

It Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas Advertisements

RESCUERS AFRAID TO WORK IN DARR MINE.

Fear Explosion From Fire In Mine.

May be Three Hundred Victims There

Wealthy Young Man Said to be a Victim.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 21.—In the short distance that the rescuers were to penetrate the Darr mine, the scene of Thursday's awful explosion, last night, half a dozen bodies were found and brought to the surface making the total number that has reached the morgue up to this morning, 12. A number of others it is said, have been located.

While a vast amount of work was done during the night, not much progress was made towards the entries in which the great mass of bodies are entombed.

There is a strong suspicion by the waves of hot air, that are said to come from that direction, that a fierce fire is already raging far back in the workings, and if the flames should reach the deposits of coal dust known to lie in the rooms nothing could prevent a new catastrophe with the would-be rescuers for victims. Company officials have ordered that exploring parties shall advance only as fast as the passage way can be cleared of gas, ventilated and otherwise made safe.

So bad is the general idea of the conditions in the mine that contrary to all precedents in mine disaster there is no enthusiasm over joining the rescuing parties. Few volunteer for the service and those who do enter are exercising the greatest caution.

While what appears to be the most reliable estimates on the number of victims are near 200, there are many who insist that the final list of dead will contain many more names. Conspicuous among these are Michael Hallahy, National organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, who has assumed charge here for the organization. Mr. Hallahy says: "I have made a house-to-house canvass among the families here and am certain that there are 300 dead men in the Darr mine."

One of the most serious difficulties encountered—one that may explain the seeming delay in bringing bodies to the surface—is to get the bodies across the river to their former homes. The only direct means of communication between the two points is the "sky ferry" used by the miners. This is a basket car, travelling on a cable, will not hold a casket alone not to mention the men that would have to accompany it to propel the car.

Evidence of much suffering and distress among those dependent upon the victims has already been disclosed and steps have been taken to organize relief committees.

James E. Roderick, chief of the State Department of Mining, has ordered the nine mine inspectors of the state to meet him here today, to assist in rescue work and to investigate the cause of the explosion.

Clark Adams, said to be the son of wealthy and indulgent parents, living in New York, a young man just out of his teens, is said to have met death in the mine. Three months ago Adams sought employment as a day hand at the mines. He intended to leave for the east next Sunday. His body has not yet been recovered, but a summons has been sent to his parents.

AT CONSERVATORY.

Happy Affair for the Junior Pupils Yesterday.

A most enjoyable children's party was given yesterday afternoon by the faculty of the Hamilton Conservatory of Music for the junior pupils of the school. About three hundred boys and girls were present, and enjoyed music and games. Songs were sung by the pupils, led by Mr. James Johnson, after a grand march through the institution.

Mr. C. R. McCullough, President of the Conservatory, addressed them, and presented to Miss Constance Turnbull, pupil of Miss Sadie Fraser, the medal donated by the directors for the highest standing in the higher theory examinations of last year.

The Misses Mary Cahill, Cora Lawton, Anna Hittoroth, Helen MacFarlane, Edna McKelvie, Lottie Clover, Marion Whitecock, Bella Young and Masters Victor Mueller and Otto Mueller were presented with the official gold chief pin of the Conservatory, in appreciation for their assistance in interesting new pupils in the work of the Conservatory.

The teachers were assisted by Mrs. Bruce Carey and Misses Reitta Bartmann, Marjorie Davis, Ethel Barnard and Nettie Morton in looking after their young charges.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

BIG FIRE

Baltimore Has Quarter of a Million Blaze To-day.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—A fire of threatening proportions broke out about 3.30 o'clock this morning in the five-story building at 325 West Baltimore street, and was not checked until damage of nearly a quarter of a million dollars had been effected.

THE CONGO.

Opposition to the Belgian Plan of Annexation.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—A meeting yesterday of the "Commission of Seventeen" brought out the strength of the opposition to the Government's plan for the annexation of the Congo. President of the Chamber of Deputies Schoolart headed those demanding a clearer explanation of the true significance of the annexation scheme.

M. Bernart, formerly Minister of State, attacked the financial aspect of the scheme.

MAKING A HIT.

The Frank E. Walker Co's. Methods Being Appreciated.

The Frank E. Walker Company's advertisement on page 10 of this issue is a credit to the enterprising firm it represents. This great instalment house has been like a veritable bee hive all week, accommodating their old customers and hundreds of new ones. At Walker's the humble artisan and the wealthy citizen get the same consideration, and both know every wrinkle of the trade. Walker's advertisement is a pictorial beauty, but it is more—a money saver—and the man or woman who wants to give something that will ensure satisfaction should call and see the stock. There is nothing better than a Morris chair, sideboard, dining room set, parlor suite, extension table, stove, washing machine, or, in fact, and house furnishing handled by Walker, that will give wife or mother greater pleasure. The Golden Rule policy inaugurated by this great firm years ago is a great advantage in case of sickness, and the fraternal benefits derived are known every wrinkle of the trade. The furniture, carpet and stove store, opposite the Terminal Station, is open evenings. Read Walker's announcement and call to-day.

DUFF'S BEEF

And His Christmas Poultry are Magnificent.

When one looks over the magnificent stock of turkeys, poultry and Christmas beef at the Duff Stores Company's splendid big store on York street—216 and 218—one is apt to wonder how such a stock could be gathered together. The solution is simple. The Duff firm has been in successful business 40 years, and knows every wrinkle of the trade. The Christmas stock has been gathered from among the very best feeders in Canada. It includes two fine Durham grades from Ralph Hewins & Son, Mountaburg, weighing 1,100 pounds each, and a Durham grade heifer and steer each weighing 1,300. These were handled by Wm. Cairns, of Waterdown, a 12-month Durham steer, weighing 1,000, from John Miller, of Nelson; a very fine Durham grade from David King, of Clappison's Corners; a two-year-old heifer from M. Coulson, of Nelson, and a similar one from J. W. Robinson, of the same place; two extra fine Herefords, heifer and steer, each weighing 1,350 pounds, from Alfred Hanley, of Ancaster, and other prime beef. Mr. Duff does not keep a record of all his breeders, feeders and haulers of all his turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese, but he knows they cannot be beaten in all Canada for quality, and he has a stock that will make prime poultry for Christmas available for all households.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

The following Hamilton candidates have passed the civil service qualifying examinations: Raymond J. Carlin, D. J. Dowling, Ernest Greene, Wm. F. Locke, Grace E. McFie, Jas. L. Mitchell, Norman J. Robinson.

—Rev. Richard Whiting will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Church to-morrow, his morning subject being "The True Imperialism," and the evening a special sermon to young people on "The Influence of Sport." Appropriate musical services by the choir, with organ recital after the evening service.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Miss Moore left last evening for New York. —The Right House will be open to-night until 10 o'clock. —Mr. P. D. Carso, who underwent an operation in the City Hospital, is progressing favorably.

—Mr. George Bristol left last evening for North Carolina to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bristol. —Rev. S. H. Russell, of Dhar, India, will preach in Knox Church to-morrow morning.

—The demand for the Times Christmas number this year has been immense and only a few copies left. Call. —Relief Officer McMenemy wishes to thank Joseph Mills & Son for a donation of several dozen of men's caps.

—Mr. James Leslie was operated on in the City Hospital yesterday for appendicitis. He is doing very well, indeed. —The Salvation Army Band has been favoring the east enders these beautiful moonlight nights with strains of music.

—The 1908 calendar of the Federal Life is a handsome affair, with a beautiful picture of their sky-scraper building in this city. —Rev. S. B. K. Rutman, M. A., a native of India, will preach on "New India" in St. John Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening.

—Joseph F. (Councillor) Smith, of Ancaster, and his daughter Elda, have gone to Lorain, Ohio, to spend the Christmas holidays. —Superintendent Rae of the House of Refuge, wishes to thank the Grocers' Picnic Committee for a donation of \$10, for the inmates of the institution.

—The Infants Home is an institution deserving of kindly remembrance at this Christmas season. In distributing your gifts do not forget the children. —Mr. George J. Findlay, of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, is spending the Christmas holidays in this city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Muir.

—The Wesley Choir held a social evening after choir practice on Friday night and presented Mr. W. Paekman with a handsome umbrella in appreciation of his services to the choir. —An unknown lady was knocked unconscious at noon to-day and had her head cut open by an icicle falling from a roof of one of the stores on the north side of Merrick street.

—Rev. Mr. Dimmick, once pastor in Hamilton, but for many years a resident of Manitoba, has returned to Ontario, and purchased a farm near Copper Hill, where he will reside in the future. —G. H. Mann, D. C. M., of the I. O. O. F., made an official visit to the Caledonia Lodge last evening. He was accompanied by G. O. Luke, secretary. Caledonia Lodge has arranged for a public installation in January. The lodge's prospects are bright.

—The fireman at the Cecil Hotel threw some rubbish over the top of the furnace this morning, and shortly after 9 o'clock the fire department was called to the hotel as they had caught fire. There was much smoke, but little damage.

... .. waugh's ... .. men's furnishings ... .. and hats ... .. post office opposite ... .. the right place ... .. to get your ... .. Christmas presents ... ..

—Tenders for the construction of a waterworks system for the Beach are to be in not later than Wednesday, January 1. The system is to include motor, pumps, tanks, pipes, hydrants, valves, etc. Plans and specifications are to be seen at the Beach Commissioners' office, room 39, Federal Life.

—The Officers' Mess of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, Wentworth, has sent out Christmas greetings in the form of a very neat card, bearing on the crest of the regiment, surrounded by a wreath of embossed holly on the front page. A message of greeting and a group picture of the Mess at Niagara Camp last year, on the inside pages, and the names of all the officers on the back.

—John Organ will probably be arrested in Buffalo shortly on the charge of deserting his wife. He is the barber who went away and left his wife destitute shortly after he had married her. He was gone about a month when Detective Huckle discovered his whereabouts from a letter sent here asking for money from a friend. He is said to be in very poor circumstances himself.

BORN AT SEA.

Canadian Missionary Mother Dies on the Ocean.

New York, Dec. 21.—The World to-day says: Born at sea, off the west coast of Africa, Ruth Lang, thirteen days old, arrived here yesterday on the Mauretania. Her mother and father were missionaries at Noutun, Nigeria. A few days before the baby's birth, Mrs. Lang sailed on the Falata for Bristol, Eng., on her way to her parents' home in Canada. Half way to Bristol Ruth was born.

The mother died without seeing the child. Another woman missionary on board volunteered to bring the child home to America. Since landing she has notified the little one's grandparents in Toronto, and looks for them to come for her.

If You are Up Town

Don't fail to pay us a visit. See the many tempting things we have to offer; everything you can think of that will help make your Christmas dinner a success. It's impossible in the small space to give you the faintest idea of the magnitude of our stock. Christmas stockings filled with toys, Christmas crackers filled with paper caps, bonnets, games, etc., in endless variety. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

A GOOD MOVE.

To Facilitate the Hearing of Liquor Cases.

The present method of procedure in liquor cases in the Police Court is, to say the least, rather irksome, as the Magistrate is compelled to take all the evidence down in longhand. The cases now in progress show just how much time is lost, only three of the cases have been finished in an all-day session. S. F. Washington, K. C. Crown Attorney, and George Lynch-Staunton, K. C., both commented on this yesterday, and arranged to submit a section to amend the Act at the next session of the Legislature, providing that shorthand reports be sufficient, as made by the Police Court clerk.

Mr. Staunton intends to present the clause personally, to see that it does not go on the shelf.

A Great Number

Everybody says that the Times Christmas Number is the best of the many good ones ever published. The illustrations and color work are of the best, and what is perhaps better the reading matter is of the kind to interest readers at this season of the year. The familiar Christmas stories are all bright and seasonable—not a poor one in the lot.

The sales of our Christmas number have been enormous, far beyond our expectations. There are still a few copies for sale, but as they will soon go, those wishing copies should call early.

NELLIGAN CHARGES

At Last Dropped by Trades and Labor Council.

Very little business was transacted at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, and nearly all of it was of a private nature. The Council, on motion, decided to drop the Nelligan charges. Very little was said about it, and some of the members were glad to hear the last of it.

The Trades Council this year will take no part in the municipal elections, as a body. The matter of labor candidates will be dealt with by the new Independent Labor party.

FLYING CLUB.

Germans to Organize a Great Aeronauts' Club.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—As striking evidence of the growing interest in aerial navigation, a proposition has been accepted by an important gathering of aeronauts to form, under the patronage of Emperor William, a great German aeronauts' club. It is intended to take over the dirigible airship Parseval, and conduct experiments with it, and also with all kinds of flying machines and heavier-than-air apparatus, trials with which hitherto have been confined to flights of miniature models.

Prince Ernst Sachsen-Altenburg has been offered the presidency of the new club.

TARTE'S FUNERAL.

Three Sons Chief Mourners—Sir Wilfrid Present.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The funeral of the late Hon. J. Israel Tarte took place this morning, and was one of the largest seen in this city for a long time. The remains were taken to the church of St. Louis de France, where the service took place. Mr. Tarte's three sons were the chief mourners. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and a number of Ministers came down from Ottawa to be present.

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The Man In Overalls

Only two more days to get your purchases.

I like that children's hospital scheme. If we get a board of control, will it just be paying big salaries to three or four aldermen?

The York Loan money won't be here in time for Santa Claus. Was your name on the honor roll? How's that?

But Mr. Beck should go before the North End Improvement Society and deliver that speech. He would have to show it or step down. Is Aid Anderson the only alderman to drop out? Or has he changed his mind?

Apparently "newspaper talk" doesn't count for much over at the City Hall. Now that the Mayor can read his title clear to another year in the chair, it's harder than ever to get along with him.

I suppose the Grits will be allowed to pay taxes when the City Council is "under Tory control." The Times' great Christmas Number is nearly all sold out. Call early for copies.

Then again, of course, the proposed Board of Control would have to be "under Tory control." No doubt the store clerks will be glad when it is all over. A few of the Times Christmas numbers are still for sale.

After all, there is something that tells me that those money-by-laws are not to be carried. The workmen now understand that it is the Tory organizations that are flooding the labor market.

This has been a busy week for the lawyers, inter alia, a profitable one. Our Christmas number this year has caught the public fancy, and the edition is almost sold out. A few copies only left.

This is a free country. You can be an aldermanic candidate without asking permission of the Conservative Executive, no matter how much it insists.

The reason given by Colonel Hendrie and Mr. Beck for taking the Electric Development Company by the throat is that that company refused to give the Government a supply of power to be used in competition against that company in Toronto.

After last night's meeting will any one say how much power will cost, under the Hydro-Electric System? ONLY TWO MORE DAYS

For Christmas Shopping—Do Yours in the Morning.

Only two more days. No time to lose. Better pin your faith to a tried and trusted store like The Right House. A store of character and quality, where you know values and qualities are right. You will save time, worry and money if you take every possible Christmas remembrance your friends will appreciate gifts that come from The Right House. Quality and style supremacy. The Right House announces a continuation of the "Just before Christmas" sales of reliable and sensible practical gift goods. Get your share.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

Interesting Closing Exercises Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Christmas closing exercises in Alexandra School yesterday afternoon were attended by a large gathering of the friends and parents. The entertainment proved most enjoyable. It consisted of two sketches and a miscellaneous programme, as follows:

- "Canada," a patriotic sketch: Canada ... Miss Dorothy Hobson Indian ... Miss Marjorie Cameron Canadian French ... Miss Dorothy Payne English ... Miss Beatrice Brown Irish ... Miss Phyllis Henderson U. E. Loyalist ... Miss Marjorie McLaren German ... Miss Irene Moodle "The Toys' Rebellion" Mr. Neash ... Master Willie Sexton Paris Doll ... Miss Margaret Champ Wax Doll ... Miss Ottilie Birge Rag Doll ... Miss Helen Tyrrell Scrap-Book Fairy Miss Francis Lumsden Sailor Boy ... Master Norman Bethune French Doll ... Miss Lorna Somerville The Soldier ... Master Tom McIlwraith Dinah ... Miss Marion Forrester Jumping Jack ... Master Jim White Walking Doll ... Miss Isabel Cahill Children—Misses Phyllis Henderson, Dorothy Payne, Kathleen Cahill, Marion White, Jessie Moodle, Nellie Sexton. The rest of the programme was: Carol—Good King Wenceslas ... School Piano solo—Mimmet ... Lillian Dummet Vocal solo—Daddy ... Dorothy Payne Report of the school ... Miss Webster Recitation ... Tom McIlwraith Piano solo ... Kathleen Cahill Canada ... Senior Girls Accompanist, Miss Marjorie Insole

READY TO OFFER FOR MUNICIPAL PLANT.

HONOR FOR JOHN S.

Decoration of Commander of Royal Victorian Order.

London, Dec. 21.—His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon Col. Hon. John S. Hendrie of Hamilton Ontario, President of the Canadian Artillery Association, and member of the Ontario Cabinet without portfolio, the decoration of Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. This is the third class of the order, and ranks above the C. B.

14TH WIFE DEAD.

And Now the Fourteen Wives are all in Cemetery.

New York, Dec. 21.—Martha Maria Vann, the fourteenth wife of James Nicholas Vann, of Mount Hope, Orange County, is dead and will be laid beside the thirteen other wives in the Vann family burial ground at Mount Hope to-day, according to the Sun.

James Nicholas Vann is one of the most remarkable characters in Orange County. He was born in Mount Hope Township on April 22, 1807, and is therefore over 100 years old.

Although he is colored, Vann's fourteen wives have all been white, and he expressed distaste for women of his own race. He has been a body servant to some of the most prominent men in Orange County. He has preached, doctored and studied law, but is now getting so feeble as to be hardly able to get around. Many years ago his biography was published, and had a large sale.

NO SQUADRONS.

Britain Not to Have One in Pacific or Atlantic.

London, Dec. 2.—The Associated Press is in a position to say, on the authority of the British Admiralty, that there is no truth in the assertion, published in the Standard to-day, that the Admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and North American squadron, the base of which probably will be at Esquimaux.

"There is no shadow of foundation for this story; it is the veriest humbug; it must be obvious to any one who gives the subject a moment's thought that such a move would be the last thing we would think of at the present moment," was the statement made by one of the highest officials of the Admiralty.

The emphasis of this denial indicates that the Admiralty was anxious that the report should be promptly put at rest, with the view of allaying any suspicion that might be aroused in America connecting the alleged formation of a British Pacific fleet with the sailing of the American battleship fleet.

Smokers' Christmas Presents.

South African Calabash pipes, tobacco pouches, walking canes, cigar holders, meerschaum pipes, cigar cases, tobacco jars. Everything for the smoker at the pipe store, 107 King street east, the headquarters for smokers' goods.

LEAGUE'S SPOTTERS ARE MAKING A POOR SHOWING.

Guzzlers Themselves, and Their Methods Disapproved of by Magistrate.

At the afternoon session of the Police Court yesterday the spotters of the Citizens' League got another bump, when one of the hotelmen who was found guilty, was told he would not have to pay a fine, in all probability, and another case was adjourned till Monday for the Magistrate to think over, after he had shown that he does not approve of the spotters' doubtful ways of getting a man to break the law. Section 61 of the Liquor Act states that in a case where the complainant or chief witness in a liquor case has been shown to have endeavored to make the defendant break the law no conviction is to be registered. Magistrate Jelfs stated yesterday afternoon that he was strongly against such methods. The liquor cases are proceeding slowly, only three having been disposed of. The rest will stand until Monday. The first case taken up yesterday afternoon was that of George Case, proprietor of the Armory Hotel, who, through George Lynch-Staunton, pleaded not guilty to disposing of liquor during prohibited hours, on Nov. 25.

Frederick McCreas, erstwhile bartender, present whiskey spotter, was first called. He said that he had been struck down

in the afternoon of the same day, and went to the Armory Hotel at night, where they had a drink or two, engaged rooms, and then went out with the rest of the crowd at 11 o'clock. "Later they went back, about 11.20, he thought, and asked for their grips of Mr. Case, who sent the bartender to get them and to take them to their rooms. When they were going up they asked the bartender to get them a drink of beer, which he did, bringing them two bottles of lager. Cross-examined by Mr. Staunton, the witness denied that he was drunk, but admitted having had a good deal of liquor during the day. He said he worked in the Britannia Hotel, London, five months ago, as a bartender. "You would take any job, languier or anything else, wouldn't you?" queried Mr. Staunton. "Yes; it would give me great pleasure to hang you if I got a chance," smiled McCreas. Witness admitted drinking in the Athletic Hotel previous to that, but said he was perfectly sober. He also admitted drinking in Goldberg's Hotel, on the road up from the boat. Mr. Staunton asked regarding the side door, if it was locked or not, and the witness replied that he did not try the door, but just knocked, as it was after hours. "Why didn't you try it?" asked Mr. Staunton. "Continued on page 16."

# HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

The whole country-side was ringing with the coming marriage. No one could be more popular than the young Lord of Lynneville, no one admired more than his beautiful young bride. The country papers were in ecstasies; they discussed the magnificent preparations at the Hall, the number of bridesmaids, the superb wedding presents, the arrangements for the marriage, and the hall to be given in the evening. They likewise informed the public that immediately after the ceremony the happy pair would leave for Ross-y-Glyn, a small estate in North Wales, belonging to Lord Lynne. After the honeymoon they were to proceed to London, where Lady Lynne was to be presented at the drawing-room announced for the 24th of June.

The morning of the nineteenth arrived bright and beautiful, no cloud in the sky; Nature seemed to have donned her fairest robes; the soft spring air bore the perfume of flowers and the music of birds.

"If to-morrow is as bright as to-day," said Mrs. Lynne to Inez, "you will have a glorious wedding-day."

The magnificent bridal costume, ordered expressly from Paris, arrived, perfect even to the last detail. The bridesmaid's costumes were all ready; the wedding cake, which was really a work of art, had arrived, the wedding breakfast was laid out in the long dining-room, and a more magnificent display had never been seen in Lynneville. The four young ladies were staying at Agatha and Evelyn's, and the young bride and the queen of the festival, the beautiful bride-elect.

"What time do you think Philip will really arrive?" asked Inez of Mrs. Lynne.

"About six, I think. I have ordered dinner for seven," was the reply, and the lady smiled to herself as she looked at the wistful young face.

No one noticed how unequal were the bride's spirits—one moment flushed and laughing, looking like the queen of mirth and revelry; then pale and silent, with shadowed eyes.

"Courage," she said to herself, "one trial more, and then my triumph is complete." Yet, despite her bravery, her face and lips turned white when she heard the noise and confusion of the lover's arrival in the drawing room with Agatha, Evelyn and Allan Leigh. Mrs. Lynne had come to meet her son. Perhaps Inez never suffered greater suspense than in those few moments. Her eyes seemed magically attracted to Agatha's face. If she should hint when she saw Philip again, then he would question her, and the whole story must come to light; but Agatha showed no signs of fainting.

"That is my cousin," she said, when the sound of a girl's voice was heard. The color did not vary in her face; her lips did not quiver, nor did her voice tremble. He stood near the door when he entered, and his first words were addressed to her. Inez watched them so eagerly, she hardly seemed to draw her breath. Quite bravely and calmly Agatha held out her hand and spoke a few words of kindly greeting to her cousin. Just as calmly Philip replied and then passed on.

Inez sank back in her chair—the ordeal was over; they had met, and no sign showed that they had been more than friends. Lord Lynne thought her pale face and quivering lips were caused by her emotion at seeing him, and he loved her the better for it. But the lady had another ordeal to pass through, even more terrible.

When dinner was over they adjourned to the large drawing-room. The party was a large one; besides the six assembled bridesmaids, there was Allan Leigh, who on the morrow was to officiate as "best man," and several other gentlemen, wedding guests. The evening was warm, and the large French windows were opened to admit the sweet, soft breeze. Lord Lynne had established himself by the side of his fair fiancée. Agatha and Allan were perhaps the merriest couple in the room. Suddenly some thought seemed to strike Lord Lynne, and, turning to Agatha, he said, in a low voice, "I have something very particular to say to you. Will you come into the conservatory with me for a minute. I will not detain you long."

No one heard his words except Inez, and the next moment Agatha had gone toward the conservatory, followed by Lord Lynne.

A clear conscience is the happiest and greatest blessing that man or woman can enjoy. The color of the beautiful girl can be described. A death-like pallor stole over her face; her dark eyes had a wild, perplexing look. She did not speak a word, but sat like an image of despair.

"It is all over," she cried in the depth of her heart; "there is sure to be some explanation between them, and I am lost."

The white hands were tightly clenched, and she listened in sickening suspense to the voice of her sister or lover. Minutes after minutes passed, and still they came not, and despair took the place of hope in her heart. At length, after what seemed to her hours of torture, she saw Agatha slowly approaching her.

"Inez," said her sister, bending over her, "Philip wants to speak to you; come with me."

The last hope died in that proud, passionate heart. She rose haughtily, and walked with the dignity of a queen through the long drawing-room.

"I have fought my fight," she said to herself, "and have failed. Still, I know how to bear defeat."

But when she reached the conservatory, instead of the pale stern face she expected to see, Philip stood before her smiling and bright as he had been when he quitted her, and in his hand he held a large jewel-case. In one moment, with her quick-seeing instinct, she divined that she had been mistaken—that she was still safe.

"I am afraid I am a very awkward lover," said Lord Lynne, with a smile. "I wanted to offer you my wedding gift. Inez and I have been obliged to consult Agatha as to whether I should do it now or not. She thinks, perhaps, you will like to wear my gift to-morrow, so I offer it to you this evening."

A low sigh of unutterable relief escaped from her lips as Philip opened the case and she saw the magnificent sapphire diamonds that had driven half the fashionable ladies in London wild with envy.

"How am I to thank you?" she said, raising her dark eyes to his face.

"By always looking as beautiful when you wear them as you do now," was the gallant reply.

Then Agatha kissed her and wished her joy and happiness, without one shade of

cloud upon her sweet face, and went out, leaving the lovers together.

No one round Lynneville will ever forget the wedding day of its young lord. The sun shone brightly, the very bells in the old church tower seemed delicious with joy. The rich feasted in the hall, the flowers, banners, and triumphal arches met the eye at every turn. It was a scene of gaiety and happiness never forgotten by those who witnessed it.

A more beautiful bride or fairer bridesmaids were never seen. Snow and frost seemed to have died with death from that noble and brilliant throng.

The last face Lady Lynne saw as she drove away from home, the last smile that greeted her, were the face and smiles of the gentle sister she had betrayed.

CHAPTER XIII.

It is something worth living for to be perfectly happy even for one day, Lady Lynne was even more fortunate; she was perfectly and entirely happy during the "golden" months she passed with her husband at Ross-y-Glyn. She said to herself that she would make him happy, and she did so. She studied his every wish and every thought; and yet, wonderful to relate, never wearied him, but left him always longing for her to speak again.

Nor were those quiet weeks all given to love-making; Inez imparted all her husband some of those ambitious hopes and daring wishes she had formed for him. He listened, lost in wonder at the talents and beauty of the young girl he had made his wife. At first her views and plans dazzled him; but after a time he took great delight in them, and then longed eagerly for their completion.

It should never have dreamed of becoming a politician but for you, Inez," he said to her one morning. "You have so completely fired my ambition that I shall never know rest again until I have obtained some, at least, of the fame you predict for me."

Then, for the first time, Philip Lynne felt it was fortunate for him that his gentle cousin had rejected him; she would not have urged him on such a career as the one which his beautiful, brilliant wife painted in such glowing colors. He remembered the time when he had been second to none in the kingdom. He would be not restore even more than his ancient glory to the name! Let him but once get into Parliament, and then England should hear of the Lynnes again.

His wife's plan was the surest and safest to follow. The man must keep to their original intention of going to London, and there they must win a noble place among the great and noble. There was not much doubt of it, he thought; and again he gloried in the wondrous beauty he had won. He was proud of her, devoted to her, he did not love her as he would have loved Agatha, had she been his wife. It was rather the love that springs from admiration than from affection.

Lady Lynne had already gained wonderful influence over her husband. Never was tact so great or so delicate as hers. She studied his character, she knew every weak and every strong point in his; she knew how to appeal to his high and noble feelings, to urge, to arouse, and counsel him. He thought her the greatest and cleverest of women, and often wondered in his simple humility how she ever came to marry him.

They had arranged to leave Ross-y-Glyn about the eighteenth of June. Lady Lynne was to be presented at the drawing-room to be held on the twenty-fourth. There was a long discussion between them on one point. Philip was anxious that Agatha should be presented with her sister, and he presented the advantage of passing the remainder of the season in London. Inez did not know how to object to what seemed a sensible and kindly arrangement. There was not one single reason that she could bring forward against it; more when she came to consider the matter, did she long much to see her sister, and her sister were far too honorable, she knew, to allude, however distantly, to any attachment that might previously have existed between them; there was no fear, besides, she would be always near.

No the invitation was sent, urgently scented by Inez, with a postscript from Philip, begging his mother to accompany Agatha to London. But Mrs. Lynne, fatigued by the festivities attending the wedding, begged this season's pleasure in pressing her beautiful great pleasure in pressing her beautiful relations at court.

"I long to see London," said Inez, to her husband, when they were seated in the railway carriage. "I have seen nothing of the world at present. I long to take my place in it as a soldier's long for battle. She smiled and said, "I think, perhaps, nor so beautiful, as Paris, but I would rather live there than in any other city in the world. Life always seems to me twice as full and complete in London."

"Perhaps English ladies may not like me," said Inez, half timidly; "I am so very Spanish in appearance."

"I must not flatter you, Inez," replied Lord Lynne, smiling quietly, "but I prophesy you will be the belle of the season."

"That will be something new for me," she said.

"Was your life in Spain so very lonely?" said Philip gently.

"Very," she replied; and the beautiful face grew pale and sad.

"We must make it up to you now," said her husband kindly. "You shall enjoy yourself just as you like, and I will think of nothing but each day as you can. It will be doubly pleasant for you to have Agatha with you."

Great was the delight of Lady Lynne when she saw the magnificent home prepared for her. She had married entirely for love. Philip Lynne had been penniless and obscure, she would have preferred him to all the world besides; but she loved splendor, and her heart rejoiced in the superb and luxurious appointments of her new home. It was evening when they arrived, and dinner was served up to them in the stately dining room.

"I think you must go to rest early to-night," Inez said her husband, "late hours will begin soon enough. Agatha will be here to-morrow, and Lady Everleigh will call. She will take you to Madame Nevers to choose your court costume. You must wear your diamonds; mind, Inez, we must do all honor to the Lynnes of Lynneville."

On the day following Agatha arrived. Mrs. Lynne had found an escort for her. At three, Lady Everleigh called, and both sisters were charmed with her. She was not beautiful, not even pretty, but she possessed that incomparable and irresistible gift of fascination given to so few—high-bred and amiable, pleasant and pleasant in conversation, with manners at once gentle and dignified. Lady Everleigh had been for some few years one of the leaders of ton. Her delight was unbounded at making the acquaintance of her beautiful cousin, and her eyes were far once riveted on that lovely southern face.

"Properly managed," said the lady, to herself, "Lady Lynne will make a perfect furor."

(To be continued.)

## FLEET IN PACIFIC.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO ESTABLISH NORTH AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Esquimaux to be the Base—London Standard Says Decision Has Been Reached—Canada's Part Not Yet Known.

London, Dec. 21.—The Standard prints conspicuously a statement that Great Britain has decided to establish a new naval squadron in the Pacific. The paper says it will be composed of the present fourth cruiser squadron and six cruisers of the county class, so-called because the ships are named after the counties of Great Britain.

The squadron, which will be called the Pacific and North American, will, it is expected, have its base at Esquimaux. The scheme will become effective in May, 1908.

It will perhaps be recalled that an explanatory statement of the navy estimates for 1907-08 contained the announcement that the naval yards at Halifax and Esquimaux would be transferred to the Dominion Government, subject to the condition that they be available for repairing His Majesty's ships, and that the Admiralty would be free to resume possession whenever naval interests required it. The Standard says it does not know how Canada will be affected by the new scheme.

The fourth squadron, which consists of the Cressy, Euralyus, Hogue, Indefatigable and Brilliant, is stationed in North American and West Indian waters. The Indefatigable is stationed permanently there. The Brilliant is employed in Newfoundland waters during the fishing season. Of the county class of vessels three are now in Chinese waters, two in the Mediterranean, three in home waters and two are used as training ships for cadets.

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DREAM WORTH £4,000.

It Brought a Fortune for Skeptical Paris Husband.

Paris, Dec. 20.—A remarkable case of a dream being worth £4,000 has just come to light at 6 Rue Trugnot, Toulon, in which town lives a commercial traveler named Edouard Cholet.

Twelve months ago M. Cholet was advised by the office of the local treasurer-general that the city of Paris debenture bond which he held had come out at the drawing at par (£1,000). Thereupon M. Cholet surrendered his bond for its face value. On Tuesday night his wife dreamt that the house which her husband had held, No. 348,764, had really drawn £4,000.

She urged her husband to make immediate inquiries, and M. Cholet, though very skeptical, went yesterday morning to the treasurer-general's office, where, on search being made, it was discovered that a mistake had been made, and that the bond supposed to have been drawn at par had in reality been drawn for £4,000.

ARRESTED AT KAMLOOPS.

United States Army Officer Charged With Misusing Cheque.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 20.—Capt. D. L. Keller, alias D. L. Smith, a United States army officer of Reno, Nev., was arrested on Wednesday charged with having stolen a bank cheque from the United States quartermaster's office at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and afterwards having filled it in for \$2,500. The prisoner intends to fight extradition.

BORN IN A PULLMAN CAR.

Unexpected Arrival in Family of Mr. Charles Fullerton.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A son was born to Mr. Charles Fullerton, of Cobalt, yesterday morning, while the mother, with her husband and four-year-old daughter, was on board the Pullman car Arran, en route from Cobalt to Toronto. The party occupied the drawing room, and the mother, who is a physician on the train, the mother received every attention. On arrival at Toronto, Mrs. Fullerton was removed with the child to the General Hospital, where both are now doing well.

WOMAN FIRST WITH TEAM.

Plucky Wife of Thorold Teamster Beat Men to Fire Hall.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 20.—In Thorold the municipality does not own a team of horses for pulling the fire engine. The fire bell rings, the owner of the first team on the spot gets \$5. There is a good deal of rivalry among teamsters, and Harry Carter is usually there with his team at the head of the race. The other night he was away from home when the fire bell rang. His wife did not know exactly where to find him, and there would have been no time to look, anyway. So the plucky woman harnessed the horses and set off with them at a gallop for the fire hall, managing to beat out the next best team by a couple of necks.

The men around gave her a hearty cheer, which the defeated teamsters joined in with vigor. She will receive the \$5 at the next meeting of the Town Council.

Walter Fitzgerald, who pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery and embezzlement while employed by a Walkerville firm, has been sentenced to one year in the Central on each charge, sentences to run concurrently.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, has signed the Doull ordinance permitting sacred and educational entertainments on Sunday.

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## NO NEWS FOR HIM.

KAISER'S SPECIAL REPORTER EJECTED FROM HARDEN TRIAL.

Judges Decided to Hear Evidence Strictly in Camera and Refused to Allow Even the Emperor's Representative to be Present.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Emperor William, who is following the evidence taken in the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit with the utmost attention, to-day sent to the Court House Lieut. Proetner Vonderhoehe of the Fusiliers as a special representative in order to secure a full and impartial report of the proceedings. The judges declined to permit the lieutenant to remain in court when the remainder of the public was excluded, and he thus was unable to obtain the details of the trying ordeal which Prince Philip zu Eulenburg underwent during the secret session this afternoon, when he remained for three hours on the witness stand. Owing to the utter exclusion of the press and the public from the session and the close secrecy observed by all persons connected with the case, no statements on which reliance can be placed are obtainable regarding the testimony adduced.

Fraw Von Elbe, her mother, Fraw Von Heyden, and Count Kuno Von Moltke were examined in camera.

The reports in circulation that all further proceedings in the suit will be held in camera have caused general disappointment, for the opinion prevails that Count Kuno Von Moltke should be given an opportunity to rehabilitate himself before the public, which heard the terrible charges brought against him at the place where he was held, and that the judges in whom lies the discretion to the public or secret hearings may decide at a later period to reopen the court to the public. The case is expected to continue until December 24.

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IMITATED MOTHER.

Sydenham Township Boy Fires His Sister's Clothes.

Owen Sound, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. James Cathrea, in Sydenham township, near Walter's Falls, on Wednesday evening lost their infant daughter under very distressing circumstances. In the morning a number of howl had been killed and cleared for market, and that son, a little fellow two and a half years of age, had witnessed the operation of singeing after the birds had been plucked. In the evening when Mrs. Cathrea went out to milk the cows she left the two children playing together, and during her absence the boy got hold of a roll of paper, which he ignited at the fire and apparently undertook to imitate his mother's treatment of the poultry by holding the burning paper to the clothing of his sister, who was only eighteen months old. Her clothing was quickly on fire, and when the mother returned she was horrified to find the little one suffering from terrible burns about the body. She only lived half an hour.

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WATRESSES' SUICIDE.

Drank Carbolic Acid Where Employed and Was Found Dead.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 20.—A sad fatality occurred at the Occidental Hotel this morning, when Mamie Fetter, of Milton, took her own life by drinking carbolic acid. The unfortunate girl had been employed as waitress at the Occidental Hotel for upwards of two years. Early this morning she complained of ill-health, and asked another waitress to get her a glass of water. This girl returned upstairs and found the Fetter girl lying on the bed apparently asleep.

A couple of hours later Mrs. Mayhew, wife of the proprietor, went upstairs and found the girl's bedroom door locked. There was no answer to her call, so she summoned help and the door was broken open. Mamie Fetter was discovered lying unconscious on the bed, and although medical aid was called, the girl died within a few minutes.

Neil Taylor, employed on the sewers at St. Thomas, fell into a trench and broke his neck. He has no chance of recovery.

The woman who on December 4th made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Lieut. Gen. Gutschelmann, Governor-General of Moscow, by means of a bomb, was executed at Moscow. On the scaffold she said to her executioners: "We will soon stop your hangings."

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## Half-Price Sale of Women's Coats

Noteworthy sale, involving Evening, Street and Travelling Gowns. The collection is far too widely varied for complete details.

- 50 Tweed and Tourist Coats, regular \$15.00, reduced to \$7.50
- 10 Imported Evening Cloaks, regular \$50.00, reduced to \$25.00
- 25 Black Cloth Coats, regular \$15.00, reduced to \$7.50
- 10 Fine Velvet Coats, regular \$60.00, reduced to \$30.00

Wonderful Reductions in Furs for Monday's Selling

Three-hour bargain in Persian Lamb Jackets, \$15.00 Coats reduced to \$7.50

On Sale from 9 until 12 o'clock

- 27 and 30 inches Persian Lamb Coats. All selected Persian skins, double-breasted, storm collar, and revers, lined with best quality satin. This is the best bargain of the season, and would make a lovely Christmas gift.
- All our Furs all very specially priced for Christmas selling. Wonderful reductions. SOME AT ALMOST HALF PRICE. GET OUR PRICES BEFORE PURCHASING.

## Christmas Sale of Fancy Combs Nicely Boxed

Handsome Steel Mounted Combs, regular 50c, for 25c

Side Combs, with steel mountings, regular 50c, for 25c pair

Back Combs, mounted in gilt, regular 75c, for 40c

Back Combs, with gilt mountings and cold settings, regular \$1.00, for 49c

Back Combs, with sides to match, with brilliant settings, regular \$1.50, for 98c

Heavy Cut Steel Mounted Combs, regular \$1.50, for \$1.19

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Cut Steel and Brilliant Mounted Combs, regular \$2.50, for \$1.98

Latest novelties in Mounted Combs, ranging from \$3.00 up to \$10.00, greatly reduced.

## Christmas Sale of Leather Goods

At Special Prices For Monday Only

Fancy Beaded Bags, assorted colors, regular 75c, for 49c

Beaded Bags, mounted on gilt frames, regular \$1.00, for 65c

Beaded Bags, mounted on fancy gilt frames, regular \$1.75, for \$1.25

Velvet Crocodile Purse, with hand strap, regular \$1.75, for \$1.39

Velvet Crocodile Bags, with leather handles, regular \$1.75, for \$1.39

Seal Leather Strap Purse, with fancy fastener, regular \$1.00, for 75c

Seal Leather Strap Purse, card case combined, regular \$1.25, for 89c

American Strap Bags, with outside pocket, regular \$2.50, for \$1.98

English Carriage Bags, leather lined, regular \$2.75, for \$2.25

English Velvet Crocodile Bags, regular \$3.50, for \$2.98

Paris Opera Fitted Bags, regular \$3.75, for \$3.25

Paris Novelty Bags, fitted with opera glasses, regular \$11.00, for \$8.50

## Big Monday Sale of Silk and Wool Waistings

Regular Value 85c, Monday 59c

Monday will be your chance to secure some very pretty Silk and Wool Waistings, cream grounds, with stripes, in colors of pink, sky, navy, green and black; will be displayed on Monday for easy choosing, regular 85c, on 59c

## Christmas Sale of Ladies' Kid Gloves

All Nicely Boxed with Christmas Card

Fine French Glove Kid Gloves, guaranteed, in box, \$1.25 value, for \$1.00

Walking Kid Gloves, in tans, in box, regularly \$1.00, for 80c

French Glove Kid Gloves, guaranteed, in artistic box, regularly \$1.35, for \$1.25

Fine French Suede Kid Glove, guaranteed, in artistic box, regularly \$1.50, for \$1.25

Trefousse Glove Kid Glove, guaranteed, in artistic box, regular \$1.65, for \$1.50

Silk Lined Suede Kid Gloves, in artistic box, regularly \$1.65, for \$1.50

Lined Glove Kid Gloves, in artistic box, regularly \$1.25, for 98c

Lined Glove Kid Gloves, fur tops, regularly \$1.65, for \$1.50

Fur Lined Mochaes, in greys and tans, regularly \$2.75, for \$2.49

Fur Lined Mochaes, guaranteed, regularly \$3.00, for \$2.75

Squirrel Lined Gloves, in greys and tans, regularly \$5.00, for \$4.49

8-button Trefousse Kid Gloves, in artistic box, regularly \$2.75, for \$2.15

12-button Trefousse Kid Gloves, in artistic box, regularly \$3.25, for \$2.69

16-button Trefousse Kid Gloves, in artistic box, regularly \$3.50, for \$2.98

16-button Suede Kid, in evening shades, in artistic box, regularly \$3, for \$2.49

12-button Glove French Kid, in artistic box, regularly \$3.00, for \$2.49

## Christmas Bargains in Handkerchiefs

All Nicely Boxed with Christmas Card

Dainty Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regularly 15c each, 3 in dainty box for 25c

Irish Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, regularly 20c each, 2 in box for 25c

Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regularly 35c each, in dainty box for 25c

Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, regularly 20c each, 3 in picture box for 30c

Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, initialed, regularly 35c, 2 in box for 50c

Embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped or hemmed, regular 25c, 3 in box for 50c

Beautiful Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with net insert, regularly 65c, for 75c

Cross Bar Linen Handkerchiefs, lace trimmed, regularly 35c, 3 in box for 75c

Dainty Handkerchiefs, with colored embroidery designs, regular 35c, 4 in box for 98c

Linen Handkerchiefs, with Irish lace edge, regularly \$1.35, for \$1.00

Real Hand Made Lace Handkerchiefs, regularly \$3.25, for \$2.50

## Pretty Silks Nicely Boxed

Monday the last day for purchasing Christmas Gifts, and still we make choosing easy in our Silk Department. Many lovely Silks for waists and dresses, and several very special lines will be offered. All Silks boxed free. See our special showing of Dresden Monday at 69c

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DUNDAS HELD PRIZE MARKET.

Prizes Given For Poultry, Meat, Butter Etc.

Duncan McIntosh Committed For Trial on Two Counts.

Presentation to President of the Garment Workers.

Dundas, Dec. 21.—Garment Workers' Union, No. 30, Dundas, has elected the following officers: President, J. A. Ward, re-elected; Vice-President, A. Spruhan; Financial Secretary, N. H. Birins; Recording Secretary, Wm. Chasels; Treasurer, R. Rubenstein; Guide, F. Sharette; Auditors, R. Pawley and M. Shaw. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, the President, just elected for the third time, was presented with a gold locket and an easy chair in recognition of his long and valuable services. The presentation was made by Wm. Chasels.

The annual prize Christmas market was held here yesterday, and, considering the state of the roads, was considered fairly successful. The winners were as follows:

- Special prizes—Best turkey, 20 pounds or over, \$5 cash, by John Maule, George Smith. Best turkey, 15 pounds, cash \$3.50, by J. M. Knowles, B. Greitmore. Best 5 pound roll of butter, by G. C. Wilson, cash \$2.50, B. Greitmore. Best 4 pound roll of butter, by James McCardel, cash \$3, G. T. Misener. Best dressed duck, by T. W. Whalley, cash \$2 and Dundas Star one year, W. Creekmore. Best dressed goose, by Peter Bernhart, Preston, cash \$3, D. A. Bawtenheim. Other prizes were as follows: Best dressed chicken, \$1 cash, J. W. Boyle. Best dressed beef, \$1 cash, Andrew Simon. Best dressed lamb, cash \$1, John Simon. Best dressed hog, cash \$1, C. Weaver. Best one dozen white eggs, cash \$1, Bert Douglass. Best one dozen brown eggs, cash \$1, Mrs. Moxom Shaver. Best one bag export apples, cash \$1.50, H. Jamieson. Largest squash, cash 50 cents, C. Weaver. Largest pumpkin, cash 50 cents, C. Weaver. Largest potatoes, cash \$1, John McDonough. Best pair live chickens, cash \$1, G. T. Misener. Best dressed turkey, any weight, fowls winning special prizes excluded, cash \$1, George Smith. Best collection of fowl, owned by one person, cash \$1, George Smith.

Yesterday and Thursday evenings the Christmas cantata, "Around the World With Santa Claus," was given in the Town Hall by members of the Methodist Sunday school. There was a fairly good attendance both evenings.

T. C. VanWagner, of Stoney Creek, is a visitor with Chas. Draeske.

Lionel S. Call, an old time well known citizen, who has of late years been night watch at the Lennard mills, is laid up, and owing to his advanced years his friends are much concerned regarding him. Miss Marjorie Hamilton is home from school to spend the Christmas holidays. Before Reeve Lawson, Duncan McIntosh was charged with two offences—stealing and administering poison. McIntosh is a quiet and harmless fellow who, sober, but has the reputation of being a bad actor when drunk. Yesterday, while intoxicated, the evidence showed, he went into the surgery of Dr. Laughlin and stole a quantity of acetone and arsenic. He offered the former to several persons, telling them it was ginger beer. Roy Wyatt, a young lad, was induced to take a quantity. When it was found that he had taken poison he was put under treatment. The lad is apparently none the worse to-day. McIntosh was committed for trial on both charges. Chief Twiss is in Owen Sound to-day, and Constable Hyde is acting chief.

M-MASTER WON.

Britannia Skater Takes Championship and Gold Medal.

What proved to be the most exciting roller skating race ever seen in this city was witnessed by an enormous crowd at the Britannia rink last evening, when the deciding contest for the two-mile city championship and the gold medal was run off. During the month a series of three races was commenced, open to any skater who wished to enter, the conditions being that the first man to win two firsts was to be the champion and gold medalist. To win the silver medal a skater had to win a first and a second. The entry list for each race was large, and it was necessary to run them in heats, with a final each racing night. The first two races turned out Alex. (Sandy) McMaster and W. McMichael, and it was thought that either of these two would be victorious in the last race last night.

The race last evening developed great rivalry between the Britannia and Alexandra skaters, and for this reason excitement ran high. The Alexandra entries were McMichael and Gordon Rigg, while McMaster and W. Daniels, jun., carried the Britannia colors. The first heat entries were W. Smith, of Burlington, McMichael, G. Rigg, and two others, but during the evening somebody handed Rigg a lemon and he took it as a bad omen and refused to start. He was looked upon as an important factor. The heat resulted in McMichael and W. Smith being easily first and second respectively. The second heat was also easy for Daniels and McMaster, the Britannia entries. It was the final that caused the excitement, and as soon as they started on the two-mile or 24-lap journey a scene of excitement began. The Alexandra was very largely represented, and they all cheered for and urged young McMichael on. This skater, although only a mere boy, was the hot and popular favorite. He worked to the front and held it for twenty laps. Smith fell and it served the youth McMaster and Daniels, who had been following closely, passed McMichael in a sprint, but Daniels fell at the 22nd lap. This left McMaster (Britannia), and McMichael (Alexandra) almost even. In a sprint in

the last lap McMaster won, by about eight to ten yards, and the crowd cheered for the new city champion. At the close both McMaster and McMichael were presented with their medals by Floor Manager Smith. The judges were Messrs. Moore, Porteous and Sylvester. In the series of three races McMaster won two firsts and a third, while McMichael won one first and one second in his only two starts. Rigg has had a second place, also Daniels, Lockie McMaster and Elmer Hawkes. It will keep McMaster worrying over his new title, as McMichael, Hawkes and Rigg are challenging him already.

TOM LEE SING A LUCKY CHINK.

Two "First Offences" May Save Him From Jail.

Pleaded Guilty of Keeping a "Blind Pig" To-day.

Frank Pearson Allowed to Go On Deferred Sentence.

Tom Lee Sing is a lucky man in a peculiar kind of way. He was at the court this morning on a charge of disposing of liquor without a license, Inspector Birrell being the complainant. The date of the offence was Monday, Dec. 16. The Citizens' League spotters have a charge against Tom also, but it is of an earlier date, Nov. 30. This made the charge of Birrell's a second offence, but when Tom pleaded guilty this morning the other charge had not been taken up against him, and he was therefore fined only \$50. If convicted again on Monday, it also will be as a first offence, and there can be nothing but a fine imposed on him. The statutes provide for imprisonment without a fine for a man caught selling without a license the second time, and Tom is ready to pay his \$100 into the court and still smile.

Inspector Birrell said that he has watched the restaurant of the defendant at 18 York street for six weeks, but was never able to get anything conclusive enough to justify a raid until a week ago Monday when, after watching from 8 o'clock till 12.20, he decided it was time to act. He called Constable Campaign, and the two of them went directly to one of the little box stalls, and there were two girls and two men with four bottles and four glasses in front of them, which the inspector seized. He also confiscated 10c that was on the table. Constable Campaign said the liquor was beer. He corroborated the inspector's evidence, and at this point Tommy, who had pleaded not guilty through A. M. Lewis, decided to change his plea to one of guilty, and the fine was imposed.

John Stevenson, Sherman avenue north, was charged by Mrs. Pauline Hill with assaulting her, last night. He pleaded not guilty. The complainant said that she keeps a restaurant on the market, and that this young man and some others went in and started to raise a disturbance. She asked them to go out, and defendant, she said, got up and slapped her face. He was arrested by Constable Hill, and was put in the box, but refused to testify. The Magistrate recalled the fact that Stevenson had been allowed out on parole a short time ago while doing a term for aggravated assault. He thought he had better send him back to finish his term, but after consideration of the case decided to let him off with a \$10 fine and costs.

A quartette of Jerseyville young men were charged with wilfully damaging a Standard gasoline lamp apparatus belonging to Joseph McPherson, of the same place. The complainant admitted he had the wrong men, and the case was dropped after McPherson had paid the costs.

For driving his horse at an immoderate rate of speed on King street east on Thursday, Walter Young, of Binbrook, was proceeded against by Constable Cameron, and fined \$5 this morning. Garnet Gill was fined \$1 for distributing dredges advertising a clairvoyant. Fred Bortwhistle, Tom street, was allowed to go at the sunrise court after solving up in the cells. Frank Pearson, who pleaded guilty to stealing a watch from John Kenny, at the Police Court a few days ago, was up before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon for sentence. Considering his youth, the Magistrate gave him a good talking to, and allowed him to go on deferred sentence. He is the young man who worked into the story of the man for whom he was working, and taking the watch out of a case, sold it to a Chinese for \$1.60. The police had him in the toils almost before he had a chance to spend the money. Pearson has always borne a good character, and seems to have been led astray, and the Magistrate believed a chance would do him good.

DEPENDENT, ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

St. Thomas, Dec. 20.—Leo Hollen, aged 20, while dependent, drank the contents of a bottle of laudanum at his boarding house on Owasca street. Doctors were summoned and emetics administered, with the result that Hollen was soon out of danger. He had been out of work two months, losing his position at the M. C. R. shops through being quarantined over scarlet fever.

The bill collector, at least, may be justified in thinking that the world owes him a living.

Cuba Eats Fruit

New York eats meat, Canada eats pork and Iceland eats fat. The colder the climate the fatter the food because fat heats the body and heat is life. The finest fat that grows makes

Scott's Emulsion

It is the Norwegian Cod Liver Oil. SCOTT'S EMULSION is full of heat and nourishment. It has a power in it that gives vigor and new flesh to those who suffer from consumption and other wasting diseases. All Druggists: 50c. and \$1.00.

MONDAY, DEC. 23rd, 1907 SHEA'S CHRISTMAS BARGAIN DAY

Marvelous Bargains in Neckwear and Belts



Hundreds of pieces of Ladies' Neckwear in the very latest New York styles, most beautiful designs in every popular shading; the entire sample line of the most noted manufacturer in Canada. Every collar a beauty. Not one that is not wearable. Neckwear, that sells in other stores at 29c to \$3.50, on sale here on Christmas Bargain Day at 15c and every between price up to \$1.50. Women's Silk and Leather Belts in black, white, tan and lovely Dresden effects, all on sale at less than wholesale prices. 20c to \$2.00. Ladies' Long Crepe de Chine and Silk Scarfs in plain and Dresden shades; on sale at less than wholesale. 50c to \$2.50.

Sash and Toque Sets. Misses' Scarlet Sash and Toque Sets, knitted of the finest cashmere worsted yarns, thoroughly fast dye, elbow length mitts or gloves, on sale Monday for, per set \$1.19.

Ringwood Gloves. Hundreds of pairs of Women's Fine Ringwood Gloves, in black, grey, white and elegant tartan plaids, regular value 25, 29 and 35c, on sale Monday for per pair 19c.

Gift Umbrellas. Men's or Women's, covered with fine gloria cloth, natural crook handles, finished with rolled plate and sterling mounts, special Monday price \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Bargains in Comforters, Quilts and Curtains

BED COMFORTERS—Full 72x72, thoroughly well made, and filled with pure white cotton batting, covered with splendid fast colored Paisley chintz; well sewn and fastened, worth \$3.00, Monday for \$2.50. SAMPLE COUNTERPANES—A splendid lot of sample Bed Quilts, Counterpanes and Bedspreads, honeycomb, Marseilles, and some embroidered, all on sale at less than wholesale prices. 79c to \$3.25. DAMASK CURTAINS HALF PRICE—About 30 pairs only for Monday of handsome Damask Curtains, good heavy fringe, good size, dark red and green and gold shades, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00, Monday for per pair \$2.00.



Dressing Sacks and Waists

Hundreds of beautiful Kimonos and Dressing Sacks, in most stylish designs and every wanted kind of materials, in plain and fancy patterns. Kimono Cloth Dressing Sacks, \$1.00, for 75c. German Flannelette Kimonos, \$1.25, for 1.00. Wool Eiderdown Kimonos, \$2.75, for 2.50. German Knitted Dressing Sacks, \$2.25, for 2.00. Eiderdown Kimonos, \$2.50, for 2.25. Full length do., silk finished \$5.00.

Big Bargains in Blouses

About 200 Women's Blouses, black or cream, lustre, silk and delaine, some of them richly embroidered, tucked back and front, all perfect, fitting models, worth \$2.50 and \$2.95, for \$1.50.

Black, cream and colored Taffeta and Jap Silk Waists, open either back or front, trimmed with lace insertions and medallions, appliques and silk embroideries, worth from \$4.50 to \$5.00, on sale Monday for each \$2.95.

An Astounding Bargain in Silk Underskirts

Nearly 100 beautiful Silk Petticoats made by the most renowned maker in this class of garments in Canada. Every one perfect in make and quality of materials, Taffeta Silks and Silk Moirette in black and all wanted colors, elegantly ruffled and pleated, worth \$5 to \$8, on sale to clear at each \$3.95.

Monday Bargains in Neck Furs

Beautiful Fur Stoles, mink marmot, brown, black or white hare and imitation stone marten, satin lined and trimmed with tails, worth \$7, on sale Monday for each \$3.95. Very rich Fur Stoles, Throats and Capes, made of splendid mink marmot and heavily furled, cone wide collars and capes, long fronts, trimmed with tails, all new and up to date styles, worth \$9.50, on sale Monday for each \$4.95.

Hosiery for Monday

Children's Black Cashmere Hose, very finest of pure wool, plain and ribbed, worth 35, 40 and 50c, sizes 5 1/2 to 7 only, to clear at per pair 25c. Plain and ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, the best we have ever shown at per pair 25c.

A Continuation of Our Half Price Mantle Sale

An offering of great importance and unquestionable benefit to those who have delayed buying their winter Mantles. The saving will be from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on their outlay. Come as early as possible, for they are not all alike. Women's Coats at \$10.00. Never in the history of the retail trade in Hamilton have such Coats been offered at this popular Mantle price; navy, green, brown and black cloths, very long length, both lined and unlined, beautifully trimmed with braid and velvet, very large sleeve with cuffs, worth \$18 and \$20, Monday for each \$10.

Ladies' Coats at \$7.50. Handsome Tweeds and splendid Plain Cloths, long lengths, both loose and fitted backs, velvet collar and cuffs, nicely trimmed with self strappings, worth \$1.50, on sale Monday, each \$7.50. Mantles at \$5.00. Women's and Misses' Plaids and Mixed Tweeds, some plain colors, loose and fitted back, splendid \$8.50 and \$10.00 values, on sale Monday for, each \$5.00.

Women's Skirts at \$2.95. Skirts worth every cent of \$5.00, made of black broad-cloths and most excellent tweeds, side pleated and button trimmed, knitted and finished with strappings, on sale Monday for \$2.95. Infants' Fur Coats: A Sale. Made of splendid quality of bear cloth, Coats all warmly lined, some very nicely trimmed, worth a full third more than we ask you on Monday \$2.95, \$3.75 and \$5.

S. S. ANNIVERSARY. Children of MacNab Street Gave Fine Entertainment. The anniversary of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School was held last evening. Tea was served in the basement of the church at 6.30, and at 7.30 in the schoolroom the following programme was rendered: Opening chorus, the school; recitation, Ian McKenzie; recitation, Joe Weston; piano solo, Isa Ross; chorus, Miss Leitch's class; recitation, Willie Myles; recitation, Isabel Myles; piano solo, Winifred Garber; recitation, Annie Gentle; recitation, Muriel Skedden; recitation, Edgar Skedden; solo, Elsie Addison; piano solo, Miss Hosack; recitation, Pearl Cooper; recitation, Goldie McKenzie; chorus, primary class; recitation, Graham Webb; recitation, Donald Webb; recitation, Morris Webb; solo, Helen Ballentine; recitation, Joseph Berry; recitation, Margaret Meredith; recitation, Clifford McDonald; recitation, Robert Thompson; recitation, Isabella Allen; recitation, Willie McCure; recitation, Charlie McClure; vocal duet, Helen and Annie Ballentine; recitation, Queenie Gentle; recitation, Blake Ballentine; recitation, Horace McDonald; Santa Claus, represented by Mr. Geo. Gow, distributed gifts from the Christmas tree to the members of the primary class and cradle roll.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1907

Early Morning Bargains From 8.30 Until 11 — Monday

Shop early on Monday. You'll realize the wisdom of doing so when you read our offerings for the hours between 8.30 and 11 a. m.

Women's Handkerchiefs 3 for 10c. 50 dozen Women's Large Size Linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge, extra fine, on sale until 11 a. m. at 3 for 10c. Baby Ribbon 1c Yard. Corded Silk Baby Ribbon, in pink, sky, yellow and white, on sale at 8.30 sharp 1c yard.

Fancy Combs 89c Set. 3 dozen sets of Women's Fancy Shell Combs, set with brilliants, Back Comb and Side Combs to match, worth regularly \$1.25 set, on sale until 11 a. m. 89c. Women's Slippers 75c. Women's Black Felt Juliet Slippers, wool lined, fur trimmed, sizes 3 to 7, worth regularly \$1 pair, on sale at 8.30 sharp 75c pair.

Misses' 40c Slippers for 25c. Misses' Fancy Velvet and Felt House Slippers, with thick felt and rope soles, sizes 11 to 2, worth regularly 40c pair, on sale at 8.30 sharp 25c. \$2 Ebony Mirrors for \$1.70. Large Size Ring Mirrors, real ebony, good style for women's dressing table, worth regularly \$2, on sale Monday at 8.30 sharp \$1.70.

Ebony Nail Brushes 39c. Real Ebony Nail Brushes, a neat gift, worth regularly 50c each, on sale at 8.30 sharp 39c. Ebony Letter Seals 19c. Real Ebony Letter Seals, Openers, Seals and Cuticle Knives, worth regularly 25c each, at 8.30 sharp 19c.

Perfumes 3 Bottles 20c. Perfumes, in fancy bottles, assorted, dainty odors, worth regularly 10c each, on sale Monday at 8.30 sharp 3 for 20c. Ebony Comb Cleaners 39c. Real Ebony Comb Cleaners for cleaning combs and insuring them against breakage, worth regularly 50c each at 8.30 sharp 39c.

Ebony Cloth Brushes 98c. Real Ebony Cloth Brushes, hand-drawn bristles, worth regularly \$1.25 each, at 8.30 sharp 98c. Linen Squares 75c. 20 fancy drawn Linen Squares, all pure linen, and hand drawn, worth regularly \$1 each, choice at 8.30 sharp 75c.

Battenburg Squares \$2.75. Battenburg Squares, 20x20 and sideboard or dresser covers, 20x5, regular \$3.50, at 8.30 sharp \$2.75. In the Hardware Dept. Leader's (Cubbit) Outfit, all complete, in a tool box, at \$15 sharp, only 49c. Latest improved Inverted Gas Lamps, all complete with globe, burner and mantle, worth regularly \$1.35 each, at 8.30 sharp Monday 80c.

A Wringer Free. Niagara Water Power Washing Machine, regular price \$20 and our very best, balling Washing Machine, regular price \$5, total value \$25. This is the washer which you attach to the water tap and the city pressure does the work. Until Christmas eve, we will sell these washers at \$20 and give a \$5 Wringer free with each machine.

Men's Mitts 25c Pair. 3 dozen pairs of Men's Black Leather Mitts, very warmly lined, with knitted wool wrists, on sale Monday in the Hardware at 8.15 sharp 25c pair.

Children's Hand Bags 19c. Children's Leather Hand Bags, all colors, with chain or leather handles, worth regularly 25c each, at 8.30 sharp 19c. Name or initials embossed in gilt free of charge.

Kitchen Goods. 4 dozen Round Stransky Blue and White Pudding Pans, extra deep, worth regularly 45c each, on sale at 8.30 sharp 15c. 6 dozen Sheet Iron Roast Pans, covered, extra deep, sheet iron roasts, regularly 65c, at 8.30 sharp 39c. 4 dozen Copper Nickel Plated Tea and Coffee Pots, regularly \$1.00 and \$1.15, on sale at 8.30 sharp 80c.

Oranges 5c Dozen. 100 dozen Valencia Oranges, worth regularly 12c dozen, at 8.30 sharp 5c. 100 pound packages of choice Dates, worth regularly 10c lb., at 8.30 sharp 5c. 100 pound packages of Walnuts, and Filberts, mixed, regularly 18c lb., at 8.30 sharp 15c. Only 1 lb. to a customer. 100 pound packages of Chocolates, worth regularly 20c lb., for 10c.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Startling Reductions For Monday

\$1 and \$1.25 Christmas Neckwear 69c. One of the biggest Christmas bargains as yet. Handsome Women's Silk Lined Chiffon Neckwear, in dainty Christmas colors, trimmed lace insertion, silk and velvet ribbons and silk appliques; a large assortment of various styles for choosing too numerous to describe, but of the latest New York styles; values at \$2c to \$1.25, in a fancy gift box Monday your choice 69c.

Why Not A Perfume Gift?

Why not Perfume as a Christmas gift. We are showing a large assortment in the best French and English makes in fancy Christmas boxes at 50c, 65c, 75c to \$1.75. 85c Perfumes 59c. A large assortment for choosing in Christmas Perfumes, best French and English makes, in all odors, large bottles in fancy cases, some silk lined, 75c and 85c, your choice at 59c. 50c Perfumes 35c. These are standard quality Perfumes, Grossmith & Sons and other French makes, in odor, white, rose, violet and other odors, large bottle in fancy Christmas box, 50c, your choice at 35c.

Christmas Ribbons At Decided Savings

Monday we will clear all our Fancy Dresden, Plaids, Fancy Check and Wide, Plain Colored Ribbons at these prices: 50c Silk Ribbons 19c. 65c Silk Ribbons 25c. 75c Silk Ribbons 35c. 85c Silk Ribbons 49c. \$1.00 Dresden Ribbons 75c.

Special—Three only handsome Paris Silk Net and Braided Costumes, semi-made, very handsome, all stylish in black and white only, the better ones being made, to go on sale at \$39.99 Costumes \$17.50; \$49.00 Costumes \$34.50; and \$59.00 Costumes \$39.50.

FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King Street West

The racing drama isn't the only kind that is full of horse play. The manure feels that most people should be taken in hand.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Saturday, December 21.—The market was rather slow this morning, and those who put off their Christmas buying till the last were none too well pleased when they found the price up to 16c a pound for turkeys. Beef was away up, and all meat and poultry was dearer.

Pork was the most plentiful article, and was being snapped up quickly at an advance of several cents a pound.

Vegetables were not very plentiful, but the demand was for meat and poultry, and not for them. Turkeys were sold by the load to the retailers, and probably while there were some very fine birds, the general average was not as good as it has been heretofore.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, etc.

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PRINCE OF MONDINGO HAS DIVINE AND EVIL MINDS.

Alleged Fraud and Practiser of Witchcraft Keeps Court in Laughter.

Talk about con minstrels and their funny jokes, Fred. Niblo, R. G. Knowles and the rest of the funny men, but the Prince of Mondingo has them all "skinned." With Crown Attorney Washington he put on a skit at the Police Court yesterday that was a roar from start to finish.

The skit was his defence against a charge of obtaining \$5 by false pretence from Peter Bostorick, whose complaint was reported in the Times on Thursday. The dusky prince listened to Italians making their accusations against him with an innocent look. He was called to the stand shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the sitting of the court was resumed, to give his testimony, and what he told the court was the best ever, and his listeners are still laughing.

The cross-examination was as follows: The Crown Attorney and the representative of royalty: "You claim to be a spiritualist, a palmist, a clairvoyant and a great astrologer."

"Yes," "You have a shingle out at 98 John street north?" "Yes."

"You sometimes write letters to yourself, don't you?" "No, sah, I write letters to mah mind." "What's that? Give us an explanation."

"Well, you see, I have two minds, one my divine mind and the other my evil mind."

"In your head or your feet, or divid-ed?" "Both in mah head."

"Well, the letter I refer to is one commending H. D. Williams, a great palmist and astrologer, to the recipient of the letter. Which mind wrote that and which one received it?"

"Mah divine mind wrote that in an endeavor to introduce the truth to mah evil mind and to have a good influence on it."

"Well, we'll pass that over as hopeless. Now, what's this dope? (producing the glove finger full of sand). Is this something for your mind to feed on?"

"That's foh mah own pussional use and not foh sale at all." "What's this other dope, this bottle full?"

"That's dragon's blood, and also foh mah own pussional use." "Is it a sort of incantation?" "It is foh foh mah mind."

"Which mind do you operate on with this dope?" "Mah divine mind. I use it to concentrate mah divine mind on astronomical readings of the heavens. That bud of a tree I got in New Brunswick and do not use foh anything."

"Let's pass on to these pictures. Here is one showing you in the company of a nice looking lady and a gentleman with a cloven hoof, a tall and a pitchfork. They belong to the family, do they?"

"The lady is mah inspiration and the other is symbolic of mah evil mind." "Where is this lady? At your lodgings?" "She is mah inspiration."

"Oh, she is, eh? Well, can you see her or how was this picture taken?" "I can always see her."

"Yes, sah." "Well, I don't." "You don't see, then, because you are not properly developed."

"That will do for mine," said the Crown Attorney with a look of pity at the prince. "You had better remain this man till Monday and we'll lay a charge of witchcraft against him." The Magistrate accordingly remanded him, without bail, back to his unregal surroundings in the coop.

Mr. M. J. O'Reilly looked after the prisoner's interests.

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Don't Drop your Eye Glasses

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consists of a spring-controlled chain winding into a case which is fastened to your coat or waist. The chain is easily drawn out to full length and by a slight "twirl" is returned to its place.

Eye-glasses are attached to a spring hook at the end of the chain, and when not in use are out of the way, and safe.

The Black Enamel Case with German Silver chain as shown in the illustration costs only

Globe Optical Co., 111 King East

BEAMSVILLE AND GRIMSBY

Will Both Go In For Hockey This Season.

Municipal Election Matters Quiet in the District.

Interesting Budget of Personal and General News.

Beamsville, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Beamsville is to see another strenuous hockey season, the first in a number of years. A club has been formed, and an application met with the approval of the O. H. A. The league to be formed will undoubtedly consist of Toronto A. C., Hamilton, St. Catharines and Grimsby. This will make a splendid intermediate series, and games full of ginger.

The officers of the club elected on Wednesday night are: E. A. Armstrong—Hon. President. E. L. Jemmett—President.

The rink is almost ready, and there should be an opening some time next week.

The annual meeting of the Beamsville and Clinton Gun Club took place at the Cause House. The organization is in a very healthy condition, and is steadily growing in strength and popularity.

Miss Mabel Ayers is home from Toronto University.

Mr. Osborne has returned from St. Catharines.

Wm. McCauley, who has been in St. Mary's, Ont., during the past six months, is here for a few weeks' holidays.

Walter Woodland is running out of Toronto for the Hamilton Express Co., as special messenger, during the Christmas rush.

J. R. Dodson, of Hamilton, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Amers, during the week end.

Mrs. Hattie Garbutt is spending a short holiday with relatives at Niagara Falls.

It is the evident intention of all the members of the Council of 1907 to resign at the coming nominations, except the Reeve. He will be a candidate for another term and there is not likely to be any opposition.

The directors of the institute did themselves proud on Tuesday night by the excellent way in which their assembly was carried out.

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Westinghouse Motors meet the demand for Electric Motors for all purposes. Easy to install, easy to operate. They are made with most careful attention to detail. Consistently satisfactory. 1/10 h.p. to 1,000 h.p. Write nearest office for illustrated booklet. Head Office and Works: Hamilton, Ont.

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Auction Sale of Valuable Central Commodious Brick Cottage with Large Lot

Under power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be sold by public auction by John Hunt, auctioneer, at his auction rooms, No. 65 James street south, in the City of Hamilton, on Saturday, the eleventh day of January, 1908, at twelve o'clock noon, the west half of lot No. 16, in block No. 7, between James, Ferris, MacNab and Pictou streets, in Sir Allan MacNab's survey of lots in this city.

On this property, which has a frontage of sixty feet on the north side of Ferris street, just west of James street, there is erected a large brick cottage with a frame addition known as No. 10 Ferris street west.

Terms of sale—25% of the purchase money is to be paid to the vendor's solicitor the day of sale, sufficient to make up one-half thereof in ten days thereafter and the balance may remain on mortgage at 6% per annum or be paid in cash at the purchaser's option.

The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid and the existing monthly tenancies. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to T. D. J. FARMER, 27 James street south, Hamilton, Ont. Dated at Hamilton this 12th day of December, A.D. 1907.

The Hamilton Cataract Power, Light & Traction Co., Limited

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum on the outstanding preference stock of the Company, has been declared for the half year ending the 31st December, 1907, payable on the 15th day of January, 1908, to the shareholders of record on the books of the Company on 31st December, 1907. The transfer books will be closed on the 20th day of December, 1907, both days inclusive.

Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Limited

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum on the outstanding preference stock and 3% per annum on the ordinary common stock of the Company, has been declared for the half year ending the 31st December, 1907, payable on the 15th day of January, 1908, to the shareholders of record on the books of the Company on 31st December, 1907. The transfer books will be closed on the 20th day of December, 1907, both days inclusive.

The Watch House Wedding Gifts and Cut Glass

Go hand in hand. With our complete stock of Cut Glass we can show you almost anything in both ornaments as well as table ware.

Klein & Binkley 35 James Street North Issuers of Marriage Licenses

the hard work put in by him during the past six weeks showed up to good advantage. Little Hazel McIntyre, who played the accompaniments so well, displayed excellent technique and judgment, proving the sterling excellence of her tutor, Mrs. Brine, Clinton and Beamsville's talented pianist, who also played a duet with her young pupil.

Grimsby and Vicinity. At a meeting on Thursday night of those interested in hockey, it was unanimously decided to go ahead, and an application for admission into the O. H. A. has therefore been made. The old skating rink will be used for the games.

The tomato growers of the Grimsby district met at the Lincoln House on Monday, and decided to form an association to protect their interests. They elected the following officers: J. A. Book, President; H. E. Russ, Secretary; Thomas Sowerby, Treasurer.

A. H. and Mrs. Pettit will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Monday afternoon, and will receive their friends from 3 to 6 o'clock at the Union Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 7, held a most successful banquet on Thursday night, a large number of outside Masons were present, and the work and speeches were most enjoyable.

Mrs. Henry Smith gave a charming dinner to her lady friends on Wednesday last.

Henry and Mrs. Anderson returned from their honeymoon this week, and will remain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson for the present.

Invitations for a leap year dance have been sent out by the young ladies of Winona. The cards are already being prepared, and will be ready to be sent out by the end of the week. The affair will take place in the Institute Hall on the evening of January 2nd.

St. John's Church entertainment next Friday evening at Winona will be very pleasing, and from all reports the programme will be just a little in advance of former years.

The directors of the institute did themselves proud on Tuesday night by the excellent way in which their assembly was carried out.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Baptist Church Sunday school takes place on Wednesday evening.

Paris, Dec. 20.—A strange suit against a medical man has just been begun in the sixth chamber of the civil tribunal of the Department of the Seine.

A young woman employed in the post office was engaged to be married, but her sweetheart became alarmed at the appearance of an incipient moustache. She consulted a medical man, who advised the use of the X-rays as a depilatory, but the use was disastrous to her beauty, and the young man refused to marry her.

She is now suing the doctor for \$5,000 damages, and the court has appointed Dr. Beclera to make an inquiry.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW

SPECIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO-MORROW.

The subject of discourse to-morrow evening by the minister of Unity Church will be, "The Gospel of Good Will."

The Rev. Sub-Dean Sutherland will preach at Christ's Church Cathedral to-morrow at the morning service, and Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., in the evening.

In Zion Tabernacle special Christmas sermons and music with morning and evening special Christmas services offered at both services, as well as in the Sunday school.

In James Street Baptist Church the pastor will preach. Morning service, "The Imperial Character of Christ's Kingdom," evening, "A Christmas Sermon: 8:15, pleasant closing moments; special Christmas music.

Musical appropriate to the Christmas season will be rendered at both services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, will preach. Morning, "Christmas Sermon," evening, "The Sixth Commandment."

The alterations to the chancel of the Church of St. Thomas have been completed. The opening services will be held to-morrow, when two former rectors of the church, Rev. C. F. Findlay, of this city, will favor the audience with vocal music. Mr. Hutten the eminent cornetist will be with them.

Miss Jeanette Lewis, Bay street south, city.

Dear Madam,—I have been much impressed by your energetic and commendable enterprise in attempting to establish a children's hospital in Hamilton, and realize the necessity of such an institution. I should like to support you in your work, and apart from the fact that I shall be a patron of your entertainments, I desire to place at your disposal during your ticket campaign one of the carriages of the Hamilton Cab & Bus Co., Ltd., as a donation towards your noble work.

Wishing you all success, yours faithfully, Hamilton Cab & Bus Company, Ltd. Situate near B. Thomson, President and Manager.

The above letter was received yesterday by Miss Jeanette Lewis. It is but one of many she has received, which have encouraged her to believe that her work has the sympathy of the people generally. She has the personal assurance of many prominent citizens that they will support her in every way, and already she has disposed of hundreds of tickets. Miss Lewis has begun her personal canvass, and she will leave nothing undone to carry her venture to a successful conclusion.

FOR DUFFIELD FLOWER MISSION The public are again asked to assist this deserving mission, to give aid in brightening the Christmas of those who are lying on beds of sickness in our City Hospital. Many of these poor people are strangers here, and have neither friends or means, to make this season happy or joyous for them, so, as God has benefited us, we in turn should help in bringing sunshine and comforts to those who are afflicted. One may ask, What does the Duffield Flower Mission do? Every Tuesday afternoon five or six ladies visit the Hospital and distribute to the patients, in the public wards only, flowers, fruit, books, and magazines, and try to alleviate the sufferings of those racked with pain by speaking words of encouragement and cheer. The members will be at their room in the basement of the Public Library on Tuesday, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., to receive fruit, candy, toys, books, or money, which will be gratefully acknowledged.

COULD NOT AGREE. Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Judges suspended the Harden-Von Moltke trial for 45 minutes to-day in order to give the principals an opportunity again to talk over terms of compromise. The effort was without result.

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Another of Tuesday's hostesses was Mrs. Baldwin, who gave an informal tea for her guests...

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother...

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crerar have sent out cards for an old-fashioned party on Thursday, Dec. 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, assisted by the Misses Gibson, gave a delightful bridge party on Tuesday evening...

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zimmerman are in town for the holidays.

The Misses Young gave a small luncheon on Wednesday for Miss Hansey...

Miss Gladys Gates gave an informal bridge evening on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Miss Reba Kittson, Miss Helen Vanzer...

Miss Ruth Williamson, of Stockton, California, is spending the holidays with her uncle at the Methodist Parsonage...

Miss Mae McDonald, of Regina, formerly of Hamilton, is visiting Miss Irene Whiteside...

The marriage of Miss Florence Beatrice MacBurney and Mrs. MacBurney...

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WANT CLAUSE REPEALED. Grand Trunk Still Fighting Against Two-Cent Rate. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—In view of the recent decision of the 41st Supreme Court...

THE OLD LAND.

Many Interesting Happenings Reported From Britain.

The experiments on the hull of the old battleship Hero, which have been carried out by the Channel fleet to test the effect of shell fire on the armor, have shown that the fire-control stations and crews of warships in battle, were brought to a conclusion on Saturday off the Kentish Knock.

Certain selected battalions of the Channel Fleet opened fire at 7,000 yards, which is the range usual in battle practice, and the firing continued all the day, the old ship receiving a terrific pounding. The shooting was extremely accurate. The unarmored portions of the hull were completely riddled. Owing to the extensive damage caused to the Hero it is not expected that she can be salvaged and brought back into harbor. The Hero actually sank, but as she had only two feet of water under keel, this fact was not noticed until a close inspection was made.

The Hero's funnel went overboard at an early stage in the proceedings, the fighting top was wrecked, though the battleships' one mast survived the fire. The fire control stations, fitted with dummy telephones and speaking tubes, were swept away.

One of the first shots found the base of the turret, and by blowing off their muzzles put out of action the two 12-inch guns it contained. The turret suffered severely, its armor being torn about in places like so much tin foil. The excellence of British shooting was exemplified by a performance done by the armored cruiser Duke of Edinburgh, one of the vessels in Sir Percy Scott's squadron. With her guns directed from the fire-control stations, she made hits at 13,000 yards, or seven and a half miles. The battleships Hibernia and Dominion fired armor-piercing projectiles from their big guns, but they failed to pierce the armored portion of the Hero.

The experiments have thus confirmed the results observed in the Russo-Japanese war, and shown that at the present time a battleship's armor is capable of resisting projectiles at all practicable ranges.

The armor of the Hero is composed of iron faced with steel, and is 12 in. thick. Twelve inches of compound armor are about equal in power of resistance to 8 in. of modern Krupp steel, such as is employed for recent battleships. She generally has 9 in. of plating, but the Lord Nelson, Dreadnought 11 in. The latest British battleships should therefore be absolutely impervious to an enemy's shot and shell. Outside the armored portion in the recent battleships there is nothing vital, and there will be few men stationed in battle. Only the fire-control positions on the masts must be greatly exposed, since it is a matter of extreme difficulty to give them protection, and through them they are vital to the good shooting of the ship.

**KAISER'S TEA PARTY.**  
The Kaiser is reveling in the delights of his stay at Highcliffe, and appears more than the happy tea-party he gave day evening to the village school-children on Saturday.

The tea-party and entertainment in Highcliffe National School had been eagerly looked forward to by the children for days.

Shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon the children, numbering 170, and wearing rosettes of the German colors—red, white and black, but substituted at the school. It was a place transformed, German and British flags draped the walls and long tables took the place of the school desks.

On the centre table stood the Emperor's cake, a work of art turned out by the chef at Highcliffe Castle. It stood six feet high, and covered with sugar icing, rose in terraces to a pinnacle, on which was a design in British and German flags.

All the little guests stood up as the vicar, the Rev. E. S. Carpenter, and his daughter received the Emperor, who, with a smile, took the bouquets presented by two tiny scholars, Ian Barrett and children. Then, looking again at the children, he said in a delighted tone, "You are so healthy and well."

At his post on the lonely hills around Aldershot when his comrades had marched away and forgotten him. The Reigate boys, in conjunction with other corps, had taken part in field operations in the vicinity of Boxhill. One boy was placed on outpost duty at Headley, ten miles from Aldershot. At sunset the command "Fall in" was given, but the bugle sound did not reach the little sentry.

When the various companies had marched several miles, and were about to be entrained, there was a roll-call, and the sentry was discovered to be missing.

Later on a search party, composed of officers and non-coms, with bicycle and other lamps, searched the countryside, but it was not until break of day that they ascertained that the missing boy had remained through the night at his post. He left it only upon the persuasion of a passing gamekeeper, who took him to his house and provided him with a hot meal. The boy was weak and cold from exposure, being only lightly clad.

**£50 FINE FOR BRIBERY.**  
Mr. Justice Grantham, at Surrey Assizes recently, fined an American citizen, William Nelson Darnborough, of Prince's Hotel, Jermy street, London E20, for attempting to bribe Police Constable Miles, of the Surrey Constabulary.

The constable stopped Mr. Darnborough's motor car while it was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour at Esher. Mr. Darnborough asked him to say nothing about it, and dropped half a sovereign in the roadway.

Mr. George Elliot, on his behalf, now pleaded guilty and expressed regret. In the United States the administration of the law was different from that of this country, and they were more accustomed to give tips. Mr. Darnborough did not appreciate the gravity of the offence.

Mr. Justice Grantham said Mr. Darnborough had made a proper apology or he would have sent him to prison.

**MURDER EVERY 70 MINUTES.**  
Filled with vitality and brimming with plans for the future, General Bonola is back again in Great Britain from his tour of America and Germany.

Asked to state his opinion as to whether Americans or British were the better people, the General replied: "Speaking generally, the people are pretty much the same all the world over. Compared with this country, however, America is more strenuous both for good and evil. In some respects the Americans are the better. In one sense they have more religion."

There is another side to the affair, however. The American people are like a human maelstrom. Here if a man, after years, makes a thousand a year, he probably buys a villa and settles down to a happy domestic life. There a man's sole thought is to turn the thousand into two thousand, the two thousand into ten. Then there is more frantic effort, and finally he cuts his throat. That, of course, is not quite literal, but it expresses what I mean. In America there is a suicide every ninety minutes and a murder every seventy minutes."

**ECHO OF THE MUTINY.**  
The "Civil and Military Gazette," of India, announces the death at Calcutta of Mr. W. Brendish, the telegraphist, who, on May 11, 1857, telegraphed the news of the sepoy revolt in Delhi to Umballa, which was the first notice to the authorities in the Punjab.

The incident is described at some length in Colonel Edward Vibart's book on the Mutiny. The telegraph office at Delhi was situated outside the city walls, about a mile from the Cashmere Gate. It consisted of Mr. C. Todd and two young ladies as signallers. Brendish and Pilkington. On the day following the outbreak of the mutiny at Meerut the telegraph wire to Meerut was cut, and Mr. Todd, who went to find the "fault," never returned. He is supposed to have been murdered and thrown into the Jumna.

The next day Brendish picked up some information of the spread of the revolt to Delhi, and telegraphed it to Umballa before seeking refuge with Pilkington and Mrs. Todd in the Flagstaff Tower, concluding his message with the words, "And now I'm off."

As regards the value rendered by Brendish, Col. Vibart quotes the following testimony by Sir Herbert Edwards at Liverpool in March, 1860: "I was cook at the camp, and sense of duty which made that little boy, with shot and cannon all around him, manipulate that message, which I do not hesitate to say was the means of the salvation of Punjab. When the message reached Lahore it enabled Mr. Montgomerie and the general to disarm the native troops before they had received one word of intelligence on the subject."

The Government of India recognized Brendish's special services by granting him a pension on retirement equal to the full pay of his rank.

**INSANE BOY LOVER.**  
A youth of seventeen, Henry Harris, living in Leicester, drowned himself in the canal as the outcome of his jealous attachment to a girl, Agnes Firth, who gave a dramatic narrative of the episode at the coroner's inquest, when the jury found a verdict that he committed suicide during temporary insanity.

Agnes Firth, in her evidence, said Harris had become jealous of her. While they were out walking on Sunday, Nov. 24th, he said "Will you go with me and drown yourself?" Next evening they attended a spiritualist meeting, and he sang, "I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You." A blind man in the audience took him by the hand and observed, "You are really a kind of a fellow, worrying about a girl you think you cannot trust." This remark seemed to have a bad effect on him.

true. If the experiment is successful, or is found to be a cure for insomnia, there is not the slightest doubt that his example will be followed elsewhere. The novel notion of starting the first performance of a new play at half past twelve at night occurred to Mr. Stuart owing to a combination of circumstances. In the first place, he had arranged to produce on December 31 a new two-act comedy by Mr. George Gobel, entitled "Four in Family," for a series of special matinees at the Court Theatre, and on or about the same time he wished to give a supper party to celebrate Christmas. Well, he thought, why not provide the guests with the performance of a play too. The idea was splendid, but his house was too small for the entertaining of 200 guests, and so there and then the midnight play idea occurred.

**FORTUNE SQUANDERED.**  
Harold Collings, of Colchester House, Maidenhead, a young man of twenty-four, who came up for his public examination in bankruptcy Court, explaining how he squandered a large fortune.

He had, he said, carried on business as a bookmaker, and the "Daily Collard," and had lost money at that. At the age of twenty-five on August 21 next—he would have been entitled to £22,000 under the will of his father, but he had not got it and anticipated the income he would have received.

From the age of eighteen up to the present time he calculated that the average rate at which he had been living was about £4,000 a year. Most of his money had gone in motor-cars. "I have paid as much as £1,000 for a motor-car," said Collings, "and whenever I bought a new one I sold the other for considerably less than its cost. I do not know where the 'Official Receiver's' suggestion that a motor-car could be kept and run at £200 a year. A 40-h.p. car will cost £800 to £1,000 a year to run.

He was in possession of assistance from friends, and at the present time acting as "a gentleman chauffeur for a gentleman who gives me a present now and then."

**KILLED AT DIABOLO.**  
Dr. Wynn Westcott, coroner, held an inquest at St. Albans on Saturday on the body of Rose Annie Page, aged eight, the daughter of a general dealer of Mortimer-road, Daleton, who died from an injury sustained while playing "Diabolo."

The mother stated that the child was perfectly well up till Sunday last. In the afternoon she was playing "Diabolo" in the garden. After a time she went indoors and said that she had thrown the "spindle" up and that it had struck her on the left side of the head.

About 2.30 the next morning she was seized with vomiting and convulsions. She was seen by a doctor and then removed to the Metropolitan Hospital, where she died on Tuesday. The spindle in question was found in a cupboard and proved to be a wooden one.

Dr. Sydney Cooper, house surgeon, stated that death was due to meningitis, which was caused by the spindle. The returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

**WRETCHED WIVES.**  
Discussion of the position of women in Great Britain, with the moral that the lot of the German woman is better, is frequent in the German press at present, following on a lecture to the Young Merchants' Union of Berlin by a Mr. Lindenstedt.

After informing his hearers that there are in Great Britain 8,000 women teachers, whose social position is below the German standard, Mr. Lindenstedt proceeded to put the actual situation of British women in a nutshell. "The British woman is a creature of light, beauty in British womanhood is true," he says, "only of young girls. In marriage they lose their charm."

In France and Germany a woman's life really begins with her marriage; in England it ends with it. The British housekeeper or manageress, had she not, he asked, better improve her own position in the family before she strives for the rights of men? The bad position of British women is due to their treatment by their husbands. The Briton regards his wife as his chattel, the piece of his belongings that can be treated as he likes. Cases of wife-beating were referred to.

Sales of wives are not uncommon, Mr. Lindenstedt concluded.

**SERVANT-GIRL EMIGRANTS.**  
The Australian demand for healthy British domestic servants is steadily increasing. On Jan. 24, 1908, under the auspices of the New South Wales Government, over 200 English girls will leave for Sydney.

By special arrangement with the Orient Royal Mail Line, the New South Wales Government will only charge each girl £3 for the passage. The girls will travel by the steamship Asturias, which starts on her maiden voyage to Australia on Jan. 24.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Baptists of Virginia in the financial year just ended raised \$151,150 for evangelistic efforts.

The Church of England, Waifs and Strays Society has a deficit so far this year of about \$38,000.

The benevolence of the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, for the year amounts to over \$58,000.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society of England has drawn \$50,000 from its reserve fund for erecting a plant in China.

The vicar of Gombur, near Woodstock, Eng., has found in his church a great silk velvet pulpit cloth bearing the date of 1634.

The laymen of the various denominations in Atlanta have pledged themselves to raise \$100,000 for foreign missions during the coming year.

An average of four Sunday schools a day established for every day of the last 83 years is the record of the American Sunday School Union.

Sixteen Mormon elders from Utah have invaded Iowa to try to start a church in one of the cities and thence to spread the belief over the State.

Of the \$1,400,000 so far raised for the construction of the Liverpool Cathedral about \$225,000 remains unexpended and will probably suffice for the next five years.

All meetings of the Colonial and Continental Church Society's meetings in England moving pictures are used to show what is being accomplished, especially in Canada.

The Deftford and Greenwich Mission, which has been working for 25 years in every Sunday, making it one of the largest in that city, despite the fact that it is but four years old.

There are but 65 parishes and missions in the 90,000 square miles which make up Jamaica, and the Presbyterian Church, of which light Rev. Charles Scadding has just been consecrated bishop.

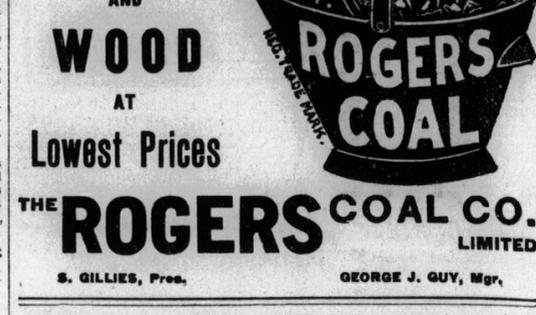
A committee from the Colonial Missionary Society, of England, has just met in London to consider the best method of using the \$8,000 raised to repair the earthquake damage to the churches.

Sixty-one missionaries of the Mormon Church have invaded London, where it is claimed 700 converts were made recently, while in all England 6,000 have joined that belief in a few months.

The new secretary of the Church Missionary Society, of England, R. Macdonald, who served for 25 years in the Punjab and knows missionary work thoroughly, has undertaken the place without pay.

The Actors' Church Alliance is showing greater activity this winter than in any previous year. It has organized a number of cities to carry out more effectively the principles for which the organization stands.

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the home, the pigsty at the rear, the tiny flower garden at the front or upon the roof and are often scolded from the place by the mother, with her children playing about her and her youngest strapped upon her back.

The traveller often sees these Chinese and Japanese boat women selling their boats about the harbours, halting at the sides of vessels and clamoring for employment, meantime hushing the cries of the babies on their backs by a peculiar shuffling, swinging motion of the body as they scull the boat or shout their offers of service.

**YANKEE HUSTLE A MYTH.**  
Englishman Says That U. S. Kind of Haste Makes Less Speed.

An Englishman who states that he has spent four years in New York and six months in Chicago unburies his soul in a communication to the Gateways, his own being, the delusion of American hustle.

"Throughout the morning," he says, "the chairs in the entrance halls of the hotels are filled with gossiping dawdlers. In New York first-class business is not so pressing but that the streets can be thronged and traffic suspended at 11 a. m. on account of a procession of the Order of Eagles or some other fantastic society."

In his working days the American endures such fustian from his time by incompetence and bad management as no Englishman would tolerate. The New Yorker gulps his food, yet his lunch takes at least as long as the Londoner's owing to the delay in serving his order. And though he pays his hair out to a barber at a ruinous scale, the charge is not after all extravagant if it is computed not by the piece but the hour.

"Shopping in London in opportunities of rapid transit is by no means borne out by facts. According to H. H. Vreeland, the electric tram cars in the New York streets are so hampered by stoppages and blocks that their average speed does not exceed eight miles an hour—a rate which makes it still possible to speak respectfully of the London bus."

"In walking down Broadway from Astor place during business hours I have sometimes compared my own progress with that of an electric tram car starting abreast of me, and I have reached Central street—nearly a mile—before it quite left me behind."

"Yet the American in a hurry will take a car to go two or three blocks rather than cover the same distance more quickly by walking, just as he will wait two or three minutes for an elevator to take him down a flight of ten steps or will bring the resources of his typewriter to bear upon a post card which could be more speedily written by hand."

"After forty years New York has at last come around to the London opinion that an underground railway is the best means of rapid communication in a large city. In using electricity as the motive power for such a railway it has followed the example set by the city and South London in 1890, a date considerably earlier than that of the first electric railways in America."

"The cars used on American railways are built with an equal indifference to considerations of speed. I have seen admirably quoted in England, as an example of American hustle, a description of the scene at a New York terminus on the arrival of a suburban train crowded with business men. As the train rushes in the men leap from the cars on both sides, etc."

"In fact, this is precisely what happens and never can happen in an American station. There may be from sixty to one hundred persons in the car, but they must all squeeze their way out through one of the two narrow exits at the ends."

"And the much vaunted express system of dealing with luggage is irritatingly slow. It is usually necessary to have one's packing completed several hours before the train starts—if one is leaving home at 8 or 9 in the morning the luggage is called for overnight—and the delivery is always a considerable time after the passenger's arrival."

**TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES.**  
Immense Steamers and Docks Building for Iron Ore Trade.

The season of 1906 in the production of iron ore and in the traffic of the great lakes was the most tremendous in history.

For nearly a decade now the iron ore traffic has been increasing by leaps and bounds. In eight years, says the Van Norden Magazine, great lakes ships have grown from 400 to 600 feet in length.

Dock companies have vied with one another in installing automatic machinery to take the place of hand shovels and give the growing vessel quick despatch. Railroads, beginning at the banks of the lakes and terminating in the furnace districts, have doubled and redoubled their capacities only to find that they must keep on doing so indefinitely.

Ashabula harbor, for example, is the greatest ore receiving port in the world. It has doubled its capacity in the last two years.

With the new improvements completed it will be doubled again. This, it is already predicted, will mean the four tracking of the ore carrying branch of the Lake Shore Railroad.

During the last season a new record for an iron ore cargo was established. The steamer J. Pierpont Morgan entered south Chicago with 13,294 tons aboard.

To carry this cargo by rail required 330 cars of forty tons capacity. Ten years ago the average cargo of the lakes was about 2,500 tons.

The greatest record in unloading one of these cargoes that has yet been attained is 10,514 tons in 4 hours and 14 minutes.

One of the achievements of the present year, it is said, will be the building of an ore vessel 650 feet, or nearly an eighth of a mile long. Within the last year several 600 foot ships were completed for the lake trade and a fleet of three, each 605 feet in length, is now building. On the oceans of the world there are but fifty ships which surpass this length, and but few freighters which carry larger cargoes.

**Teddy's Promise.**  
I've got a little sister now. She's really pretty fine. It makes me mighty proud to think that she is truly mine. And when she's grown as big as me, I'll let her have my toys. That is, I mean, the ones that are not suitable for boys.

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## BANQUET OF TIGER TEAMS.

### An Enjoyable Affair at the Waldorf Last Night.

Light Note Killed at New Orleans Track—Tom Jenkins Defeated Yankee Rogers and Parelli at Montreal—Burns-Palmer Fight Fixed for February 10.

The annual banquet tendered by the Hamilton Rugby Football Club to the Tiger teams was held last night at the Waldorf Hotel and it proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Besides the officers of the club and the players there were a few invited guests, about 100 surrounding the festive board. The Montreal and the Toronto Argonauts Clubs were represented and their colors were displayed at the head table, along with the yellow and black. The dining hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion by Ross Gardner, who provided an excellent bill of fare. After full justice had been done the good things provided for the toast list, was proceeded with. Mr. W. H. Seymour, President of the club, being toast master. It was as follows:

"The King."  
"Hamilton Rugby Football Club"—Proposed by Mr. Robt. McKay, Honorary President of the Argos, and responded to by Dr. W. H. Thompson, manager of the senior Tigers, and Mr. Jas. A. McKay, a member of the committee.

"The Interprovincial Rugby Football Union"—Proposed by Mr. R. A. Thompson and responded to by Mr. George Ballard, President of the Union.  
"Our Guests"—Proposed by Mr. W. H. Baird and responded to by Mr. Jas. Craig, Capt. of the Montreal Football team; Mr. R. McKay, President of the Toronto Argos, and Dr. C. I. Kelly.  
"The Tiger II."—The Intermediates of Canada—Responded to by Jos. Lawler, manager, and George Avey, Captain.

Some of the speeches were witty and all were short and to the point. In proposing the toast of the Hamilton Club, Mr. McKay, the veteran Honorary President of the Argos, gave the officers of the Hamilton Club and the players unstinted praise. He said it was the consensus of opinion of Toronto footballers that Hamilton had the best team in Canada this year, as it had for some years, and intimated that the team should have won the championship this year. He advocated football, as well as all clean sport, he said, because it helped to make manly men. The contests on the gridiron prepared the players for the struggles in the business world. He expressed pleasure in knowing that the club had a permanent grounds fund and advised that the club branch out like the Argonauts and take in other branches of sport. He as well as several other speakers, made feeling references to the death of the honorary president of the club, Mr. Hugh Murray.

In responding to the toast of the "Interprovincial League," Capt. Ballard, the President, said it had met a long felt want and he thought that those who had Rugby football at heart have abandoned it. It was unfortunate that some of the smaller clubs had to be abandoned, but it was necessary in Canada. It was a matter of regret that a clash had occurred between the new league and the C. A. A. U., but certain union officials were entirely to blame for that. The promoters of the league had done all that was possible to avoid friction between the two bodies.

President Seymour announced at the banquet that the rings for the Tiger Intermediates were not finished and that they would be presented at a later date. He said that he had secured the team for the players and expressed his appreciation for the head players to receive their reward. The players, apparently much surprised, stepped forward and each was handed a jeweler's box, neatly tied up. He asked Capt. Ballard to speak for the players. Mr. Ballard was apparently the only player in the scene. He made a short, humorous speech about lemons. Some of the players opened their box before he completed his reply and when it was discovered that a citrus fruit was in each, there was so much laughter and expression of feeling. Some of the players did himself heard. Some of the players did not apparently enjoy the joke and the lemons were quickly placed in a loving cup and presented to President Seymour.

In the course of the evening a fine programme of music and vaudeville acts was given. David Tope, J. F. Fassen, McDonald, George Robertson, Clifford Morden and Wesley Jamieson, sang songs, and Le Clair, the juggler, and Prof. Bowman, the magician, from the Savoy Theatre, gave interesting demonstrations.

On the menu cards the record of the Hamilton Rugby Club appeared as follows:  
Ontario Rugby Football Union—Senior Champions, 1890-97; 1903-04-05-06; Intermediate Champions, 1906; Junior Champions, 1895-1902.  
Interprovincial Rugby Football Union—Intermediate Champions, 1907.  
Canadian Rugby Football Union—Senior Champions, 1906 and Intermediate Champions, 1907.

**BIG FOUR MEETING.**  
Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Interprovincial Rugby Union will meet at the King Edward Hotel this afternoon. Advice from Montreal say that no action will be taken in the case of Russell, who was taken to play this fall on the strength of a declaration that he would in future abstain from competition in a professional league, but is now enrolled with the Eastern Hockey League. The latter will be left over till next fall, according to Montreal expectations.

### WHIST SCORES.

Following are the plus scores made

at the weekly compass game at the Hamilton Whist Club last evening:  
G. R. Judd and W. H. Robins . . . . . 7  
Dr. Hillier and Dr. Morton . . . . . 1  
J. J. Dean and D. C. McKean . . . . . 1  
C. W. Moodie and J. T. Crawford . . . . . av.  
W. Ecclestone and Dr. Bates . . . . . av.  
The prizes were won by G. R. Judd and W. H. Robins.

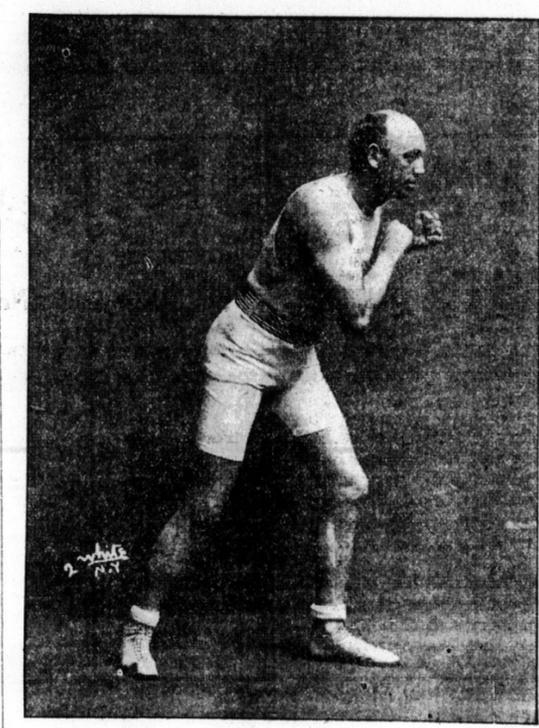
### JENKINS WON.

**Yankee Rogers and Parelli Downed in 40 Minutes.**

Montreal, Dec. 21.—At Sohmer Park last night Tom Jenkins, of West Point, N. Y., undertook to throw Yankee Rogers and Young Parelli in an hour. Rogers, who had a bad arm, was thrown by Jenkins in seven minutes. Parelli roughed it up with Jenkins, but was finally put down in 35 minutes.

### MULDOON AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Muldoon, the light-weight wrestler, who is appearing at the



ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, Ex-champion boxer of the world who will appear at the Savoy Theatre next week.

### Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

Despite the edict of James E. Sullivan, President of the American Athletic Union, prohibiting the United States athletic organizations from allowing Canadian athletes to compete in their games, the 74th Regimental Athletic Association, of Buffalo, who possess one of the finest indoor tracks in the world, and are famous for their fortnightly indoor meets, have shown a disposition to disagree with Czar Sullivan's sentiments.

The Buffalo people are prepared to take Hamilton entries, accepting the C. A. A. U. registration cards, notwithstanding the fact that the Canadian Union has broken its affiliation with the American body.

This decision on the part of the 74th A. A. is in direct opposition to their move of a couple of weeks ago, when the entries of Bobby Kerr, Bowron and a couple of other local cracks were refused on the ground that Canadians were barred.

At the time of "Boss" Sullivan's famous star chamber mandate was issued the Buffalo association showed a disposition to kick over the traces.

Hamilton Y. M. C. A. basketball team is known from New York to Chicago as the best drawing card of any team playing the game, invariably drawing the largest houses of any team travelling. If Hamilton people who believe in good clean sports would turn out and show the local boys that their efforts were appreciated by their own citizens as well as they were by our cousins over across the border, it would please the players

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### ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The game of basketball with Rochester (champions of New York State), here on Christmas, promises to be a hummer. The Rochester team, with the exception of one man, have been playing together for years and know the game from A to Z. Hamilton has won fifteen straight games, not having lost a game since last Christmas night and in spite of what Mr. Messing says expect to make it sixteen.

The locals have at last discarded their 1900 uniforms and will appear in their new suits on Christmas night. The new suit will be red stockings and white knickers, with red stripes and red jerseys, with a red stripe running diagonally from shoulder to waist and a maple leaf with an H cut out. Those wishing reserved seats should procure same as soon as possible as there are only a limited number.

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## SILER'S COMMENT ON TOMMY BURNS.

### Onward March of the Canadian Grates on the Nerves of Some Ex-Fighters.

Tommy Burns, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world! Sounds big, does it not? Or, as the German comedian advanced vaudeville would say, "it listens good." Still it seems to grate heavily on the nerves of certain individuals who, as pugilists, a number of managers who would be pleased to be defeated by Tommy's warlike.

These flippant scribes alluded to continually harp upon the fact that Burns is a Canadian. The fact is that Burns is a Canadian, and that is a fact which is not to be denied. Burns, presumably because he is not what is termed a good fellow. Let us not get carried away by the fact that Burns is a Canadian. Burns is a Canadian, and that is a fact which is not to be denied.

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### LOCAL OPTION IN GRIMSBY.

To the Editor of the Times:  
Sir.—Local option came into force in Grimsby, May 1st, 1906. Previous to this two licensed hotels had been in operation. The nearest other hotels were in Beamsville, five miles east, Stoney Creek, ten miles west, and Smithville, seven miles south. The trolley line twice every hour deposited passengers from east and west in Grimsby, facilitating access to these hotels and adding to the quota of patrons of the hotels supplied by Grimsby itself. Very frequent and deplorable scenes of public drunkenness with offensive accompaniments of disorder such as foul language and fighting, were witnessed. These conditions, made more glaring by several exceptional acts of lawlessness of exceptional violence and disgraceful assault, provoked a spirit of indignation among the people, precipitated a campaign in favor of local option, and led to the passing of the by-law on Jan. 1st, 1906.

During the year and a half in which Grimsby has been under local option, a violent temperance has been maintained in the public moral tone, and in the decency, orderliness and quiet of the town and its streets. The comfort of passers-by on the streets and particularly that of women has been greatly enhanced by the dispersal of crowds of public drunkenness. Public drunkenness has been reduced almost to a minimum. Under local option Grimsby has obtained and deserves a very high reputation for the good order maintained and for its exceptional freedom from manifestations of lawlessness. There have been no cases of drunken charges before the police magistrate, and but one case of infraction of the local option by-law proved and punished with a fine of \$50 and costs during the last eighteen months.

It was prophesied persistently by the opponents of local option that the passing of the by-law would greatly injure business interest and produce such stagnation that "grass would grow in the street." Instead of these evil results ensuing the general prosperity of the place is beyond question. Population has increased, scholars in the public and high schools have multiplied to such an extent that the fine new school building completed just two years ago, at a cost of \$15,000, and supposed to supply the school needs of Grimsby for years to come, is now filled to overflowing, and the question of further accommodation has been under discussion by the Board of Education. An unparalleled increase in property values has taken place during the same period. Even property unsaleable formerly has been disposed of readily at prices far beyond what was formerly asked, while the advance in other properties in some instances amounted to 100 per cent. The general business being reduced in consequence of local option, business men report a general and steady increase in sales, promptness of payment and greater security of credit.

Hotel accommodation for the travelling public is now more provided than before and of much superior quality. The Lincoln House continues in business. The old Mansion House, dismantled by fire shortly after local option came into force, was purchased, completely and comfortably refitted and furnished by Mr. John Howland of the Village Inn, which is itself a new hotel erected at large expense and not inferior in its appointments and management to any hotel outside of the larger cities. There is no sign or suspicion that in these hotels any violation of the local option law takes place.

It is a matter of regret that while the foregoing statements are conceded generally to be correct, serious misrepresentations about local option in Grimsby have been made and circulated by the Grimsby "Independent," whose editor, not satisfied with persistently, bitterly and unscrupulously distorting local option in his paper, has taken the platform as the acknowledged advocate of the liquor traffic in opposition to local option. His conduct surprises no one here, as his paper has constantly heaped scurrilous abuse upon moral reform. The opinions of those who have been secured by Grimsby through local option, will be amply repaid for effort made to that end.

Grimsby, Dec. 17, 1907.  
(Signed) Names and description and occupation.  
John W. Cooley, pastor Methodist Church.  
T. S. Johnson, D. D., pastor Baptist Church.  
John Muir, M. A., pastor Presbyterian Church.  
James Goodwin, Chairman Board of Education.  
C. W. Harrison, M. A., Principal High School.  
W. B. Calder, ex-Warden Lincoln County.  
S. Whittaker, retired merchant.  
T. Liddle, retired merchant.  
James G. Weeks, Water Commissioner.  
George E. Miller, jeweler.  
Wm. Forbes, Postmaster and former Police Magistrate.  
A. F. Hawke, general merchant.  
J. R. Smith, M. D., physician.  
E. J. Palmer, retired merchant.  
C. W. Pottinger.  
F. W. VanDuzer, manufacturer.  
W. W. Kidd.  
Jas. Aitchison, merchant.  
J. H. Culp.  
J. C. Marlett, furniture dealer.  
D. Marsh, contractor and proprietor Grimsby planning mills.  
Wm. Montgomery, B. A., fruit grower.  
W. E. Drury, carpenter and builder.  
Charles Stubbs, manager Grimsby stock factory.  
Geo. A. VanDuzer, fruit grower.

**A Small Meeting Passes a Big Resolution.**  
(Grimsby Independent.)  
On Saturday night last Rev. J. W. Cooley announced in church that a meeting would be held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17th, to consider ways and means of refusing certain statements that had

appeared in the Grimsby Independent with regard to local option. The meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, and besides four ministers of the gospel, there were present one lady and twelve gentlemen. A unanimous resolution covering three typewritten pages was presented, read and passed.

This resolution is in the form of a statement and will be circulated for signatures. The resolution deals with the moral side of local option, the increase in population, the increase in the price of real estate, the increase in the number of school children, the increase of business and the attitude of the editor of the Grimsby Independent towards local option.

It contains many cleverly written half-truths, and some distorted truths and some very misleading statements, which will be dealt with fully, fairly and truthfully in the Independent next week.

## LEADING HOTELS

### Mountain View Hotel

Head of James Street  
Take the incline

### Webber Bessey Prop.

When out Christmas day call and see Web. where you will find a choice stock of wines, liquors and cigars.

### M. & M. Hotel

King William and John Sts.

### HARRY JAMES, Prop.

James Kent and John Sullivan, wine clerks.  
Everything in stock for Christmas and New Year's.  
Give Harry a call.

### THE STRAND

14 King St. West  
HAMILTON

### BELMONT HOTEL

18-20 Market street  
W. F. CONDON, Prop.

Invites all to drop around and see him during the holiday season. Good stock of wines, liquors and cigars.

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### ATELL FAVORITE

In the Betting in Bont With Owen Moran.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Abe Atell is a 10 to 8 favorite over Owen Moran in their twenty-five-round fight for the featherweight championship, that will take place under the promotion of Jimmy Coffroth on New Year's afternoon. Although this price has been fixed there has been comparatively little betting up to the present, and it is figured that Atell will go into the ring at 10 to 7.

California-bred Moran as a result of his showing with Frankie Neil, but the wise ones figure that Atell will be too clever, and that he may be able to beat his opponent down with body blows, punishment that Moran showed he did not like when Neil met him.

The weight he made is 120, two and a half hours before the fight. Atell now weighs 121 1/2, while Moran announces his weight at 124, which makes it certain he will have no trouble on that score. The Englishman works at San Rafael and boxed yesterday with Joe Thomas. Atell is on this side of the bay, with Kid Farmer and Monte Atell as sparring partners.

**BURNS-PALMER BOUT.**  
London, Dec. 21.—(C. A. P.)—The date of the Burns-Palmer 20-round boxing match for the championship of the world has been fixed for the night of Feb. 10, in the National Sporting Club. The articles of agreement call for a purse, of at least \$7,500 and a side bet of \$2,500. The Wonderland Club, of London, has offered the minimum amount asked, and the side bet was deposited when the articles were signed.

(The Associated Press says the date has been changed to Feb. 11.)  
**LIGHT NOTE SHOT.**  
Run Away Four Miles and Dashed into a Fence.  
Zimudo sqi uj—12 '90D/SUN/12/1907  
The Pasadena stable has lost the good colt J. R. Laughtrey, who was claimed out of a selling race at Los Angeles. G. Mother got him for only \$720.

Col. Dan Burns, of the famous California racing firm of Burns & Waterhouse, is said to be going actively into the sport again, and Fred Foster, the Canadian who made a reputation with Dr. Rice, is likely to be his trainer.

### OVERCOATS FOR MEN

McClung Says That They Make Regular Customs for Semi-Ready.  
It is in the winter season that we convince the man who is reluctant to accept or adopt an innovation," said Joseph McClung, of the Semi-Ready Wardrobe.

"Our overcoats and dress suits are so pre-eminently better than the custom tailor can make, and their superior tailoring and design is so apparent that we make many new and regular customers." This season the Semi-Ready store is showing a superb line of fine overcoatings. They have the "hang," and the correct draping, which only the artistic cutter can attain to. Of course, the savings of about \$5 on each coat is an added advantage, but even without this saving, the Semi-Ready garments would attain their present vogue by reason of their excellence.

**HUCKLE ON THE LEAGUE.**  
To the Editor of the Times:  
Sir.—I having reported that I have had something to do with obtaining the license for the sale of liquor in this city, I desire to give the report an unequivocal denial. I am not a member of the Citizens League, nor have I ever been, and never shall be a member of any organization which adopts the tactics as shown in court by the legal servants of the League.

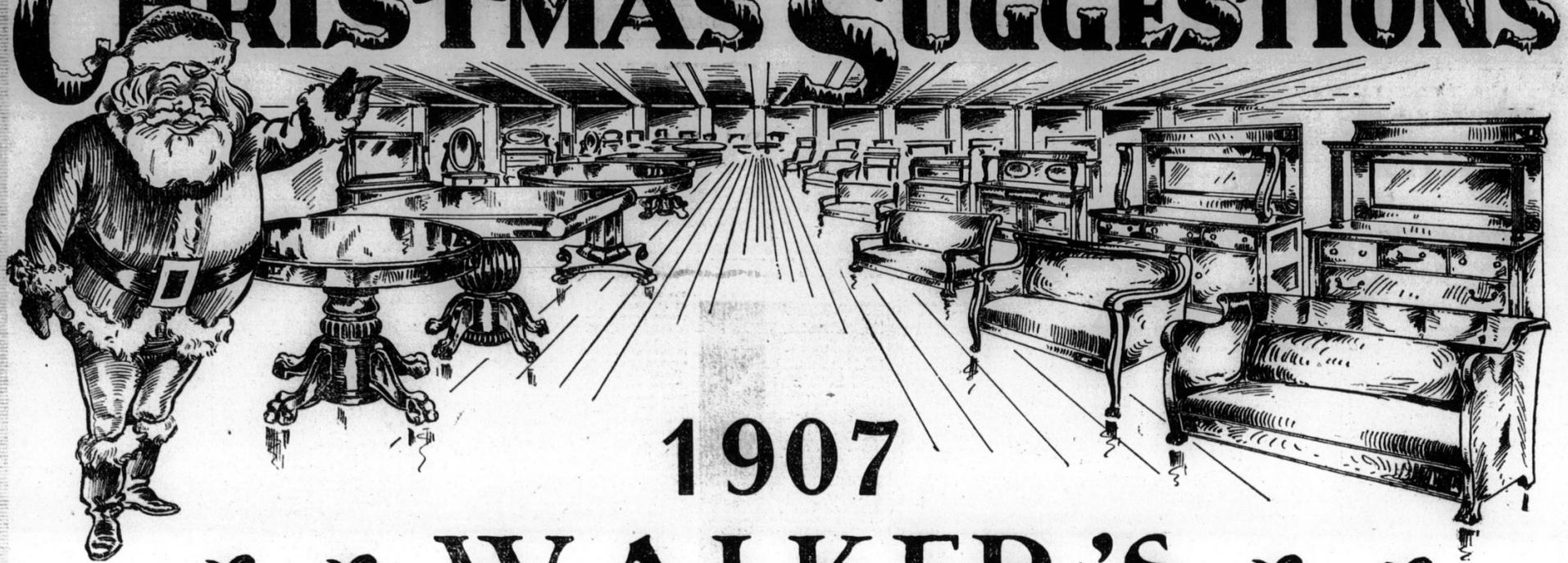
After all the influence and money the League has expended in their search for lawlessness in the city, they have recourse to the supporters of the League law as a means to their end, and they must not have had over twenty-five years experience in my profession and I have never once been asked about a moral revolution by doing. If the hotel is bad, alter your laws, but while a man pays a license to conduct a business which is hedged around with restrictions and difficulties, he certainly should not be persecuted.

There is plenty of room for good work in Hamilton and the Citizens League could accomplish much good and obtain and retain

the sympathy and support of all good men; but the present position of the League cannot be strengthened by such methods as were made public in the Lyca case this morning. Thanking you for allowing me so much space, I would reiterate in closing that I am not and never have been associated with the League and I consider the actions and methods of their two alleged detectives are beneath contempt.

Yours truly, WM. HUCKLE.

# CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

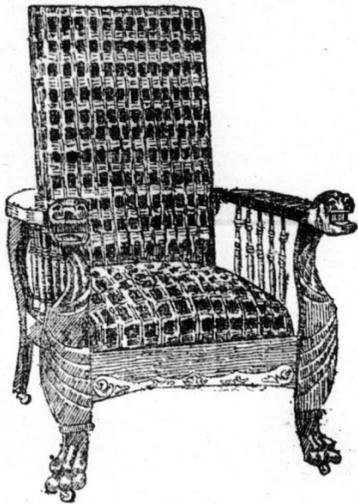


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14 only Morris Chairs, selected quarter-cut oak frame, upholstered in fine check and figured velours, cushions, also the famous "Cook" cushions with a spring seat and back, set on rollers. Regular price \$12.50. Next week ... **\$8.90**

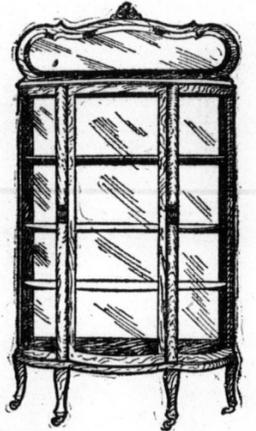
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Our line of China Cabinets is so well assorted with different styles that we will be able to suit anyone. Here are a few specials:

1 only China Cabinet, same as cut, polished oak, with double strength bent glass sides and door, two heavy British plate mirrors in the back and a beautifully shaped British plate mirror on the top, hand carved claw feet with polished rollers set in. Regular price \$51. Next week ... **\$38.75**

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15 different Parlor Chairs, upholstered in silk, heavy birch mahogany finished frames. Regular price \$10 and \$12. Next week ... **\$6.75**

2, one Rocker and one Chair, birch mahogany, French style, highly polished, hand carved, with green silk plush, loose cushions, stitched edge, on a webbed seat together. Regular price \$38.25. Next week **\$27.00**

8 Settees, birch mahogany, high polished frames in different shapes and fine silk upholsterings. Regular price \$18 to \$22. Next week for only ... **\$13.75**

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### Parlor Suites

6 only Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, birch mahogany frames, upholstering in silk Verona plush, banded edge, nicely carved frame and polished. Regular price \$36.50. Next week ... **\$25.00**

1 only Parlor Suite, 3 pieces, birch mahogany, polished frame, in French design, loose cushions, made of silk plush. Regular price \$50. Next week ... **\$43.75**

1 only Parlor Suite, 5 pieces, with solid crotch mahogany paneled back with best silk upholstering, spring and buttoned edge with hand carved claw feet. Regular price \$115.00. Next week ... **\$79.00**

4 only Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, solid walnut frame, upholstered in Neva silks, spring and buttoned edge. Regular price \$48. Next week ... **\$41.50**

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ADAM BECK DID NOT GIVE INFORMATION

Upon Which Citizens Can Form An Intelligent Opinion of Hydro-Electric Scheme.

He Abused Cataract Company and Made a Nice Speech In a General Way.

If the attendance at the meeting in Association Hall last evening to hear the Hydro-Electric project discussed, more particularly in so far as it affects Hamilton, is an indication of the interest the people are taking in the question...

The \$225,000 to be voted on in the by-law is made up as follows: Arc system with underground conduit as per previous estimate \$175,580; distribution of power to asylum, high level station and pumping house, \$20,410.

Mayor Stewart Talks. Shortly before 8:30 Mayor Stewart mounted the platform. He said Hon. J. M. Gibson, President of the Cataract Power Company, in the audience, and invited him to take a seat on the platform.

A comparison of the estimated annual charges on installation and working of electric pumps might be made as follows: "The average amount to be pumped over a period of six years would be about 2,600,000,000 gallons per year at the present rate of increase.

Challenges Mr. Hawkins' Figures. "With reference to the article in the Herald of Dec. 11, 1907, headed 'Offer Puzzling to Officials,' these figures under above heading are very misleading and in error.

Another reason, he argued, why the matter should be seriously considered was that the city had not held a public hearing on the subject of the Cataract and other wires. When he suggested this to the company once, he was informed that if it was forced to put the wires underground it would have to increase the price of power to manufacturers.

John S. Hendrie Heard. Speaking in his capacity as a member of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Hon. John S. Hendrie gave a short history of the scheme, its inauguration and the progress made to date.

Under the direction of Dr. Daniel D. Jackson, fly-traps were placed this summer on piers, under piers one block from the pier and so on, around the waterfront in the various boroughs.

At the end of ten years the Government expected to have a complete revision, and far more favorable terms. While the contract could be terminated at the end of ten years, of course the power lines being an investment, of course would have to go on for the contract period.

Dr. Jackson, who made most of the experiments, declares solemnly that the flies are responsible for 5,000 of the 7,000 deaths annually in New York from typhoid and other intestinal diseases.

own pumps. It does not matter how favorable a tender we may get, I think we can afford this. Owing our own pumps, we are then in a position to ask the Cataract Company how much it will pump water for on a meter basis, and we are in a position to ask the Electrical Development Company. I do not know that the city has ever asked it for a figure of hundred yards of the Beach pumping house and you could also ask the Hydro Commission for a figure.

As a manufacturer he was one of the first to take Cataract power, was one of the large users, and his relations with the company had always been pleasant.

Allan Studholme, Too. Allan Studholme, the member for East Hamilton, said he looked at the question from the standpoint of the wage worker. Municipal ownership was the coming plank in the platform of the people for the people.

"Hydro-Electric power," he said, "is the club that you will have to hold over the head of the man who wants to fight with you."

Hon. Adam Beck's Address. Hon. Mr. Beck then launched into one of his characteristic vigorous defenses of the Government's power policy. It was generally admitted, when he concluded an address, lasting an hour or so, that he had really revealed little that was not already known.

Mr. Beck apologized for the absence of W. K. McNaught, M. P., of Toronto, one of the commissioners, who was billed to appear, but who, Mr. Beck explained, had to stay in Toronto, in connection with the war being waged there.

Mr. Beck declared the scheme was not a political one, the Government having (Continued on page 16.)

DEADLY HOUSE FLY. WORST-KNOWN DISSEMINATOR OF DISEASE GERMS. One Captured in New York Was Carrying 100,000 Fecal Bacteria—Responsible for Over Seventy Per Cent. of Typhoid Deaths.

New York, Dec. 20.—The common house fly is one of the greatest enemies of man. He is one of the worst disseminators of disease known. In spreading evil he is so far surpassing the mosquito as to render the needle-beaked insect a negligible quantity by comparison.

Under the direction of Dr. Daniel D. Jackson, fly-traps were placed this summer on piers, under piers one block from the pier and so on, around the waterfront in the various boroughs.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CHOIR, Organist and Solo Singers.



MISS LAURA BARTMANN, Contralto Soloist.

St. Paul's Church leader, organist and soloists are dealt with in the church choir series this week. St. Paul's has long been noted for its sacred music, and has been the choir home of many of the leading singers of the city.

Bruce Carey. Bruce Anderson Carey was born in the vicinity of Hamilton and has lived in this city since nine years of age. He was a pupil of J. E. P. Aldous, B. A., in piano and theory, and started voice culture under Mrs. Bruce-Wickstrom and W. Elliott Haslem, Toronto.

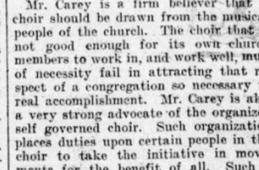
Miss Bessie Smith. Miss Bessie Smith is one of the youngest singers before the musical people of this city, and as yet has had but limited experience. She has a sweet and well-trained soprano of good range, which gives promise of holding the name of Hamilton well to the fore.



MISS BESSIE SMITH, Soprano Soloist.

Miss Laura Bartmann. Miss Laura Bartmann has held the position of contralto soloist in St. Paul's Church for six years, and that in itself is a testimonial of her ability.

MAN BURIED ALIVE. Knocks on Inside of Coffin as it is Being Lowered to Grave. Paris, Dec. 20.—Jean Lachez, a shepherd, aged 65, of the village of Saint Aubin, near Dijon, was found in bed, to all appearances dead, guarded by two dogs, who would not at first allow anybody to approach.



MISS IDA J. F. TWOHY, Organist.

Miss Ida J. F. Twohy is one of this city's youngest and most talented musicians. She is a shining example of what can be done by hard, conscientious work. Miss Twohy has never spared herself in the interest of her profession, and her efforts have always been attended with the greatest success.

the greatest success. As the organist of St. Paul's Church, Miss Twohy has proven herself to be most proficient. One is apt to wonder how it happens that such a great work could be accomplished in such a short time. But it is easily summed up in Miss Twohy's maxim, "Work."

Mr. Vernon Carey. Mr. Vernon Carey is one of this city's most promising tenors, and being a young man his chances for success are almost unlimited. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been before the public of this city the short space of a couple of years, he has achieved splendid success.

Mr. George Allan. Mr. George Allan has had long experience in singing before the public of this city, as well as many other places, and that alone is a convincing argument that he is more than popular with the musical loving people who have heard him. His excellent singing has stood him in good stead, and he now stands before the public as one of its foremost organists in St. Paul's Church, where she is at the present time.

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MR. VERNON CAREY, Tenor Soloist.

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ROBBERS KILLED.

DRAMA ENACTED AT NIGHT IN QUIET RUSSIAN VILLAGE.

Three Men Are Victims—Husband Treacherously Shot, His Wife Used Axe With Terrible Effect on Desperadoes.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Kieff papers describe a horrible drama which has just occurred in the district of So-nice. Late one evening a strange man and woman knocked at the door of a farmhouse occupied by a land-owner and his wife. They asked for shelter for the night, owing to the condition of the woman, which prevented her walking any further. They were made welcome and were shown every hospitality.

They were hardly out of earshot of the farm before the stranger stopped the cart, and presenting a revolver at the farmer's head, demanded his money and valuables. The farmer tried to escape, but was shot dead by his assailant.

Some minutes later the second robber again knocked at the door of the house. The farmer's wife opened it, and, as the man passed her, felled him to the ground with a powerful swing of the axe, killing him instantly.

MARRIAGE TRAFFIC.

U. S. DIVORCEES COME TO ONTARIO TO BE MARRIED.

Dr. Hodgetts Advises That Law Should be Amended to Include Residence Qualification—Ontario's Birth Rate is Increasing.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—According to the report of Dr. Hodgetts in his capacity as Deputy Registrar-General, the population of Ontario at the end of 1905 was 2,208,264. This estimate, however, is only based on the last census, and no account is taken of the ebb and flow of population which has taken place. The report shows that the birth rate was 23.5 per thousand of the estimated population, as compared with 22.8 for 1904, and the marriage rate was 9.2 per thousand, an increase of 0.2.

Essex county leads the way in the matter of marriage, for the total increase for the year, 637, nearly one-half were registered in that county, and its rate is 32.2, as compared with 9.2 for the Province. The reason, however, for this preponderance is not far to seek. The greater proportion of the marriages took place at the border towns of Windsor and Sandwich, and in 83 per cent. of 1,108 marriages performed at Windsor the contracting parties were Americans, while at Sandwich the percentage was 78. Of the American couples 3761 married in the latter municipality thirty-five men and forty-five women were divorcees. As still further evidence of the existence of a wholesale marriage traffic, Dr. Hodgetts points out that of the total of 318 marriages at Sandwich 297 were performed by the same clergyman. Another practice commended upon is the custom of issuing of licenses to rent rooms for the performance of the ceremony.

Dr. Hodgetts advises the amendment of the law, making it necessary that one of the contracting parties should have resided fifteen days in the Province in this manner the system of hasty marriages, to call it by a simple name, would be materially improved. Certainly at present," says Dr. Hodgetts, "it is a blot on the good name of the Province and stigma to those trafficked in there."

A TALENTED YOUNG MAN. During the past five years the show window of J. Faskin McDonald, 54 James street north, has been noted for its unique decorations, the exhibition of this week is especially attractive and reflects great credit on Mr. Lorne Lee, who has charge of the music department and who has made window dressing a particular study. Mr. Lee uses only goods that belong strictly to the music business but his designs never fail to attract attention.

The Vitagraph To-night. "A weak man becomes strong," is the name of one of the subjects to be shown by the Vitagraph Co. It is of the humorous kind, and that is what most people seem to want. A delicate looking man is shown in several rather humiliating positions owing to his physical weakness, but when he discovers a patent tonic that makes him stronger at every drink he makes things hum in most humorous fashion. The whole programme is made up of new subjects and every one is a good one.

SUITABLE EXMAS GIFTS. Fountain pens, from \$1 to \$6; pocket knives, 25c to \$1.75; Hobner mouth organs, 25c to \$1.50; perfumes, in cases, 25c to \$2; safety razors, \$1 to \$5; pocket books, 25c to \$5; mirrors, 25c to \$4; ebony brushes, 50c to \$3.75; shaving brushes, 25c to \$1.75, etc., at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north.

SMITH GOT WISE. A sore corn is bad enough, but to have it stepped on is in the limit. He invested in a bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Corn is gone; enough said. Try Putnam's. Fire insurance companies have agreed to act together in investigating doubtful claims. Mr. E. J. Durrage has purchased the Dufferin Post.



SING TO CELEBRATE THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH

Special Preparations of the Church Choirs For the Christmas Season, Including the Sunday and Christmas Day Services

On account of Christmas coming in midweek this year, quite a number of the Christian churches will have special music on both the preceding and the following Sundays.

Church of the Ascension.

In addition to the usual Christmas hymns and service music the following anthems and carols will be sung at the Church of the Ascension on Christmas day and the following Sunday:

Church of St. Thomas.

Special Christmas hymns and psalms. Morning service in D (Fischer). Christmas anthem—Christians, Awake!

St. George's Church.

Morning service—Anthem—His Glorious Name (Caleb Simper). Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

St. Mark's Church.

Christmas Day: Early celebration, 7 and 8 a. m. Matins, 10.30 a. m. Holy communion, 11 a. m.

All Saints' Church.

Te Deum (J. E. West). There Were Shepherds (Myles Foster). It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Sullivan)—Soloist, Mrs. Robt. Campbell.

St. Peter's Church.

Organ—Oh Come, All Ye Faithful—transcription (Ashford). Communion service (Plummer). Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings (Hall).

Church of St. John the Evangelist.

First celebration of Holy Eucharist, 7 a. m. Second celebration of Holy Eucharist, 8 a. m. Morning prayer, 10.30 a. m.

Centenary Church.

In Centenary Church there will be a choral service on Christmas Day at 11 a. m., and special musical services the Sunday following, the 29th, but no special reference will be made to the festive season on Sunday next.

First Methodist Church.

Morning anthem—Calm on the Night (J. A. Parks). Quartette—O Little Town of Bethlehem (H. R. Palmer).

Zion Tabernacle.

Morning—Organ—The Shepherds (Merkel). Anthem No. 142—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

Wesley Church.

Morning—Organ Prelude (a) Shepherds in the Field, (b) Bethlehem (Walling). Quartette—The Infant King (Neidlinger).

Simcoe St. Methodist.

Morning—Organ—Antante (H. M. Wild). Anthem—The Midnight Song (C. M. Davis).

Gore St. Methodist.

Morning—Organ—Prelude and Melody in F (E. M. Reid). Hymn—111, Joy to the World.

Glory (Hall). Solo by Mrs. (Dr.) McNichol.

Hymn 721—Hail to the Lord's Anointed. Organ—Offertory for Christmas Season (Reginald Barrett).

Emerald St. Methodist.

Morning—Organ—Morning Song (Ashford). Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings (Churehill).

St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Morning—Organ prelude—Pastorale Symphony, from Christmas Oratorio (Bach). Chorus—Break Forth O Beauteous Light (Bach).

Central Presbyterian.

Morning—Prelude—Improvisation on Christmas Hymn (Garratt).

Knox Church.

Morning—Prelude—Christmas Bells (arr. by H. J. Allen). Carol—Bethlehem's Plain (F. W. Wodell).

St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

Morning—Prelude—Pastoral Symphony (Handel). Hymn 26—Antioch.

St. John Presbyterian.

Morning—Prelude, organ. Hymn 34—Adeste Fideles. Anthem—Sing, O Heavens (Gaul).

Victoria Ave. Baptist.

Morning—Organ Prelude—Adeste Fideles (Holloway). Anthem—Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly (Marston).

Wentworth Baptist.

Morning—Quartette by J. H. Fillmore. Beautiful Morning so Bright, Miss White, Mrs. Jutson.

ABOUT LIGHTNING CHANGE ARTISTS.

Nothing would turn her from her purpose, and she developed such extraordinary talent for mimicry that at last her parents gave way to her wishes.

ANOTHER SHIP CANAL.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—A Washington despatch says a great modern ship canal between Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, to be started before 1909.

CANADIAN ENDS HIS LIFE.

Death of Keith Reid, Who Was at Work on a Ship Signal. London, Dec. 20.—Keith Reid, a Canadian, committed suicide last night.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION HAS ORDERED THE C. P. R. TO HOLD ITS TRAIN AT BROOKVILLE FOR GRAND TRUNK CONNECTION.

The first bill passed the Filipino Assembly yesterday. The bill appropriates one million dollars for the support of schools throughout the provinces.

Vapo-Cresolene

Established 1879 Whooping Cough, Croup, Bronchitis Cough, Grip, Asthma, Diphtheria Cresolene is a boon to Asthmatics

For 3c You can get a copy of the Christmas Number of the TIMES Just the paper to send away to your friends.

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# RIGHT HAND WOMEN OF UNCLE SAM

## He Regards them Highly and Pays them Good Salaries



Miss Margaret M. Hanna, Keen Diplomatist



Miss Estelle Reel, Superintendent of Indian Schools, Highest Salaries in the Government Employ



Miss Marie McNaughton, Chief of the Bureau of American Republics

THAT thousands of women are upon the payroll of Uncle Sam every one knows. The range of their vocations extends from scrubbing the floors of a rural postoffice to handling diplomatic secrets in the Department of State at Washington.

Comparatively few women become prominent in the ramifications of the machinery of national government, but some do. They forge to the front through sheer merit. They are the right-hand women of Uncle Sam.

They get good salaries, too. And nearly every one has worked to the upper rounds of federal service because her work has been better than that of the thousands about her.

As demonstrating the theory of the survival—or, rather, the advancement—of the fittest, some of the highly intelligent and honestly industrious women in the service of the national government may be held up as striking examples.

THERE is, for example, Miss Estelle Reel, superintendent of Indian schools. She is the highest paid woman in the service of the United States government, receiving \$2000 a year and all allowances for expenses.

Her expenses are not light, either. From six to nine months of each year she is traveling among the Indian tribes of the West, inspecting Indian schools.

Much of this time is spent in the saddle, as railroad trains and trolley cars do not run here, there and everywhere, criss-crossing the prairies to suit her convenience and needs.

This part of her work is not such a hardship, as she came from Wyoming and was raised upon its splendid, rolling prairies.

Miss Reel's field of duty is wherever an Indian reservation may be found. No better friend of the Indian schools has ever had charge of them. She understands the Indian nature; she likes Indian children and they love her.

The grown-ups of the red tribes—men and women—call her, with affection, the "Big White Squaw from Washington"—the "big" having reference to her position rather than her size.

To hundreds of Indian children she is a help in sorrow and an impartial arbiter of disputes.

Beyond doubt Miss Reel is a remarkable woman. The secretary of the Civil Service Commission has dubbed her a "prodigy," although she laughingly disclaims any such distinction.

Not very many years ago Miss Reel was partly helpless in the clutches of semi-invalidism. Among the health-giving highlands of Wyoming she sought a restoration of her former energy, which came in time, and then she took up school teaching as an avocation.

This didn't last long. Woman's suffrage prevailed in Wyoming, and Miss Reel, in part recognition of this fact, but more because of her fitness for the post, was elected journal clerk of the state Senate.

Later, the same influences that had advanced her to that position were instrumental in making her superintendent of schools for Laramie county. In this position her work attracted such attention and won such approval that she was made state superintendent of schools.



Miss Phoebe Dietz, Deputy Internal Revenue Collector, 12th District of Pennsylvania



Miss Clara Graecen, Law Clerk in Treasury Department

management of diplomatic affairs. Important and confidential diplomatic letters and other documents of the State Department's delicate work pass under her eye. Daily she is made aware of secrets that the State Department guards most jealously.

One can understand this when it is explained that the diplomatic business of the Department of State is in charge of Mr. Adee. So, one might say, all the correspondence upon the most important subjects that is constantly going on between the American government and those of other nations is known to Miss Hanna.

Here, at least, is one woman who can keep a secret. Were she only to whisper to an intimate friend one-tenth of the secrets that are harbored under her waving hair, and that friend should steal one of those

endless chains of gossip that spread tidings far and wide, immense harm could be done and the United States become involved in serious complications.

It isn't only that Miss Hanna knows how to keep a secret that she is valuable. She is a diplomat by intuition, and through study has acquired a knowledge of international law and precedents surpassed by few in the service of the State Department.

These qualifications led to the signal honor of Miss Hanna's selection as one of the assistants to the United States delegation to the recent Peace Conference at The Hague. She was the first woman, it was said, to be honored with such a position.

It is generally conceded at Washington that Miss Hanna's salary of \$1600 a year is not commensurate with her services, but, as a matter of fact, that is true of a great many persons who devote exceptional talents to the service of Uncle Sam.

A larger salary—\$2000 a year—is enjoyed by Miss Margaret V. Kelly, employed in the Mint Bureau of the Treasury Department. Miss Kelly's pay was raised recently from \$1600. The advance was given, as dispatches from Washington at the time stated, because her excellent work entitled her to an increase.

George E. Roberts, then director of the Mint, called the attention of Secretary Cortelyou to the business qualifications of Miss Kelly. He said that Miss Kelly deserved all she was receiving or could get. He stated that without question she would be able to fill the position of director of the mint without any trouble. He said she was thoroughly capable and that she knew as much about the business as any one about the place, and that she was more fitted to a business life than any one he had ever known.

There happened to be a vacant place in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, and a competitive examination was held to determine the fitness of the applicants.

Miss Graecen's expertness won her the position, and, once at work, she proceeded to demonstrate what she could do. Before long she was known as the most expert shorthand writer among her fellows.

In course of time the position of law clerk in the Treasury Department became vacant, and, of course, there was a scramble for the coveted berth. Miss Graecen, much to the astonishment of her fellow-clerks, made formal application for the place.

She was not deterred an instant by the fact that a number of Washington lawyers were out for the job. With the utmost confidence she entered the competitive examination—and won.

Her position ranks among the best of those of women in the government employ, and her salary is \$2000 a year.

Miss Marie McNaughton, the last of the trio of Michigan girls, is a native of Grand Rapids. When the Bureau of American Republics was established by the State Department there was a position paying \$2400 a year that looked exceedingly good to the Michigan girl. She entered the competitive examination, and won the prize.

Because the work was hard was the principal reason for the comparatively high pay—high, at least, for women employed in Uncle Sam's great housekeeping establishment.

A great deal of the work consisted of translating English into French for diplomatic purposes. Now, many persons can translate French into English, but to put English words and phrases into accurate French is quite another matter.

A monthly magazine is published by the bureau, in which articles are given in English, French and Spanish. A great deal of helpful work is done by Miss McNaughton for this magazine.

Another young woman who has proven an acceptable assistant to Uncle Sam is not personally known in the official circles at Washington, because her work is some hundreds of miles away. This is Miss Phoebe Dietz, of Lock Haven, Pa., who was appointed, early this year, as deputy collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, embracing the counties of Clinton, Center, Lycoming, Potter and a portion of Northumberland.

Some time before this appointment Miss Dietz received considerable newspaper fame when she was elected clerk of the City Council of Lock Haven, making a successful contest for the place over about sixty male applicants. She is regarded as a careful and keen business woman.

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During the greater part of the year, however, Miss Reel is on the go. She visits as many Indian schools as possible, being obliged, as said before, to cover a great deal of the territory on horseback.

She is loved by the Indian children, respected and admired by their parents. So tactful and diplomatic has she been that she has smoothed over many threatened troubles and settled questions regarding the schools without further debate.

Her official report of the work of the Indian schools last year was enlightening, comprehensive and interesting. It covered forty closely printed pages, and dealt with every branch of the work with the thoroughness of a master mind. Undoubtedly Miss Reel is one of the right-hand women of Uncle Sam.

It happens by what might seem a curious coincidence that three other of the right-hand women of the paternal old gentleman hall from Michigan. There are hundreds of other bright feminine stars in the official constellation at Washington, but those three shine with special brilliancy.

It is Michigan's pride and privilege to have been their mother state.

First of all—not to make an invidious comparison, but because one of them must of necessity be mentioned first—there is Miss Margaret M. Hanna, who owns Ann Arbor, Mich., as her native place.

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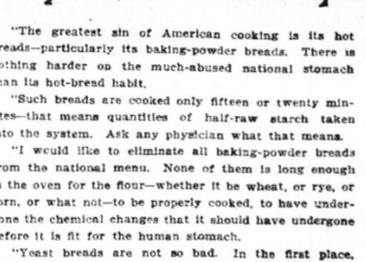
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## THE MANIFOLD SINS OF THE AMERICAN COOK



Dr. Harvey W. Wiley

THE sins of the American cook—sins both of omission and commission—worry Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the United States Department of Agriculture. And Dr. Wiley, "father of the pure food law," one-time president of the New York Hundred Year Club for the study of longevity, is on the warpath again.

His warpath, he it is observed, always leads in the same direction. Always he is fighting in behalf of mankind's—especially American mankind's—long-suffering stomach, perhaps with the ultimate design of making the whole nation one big Hundred Year Club.

Having, after years of strenuous effort, and in face of all sorts of opposition, won a pure food law approximately after his own heart, he is still fighting the good fight along the same lines. Having bestowed upon a more or less grateful nation—legally and theoretically, at least—the blessing of pure food, he is now imploring its people to pay more attention to the preparation of it.

While in Paris recently Dr. Wiley is said to have remarked that French cooking was infinitely superior to American; in fact, that the domestic economy of these United States looked like the proverbial three dimes as compared with that of the French republic. Questioned upon his return from abroad as to whether he was really responsible for any such heresies, Dr. Wiley promptly pleaded guilty.

"The greatest sin of American cooking is its hot breads—particularly its baking-powder breads. There is nothing harder on the much-abused national stomach than its hot-bread habit.

"Such breads are cooked only fifteen or twenty minutes—that means quantities of half-rar starch taken into the system. Ask any physician what that means.

"I would like to eliminate all baking-powder breads from the national menu. None of them is long enough in the oven for the flour—whether it be wheat, or rye, or corn, or what not—to be properly cooked, to have undergone the chemical changes that it should have undergone before it is fit for the human stomach.

"Yeast breads are not so bad. In the first place, they are baked more thoroughly. Aside from the baking, the baking-powder breads naturally contain a mineral residuum from the powder, which is never particularly good for our internal mechanism, while the yeast integrates chiefly into alcohol and carbon dioxide. The one passes off, evaporates, is lost; the other puffs up the bread, makes little air chambers all through it, makes it light and palatable.

"Another of the great sins of American cookery—and it seems common to all localities—is the frying pan. Now the frying pan is a good and useful utensil, a necessary part of the kitchen furniture, but it is frightfully overworked.

"It is not its use that I object to, but its abuse. Probably 50 per cent. of our population fries its steaks and chops." And if that 50 per cent. could have heard the sorrowful indignation of Dr. Wiley's tone, the less hardened portion of it, at any rate, would certainly go and sin no more.

"Why, I remember once when I was attending a farmers' institute in the Middle West, the steak at the hotel was absolutely unpalatable in the first place, and indigestible in the second. If one had the courage to swallow it. It was cut less than half an inch thick, and then fried—fried till it was as hard and tough as shoe leather and just about as inviting.

TOO MUCH "BUTCHERING"

"And taking of cuts. American meat is butchered twice—sometimes three times—which is at least once too often. It is butchered, of course, in the first place in the slaughter house. That is all right; the man generally knows his business, and carries it on under such supervision as to insure its being done properly.

"But when it gets to market, it is butchered again by a man who sometimes knows his business. Finally it reaches our kitchens—the American cook gets hold of it, and well—Dr. Wiley would apparently have liked to say, "I see its finish," but regarded such language from the head of the Bureau of Chemistry as unseemly.

"The government is doing what it can to give the people pure foodstuffs, and I would like them to pay more attention to the preparing of them.

"I would like to see cookery, which is at once a science and a fine art, held in higher esteem. I would like to see a little less inclination to regard it as drudgery.

"The financial rewards of cookery as a profession are considerable, but what American boy—I say boy because men make the best cooks; women are too much inclined to use their vaunted 'instinct' and make cooking a matter of guesswork, of judgment, rather than of scientific accuracy—what American boy, I say, would ever dream of adopting it as a profession?

"Has it ever occurred to you that all our really good cooks, the high-salaried chefs of the hotels and clubs and of the homes of the very wealthy, are foreigners or negroes. Your freshborn American looks down on that sort of work. Men and women alike regard housework—the making of the home comfortable—as beneath their notice.

"There has been an effort to teach cookery in schools. What has been the result? Desserts, fancy dishes, cake—fudge! That is why an American of reasonably good income no longer goes in inviting me to go home with him to dinner said, 'Come out and take pot luck with us. The wife will be glad to see you, and as for the dinner—well, I know there's plenty in the house that's edible, but I won't guarantee that it's eatable!'

"That is the national condition, plenty—says, more than plenty—that's edible, but it would be a bold man that would, in most households, guarantee it eatable.

"I am not knocking, and I am not unpatriotic, when I say that French cookery, in particular, and French domestic economy, in general, are centuries ahead of ours.

"I'm merely fighting the good fight—the same old fight that I've been fighting for, to these many years—fighting for the protection of the American stomach. I'm a man, and I don't mind admitting that the cause of the stomach lies very close to my heart."

A PRACTICAL LESSON

"Well, I knew the proprietor pretty well, and I asked him to let me go marketing with him. He agreed. I watched the butcher cut his steaks, and then I asked if I might tell him how to cut one for me. The hotel man laughed, but told me to go ahead. The hotel man and the butcher seemed to think that I was crazy, but it was done. Then I asked him to let me cook it myself. And I went into the kitchen, raked a good bed of glowing coals and broiled my steak right on the coals. There was no such thing as a gridiron, or anything in the way of a broiler, about the premises.

"Of course, I shared my steak, rich, rare and juicy, with my fellow-guests, none of whom seemed to recognize it as what a steak should be, though they enjoyed it."

"But didn't the hotel keeper know, doesn't the average housekeeper know, that a two-inch steak is better than a half-inch one? Isn't it simply economy—their feeling that they can't afford the heavier steak?"

"No, I think not; the majority of them don't really know how thick a steak ought to be—any more than they know that it should be broiled rather than fried. If it's

economic, it's mighty poor economy. And economy is not the American housekeeper's strong point.

"The French are past masters of domestic economy. Why, a French family could live on what an American family wastes; and probably live better than the American family at that.

"They know over there how to use up everything, and make the most of it; how to take what we regard as the inferior cuts, not because they are less nutritious, but because they are less palatable, and make them palatable. When they use the better cuts, they make them infinitely more palatable than the same cuts under American handling.

"Y ES, I did say it—and I meant it, too; not the 30 cents' exactly, but to that general effect.

"American cookery—why, there is no American cookery! There is New England cookery, the distinguishing feature of which is hot breads and pie," and the good doctor's tone of disgust was worth going miles to hear.

"There is southern cookery, whose cherished specialties are fried chicken and Johnny cake. There are all sorts of local schools of cookery, but as for a national school—there is none."

"You mean that France has a national school of cookery?"

"Practically, yes; though, to be sure, the French are not above learning from any one else who can teach them anything. But there are certain things that you always find good-cooked in the same way, and well cooked—all over France. And the foremost of these is bread—just bread!"

Some time before this appointment Miss Dietz received considerable newspaper fame when she was elected clerk of the City Council of Lock Haven, making a successful contest for the place over about sixty male applicants. She is regarded as a careful and keen business woman.

Some Curious Facts

OVER 5,000,000 people are employed in the world's mines and quarries, more than a third of this number finding work in the British empire.

In Russia there are eighty-six general holidays.

It is estimated that the laundries of London use 750 tons of soap in a week.

Scientists declare that city air contains fourteen times as many microbes as country air.

In Australia engagement rings are lent out by certain jewelers as part of their ordinary trade.

There are more hunchbacks in Spain than anywhere else.

Birthdays were celebrated as far back as the time of Pharaoh.

Flowers are one and a half degrees warmer than the surrounding air.

A man's chances of sudden death are eight times as great as a woman's.

The emperor of Japan retains the services of thirty physicians and sixty priests.

Belgian girls are taught to do housework and marketing as part of their school lessons.

A Greek prisoner who is sentenced to death has to wait two years before the sentence is carried out.

There are now several lady goldfishers in Venice, and the men of the trade are organizing an agitation against them.

Nearly half the breweries of the world are in Germany.

Some of the icefields of Greenland are believed to be a mile and a half in thickness.

Some plants, such as the mimosa, grow fifteen times higher under red glass than under blue.

Switzerland, in proportion to its population, spends more on the relief of the poor than does any other country.

Commercial travelers in Austria have secured a substantial increase in their salaries by combining and demanding it.

Egypt has an enormous number of small landowners, over a million people being proprietors of the ground they till.

The churches and other places of worship in London can accommodate nearly a million and a half people at the same time.

Wrestling is the national sport of Persia, and the tournaments held to decide championships rival our football matches in popularity.

During the last ten years as many people have lost their lives through the plague in India as have perished in all the wars since the time of Napoleon.

The mignonette is the national flower of Spain.

Practically one-seventh of Ireland's area is bog.

There are forty-eight different kinds of material in an ordinary piano.

The period of incubation is shortest among humming birds, some of them hatching their eggs in ten days.

Horses, giraffes and ostriches have, in proportion to their size, larger eyes than any other living creature.

The sea is much more salt in the tropics than in northern latitudes. This is due to the greater evaporation.

The empress of Russia possesses the most expensive single piece of fur in the world—a sable cloak, which cost \$48,000.

A conical race was recently run in Paris. The competitors—nineteen in number—were one-legged men. The winner ran a mile in twelve minutes.



# IN THE WORLD OF AMUSEMENT

## General Gossip

Actors, as a rule, judge the value of different parts by the number of lines. Several big successes, however, have been won this season by actors in minor roles. The most extraordinary case of this kind is that of William Elliott, who plays the part of the son in "A Grand Army Man." In this third act this player does not have a word to speak. In the last act all he has is one line, "Dad, I have been pardoned." Yet by his excellent acting he has won the artistic triumph of the day.

May Robson worked hard to make her new name play, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," a success. But the hit of the first night was made by Nana Saville, who played remarkably well the small part of a rough New England servant.

From California, which has sent us so many excellent actresses, comes Lillian Albertson. Miss Albertson has just closed her engagement with "The Silver Girl." Although she played a minor part in the play she made a conquest of all the critics, and the morning following the first performance there were many laudatory notices about this actress that were about the star of the piece.

Coming out from a performance of "Classmates," it is amusing to hear the different persons in the audience referring to "Bubby." Now "Bubby" is not the role enacted by the star, Robert Edison, but is played by Frank McIntyre. Although Mr. McIntyre's part is not nearly so long as the star's he hits the popular fancy and his entrances and exits are invariably greeted with applause.

That stars do not like to have honors taken away from them was shown last summer in "The Honey-mooners." As George M. Cohan would express it himself, he "likes to be the whole show." So when Gertrude Hoffman appeared on the stage and by giving several imitations scored the biggest hit of the evening the comedian was so upset that he forgot his lines and failed the first night audience for its failure to appreciate that he was "it."

In "The Orchid" Eddie Foy is advertised as the star, yet during its run in New York he had to yield first honors to a comparatively unknown actor, Mr. Beck as Prof. Zaccary sang a song, "Far Peru," and the dance with which he accompanied it took the house by storm. His trouble with Trisie Friganza in Chicago is well known.

Klaw & Erlanger, managers of the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York, have begun putting into effect a new scheme for selling tickets which they hope will do away with sidewalk speculation.

Theatre-goers who buy tickets at the New Amsterdam for Jan. 20 and later dates will receive their tickets in a thick sealed envelope, on which is printed the following:

"This envelope contains a license for the purchaser for admission and seats for 'The Merry Widow,' but the license will be revoked by the management if this envelope is opened by anyone except the ticket-taker at the New Amsterdam Theatre."

When the purchaser has selected his seats the ticket-seller immediately seals the coupons by passing a metal stamp through ticket and envelope, this stamp then being sealed with wax.

This week's Billboard, a well-known theatrical paper, contains a very flattering notice of Mr. George F. Driscoll, manager of Bennett's Theatre here.

Just to prove that all comedians, and particularly monologue comedians, do not exaggerate when they relate at length amusing conversations which turn upon a word misunderstood, Al Wilson offers the following as having occurred within his hearing in a department store:

It seems that a gentleman whose name was Jepson, had just made a purchase which he desired the clerk to send to his residence:

"What is the name?"

"Jepson."

"Chipson."

"No, Jepson."

"Jepson."

"That's it. You have it. Six eighty-two Grand street."

"Your first name, initial, please?"

"Oh, K."

"O. K. Jepson."

"Excuse me, it isn't O. K. You did not understand me. I said Oh."



JULIA MAY GIFFORD, Who will appear at the Savoy, with her husband, Bob Fitzsimmons.

"O, Jepson?"

"No, rub out the O, and let the K stand."

The clerk looked annoyed, and then said, with some asperity:

"Will you please give me your initial again?"

"I said K."

"I beg your pardon; you said O. K. Perhaps you had better write it yourself."

"I said O—"

"Now now you said K."

"Allow me to finish what I started to say. I said Oh, because I did not understand what you were asking me. I did not mean that it was my initial. My name is Kerby Jepson."

"Oh."

"No, not O, but K. Here, give me the pencil and I will write it down for you myself. There, I guess it is O. K. now."

"During one of my trips through Europe," says Charles Hawtry, "I found myself in a small village with no razors. They had been packed in my hand bag, which I had left at the hotel where I had stayed the day before. There was no barber shop in the place and I was in a quandary as to how I might get shaved. The innkeeper told me that there was a man in the village who occasionally shaved people, and I determined to risk a cut or two, and send for him. The amateur barber arrived after a little hesitation he said to me:—

"Will you please, sir, lie down flat on your back while I shave you, sir?"

"Thinking that it was probably the custom of the country, I stretched out comfortably on my back, and nearly went to sleep while the fellow shaved me, so light was his touch. When he had finished, I said:—

"I am curious to know why you asked me to lie down to be shaved?"

"Because, sir," was the ingenious reply, "I never before shaved a live man."

"I may add that I sent for no more amateur barbers to shave me during that trip."

The theatrical business in the United States is very bad, judging from the following editorial from The Billboard:

"Calamity howlers have had something to howl about of late. Business, always bad at this season, in the amusement line, has been much worse than usual. Hundreds of companies have gone in off the road and thousands of employment. Many have thrown up the sponge. There have been New York and Chicago long run records, have been withdrawn because the business, though big as compared to that of the less popular shows, did not justify continuing.

"We do not wish to appear pessimistic, but the situation as it stands to-day is serious indeed. Sanguinity may be gained from the contemplation of the prospect. Business is bound to become better immediately after the first of the year.

"Many of the attractions that have suspended temporarily will again take the boards, and to much better patronage than some of the best are now enjoying.

The reasons are logical and manifold.

## Bennett's All Star

For the past week or so at Bennett's people have remarked with delight that the show got better every week. There has to be a point to the superlative acts coming here, but it is not yet. A bunch of big type acts has been secured for next week. The headline attraction is Patrice, the celebrated comedienne. Patrice, made a name for herself in the legitimate field second to none for cleverness and polished comedy powers. She is dainty and forceful, and dresses lavishly in her present vehicle, "A New Year's Dream," which is a bright little act, with plenty of brisk turns to it. She is supported by a first-class company. The Flowers, Walters and Crocker have been seen all this week at Shea's, Toronto, where they have given general satisfaction. They are a whimsical bunch, and provide plenty of fun by their antics.

The Country Choir is a quartette of excellent songsters, who introduce the good old songs and some good by play, which makes them a welcome turn on any bill. The Pittsburg Dispatch says on "Daly's Country Choir is an excellent vocal quartette. It is a quartette that can sing, not a barber shop quartette, but real music—music that only cultivated voices can handle. It is undoubtedly the best mixed quartette ever heard in Pittsburg in vaudeville, and the audience yesterday encored the performers until they were thoroughly exhausted and lots loose a pithy collection of chatter that is fresh and laughable. His business is to keep the people amused, and he knows how to do it. The Cincinnati Enquirer, speaking of a performance of his in that town, said: "Joe Flynn is not new here, but his dope is. He is a barber shop after joke and keeps everybody in the jolliest of moods. The next act suffers by coming after Joe, because the audience has not had enough of him."

Belle Veola is a Parisian to the tips of her dainty toes. She sings and dances with that grace and charm which is the French school is famous, and displays an animation which always pleases. Her songs are infectious, and invariably bring her volumes of applause and calls for encores, to which she responds, notwithstanding the exacting nature of her performance.

Joe Flynn comes here after a brief tour in the States from Europe. When one hears this as a rule the conclusion is natural that they are the goods. Keith and Proctor have been most successful in introducing the best to be found in the continental and English vaudeville business, and the triumphs they have achieved abroad have always been endorsed here. These particular two are musical in their own way, and the act is interesting from an artistic point of view, as well as from an original one.

"The Madcap Tips" are another aggregation that have been collecting laurels in Toronto this week. Their act is a medley of sweet songs, with choruses that can be learned easily, and their dancing is a delight to the eye. The girls themselves are winsome and lithesome, and dress gorgeously.

The Bennettograph will introduce two new films.

Amusement lovers will again open their purse strings for their pastimes as soon as the Christmas holidays are over. In the meantime amusement promoters and artists will have to rake and scrape for what they can get.

The expression "It is to laugh," which helped make Louis Mann famous, was originated by his mother, who died recently. Sixteen years ago Mrs. Mann went to see her son, who was then playing in "Amore." When he asked her how she enjoyed the play, she responded: "It is to laugh." He subsequently interpolated this line in "The Girl From Paris," and it became famous both in America and Europe.

The expression "sufficiency," used by Sam Bernard in "The Rich Man, Huckleberry," is an abbreviation of "sufficiency." Mr. Bernard says: "I had the idea that 'sufficiency' was getting played out, so I coined a new word."

The catch line in "The Merry Widow" is, "I am rich. He pretends all his remarks with: 'If I may say so.'"

"Whatever that is," is the expression often used by Victor Moore in "The Talk of New York." The expression is quickly adopted by his hearers, which can be readily proven by those who listen to the people coming out after the performance.

That an expression can be disseminated largely by its use on the stage was shown by George Cohan in "Little Johnny Jones." Mr. Cohan heard the numerical phrase "twenty-three," and thinking it a good line used it. At first he did not use the numeral as a slang phrase.

INSANE MAN DROWNED. Suicide of John Strong at the London Asylum.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—John Strong, inmate of the asylum, broke away from a party to-day and drowned himself in the reservoir of the institution. He dived through a hole in the ice and disappeared. The body was not found for 15 minutes. He was sent from Hensall a year ago as not dangerous.

NINETY-THREE KILLED. Death List at Palermo Greater Than at First Reported.

Palermo, Dec. 20.—It is known that the present total of persons met their death and no less than 100 were injured by the terrific explosion last night in the military powder magazine at Palermo. The work of rescuing the wounded was continued until daylight under conditions of the greatest difficulty. After the fire had been extinguished the troops used an electric searchlight. The building, one for children, destroyed by the flames, has given the largest contingent of victims. There were many heroic rescues.

## At the Grand

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram," a dramatized laugh in three acts, which ran for 300 nights at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, three months at Powers' Theatre Chicago, and two months at the Waldorf Theatre, London, Eng., will be seen here on Christmas at the Grand. It is a farce in the strictest sense of the word. There is not a dull moment in the play. It is all froth and it bubbles continually. Once the machinery for complications is set in motion it works to its fullest capacity, with the result that one ridiculous incident crowds the next, and on several occasions that happiest success of a real farce, the creation of a ludicrous anticipation of what is coming next, is supplied. The play is beautifully staged and the company presenting the farce is exceedingly clever and finely balanced. The New York production will be presented. Seats will be on sale on Monday.

On next Thursday and Friday at the Grand "The Fatal Flower" will be presented by a strong and capable company. The play is by Howard Hall, and it is said that he has never written a more human play, nor a more clever one than "The Fatal Flower," nor indeed any in which an experiment in oddity has proved more successful, and his creativeness of character has never been displayed more effectively. William Walcott, supported by Florence Rossland, will interpret the leading roles. The cast otherwise includes such capable people as Charles H. Booth, Ella Cameron, Ina Claire, Bertha Reed, and others. New and elaborate scenery, representing picturesque Washington, D. C., will be utilized by the company, and it is promised that everything necessary for a first-class presentation of Mr. Howard Hall's play will be supplied on the occasion of its presentation in this city.

The Partello Stock Co. will close a successful engagement at the Grand this evening, presenting sensational drama, "We Never Sleep." The bill this afternoon is "The College Girl." A good sized audience enjoyed last night's performance of "Fighting Against Fate."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" as presented by Ald. Martin's big company, will be the attraction at the Grand next Saturday afternoon and evening.

Laura Bart and H. R. Stanford, in "The Walk of Jericho," will be seen at the Grand at an early date.

The pretty love story, "Dora Thorne," in its dramatized form, is booked for the Grand next month.

Blanche Walsh, in the "Kretzschmar Sonata," is an important Grand booking. She will be seen on January 3 and 4.

Savoy's Good Bill

A wide variety of entertainment will be offered at the Savoy Theatre Christmas week, the management having spared no expense in gathering together a programme which displays a splendid array of strength. Almost every act is a headliner, Bob Fitzsimmons, "the grand old man" of the square circle, will be the chief card, presenting with his wife, whose stage name is Julia May Gifford, their clever sketch entitled "A Man's A Man For A That." This is a refined sketch and the story unfolded is said to be one that compels attention until the curtain is rung down. Miss Gifford makes a most attractive stage figure and possesses a voice that is heard to good advantage. She has a repertoire of classical gems sure to take. The dialogue is bright and bristles with humor. In the dialogue Lanky Bob tells how he came to enter the prize ring and this is said to be founded on fact. He was one of twelve children. His mother struggled to keep the home and one night Fitz, why by the way lived in Australia, saw an opportunity to win some money in a sparring exhibition. His opponent was a school boy who turned out to be fighting for money to send his consumptive mother away for treatment. Fitz knocked him out and handed the purse containing over \$500 to his antagonist. He went home and told his mother who burst into tears of joy at his manly act. "There are two kinds of men in the world," says Fitz to his wife during the sketch, "fighters and quitters, which would you rather marry?" and of course the answer from his partner is "the fighter." He incidentally gives a wonderful exhibition of lung punching. "The greatest acrobatic act I have ever seen," is the tribute of William Morris, who books the Savoy's shows, referring to the Georgettys, who have been treating a sensation at the New York theatre with their wonderful offering. Those who know Mr. Morris are well aware that an act has to be worth it to receive such a compliment from him, and judging by press criticism, the Georgettys fill the bill. The feature of the attraction is the appearance of a seventy-five pound midget, who acts as top munter and leaper in quite the most remarkable routine of hand-to-hand feats that have been seen on this side of the water. The midget begins immediately on the opening of the act with his spectacular vault and is in scarcely a minute. The turn aroused New York audiences to an unusual demonstration of approval.

One of the most entertaining numbers on next week's bill is the Doric quartette, composed of Miss Moore, Turbott, Riemer and Metcalf. Added interest attaches itself to the appearance of this act because it is a Canadian singing organization, and because the members are well known to many Hamiltonians. This quartette was originally formed by Mark T. Lester, a prominent Toronto Mason, to supply the musical for some of the lodges in that city, and as such became known throughout the whole of Canada. On entering the ranks of the many quartettes at present in vaudeville, the same success attended their offering, which is received with flattering receptions wherever they appeared. The quartette has just completed a most successful tour of the principal theatres of New York and the surrounding States and has been pronounced to be one of the finest quartettes on the road. This will be their first appearance in Hamilton on their native soil. At the first of the year they leave for an extended tour of the western States.

Another attraction of merit will be the offering of those well known fun-makers, Raymond Finley and Lottie Gelsinger, who have been a big hit on the advanced vaudeville circuit. Their act shows some of the humorous things on the vaudeville stage, and consists of travesties on familiar vaudeville frivolities and follies. It is just brimful of good crisp fun, and is sure to be well received.

John Birch, who is better known as "The Man With the Hats," has an offering that would be a success for its novelty if nothing else. With the aid of what he characterizes "a cheap company" scores of old hats of all sizes, shapes and colors, Birch gives a screaming funny variety of a bloodcurdling melodrama. Birch made a big hit with this act last season.

The musical Buckley's, a fine musical attraction: Virginia Grant, who possesses a fine contralto voice and sings a well selected repertoire of songs, another good number that remains to be booked, and the kinetograph will make up one of the most pleasant vaudeville feasts theatre-goers have enjoyed this season.

RURAL DRAMAS.

Denman Thompson, who many years ago resided near this city, is an old man on a farm near Swansea, New Hampshire, and he has more money than he could use if he lived twice as long as it is likely that he will live, yet he is back on the stage this year playing "The Old Homestead." And although there are plenty of society dramas and modern plays that cannot get time in the theatres throughout the country in which audiences most do congregate, nobody has heard William A. Brady or Joseph Grismer complain that they cannot get time for "Way Down East."

The Shuberts bitten with this desire to get into line with the rural plays have made an elaborate revival of "Shore Acres" with Digby Bell and the scenery and properties which James A. Herne, the creator of "Shore Acres" used when that play was carried across the ocean to fail in London.

Joseph Murphy, as crafty and as canny an actor as ever lived, now has gone into vaudeville with a piece called "The Kerry Blacksmith," which is a condensed rural drama, the scene of which is laid in Ireland.

There have been rural dramas before Denman Thompson in a sketch called "The Female Bathers," introducing the character which he later elaborated into Joshua Whitecomb, but none of the predecessors of "The Old Homestead" ever made half the money which that old timer has earned.

Few playwrights know more about making money than does Clyde Fitch. He realized that there is money to be had in rural plays and he wrote "Lover's Lane," which was produced at McVicker's theatre in Chicago several years ago and which still is being used in the stock company theatres.

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## About Lightning Change Artists.

Some ten years ago there appeared in London, England, an Italian "quick-change" artist, who introduced on the variety stage—an amazingly clever and novel performance. His name was Fregoli, and he received a fabulous salary for playing comedies and sketches by himself, impersonating the whole of the characters, and changing his costumes with such lightning rapidity that it almost seemed as though he was never absent from the stage during the whole of his performance.

Curiously enough, there are appearing in the metropolis at the present time two of Fregoli's country women who are creating possibly quite as much interest as Fregoli did himself on account of their remarkable ability as quick-change artists. One of these, Mme. Fatime Miris, a young lady only twenty-four years of age, is being paid a salary of £200 per week by the London Hippodrome, where she is now giving her performance.

In a quarter of an hour she plays a comedy entitled "La Marquise Divine," sustaining the whole of the seven characters, and making in that time seventy-eight changes in the comedy is three seconds. But Mme. Miris is not merely a quick-change artist, she is also an excellent actress and vocalist, and versatile to a degree.

This is apparent as one watches her delightful impersonations of the lovely Marchioness Divine, the amorous Baron, and Giletta, the lady's maid, not to mention the coachman and the cook, the changes which Mme. Miris makes in her voice and mannerisms being no less extraordinary than her lightning changes of costume.

Her most wonderful performance, however, was when, single-handed, Mme. Miris produced "The Gishia" a short time ago in Rome, representing herself all the fifteen principal parts, and changing her costume 115 times. Although this performance lasted three hours, at no time was Mme. Miris off the stage for more than ten seconds. Is it surprising that people accuse her of having a double? Needless to say, the accusation is absolutely without foundation, and the Hippodrome management are prepared to pay £1,000 to anybody who can prove that Mme. Miris is in any way assisted by such a double.

"I have twelve trained assistants," behind the scenes," she remarked, "each of whom may be said to have a certain part of my person to clothe. You probably noticed that the scenery of 'La Marquise Divine' is provided with four doors through which I can make my exit or entry. My assistants know exactly which exit I shall use after speaking the lines of each character, and immediately I disappear from the audience one will deftly remove my hat, wig or whiskers, for instance; another my coat or gown; another will take whatever I have in my hands, and so on. As soon as one thing is taken off, another assistant will replace it with what is required for the next character. All this takes place while I am walking round the back of the scenery to make my next entry. Of course, all my garments are made with special fastenings and springs, so that they can be donned or torn off in an instant."

Within a stone's throw of the Hippodrome—namely, at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square—one may see another lightning change dress exponent—a little lady only 12 years of age, who is "billed" as Fregolina, but whose real name is Miss Tina Parri. In spite of her youthfulness, however, Tina has proved herself an artist of extraordinary talent and versatility. She opens her performance with a single one-act drama, in which she plays four widely-contrasting characters. This she follows with quick change impersonations of an Italian comedian, a country girl, a priest, a French comedienne, and a musical clown, and concludes with half a dozen impersonations of famous composers—Wagner, Liszt, Verdi, Rossini, etc., conducting orchestral selections from their own works.

Her "turn" being limited to just over twenty minutes, Tina is not able to show Empire audiences all that she can do, but she said she would dearly like to give selections from comic operas, as she did in Italy and France, where her performance lasted for an hour and a half. When only five years of age she saw Fregoli's performance in Italy, and there and then decided to become a quick-change artiste.

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FLORENCE ROSSLAND, Leading lady in "The Fatal Flower," which is coming to the Grand.

## DAUGHTER OF AN EXPLOSIVE.

Found in Room Occupied by Two Convicts at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Enough nitroglycerine to blow up a big building was found by Mr. Milton Hersey, city analyst, in a hand satchel taken from the room where Baune and Hardoin, two dangerous criminals, were living at 28 Champ de Mars street. The two men were brought up before Judge Chabot to-day and pretended to know nothing about the explosive. Bodies nitroglycerine there were a few sticks of dynamite, four detonators with fuse attached, a bottle of cyanide of mercury and a bottle of chloral hydrine, commonly called "knock-out drops." The men already stand convicted of robbery of furs.

## JOHN MITCHELL ILL.

Is in a Serious, Though Not a Critical, Condition.

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers of America, was taken seriously ill to-day while attending the joint conference of miners and coal operators at the Claypool Hotel. He was taken to a room, complaining of pains in his side, where recent operations for abscesses were performed. A Roman Catholic priest and a physician were summoned. The latter, after an examination, pronounced Mr. Mitchell in a serious, though not necessarily critical, condition.

One of Adam's sons was the first Able-bodied man.



JOHN MITCHELL, Head of the musical team which will appear at Bennett's next week.



PATRICE, Who will appear in "The New Year's Dream" at Bennett's next week.

# Good Neighbours All

(Charles Moreau Harger, in the Outlook.)

"Why did you come back?" I asked a westerner who returned to a prairie town after two years in New York. It seemed incomprehensible that he should leave the excitement of Broadway for the monotony of the broad plains.

"Neighbors!" was his response, "would you want to spend your life where the people twenty feet away do not know your name or care whether you live or die?"

Does neighborliness exist, like our old geometry problems, in inverse ratio to the square of the distance? Perhaps.

One day last summer, away out in the western Kansas wheat lands, where distances are magnificent and the per capita of population to the square mile is expressed in decimal fractions, a settler became ill.

He had fifty acres of fine wheat already turning yellow in the sun. He had no hired man, nor horse, but means to engage harvesters.

He counted on "changing work" with some one and thus getting his grain to market. Day after day he tossed in pain and worried over the prospect.

The nearest was three miles away, and the whole township had but seven families.

One morning three self-binders with full complement of helpers came rattling over the prairie. The drivers did not ask for permission, but went boldly into the field.

Round and round the machines hurried, reaping the ripe grain and leaving shocks of gold dappling the level prairie.

It is no slight thing to give up a day in the midst of pressing harvest that a farmer miles away saves his crop, but it is a pretty good sort of sentiment that prompts the action.

The financiers have what they call "community of interests." The West has just that in its every-day life.

Some of the southern edge of Oklahoma the cotton planters have a perpetual struggle with the labor problem. In cotton picking season, owing to the lack of negroes in the county, hundreds of acres of cotton are wasted.

The next morning fifty-six members of the Baptist Sunday school, big and little, old and young, donned pick-packs, and were early in the field at the farm.

The proceeds went a long way toward buying the needed library for the Sunday school. Several additions to the school joined the pickers the next day, and close to six thousand pounds were picked.

All denominations kept their hands with the cotton-planter, who provided liberal meals and sleeping accommodations for the entire party.

He said that, taking into consideration the feeding and housing of the various denominations, it cost him less than the usual expert negro pickers' work.

On the appointed morning they gathered, a hundred of them, and with the wagons provided by the farmer, went up and down the long field, snapping off the ripe wheat, throwing them with all the realize of the every-day farmer, hand into the boxes.

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member a farmer's wife or daughter—and all the effect of an outpouring of neighborliness. None who saw it failed to praise; but the visitors would have praised more had they understood the sentiment that is behind the exhibition of embroidered flowers and decorated lunch cloths.

Not until the town has grown rich and arrogant do the clique and the class appear. Before that all are neighbors. In the average western village this friendliness exists and the inhabitants do not need an introduction before they speak.

They have not yet outgrown the habit of running in "the back way." It is always a sure sign of neighborliness when the back door is used instead of the formality of hardwood-floored hall.

Of course, it is fine to live in a city. The country town, especially if it be "out west," doubtless looks very plebeian to the dweller on pavements and within hearing of a fire station.

"I do not know that hearts are kinder or that men and women are more thoughtful west than east," said the returned westerner, reverting to the subject again.

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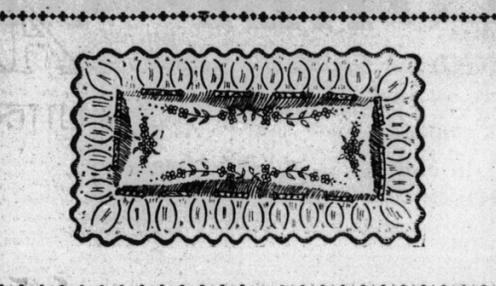
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# HOME NEEDLEWORK PATTERN SERVICE.

Patterns are being sent from Montreal.



No. 647—A woman's greatest pride, her dressing table and bedroom outfit, may be improved by the addition of a carefully worked pin-cushion of simple and still expressive design.

The pattern shown is of a new model, the double ruffle being composed of the outer and scalloped edge of both in front and the back of the cushion cover; when this article becomes soiled, the ribbon is drawn out, the cover washed and laundered, and the whole outfit looks like new.

The embroidery is done in white or in delicate shades of blue and green; if colored materials are wanted, they must be so ordered. The prices of this design perforated or stamped are: Perforation, complete, 15c; stamped, front and back, on fine fawn, 25c; material to work, 25c.

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At present Moncton has the installations of the railroad shops which the Government is building for its Intercolonial Railroad, a steam roller which wanders amiably about the shaded streets apparently with no other purpose than to scare timid horses, and the bore. Of these three the bore has the advantage of immortality.

The daily papers print the time table of the bore's appearance, as well as the railroad time tables. The bore is hard working and conscientious and lives up to its schedule; the railroads are hard working, it is true, but as to schedule—well, there is no record of a train having been on time. But what odds? There's no hurry. Vulgar haste is left to those benighted regions generally referred to as "the States."

But we set out to tell about the bore. It comes up the river twice every twenty-four hours, its appearance being a little less than an hour later each day. Some days it is more worth looking at than on others, depending on whether it is the spring or neap tide season and on the condition of the river itself without the tide. Given conditions conducive to making a "good" bore and a moonlit evening and you will have a sight well worth watching.

It is agreed that the best place from which to view the bore is the wharf at the foot of Pleasant street. Go there on a moonlit evening about fifteen minutes before the bore is scheduled to arrive.

You will find a goodly company assembled. Many of the onlookers have been doing this for years—no one relishes the monotony of life in a city. You peer over the edge of the wharf.

Below you, thirty feet or more, is mud—slimy, red, unlovely. You look across the river bed. More mud, still red, slimy, unlovely. Here and there are patches of water lying still or flowing lazily seaward. The opposite bank is more than a mile away. Nothing at all to enthrall over in this expanse of water and mud.

Suddenly you hear a faint rumble. It is the bore, forming some dozen miles below you. The rumble grows louder, finally increasing to a roar as of many railroads tearing past over a bridge. A mile or so below the bend begins. You watch that point, and around it comes a wall of foaming water five or six feet high. The roar increases in intensity. As the bore advances rapidly the spray flashes into sight, woven by the moonbeams into fantastic shapes.

Before you realize it the wall of water is upon you and has passed. A few feet further on and it ceases to be a bore. The river bed is now all covered with water. The mud is mercifully covered up.

# SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST Homestead Regulations

A NY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, numbered 1 and 28, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An applicant for homestead entry or cancellation made personally at any Sub-agency's office may be wired to the Agent by the Sub-agent, the expense of the application or the telegram applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

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# INSANITY IN NEW YORK.

Highest Proportion of Mentally Unsound in Small Urban Populations.

At the close of 1906 New York State had 26,350 insane patients in its public hospitals, or a proportion of one to about three hundred of the population. These show a very uneven distribution.

About seven of the counties show a proportion of less than one in five hundred, but these are counties in which the population is growing very rapidly, and the families moving in leave their insane relatives in the counties from which they have moved.

As a rule the highest proportions of mental disturbances are found in the small urban populations. This is largely due to the fact, already noted, that the rapid influx into the large cities tends to keep the proportion down.

On the increase of insanity shows it to have been steadily going up since 1867. Theoretically there are four tides a day, the moon and the sun causing two tides each. But the solar tides are so much larger than the lunar and so largely merged in them that they escape notice.

Twice a month, however, the moon and the sun put together, resulting in the unusually high spring tides. When the pull of the sun is at right angles to that of the moon, at the first and third quarters of the moon, the neap tides, which are always low, occur.

The rise of the tide in the Bay of Fundy varies from 12 feet at a low neap tide to 60 feet or more at a high spring tide. The variation is far from regular, as local conditions enter into the problem.

On the Nova Scotia side of the Bay the tide is held in check by a wall of precipitous basaltic rocks, from 700 to 800 feet high, known as the North Mountain. From Briar Island, at the mouth of the bay, to Cape Blomidon, nearly 200 miles, there is only one break in this rocky barrier.

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# Freaks of the Fundy Tide. Streams Turn Into Navigable Rivers Twice a Day.

That restless pulse of the ocean, the tide, works wonders everywhere, but in and about the Bay of Fundy, where it attains its greatest height, its manifestations are the most varied. Here is a fifty miles wide, extending for 180 miles from the Canadian Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It is prolonged further into Chignecto Channel and the Basin of Minas and their many tributaries.

Into this bay the sea pours twice every twenty-four hours an immense volume of water. Theoretically there are four tides a day, the moon and the sun causing two tides each. But the solar tides are so much larger than the lunar and so largely merged in them that they escape notice.

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Navigation in these tidal waters has many problems. No commander wants his ship to repose indignantly on a mud flat waiting for the tide to rise and enable it to resume its journey. Yet often happens for the wind is more fickle than the tide.

But the mariner soon gets accustomed to lying up to a wharf and then using the water to clear away from there, leaving him in the water with his piles behind him. Paradoxically, Kingsport, on Minas Basin, follows the schedule of the tide. Otherwise it would need to be an airship to make its landings.

The need of dredges in this part of the world. The dredger has a hard show when they can be scraped off overnight.

At Canning, which is a small port four miles from the mouth of the Annapolis River, is a shipyard. There is now building there a vessel of more than a thousand tons. If you visit the yard at low tide you will wonder how on earth that ship will ever get to sea, for there is no sign of water anywhere—about except a rivulet 300 yards away.

You can stop across the rivulet without wetting your feet. But if you undertake to hang around you will see that rivulet grow big with a sea of its own importance and the water creep steadily up and up the slimy banks until it touches the brim. Then you will understand the building of the ship.

Visitors who merely catch glimpses of tidal manifestations from car windows carry away many mistaken ideas. Three Californians, a man and two women, did the Annapolis Valley last September by making the journey eastward from Yarmouth one day and returning on the next. The train was passing Bridgetown, which is at the head of navigation of the Annapolis River, on their return journey when one of the women remarked to her companions:

"See that ship over there in the meadows. It was brought there and loaded up again the railroad will carry it back to the water. That's what they told me yesterday. Isn't it wonderful?"

Now, Nova Scotia railroads aren't built to carry thousand ton ships. So a young man who knew the country felt it his duty to inform her that the ship had come up the natural way and loaded the river was only taking a few hours' vacation. She seemed to think that even more wonderful.

On the northern side of the Bay of Fundy the tide is responsible for two phenomena which get good notices in the guide books, the revolving falls in the harbor of St. John and the bore in the Petitecote River.

The St. John River enters the harbor through a gorge. Stand on the bridge at the turn of the tide and you will see

the water running both ways at once. There is a decided fall from the river to the harbor and a decided fall from the harbor to the river. The effect is very picturesque and very wonderful. Here is what happens.

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# A Queer Pet.

In a country town in northern Pennsylvania there lives a little old man who sells milk, carrying it from house to house in the morning and evening in a small hand-cart. There is nothing strange about that, but his companion, these daily trips is the very strangest you ever heard of—an old grey goose, who follows him about in the most dignified manner, and stands watch over the cart, letting no one get near it in his master's absence. His name is Major, and his master says he is just as useful as a dog would be.

Some one had given little Willie a pocket compass. The teacher was carefully explaining the different points.

# Spotted.

"See," said she, "you have the north in front of you, the east to your right and the west to your left. Now, what have you behind?"

# Postmen's Walk Feats.

There must be few, even among "men of letters," who, like Joseph Hunt, Lincolnshire postman, can claim to have covered a distance of, roughly, 240,000 miles, not much less than the equivalent of ten journeys around the earth.

# Not Long Ago.

Not long ago George Thompson retired from service as postman in the Langrick district of Yorkshire, after covering on foot 125,000 miles in 26 years of letter-carrying. A price of 14 years shorter than that of his Lincolnshire rival.

# In 34 Years.

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# John Simmonds.

John Simmonds, of Henley-on-Thames, retired with a record of 181,000 miles of fair "heel and toe," the result of 40 years' trampolining, while, most amazing of all, Thomas Phipps, a postman in the Chipping Norton district, was credited with an aggregate journey of 440,000 miles between the years 1840 and 1898.

# Mamma's.

Mamma—You've been a very naughty child and only been a night you were sent to bed as an angel. Bobby—Aw, but I don't want to be one till after I'm dead.—Cleveland Leader.

Things are seldom what they are cracked up to be, especially antiques.

# NEW YEAR'S — AND THE DAY AFTER!



I'LL NEVER BE CRUEL TO A CAT NOR NOTHIN' AGAIN!  
GOOD!

REGGIE RESOLVES TO CUT OUT CRUELTY.



HO! HO! HO!  
I'LL SWEAR I'LL NEVER WIND IT UP AGAIN!  
THERE WAS I WAITING AT THE CHURCH WAITING AT THE CHURCH WAITING

MR MOOSICK WAS IN EARNEST



I'M THROUGH! NO MORE TIGHT LACING FOR ME!

AUNT MAGGIE MAKES A NOBLE RESOLVE!



THERE! I'M GETTING TOO OLD TO WEAR LOUD CLOTHES! MY ONE BEST BET WILL BE SEVERE SIMPLICITY AFTER THIS!

UNCLE DOPESTICK GIVES UP LOUD ATTIRE.



OH! LOOK WHO'S HERE!  
I GUESS THEY'RE TAKING NOTICE OF YOUR UNCLE ELLI! WHAT!



I FINE YOU 14 DOLLARS FOR SPEEDING AND 5 DOLLARS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT!

GOOD!  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND BICYCLE'S REPAIRED

AND MR JUMPSARK REALLY MEANT IT!



HURRAY! THAT'S THE OLD JUDGE WHO FINED ME YESTERDAY! BULLY!



POOR OLD GIRL! I HAVEN'T TREATED HER RIGHT. I'LL JUST SWEAR OFF FINDING FAULT WITH HER AND TRY TO MAKE HER LIFE PLEASANTER AFTER THIS!

MIR RUFFHAUS SHOWS REAL FEELING!



GOL BING IT!!!! DO YOU EXPECT ME TO SUBMIT TO THIS? LIVER AND BACON TWICE IN ONE WEEK! AND THIS COFFEE IS SEWAGE! AND THESE ROLLS ARE MADE OF ASPHALT! ?!?! ?!?! ?!?!



IM DONE! NEVER AGAIN! I'LL STAY RIGHT HOME CUT OUT GIRLS AND SAVE MONEY!

LIVERY STABLE BILL  
BILL FOR CANDY  
BILL FOR FLOWERS

YOUNG MUSCHIE ALSO MAKES GOOD.



WHAT THEATRE SHALL WE GO TO?  
CRYSTAL BALLS .50 EACH



THERE! I'LL NEVER TOUCH TOBACCO AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE!

DOC DOODLEBUG ABJURES FOREVER!

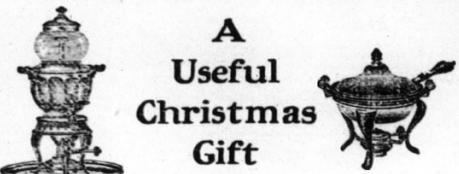


WHERE'S THAT PIPE I'LL BET SOME GOLD-DORNE HOBBO HAS BEEN IN HERE AND LIFTED IT!

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JAMES J. WARREN, Managing Director.

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AMUSEMENTS MATINEE DAILY ALWAYS GOOD BENNETTS ADJOINING TERMINAL STATION XMAS WEEK PATRICE In Her New Playlet 'A NEW YEAR'S DREAM'

DEATHS BURKE-In this city on December 21st, Patrick Burke, a native of County Kerry, Ireland.

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA HAMILTON BRANCH 21 and 23 King West Capital - \$4,300,000 Rest - \$1,900,000 Assets Over \$33,000,000

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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.-Fair to-day and on Sunday; no decided change in temperature.

Table with columns for City, Temperature, and Weather. Includes entries for Calgary, Winnipeg, Pary Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Montreal, and Port Arthur.

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure continues unusually low in the northwestern portion of the continent, and it is now also low in the Southwestern States.

The Festival of Clothing

Bargains arranged for Fralick & Co's. patrons, simply demonstrates the power of ready cash. Thousands of dollars' worth of high-class overcoats and suits at unprecedented discounts from the regular prices.

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Price 75 cents

For Your Sweetheart

Shaving Cases, 50c to \$12. Necktie Boxes, 40c to \$5. Cuff and Collar Boxes, 50c to \$8. Cigar Cases, 50c to \$6.

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Tenders for Water Works on Burlington Beach

Bulk or separate tenders will be received until January 1st for the whole of the water works system required on Burlington Beach.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist

The seven Masonic Lodges of the city will celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by attending Divine Service at Canterbury Methodist church, Sunday, December 22nd, 1907.

Sunday Dinner Christopher's Cafe

10-12 KING STREET WEST

COBALT STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD

Private wire to Toronto. A. E. CARPENTER & CO. 102 King St. East HAMILTON

Vienna, Dec. 21.-Emperor Francis Joseph, whose life two months ago was in jeopardy, drove from the castle at Schoenbrunn to the Hofburg in Vienna this morning.

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