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### Parliament To Open on Jan. 12

Ottawa, December 9.—The order in-council summoning Parliament for January 12, was signed by the Governor-General today. The Public Works Department already has a large staff at work getting the Parliament Buildings in trim for occupation by the legislators.

Mr. Albert Seigny, M.P. for Dorchester, now Deputy-Speaker of the House of Commons, will be elected Speaker, this having been officially decided on. This follows the usual procedure of alternating between an English and a French Speaker. A new deputy-speaker will be selected from among the English-speaking Conservative members. It was anticipated that an English-speaking member had been selected to succeed Dr. Sproule, the choice would have fallen on Mr. Richard Blain, of Peel. It is now stated, however, that Mr. Blain is likely to go to the Upper House to fill one of the Ontario vacancies in the not distant future.

Estimates for the year 1916-17 have already been prepared and will be submitted to Parliament very soon after the opening. The budget speech will be delivered at an early stage of the session, and will, it is understood, contain some important announcements bearing upon the programme of war finance. It is not expected that there will be much in way of railway legislation.

The question of the extension of the term of Parliament will arise. The Liberal leader will withhold his consent to an agreement looking to an extension, and there will probably be no change in the situation until the question has been put before an Opposition caucus which will be called within a few days of the opening of the session. The Liberals have taken the position that there is no need for an agreement or for any action in this regard until the latter part of session as the term of Parliament does not expire until October of next year. It is pointed out, however, that if action is taken at all it can only be effective during the session of the British Parliament as Imperial legislation is necessary. As there is no indication that the British House will be in session during the latter part of the summer, and may not be in session at the time of the expiration of the Canadian Parliamentary term an address passed by both Houses of the Canadian Parliament during a recess of the Imperial House would be useless.

**Fire at G.T.R. Shops at Point St. Charles**  
Montreal, Dec. 10.—Nothing as serious as was first thought resulted from the fire today which damaged the tube and blacksmith shops of the Grand Trunk at Point St. Charles, though the damage done was considerable. It was impossible to estimate what damage had been actually done, not only from the financial point of view, but from the amount of damage to machinery, which might result in suspension of work and the laying off of some hundreds of men.

The cause of the fire was learned after investigation. In the tube shop, a long, low-lying building, an oil fuel feed pipe, through which fuel for one of the furnaces was sent, was broken by being hit by a crane, the oil poured out into the furnace, and immediately the furnace blazed up. It will be known to-morrow just what damage was done to the machinery and also what loss was caused to the building, and the company will then be in a position to replace what machinery is necessary. However, this will not be a great deal, and the loss of time to the men employed is not expected to be heavy.

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### Bank Teller Missing, Books Show a Shortage

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 8.—Michael S. Kilty, 22, paying teller of the Windsor branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, is missing, and so is some \$5,000 of the bank's funds. The examination of Kilty's books, which has been going on for several days, was finished today and revealed the shortage. A warrant was immediately sworn out by Mr. George W. Mair, manager of the bank for Kilty's arrest. The young man left Windsor on November 30 saying he had been called home to Perth by the serious illness of his mother. When he failed to return after a reasonable time and no reply was received to the bank's inquiries, an investigation brought to light the fact that his mother was in her usual health. So far as the local bank officials know, the young man has led an exemplary life, had no extravagant habits, and they are at a loss to know what he did with the money.

### The Late Joseph Robinson

The news of the death of Mr. Joseph Robinson, reeve of Elizabeth town, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at his home in Lvn, was received with feelings of sincere regret by that kindly gentlemen's very many friends. He was a member of the County's Council, and during his term of office was a regular attendant at the various sessions, and being a close student of municipal management was a valued member of that body and took an active part in the deliberations. During his frequent visits to Brockville his kindly disposition and many excellent qualities won him many friends there, and he was well known and very popular throughout the entire district.

Mr. Robinson served his community faithfully and well in the township council and county's council, and his ability and sterling character were always recognized by the electors of his municipality by electing him to office whenever he accepted nomination.

He was a splendid type of citizen, one of whom it could truly be said that his word was always as good as his bond, and he was universally respected and esteemed.

Mr. Robinson was sixty-eight years of age and died in the same house where he was born on November 27, 1847. His father was the late John Robinson, who came from Yorkshire, England, ninety-five years ago, and established the homestead on what is known as Halleck street, near Lvn, where the family have resided ever since.

The late Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary A. Davidson, and four children born to them still reside on the homestead, George, William, Nellie and May. His second wife was Miss Rebekah Davidson, who died fourteen years ago.

Born on the homestead, Mr. Robinson lived his entire life there and was always a force for good in the community, willing and ready to do his part of public service.

He was a valued member of the Lvn Methodist church, a member of the Lvn Masonic Lodge and a conservative in politics. He served about ten years in all in the municipal council, and had been reeve for the past two years. During the past year he developed an affection of the heart, and it is thought by his friends that the deep interest he took in the progress of the war aggravated this trouble. For the past three weeks he had been confined to his bed and passed away Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The funeral was held at the home and the interment at the family plot at the Falford Burying Ground near Cole's ferry on the river front.

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### Woman Will Not Hang

Ottawa, December 10.—It is understood that the Cabinet has determined upon a commutation of the death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Annie Hawkes for the murder of her husband at McLeod, Alb. The circumstances of this case were of a very unusual nature, the woman having been goaded to the killing of her husband by his unfaithfulness to her, which culminated in his bringing another woman into their home.

Mrs. Hawkes was sentenced to death, but largely signed petitions were presented in favor of a reduction of the sentence. She will be imprisoned for ten years.

### Sir Wilfrid is Forty Years in Public Life

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed an audience of several hundred people in the Monument Nationale hall last night under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club. Other speakers were Hon. Chas. Marcl, Senator Dandurand, Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. George P. Graham, and Joseph Demers, M.P.

Sir Wilfrid was given a great ovation, and his remarks, delivered with a vigor which indicated complete recovery from his recent illness, were punctuated for the most part with vociferous applause.

### Local Option in Pontiac Co.

Bryson, Que., Dec. 10.—The county council met here to-day and the principal topic under discussion was whether local option should be placed before the people of the County of Pontiac.

Local option was victorious. Eleven mayors voted that it should be left to the people to decide. Eight were against.

The temperance campaign will likely take place this winter and promises to be an interesting one.

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## Jocelin's Penance

"Unbar the door, good Simon. I'm to the stables, for I've letters to carry to the Inn by the causeway, and this wench to convey to Beaumont, willa nilla." Simon complied slowly, leaning sleepily at Robese the while. To Jocelin it seemed as if hours had passed ere he drew the great bolt.

"Hasten, brother," he urged. "This near on to the second cockcrow, and no sleep have I had this night. So by the rood, I would quick dispatch this business." Simon let down the bolt and turned the door-knob. The door began to swing open when a step sounded and a woman with a taper in her hand came toward them, peering through the gloom, for the house was but faintly lighted by the iron lamp hanging from the vaulted ceiling.

"All!" cried Robese, softly, and Jocelin turned and saw Sister Isopel. "Ah, well, all's over now. Praise God, at least, Robese can never be the human of De Chifford," he thought.

"What'st, Simon? Wait," called Isopel in a cautious voice. Simon, with the chill night air blowing upon his bare legs, stood frowning until she came up, then he said, sulkily:

"Letters to carry, and the wench, too. 'Tis this late charge. They are sending her to Beaumont."

"O Isopel," murmured Robese, stretching out a tremulous hand toward the great nun. "There was a world of entreaty in the sound, and her pallid, tear-stained young face looked from its dark wrappings in an agony of supplication. Isopel hesitated, she had lain awake this night, for, hardened as she was, the cold-blooded wickedness of the Princess had sickened her. Quicker than Simon, she suspected that in some way Jocelin had contrived the girl's rescue, and she thought that it would be but a moment until the convent would be about their ears. It was no light thing to incur the ire of the Princess Rosamund, she knew, so she hesitated, and then—she gave Robese a rude pat on the arm, and, commanding Simon to hasten, she closed the door after them.

The darkness of the last hours of night lay over the earth as Robese and Jocelin rode swiftly from Godstone. They spoke little, save that Jocelin told her he purposed waiting for Bradford in the hope that the Abbot was returned.

Fully nearly a hundred miles lay between them and their destination, and they knew that but for a few hours' start was all that they could hope for; so, turning northeast they rode till morning when they paused at a brook and Jocelin washed his painted face and doffed his jester's garb, for next his body he wore the black habit of his order. By day, at Westminster, he had been Tom o' Fools, but by night, locked in his chamber, he was always Jocelin de Brakelonda, the renegade monk of St. Edmunds.

The country between Oxford and Bury was but thinly inhabited, so they passed on unchallenged, and by avoiding the far-scattered granges and manors, they escaped the observation of any save a few curles (shepherds or plowmen), at whose rude lurs they found food and shelter.

They rode on in safety, greeted on every side by all the sweet, shy beauties of budding April; the blue speedwell, the violet hiding her head that she might not see them; the laburnums glowing the redder as they passed, and the lark singing high in the blue above them, of hope and joy.

Through Buckinghamshire they went, Bedford, Hertford, Cambridge and Suffolk, and at last, one bright morning, they again passed beneath the Abbey walls, and entered the gates of Bradford house.

Bradford was in gala array; banners floated in the sunshine, and pennants streamed forth from all the towers. Soldiers stood on guard in the courtyard, and from inside the palace came the sound of pipe and tabor, rehearsing triumphal music.

Brother Tristram and others worked in the great hall, chattering like magpies, over the decorations; for they were hanging the room with brocades and rare tapestries, and had decked it with garlands. The old men were hurrying from the group, when the hammer dropped from his hand at sight of the entering pair, and he cried in sort of joyous terror, "Tis Jocelin, be the rood, 'tis Jocelin!"

Then all was commotion, exclamations and questionings, but Jocelin shook his little, asking that the Prior be brought. When he had come, kneeling as he sat, he listened in silence to Jocelin's hurried explanations, and ordered the Gate chamber prepared for the Lady de Cokelief, and Jocelin to return to his long untenanted cell.

Robese, ensconced in the familiar

chamber, listened to fling herself upon her couch, and slept soundly till late in the afternoon.

It was just at sunset that the sound of distant bugles awoke her, and then the tramp of horses and the halloing of men outside; the gate sent her hurrying to the casement, where she sat looking out, her heart beating high with the excitement of the Abbot's home-coming, for the monks had told them that Samson returned from Germany with Richard; had landed safely at Dover, and would reach Bradford that very night.

Robese leaned out. The sky was incriminated; purple and gold clouds lay massed above the great gateway. In the woods behind Bradford, the shimmering green of the budding trees seemed to hang illusive, as if not yet decided to glorify the waiting boughs. The perfume of apple-blossoms was wafted from the Abbey garden, and everything seemed athrill with joyful expectancy.

A crowd of monks, with music and laughter, streamed down the marble steps of the palace, across the courtyard, below her, and formed in long lines on either side of the gates; and Samson, returned successful from his mission, garbed in regal purple, his great beard lying far down on his broad breast, his ruddy face lit with benignant smiles, rode into the courtyard.

He was followed by a retinue, headed by a young knight who, with casque back from his face, sat his horse, towering above his companions. His countenance, marked by experience and suffering, bore the stamp of strength and power; but his stern features were softened by a pair of blue eyes as deep and tender as a doe's.

It was Henry of Leicester, liberated from his imprisonment with the King, who had come to partake of the Abbot's hospitality before entering into possession of his inheritance.

As if drawn by Robese's gaze, he glanced upward and then bowed low, his face glorified by passionate joy, his eyes feasting upon the maid he had never ceased to love through all the long time of his absence and imprisonment.

Robese, meeting his gaze, went white and red by turns, and sat with one hand pressed to her swelling heart, smiling a welcome to him. Such a smile as only a proud and happy woman can bestow upon the conqueror of her heart who had come back from the grave, to claim his own. It was a smile which curved the lip and mantled the cheek with blushes, while it wooed the tears from her shining eyes, and sent them over her cheek like dewdrops dripping over pink rose petals.

Then the pain withdrew into the palace, and Robese, her heart throbbing with wild exultation, paced her chamber in all the ecstasy of resurrected hope and joy.

CHAPTER XXXV.

If John and Rosamund, clamoring at King Richard's feet for vengeance on the bastard's murderer, ever succeeded in connecting Tom o' Fools with the monk of Bury, the King and Abbot did not aid in following up the clue; and so all trace of the Princess's jester was lost, and John was ever after suspected of having slain De Chifford in a drunken brawl.

In the general rejoicing at St. Edmunds, Jocelin sat in his cell, a creature apart. Joy was not for him. All he could ever hope for was a certain degree of calmness of soul, with which he might accept with resignation the life stretching before him in shadowy vista, unlighted by any glint of that happiness which, snatching at it, he had wrecked his life with all the golden argosies desire had launched so hopelessly.

Abbot Samson, while pardoning his erstwhile favorite on account of the intercession of Robese and Henry, decreed that he should become a recluse. Indeed, he was shunned by most of the brethren, who believed him in league with Satan, on account of his mysterious escape, and the rest, headed by old Tristram, held aloof from him as one set apart from mankind by that miracle which the saints wrought in his behalf.

Robese dreamed true in the desolate Priory chamber. Thus, after weary years of waiting, she stood at Henry's side, and the Abbot, his rich pontificals blazing in the altar light, had wedded them, from the frothed choir above came a burst of music, and Robese, looking up, saw Jocelin for the first time. He was seated at the organ, the piece-work of his dark carved screen framing the black-robed figure and white face, with passionate eyes uplifted in an agony of reanunciation.

Thus Jocelin played the bridal professional of the woman he loved. In it he echoed the despair of hopeless pas-

alon, the throbbing joy of love fulfilled, and ever through all the tones was sustained, like the voice of one who sang, with breaking heart, a sad farewell; while the other parts moved on in glad and stately chorus, presaging bliss, prosperity and the founding of a long and noble line. The light from a window fell upon the musician in a radiant stream, and Robese wondered if the two angels of her dream hovered there. But she saw naught save the golden notes dancing in the sunshine.

[The End.]

### SMOKELESS POWDER.

#### The Making of Explosives for Giant Guns for War.

In 1845 Christian Friedrich Schoenbein, a professor of chemistry at Basel, discovered the explosive character of cotton that had been acted upon by nitric acid. That was the birth of what has since been commonly called gun-cotton. The nitric acid transforms the cellular filaments of the cotton and by charging them with concentrated oxygen makes them burn fiercely and smokelessly when ignited. Gun-cotton also goes off violently when struck sufficiently heavily. This method of excitation is called detonation in contradistinction to the slower process of ignition and more gradual general inflammation.

The modern maker of smokeless powder, then, starts with cotton in some form. In the beginning raw cotton was deemed essential, but research prompted by economy has since found out that the tangled waste from cotton textile mills will answer quite as well.

This refuse from the spindles is cheaper than raw cotton, and the powder maker's first concern is to cleanse it after he has "teased" or torn it into shreds by a mechanical reader. A soda bath followed by another of pure water suffices to remove all dirt and grease. Next the shredded cotton is dried by being placed in rooms heated by steam coils to boiling temperature. The human body, strange to say, can survive this heat, but it makes one gasp and every pore run freely. In the drying house and thence taken to the nitrating house, where the innocent cellulose or cotton is changed into a high explosive. After being sufficiently nitrated—this is commonly indicated by the stuff giving off a sluggish, dense yellow smoke—the acid soaked cotton is partly drained by a mechanical wringer of the steam laundry type and then thrown into zinc lined bins, where it is "drowned" or drenched with a stream of water.

Having worked his wicked will, so to speak, upon the harmless cotton, the chemist now tries to remove every trace of free acid, and he begins by stewing the gun-cotton in big vats for many hours. This does not eliminate the acid completely. The nitrocellulose, for so it now is technically, passes next to the pulping mill, which mechanically duplicates the equipment found in the part of a paper mill. Here the gun-cotton is not only freed of the last remnant of acid but it is pulverized and broken up so that the tiny tubes of the cellulose filaments are substantially destroyed. This is necessary in order to make the wet particles formless and the readier to dissolve and acquire a solid gelatinous character. It is largely upon this nature of nitrocellulose that its proper burning progressively subsequently depends. Up to this point the making of either cordite or the United States Government smokeless powder is fundamentally alike.

The Government takes the nitrocellulose and treats it with an ether alcohol solvent and thus gives it its plastic form, which, under pressure,

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is moulded by means of dies into perforated rods that are cut into suitable lengths or grains prior to drying. These various operations have been described many times before.

Cordite is manufactured somewhat differently. The pulped nitrocellulose is freed of its water by suitable means. When dry enough a given proportion of nitroglycerine is poured over this gun-cotton and the two are kneaded together, with the addition of acetone, which converts it into cordite paste. Acetone is a colorless liquid prepared from acetate of lime. Next vaseline is added and the whole thoroughly worked, after which the dough, so to speak, is put into a press from which the cordite—called cordite because of its cordlike form—issues in a rod of yellow white color and is cut up into the desired lengths.

For the British service cordite is finished in fairly long sticks and is packed in the cartridge case like macaroni, or is made up in fagot form when sealed in silk or bunting bags for the big guns. The cordite has the appearance of an elastic opaque substance, and the smaller kinds are not unlike thin rubber bands in cross section. The diameter of the cordite increases in size as the calibre of the gun grows for which it is made. It is not commonly known, but it is a fact, that smokeless powder is somewhat sluggish in taking fire. Therefore, a small charge of black powder, which flashes very quickly, is well nigh uniformly used to send its flame through the smokeless powder so as to cause its general ignition. It is the smoke from this black powder that is most conspicuous when a smokeless powder is fired, but because of the small quantity of the former used the telltale cloud is quickly dispelled.

Cordite, like our own smokeless powder, has to go through a drying process after the rods or cords have been formed, but this stage of its making calls for less time than does our accepted propellant. Accordingly, under stress of war cordite can be turned out more quickly and still be safe for service in the guns.

**ALWAYS TWO.**

(Life)

Mrs. White—Have you made out the list of the people to whom you want to give presents?

Mrs. White—Yes; and also another list of the people I don't want to give presents to, but have got to.

More cooks than anything else desert from the United States Marine Corps. Cooks will be cooks!—New York Evening Sun.

Many a man's reputation is based on what isn't found out about him.

### BECKONING THE DEAD.

#### The Call of the Indians to Which the Sea Responded.

On the rugged coast of Washington by the Copalis sands there is a tower from which the Indians watch for sea otter. They are very eager after that game, for the hide of one of those creatures is worth all the way from \$500 to \$2,000. Two young Indians were watching one day when they saw a sea otter off in the surf. Two shots from their rifles killed the otter, and then they rushed down to their surf-boat. The sea was heavy, and when they were out some distance from the shore their boat broke in two over a comb, and the men were thrown into the sea.

One of the Indians drifted ashore on a piece of wreckage. The other, although a splendid swimmer, was drowned. The news soon spread to the reservation, and the Indians from far and near came to the beach and stood on the sands, silently beckoning to the sea to give up its dead.

It was a solemn, impressive sight—the stalwart, rugged, copper-colored men and women standing at the verge of the sea foam arking the sea by the motion of their hands to send the body ashore. For three days they waited and beckoned, and then a dark object was seen drifting into shallow water. Sometimes it was buried completely from view by the heavy surf; then it was seen again a little nearer, and so the body of the dead Indian came ashore at the call of his tribesmen—Youth's Companion.

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### TOUGH OLD IRON.

#### The Famous Pillar in the Temple of Kutab Minar at Delhi.

There seems to be no doubt that the metal produced previous to the introduction of modern methods was superior in its resistance to corrosion to the present day product. I have seen various iron articles, especially nails, which showed far less rust after an exposure of a hundred years or so than the modern variety does in a few weeks.

One article, an old flintlock pistol, was especially interesting. It was found by a friend in a patch of woods in Vermont and had evidently laid there for many years, since a piece of newspaper with the date 1796 had been used as vadding in loading it. All the iron parts were rather rough and pitted and covered with rust, but the arm was in surprising good shape considering the conditions to which it had been subjected. The spring hammer and trigger were still capable of performing their functions, and very little effort was required to put the old weapon in decidedly presentable condition.

Perhaps one of the most noted of the iron articles which have come down to us from antiquity is the famous pillar in the temple of Kutab Minar at Delhi, India. This old shaft, which projects some thirty feet above the surface of the ground and was erected about 950 B. C. To-day it shows little trace of rust, although it has had no protective coating other than that which the atmosphere itself has formed upon it. L. C. Wilson in Engineering Magazine.

**A BRAVE MAN.**  
(Boston Transcript.)  
Wife—You know, Henry, I speak as I think.  
Hub—Yes, my love; only oftener.

### Is Your Tongue Furred? Have You Headache?

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### INTO A RUT.

#### Easy for Anybody, Particularly So For Business Girls.

Perhaps the easiest thing on earth to do is to fall into a rut. This is particularly true of business girls. The average working girl rises at the same hour every morning, follows the same daily schedule, week in and week out. She meets the same persons in fact, she almost thinks of the same thoughts—every day in the month. Gradually all her ideas are centred in one direction, and she has no opinions at all on other subjects.

Have you ever worked for any length of time in a big office where a hundred or more workers are employed? Have you ever noticed how each one does his duties like clockwork? The whole business is like a huge machine, and each individual is but a cog. If you ever have been employed by such a concern perhaps you have remarked how quickly individuality is lost.

That is the pity of it all. Girls enter such concerns with definite decisive personalities, but soon they fall each into one groove. Perhaps they feel themselves sinking into the rut and attempt to re-establish themselves on even ground. Perhaps they try to strike out in new directions. But unless they have the most forceful perseverance and most powerful initiative within themselves, they soon lose courage at the fearful odds against them and sink back again into the old rut, glad to rest after the struggle.

It is so much easier to stay in your rut, girls, as if you are looking for peace and content, you fall into the groove into which you have fallen. But if you are not content to be just a cog in a well oiled machine, if you wish to make a mark of your own, if you wish to be recognized as a distinctive personality, you must strive unceasingly toward self improvement and progress.

Some one once said that genius is not so much a question of inspiration as of perspiration. This is solid truth. To make your mark in this world requires not only a natural talent for your particular field, but also initiative and hard work. You will never get anywhere by sticking in a groove. It takes strength of purpose to keep out of a rut and perseverance and force to make progress on the rocky road to success.

There is always room for one more on the ladder leading to fame, but there are plenty of contestants for that place. If you fall some one else is waiting to grab your place.

The first step toward making your mark in the world is to keep out of ruts. If you find yourself growing narrow in your views and limited in the scope of your knowledge, you will know that it is time for an extra hard burst of work in another direction.

### Wot Chance?

[Verses written—we are assured by the Central Howard association—by a 17-year-old prisoner in the Pontiac reformatory.]

Oh yes, I'm guilty, right enough; It ain't no use to throw a bluff, An' yet I guess society kin share the kilt along o' me. I ain't the kind to weep and whine— But say, wot chance, wot chance, was mine

Born in a dirty, reeking slum, Where decent sunlight never come, An' starved for food an' starved for air, Through all my years of boyhood I lived.

Whit' things, and low and mean Was nearly all the life I seen. Of course I grew to be a tough, A hoodlum and a bad young rough.

But even then I might uv been Reformed to be some use to men, If every time I left the trail They didn't slam me into jail. Where thieves and all the rotten crew Would teach me worse than all I knew.

Oh, yes, I'm guilty; that is clear, But every guy who's listenin' here, An' all you swells an' good folks Who sniffs at me, an' such like blakes, Is guilty, too, along o' me. An' will be till the world is frae Of sinkin' slum an' rotten holes That poison people's hearts an' souls An' cheats 'em from their very birth From any decent chance on earth. But, say, wot chance, wot chance, was mine?

### Can You Make Coffee?

Yes? That's good. But there are others. They need instructions. Quite three things are required. Fresh coffee, fresh water and a clean pot.

You also need a piece of linen or unbleached muslin.

It is well to keep a china tea-pot exclusively for your coffee.

Put the linen over this, and in the sagging centre a tablespoonful of pulverized coffee for each cup.

Then pour slowly over and through this the freshly-boiled fresh water.

Remove cloth and grounds, cover and take immediately to the table. Keep the cloth in cold water fresh every day.

One should roast and grind one's own coffee, the latter just before using. And very good softie is made by putting coffee and cold water in the pot and just bringing it to a boil.

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## MINING ROMANCES

Seekers After Gold Who Had Riches Thrust Upon Them.

### "SWEDE LUCK" IN ALASKA.

Stories That Are Told of the Way Some Prospectors Stumbled Into Claims That Put Them on Easy Street. Good Fortune Plus Hard Work.

It is literally true that some men who went to the north had fortunes thrust upon them. There is Charley Anderson, who was prospecting on the Yukon. Shortly after the Klondike strike was made by George Mack and Shookum Jim, Anderson, trail weary, ambled into the frontier Camp of Dawson—then known as Lousetown—from Circle City. He had developed a taste for a primitive beverage of local manufacture known as "hooch," and promptly proceeded to gratify it. When he came to be discovered that his alcoholic companions had gone through his clothes, extracted \$800 and left in lieu thereof a deed to a claim on Eldorado creek, which was thought to have no other value except which pertains to a grazing for moose.

Anderson almost wept. It was true he had been the owner of a location, but a claim isn't necessarily a mine, and also there is a lot of difference between a deed to a piece of frozen ground and \$900 in real money, which was all he had possessed. But he was not bereft of credit. Taking the deed to a trader, he pledged it for a grubstake, which he hauled to the creek on a hand sled. He burned wood to thaw the frozen muck and discovered that the gravel underneath was thickly permeated with gold. The moose pasture proved to be worth more than \$2,000,000. There are some wonderful real estate records in Alaska!

Depressed and discouraged because he had been unable to find values in a quartz mine which he had been sent to examine, John Treadwell sat in a log cabin hotel in Harrisburg, now Juneau, waiting for a steamship to take him back to San Francisco. French Pete Erussard drifted in and told Treadwell a hard luck story. Treadwell was sympathetic. The tale was well told; so well that he was induced to put up \$500, taking therefor a deed to a half interest in a claim. Treadwell returned the following year and examined the property. Then he bought the other half and it became known as the Treadwell mine. It has produced more than \$50,000,000, and there is sufficient ore blocked out to keep the big stamp mills working for many years.

Erik Lindblom went to Alaska on a whaling vessel—shanghaied from San Francisco, some people say. With Jafet Lindenberg and John Brynteson he discovered the Nome goldfields and laid the foundation for a big fortune.

Two of the richest placer claims in Western Alaska were traded for comparative trifles—one for a gasoline engine that wouldn't chug, and another for \$30 and a bottle of brandy distilled from prune juice. There are thousands of similar instances, common in the history of every mining camp.

But there is another side to the story. Thousands of men in Alaska, with privation and hardship for their teammates, have toiled bravely and assiduously for many years and have failed to find the golden fleece. Perhaps they lacked what the north terms "Swede luck."

"Swede luck" is so called because many of the rich strikes have been made by Scandinavians. In Alaska every Scandinavian is a Swede. Personal observation, however, has shown me that "Swede luck" means hard work and enduring fortitude under adverse circumstances.

Several years ago at the mouth of a creek where a strike had been reported and an incipient stampede was in progress I met a prospector.

"Who made the strike?" I asked. "Who do you think made the strike?" he countered disgustedly, as though I had propounded foolish question No. 4962. "Did you ever hear of anybody having luck in this darned country unless he was a Swede?"

I walked fourteen miles up that creek and found six holes to bedrock. Pay had been encountered in the sixth. Every shaft had been dug by the Swede who made the strike, and who, by the way, happened to be a Norwegian.—Sunset Magazine.

#### How Toucans Roost.

Nothing could be more eccentric to our eyes than the way in which toucans go to roost. The bird does not "tuck its head under its wing, poor thing!" and so settle down, but packs itself up in most orderly fashion. The tail is turned forward over the back, in the soft feathers of which the gigantic bill is hidden. Then the tail shuts down, all semblance of a bird is lost, and one can see nothing but a ball of feathers.—London Standard.

#### Exceptions.

"Do you believe that all's fair in love and war?"  
"I used to, but I don't any more."  
"I suppose the horrors of war have changed your opinion."  
"No, it isn't that. I lied to my wife, and she caught me at it."—Detroit Free Press.

He who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart.—Old Proverb.

## WEATHERCOCKS.

They Were Known Before Our Era and Were Then Called Tritons.

The weathercock had its origin at a very early date. Marcus Vitruvius Pollia, a noted Roman architect and engineer, who was born about 80 B. C. in his works calls a vane a triton, probably because in his time it had the form of a triton. The usual form on towers, castles and secular buildings was that of a banner, but on ecclesiastical buildings it was a representation of the male of the barnyard fowl.

There have been other forms of vane. The one over St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, is in the shape of a key that over St. Mildred's church is a gilt ship under full sail. The grasshopper of the Royal Exchange, London, is the vane that formerly surmounted the former exchange. The dragon on the spire of Bow church, Cheapside, is another celebrated vane.

One of Mother Shipton's prophecies was that when the dragon of Bow church and the grasshopper of the Royal Exchange should meet the streets of London would be deluged with blood. In what way they should meet the old dame did not explain, but it is known that at one time these two vanes were side by side in the yard of a stonemason in Old Street road, yet there was no shedding of blood.—London Answers.

## SAVED BY POETRY.

Plaintive Plea That Moved Lysander to Spare Athens.

When, B. C. 404, after a heroic struggle, Athens, the "City of the Violet Crown," was captured by Lysander there were not wanting clamorous voices to urge that the city whose lust for empire had brought such woes on Greece ought to be laid level with the ground.

The Spartan general at first lent a willing ear to his powerful allies, but while the council was still debating this momentous issue a plaintive voice was heard from the city walls chanting those noble lines from the "Electra" of Euripides, that most human of the poets of Greece, in which the heroine contrasts her fallen lot with the splendid exploits of her father, who had dismantled the towers of Troy.

Lysander bent his head and pondered on fortune's cruel reverses. Triumphant as Agamemnon, who could tell but that he might be reserved for a fate as cruel? The lesson of moderation was accepted. Athens was saved.

Milton has immortalized this dramatic event in one of his best known sonnets:

The repeated air  
Of sad Electra's poet had the power  
To save the Athenian walls from ruin  
bars.

#### An East Indian Crime.

The accidental reader who shrugs his shoulders deploringly over the evils of Indian caste has little conception of what suffering the custom involves. Its tragedies extend even to the humble, commonplace matters of everyday life. A little incident witnessed by Prince Bojidar Karageorgevitch and chronicled in his "Enchanted India" needs no comment.

Stones and flying sticks were thrown at a little pariah girl whose shadow as she passed defiled the food of a Brahman. He merely threw away the rice, which the dogs soon finished. But the bystanders who witnessed the girl's insolence in going so near a holy man—she, so base and unworthy—few at the unhappy creature, who ran away screaming and dropping the load of wood she was carrying on her back.

#### Holland's Colonies.

Holland, with a population numbering only a little more than 6,000,000 and with an area only about one-fourth the size of the state of New York, ranks third among the countries of the earth in the number of its colonies and fifth among them in the area of its colonies. Only Great Britain and France have greater colonial populations, and only Great Britain, France, Germany and Portugal have greater colonial areas. The Dutch rule six times as many people—38,000,000—outside of Holland as there are within its boundaries.—Argonaut.

#### The Spinal Column.

The spinal column, or backbone, is the most ingenious engineering structure ever constructed. It contains within its center the spinal canal, injury to which would produce in its immediate paralysis or death. The separate bones of the spinal column are fitted and adjusted so nicely that there is little danger of this, and, besides being provided with cushions, it is elastic and strong.

#### Making Progress.

"Is the girl you love beginning to smile on you?"  
"Well, no," replied Cholly Litebrane veraciously. "She hasn't gone quite that far, but every time I say anything she smiles at me."

#### Unanswered.

"Say, pop, may I ask you a question?"  
"Yes, Teddy. What is it?"  
"When a man's finished milkin' a cow, how does he turn-off the milk?"

#### Success In Fiction.

Crawford—How can he make money out of short stories if he never sold one?  
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Editor REPORTER As numerous complaints have been made as to the matter in which ticket holders were used at the High School concert I wish to define my position. It is evident that there is neither law or justice in a system that refuses a seat to a person at 7.30 which is given to another person at 8.30, when a uniform price has been charged.

Poultry Fair Larger than Ever Are the farmers coming into their own? It seemed so on Poultry Fair day, Friday, Dec. 10. The prices they received for birds made business men dizzy with envy.

Roushorn—Waffle A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Waffle, Westport, on Wednesday Dec. 8th, when their youngest daughter Mary E. was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Robert A. Roushorn, Rev. Curtis officiating.

SOPERTON December 13 Miss Kilborn spent the week-end with Miss Laura Howard. Mrs. Johnston is on the sick list. The girls' Sewing Circle met at the home of Laura Howard on Saturday when work was continued on the hospital sewing.

Private Harold and Fred Bart of Belleville, visited friends here recently.

FRANKVILLE Charles Cannon, Portland, spent Wednesday with his cousin, Grace Lannon. Lorne Pryse, who has been in Kingston training for overseas service, is spending a few days at his home here.

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The Late John Forsythe On Sunday morning the death took place at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, of a former old resident of the Township of Elizabethtown, in the person of Mr. John Forsythe. His illness was of short duration. He was born at Greenbush 88 years ago.

SHERWOOD SPRING Dec. 13. James Eligh called on relatives in Caintown on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart were visitors on Sunday at the former's home at Riverside.

James Kinch Dead Another of our Toledo residents has been called to his reward. Reference is made to James Kinch, whose death occurred at his home on Tuesday, 7th inst., after a painful illness of about three weeks' duration, the result of internal injuries received by a fall.

Deceased was a gentleman of estimable character, in religion an Anglican, and in politics a staunch Conservative. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, who now lies at death's door, and three daughters, viz., Mrs. Geo. Kerr, of Mott's Mills; Mrs. Jas. Cardiff, of this village, and Miss Eva at home, and to the bereaved we extend much sympathy.

Henry H. Avery Dead. A former well known resident of Escott township, in the person of Henry H. Avery, died on Monday morning at his home in Princeton, British Columbia. He was born 71 years ago in Junetown, and was the eldest son of the late Isaac Avery.

Charleston School Honor Roll Sr. IV—James Heffernan, Bella Johnston. Jr. IV—Irene Woods, Eva Palmer, Elva Spence.

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Would not be Without Zutoo Tablets At Any Cost Such is the statement of Mr. A. O. Norton, of Boston, the largest Jack Manufacturer in the world. His voluntary testimonial regarding ZUTOO follows:

The Housekeeper

Before baking sweet potatoes rub a little lard on them and when baked they will peel easily and perfectly. Olives and English walnuts ground together and moistened with mayonnaise make a tasty luncheon sandwich. Slice one large onion fine, fry brown in a tablespoonful of lard. Add 10 cents worth of hamburger and mince fine with a fork and fry brown. Mash three large potatoes, and add to meat, also half a cupful of water. Season highly with cayenne pepper and salt. Cover and cook slowly for three-quarters of an hour. Add half a pound of spaghetti which has been previously cooked in salt and water. This is a substantial as well as delicious dish. Hang dusty dress skirts on a line in the wind and let it blow out. This saves the energy of brushing and beating dust. If you get mildew on white clothes, put a teaspoonful of chloride of lime into a quart of water, strain it twice, then dip the mildewed places in this solution and lay in the sun. If not all out, repeat process. To effectively remove scorch marks from linen, rub with a fresh-cut onion, soaking the garment in cold water. To beat the whites of eggs stiff always have them cold and add a pinch of salt. The use for an old wash boiler is to stand it in a convenient place on the back porch or near the back steps and put all old papers in it. When the boiler is full set it in the path and apply a match to the papers. Keep the lid of the boiler on until the proper time comes to burn the waste. An excellent celery seasoning may be made at home. Get 5 cents' worth of celery seed, run it through the finest knife of the grinder or break it in a mortar; mix with about 10 times its bulk of table salt and bottle.

LARGE EXPORTS IN WAR TIMES

Enterprising Drug Company Reaching into New Territory.

Cuba, West Indies, S. America Buy Canadian Products.

In many lines of drugs and chemicals, Germany had the world's market in her hands. With the war, the German and Austrian sources were cut off and the prices of drugs have increased some 50, some 100 and some 1,000 per cent.

The large proprietary medicine firms have, as a consequence, had their profits greatly reduced because they have refused to increase the prices of their preparations to the public.

This has naturally caused them to make an effort to increase business by taking on new territory. As an illustration, the Dr. Chase Medicine Co., representative, Mr. P. R. Cumming left Toronto, Ont., recently for an extended trip through Cuba, the West Indies, Central America, including Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, British, French and Dutch Guiana in South America.

On account of the extensive sales of Dr. Chase's medicines throughout Canada and the United States, there has developed a certain amount of direct trade in all parts of the world. The present undertaking is to consolidate this trade and by appointing agents in all these places to establish business throughout these countries on a lasting basis.

As Mr. Cumming is well acquainted with the drug trade throughout the West Indies and South America, it is expected that his trip will meet with success, and that these medicines will find a further field of usefulness.

FLAMING BULLETS.

A Description of the Latest German Brutality in War.

Among the scientific terrors which have had their birth in the European conflict is the incendiary bullet of the Germans. It is a most ingenious contrivance, in which sulphur is the incendiary element.

The cartridges look much like ordinary rifle ammunition except that the bullets project to a greater length from the copper casing to make up for the weight lost by the substitution of sulphur "stuffing" for the usual leaden core. The bullets are of pressed steel, the core opening in the rear. This chamber is packed tightly with a mixture of powdered sulphur and a small quantity of an oxidizing agent, and the opening is sealed with paraffine before the bullet is inserted into the open end of the cartridge case.

The discharge, of course, melts the paraffine and ignites the sulphur, which by means of the oxidizing agent with which it is mixed, burns violently even during the rush of the bullet through the air, with the consequent tendency to vacuum at the opening in the rear. There is enough of the "stuffing" in each bullet to burn for several minutes, a long time after it has reached its destination, or its limit of flight.

The seriousness of a wound from one of these "spitters" may well be imagined, even when it passes completely through the body, but in these cases where it remains in the body its effects are indescribable. The damage done by the "dum-dum" is insignificant in comparison. Of course its purpose of being is not that of inflicting useless torture on the enemy. The bullet is supposed to be used in firing at a building or inflammable structure.

A USEFUL BOOK

"Fruit Tree Diseases of Southern Ontario" is Ready.

"Fruit Tree Diseases of Southern Ontario" is the title of a very instructive bulletin (No. 24, of the Second Series of Bulletins of the Dominion Experimental Farms), of which Mr. W. A. Macdonald, M. A., assistant in charge of the Dominion Plant Pathological Laboratory, St. Catharines, Ont., is the author. In this bulletin, prepared under the direction of Mr. H. T. Gussow, Dominion Botanist, 14 diseases of the apple tree, 5 of the pear tree, 4 of the quince, 7 of the apricot, 5 of the cherry, 7 of the plum tree, and 12 of the peach are dealt with. In each case there is given a description of the disease and its nature; information is furnished for their identification, and various means of prevention and control are outlined. In addition to these descriptions, the value of which is greatly enhanced by numerous original illustrations, the opening chapter deals in a general manner with disease, its nature, types of disease due to fungi, transmission of spores, wintering of diseases, infection, methods of meeting diseases, and other causes of unhealthy conditions, as winter injury, dieback, bud injury, sun scald, crown or collar rot, etc. Directions are also given for sending specimens attacked by unidentified diseases to the Dominion Botanist. The preparation of the several fungicides—sprays, washes and disinfectants—is also outlined. The author clearly shows that timely attention to the control of destructive fungus diseases will save considerable wastage and losses and will result in increased production, a factor, ever important, but at this present time most important to observe. This bulletin is available to applicants to The Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

THE LEMON.

Here Are Twenty Uses for Which It is the Best.

Few people realize the value of lemons, which cannot be over-estimated. In the warm, debilitating weather their tonic effect is excellent, and in cases of fever sore throat or torpid liver the medicinal qualities are splendid.

1. Two or three slices of lemon in a cup of hot, strong tea will cure a nervous headache.

2. A teaspoon of lemon juice in a cup of black coffee will relieve a bilious headache.

3. A teaspoon of lemon juice in a cup of hot water on awakening in the morning is an excellent liver corrective and successful substitute for Calomel and other alternatives.

4. A dash of lemon juice in plain water makes a cleansing tooth wash, not only removing the tartar, but sweetening the breath.

5. A lotion of lemon juice and rose water will remove tan and whiten the skin.

6. Lemon juice with olive oil is considered by many as far superior to vinegar for salad dressing.

7. Lemon juice and loaf sugar are good for hoarseness.

8. Outward application of the juice allays irritation caused by insect bites.

9. A refreshing drink is made by adding a freshly beaten egg to lemonade, and

10. The same mixtures when frozen makes a delicious ice.

11. If when boiling sago or rice a teaspoon of lemon juice is added, the kernels will be whiter and a delicate flavor is added.

12. An old-fashioned remedy for croup is lemon juice, honey and alum.

13. We all know the value of lemon juice and salt for removing rust stains from white goods.

14. After the juice is extracted the remainder in salt cleanses brass beautifully and conveniently.

15. It also removes unsightly stains from the hands.

16. For flavoring cookery lemon juice is unexcelled.

17. After the pulp is removed the skins make dainty receptacles for serving salads, ices, etc.

18. Tough meat may be made tender by adding a teaspoon of lemon juice to the water in which it is boiled.

19. Slices of lemon garnish fish or all descriptions.

20. Tea is greatly improved by the addition of a slice of lemon, either iced for summer's use or as Russian tea on a winter's day. In buying lemons select those having a thin dry rind. They are cheaper and much juicier than the fresh, plump ones.

THE SUFFRAGETTE SINGS.

If a female wants the ballot to help to run the town.

If a female gets the ballot, she'll be a better friend.

Many a house has no ballot, many a lady has no vote.

Many a lady has no ballot, many a lady has no vote.

Overcome with rye.

If a female works for wages, follow all the day, be made equal.

Give her equal pay.

She'll pay the taxes.

What a boy wants the franchise, whether he or she.

Many a man is so light that he can even fall into an open trap without making much of an impression on it.

QUICK HELP FOR STRAINS AND SPRAINS WONDERFUL RELIEF IN ONE HOUR

Rare Herb and Root Extracts in This Liniment Give It Marvelous Power.

RUB ON NERVILINE

You'll be astonished at the rapid pain-relieving action of "Nerviline." Its effectiveness is due to its remarkable penetrating power—it strikes deeply, sinks to the very core of the trouble. Nerviline is strong, many times stronger than ordinary liniments, and it's not greasy, ill-smelling or disagreeable. Every drop rubs in, bringing comfort and healing wherever applied. You would scarcely believe how it will relieve a sprain, how it takes out lameness, how it soothes and eases a bruise.

ABOUT HYPOCRISY.

Be Sincere About What You Say, Do and Think.

Be sincere of what you say of others. If you cannot think nice things about them do not say anything at all. You should never run down others by your speech, so if you cannot praise, be silent. If you are forced to utter an opinion about a person you dislike pick out the one point you find to admire in that person and mention that. Unfortunately it is all too seldom that the real hypocrite recognizes herself in her true nature. She usually garbs herself in a cloak of self-righteousness, covering her inward self with a mantle of dissimulation. Her "I am better than thou" attitude succeeds in deceiving most of the world, including herself. This parasitism is one of the commonest characteristics of the hypocrite.

It is better to be blunt and outspoken than to be hypocritical. The hypocrite may make more friends, but the frank person knows her friends are true. You want your friends to like you for what you are—not for what you are not, but pretend to be.

The hypocrite parades her pretended virtues before the world. Self advertisement is a model of kindness and nobility is her pet labor. Her aim is to know that she has two Bible verses and is the most charitable member of her church. According to her, she is constantly doing good. She will tell you in one breath that she has only love in her heart for the whole world, and in the next that Mrs. Brown is no doubt a respectable woman, but that she shouldn't be so indiscreet.

The awful part about the hypocrite is that she can do more harm to a girl's character in one minute than a frank person can do in a year. The outspoken girl will talk to you against a person and you will know right away that she is talking of some one she greatly dislikes. You can tell, consequently, that her opinion of the person in question is prefaced by her dislikes and is to be valued accordingly.

But the hypocrite speaks very nicely of the person she wants to slander. Then she inserts a but and a slight innuendo. Every insinuation is preceded by a flattering comment. The impression you receive at once is that this criticism must be quite unprejudiced, as the talker said so many nice things, too. Every harmful innuendo is doubled in importance, as you think that a woman who is such a "friend" can say such things they must be plausible; it is her best stock in trade. You have only to talk to her five minutes.

A Submarine Destroyer.

England is said to have developed a new type of war vessel, which is expected to prove more than a match for the German submarine. According to a man who has something to do with the conduct of naval affairs at Washington, and who has spent several weeks in Europe recently, this vessel has already made a remarkable record. It is of light draft, so light in fact that in most cases a torpedo from a submarine will pass under the hull and do no harm. Its speed is greater than that of any submarine, but not sufficient to enable it to escape from a battleship or a destroyer, and it carries a rapid-firing gun that can be properly directed. A single shot, properly directed, is enough to disable an undersize boat, for a submarine is not protected by armor.

According to information which has reached Washington, more than one hundred of these vessels are now in service and others are building. Their guns are handled by the most expert marksmen in the British navy. These vessels cost little to build and four of them can be completed for the price of a single torpedo boat destroyer. Another advantage is the rapidity with which they can be turned out. For a time there seemed to be no adequate defence against Germany's wonderful efficient underwater craft, but now apparently the situation has been changed, though it is too early to conclude that the submarine problem was solved when England began building submarine destroyers.

Gold in Ancient Rome.

William Jacob in his "History of the Precious Metals" estimates that the accounts given by the Roman writers that in the reign of Augustus, the first of the emperors, when Rome was at the height of its power, the amount of gold in the Roman empire was nearly \$2,000,000,000. This vast treasure had been gathered chiefly by conquest from various nations of Europe, Asia and Africa. There had been extensive mines in Spain and in the Atlas Mountains of North Africa, but their yield in the wealth of kings and of cities in Asia and Egypt had been despoiled and carried away to enrich the conquerors.

Stern men with empires in their brains.—Lowell.

PLIGHT OF A POET.

His Vivid Imagination Once Nearly Got Coleridge in Trouble

From his early youth Coleridge lived in a world of books and dreams, yet his favorite walk seems to have been the Strand, the last place in the world for a poet to lose himself in reverie. As he strolled down the street he imagined himself swimming the Hellespont, the feat of which other poets had written and which the poet Byron was to accomplish later. Once while the mind of Coleridge was thus far from the busy Strand he absently thrust his hand before him in the manner of one swimming. Suddenly one hand came in contact with a gentleman's pocket. The gentleman, thinking to capture a thief, seized the hand and exclaimed: "What! So young and so wicked!" He accused the poor poetic boy of an attempt at pocket picking. With some fright and a few tears the boy explained, and we can imagine that words did not fall him who was to become the most brilliant talker of his age. The gentleman was delighted with Coleridge's imagination, which could turn the Strand into the Hellespont. The intelligence of the young Leander made the stranger inquire into Coleridge's tastes, and when he found the boy liked books he opened for him a subscription at the circulating library in Cheapside.—Westminster Gazette.

GREEK TRAINING.

What It Did for the Boy Physically and Intellectually.

The manner in which the Athenians brought up their children is worth remembering. At seven years of age the Athenian lad entered the palestra, which was essentially a playground. All the first the better half of the day was spent in gymnastics, dancing, games and play. In the afternoon there were singing, some writing, some reading, all in the open air, and then came a long period of play again. Such was the schooling of the Greek lad up to the age of ten or eleven, and it did not differ essentially up to the age of sixteen, except in the severity of the exercises.

And yet the world has not ceased to marvel at the results of the Greek education. It produced the highest type of man, physically and intellectually, that the world has ever seen, which Galton says was as far in advance of the modern Englishman as the modern Englishman is in advance of the native African.

In physical beauty, courage and patriotism, in philosophy, literature, architecture and art, the Greeks have been the unsurpassed models of the ages and are still the inspiration of our schools to-day. But they placed the emphasis upon hygiene, exercise, games and play, which are too much neglected in these days.—Kansas City Star.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

A TRUE FALLACY.

The Idea That the Branches Rise as the Trunk Grows.

It is commonly believed that as a tree grows it elevates the lower branches and any other thing firmly attached to it. As a result, curious stories like the following circulate: A Canadian farmer built a barn on willow posts set in the ground. The next spring happened to be wet, and he noticed that the horses had trouble in stepping up to the door on entering. It dawned upon him that the willow posts, which by this time laid put out branches and leaves, were growing and elevating the whole barn. The process continued until the floor was some nine or ten feet high.

Then he put in another floor at the ground level. At the time the story was told this second floor was four feet from the ground and the farmer was hoping for a wet season, so that the elevation might continue until he could put in a third floor. It is impossible to take this tale seriously, but many folks believe stories with as little foundation. Sometimes a high tight fence is attached to green posts. In a few years the owner notices that good sized pigs can crawl through it, and often he concludes the green posts have grown and elevated the whole fence.

This elevation, however, happens also with seasoned posts, and is due to another cause. Water expands when it freezes, and in the ground the expansion cannot be downward or sideways, so it must be upward. Consequently, every time the ground freezes the posts are pushed forward a fraction of an inch. When thawing occurs the weight of the fence is not sufficient to push them back.

Thus every freeze means a slight elevation, and in the course of three or four years, the fence may no longer be high tight.

In the same way wheat is lifted out of the ground in the early spring when the ground freezes for several nights in succession and thaws in the daytime.

Farmers and city dwellers alike believe that a growing tree elevates its lower branches; otherwise, they say, how is it that a three-foot cherry tree in a few years has not a branch within four feet of the ground? If elevation really occurred, however, it is difficult to see how we could ever have a low headed tree, and that it actually does not occur is shown by careful observation spread over a number of years. The lower branches gradually die as they are shaded by the upper ones and in the course of time drop off. This natural pruning can be seen in all its stages at the same time in and fairly dense forest. Here it is easily seen that only branches in the light continue to thrive and live.

No branch is elevated to any extent after it is a year old.—Farm and Fireside.

WHERE HE GOT IT.

(Judge.) Cook—Jones, you look like the "find" of the season, you look like you hammer the line, dodge, slug your man and worm through your opponents in marvellous style. You must have played considerable, haven't you? Candidate for football team—No; it's my early training. You see, my mother used to take me shopping with her on bargain days.

The bride may say "I will" so faint on her wedding day that you can hardly hear it, but she'll get courage and say it loud enough for the neighbors to hear it later on.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—FINDSMITHS. Wanted to furnace work, at The Hamilton Stove & Heater Co., Hamilton, Ont.

AGENTS WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN—MALE OR FEMALE—household goods—free lists and catalogues. Don't apply unless you need money; references required. C. Rand, Lennoxville, Que.

FOR SALE—FANCY PIGEONS

A fine flying homers; prices reasonable. J. Bolton, 62 Caroline street south, Hamilton, Ont.

A SMALL WORD.

It Has Only Two Letters, Yet It Not Easy to Define.

To define one word in the English language one modern dictionary takes eighteen columns of small type. And this solitary word upon which the dictionary bestows such a wealth of elucidation is one that hardly anybody except a dictionary maker can define at all. The ordinary educated English speaking person's knowledge of it could be expressed in about half a single line.

This peculiar word is "of." If you were asked to define it—unless you are a dictionary maker or of an allied trade—probably you would have to reply "Of? Why, of just means of." You might add deservingly, "I always comprehend perfectly what it means when I see or hear it and can use it correctly in speech, so what do I want to define it for anybody?"

But if you were a child your actual mastery of "of" would stand you in no stead whatever. You would be set to digging out and memorizing the things the dictionary had to say about it, or the driest and least informing of them, as, for instance, that in some cases it is such a kind of preposition and in other cases some other kind and that prepositions have such and such properties when they don't have some other, every bit of which you would absolutely and mercifully forget at the first possible moment.—Exchange.

Better Than Spanking

Spanking does not cure children of bad-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W. S. Windsor, Ont., writes: "I have tried any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money but write her to-day if you are in trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night."

Some New Fabrics.

Gloveskin is a soft velour fabric, very smart and light in weight. Gabardine is a combination of gabardine and whipcord, yet it has all the lightness and draping quality of gabardine. Tipperary homespun is quite desirable for suits for very-day wear. It comes in rich colors.

Snake-skin is a variation of the delightful "kitten's ear gabardine," which made its appearance last year. The weave is more uneven than kitten's ear, but equally soft and attractive. Young cloth is a Scotch production, particularly pleasing in small checks. There are many revivals of plaids of Scotch origin being introduced as "new," and they are none the less welcome to their old friends for the disguise. The Oxford plaids are seen in plenty.

The most noticeable of the rough cloths are the Cheruit checks, soft in weave, but rough in effect. Pekin broadcloths are dark greens, browns or dull blues, striped with black.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Gentlemen,—Theodore Dorais, a customer of mine, was completely cured of rheumatism after five years of suffering, by the judicious use of MINARD'S LINIMENT.

The above facts can be verified by writing to him, to the Parish Priest, or any of his neighbors.

A. COTE, Merchant.

St. Isidore, Que., 12 May, '98.

MANY ICE AGES.

Everyone with intelligent interest in the history of the world on which he lives has heard of the glacial epoch, or the ice age. The inhabitants of the northern portion of the United States have no doubt a general understanding that the gravel hills and ridges and the huge boulders with which they are familiar are due to an irresistible invasion from Canada by "the great ice sheet" at a date just preceding that which geologists term "recent," yet many thousands of years ago.

It is, however, not strictly correct to speak of the ice age or of the glacial epoch, for there have been many of them. It is now known that even this latest or Pleistocene glacial epoch has several important divisions, and in the Rocky Mountain region it appears that important changes in the form and height of the mountains, due to a wearing down by erosion, took place between the glacial subepochs.

More than fifty years ago it was recognized by English geologists that certain masses of gravel and breccia and certain planned and grooved rock surfaces in rocks of Permian age in India indicated a glacial epoch vastly older than that of the Canadian ice sheets, but that it is only within the last thirty years that geologists have learned that glacial conditions have occurred at many different times in the earth's history. The evidence of this has been found in all continents in Europe, Asia, Africa, South and North America.

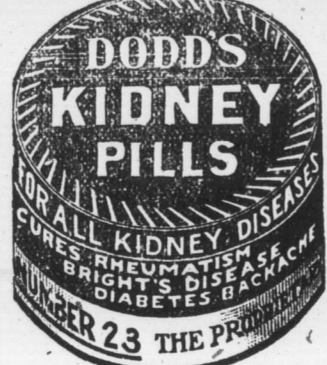
The formation of great ice sheets took place at different periods in the larger divisions of geologic time back to the Proterozoic—that is, to the age of the oldest known sedimentary rocks, a great many million years ago.

One of the most recent discoveries of old glacial deposits is that made by Professor W. W. Atwood in 1913 in Southwestern Colorado. Near Ridge-way, Professor Atwood found typical glacial till, containing pebbles and boulders, showing well preserved scratches and other markings, occurring beneath Tertiary lavas of the San Juan Mountains and upon Upper Cretaceous beds. From the conditions of occurrence it is clear that these Ridge-way gravels are of early Eocene age.—From the United States Geological Survey.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

REVENGE.

(Browning's Magazine.) "I wish some one would propose Joe Short for membership in the club." "I thought you disliked him." "I do. I want a chance to blackball him."





## SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Real French Ebony Toilet Articles with silver mounts or initials.  
Genuine Parisian Ivory Toilet Articles.  
Leather Goods—Purses, hand bags, writing cases, music cases, collar and cuff boxes, necktie cases, etc.  
Jewel Cases, fancy clocks, etc., in real gold plate.  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's umbrellas, detachable handles, sterling silver and gold-filled mountings.  
Our usual well-selected stock of Jewellery and kindred goods are this year, if possible, more attractive than ever.  
Our standard for Quality is high, and every article will be found exactly as represented.  
Price Values Unsurpassed.  
Articles to be engraved should be selected early.  
We invite your inspection of our stock.

H. R. KNOWLTON, Jeweler, Athens

## ATHENS GRAIN WAREHOUSE.

Good time now to lay in a supply of **FLOUR.**

Don't scold the cook. Give Her 5 Roses Flour.

Bran, Shorts, Middlings and Feed Flour will be no cheaper.

Stone ground BUCKWHEAT FLOUR makes the BEST PANCAKES.

## ATHENS Grain Warehouse! LUMBER

Now on hand, a stock of plank and dimension lumber suitable for general building purposes and a quantity of rough sheeting lumber.

Any order for building material will be filled on short notice.

Present stock includes a quantity of

FOUNDATION TIMBER SILLS, SLEEPERS, ETC.

A large quantity of slabs and fire-wood.

F. Blancher ATHENS

REAL ESTATE AGENCY

E. Taylor, Auctioneer, has opened a Real Estate Agency at his office in Athens and has now several desirable properties in village and country for sale at very reasonable prices.

If you want a residence in Athens or a farm in this vicinity, or if you have any property for sale, consult The Athens Real Estate Agency

Subscribe for the Reporter

## DICK'S BAZAAR.

Just received at the "BAZAAR" One Ton of FINE CONFECTIONERY a full supply for Christmas Holiday Trade, at prices that are bound to sell it.

The Greatest Selection of Candy that was ever offered to the buying public of Athens and vicinity. All we ask is that you call and look the assortment over.

Our General Line of Goods

Of which the public are well aware, is well assorted and the supply ample for one and all. Our prices, as usual, are the lowest, and the prices of our goods are not affected by the war.

Our Showing of Fine China

Can not be excelled, and all other lines of goods likewise.

Don't forget that we have a Fine Range of GROCERIES.

If wanting to purchase a Watch, or anything in the Jewelry line, see us before making your selection. It will pay you to do so.

R. J. CAMPO, - - Proprietor.

## Local and District News

We want everybody in this district to read The REPORTER.

—For sale—Second hand cutter but little used. Apply to H. H. Arnold.

Mrs. Henry Hawkins, Main street west, met with painful accident recently, spraining her ankle severely.

A local option by-law will be submitted in January to the vote of the ratepayers of the township of Front of Young.

J. F. Singleton, Dominion Government Dairy Inspector, has, with his family, taken up residence in Smith Falls.

The marriage took place in Kingston on December 2nd of Mrs. Poke, of Elgin, daughter of J. G. Kenny, and Weldon Bradley, Ellisville. They will reside at Ellisville.

—For Sale: 10 cents off a Dollar on Furs, Children's Headwear, Coats, &c. This Week Only, and a Santa Claus given to each customer. F. J. GAFFIN, Furrier, 46 King street W., Brockville.

Mrs. Barber, widow of the late Alexander Barber, Glen Tay, died somewhat suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. G. Robertson, Lanark, last Wednesday, of heart failure.

Mrs. E. Emmons, Elgin, injured an eye with a hatpin while trying to remove a cork from a bottle. She was immediately taken by auto to Kingston where a specialist was consulted.

David Arthur Low, aged forty-six years, superintendent of water works at Prince Albert, Sask., is dead. He was a brother of Thomas Low Renfrew. His remains will be interred at Pembroke.

William Hicks, Perth, is working on an order from Edmonton for four dozen toboggans, ranging six, seven and eight feet in length. They are made from birch gotten in the hills of Quebec.

The Rev. Mr. McAlpine of Delta, will preach in the Baptist church in this place next Sunday evening, exchanging with Rev. Mr. Collins, who will conduct anniversary services in Delta.

The tickets in connection with the barrel of apples donated by Mr. Erasmus Livingston to Red Cross work, have all been sold. The drawing will take place at the Department of Agriculture at 8 o'clock on Saturday night.

Miss V. Carlew, a recent graduate of The Brockville Business College, has taken the position of stenographer recently held by Miss G. Spay in the office of Mr. W. H. Smith, District Representative of the Department of Agriculture.

Benjamin Tett, aged 65, of the firm of J. P. Tett and Brother, general merchant, Bedford Mills, dropped dead at his home of heart failure after dinner on Friday. He was a son of the late B. J. Tett, M.P.P. for Leeds in the first Legislature of Ontario.

The Presbyterian Sunday School Entertainment will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, in the school room of the church at 8 o'clock. Young and old will enjoy the program that is being prepared. Admission 15c and 75c. Everybody invited.

Rev. T. Wesley Cosens, pastor of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church, London, has accepted a unanimous invitation to the Methodist church at Cornwall, and Rev. J. Douglas Richardson, M.A., of Cornwall has accepted a unanimous call to the Empress Avenue Church, London. The exchange will take place next June.

The sale of work held by the Willing Workers class of the Baptist Sunday School of this place, at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Collins, on Monday evening, was a gratifying success. The sum of \$13.50 was realized, which will be devoted to the fund of the Mission Band. The sincere appreciation of the class is accorded to all who, by their attendance and patronage, contributed to the success of their endeavor.

In Smith Falls they have adopted a novel way to raise funds for the Red Cross. A lady gave a weight tea. Every lady who attended was weighed and had to contribute a cent for every pound she weighed. This is a better way of getting money out of the ladies than having them contribute a cent for every year of their age. In the latter case none of the contributions would amount to very much, and most of them below 20 cents.

Ottawa Journal: After sixteen years of litigation, during which time three of the four judges who heard the case have died, John Telfer, a farmer, has been successful in his action against John Armstrong, and at the Bryson assizes was awarded his strip of land, three feet wide, valued at \$10 and his costs in the action are \$503. The case is believed to be the oldest in the Quebec courts, if not in the Dominion, and arose out of the possession of a narrow strip of swamp land lying between the properties of the plaintiff and defendant. Judges Lavergne, Champagne and Ronchon, now deceased, sat on the case, judgment finally being given by Judge Weir.

It pays to Advertise.

## Purely Personal Items.

Mr. Sheriff Robinson has returned to Toronto.

Mrs. F. W. Bresee, Lyndhurst, was a visitor in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eligh, Caintown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mort Topping.

Miss Georgie Leggett of Newboro, was a guest of Miss Gwendolyn Wilse last week.

Mrs. Frank Horton of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore of Eloids, on Thursday last.

Miss Stewart, employed in Miss Mulvaugh's millinery establishment, has gone to her home near Greenbush, to spend her holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKenna have taken up residence in their new home on Wilse street, and are making some changes and repairs to the interior.

Mrs. D. Livingston of Gananoque, a former resident of Athens, has been spending a few days here among old friends, a guest of Mr. B. Livingston, Brockville.

Mr. S. A. Hitsman, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, was in Athens for the High School Commencement, and remained over the week end.

Mrs. J. Jones, accompanied by her invalid grandson, Ralph Poole, who has been spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Poole, of Poole's Resort.

Miss Jean Johnston of Yorktown, who was called home by the sickness of her father, the late Wm. Johnston, I.P.S., accompanied her sisters, Mrs. L. H. Nutting and Miss Rose Johnston to New York, where she will spend a few weeks before returning west.

Married—In Tacoma, Wash., at the home of Mrs. F. S. Heywood (formerly Miss Dora Lillie) on Dec. 1, 1915, Miss Jessie Kilborn, of Vancouver, B.C., to Mr. J. D. McGillivray of Gibby, North Dakota. Many will remember Miss Kilborn when Athens was her home, and extend best wishes for a happy married life.

Athens High School Commencement Draws Biggest Crowd in History of the Village

There was not enough room. This short sentence is a fairly good description of what happened on Friday night when the Athens High School held its annual Commencement. The seats had all been sold early in the day as well as many tickets not calling for reservations. In spite of this fact, people who had not secured tickets, went with hopes of getting in. Many of them did for the simple reason that the crowd was too big to be handled; when it streamed up to the folding doors, there was no place for it to go but into the auditorium. When the walls of the latter commenced to complain, the crowd halted sullenly, holding in its suffocating embrace many indignant ticket-holders.

There are some who say 150 failed to find entrance. Doubtless, a large percentage of the 150, after being jostled, squeezed, pushed, stepped on and otherwise mishandled, developed ruffled tempers that are no doubt still uncalmed. Those who had charge of the entertainment did the best they could under the unusual circumstances and the awkward architecture of the hall.

Excitement without and interest within. It was students' night; their parents, their brothers and sisters, their friends, talked and laughed with them; graduates and undergraduates filled seats and seats. In the open windows sat men and boys quite comfortable in overcoats and caps; while in one corner chatted some khaki clad members of the 59th Battalion.

Then the curtain rumbled up out of sight and the good old marching song of the school, "Join Our Line," swelled from the massed ranks of students on the stage. Following this, the popular song of the present war, "Are We Downhearted? No!" was sung.

So went the program, drill and pantomime, chorus and tableaux, songs and hymns, all so well executed that even the performers themselves could not find it in their hearts to scoff.

A light sketch, "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date," was successfully played by a caste of sixteen students. One of the wonderful things connected with school life is the remarkable histrionic talent displayed by girls and boys in their teens in their bold invasions of the mimic world.

The usual topical song received the usual spontaneous applause; for who does not love to hear the funny sarcasm that rakes the one opportunity in the term that the students have of "evening up."

Medals and diplomas were presented during the evening between the musical numbers that lengthened the program to the midnight hour.

Before the next commencement, comes graduation with the inevitable partings. Many of the seniors lose track of each other; many never see each other again; but always will they remember the last big gathering—in 1915.

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## Local and District News

Subscribe for The REPORTER. Send in any news items you may have.

The C.N.R. trains on the local division now leave Brockville and Westport at 7.15 instead of 7 a.m.

—A concert will be given by local talent at Charlton School House, on Friday, Dec. 17th. Admission 10c.

News came recently from Vancouver of the death of Mrs. Ross wife of Hon. W. R. Ross, who before her marriage was Miss Leila Young, of Renfrew.

Allan Marsh, son of W. J. Marsh, Iroquois, passed away suddenly of heart failure on Monday. Deceased was twenty-nine years of age.

Lt.-Col. McCammon, Sheriff of Leeds and Grenville, has been appointed recruiting officer for the counties of Leeds and Grenville.

—W. T. Todd of Brockville Business College, stood 86th on the Civil Service examinations, and is already appointed to the Finance Department at Ottawa.

The four town boys charged with burglary, and who were sent up to Perth for hearing before Judge Scott, were tried on Monday. Two, Malone and Craig, were acquitted, and the two Price boys were sent to the Reformatory for three years each.

Wednesday morning last, as Mr. James Wallace was coming from the grocery of Mr. A. A. Ferguson, he slipped and fell heavily on the pavement, fracturing the knee-cap. He was conveyed to Brockville by automobile at noon where he is a patient in the General Hospital.

LOST. A Fur Mitt on the road between Athens and McIntosh Mills, on Sunday, Dec. 12. Finder will please return to MORT TOPPING, Athens.

ESTRAY There strayed on the premises of the undersigned, at his premises about half a mile west of Athens, on the Delta road, on Dec. 3rd, a calf. W. W. CROSS, Athens

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NOMINATION MEETING. A public meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Township of the River of Yonge and Eastern, will be held on Monday, Dec. 21st, 1915, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Town Hall, Athens, for nominating a receiver and councillors for 1916, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, January 3rd, 1916, at the several polling sub-divisions of the municipality. R. E. CORNELL, Returning Officer.

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F. Blancher, - Village Officer

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