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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Brown-Sequard, of Elixir of Life notoriety, is about to be eclipsed by some man, name at present unknown, who claims to have discovered the microbe of old age. What he is going to do with it is a problem. If he annihilates the whole nest of them and eliminates them from the human frame there will, of course, be no more old people, and we shall all presumably be beloved of the Gods and die young.

It is alleged that in Hartford, Connecticut, during a recent epidemic of diphtheria, the only fatal cases were in families using paraffine oil for illuminating purposes. Whether the fumes or vapor arising from the combustion of the oil really had any connection with the fatality observed or not, it is a fact that irritation of the throat and bronchial tubes is occasioned by sleeping or close confinement in rooms in which paraffine oil is burned, and it is only reasonable to suppose that this irritation would produce a condition of the air passages favorable to the development of the vassilus of diphtheria.

Whether the telegraphing of a recent club election all over the continent was done for political effect, or, as is more probable, merely as a news item, it is to be deprecated in either case. To publish such a rumor as news is illegitimate; to publish it as a political weapon of offense would be contemptible. This would be analogous to actually blackballing an eligible candidate for the purpose of belittling his words or hurting his cause, a meanness to which no one *fit* to belong to a gentlemen's club could possibly stoop.

In their exercise of the ballot at club elections men are governed by two totally different theories. The one, which is held by the thinking majority of clubmen, is that their legal right to blackball involves grave responsibilities; that capricious blackballing is bound to cripple or kill a club; that voting members are to some extent passing a verdict on the character, standing and deportment of a man, and that the verdict should be influenced by justice more than by inclination. The other theory is that a member may without compunction "pill" any applicant he dislikes. The issue before a club voter who holds this view is not "Is this man fairly up to the club standard in moral tone, presentability, etc?" but simply "Have I any objection to this man, or to his opinions, or to his family, which inclines me to prefer his exclusion to his election?" Were this theory prevalent, it is plain that hardly a candidate could feel a reasonable assurance of being elected; and no prominent man could permit his name to be proposed, for, other things being equal, the more distinguished a person becomes the more enmities and jealousies he provokes.

The ghastly prominence which has been given to the paying of the death penalty recently may have a good effect in frightening would be murderers, if any such there be. A man who was guillotined at Epinal, France, a few days ago for murder and robbery was the subject of scientific investigation immediately after death, when it was ascertained that his heart continued to beat for six minutes after his head was removed. Such cases as this, not to mention hanging and electrocution, ought to frighten all ideas of murder out of the heads of wicked men.

The Calais correspondent of the *St. Croix Courier* writes to that paper as follows.—“Most of the muzzles are being removed from the dogs. Compassion on the part of the owners has compelled them to do this, and take the chances of their being shot by our officers, which are slight, unless under provoking circumstances. Many of the animals have worn the skin off their nose by the constant chafing of the muzzles. Dogs which would not become cross under this kind of torture must have a much better disposition than the majority of mankind.” All lovers of “the friend of man” will agree with this. How any one who cares enough about a dog to own one can bear to keep the poor creature muzzled is a mystery. Proper care of our dumb pets, with attention to their feeding, and seeing that they are not tormented, ought to insure their good temper and health. A fierce dog of course ought not to be tolerated in a community, but to worry the majority of good tempered beasts by muzzling them is nothing short of cruelty.

It having come to the knowledge of the Regent of Bavaria that the passion play lately performed at Ober-Ammergan was farmed by Jews, he has signified his intention never to again permit its performance. It appears that the wily Hebrews persuaded the Ammerganers that there were “risks” which risks they offered to take on condition that they should have the profits, beyond a certain lump sum which they guaranteed to the actors and sellers of theatre tickets. Formerly every family having among its members one of the actors had a right to as many theatre tickets (to sell) as there were beds for stayers in the family dwelling. This year the householders compounded for a lump sum and gave over this right. The Jews of course found it to their interest to multiply the number of the performances; consequently there were four or more performances in a week. It seems that those of the actors who had land, and used to work at that as well as at the local industry, the carving, let their fields this year, so as to be quite free for their theatrical duties. Can anything be more incongruous than the representation of the central act of christianity for the benefit of a Jewish syndicate.

The recent fatal poisoning case at Digby, whereby Mrs. Crozier, proprietress of the Crozier House, lost her life, once more makes prominent the necessity for greater care in dispensing drugs. The case was thus. Mrs. Crozier had been an invalid for some time and was under treatment from Dr. Fritz, who on this occasion gave a prescription which was taken to Stark's drug store to be made up. The medicine was taken to the patient and administered. After taking the medicine, which proved to be about fifteen grains of strychnine, the deceased attempted to get up, and fell dead in three minutes. The coroner's jury who held an inquest into the case exonerated the druggist from all blame. Two bottles, one containing strychnine, stood side by side on the shelf, and by the changing of these one for the other the fatal mistake was made. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Stark, whose business has always heretofore been carefully conducted, but this circumstance points most decidedly to the necessity for a strict law as to the way in which deadly poisons should be kept. It would be well, in order to avoid future mistakes, for all poisonous drugs to be kept in bottles of a different shape, color and size from those in which harmless drugs are kept, and that there should be a shelf in the drug store sacred to them. These precautions, reinforced by cautious dispensing, ought to insure safety from accidents of the nature of the recent one at Digby.

Train-wrecking is a species of villainy which should be visited with the severest punishment when the perpetrator can be caught and brought to trial. The dastardly attempt to wreck the Montreal sleeper from New York on the night of the 4th inst., near Albany, was successful in throwing three of the eight cars of which the train was composed down an embankment. There were thirty-one passengers in these cars, but fortunately none of them were fatally injured. There were sixty-three passengers in all on the train. An investigation into the cause of the wreck showed that a very carefully planned obstruction had been placed on the track where the accident occurred, and another similar one was found on the south bound track a short distance away. Vice-President Webb, of the New York Central, has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who placed the obstruction on the track. Whatever the motive of a deed like this, the perpetrator deserves no mercy. To imperil the lives of over three score people can only be the action of men who are insane or else too bad to live. Can the unpleasant state of affairs between the management of the New York Central and the Knights of Labor have had anything to do with this outrage? If so, the discharged workmen are taking a very wrong course, and one that must eventually damage their own cause, not to speak of the retribution which awaits the actual perpetrator of the deed. Whatever the grievances of any man or men, they will not be lessened or removed by wholesale murder. Strikes are inconvenient enough to the travelling public, but when it comes to train-wrecking the case is more serious. While such deeds are done it will be quite useless for the advocates of the abolition of the death penalty to advance their views. Nothing but death fits the case, and we should say that hanging is too good for the wretch who would have no compunction about pushing a train load of passengers into eternity.

It is not generally known how very much married the Sultan is. He has five first-class wives, twenty-four second-class—morganatic—wives, and some two hundred and fifty third-class partners in his joys and sorrows, variously described as “favorites” and “slaves.”

Sir Walter Scott's “Journal” is to appear soon, reproduced from the original, which is preserved at Abbotsford. Mr. David Douglas will edit it, and add, besides elaborate explanatory notes, illustrative extracts from unpublished sources, chief among them being the reminiscences in manuscript of James Skene, one of Scott's oldest and most intimate friends. There are also letters from Carlyle and Lockhart. The whole work will form two octavo volumes, and they are said to contain nearly double the amount of matter given by Lockhart, while the sentences and paragraphs will appear as they were written by Scott. Many passages were truncated by Lockhart, many entries were omitted, and for five months not a line was reproduced.

Hygiene expresses its belief that the majority of persons who die of so-called hydrophobia really die of shock to the nervous system, produced by constant dread of the consequences of the disease, and also that the same thing may be said of many other diseases, or of poisoning, where the feeling of fear works powerfully upon the nervous system. A singular instance is given in connection with this. A young woman having had a quarrel with her lover, determined upon poisoning herself. With this view she cut off the ends of a number of matches which she steeped in water and then drank off the supposed poisonous draught. In the course of a short time the poison commenced to pervade her frame; she was seized with frightful spasmodic pains, cramps, and other “unmistakable” symptoms, to the great horror of her relatives. Medical aid was at once procured, and the doctor who had been summoned, having administered some general remedies, inquired for the box whence the matches had been taken, in order that he might form an idea of the quantity of poison swallowed. Upon examination he found that the matches were of Swedish manufacture and contained no phosphorus. This gratifying information was promptly imparted to the patient, who made a rapid recovery. A somewhat similar train of events occurred at Macclesfield (England) some years ago during a hydrophobia scare, when several persons were bitten by a strange dog, and, as the people of Macclesfield were in a state of great excitement, conveyed to the Infirmary, where they began to rapidly exhibit all the symptoms of hydrophobia, and some of them would probably have died of nervous prostration had not the medical officer made a post-mortem examination of the dog, in the stomach of which was found a large pin which naturally would cause great pain and accounted for the irritable snapping and biting of the dog. This fact, and various conclusive proofs that the dog had not been affected with hydrophobia, were communicated to the sufferers, and within a very brief period their symptoms had all gone. Hydrophobia is one of the rarest diseases of the canine race. The returns prove nothing, as the police put down almost every dog they baton as suffering from hydrophobia.

Eye-strain is a frequent cause of trouble to school children, and as the greater part of school work demands the assistance of the eyes, this is not surprising. It is, however, a thing that ought to be carefully looked after. The influence of the eyesight upon intellectual work is becoming more recognized by educators both in America and Europe, and some of the most important discussions among both teachers and physicians bear upon this subject. One of the most lucid articles treating of the varied kinds of eye imperfections is “Eye-strain in connection with headaches, neuralgia and nervous disturbances,” contributed to *Babyhood* by Dr. J. M. Mills, in the New York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute. The most common causes of annoyance and suffering are far-sightedness, having its origin in the position of the principal focus of parallel rays of light behind the retina; near-sightedness, in which the parallel rays of light are brought to a focus in front of the retina; astigmatism, due to the irregular curvature of the cornea and insufficiency or weakness of muscles of the eye ball. It is useful for both parents and teachers to recognize the seriousness of the symptoms of strain due to any of these forms of eye imperfections. From far-sightedness come easy fatigue of the eye, aching sensation in the eye-balls, finally persistent and obstinate muscular irritation and burning pain. The eye-strain is felt more particularly at the end of the week. Near-sighted people suffer equal discomfort from working any length of time. Dr. Mills adds that near-sighted persons squint or blink in order to see at a distance, and that those “dreamy eyes ‘that haunt me ever,’ about which amorous swains become poetic, are usually near-sighted, the dreamy or staring appearance being due to the fact that they see imperfectly at a distance.” Patients with astigmatism suffer very often and severely with headaches, dizziness, “flickering,” and other nervous complaints. Those whose eyes are impaired by muscular weakness have headache, pain over the eyes, neuralgia, dizziness, nausea, and vague nervous disturbances. So serious is the effect of any imperfection in the eye that the examination of the eyes of children of school age would seem to be imperative. Many children have been rebuked for stupid neglect of and disinclination for study, when they are simply unable to endure the eye-strain. Many have been forced from intellectual labor to less congenial occupation through the neglect of eye imperfections. The reasonable remedy of the oculist is so practicable that its benefit should not be denied the poorest school child. The cause should be looked for and removed if possible. Sometimes a very little thing may cause eye trouble. A tight collar will make the eyes ache in a very short time, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that if worn persistently for a long time that disease would ensue. Too much or too little light will also do injury to the eyes. The school children of to day are to be the men and women of a few years hence, and they deserve to have every chance to become such with good eyes in their heads.

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

IS THIS DIPLOMACY?

The nicest girl I ever knew
Just let me think!
The batteries of Beauty,
O, they make me blink!

Nice girls, a many I have known:
In fact, they all
Are nice—or so it seems—until
One gets "the call."

You love them all, till one fair face
It flashes out,
When at the rest, tho' radiant,
You're fain to flout.

Then pearls that erstwhile nought approached,
Appear but poor
Aside the queen who's conquered you,
Earth's Kohinoor!

And when I think of all I've known,
In all my life,
I must confess the nicest girl
Is my own wife!

We hear that an American has "discovered in musical sounds a potential energy that is destined to overthrow steam, electricity, and other motive powers." After all, then, there is some use for the "ivory-smashers," though it has not been suspected till now.

In Paris.—Mmo. Prudhom—What is this Tariff Bill in America we read so much about now in France? Mr. Prudhom (with superiority)—Madame, I am surprised! It is, of course, the kinsman of Buffalo Bill, whom we lately saw among us with so much pleasure.

Here is an excuse brought out day by a tall, red-haired boy of 17 to his teacher: "Dero Cir—Pleze to eggeuco Henry for shawnte yisterday. We made sourkrout and he had to tromp it down. Also he had to Help butcher 2 pigs. pigs. Respeckful yuers, His Pap."

Pleasant.—"Well, Susie, how do you get along with your study of cooking?" "Oh, beautifully, dear Henry! By the time we are married I shall be a perfect cook, and shall be so happy, especially when you are sick, for I am learning all sorts of nice recipes for sick people."

P. T. Barnum, a man who, with all his humbug, has cast his influence on the side of sobriety, is reported as having once said, in a temperance meeting, that as a great showman, he would give more for a drunkard who has been prosperous in business than for any other curiosity.

The following is the best recent addition to piano forte jokes: "Thump—rattoty—bing went the piano forte" Mother: "What are you trying to play, Jane?" Daughter: "It's an exercise—'First Steps in Music.'" Mother: "Well, is there nothing you can play with your hands?"

A PREHISTORIC FACT.

When Adam delved and Eve span,
Who was then the gentleman?
If rules of gender we believe
We're pretty sure it wasn't Eve.

"I would marry you," said a lady to an importunate lover, "were it not for three reasons." "O tell me," he said, imploringly, "what are they, that I may remove them!" "The first reason is," said she, "I don't love you; the second is, I don't want to love you; and the third is, I couldn't love you if I wanted to!"

Tourist (out west)—"I presume this neighborhood is full of exciting history." Guide—"You bet. D'ye see that point o' rocks? When the sheriff's posse got after Buffalo Jim they chased him to the top of that there peak, 300 feet high, and the only way he could escape them was by jumping." Tourist—"Goodness me! The fall killed him, of course?" Guide—"No; he didn't jump."

Teacher (to new pupil)—What is your last name, my little man?
New Pupil—Tommy.
Teacher—What is your full name?
New Pupil—Tommy Jones.
Teacher—Then Jones is your last name?
Tommy—No, it isn't. When I was born my name was Jones, and they didn't give me the other one for a month afterward.

It was Charles Lamb who said that his idea of educating a girl was to turn her loose into a well chosen library. Of course he was thinking of a girl as a companion, not as a clerk or a lawyer. In our own case, some of the brightest and most intelligent of the many delightful women we meet have never had a college education, know nothing of mathematics, and not much of science; but instead, have dipped deeply into good literature, and can take an intelligent interest in, and give a sound opinion upon the great questions of the day.

Our dear little daughter was terribly sick,
Her bowels were bloated as hard as a brick,
We feared she would die
Till we happened to try

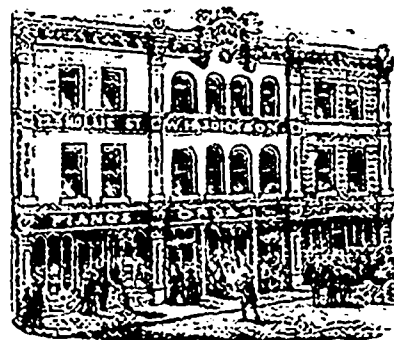
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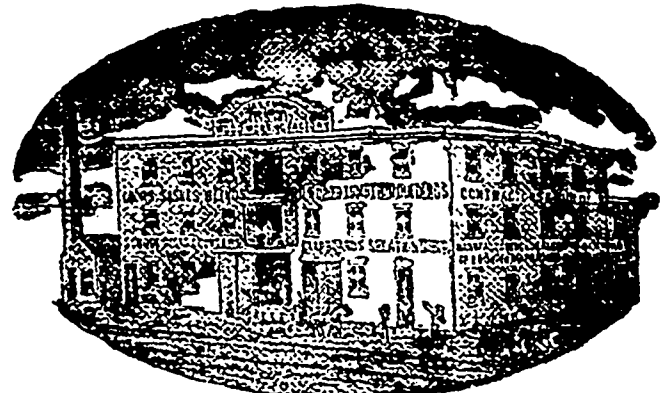
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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

They have had a snow storm at Calgary, N. W. T.

Truro celebrated her Natal Day on Friday last.

The fleet leaves Quebec to-morrow for Halifax.

The partridge shooting season opened on Monday.

The investigation into the loss of the *Ulunda* has adjourned until Monday.

The Halifax Dry Dock was formally opened by H. M. S. *Canada* just one year ago to-day.

New Brunswick is experiencing a very wet season. It has been raining very heavily for some days.

Governor-General Lord Stanley visited the St. Clair River Tunnel and the Toronto Exhibition last week.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church has been in session in Montreal during the past week.

The steamer *Ulunda* has been successfully floated, and is beached at Westport, where she is being repaired.

The Annual Encampment of our citizen soldiers commenced at Aldershot on Tuesday for a twelve days' drill.

The St. John Exhibition will open next Wednesday, and remain open until October 4th. The programme is an attractive one.

Sir Terrence and Lady O'Brien arrived at Halifax from Newfoundland by the steamer *Carthagenian* on Saturday afternoon.

The customs authorities have seized a house at St. Armond, Quebec, owing to the fact that smuggled paper was found on the walls.

The Annual Exhibition of Yarmouth County is to be held at Yarmouth on the 9th and 10th of October. Cash prizes amounting to \$2,400 are offered.

The Halifax County exhibition to be held at Dartmouth next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday promises to be very interesting. Entries are coming in rapidly.

Governor-General Lord Stanley and party will leave Quebec on the 29th inst. for the Maritime Provinces. They return to Ottawa during the second or third week of October.

The *Truro Guardian* issued a souvenir of Truro's Natal Day last Friday in the shape of a neatly printed pink paper, devoted to the interests of the Truro Amateur Athletic Club.

Business is said to be brisk in Springhill. All the pits are in full working order, and coal is being shipped in all directions by rail. Large orders are being shipped to St. John via Parrsboro.

Sir Ambrose Shea, Governor of the Bahamas, has been in Ottawa with the object of inducing the Government to allow one of the West India lines of steamers to call at the Bahamas.

A copy of the Imperial Act abolishing Courts of Vice-Admiralty in Canada has been received by the Dominion Government. It is expected pensions will be granted to judges whose positions are abolished.

Messrs. Cragg Bros. & Co. have issued an illustrated and descriptive catalogue of house furnishing hardware, cutlery, etc., of which they have a full stock at their place of business on the corner of George and Barrington Streets.

On the night of Sunday, 14th inst., the barquentine Henry Burnham, of Boston, Capt. McLean, bound from New York to Halifax, ran ashore on the southern part of Seal Island. She had in 200 tons hard coal for ballast. Total loss.

The School Commissioners of Halifax have appointed a committee, with power to close what schools or departments they may deem necessary, on account of the spread of diphtheria. Dartmouth is taking very strict measures to prevent the disease spreading.

Says the *Charlottetown Patriot*:—"Mr. Michael McCarvel's pig died to-day. Shortly after the last thunder storm the animal's skin commenced to peel off, and it is thought that the pig was struck by lightning. Michael estimates his loss at twenty-five dollars. No insurance."

The *Globe* Printing Co., of Toronto, have issued a cordial invitation to their friends to visit them in their new building during the second week of the Industrial Exhibition, from September 16th to the 19th inclusive, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. each day. The *Globe's* new offices are the handsomest and best equipped newspaper quarters in the Dominion.

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Messrs. Hart & Company, publishers, Toronto, announce that they have in press, and will have ready early in the Autumn, a volume of verse by Mrs. S. Frances Harrison—*Seranus*—author of "Crowded Out," and compiler of the "Canadian Birthday Book," etc. The book will be issued in the best possible style, and will contain some of the work which has made Mrs. Harrison's name already a distinguished one, together with much entirely new matter. Mrs. Harrison's efforts on behalf of her fellow *litterateurs* and Canadian literature generally should entitle her book to an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. Charles Carman has been transferred from the Mines Department to the Department of Crown Lands; and a clerk from the latter Department now occupies Mr. Carman's former position in the Mines Office.

P. J. Gleeson, P. O. Box 414, Halifax, is agent for Stanley's great book, "In Darkest Africa; or the Quest, Rescue and Retreat of Emin, Governor of Equatoria." It has two steel portraits, one hundred and fifty engravings and three folding maps. In two volumes, Octavo, cloth, price \$7.50. Sold only by subscription. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons. To get a clear idea of the African expedition it is necessary to read this book.

The Season for October received. The contents are unusually fine in this number, and the designs for costumes for ladies and children are reasonable, plain, and practicable. The entire book is filled with appropriate Autumn costumes that will be appreciated by all lovers of good dressmaking. The styles suit every age and condition in life, from the most elegant to the simple home costume. Single copy, 30 cts.; yearly subscription, \$3.50. International News Co., 83 & 85 Duane St., N. Y.

The Ontario Cabinet has been re-organized as follows: Premier and Attorney-General, Hon. Oliver Mowatt; Commissioner of Lands, Hon. A. S. Hardy; Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. M. Gibson; Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. C. F. Fraser; Minister of Education, Hon. G. W. Ross; Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Richard Harcourt; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Dryden; Minister without Portfolio, Hon. E. H. Bronson. Ballantyne is likely to be elected Speaker.

Mackerel fishing is proving a perfect bonanza to the people of Digby Neck. Everything in the shape of a boat or net is pressed into the work of catching them. There is no apparent diminution in their quantity, and though small in size they are rapidly getting fatter, on account of the abundance of food the Bay contains, and which keeps them from leaving. It is estimated by some that 20,000 barrels have been already secured.

There was intense indignation in Montreal when it became known through private telegrams Saturday morning, that several New York papers had published a story from Montreal that Prince George of Wales had become involved in a street row and had been arrested by the police. The correspondents of these papers and the Associated Press correspondent were all day the subject of threatening remarks until evening when the American papers were received. The story appeared, headed "By Dunlop's Cable Agency," which fixed the responsibility on their agent there. Proceedings have been taken to have him indicted by the Grand Jury. It will be a good thing if false reporters of this stamp are made an example of.

The steamer *Princess Beatrice*, Capt. Crews, of Pickford and Black's line to Charlottetown and Eastern Nova Scotian ports, ran ashore at New Harbor Ledge, off Isaac's Harbor, during thick weather at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening. A despatch to Pickford & Black on Wednesday evening from Capt. Crews stated that the *Beatrice* was full of water and fast breaking up amidships, and that there was little hope of saving her. In all probability the gale of Wednesday night has broken her up. The *Beatrice* is a steamer of 270 tons and was built in 1874 in Glasgow. She was purchased for the eastern shore service in June, 1889, and was valued at \$54,000. She is pretty well insured. The crew and passengers are safe.

The U. S. House non-concurred in the senate amendments to the tariff bill on Monday.

The World's Fair Committee has definitely selected the dual site of the lake front and Jackson.

The U. S. Senate has agreed to a conference on the report on the Railroad Land Forfeiture Bill. The House passed the Anti-Lottery Bill.

An order declaring the *New York Central* strike off was read on Wednesday in every local assembly between New York and Buffalo. It emanated from headquarters district assembly 246.

Ocean racing is going on as briskly as ever. The White Star steamer *Teutonic* came in a winner in her race with the Inman Line steamer *City of New York* on the 10th, making the trip in 5 days, 20 hours and 54 minutes.

Diamonds supposed to be worth \$10,000 were taken by the Customs Inspectors at New York from W. H. Wedhurst, a young Englishman, on his arrival there a few days ago. Investigation shows that the diamonds are made of paste; their value is about \$75.

Within the past two years the "Academy of Music," in New York City, has become the most widely known play-house in the country. Its remarkable popularity has been established by the unprecedented run of "The Old Homestead." For the past two seasons this quaint story of New England life has been the continuous attraction, and during this period has drawn the largest audiences that have ever assembled in any theatre in the world. The Academy has a seating capacity of twenty-eight hundred, and sufficient room for the accommodation of 500 "standers." "The Old Homestead" begins its fourth metropolitan season on October 6th.

The Cosmopolitan for September is replete with interesting reading matter and beautiful illustrations. "Transplanted American Beauty," by F. Leslie Baker, has many lovely illustrations, "Adolf Alexander, Humorist," is very amusing. An excellent portrait of Obertander as well as many of his sketches are given. There are also many other interesting articles among them being "A Flying Trip Around The World," by Elizabeth Bissland, and "The Sweedish Military Forces," by Hjalmar Kohler. It is altogether a most interesting and readable number. Subscription price \$2.40 per year. New York Office Fifth Ave., Broadway and 25th Street.

There has been a revolt in Switzerland.

Italy has sent troops to the frontier to protect the St. Gothard Railway. Telegraphic communication between Guatemala and Honduras has been restored.

The Mexican Congress opened on the 15th inst. The country is very prosperous.

Striking bakers at Cork, Ireland, have become violent. Several arrests have been made.

The dock laborers strike at Southampton is over, and the men have returned to work.

There are signs of a collapse in the strike in the shipping trade at Melbourne, Australia.

Telephonic communication between London and Paris is expected to be inaugurated in a few days.

Rev. Henry Parry Liddon, D.D., D.C.L., Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, died on the 9th inst.

The total annual home consumption of opium in China has lately been reckoned to be about £41,800,000.

An explosion occurred in the Strassperth coal pit at Losderberg today. Twenty persons are entombed in the mine.

Dr. Koch, the German physician who claims a method of curing consumption by inoculation, is about to commence experiments on human patients suffering from tuberculosis.

The health of Princess Louise of Wales, Duchess of Fife, is giving her husband and royal relatives great uneasiness. She has never entirely recovered from the effects of her late illness and suffers from almost daily fainting fits.

The Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by a vote of 97 to 18, has adopted Sir Henry Parkes' scheme for an Australian Federation. The Assembly appointed a committee to represent the colony at the coming Federal Convention. Sir Henry Parkes is a member of the committee.

The first cable road in Paris has recently been put in operation, and is operated on a steep grade from the centre of Paris up to the Belleville church, a distance of nearly one and one-half miles. The cable runs at a speed of 7½ miles an hour, and is propelled by two Corliss engines of 100 horse power.

The Triple Alliance between Germany, Italy and Austria has been extended until May, 1897. The renewal of the treaty so long before its expiration is due to the insistence of Count Kalnoky, who feared the Italian elections would cripple Signor Crispi and cause a change in Italy's foreign policy.

A fire in the Alhambra Palace, Granada, on Monday night, was extinguished at an early hour next morning. The flames were confined to the portion of the Palace in which it originated, after several hours of incessant work. The flames destroyed the magnificent Sala de La Barca and the right wing of the Arrayance Court. It is strongly suspected to be of incendiary origin.

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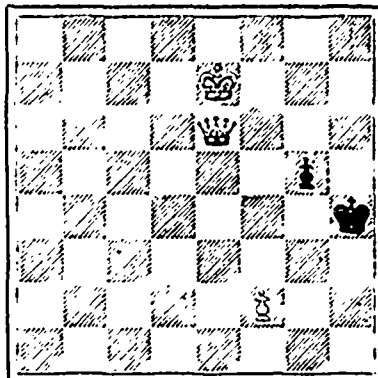
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The following problem has been going the rounds as the production of Miss Lillian Baird, a child only 8 years old. As such it is certainly a remarkable production.

PROBLEM No. 37.
Gleaner.
BLACK 2 pieces.



WHITE 3 pieces.
White to play and mate in 2 moves.

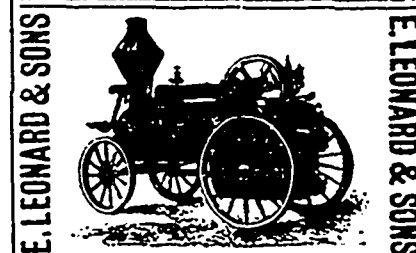
GAME No. 38.
Third game in the match now being played between Blackburn and Leo at the Bradford Chess Club.

- FRENCH DEFENCE.
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| Blackburn. | Leo. |
| WHITE | BLACK. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K3 |
| 2 P to Q4 | P to Q4 |
| 3 P takes P | P takes P |
| 4 Kk to B3 | Kk to B3 |
| 5 B to Q3 | B to Q3 |
| 6 Castles | Castles |
| 7 B to Kk5 | B to Kk5 |
| 8 Q Kt to Q2 | P to B3 a |
| 9 R to K1 | Qk to Q2 |
| 10 P to KR3 | B to R4 |
| 11 P to Kk4 b | B to Kt3 |
| 12 B takes B | RP takes B |
| 13 Kt to K5 | Q to B2 |
| 14 Kt takes Kt | Kt takes Kt |
| 15 Kt to B1 | Kt to K1 |
| 16 Q to Q2 c | Kt to B1 d |
| 17 B to K3 e | Kt to K3 |
| 18 Q to Q8 | R to K2 f |
| 19 B to Q2 g | QR to K1 |
| 20 P to KR4 h | Q to Kt3 j |
| 21 B to K3 k | Q takes KtP |
| 22 KR to Kt1 | Q to R6 |
| 23 R to Kt3 | Q to R4 |
| 24 P to R5 | P takes P |
| 25 P takes P | Q to B2 |
| 26 Q to B5 | Q to Q2 |
| 27 Q to R3 l | Kt to B5 |
| 28 Q takes Q | R takes Q |
| 29 Kt to Kt3 | P to Kk3 |
| 30 QR to Kt1 | P to Qk4 |
| 31 P takes P | P takes P |
| 32 K to B1 | Kt to K3 |
| 33 Kt to K2 | Kt to Kt2 |
| 34 R to B3 | R to QB2 |
| 35 B to B4 | Kt to B4 |
| 36 B takes B | Kt takes B |
| 37 R to Q1 | Kt to K5 |
| 38 R to KB3 | R to R2 |
| 39 QR to Q3 | R to RS sq |
| 40 K to K2 | R to K8 |
| 41 QR to K3 | K to Kt2 |
| 42 Kt to B4 | R to QBS |
| 43 R to K2 | P to Kk4 |
| 44 Kt to Q3 | R to Q8 |
| 45 P to B3 | P to Kk15 m |
| 46 KR to K3 | R to KR1 n |
| 47 Kt to K5 | R to R5 |
| 48 R to K1 | R takes R |
| 49 R takes R | R to R6 |
| 50 Kt takes BP | R takes P |
| 51 Kt to Kt4 | R to B6 o |
| 52 Kt takes P | R takes P sq |
| 53 K to Kt1 | R to B4 |
| 54 R takes Kt | R takes Kt |
| 55 R takes P sq | K to B3 |
| 56 K to B2 | R to R4 |

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| 57 R to Kt2 | R to R6 |
| 58 K to K1 | P to R1 |
| 59 K to Q2 | R to QR6 |
| 60 K to B1 | K to B4 |
| 61 R to K2 | K to B5 |
| 62 K to Kt2 | R to Q6 |
| 63 R to K5 | R takes P |
| 64 R takes P | Drawn. |

NOTES BY GUNSBURG.

- a Always a safe move.
- b Blackburn is never afraid of making a risky move in hopes of a lively combination.
- c Q to Q3 better.
- d Intent on a counter demonstration by Kt to K3 and Kt to B5.
- e In a rapid advance a counter demonstration often compels retreat with loss of time and position.
- f Black wisely intends to double rooks before advancing.
- g White has lost two important moves, he might have played 16 Q to Q3 and 17 B to Q2.
- h For want of a better move.
- j Black's tactical advantage begins to tell.
- k White had not time to examine 21 B to B3, Kt to B5; 22 Q to Q2, R to K7; 23 R takes R, R takes R; 24 Q takes Q1, etc.
- l Q takes B3 would for a moment have avoided exchange of queens.
- m It will be seen in this subtle struggle for an ending the experience of White has told in his favour somewhat.
- n Played with a view to a mate by R to KR8, but I think Kt takes B P a simple way of winning.
- o Black has not played his game to the best of advantage. This move is an oversight which loses a valuable pawn and deprives him of any chance of winning.—*The Week.*



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If you have known what it was to live
And wonder where life was tending;
If you have known for your loneliest days
The ones when your kind surged round you;
If you have reached in the night for a touch
To come from the darkness that bound you;

If you have looked, and looked but in vain,
To meet the eyes that should thrall you;
If you have watched and waited for years
For the sound of the voice that should call you;
If you have listened, by day and night,
For the fall of the footstep near you;
If you have awakened and wept for her,
With never a friend to hear you—
If you have hoarded your spirit and soul,
To be worthy of her receiving;
If you have acted a man's best part
To the best of your heart's believing;
If you have found what the great gods know,
That measure, divine and human,
Of all that is sweetest and best in life—
The love of a loving woman;

If you can be true and believe her true,
With the width of the world between you;
If she can be woman and angel, too;
Be weak, and yet strong to screen you;
If you can lay bare to her tender gaze,
The whole of life's long proving;
If you can live and wait for her,
Ah, then you may call it "loving";

Francis Agnar Mathers in *Pittsburg Bulletin*.

THE RUTTAN VENTILATOR.

Editor Critic.—The "Reesor Ventilator" referred to by your correspondent P. S. H. was the Ruttan Ventilator, invented by the late Henry Ruttan, of Cobourg, Ontario, for many years Sheriff of Northumberland County. I cannot tell you why it is not used now, but can remember very well when it was used on the Grand Trunk trains between Montreal and Toronto. The air passed over water somewhere under the car, which tended to cool it and purify it of dust, much to the satisfaction of the passengers. Mr. Ruttan gave much attention to ventilation, and was the inventor of a hot air furnace, at one time much used. He died many years ago. Some of his descendants yet live at Cobourg, Ont. T. W. C.

A PIANO RECITAL.

The next piece on the programme was—
"Chavierstuck" in B flat.....Lopp.
Herr Bangenheim

Everybody sat up at attention, for the programme contained the words "For the first time in England," and it was well-known that Herr Bangenheim was the hardest hitter in Germany. First, up the narrow stairway came a large quantity of hair; next we saw two round glasses appearing, reminding us of the diver as he used to emerge after getting up our coppers from the green, 12-foot deep, lagoon of the Polytechnic ocean, and then came an evening suit containing the person of the distinguished pianist.

We all applauded, as soon as we saw the hair, and then the spectacles came forward to the edge of the platform, and the dress-clothes bent themselves double just where the trousers begin. They did this three times to three distinct points of the compass. The spectacles preserved their glassy glare; not a muscle of the professor's face betrayed signs of pleasure or annoyance; and then the trousers gave a waddle towards the music-stool, and sat down upon it.

Very gently he began. A slow, tuneful air, most musical, most melancholy. His fingers dropped from note to note with a firm delicacy that brought out each sound with clear precision. It was like dropping from musical point to musical point with just that degree of apparent hesitation which would suggest the idea of the evolution of an impromptu air. And the air, once finished, was repeated, this time with richer harmonies, and fuller sound, and more certain grasp. We felt that the professor had decided upon his subject and was inviting us to take good note of it, in case we never managed to get hold of it again. Having crowned and enthroned his simple theme, he disposed the robes about it with a few graceful and gentle flourishes, and so the movement came quietly to an end. The knowing ones led off the applause, the artist scarcely deigned to acknowledge it with half a movement of his spectacles, but broke out at once into the second movement.

Whack! Crash! Down came the professor's left hand upon the bass notes! It woke up all the people under the gallery who had gone to sleep in the heat of the afternoon. They sat up rigid, with a delightful pretence of having enjoyed the first part very much, and gave the most severe attention to the professor's serious labours. The professor had bent more earnestly forward, and was evidently determined to show that air that he was its master. He ran it up and down the treble, and, just when it was getting its second wind, caught it with his left hand and chased it up and down the bass. Now he tossed it from hand to hand, and now pursued it with both hands to either extremity of the piano. The unhappy air gave up any idea of asserting itself. When we occasionally caught a glimpse of it, it looked like Hector after he had been dragged thrice round the walls of Troy—*Quantum mutatus ab illo!* But the professor was not yet satisfied. Hanged and drawn, it yet remained to quarter it. It was divided up into little bits. Here we fancied we found it clinging to the professor's right fingers; there

we found it clutching at his left. He seemed to say to us mockingly, as his head tossed from side to side, "Now, in which hand is it?" And for the life of us we could not tell. We had grown breathless in the chase, until with a few grand crashes the master brought the mangled fragments together, and rumbled them down and buried them in the bass. Then we broke out in loud applause. The professor took more notice this time. We thought he seemed glad of a few moments to get his wind. He swabbed his forehead, bobbed in our direction, throw his mop back over his head, and broke out into an *adagio* movement. He was apparently taking his air out for a stately walk. We were glad to recognise it again. It really seemed as if it had gained strength by its preceding troubles, much as a man pronounces himself to be twice the man he was after a course of violent exercise. To be sure, it walked a little weightily, as if it wore clump boots; but then we could see that the professor's glove size was 9's. Any hope however of a prolonged rest was soon dissipated, for Herr Bangenheim, after a moment's pause, became frivolous, and took out his air for a dance. It began with a trip, just to let it get into the professor's step, but almost immediately was led off into as wild a tarantella as was ever danced by the toe of Italy. We turned giddy; we could not follow it. The large hands of the professor whirled this way and that, and twirled the air into unconsciousness. Still it galloped on—up treble, down bass—breathless, exhausted, fainting, but still held in the grip and clutch of the powerful Bangenheim. It was with a sense of deep relief on our part that the professor himself recognised the hopelessness of the case, and with one final dart all over the piano carried off his unconscious burden and flung it down into silence. Then he got up and bowed to us, as if he had never committed a murder in his life. And, shameful to relate, we applauded loudly—just to get rid of him.—*Globe.*

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

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Hearing an unearthly whistle the other day, at a time when no railway trains were due, we went out to investigate the cause thereof. We were somewhat surprised to find that our neighbor, Mr. Samuel Dodge, had just set up a fifteen horse-power engine, with planers, circulars, etc., in his workshop. He proposes to saw staves, dimension stuff, and make doors, sashes, etc. We understand that some of our business men are interested in the enterprise with him, and we wish them every success in the new venture.

S. F. Roop & Son have also put in an engine in their shop during the week. The young man, Warren Roop, is one of our most intelligent and enterprising growers of small fruit, and he proposes to utilize the engine principally in preparing box stuff for himself in this vicinity. We will in a future issue give a detailed account of what this nineteen year old young man realized during the present season from his two acres and a half of small fruit. It will, we think, astonish some of our farmers who are yearly growing poor trying to work farms of something less than a thousand acres.—*Middleton Items, Bridgetown Monitor.*

Ship building is pretty brisk along the Maitland shore. At South Maitland Adams McDougall, Esq., is building one of 197 ft. keel, 40 ft. beam and 25 ft. hold. At the same place a vessel of 211 ft. keel, 41 ft. beam and 24 ft. hold is being built by W. P. Cameron, Esq. Both are to be launched this season. At Monteith's yard, Maitland, one of 1900 tons register is building. Her dimensions are: keel 227 ft., beam 43 ft., and hold 24½ ft. W. T. Ellis is foreman, and Jas. Monteith, Esq., master-builder and one of the owners.—*Amherst Record.*

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The recent rise in raw material will no doubt affect the prices to a small extent, but the company, through the prudence of its manager, had yearly contracts made for some lines of heavy raw material, and its many customers will share in the benefit of this foresight.

The company's rubber trade will exceed that of former years; and here again we find an advance has just taken place in these goods, while the company is well fixed in this line also, having had large orders placed before the rise.

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30 Furniture Sets worth.....	200	6,000
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CITY CHIMES.

The weather is coming in for a good deal of abuse, and it certainly has been rather trying. Damp, moist and disagreeable expresses what it has been, and the usual bright pleasant weather of September has not as yet made its appearance. In view of the coming festive season, when the fleet will be again in port and a kind of gay times projected, it is to be hoped that the weather will change for the better. Halifax society has had a brilliant season, and, on the whole, the summer has been a remarkably fine and pleasant one, so we must not find too much fault with the rather liberal supply of water to which we have been treated recently.

The ninth annual sports of the Wanderers' A. A. Club were held on the Club's beautiful grounds on Saturday afternoon. A very large number of spectators were present. The day was fine and the games were a great success. St. Patrick's band furnished music.

The attack on the city by the *Buzzard* and *Argus* last week was quite lively. The cannon "volleyed and thundered" in the mimic warfare until it seemed as if somebody must be getting hurt; as it was, an over-venturesome son of Mars put his head too near the mouth of a cannon and nearly got it blown off. Good luck attended him, however, and only his cap suffered that fate. The defence claim a victory, and it is quite comforting to know that our city is hard to take. Halifax is a pretty sturdy old place. She bristles with forts, which are being kept in good condition by the Imperial authorities, and when the alterations are finished at York Redoubt and new modern guns placed there we ought to consider ourselves well "fixed" to resist hostile invasion.

On Thursday evening of last week a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the Council Chamber of the City Hall to witness the presentation of an address and testimonial to Lieut. Stairs. The 63rd band played "See The Conquering Hero Comes" when the hero of the evening entered. Acting-Mayor Mackintosh made a few well chosen remarks, after which the address was read by the City Clerk. The service of plate which forms the testimonial is to be presented in England. Lieutenant Stairs replied to the address in a clear and distinct voice and expressed himself as deeply gratified at the reception tendered him and thanked his friends very warmly for the address and testimonial of plate. Lieut-Governor Daly then spoke, after which the Council formally adjourned, and those present were introduced to Lieut. Stairs. Halifax has expressed her pride in her brave son in a very fitting manner. Lieut. Stairs, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Bourke, were passengers by the steamer *Caspar* for Liverpool on Monday. His friends gave him a hearty send-off. May good luck attend him!

The ladies who are managing the Nautical Fair state that it will be a far grander success than the World's Fair held in the Exhibition Rink two years ago. The experience gained in the management of that affair will be made good use of on this occasion. The young ladies are undergoing a systematic daily drill in the Exhibition Building, so that the grand march to be performed each evening of the fair will certainly be successful. Workmen are busy putting up the booths, and all the preparations are proceeding satisfactorily. The jolly tars themselves will prove a great attraction at the fair, and certainly Jack ought to do all he can to help in the work that is being done for his benefit. There is to be a lighthouse, a pier, and ships and boats and everything pertaining to the sea that can be made use of will be pressed into the service. We trust that the trade winds will be brisk, and that all may be fair sailing and no storms impair the success of this effort to bring the Sailors' Home a right good sum of money.

The next attraction at the Academy of Music will be the Balmoral Choir. They make their appearance on October 1st and 2nd, under the patronage of the North British Society.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Mission Society was held in Fort Massey Church on Thursday and Friday of last week. A large number of delegates were present, and the meetings were of great interest. The next meeting is to be either in St. John or Pictou, as the committee may hereafter arrange.

Orpheus Hall has been fitted with handsome new opera folding chairs, which, with other alterations and decorations, makes the hall very attractive. The alterations have cost over \$1,200. The Ariel Thomas Concert Combination, a ladies' quartette, will appear in the rejuvenated hall on October 9th and 10th. The company is well spoken of. The entertainment is under the auspices of the 63rd Rifles, and the receipts will be devoted to their new gymnasium.

It is said that birds are to be the fashionable wear for hat and bonnet trimming during the coming autumn and winter. This is bad news—bad in many ways. If only a little thought was given to the matter by those who are tempted to wear birds' plumage on their bonnets, we feel sure that it would never become fashionable. The destruction of bird life involved by this cruel fashion is terrible. Read this:—"At Lundy's Island in a single fortnight nine thousand birds were destroyed, and in many cases wings were torn from wounded birds before they were dead, and the mangled victims tossed into the waters." Can any woman encourage such slaughter and call herself a Christian? If it were not fashionable few women would care to be seen with the plumage of a bird, or perhaps several birds, on their hats.

"Evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart."

The 63rd Rifles band played a fine programme of music in the Provincial building square on Tuesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Orpheus Club was held in Orpheus Hall on Monday evening. The following officers were appointed: Committee of management—Dr. W. B. Slayter, A. B. Wiswell, G. S. Campbell, R. K. Pooley, F. S. West, Dr. Milsom, E. I. McDonald; conductor, C. H. Porter, Jr.; accompanist, T. J. Payne; librarians—R. Norman, F. S. Salter. Dr. Slayter was subsequently elected chairman, A. B. Wiswell, secretary, G. S. Campbell, treasurer. Rehearsals commence on Monday evening next. The club has a hard season's work before it.

"Annie Rooney" has apparently been the belle of the season here as elsewhere. For ourselves we may say that we never admired her, and are now pleased to see that her popularity is waning. What will be the next "anguish" in songs we wonder?

COMMERCIAL.

There is little now to note regarding the condition and tendency of the wholesale markets here. The improvement in the development of the fall trade continues—slowly and gradually, it is true—still, surely.

The work of harvesting goes on, and the crops generally, though not up to the usual mark as to quantity, are of better quality than usual.

The country roads are in an exceptionally good condition, which materially facilitates the transportation of goods to inland points.

DRY GOODS.—Quite a number of orders have been taken during the past week for woollen underwear and winter dress goods, in some lines of which an intention to soon advance prices is expressed by dealers. As soon as the weather becomes more fall-like a brisk business is expected in most of the seasonable fabrics. Cotton fares poorly with manufacturers, some of the smaller mills being in a weak and almost bankrupt condition. The sooner these useless excrescences are removed the better will it be for those mills that are on a sound footing. Woollen mills generally complain of a poor year's business. Very few have earned dividends. The city retail trade has been good during the week, but collections have not proved as good as was expected. Remittances have been fair during the week.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—No change in the position has transpired since our last report. The feeling in all lines is remarkably firm. While holders are by no means anxious sellers it is worthy of note that buyers are very shy and assert a confidence that the present high figures cannot be much longer maintained. They claim that when the break that they anticipate comes it will be a heavy one, and they appear willing to take their chances of their prophesies being fulfilled. The future will reveal which side is right.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market shows no material change, business being quiet and prices, on the whole, steady. Beerbohm's cable says that wheat and corn are firmer and steady. Wheat is held higher, but no transactions at advanced figures are reported. Weather in England brilliant. In Chicago both wheat and corn have fluctuated. On Friday and Saturday last about four points were gained on each. On Monday, however, prices receded to Thursday's figures. Since then prices have alternately advanced and receded on about the same lines. Figures are now about where they were a week ago. The story in New York, St. Louis and Duluth is substantially the same as at Chicago.

PROVISIONS.—A good jobbing trade is moving in pork and lard at quotations. Dealers appear to be on the whole very well pleased with the state of affairs. In Liverpool pork advanced 1s., while tallow lost 3d. The Chicago hog market continues to rule steady. On Saturday it declined 10c. to 15c, but later on this was recovered. Choice native cattle were steady, and sheep steady. Lard was 5c. to 10c. higher.

BUTTER.—The better grades of butter are in good demand, but choice dairy is rather hard to get. On the whole the market is in about the same condition, holders in the country showing a continual disposition to wait for higher prices.

CHEESE.—The cheese market continues quiet. There is a fairly good steady jobbing trade, but it is quite featureless.

FRUIT.—The prominent feature of the fruit market at the present writing is the activity throughout Canada of staple lines of dried foreign fruits. A number of large lots of raisins have recently changed hands in Montreal at 8 to 8½c. The market there is very firm in consequence, and it is improbable that anything but a round lot would be turned over at the inside figure. In other lines there has been no very prominent feature.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The recent sharp advance in raw sugars and a good consumptive call with small stocks in dealers' hands have caused a substantial advance in refined sugars. A Montreal correspondent writes:—"There has been considerable excitement in molasses during the week. A Boston firm has picked up about 2,500 puncheons at a fraction under 34c. The stocks were computed sometime ago to be about sufficient for our own wants, but with this going out there will no doubt be a shortage, and 40c. is looked for before the end of September. It is a new idea for Bostonians to buy in this market, but the Boston market is said to be practically bare at present. There has been a good enquiry, and considerable movement of stock for local consumption, but holders are now refusing to quote for large lots." In this market molasses has advanced five cents since Saturday last. The stock in this market is mainly in the hands of one firm, who hold about 1200 puncheons. Other dealers have barely enough in stock to supply actual and prospective consumptive demands. The Quebec market is also practically bare. A firm here advises us that "a large quantity of molasses, Barbadoes, has been bought up here the past few days, mostly on account

of outside parties, consequently there has been quite a change in quotations, and an advance of 3c. to 4c. per gal. is in some cases asked over last week's figures."

TEA.—The tea market is very active at the moment. Retailers are taking hold in earnest, the energetic agents having succeeded in impressing upon them the fact that prices must go higher, owing to high rates of exchange, etc.

FISH OILS.—The Montreal report under date of September 18th is as follows:—"Market firmer under better enquiry; Newfoundland cod oil is held firm at 39c. to 40c. Seal oil firm and maintaining recent advances. We quote 51c. to 52c. for steam refined. Cod liver oil is quiet but steady at 60c. for old and 65c. for new. Norway cod oil is quoted at 85c."

FISH.—There is nothing new to add to our report of last week. Herring are being taken in considerable quantities along the eastern shores, but many fishermen decline to take them for bait, preferring to wait for squid, which must be along soon. Mackerel continue very scarce, and only a few struggling lots are being taken from time to time. Comparatively few codfish are taken, owing to the lack of suitable bait. Our outside reports are as follows:—**Montreal, September 14.**—"Dry cod is very scarce and quoted at \$4.75 to \$5 with an upward tendency. Cape Breton herrings are scarce, and would readily bring \$6. Sales of shore herrings have been made at \$4.50. The herring fishery is everywhere reported more or less short. Yarmouth bladders are selling at \$1.25 per box of 60. Boneless cod is quoted 6 1/2c. to 6 3/4c. and boneless fish 4c. to 5c. New haddies have been sold at 7 1/2c. per lb. A car of fresh haddock old at 3 1/2c. to 3 3/4c. per lb." **Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 15.**—"We quote now Georges codfish at \$5.37 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.50; bank 4.75 to \$5 for large and \$3.87 for small; shore \$5 and 4.25 for large and small. Flemish Cap \$5.12. Dry bank \$5.50; medium \$4.75. Cured cusk at \$4 per qtl; hake \$2.62; haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2.12, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$4.50 bbl.; med. split \$4; Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50; Eastport \$4; split shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50; round Eastport \$3.25; pickled codfish \$7; haddock \$6; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$9.50; tongues \$8; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14.50; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16." **Boston, September 16.**—"The situation in regard to the catch of mackerel remains unchanged. The fleet on this shore are bringing in a few mackerel all the time. They count about 500 fish to the barrel. Still at \$14.50 to \$15 per bbl. Nearly 3,000 bbls. of small mackerel have been received during the week from Nova Scotia. Sales have been principally at \$11.25 to \$11.50 per bbl. Nova Scotia large 3's at \$18 to \$18.50; Prince Edward Island mackerel have sold as follows:—Unculled \$21 to \$22; sound No. 3 \$19 to \$20; No. 2 \$21 to \$22; No. 1 \$23 to \$24; extra No. 1 \$24 to \$26. We give it as our opinion that prices are now about as high as they will go." **Havana, September 5.**—"The receipts of English dry fish at this port the present week have been 34 drums codfish, 90 do. haddock, and 52 do. hake. The market opened very active for codfish. There are a great many orders in the hands of buyers, and not enough fish in those of receivers to go round. All the English was promptly sold at \$7.50, and it is unfortunate that about 200 drums of the heavy receipts that are to come next week could not have been landed this week. With all this activity it is strange to say there has been no improvement in haddock; it moving slowly, the best of it bringing only \$5.50, at which figure all the landings of hake were quickly taken up. Norwegian codfish is in good demand at \$8.75."

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Granulated.....	6 1/4
Circle A.....	6 1/2
White Extra C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Standard.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
Fair.....	20 to 23
Good.....	25 to 29
Choice.....	31 to 33
Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	35 to 36
Demerara.....	34 to 36
Diamond N.....	48
Porto Rico.....	31 to 36
Cienfuegos.....	33
Trinidad.....	34
Antigua.....	34
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
Bright.....	42 to 48
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Boston and Thin Family.....	6 1/2
Soda.....	6 1/2
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

BREADSTUFFS.

The markets on breadstuffs are slightly easier. Not, however, owing to the price of wheat in Canada, but to the fact that the demand has been slackening for the last few days, and there are more mills at work than there were through August, and as a consequence some of the mills have allowed a slight cut in prices.

We do not however look for any material decline in prices, as the American markets are steady, and flour has demand for export.

Cornmeal and oatmeal are steady at recent quotations.

Oats are a little easier; trade is dull.

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Straight Grade.....	5.05 to 5.10
Superior Extras.....	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.60 to 4.70
Graham Flour.....	5.00 to 5.25
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.....	3.60
Oatmeal.....	4.70 to 5.00
Rolled.....	5.60 to 6.15
Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	3.00 to 3.20
Rolled Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	18.00 to 18.50
Shorts.....	13.00 to 25.00
Middlings.....	28.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn including bags.....	32.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	28.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.60 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	62 to 63
P. E. I. Oats.....	60 to 61
Hay per ton.....	10.00

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., N. S.....	2.00 - 2.00
Gravensteins.....	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, new Jamaica.....	7.50
Lemons, per case.....	9.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	5 1/2 to 6
Raisins, Valencia.....	8 1/2 to 9
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11
small boxes.....	10 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	7
Pineapples, per doz.....	2.50
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.50

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MACKEREL—	
Extra.....	21.00 to 23.00
No. 1.....	22.00 to 24.00
2 large.....	20.00 to 22.00
2.....	18.00 to 19.00
3 large.....	16.00 to 19.00
3.....	17.00 to 18.00
Small.....	8.50
HERRING.	
No.1 Shore July.....	4.00 to 4.50
No.1 August, Round.....	2.75 to 3.00
September.....	2.75 to 3.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	none
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.00 to 2.25
Round.....	none
ALWIVES, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.25 to 4.50
Bank.....	4.00 to 4.25
Bay.....	4.00 to 4.25
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.75 to 3.00
HAKE.....	2.00 to 2.25
HSE.....	2.00 to 2.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....	12 1/2
COD OIL A.....	25

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Pork, Mess, American.....	15.50 to 17.00
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Prime Mess.....	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	11 to 12
American.....	8 to 9
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	8 to 9

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BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	20 to 22
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18
" old.....	7 to 10
Store Packed & oversalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	18
old.....	8 to 10
Western.....	16 to 17
" old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10 1/2

THE AMBER DEMON.

(Concluded.)

For a few moments Ole was thoughtful, wondering what it was that could have changed little Joanna so. He never connected himself with it, for he was by no means conceited; but Joanna and her troubles faded from his memory as his thoughts reverted to Else, his beautiful bride, who would very shortly now be his own in deed and in truth, for when the fishing was over, and it was nearly ended for that year, he would take her home amid great rejoicings to the pretty little cottage he had prepared for her reception with such loving care.

Among the fleet of boats that was anchored off the reef was the one that contained Karl and Ole.

Some days had passed since Bertel's interview with Joanna, and he had not seen her since; indeed, the latter studiously avoided him, for she feared that she might betray her feelings towards him, and she would have died rather than let him know that she had given him her love unasked.

His thoughts even as he worked were full of his betrothed, and when he came up for a few moments' rest his happiness found its vent in words, and he maddened Karl by his constant repetition of her name and of his own supreme bliss in being the chosen husband of one so peerless in attraction as she was.

He little thought how his words raised the demon in Karl's soul. The fire of jealousy and hatred was only slumbering, it wanted but a spark to kindle it into a raging flame; and that spark was all unconsciously supplied by Ole himself. Karl that day was working at the air-pumps, and when Bertel had resumed his helmet and once more descended to the reef, the demon that had taken possession of Karl's soul seemed to have taken up its position on the dial-plate amidships, and to be there gibbering and pointing to the gauge. "One moment will do it. No one will be the wiser;" this mocking demon whispered to the ears all too ready to listen to the diabolic prompting. "Your rival once out of the way, Else will be yours. Remember the tax has not been paid yet." A white and ghastly glow shone on Malen's face, and the cold sweat started out on his brow as he still worked mechanically at the air-pump, while his eyes seemed glued with a fatal fascination to the air pressure gauge. He must not stop pumping, that would be noticed at once, but there was another way.

Too much air would be as fatal as too little. To work the pump a shade faster, no one would notice that, only the air-gauge would show it. Ghastlier and greener grew Malen's face as these thoughts assailed him. After all, where was the harm? Else loved him, not Bertel. She would be his, and then—

"Hi! Something wrong down there," cried at this juncture the man who held the life-lines that were attached to Bertel in his fingers, and immediately began to haul up.

In an instant a sudden revulsion of feeling came over Karl, and he eagerly sprang to the assistance of the man who was hauling at the strange, uncouth looking figure that seemed ominously inert and helpless, as dripping wet, it was lifted into the boat.

"It could not be true. He had not meant it. He was only thinking about it. He could not in that instant have deprived his rival of life," were his agonized thoughts as he knelt by Bertel's side, assisted to unscrew the helmet and gazed with open horrified eyes at the white face revealed beneath. Wildly he appealed to the men, who were trying to restore animation. "Bertel could not be dead. It must be some horrible mistake."

And the men knowing they had been apparently good friends of late, spoke soothingly to him and would not express a decided opinion, though they feared that the silent figure they were taking back to land was a corpse.

And so it proved. Ole Bertel was beyond the reach of human skill. He had gone where no broken love vows could trouble him, where jealous rage could touch him nevermore or disturb the serenity of his being. The Amber Demon had claimed his prey. Gently he was carried by the stalwart fishers over the sand dunes, and laid in the pretty home he had prepared so lovingly for his destined bride.

No one suspected any foul play. It was known that sometimes the strain of working for several hours a day in icy cold water had caused the strongest men to succumb, and it was supposed Bertel's heart had suddenly given out; such a circumstance had occurred before; and there was no doubting that Malen's grief was sincere; he was like one possessed.

When they told Else the fate of her lover, she broke out into noisy weeping. Never now could she be mistress of that neat little cottage which had owned Bertel for master.

But her grief was not of long duration. It was no use crying over spilt milk. There were as good fish in the sea as had ever been caught. Ole was dead but Karl remained; as she could not have the one she must take the other, though her position would not be half so good.

Comforted by this reflection, she dried her eyes and laid herself out to renew her ascendancy over Karl.

But the latter shunned her as though she had the plague. Though none suspected, he knew himself to be Ole's murderer, and he looked with horror upon the woman he had once so madly loved; but for her and her fatal fascination, Bertel would not have been cut down in the pride of his strength and manhood; and the wild passion he had felt for her turned to as deadly a hate.

On the evening of the day that had been Bertel's last on earth, a slight figure might have been seen timidly lifting the latch of the cottage door when the men and women had all left it, and the only inmate was the one who was lying there in eternal repose.

The slight figure did not belong to the woman he had loved so well. It

was Joanna, the girl for whom he had felt nothing save a friendly regard. It was she who had brought such flowers as that bleak region afforded to deck the funeral couch. Those were her tears that fell on the serene, marble-like brow, her kiss that was pressed to the clay-cold lips of the dead, and her sobs that mingled with the distant moaning of the sea.

The woman he loved never even came to take a last look at the face of her betrothed.

It was the woman who, unknown to himself, had given him the treasure of a pure and disinterested affection, who mourned for him in the stillness of the night.

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The years passed on, and Ole Bertel's fate sank, like everything human, into oblivion.

There were plenty of others to take his place among the amber-fishers. Only one heart treasured his remembrance as a sacred memory, and kept free from the encroachment of the sand, that was whirled aloft in every storm, the mound that covered his remains in the little churchyard, where not a tree nor a bush was to be seen, but only the rank grass.

Many a time would Joanna sit there listening to the moaning of the sea, as it rolled over the beach in the distance, and listlessly watching the flocks of birds that flew in clouds, shrieking across the dunes.

The melancholy sounds were in unison with her thoughts. The wind and the sea were kind, for they wailed a lament for the dead, kinder than the living. For Else, Else Preben no longer, had no thought to bestow in her new life on the memory of the lovers of her youth; *aye lovers*. It was Joanna, the maiden for whom neither had cared, who tended the mound in the lonely churchyard, and who ministered carefully to the wants of the harmless lunatic, who continually wandered about the sea-shore, and warned the fishers against going out to the reef where the Amber Demon lived, the demon who had robbed Ole Bertel of life.

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CHAPTER I. PREPARING THE GAUNTLET.

"I am afraid, Miriam, there is nothing for us but to stay, and face our foe with as much goodwill as we can summon; after all, he may not be quite so bad as we are prepared to find him. Uncle Harcourt speaks of Lionel Lyndoch as if he were perfection personified. I hope he won't be disappointed."

"I hope he will!" Miriam said, making no attempt to hide her uncharitable feelings under a veil of sarcasm. "It is quite enough for us to have Miss Wilmott always on our track; and just when she is ill, and we might enjoy a little holiday, it is anything but delightful to be told we are to continue our studies under the supervision of the new secretary. I wonder you can speak of it so calmly, Stella."

"We are not all armed with Mollie's rebellious spirit," put in a third voice, a soft unemotional voice, that came from the smiling lips of Sir Harcourt Melville's eldest daughter, a fair, slight girl, flaxen-haired and blue-eyed, the loveliest of Lionel Lyndoch's future pupils, in the opinion of many; yet, to Stella, whenever she compared Lydia's pale, passive face with Miriam's brunette beauty, it seemed like likening the pale, uncertain dawn, to the rich, changing fires of a glorious sunset, and she wondered how anyone could pass by the substance, to lay the golden apple at the feet of what she declared but the shadow of Miriam's splendor.

Miriam's dark, straight brows had been drawn together by a frown during her conversation with Stella, and the cloud did not leave her proud, young face when Lydia Harcourt's voice broke upon her ears.

"How I dislike that abbreviation of my name!" she exclaimed, flinging aside a book, the leaves of which she had been aimlessly turning. "I suppose *he*—" setting her little white teeth hard, as she uttered the words—"will call me 'Mollie' too? How hateful!"

"I dare say," Lydia responded unconcernedly, as though she had not heard the hot resentment in Miriam's tones. "Mr. Lyndoch will treat us simply as schoolgirls, especially as, during Miss Wilmott's illness, he is to keep up our painting and Italian."

"I can keep up mine very well without his assistance," Miriam replied, the title of "schoolgirl" rousing a fresh storm of indignation within her. "I think it is time Uncle Harcourt began to look upon us as something more than over-grown children. Not Stella and Dora, of course, but you, Lydia, you are quite old enough to be 'out,' and I am beyond you all, Uncle Harcourt is carrying his mania too far, and there will very soon have to be a change; we cannot keep back like this for ever!"

"Keep back from what?" Lydia asked, drawing a chair in front of the window and commencing to arrange in bunches a basketful of wild flowers which had been gathered that morning in the woods. "Do you wish to return to India, to the climate that nearly killed you? I am afraid it has been a thankless task to papa, his taking care of you both all these years. He has treated you as if you were his own daughters, my sisters, and yet you do nothing but complain and rebel, nothing but struggle against the restriction that is meant for our good. Papa would hardly be doing his duty as a guardian if he allowed you to have your own way in everything, Mollie."

Miriam's lip curled.

"You know how to preach, Lydia. One would imagine you were relieved to have Miss Wilmott's services exchanged for those of Mr. Lyndoch. If he were anything but secretary and tutor, we might all add our

warmth to the welcome you are prepared to give him. Nothing would be more agreeable than to have a visitor at White Towers."

"Miriam is in one of her dark moods to-day," Stella remarked, going near the window to help Lydia smooth out the damp tangle of wood flowers. "Of course we are very happy here, and Uncle Harcourt is always kind. You mustn't mind what Mollie says; the fact is, she has taken a tremendous dislike to the new secretary, who is coming to night, and I don't think she'll ever get over it."

"I hardly know how she can dislike a man she has never seen," Lydia replied in the same unmoved voice; "and as he happens to be the son of one of papa's dearest friends, there cannot be much said against him. I hope Mollie will not make any of those strange speeches before Dora; it would be painful if the child caught them up and repeated them in the presence of Mr. Lyndoch. By the way, he will be here in time for dinner," she added, without glancing up from her flowers, "and I was to tell you to be sure to make yourselves look as neat as possible before appearing at table."

"And to behave like good children?" Miriam said, with a little mocking laugh. "Thanks, I will take the hint, and, in honor of Mr. Lyndoch's arrival, I will dress for dinner!"

Something in Miriam's clear, vibrating tones made Lydia lift her head, and for the first time the thought that Miriam was beautiful flashed into her brain, as it had often flashed into the mind of Miriam's sister.

Perhaps it was only the warmth of the sunset glow pouring in through the open window, which gave such a bewildering radiance to the girl's face. The frown was gone from the finely marked brows, and beneath, her eyes shone like deep wells of living light—disdainful, imperious, triumphant.

"I don't think you need take the trouble, Mollie, there's not much chance of your being noticed," Lydia observed, bending calmly over her work, after that one quick glance into Miriam's face. "Besides, our dresses are all more or less alike. What could you wear better than the one you have on? You speak as grandly as if you meant to appear in a Court-train and diamonds! I'm afraid your imagination will have to do a lot for you to-night, Mollie."

"We shall see," Miriam said, a smile flitting over her velvety lips, as she gazed outward at the glowing sky. "Mr. Lyndoch must understand that I, at least, am not to be considered as a school-girl, and I shall show him at once how utterly impossible it will be for him ever to treat me with the authority of a master."

Shortly after this Miriam left the room, and for the next half hour she was engaged in searching a great iron clasped case for some fitting garment in which to array herself for the evening's presentation.

The trunk belonged to her mother, who, since the first year of her marriage, had lived abroad with her husband, Colonel Denavon.

Miriam and Stella had both been born in India; but the climate had soon threatened to undermine their health, and, although the separation cost her many bitter tears, Mrs. Denavon had been urged to send her two little girls to England, to be brought up in her brother's house, the home which had been her own until she left it as the bride of Frank Denavon, and where she knew the little ones would be tenderly welcomed by Sir Harcourt Melville and his young wife.

Shortly after their arrival the gloom of a great sorrow fell over White Towers. Lady Melville was dead, and while Sir Harcourt mourned his wife's loss he scarcely heeded the existence of the children beneath his roof, the eldest of whom was his niece, Miriam, the youngest, a year-old baby, little Dora.

The news was a terrible shock to Colonel Denavon and his wife, and they at once offered to relieve Sir Harcourt of the charge of their children; but his reply, briefly worded, had been to the effect that he wished the little girls not to be separated.

"Lydia is of an age to understand the loss she has sustained," his answer ran, "and were she deprived of the companionship of her cousins she would have no other consolation, her little sister being, as yet, too young to take any part in her daily life. I therefore beg you to let your children remain with mine, and I will see that they are well cared for and educated as you would desire."

Perhaps Miriam's mind wandered back to that long-ago period—to the parents of whom she had so tender a remembrance, as she turned over the contents of the huge trunk—boxes of quaintly set jewels, and gowns of rich satin over which these antique ornaments had once been worn.

"Some of these must have belonged to our great, great grandmothers," Miriam thought, as she bent to admire the rich ivory tints of the folded satin.

"How delightful to wear such lovely things! I must try them all on presently, and see which will fit me best."

She might be treated as a child, but she would no longer act as one: Miriam told herself, when, later on, shut away in her own room, she arrayed herself in a shimmering robe in the time of the French Empire; then, as she caught sight of herself in the glass, she gave a little triumphant laugh, and to complete her toilette fastened a fillet of pearls amid the waving coils of her soft, dusky hair.

CHAPTER II. "HE."

The gong sounded for dinner, and Stella knocked impatiently upon the door of Miriam's room.

"Make haste, Mollie," she said, putting her lips to the keyhole that her words might not be heard downstairs; "he is here, and I have seen him already. You had better not come down late—he looks dreadfully severe."

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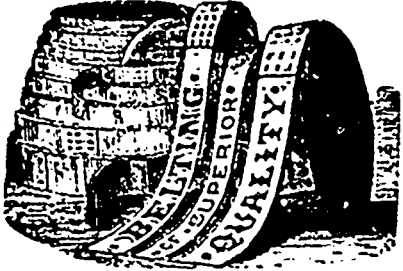
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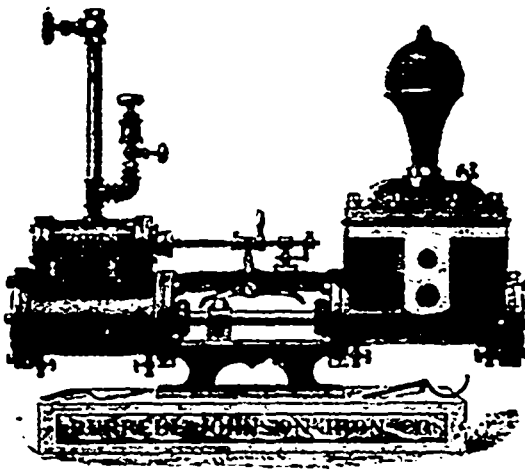
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LAKE CATCHA.—Mr. J. M. Reid, the energetic manager of the Oxford Mine, has been making extensive alterations and improvements in the mill and to the mining machinery, and has introduced a fine plant of air compressors and drills. Evidently tiring of the uncertainty of the wood supply he has had a landing pier constructed near the mine on Port Peswick Harbor, and already has a substantial supply of coal delivered for use in the mine. When the repairs and improvements are completed the Oxford will be one of the best equipped mines in the Province, and milling and mining may be conducted on the most extensive scale at the minimum of cost.

GOLD RIVER.—Mr. D. Touquoy has been paying a visit to this district, where he owns a number of areas, and reports that the prospects on the Fulton-Foster property are good. He has started men at work prospecting his areas, and as the work will be skilfully conducted, and Mr. Touquoy never knows what it is to fail in his operations, we hope soon to have to record the unearthing of valuable gold leads.

Mr. D. Hattie of Sherbrook, on account of failing health, has, with his family, removed to Southern California.

Mr. Hattie is one of the oldest and best known miners of this Province, having owned large interests in Goldenville and other districts and having been very successful in his operations. He expresses himself as having great faith in the future of our gold mines, and deeply regrets being obliged to seek a permanent change of climate. Mr. R. McNaughton has bought Mr. Hattie's remaining interests in Wine Harbor and Goldenville districts and George Stuart his interest in the Killag district. We trust that Mr. Hattie may yet be able to return with renewed health to witness and share in the prosperity of his native Province.

KEMPTVILLE, YARMOUTH COUNTY.—The Cowan Mine is being reopened and should soon again take its place amongst the large gold producing mines of the Province.

MILLISGATE.—The work of prospecting in this district is being vigorously pushed with most encouraging results.

KILLAG.—This property is looking exceedingly well and the prospects are bright.

RAWDON.—Rumor has it that Mr. McNaughton has already struck it rich on the property of the Rawdon United Company, which he re-purchased some months ago.

CENTRAL RAWDON.—The excitement still continues in this district, caused by the large returns from the Northup and Central Rawdon Companies, and from the fact that new and important features are characteristic of the locality.

BROOKFIELD, COLCHESTER Co.—Prospecting still continues to open up new values in the conglomerate of this district.

ISAAC'S HARBOR.—The rival claimants for the Palgrave Mine seem to be having a hot time of it. The successful litigants in the late suit are pushing operations and preventing all interference by the free display of fire arms.

TANCER.—The Brunswick Mine with the real estate and machinery were bid in at the sheriff's sale on Saturday last by W. F. Parker, solicitor of W. I. Snyder, the plaintiff, for \$8,500.

Messrs. Wieting and Richter of Georgetown, Demerara, through John Taylor & Co., of Halifax, have laid on our table a copy of *The Gold Mining Gazette* of Georgetown. The following tables showing the royalty paid in one week in August and the total royalty paid on gold are convincing proofs that the gold mining industry in Demerara is rapidly assuming large proportions:

ROYALTY ON GOLD.—The amount of royalty paid on gold for the week was \$1,422.56 as against the previous week's \$2,698.81 and the week ending July 30 \$1,017.82. This would give the total amount of gold brought down during the week as about \$35,000. All the gold brought down for the last week came from the Essequibo, with the exception of about 12 ounces from Grooto Creek.

TOTAL ROYALTY ON GOLD.—The total amount of royalty received by the Government from the commencement of the gold industry is as follows:—

1857.....	\$ 9,908 89
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1859.....	26,118 49
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It is evident that by December 30, 1890, the Government will have received about \$59,600 royalty for the present year alone."

OLDHAM.—Frank R. Tackaberry, James F. Hines, John H. Kenny, and C. F. Hamilton, of Charlestown, Mass., have leased the areas in Oldham owned by the Sterling Company and are preparing for active mining work. They have also secured land and water power from the Halifax Land Improvement

Company, Limited, and intend putting up a ton stamp mill at once. Besides crushing the ore from the Stirling property they intend to crush for any parties who may send ore to them, and the new mill will thus prove a boon to the district. The Stirling property has been a large gold producer in the past, and with wise management it should prove a bonanza to its present lessees. C. F. Hamilton has been appointed manager, and has charge of the works at Oldham.

THE NEW STANLEY COAL MINE—ANOTHER VALUABLE CUMBERLAND PROPERTY.—J. S. Hickman, Esq., the veteran coal man of Cumberland, to whom our county is indebted for its great coal interests, still finds time, amidst his large business transactions, to search in new fields for hidden treasures. For some time he has been satisfied that coal was to be found in East Leicester, and a year ago made an examination of the locality, when his anticipations were fully realized. Associating with him W. A. Fillmore and others, the property has since been opened up so far that five fine seams of coal have been found within 17 ft. of the surface, varying in thickness from 3 ft. to 9 ft. The coal has been found, by tests, to be of a very superior quality—a good portion of the 5 ft seam being cannel coal. It is only three and three quarter miles from the I. C. Railway, over a level route. The property embraces about 15 square miles, and coal has been traced by borings and trial pits for three miles. The position of the dip is very favorable for economic working. The property is pronounced by experts to be one of the most promising in the country, and the proprietors have received many congratulations on having secured such a bonanza, as well as numerous enquiries from capitalists in search of good properties.

The reticence of the owners on the subject until they had fully satisfied themselves as to the extent and value of the property has caused them to withhold detailed information from the press until now, and we have great pleasure in recording so valuable an addition to the mineral resources of our country. We have also to congratulate the owners of the Styles Mine, adjoining this property on the west, on the additional value given it by this discovery. The seams of the Stanley having been traced to the Styles, thus giving the latter company no less than seven good seams.—*Amherst Record.*

We visited Whiteburn on Tuesday, and found the three new mills nearing completion. Masons have finished setting for the new boilers, and machinists are at work adjusting the machinery. We were shown some fine specimens of quartz recently taken from the new lead on the Royal Gold Mining Co.'s property, which is well spattered with gold. In several shafts on this property blasts are frequently heard, and the managers feel much pleased and encouraged at the present outlook. On the Queens Co. Mine Mr. Puttner is driving ahead with all speed. Fine—we might say—"dandy" quartz, as the foreman called it, is being taken out of the South Lead on this property. Over the hill, on the Rossignol Mine, the new mill and other new buildings are almost completed, and machinists are busy adjusting machinery. Blasting on the surface and far underground is the order of the day, and grand looking quartz, nicely mixed with the pure gold, is being brought to light nearly every hour.

MAITLAND ITEMS.—Last October Mr. Abram Dukeshire, of Maitland, while digging a well on his property, discovered a seam of coal about fourteen inches wide, running across the centre of the well. Recently samples of this coal were sent to New York to be tested, with the result that it has been declared the genuine article. Mr. Dukeshire has now an experienced coal-miner, named Daniel McNeal, at work sinking a shaft on the lead, and has formed a company for mining purposes. I will keep you fully posted as new developments are made. A narrow lead of quartz, showing gold, has been found in Nimrod Rowter's pasture, which has given a test of \$35 to the ton. Parties belonging to the Dominion Geological survey are in this vicinity.—*Gold Hunter.*

CARIBOO.—Arrangements looking towards the sale of all the properties in this district to a wealthy company are now being completed, and at no distant day should be concluded. As the negotiations proceed we shall try and keep our readers posted on the situation.

IRON AND SILVER DISCOVERY.—A find of iron ore carrying silver in large quantities has just been made in Inverness County which promises to prove very valuable. An outcropping of the lead was discovered on the top of Lewis Mountain, on the south side of Lake Ainslie, some time ago, and about a month since Judge Tremaine, of Baddeck, who took up the property, employed Mr. Wm. McDonald, of Sydney, to prospect it. The mountain is about 700 feet high at the point where the mineral was discovered. Mr. McDonald found that there was a lead here about ten inches wide, and sunk a shaft on the seam to a depth of twenty feet, at which depth the lead had developed to a width of two feet. He then traced it down the mountain side north and easterly a distance of nearly a mile, into a gulch, where the deposit shows a width of nearly four hundred feet and very rich. Judge Tremaine had a lot of the ore assayed, and found it to contain over sixty per cent. of the best quality of iron, while carrying also about eighteen ounces of silver to the ton. The gulch is about four miles from the Little Narrows, which will be a convenient place of shipment. Other outcroppings have also been discovered in the vicinity of Little Narrows, and are supposed to be a continuance of the same deposit. Mr. McDonald brought to this office on Monday a sample of the ore, which can be seen by visitors. It is very pure looking, and crumbles between the fingers like plumbago. It is said to come off from the conglomerate roof above, when tunnelled underneath, as clean as a whistle, and part of the adjacent material is supposed to be red hematite. It certainly appears to be one of the most valuable discoveries yet made in this Island.—*Island Reporter.*

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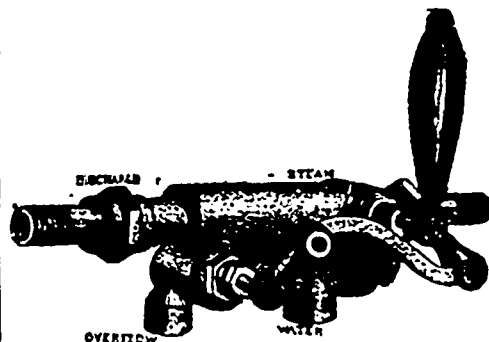
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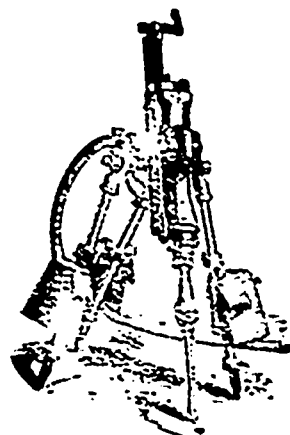
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LETTERS TO COUSIN CARYL.

Dear Cousin Caryl,—I ran down to the beach on Saturday for a quiet little outing, after a week of tending little Mollie, who has been quite ill. I must say that some things I saw there (Nantasket) did not tend to have a soothing influence on my mind. I can't help thinking that any fastidious person, nay, any one innately delicate must feel shocked at the daily spectacle the bathing beach now presents. The habit of promiscuous bathing grows more common every year, although there are some people left who doubt the propriety of it. It is getting common to see a young man and woman, who have only met at their hotel, emerge from their bathing houses, the man looking like a harlequin in his red or white jersey and short blue trousers, legs and arms perfectly bare; the girl in her *costume de bain*, of fine, white serge, if she be very luxurious, made tight, showing every curve. I feel that a protest is in order.

Latest advices tell us of stockings cut so as to expose the toes, which some newspaper correspondent describes as "ten tiny pink shells." As I see them thus arrayed—or disarrayed, to speak correctly—I fear the girl will soon begin to calculate the effect of what some one lately called "artistic brownness" on the mind of masculinity, and the man to be too conscious of the value of muscle and calf which he exposes.

A little girl I know the other day at the beach asked her mother "if she might take off her dress and play in her underclothes like the ladies did on the beach."

I think we should stop to think of the effect of such things on our "day and generation." It may be all right for you and me whose morals, let us hope, are in a degree educated. But there are hundreds of girls who come to these beaches—good girls enough, but lacking the right training morally. What is the effect on them? They come to the "shore" to have a good time, "to paint the town red," and they begin early and end late; they work for their fun as they do for their bread. The freedom which the morning bath introduces grows as the day speeds on. Their companions, "gentlemen friends" as they are called, are liberal to a fault; everything that the town affords is at the girls' service. They ride, they dance, they flirt, and when night has drawn her curtain, as they pass me in couples, he with his arm around her slim waist, grown so careless that they do not even shrink as they see me, I can only implore their guardian angels to guide them, since humanity seems so oblivious of their welfare. That is what this sort of promiscuous bathing is leading to. Frown on it, Caryl, every time.

I told you Mollie had been quite ill. Yes, poor thing, threatened with spinal meningitis. But she is much better now, and our physician says with good care will get well. "Good care!" what a physician that is. Worth more than a whole pharmacopeia any day. You remember what a famous nurse Aunt Sabrina was? Well, do you know, I believe sometimes that her mantle has fallen on me? My friends all send for me now-a-days when they are sick. They claim that I do better for them than half the trained nurses, and I like to do it. If I were reduced to the necessity I could earn a good living that way. Aunt Sabrina says it is a "gift" to be able to nurse the sick well. Do you suppose I have it? This is the way I make a sick bed: A mattress not too hard, and, if possible, on a single bed. Cover over with a sheet, tucking in well; then across the bed I put a piece of rubber oil cloth, about a yard wide and long enough to tuck in each side; then I take a sheet, fold it once in half length-wise, I place it length-wise over the rubber cloth, tucking it in on one side. This leaves more than is necessary to tuck in on the other side, so I draw tight across and the surplus fold flat and put under the mattress. This I call a draw-sheet, and should be placed so as to come well under the patient's hips, so that in using the bed-pan, in case of a mishap the under-sheet will not get wet. Now if the draw-sheet should get soiled or wet, I untuck it, and being over a piece of rubber cloth, it will slip very readily. I take one side that is not folded and draw my patient to the edge of the bed; then I go to the opposite side, take out the folded part and smooth it out; the surplus sheet in the middle of the bed I take close up to my patient's back, and with both hands press down the mattress; my patient turns over, he is on a clean sheet and without being lifted. I then go the other side of the bed and fold in the same manner as before I had done the surplus clean portion. If there is any odor, or it is at all soiled, I put a clean one on; in that case before turning my patient I pin to either one of the sides of the soiled sheet my clean one, tuck it in and fold, taking under my patient as before described. Often the patient is lying at the side of the bed; in that case he is moved only once. I keep a plentiful supply of pillow-cases, and change often; having an extra pillow I hold the patient's head with one arm and put the froth pillow under with the other hand. I change my draw-sheet once or twice, whether it is soiled or not, as it makes my patient feel always refreshed. It has never yet caused any harm, and I have nursed a good many.

My dear, I have at last had given me that moon-stone ring of aunt Pearl's I coveted so long. Just now there is a perfect mania for moon stones. Not always to be worn as ornaments, but to be carried about the person as a temptation to good fortune and success. To show how deep-seated is this belief, I will quote a letter received by a dealer in gems from an unlucky artist: "Having heard of your wonderful fortune-compelling moonstones, I send immediately for one, hoping that it may dissipate the ill luck that has followed me for some time. Though not a believer in necromancy, I am inclined to accept this with my whole heart. If you can add an extra charm to it I will remain your debtor for life." So you see I am not the only silly woman in regard to moon-stones.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Andrew Whyte, the noted expert, formerly of Bolton Forrest, Quebec, but for the last five years a resident of Little Bay Mines, N. F., paid us a flying visit last week en route to New York. While here he played six games with Mr. O'Hearn and three with Mr. Forsyth. We subjoin the scores, which will show that he has lost but little of his skill by his long stay on the island away from other players. The score with Mr. O'Hearn was, Whyte 3, O'Hearn 1, drawn 2; and with Mr. Forsyth, 1 each and a draw.

Mr. Lyman, of New York, author of "Lyman's Book of Problems," visited Newfoundland recently on private business, and while there had three sittings with Mr. Whyte. The latter made a very creditable score.

An exhibition and restricted game was recently played at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, between Mr. Marr, champion of Queensland, and the "Herd Laddie," champion of the world. The unexpected result was that Mr. Marr won 5, Mr. Whyte 3, and 12 were drawn. The match comprised 20 games and play commenced July 7th in the presence of a large number of deeply interested spectators. Three games were played on the first, two on the second, five on the third, three (draws) on the fourth, three on the fifth day, then Sunday intervened, two games were played each on Monday and Tuesday.

GAME No 71.

Double corner played between W. Forsyth and A. Whyte, of Newfoundland. Forsyth's move.

9-14	21 17	19-26	26 22
22 17	5-9	30 23	11-15
11-15	29 25	4-8	32 28
25 22	7-10	24 19	15-24
15-19	25 21	15-24	28 19
24 15	2-6	28 19	7-11
10-19	17 13	3-7	22 18
17 10	9-14	22 17	5-9
6-15	27 24	8-12	19 15
23 16	8-11	31 26	10-26
12-19	26 23	1-5	17 1

white wins.

SOLUTION.

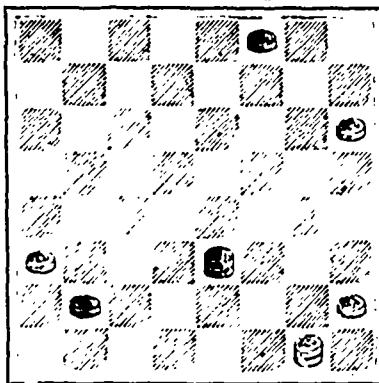
PROBLEM 182.—The position was:—Black men on 1, 3, 14, 18, 19; white men on 16, 21, 28, 30, 31; white to play and win. We have found this a very interesting and difficult position. Up to the present time we have failed to find the white win, notwithstanding been fortunate enough to have the solution given in the *Turf, Field and Farm*. Can any of our players do better than we have? If so we shall be pleased to hear from them, meanwhile we give a variety of play that we discovered during our researches on this problem.

30 26	17 13	1 6 14 32
18-23	9-14	26-30 30-23
26 22	13 9	6 9 drawn.
1-5	18-22	14-18
1-16 11	9 5	9 14
5-9	23-26	22-25
22 17	5 1	2-31 26
14-18	*19-23	23-27

*The only move at this stage to draw.

16 12	13 9	1 6 31 26
5-9	18-22	26-30 23-27
22 17	9 5	6 9 14 32
14-18	23-26	14-18 *30-23
17 13	5 1	9 14
9-14	19-23	22-25

*This brings us to the following position, which we introduce as **PROBLEM No. 185.** Arising from the play on Problem 182. Black men 3, 25, kg. 23.



White men 12,	21, 28 kg. 32
White to play.	Can he win?
VAR II.	
14 17 3 31 26 26 19 29 25	
25-29 18-22	black wins.
VAR III.	
17 14 14 17 17 26 31 24	
18-22 23-27 30-23	drawn.

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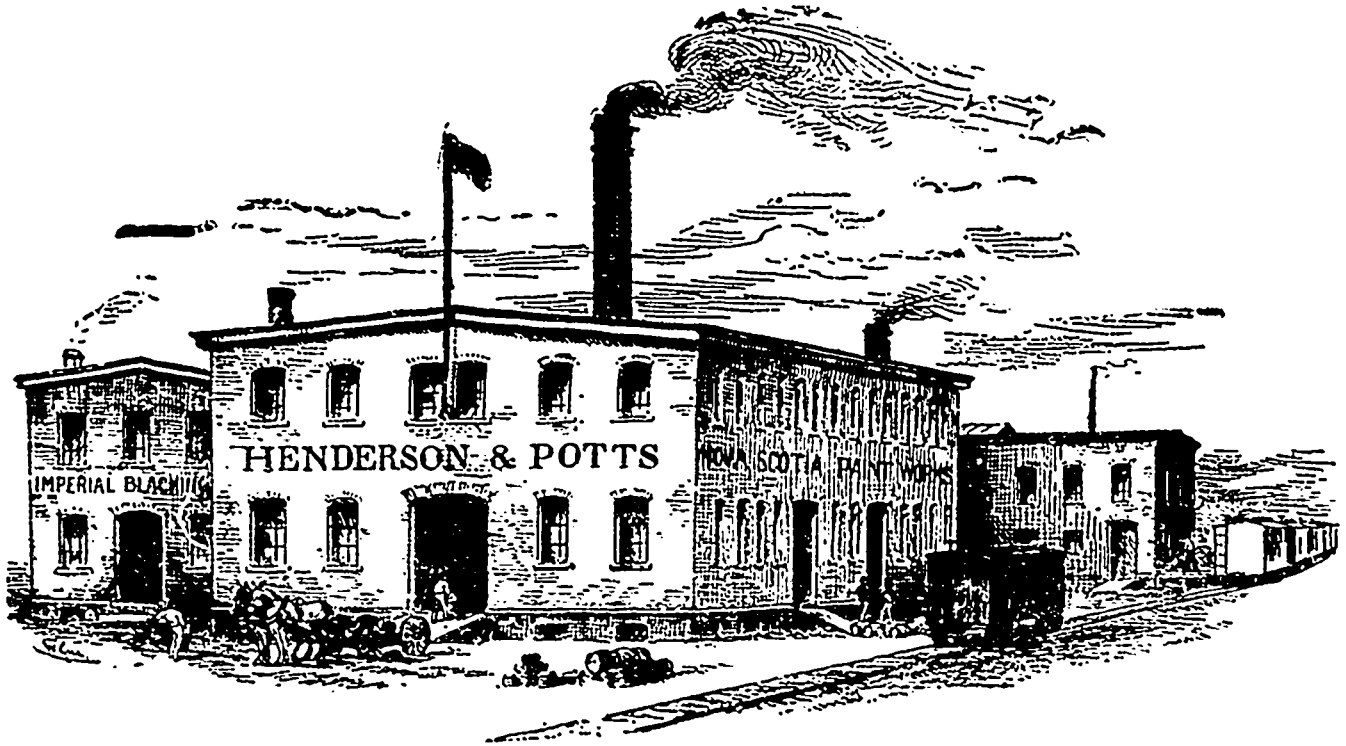
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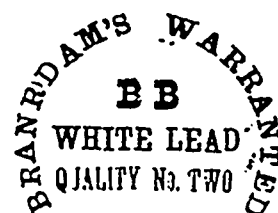
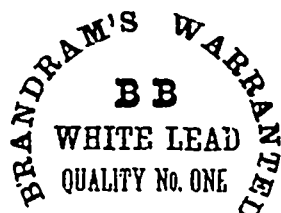
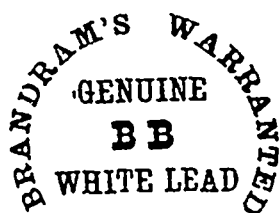
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