who just passed us was the one thousandth I have observed. The other nine hundred and ninety-nine were young and old natives and foreign born and altogether I established a general rule which I am positive can be safely relied upon."

"Out of 1,000, I have noted, just as they came, mark you, the man was talking 139 times. In those instances, I expect, there must have been something the matter with the vocal chords of his female companion, but, however, I won't attempt to explain it away."

27 cases both were making an effort to be heard. The woman was doubtless successful in the end, but I never followed them up to see. Eighty-three times I observed that silence reigned, another phenomenon for which I am unable to offer any explanation. But listen—may, hearken—here is the record of the fair ones. Before the appearance of this last couple I had 750 times charged against them, 750 times out of 1,000 where their man was the only auditor. One last instance completes the 1,000, and makes the grand total 751. Try and see if your figures do not come about the same."

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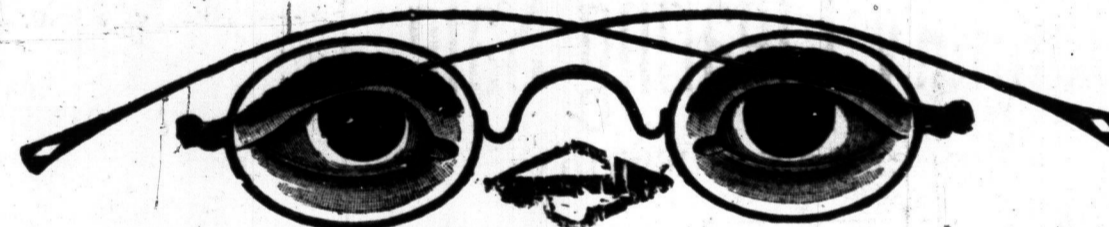
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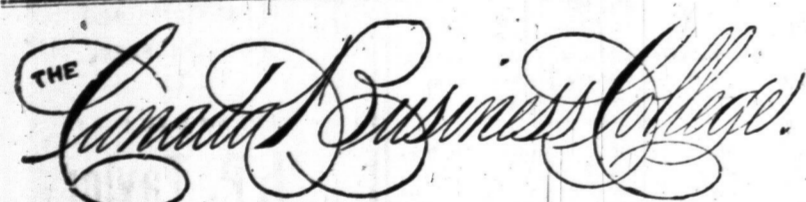
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Hence, Mynheer Joe finds himself the cynosure for many eyes, and he is annoyed at the interest people seem to take in him, but that is the fate of any one whom fortune destines to move on a higher plane than his fellows, and he must get used to it.

Molly on her part, believing this attention is caused simply because the people have learned that he is the sole survivor of the massacre at Khartoum, is proud of the fact that he is her friend—pleased to think he is an American, and thinks more of him than ever.

He gives no hint of what is to come off in the morning, for it is not his way to boast, and he can keep a secret. Indeed, to see how merry he appears no one would think he has anything on his mind. Those who are in the secret are amazed, and not a few make up their minds that the whole report may be a canard, for they cannot imagine a man who expects to meet the Russian baron at sunrise could be so cool about it.

The evening passes, and finally Mynheer Joe bids the ladies good night. Mr. Grimes sees that he retires to his room to get a few hours sleep. At the proper time Grimes is up and arouses both Mynheer Joe and Sandy.

Together they quietly repair to the dining-room of the hotel. A cook has been bribed to let them have each a cup of coffee, than which no better can be had in the world than right there at Shepherd's in Cairo.

This opens their eyes and makes them feel as though they have a warmth next their heart. Outside the poor moon hangs up in the sky, but her pale light already gives way to the coming of early morning. Soon the gathering hosts of light will rush up from their stronghold below the eastern horizon, when the rout of the night king will be complete. Just about this hour, Molly Tanner, dressed in a white wrapper and with her hair showering down her back, enters her father's room by means of the connecting door.

"Who's that?" asks Tanner, sitting up right, his night-cap hanging over his ear.

"Only Molly, father," comes the reply.

"What the dickens are you wandering around for? Go back to your bed, child," he says softly, for his love toward his daughter is very great.

"It is twilight morning. You can hear the birds twittering in the trees, I was awake, and, catching voices, went to the window. Below I saw three men more toward the river. I am almost positive I recognized one of their voices."

"Well," grunts the orator, getting ready to resume his nap, "what's that, Molly?"

"But it was Mynheer Joe."

"And I heard one of the others—I am sure it must have been Mr. Grimes—say: 'I will examine the swords. He shall have no advantage.'"

Tanner grunts again.

"Then the report was true."

"What report, governor?"

"Never mind, child. It doesn't concern you. Go back and get your beauty nap," he growls.

"Not until you tell me what this means. Three men leave the hotel at daylight. They talk about swords. What is about to happen?"

"Bah! Some officers on a lark, perhaps."

"You know better, governor. You betrayed yourself when you said the report was true. What report? It concerns Mynheer Joe. I remembered now how strangely they looked at him last night."

"Confound it, child, you are a little tyrant and a bulldozed old man! Listen, then. It is reported that Mynheer Joe and the baron were to fight a duel about sunrise this morning."

Molly covers her face with her hands and utters a low cry. Then she eagerly questions Tanner and learns all that he knows, until at last he stubbornly drops back on his pillow and feigns sleep, so there is nothing for the wretched girl to do but to return to her room, and sit there, waiting the rising of the sun, with a dumb feeling of pain at her heart.

### CHAPTER XIII.

When Mynheer Joe and his two friends, having secured a cup of coffee and a bite of breakfast at the hotel, pass down toward the river, the very first gleam of daylight is abroad, though as yet kept in the background by the moon, which shines on the land of the Pharaohs with a peculiarly dull radiance, unlike the flood of light poured upon the earth when the Queen of Night is at her full.

Knowing the way they experienced no trouble in reaching the point where they have been informed the two boats will be in readiness. This time there is no attempt made to rob them. Perhaps the rascally Arabs who prowl about the narrow streets during the night looking for victims have retired, like beasts of prey, to their various dens at the approach of dawn. At any rate, the three men meet with no adventure as they advance to the Nile.

"Here we are," says Sandy, when they bring up at the designated spot.

Sure enough, two boats are seen upon the water, both of a trim model. Voices can be heard, as though the sailors are on deck, and all is in readiness for casting off.

Sandy takes one look into the face of Mynheer Joe as they come upon the boats. It is enough to reassure him, for the man does not show the least

emotion. If he were made of ice Mynheer Joe could not take the situation in a cooler manner than he does. This satisfied the newspaper man that the Russian diplomat is about to be on his feet, he may have had plain sailing in private affairs of the kind, but when he ran across Mynheer Joe he certainly struck a snag that now gives promise of wrecking his bark.

Mr. Grimes hails, and a voice answers—the voice of the French officer who met him as the baron's representative. They are to take the dahabiah at seven o'clock. The others have just arrived, and if all their party can be counted, there is nothing to be done but to push off and get up sail.

"Captain, one question," says Mr. Grimes.

"At your service," replies the polite Gaul, whom they can just indistinctly see standing on the roof of the second cabin in a brave attitude, such as French officers delight to assume, although those of other nations are not far behind them in this respect.

"You spoke of a doctor—the family doctor of the baron, who understands his constitution and knows how to treat him. Pardon me, but is he on board with you?"

Silence follows this cool question, as though the Frenchman has been staggered by it; then, in his courteous way, he would be polite if thrusting his sword through an enemy—the officer of the Khedive replies:

"He is with us, sir."

"Good. Then we consent to start," says Grimes, conscious that the baron's ears have caught all that has been uttered, and willing to let him know that there is no such thing as "secrecy" in their party.

No more is said, and the two Nile river boats gotten under way with the rapidity that distinguishes the peculiar mode common to this country. Mynheer Joe clasps the hand of his second and gives it a squeeze.

"This, my good friend, that dig is worth something to me, you understand," he says in his quiet but earnest way.

"Of course, sir. You know, my interests are bound up in yours. I am determined that this story shall end in the proper way, and it can hardly do that if the baron spits you on his sword like a fowl before the fire. I have confidence in you, Mynheer Joe," replied Mr. Grimes.

No more is said just now, for the boat is being gotten under way. The breeze chances to be favorable, and there is more of it than usual at this time in the morning. It comes from a quarter of the ground from northeast, and the three-cornered sails of the dahabiah are peculiarly fitted to catch a quartering current of air.

Both boats are speedily rushing through the water at a lively rate. The situation is rather romantic, with the moon nearly overhead, day beginning to break in the east, and the great sails of the river boats catching the fresh breeze that has worked in across the intervening delta of the Nile, from the Mediterranean.

Was ever a duel fought under similar circumstances as those which promise to mark this one? Probably not.

The two boats seem to be able equal in point of speed, and they continue to keep the same relative distance apart. Perhaps, in a genuine race, with a wind like this, their craft could gain the advantage by "blanketing" the other and cutting off her supply of wind, but this will not pay under present conditions.

Although Joe has made the conditions of the duel, being the challenged party, he really leaves the selection of the ground to his rival, having only stipulated that it shall be among the hills that lie above Cairo.

Sandy and Mr. Grimes stand together near the bow of the little vessel, listening to the music of the water as her prow cuts through the tide of the Nile like a knife, curling the creamy surfs on either side and hurling them back in rolls.

Both of them are duly impressed with all their romantic surroundings, and the war correspondent is jotting down ideas in his mind that will be called upon to supply space in some forthcoming article. At the same time it is evident he has something very just to him.

Mr. Grimes is quick to notice such things, as he has made a business of reading faces.

"What's wrong, Sandy?" he asks, abruptly, as he removes his cigar to flip the ashes from the end with his dexterous little finger.

"Who said so? How did you know? Hang it, Mr. Grimes, you read men as I would books. You may have buried yourself out in Colorado—you took care to study human nature."

"Then you confess you are bothered, my boy?" continued the other, steadily.

"Well, yes, I've been wondering. You see, we know this baron is a sly schemer."

"Admitted."

"And not to be trusted out of sight."

"Ordinarily I should not dare to put my life in his charge. You're right, Sandy."

"Well, we've let him select the spot for the affair. How can we tell but what he may spring some shrewd game on us. Can you promise that yonder dahabiah has not half a dozen hired assassins on board, ready to annihilate us in case the baron feels the necessity?"

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"Very true, very true, sir, but you must admit there is a chance that—"

"Always that, my boy, but you also forget something of interest—ourselves! 'What are we here for?' as a member of the South asked in a republican convention? If Joe can take care of the baron, surely we will be able to look after his friends be they two in number or a dozen."

"Well spoken, Mr. Grimes. My mind is already clear on that point. I believe we will come out of this thing with flying colors. My trouble has vanished even as the smoke of this cigar fades into space."

Sandy is himself again, and that means a cheery friend, a faithful comrade, one whom Mynheer Joe could not better were he to search the globe over.

As the daylight grows stronger the moon wanes in power; it is no longer a strife between the two as to which must win, for Luna is already out of the battle.

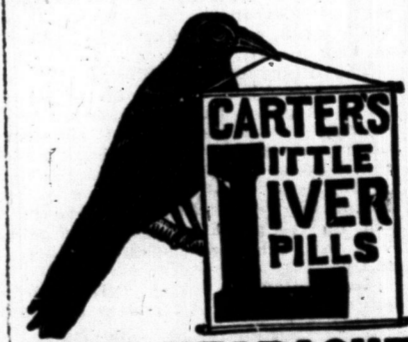
Cairo is left far behind upon the east bank, and, looking back, they can see the first shafts of sunlight glancing from her numerous domes, although the bright god of day has not yet shown his smiling face to those upon the river.

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Judge thyself with the judgment of sincerity, and that will judge others with the judgment of charity.—Mason. Happiness consists of being perfectly satisfied with what we have got and with what we haven't got.—Lubbock.

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## HAS A GOOD PLAN

So Mr. Rankin Says For a Radical Road.

Will Write and Suggest it to the New Council shortly.

To The Planet.—In my hitherto desultory explorations in search of the Fortunate Islands I have never contrived to catch up and profit by association with that stalwart architect of successful individual effort, the genius of industry—that inevitable guide, philosopher and friend to the willing pilgrim along the pathway leading to the goal which at one time or another in life, shimmers and shines in the imagination of most of us. If he were here in this cabin in the bush at this moment, I might under his benign and stimulating influence attempt to describe the well-nigh, awe-inspiring silence which pervades these northern forests of tall trees on a calm, still, winter day such as this whose short and fleeting hours of sunlight were brought prematurely to a close by overhanging clouds portentous of a coming storm. But our bono, our cares to read a crude and inadequate description of surroundings, that must be absolutely seen and felt to be duly appreciated.

Let it suffice to say that all nature is hushed in the sombre stillness of suspended animation, and the breathless, dreamy quiet of the leafless trees is undisturbed save by an occasional pounding upon one of their hollow dead ones of some stiff-necked, vagabond woodpecker in search of his staff of life. In the absence of any other sign of life or sound, even the echoes, ever sensitive in the valleys of these Laurentian hills where nature is agog with life, are hushed in the solemnity of impressive sleep. The frigid trees, the books in the sometime running brooks are sealed and ice bound toms for the time being, the frost and snow smothered stones have ceased to sermoneize and the good in everything or anything, that must have gone south to some salubrious sunny clime and will not likely file and appearance here again until long after the spring post has come and gone in its annual visitation. Howbeit, the "Penalty of Adam" still chiding of the "winter's wind" will still continue to "bite and blow" upon one's "muddy vesture of decay" until the idea of March have come and gone. Phobus has bled himself upward and onward in his life giving March, back to the goal of his summer solstice. Meanwhile, pending this silence of his woodland tutors and the absence of good is any, one can slow upon his fingers and

**THINK THOUGHTS** not always in keeping, with that spirit of orthodoxy whose ancient barriers from down upon a vagrant heterodoxy and the modern methods of life's electric innovation. Thus has come to me a suspicion—an indefinable vague sort of thought of late, that in respect of the eternal hereafter and the fulfilment of our final destiny, it would be well for most of us poor mortals if, as concerning our probational sojourn here below, there could but be applied the Kentucky gambler's principal of "three times and out," which being reduced to our own less figurative vernacular means that if you can't win in three tries you deserve to lose. This method would entail a curriculum of three separate and distinct lives with corresponding, differently appearing entities or bodies in each, for it would not do to be burdened with the same old carcass for three separate terms of existence. The first life, corresponding to the university freshman's year, would practically be the same with our present callow, catch as catch can, blundering existence and might be regarded as a preliminary canter or "practice raise" to the two succeeding lives. The second life would be as the sophomore years in the college course and if lived rightly, would be devoted to undoing that which was done in the first life. Then would come the third or graduating life which would terminate with a blast from Gabriel's trumpet and a ringing down of the curtain to the accompaniment of celestial music or the fireworks of hades as the case might be. In this last life if a man had not in his second heat rectified the mistakes

and iniquities of the old Adam which pervaded his first life, and if he did not govern himself and feel towards his fellow man, the charity described by St. Paul (13th to the Corinthians, First), and if he did not in all things observe the Golden Rule, and if he did not lavishly give to the poor with one of his hands unbeknown to the other, and if his righteousness did not far and away exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, then might he be consigned to the place where Dr. Talmage says the wicked man goes when he shuffles off this mortal coil—unwept, unhonored and unsung.

If this curriculum of probationary lives—this "three times and out," system had been in operation when I visited Chatham in '96, innocent of any thought of any

**ELECTRIC RAILWAY PROJECT.** And I had been on my second trip through that vale of tears, I never would have gotten into the scrape of attempting to promote the construction of the Chatham City & Suburban Electric Railroad. On the occasion referred to, I met my revered friend the late Sheriff Mercer, whom I had not seen for a long time and it might be well here to interpolate the fact that the Sheriff was the provisionary president of the company chartered (1874) to construct the Essex county portion of what is now the L. E. & D. R. R., under the title of the Southwestern Railway, of which I was the chief promoter. In a conversation at his residence during my then visit to the city, the Sheriff, in his bluff, hearty, jovial way, suggested that if I had nothing better to do at that time, I might as well come and take hold of the local electric railway scheme which was being talked of. I took the suggestion at the time in the jocular spirit in which it was given, but none the less it set me thinking upon the subject and resulted in my securing from the legislature, with the city's co-operation, the charter for "The Chatham City & Suburban Railway Company."

But if, as I said before, I had been on my second tour through life under "the three times and out" plan when the Sheriff offered his suggestion, I should have said, "No thank you, Mr. Sheriff, I don't think I'll tackle it. I'm not a tenderfoot respecting Chatham and its proposed electric railway system. On my first whirl through the world I found out that while Chatham is admirably situated and equipped—no point in Ontario better—for the successful operation of a radial railway system, the business men of the city view the project (and I have heard the same view expressed at Artigue Ward) did the war of the rebellion in the States. They are prepared to contribute all their financial relations towards the undertaking, but they won't put a nickel into it. They don't want to simply because they don't think the enterprise would pay as an investment, and therefore would not furnish their customary aid. I feel cinch on 7 or 8 per cent. Feeling the city feel with regard to the enterprise as an investment, in waiting for the outsiders to come along and build the road, they are simply fishing for suckers, but if I came a set of philanthropic suckers were to happen along and build the road and it was found to pay well, then these same business men would want to get in and get out and kick themselves for not having built it themselves, and would probably offer thirty or forty thousand dollars advance upon its actual cost, constraining me to accept of it. I did not do with the late Col. Clark, who built their system. Unless the enterprise is taken hold of by local interests and pushed to completion you're going to wait a time before you get your roadway."

This is what I would have said in the supposititious circumstances mentioned. But as it was, this being my first and only life, I had no such daring inexperience begotten of that fact, in the hope of being paid for my services by the ultimate company in the manner provided for by all railway charters granted by the Ontario Legislature, I took hold of the scheme and failed, partially, not in toto, because, inasmuch as the proposition contained in the so-called bill, was retained in the so-called bill, and I covered the lighting of the city as well as the construction and operation of the railway, while we lost the railway I was primarily and directly instrumental in having the present city lighting plant installed.

**MY FAILURE** was disastrous to myself and, I regret to say, financially, in a comparatively small way, to three or four esteemed friends, but the city and ratepayers thereof benefited by reason of my efforts, for if the city is doing its own lighting to-day it can thank me for it. But this will seem like blowing my own horn, and I don't want to do that. The truth is, that whenever I think about Chatham's proposed electric railway I always feel as if I should like never to have heard of it. And, as a matter of fact, until the Planet contained that previously quoted item reporting Mayor Smith's return from Buffalo (whether he had gone to see the capitalists about the railway was not said, I had not heard for more than a year. I have not heard what they are doing with or in respect of the charter, but presume that its present controllers are meeting with the same obstacles to its being successfully pushed into life that I had to encounter, and if this be the case, something different to that which has been tried before might be tried now with advantage. Just as an old hand at a game of chess or checkers while looking on at a game being played by others will see a winning move that escapes the notice of the players themselves, so have I right up here in this cabin in an Algoma bush, hit upon a plan, as I firmly believe, that if adopted will lead to the construction of Chatham's radial railway forthwith in a way most profitable to the city and withal popular.

And now as you, my dear Planet, will observe, I have about reached the end of my paper, and therefore won't attempt to elaborate what that plan is at present. But in the course of a fortnight, or so, when the new council gets well down to routine business, I shall fulminate the plan I refer to which, as you shall see, will at least possess the negative if not positive merit of originality—in the form of a communication directed to the mayor and council, and this I shall forward to the city clerk, Mr. Merritt, Till then, adieu.

GEO. C. RANKIN.

Gordon Lake, Algoma, Jan. 9th, 1900.

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## WILLIAM GORDON

### THAMESVILLE

Jan. 18.—The members of the board of management of the public library held their first meeting for the year on Monday night. Dr. Stewart was re-elected president and W. A. De Penier vice-president.

The hockey match with Dresden has been postponed until Friday night. The sleighing has made things hum in business circles this week.

Miss Marie Kerr has returned from St. Thomas.

Miss McFarlane entertains a number of her friends this evening. Miss Young, of Florence, was in town yesterday.

The new catalogues are about ready for circulation. Our curlers will attend the bospital on the 24th inst., if the weather is favorable.

### TO SAVE HER C-HILD

From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nannie Gallagher, of LaGrange, Ga., applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve to great sores on her head and face, and writes: "It works wonders in Sores, Bruises, Skin Eruptions, Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Piles, etc. Cure guaranteed by A. I. McCull & Co., druggists."

### SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

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But alas! I'm domiciled here, Like a slave of the Ancients of old, Into their hearts I'd strike terror and fear.

Yes! I'd skin them, the young and the old, I'd make drumheads out of their hides, So our boys could play Johnnie's Marching Home;

Dear, but it puts pains in my heart And my sides, When I reflect on the loss of our own.

Had I been commander-in-chief of the Like sheep to the slaughter they'd go, I'd make it so hot and so stormy They'd all be dead before they would know.

Our generals with honors are loaded, They'll not resort to tactics that's mean; Honor in war long ago was exploded, He that's successful must be cunning and keen.

The widows and orphans, the pain and the sorrow, The mourning and gloom all over the land, Through the clouds of adversity the sun may be shining to-morrow, Old England, Old England, forever must stand!

Arise, you Britons, brave and bold! Arise from your dormant sleep! Let it be for honor, and not for gold, Avenged the mothers now that sleep.

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There is a school row at St. Joachim, a small settlement in Essex county. Samuel Bezaire was employed as teacher last year, but received notice from two of the trustees that his services were no longer required. Then the trustees employed another teacher named Ulric Nantais, and he made preparations to open the school after the Christmas holidays. There was one school trustee, however, who had not agreed with the other members of the board when they dismissed the teacher, and he secured possession of the key of the school house and told Bezaire to be on hand at the opening of the school. This trustee then escorted the teacher to the school on the opening day, but would not allow the other teacher to enter the building. Every day he has taken the teacher to the school and returned for him in the evening. The other trustees claim that sufficient notice was given to Bezaire and that he has no legal right to hold the school. The matter will be brought to the attention of Inspector Girardot for adjustment.

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**DRESDEN** Jan. 18.—The At Home given at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Wells under auspices of the Methodist church, was highly successful.

Solomon Cowell, a resident of North Chatham, was buried in the Dresden cemetery yesterday.

The Assembly given in the Opera House on Tuesday evening, was a most enjoyable affair and a large number were present. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Patrick Burns, late con., near Dawn Centre, took place from the family residence to Dresden cemetery. Rev. Fr. Roman, Wallaceburg, conducted the services.

**Dis-solution of Partnership.** Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Merchants Tailors, has been, this day, dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said Partnership are to be paid to Edward Coyne, who continues the business of the firm at its former place of business on King St., Chatham, and all claims against the said Partnership are to be presented to the said Edward Coyne, by whom the same will be settled.

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How it leaps, in dance excited;  
How it leaps, in dance delighted;  
How it leaps, in dance shining;  
How it leaps, in dance declining,  
While around the hearth we gather,  
Our and all,  
In the bleak and windy weather  
Of the fall!

Friendly flame, remote Chaldean  
Scars of time effaced, Sabean  
Shepherds in the elder ages,  
Fervent words in mystic pages,  
These adored, for so divinely  
Streamed thy light,  
Half we follow and enshrine thee,  
Spirit bright!

Dear the friends each heart's companion  
As in cheer we stir the embers,  
Bid the ash renew its beauty,  
Sparkle, flash and glow till duty,  
Through the comfort of the hour,  
Wooes our soul,  
And we deem its sterner dower  
Life's best goal.

So we dream not visionary,  
When we deem the missionary  
Household fire, once more relighted,  
Blazing higher, the whole united,  
Round the hearth of home we gather,  
One and all,  
In the bleak and windy weather  
Of the fall!

—Kitchen Magazine.

### FROM THE ENEMY'S LINE

Sergeant "Teddy" Wilkins was lying on his breast behind a heap of earth listening to the zip of Mauser bullets over his head. The Spanish picket line was sheltered by a group of trees not far away, and occasionally a guerrilla sharpshooter sent a message of defiance from the high branches.

The sergeant belonged to a New York regiment which had hurried to the front almost before Congress had officially declared that the United States was at war with the proud old land which had taken the trouble to discover her.

"It seems to me," remarked the sergeant as he casually inspected the number of cartridges in his belt, "that this business is growing very tiresome. What we need is a little diversion, a little of the romance of war."

"Well," replied young De Jones, who formerly marshaled figures on a trial balance sheet, "you'll get more romance than you want if you don't lie a little closer down there."

Three or four of the guerrillas had dropped from the trees, and the Spanish stragglers had been driven back toward Santiago by a rattling fire from the Springfield rifles of the volunteers. The weather was entirely too hot to follow up an advantage gained over a few rice fed conscripts, and Company K was resting a bit and wondering if the commissary department would call upon them that day.

"Teddy" Wilkins was smoking the artistically colored meerschaum which he had brought from home. There had been no tobacco in the rich brown bowl for days, and the sergeant was contentedly puffing at some of the dried grass of the country.

"Hello!" exclaimed De Jones. "Here they come to our pink tea! I wonder how they found out we were receiving this afternoon. Get out the Boston wafers, Sarg, and I'll hunt up the souvenir spoons."

"They" proved to be a slender young woman, who walked with a springy step, and an elderly woman, who seemed to roll along the brown earth. There was a look of terror in the eyes of both of them. They advanced toward the American soldiers and held their hands above their heads.

"Mercy, mercy, senior!" cried the girl, in broken English.

"Tell them to sit down on the sofa and make themselves at home," suggested De Jones. "The young one is rather good looking, at that."

Sergeant Theodore Wilkins of Company K bent his stiffened limbs, adjusted his cartridge belt and went to meet the newcomers.

"We beg protection," said the young woman. "We have come from the city, and we beg to be spared by the chivalry of los Americanos."

Wilkins, who remembered somewhat of his Clenduff, attempted to say something in Spanish which he meant to be reassuring. The girl shook her head and a puzzled expression came into her eyes.

"Do not speak Spanish more, senior," she said. "I have the English very well. I went to school in Connecticut."

Whereupon the men who had been engaged in the gentle occupation of exchanging compliments with Spanish foemen burst into an uproarious guffaw, to the great annoyance of Sergeant Theodore Wilkins.

"That Spanish of yours is great," suggested the corporal.

A lieutenant came up just then. The two women said that they had just come from beleaguered Santiago in order that they might escape death in the bombardment, which was sure to come. The lieutenant told them that they need fear no danger, for "los Americanos" did not make war upon women and children. He ordered Sergeant Wilkins and a guard of two men to escort the visitors out of harm's way.

Teddy Wilkins was very young. He was so young that he had had hard work in getting into the regiment when he enlisted about a year before. He had been educated in a military school, and the mechanism of drill seemed a second nature to him.

He remembered as he escorted the refugees through the chaparral that there was a situation in a grand opera which was not very different from the one in which he found himself. He wondered if Carmen were as beautiful as the Cuban girl who picked her way among the fallen branches and the stones which lay in their pathway. Then he tried to convince himself

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that he knew a girl in Harlem who was far more so. The more he advanced his proposition to himself the more was he convinced that it was utterly untenable.

"Senior," said the girl, "you are very kind. You are—our very valiant knight."

Teddy Wilkins' youth often caused him to speak hastily. He glanced at the young woman's mother, and, being convinced by her look of entire stolidity that the duenna did not understand the English, he remarked in a low and supposedly tender voice: "I wish that you would say 'my' instead of 'our,' seniorita. I should be very happy if you did."

The young woman laughed and then checked herself.

"Ah, senior," she said, "I have left those behind who were very dear to me. I think only of being reunited to them."

"Let me go in search of them!" exclaimed the young sergeant. "I will go everywhere to find them in order to win even a smile from you."

"Senior," responded the young woman, "there is nothing in our Spanish tongue to describe one so noble. You are indeed a Sir Galahad. They came with us and were frightened from us. I have no doubt that they have succeeded in also placing themselves in the protection of los Americanos. Such is my earnest hope."

The girl stepped back in a coquettish way so that the young sergeant might see beside her. The more he talked with her the more he was convinced that she was hiding a great sorrow. There were lines in the classical forehead which showed that the young woman was more worried about the safety of those whom she had left behind than she would tell even the sympathetic sergeant.

Sergeant Wilkins as he walked along felt a violent attack of jealousy.

"Your sweetheart, perhaps," he suggested.

The girl shook her head.

"Alas, senior," she said, "not so. If it were a few years ago, I could truthfully answer yes."

The sergeant was sorry, but at last they reached the rear. The young woman and her mother were taken under the protection of a branch of the Red Cross. The sergeant remained near them as long as he could and then reluctantly started back to the front.

"Perhaps we shall meet again," said the girl just before he went away.

"You give me great hope," replied Teddy Wilkins. "If I can ever be of service to you, no matter where you may be, you must let me know."

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The girl smiled and said that she would never forget him. The young sergeant touched his cap, and, with one last lingering glance, he went his way. He was so preoccupied on the way back that the soldiers with him exchanged sly winks and assumed expressions intended to be exceedingly love-lorn.

Sergeant Theodore Wilkins found little time that night to think of the fair seniorita. The Spaniards advanced, and it took all the vigor of the exhausted volunteers to hold them in check. Yet even when the Mausers filled the air with weird songs there came to "Teddy" Wilkins the vision of a face framed in dark hair and the sound of a voice which was musical and low. Days of hard fighting followed, and when it was all over Sergeant Theodore Wilkins went in search of her who had called him a Sir Galahad. He found her, too, within the protection of the American lines, sheltered by the Red Cross and happy, because she had been reunited with her own—her husband and her four children.—New York Herald.

### Cats and Monkeys.

All animals, even the wildest, can be subjected in some way to the dominion of man and be domesticated to some extent. Here, for instance, are two very curious facts about cats. Many persons, including some of our greatest naturalists, believe that our English domestic cat is descended from the Egyptian domestic cat, yet all records go to prove that the cats of Egypt lived in droves, were cared for in droves, were fed in droves and worshiped in droves, with the result that Egyptian cats never got domesticated or became half as intelligent as ours.

The like truth is suggested from India, where monkeys are worshipped. These are allowed to become nuisances. They are fed, and they have any amount of liberty. And what is the consequence? They never lose their innate savagery. The method of caring for them has been wrong. All the devotion and care expended on them are practically wasted, and if we treated our cats in the same fashion as the Indians do these monkeys they would become just as wild and undomesticated.—Cassell's Magazine.

### A Loving Cup.

Naturally some of the ancient city customs are connected with the art of dining. Gastronomy and the Guildhall are inseparably associated. One of the most curious of these is the passing of the loving cup, which takes place at all the guild dinners as well as at the banquets of the corporation. The cup is a two handled one with a lid. While one guest is holding the lid the next sips the spiced wine. A third, on the other side of the drinker, stands up. Then, the brim having been wiped by a clean napkin, the cup is passed to the guest holding the lid. He drinks in his turn, while his next neighbor takes charge of the lid. In this way the cup makes the round of the table.

This custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times. The holding of the lid was not then an act merely of courtesy, for the guest who held it was thus prevented from drawing his dagger and stabbing the drinker, a playful after dinner practice not uncommon in those times. Meanwhile the guest who was standing guarded the drinker from an assault from behind.—Good Words.

## A MODERN SOLOMON.

If this Hypnotic Burglar did not Know he was Burgling

The Judge Said he Might also Convince Himself he was not Serving Time in Jail

A story is told in Collier's Weekly of a judge who lately had the hypnotic plea raised before him by a burglar. The prisoner claimed that he did not know that he was "burgling," that he did it automatically and unconsciously, under the direction of a hypnotist.

The judge said he would give him the full benefit of the law, and also of his hypnotic misfortune. He therefore sentenced the man to five years' penal servitude, but told him he could, if he chose, send for the hypnotist and have himself made unconscious for the entire term of his imprisonment.

"The same power," said the judge, "which enabled you to commit burglary and not know it ought also to enable you to suffer imprisonment with hard labor and not be aware of it. At any rate, this is the best I can do for you."

### Outwitted the Cobras.

The keeper of the zoological garden's reptile house is chuckling over the way he has outwitted the big cobras under his charge in the matter of diet. The snakes prefer a meal consisting of other reptiles to anything else in the way of food. As small snakes are not always obtainable to satisfy the cobras' cravings the wily keeper hit upon the plan of stuffing old snake skins with meat. A little wriggling of the stuffed skins aids in the deception, and the cobras are quick to swallow this new kind of sausage without appearing to detect the imposition.—Philadelphia Record.

### The Value of an Hour.

Those who know the value of human life know the importance of a day, a year and even an hour, and these when spent amid the full enjoyment of the vital functions of how much importance to our whole existence! It is, therefore, an eternal and irreproachable loss when time is not enjoyed as it ought.

### ELOQUENT RESERVE.

"There is character shown in the way people say things." "Yes—and in the way they don't say things. Once I called on a girl and her father came into the room. He didn't answer anything I said to him for so long that I got stage fright and left."

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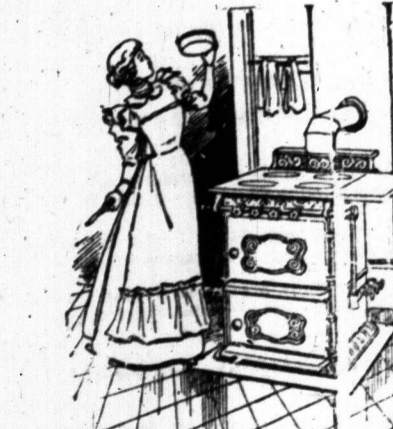
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**HE WANTED HIS GIRL**

She had Promised to Marry him and he Called for her.

The Wedding took Place Right There Outside the Barge Office.

A black eyed young man came panting into the barge office the other day. "Is this the place where they keep the immigrant girls?" he asked in English so broken that even to the interpreters of the establishment it seemed to be made up of rolling r's and b's. "Receiving an affirmative nod, the man turned about and beckoned in the direction of the open door. Four other men, all as black eyed as the first, made their appearance. "These are my witnesses," the leader of the party said by way of introduction of two of the newcomers, and then in turn he added: "And this one is the clerk, and this gentleman is the priest. So give me my girl, and I'll marry her at a prettiness, so that you need not be afraid there is any humbug about it." The interpreters' sense of humor is drawn upon too heavily for them to laugh at a scene of this sort. They got angry instead and asked him what he was talking about. He essayed an explanation, but that he succeeded in making plain was that he was an Armenian and that his English consisted in rattling r's and booming b's. "Why don't you tell your story in Armenian?" said one of the interpreters in the young man's native tongue. The would be bridegroom took offense. He had been three years in America, and he spoke English better than Armenian, he said. Finally Mrs. Studien, the "mother of immigrants," came up and shed light on the matter. The man's name was Vahi Krihorian. He was 24 years old and made a comfortable living. At home he had a pretty girl who now came to join him. Her name was Tushkowi Gobedian. She was four years younger than he was and very beautiful, so beautiful that when she spoke of her love for Vahi and his promise to marry her her olive cheeks glowed and her black eyes gazed at the leg of the matron's chair. "Have you got any money?" the clerk had asked her. "No, sir. I have a sweetheart," "But how do you know he'll marry you?" "Because God would strangle him if he went back on me." When the two were brought together, Vahi offered to kiss the girl, but she blushing held back. "Don't you want me?" he asked in despair. "Yes, but there are so many prices around. I am ashamed." The wedding took place outside of the barge office, a clerk of the immigrant station being present to see that the ceremony was really performed, and then the girl was declared Vahi's wife and free to "go out into America."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

**HOW HE GOT SQUARE**

A Young Draftsman Turned the Tables on His Employer

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A young Chicago man who came to this country several years ago unable to speak English was somewhat dependent upon his own countrymen at first. He was a fair draftsman, and as he had made the acquaintance of an architect of his own nationality he asked for work in that line and was accepted as an assistant for his supposed merit without any stipulated salary. The first job he did was a perspective in color of a country home. He did it in three days and saw his employer receive \$50 therefor. At the end of the first week he asked the architect how much he thought his services were worth. "I think I will pay you \$4 a week," was the response. "Four dollars a week," said the surprised artist. "I'll work on the street first." "Work on the street, then. You are not competent to earn more in this country. You can't even speak the language. You'll starve to death." So the young stranger worked on the street awhile, saved money, got to drawing pictures again, made the acquaintance of a young lady with some money also, married her and decided to build a house for himself. He already owned a fine lot on the south side. One of the first things he did was to hunt up his old employer. As he walked into the office of the architect that pleasant mannered person shouted: "Hello! Come back for your job, have you?" "I have come to consult you about planning my new residence—that is, I desire to find out whether you are competent to design a gentleman's house." The architect was surprised, but was anxious to get business, so he changed his manner and became quite obsequious. He was permitted to go ahead with the plan. After a week or so the young man ascended to the office again and found a complete set of plans waiting for him. Turning them over contemptuously and tossing them down, he snorted: "Is that the best you can do? I can't use those plans. You don't seem to be competent to build an American gentleman's house." The tables were completely turned. The architect at last said: "Well, you have got even with me at last, but you ought at least to pay me something for my work on these plans." "All right, sir," was the cold blooded response. "Just take it out of that \$50 you received for that perspective drawing," and that was all he ever received in payment.

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Lima, Peru, is without umbrellas.

Half a century ago nails were slowly wrought one at a time with hammer and anvil.

An alleged new Raphael picture has been discovered at the exhibition of Sacred Art at Como.

It is estimated that the consumption of beer in the entire world amounts to \$1,080,000,000 per annum.

The Cleveland street railroad strike cost Ohio \$25,000 for transportation and maintenance of the Militia.

A Maryland law prohibits Baltimore policemen from doing mechanical work for the department or for hire.

Rats recently operated the striking mechanism of the disused Flushing, L. I., town clock for several hours.

The total value of sea fish landed in Ireland in 1898 was \$1,962,935, an increase of over \$70,000 on the previous year.

Santa Cruz, Cal., is perhaps the only municipality in which water is furnished free to inhabitants for domestic purposes.

The Street Railway Journal estimates the life of iron poles for overhead wires at 33 years, and wooden poles at 11 years.

The names of Indianapolis milk dealers who use formaldehyde will be published in the newspapers by the City Sanitation.

There is a project on foot in Geneva, O., to erect a library in memory of the father of artistic penmanship, Platt R. Spencer.

Turneyfish, a rather neglected fish in England, has in Portugal the glory of being made a subject of special study by the King.

The total value of the lumber annually manufactured in the Northwest, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, is \$30,000,000.

The health authorities of Bavaria examined last year 55,437 samples of the food and drink, and made complaints in 17.9 per cent of all cases.

The British Government has given permission for the Prime Minister of Uganda to visit England, and he will remain in London for three months.

The Government of India is disposed to employ electricity as its motive power in the great central factories, which it intends to set up in Jubbalpore.

The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where for two sen—about seven-tenths of a penny—letters are conveyed all over the Empire.

In Germany, during the year ending July, 1898, out of 387,991 persons looking for employment, 222,593 found occupation by means of free employment agencies.

The Bank of Spain now holds \$12,700,000 more gold than it held a year ago, and \$41,700,000 more silver. Its note circulation, meantime, has increased \$21,800,000.

About the most expensive luxuries in Lima are postage stamps. It costs 22 cents in native silver to carry an ordinary letter, which is equivalent to 11 cents in gold.

In those parts of Armenia where the massacres took place three years ago Turkish soldiers still infest the villages and force the impoverished natives to support them.

Last year the Sweetmeat Automatic Supply Company of London collected in copper from their machines no less than £139,796—\$3,551,040 pennies, roughly 312 ton of coppers.

The Belgians are an eminently commercial people. In Antwerp ten traveling commercial scholarships of three years' duration, with an annual income of \$1,000, are given to students who most deserve such opportunities.

A New Jersey man has patented a hitching post which will accommodate bicycles as well as horses, the portion of the post nearest the pavement being provided with slots of sufficient width to admit the wheel of the machine.

Turkey does queer things sometimes—things which cannot be fully understood by the people of the Western world. One of the odd incidents recently related tells of a German firm sending some fine textile goods wrapped in newspapers into Turkey. The custom officials decided that the goods had to be unwrapped and sent on their way minus the newspapers.

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**FIRST IRONCLAD.**

It Was Thought to Be a Boat of Superb Construction.

The Koreans were the first to invent the ironclad warship. In 1592 the horses of Hideyoshi landed on the shores of southern Korea and swept northward through the peninsula, with the avowed purpose of crossing the Chinese border and overthrowing the Chinese Empire. The Koreans could offer no adequate resistance, for, while Korea had been at peace for several centuries and the science of war had received little attention, the islands of Japan had been one great battlefield, and the army of 160,000 men that landed on Korean soil were all veterans. The Japanese were provided with firearms, which had never been seen in Korea.

When, therefore, the Japanese forces swept northward toward the capital, and the King fled by night along the road to the Chinese border, Korea came face to face with a hard, uncompromising fact. She must either find some new means for holding the invaders in check, or she must go to the wall. The stimulus was sufficient, and in the person of Admiral Yi Sunsin Korea found the solution of the problem. The Japanese had penetrated the country as far as Pyongyang, and were there awaiting an army of reinforcements from Japan, consisting of 100,000 men, before advancing to the conquest of China. Admiral Yi perceived that it was only by destroying this auxiliary force that the Japanese could be checked, and he realized moreover that, should it once set foot on Korean soil, all hope was gone. This grim necessity resulted in the invention of the kwi-sun, or "tortoise-boat," so called because of its resemblance to that animal.

The boat was covered with a curved deck of iron plates, and was provided with a ram. These two things formed its defensive and offensive equipment. With this boat, whose speed was exceptionally great, Admiral Yi boldly attacked the Japanese fleet of 600 boats, ramming them right and left, and as he passed on he left the struggling Japanese in the water, to be dispatched by his followers in the ordinary boats of the Korean fleet. The enemies deemed the tortoise-boat to be a work of superhuman origin, and their "bones melted" within them.—Harper's Magazine.

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**GRAND TRUNK**

GOING EAST  
1:30 am. Toronto to Montreal  
2:30 am. Montreal to Quebec  
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5:30 am. St. John's to Sydney  
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9:30 am. Fredericton to Saint John  
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## FOR SECOND TERM

Mr. Wilson is Elected Chairman  
of the School Board.Committees For the Year Struck—  
McKeough School Salaries  
to be Revised.

The new school board held their inaugural meeting last evening. There were present Dr. Bray, Wm. Robertson, R. M. Paxton, J. A. Wilson, Dr. G. T. McKeough, W. N. Morley, W. E. Campbell, Andrew Thompson, J. E. Johnston and John McCorvie.

Secretary McNabb occupied the chair during the session of the chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by R. M. Paxton, that Mr. Wilson be the chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

In making the motion, Mr. Robertson said: It has been the custom for the chairman to have a term of two years in the chair and I think that Mr. Wilson made an ideal chairman last year. Some nice things were said about Mr. Wilson at the last meeting of the board and I quite agree with them all.

Dr. McKeough—Unfortunately it was impossible for me to be present at that meeting and I didn't have the opportunity of hearing the nice things said but I read them in The Planet. I now wish to say that I have been at all the board under a number of chairmen and none have conducted their duties in a more courteous, amiable or dignified manner than Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson then took the chair and thanked his colleagues for the honor. He said: It is a great pleasure to me to know that my efforts last year were appreciated. I only hope that the feeling of unanimity which prevailed will continue for the coming year.

In 1899 at the inaugural meeting of the board, I said that I would like to see the Central school finished. The city finances, however, would not permit of this being done at that time, and I am afraid that it cannot be done this year owing to the increased cost of building material. I think we have missed our opportunity.

## COMMITTEES STRUCK.

Dr. Bray moved seconded by W. E. Campbell, that Wm. Robertson, R. M. Paxton, John McCorvie, Dr. Bray and Andrew Thompson strike the committees for the year. Carried.

The board then adjourned for five minutes. Mr. Robertson was elected chairman of the nominating committee and on the board resuming reported as follows:

Finance—J. E. Johnston, W. N. Morley and Dr. McKeough.

Model school—Dr. Bray, Wm. Robertson and W. E. Campbell.

Kindergarten—R. M. Paxton, John McCorvie and Andrew Thompson.

Supply committee—W. N. Morley, Andrew Thompson, Dr. McKeough, R. M. Paxton and John McCorvie.

The report was adopted, it being understood that the committees should meet and elect their own chairman.

The finance committee in the same as last year. W. E. Campbell takes the place of Dr. McKeough on the model school committee, Andrew Thompson and Dr. McKeough are added to the supply committee in place of Wm. Robertson and W. E. Campbell.

The kindergarten committee remains the same.

On motion of Dr. McKeough, seconded by Dr. Bray, the managers of the schools for 1899 were re-elected for 1900.

On motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by W. E. Campbell, Miss Mounter was again appointed entrance examiner for 1900.

On motion of W. N. Morley, seconded by Dr. McKeough, Edwin Bell was elected to represent the school board at the C. C. L. board.

On motion of John McCorvie, seconded by Dr. R. V. Bray, R. A. Hughes was elected to the library board.

On motion of Dr. Bray, seconded by Wm. Robertson, Wm. Needham was appointed caretaker of the King St. school at a dollar a month.

John E. Johnston moved, seconded by Dr. Bray that a committee of one from each ward, be appointed to look into the salaries at McKeough school, members of the committee to be, Wm. Robertson, W. E. Campbell, J. A. Wilson, W. N. Morley and the managers of the school. Carried.

R. M. Paxton called attention to a pool of water at the back entrance to the Central school. Several parents were complaining about their children having to wade through this water.

Dr. McKeough—That is a matter for the janitor and principal to attend to.

R. M. Paxton—Well, someone has got to attend to it.

Dr. Bray moved that the managers of all the schools be empowered to approach the water commissioners and get a flat rate for all the schools.

The motion carried and the board then adjourned.

"Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

## LADYSMITH FIGHT.

First Detailed Account of Two  
Terrible Struggles.They Commenced in the Early Morning  
Darkness and Lasted all Day.  
Boers surprised British.

London, Jan. 18.—The Standard publishes the following despatch from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 6, by way of Frere, Jan. 17:—"The enemy to-day made a determined effort to capture two positions—Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill.

## CAESAR'S CAMP

was held by the First Battalion Manchester Regiment. In the early hours of the morning, under cover of darkness, the Heidelberg commando succeeded in evading our pickets, making their way through the thorn bush and reaching the foot of the slope at half-past two. The alarm was raised by our sentries, but before the full extent of danger could be realized the outer sentries had been rushed and their defenders slain. On hearing the firing, two companies of the Gordon Highlanders went to the assistance of the Manchesters. At first it was thought that the Boers were concentrating on the southern slope, where they had already secured a footing on the plateau. Here, however, their advance was checked by the steady volleys of our infantry, and the deadly fire of the automatic gun. Lieutenant Grubb went out to see if any aid were needed by the troops stationed on the ridge near the town. He was not aware that the enemy had already captured the breastworks, and called out to the sergeant. He received the reply:—"Here I am, sir," and then he suddenly disappeared from sight. Captain Carnegie, suspecting a ruse, ordered the Gordons to fire a volley and to charge. The enemy thereupon fell back precipitately leaving behind them the officer whom they had captured with so much presence of mind. The lieutenant was quite unhurt. By daybreak reinforcements of Gordon Highlanders and of the Rifle Brigade had been hurried up to the fighting line. Lieutenant Col. Dick Cunningham, who was leading the Gordons out of camp, fell mortally wounded, being hit by a stray bullet while still close to the town. The 53rd battery of field artillery, under Major Abdy, crossed the Klip river and shelled the ridge and the slope of the front position, where the enemy were lying among the thorn bushes. The enemy fought throughout with the most stubborn courage, being evidently determined to take the camp or die in the attempt. A terrific storm of rain and hail, accompanied by peals of thunder, had burst over the camp during the fighting. This served to swell the streams into raging torrents. In their efforts to escape, numbers of the enemy flung themselves into the current and were swept away. The struggle in this part of the field was now ended, and the finale was a terrible fusillade all along the line, the crash of which almost drowned the incessant thunder above.

## WAGON HILL.

"Meanwhile a more exciting contest was in progress in the direction of Wagon Hill. At 2 a. m. a strong party of Boers, furnished by the Harrismith Free State commando crept cautiously along a donga in the valley which divides our posts from their camp. A few well-aimed rifle shots killed our pickets. The Boers then gradually reached the crest of the heights. Here a body of Light Horse were posted, but they were forced to retire before the advance of the Free Staters. With little to impede their progress, the enemy soon came to an emplacement, where they surprised working parties of the Gordon Highlanders and leaders and Sixteenth Rifles. Lieutenant Digby Jones, of the Royal Engineers, collecting a handful of men, made a gallant effort to hold the position, but the numbers were against him, and after a stubborn resistance, he was driven back, and the enemy got possession of the summit. Here it was that Lieutenant McNaughton and 30 of the Gordon Highlanders were captured, although not until every man was wounded.

"Colon Edwards, with two squadrons of Light Horse arrived on the scene, and the 21st Battery of the Field Artillery, under Major Blewett, came into action, preventing the besieging party to be reinforced from the Boer camp. At the same time the 18th Hussars and the 5th Lancashire Cavalry moved from the spruit on our right flank. Nevertheless our position at this point had become critical. Major Bowen rallied a few riflemen, but fell while leading them to the charge. His example was at once followed by Lieutenant Todd, but the latter met the same fate. The enemy were making good the footing they had gained when Major Watson, calling the scattered Gordons, charged in and drove them back. Having thus cleared the ground, Lieutenant Watson joined Lieutenant Digby Jones on the west side. A pause ensued for a time, but the Boers were not yet finally beaten. Taking advantage of the storm now raging, they essayed to capture the position by another rush. Three of their leaders reached the parapet, but were shot down by Lieutenant Digby Jones and Lieutenant Watson, the latter of whom also fell. The renewed check effectually discouraged the assailants, and the duel was practically at an end. Nevertheless parties of the brave assailants kept up a murderous fire on our men from behind the rocks.

The moment had evidently arrived to strike the final blow, and Col. Park quickly issued the necessary orders. Three companies of Devonshires, led by Captain Lafone, Lieutenant Fields and Lieutenant Masterson, made a brilliant charge across the open under a terrific fire, and fairly buried the enemy down the hill at the point of the bayonet. In the course of the struggle Captain Lafone and Lieutenant Fields were killed, and Lieutenant Masterson received no fewer than ten wounds.

The Standard's vivid account of the assault upon Ladysmith shows that the garrison was surprised, and that several times the situation was critical. Out of a detachment of thirty Gordon Highlanders who surrendered, every man was wounded, says the correspondent. This is the first mention of the capture of the Highlanders. The Boer repulse at Ladysmith was the heaviest counter stroke of the war.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

D. R. VanAllen is in Newbury today.

The Essex county House of Refuge will be located at Leamington.

Miss Swan, Delaware avenue, left for Detroit yesterday, on a short visit.

W. H. Taylor is doing as well as could be expected after his recent accident.

James Skagel, of Seltou, underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital this week.

Good smart lad for light office work wanted at once. Wm. Gray &amp; Sons, Co., Limited.

Mrs. Wallace, of Merline, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is doing well.

Mrs. Wm. Baize entered St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday suffering from nervous prostration.

Petitions to Hon David Mills to spare Murrays Stewart's life are being circulated in Windsor.

Fred Liddy, son of Ald. Liddy, who is suffering from a relapse of typhoid fever, is much better.

Miss Wing, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever at St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving.

Miss McLean, city, left St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday, having recovered from her recent illness.

James Wanless, King St., is suffering from an attack of blood poisoning, the result of a dog bite on the hand.

It is expected that between forty and fifty families from Toledo, O., will settle in the Canadian Northwest this spring.

Mrs. G. W. Doane left for Leadville, Mich., to-day, after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. Archie Wemp, Wellington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, of Walkerville, were in the city yesterday attending the marriage of Mr. Miller's sister.

Lamon &amp; Avechousser, merchant tailors, are offering \$16 suits for \$13, and \$4 pants for \$3, for the next 30 days. These are snags.

Rev. R. McCosh and Mrs. McCosh will entertain the officers of Christ Church and the members of the choir in the rectory this evening.

R. Parsons &amp; Co.'s furniture factory at Stratford was burned Monday night. There was an insurance of \$30,000, which will not cover the loss.

Book your orders for fence wire with Geo. Stephens &amp; Co. They are booking orders for spring delivery and guaranteeing prices; also books, staples, slats and fence tools.

A. F. Nash, provincial gas inspector, has laid an information against W. D. West, manager of the Windsor Gas Co., charging him with supplying to patrons illuminating gas of less than the standard quality, which is 16-candle power.

Last evening the Rev. Father Superior, Francis Solanus, and Fathers Paul and Herman, the clergy of St. Joseph's church, entertained the choir in the Ladies' Aid Hall, on Queen St.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, excellent refreshments being served.

Albert Miller, a Walkerville baker, was driving a delivery wagon Tuesday afternoon over the car tracks of the L. E. &amp; D. R. R., when a freight train struck the wagon and completely demolished it. Horse and driver were thrown to one side and Miller escaped with a few bruises.

The remains of Mrs. W. J. McGuire, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. M. Tylhurst, King St., will be brought from Elmville, Ont., to Chatham, on the G. T. R. train from the East tomorrow morning. The funeral will take place tomorrow at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of Mrs. Tylhurst to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Frank Wigle, assistant agent of the L. E. &amp; D. R. R. at Wallaceburg, has been removed to Blenheim to succeed Fred. Anderson, who has accepted of position as agent at Thamesville, on the Wabash.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, and then, when they were tired, we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help, a pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

Among the successful candidates in the December election of the Ontario Normal Schools are the names of Miss Marion McCall and Miss A. Keller, of this city. Miss Jenner, Charing Cross, and Miss McLane, Eber, (who obtained honor standing) and Bagnall, of Raleigh. Miss Clark who is at present teaching in Richmond's school house, Dover, Miss Howe, of Keith, and Miss Campbell, Cedar Springs. Miss Beatty, of Hignate, took honors, and Miss M. J. Smith, of Moraviantown, obtained pass standing.

## SPRING FAIR ON APRIL 28.

A special meeting of the directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the old town hall for the purpose of passing accounts, revising the prize lists, appointing the standing committee and to set the date of the fall fair. A special committee will also be appointed to look into ways and means of putting the buildings. The directors are also open to receive tenders for rental of the grounds and track. The date of the spring fair has been set for the 28th of April, being the last Saturday in that month. The prize list has been revised and a number of special prizes offered. It is expected that this fair will be the best ever held.

## "A HEART AS STURDY AS OAK."

But what about the blood which the heart must pump at the rate of 70 times a minute? If the heart is to be sturdy and the nerves strong this blood must be rich and pure. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes sturdy hearts because it makes good blood. It gives to men and women strength, confidence, courage and endurance.

HOOD'S PILLS are non-irritating and the most cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## DO YOU KNOW?

That the great stock reduction sale commenced this morning?

## Do You Know

That we sell better goods for the same money and the same goods for less money than any other store in Chatham?

## Do You Know

That for the next nine days we are outstripping our own best records for value giving?

## Do You Know

That you can buy any article in this store during this sale for 10 per cent less than the regular price of it?

## Do You Know

We are selling 25c Dress Goods for 15c, 40c Dress Goods for 25c, 60c Dress Goods for 50c?

## Do You Know

We are selling Fine Black \$1.00 Dress Goods for 75c, and \$1.75 Black Crepons for \$1.25 per yard?

## Do You Know

We are selling Ladies' Dollar Flannelette Night Gowns for 78c?

## Do You Know

We are selling a special line of Ladies' Ribbed Vests, regular 69c for 50c?

## Do You Know

We are offering two bargain lots of Laces at 5c and 10c per yard?

## Do You Know

We are selling Fine Sateen Comforters at about the cost of the material alone?

## Do You Know

We have an immense stock of Cottons, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, bought months ago and that we are selling them for less than the present mill prices?

## Do You Know

We have a line of Wrapperettes the regular price of which was 18c, bought at a bargain and our Sale Price will be only 10c per yard?

## Do You Know

We have some bargain lines in Lace Curtains, Carpets and Floor Matings that are a snap for you if you need them?

## Do You Know

We have only one price to everyone and it's no trouble for us to show goods?

## DO YOU KNOW?



## DO YOU KNOW?

DO YOU KNOW our Great Mark Down Sale of Clothing is in full swing?

DO YOU KNOW odds and ends have been gathered from all over the store and marked down at prices which make it profitable to shop here!

DO YOU KNOW our every day prices are as low as many advertised specials?

DO YOU KNOW we sell Men's, Boys' and Childrens Suits and Overcoats which captivate everytime?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Men's Heavy Ulsters with all the comforts, at \$3.48, \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.75, \$6.48? These prices are from \$1.50 to \$2 a coat less than regular.

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Men's Dress Overcoats from \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.50 and \$7.95? Coats that sold all season from \$1.50 to \$2.50 more. Come and see them.

DO YOU KNOW you can buy Solid Tweed and Serge Suits here at \$4.95 that are sold all over at \$6.50? and Nobby Up-to-date Tweed, Serge and Worsted Suits that sold at \$10, for \$7.50

DO YOU KNOW that the solid truth in this stores advertising makes each season's sales larger than the predecessor?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Strong Wool Sox, ribbed tops, 2 pair for 25c? Handsome Pure English Cambric Dress Shirts \$1, fast colors, heavy Scotch knit shirts and drawers, 47c? Good Wearing Knitted Top Shirts, at 35c?

DO YOU KNOW comparison of our prices will secure for us a good portion of your future trade if you are not shackled by prejudice?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Boys' Solid Tweed Pants, all sizes, 50c? Boys' Neat Check Cottonade Pants, 25c? Men's Heavy Tweed Pants 75c and 90c? Men's All-wool Tweed Pants \$1.25, \$1.48?

DO YOU KNOW we are having all our Clothing for the coming season made by the best tailors in America, importing our cloth and buying direct from the mills and will have them made to our own ideas? Will be in a position of showing you the finest and highest class and best gotten up clothing ever shown over a counter.

DO YOU KNOW everybody is invited to look through even with no thought of buying and it's no trouble, but a pleasure to display our goods?

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

C. Austin &amp; Co.

The Money Saving Spot for Men.