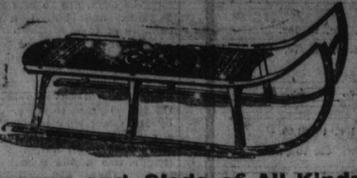


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### PANIC DRIVES GIRLS TO DEATH

Leap From High Windows and Die in Heaps.

College for Colored Girls Burned—Four Were Killed Outright and Many Injured.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Four persons are known to have been killed and perhaps thirteen others injured, one of them fatally, in a fire here last night, which consumed the Central Tennessee College for young negro women, a department of Young University. It is possible that the ruins may contain the bodies of other victims. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The known dead are:  
Stella Addison, Pop. Gibson, Mattie Moore, Huntsville, Ala., Sallie Dade, Hopkinsville, Ky., Nannie Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss. Injured: Eleanor Moore (white) protectress, Chicago; Lilly B. Knox, Greenville, Miss.; Millsie Alton, Covington, Tenn.; Bertha Clifford, Chicago; Lula Terry, McMinnville, Tenn.; Lula Milen, Covington, Tenn.; Leo-ne MacLeary, Fernandina, Fla.; Leo-ne Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; Nanny Harris, Mayfield, Ky.; Minnie Boone, Clarksville, Miss.; Victoria Miller, Anchorage, Ky. One student not identified.

Fire broke out about 11 o'clock in the top of the building, from which they jumped in droves. The dead and injured lay in heaps where they fell, to be fallen upon by those following them from the flaming windows.

Every ambulance in the city was soon on the scene, and the injured were hurried to hospitals. When the flames were first discovered they spread entirely to envelop the building and it is considered almost certain that some of the terrified occupants were overcome by smoke before reaching the windows.

Great wealth for the pope.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Vatican has had sudden wealth poured into its coffers. A bag of bank notes, amounting to \$9,000,000, which the late pope confided to the care of Cardinal Gottl to be turned over by the latter to the new pope, was discovered by him, and he is today, shortly after the event, an ecclesiastic while removing the hangings in the late pope Leo's chamber, in order to get at the electric light wires, found a hole in the wall several bags containing \$1,850,000 in gold.

MEDAL CONTEST.

At the Currie Business University, Limited.

As there will be, but one more test before the final decision, the score would indicate that the struggle for first place will be between Mayer and Marcus. Standing of the leaders is as follows:

Points:	
Rubin Mayer	..... 325
Max Marcus	..... 306
Jessie Long	..... 458
D. J. Oorr	..... 478
A. G. Cumming	..... 464
E. Blakeney	..... 425
Maud Cowan	..... 423
R. L. Colborn	..... 419
Emma Gray	..... 405

PROPERTY SOLD.

At Chubb's corner today Auctioneer Lantulum sold a piece of property situate at Fredericton and owned by Arthur C. Northrup, to Richard C. Hanson, for \$27. The sale was made by The Colonial Investment and Loan Company.

Land with a house and shop on it, situate on Clifton street, Carleton, and owned by Mrs. T. Allen, was withdrawn at \$80.

One thousand dollars four per cent. thirty-five year bonds of the town of Campbellton were purchased by Harry Roberts, an agent, at \$91.2.

Choice variety of pipes at 25c., regular 50c. and 75c. lines, at Louis Green's.

The market presents today a decidedly Christmas appearance. Evergreen is greatly in evidence and strings of poultry stretch in every direction.

The sudden death took place recently of Mrs. Brown, wife of Dr. Brown, of Hamilton, Bermuda. The deceased was formerly Miss Nellie Eaton, daughter of the late Joseph Eaton, of Kentville. She had been in poor health for some time, but it was not expected her illness would be attended by so serious a result. Mrs. Eaton was with her daughter at the time of her death.

The list of cabin passengers per a. Late Manitoba, now due is as follows:  
A. W. Bishop, Vincent Hicks, G. M. Bosworth, W. D. Birchall, Joseph R. Bell, James Hill, Benjamin Gray, Ed. J. F. Hills, J. H. Butterworth, Miss A. Holland, Miss Washell, Capt. Dundas, R. W. Greville, Mrs. C. A. Bennett, together with sixty-nine women and six hundred and ninety storage passengers.

A special train with passengers from the Allan liner Ferriar left Halifax, westward, at four o'clock this morning and passed through St. John this afternoon. There are one hundred and seventy passengers on the train.

The Parisian also brought out the Chinese and Japanese medals of which there are over two hundred packages.

The funeral took place this afternoon of W. J. Douglas Cox, the twenty-year-old son of W. J. Cox, of Brunswick street. The lad, who for some time has been a successful seller of the Star, contracted a severe cold recently, which brought on pneumonia, from which he died last Thursday. The Star joins with many friends in deep sympathy for the bereaved parents.

### BACKED BY GUNS.

U. S. Consul Davis Who Left a Turkish Port Because of Insult Returns With a Cruiser.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—Rear-Admiral Cotton, U. S. N., left Beirut last night on board the U. S. cruiser San Francisco, taking Consul Davis Alexandretta, which place Mr. Davis left as announced here Dec. 8, because he had been insulted and assaulted by the local police while accompanying on board a departing steamer a naturalized American named Attarian, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of the consul. U. S. Minister Leshman has informally discussed the Alexandretta incident with Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, but he has not yet presented a formal demand for reparation. The officials show a desire to arrive at a settlement of the affair.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS HIGH.

The market today is extremely unsatisfactory, especially as regards the price of Christmas commodities. Turkeys are away up, purchasers are exceedingly disconcerted. The fault, however, does not by any means lie with the market poultry dealers.

For some weeks past, agents of large poultry merchants in the United States have been going through the province and offering standing prices to our farmers. By this means the provincial poultry is being diverted from our own markets, and necessarily keeping up the price of the small quantity which remains for home consumers. The market dealers are consequently placed at a disadvantage and can only obtain their goods at the price which the Americans are offering, and are compelled to retail them at a high price.

Turkeys are being sent to the United States at 11 and 12 cents, while the home consumer must pay 20 and 21 cents.

CARLETON CURLERS.

Members of the Carleton Curling Club are jealous. They think that too much attention has been paid to the city clubs and too little to them. The club started curling a day or two ago and the fact was announced in the papers, but the Carleton men have been curling for a week and no one has said anything about it. The membership has increased from thirty-two to fifty. A new rink has been built on the rink. The ice is in good condition and the players are right into the game. Last year they lost their previous reputation by winning three matches and expect to win even more this season. The president, vice-president match will be played on Christmas Day.

The officers of the Carleton club are: D. N. Kennedy, president; B. S. Brown, vice-president; E. W. Wetmore, secretary; J. R. G. Wilson, treasurer; Rev. T. G. Scovill, chaplain. The last named officer is not considered an absolute necessity.

VALUABLE FREIGHT.

D. McNicoll, vice-president of the C. P. R., has gone to Montreal to see the agent of a freight train from Montreal. In this way he can get to Montreal more quickly as there are so many delays in passenger connections that the trains are now uncertain.

It is a large new room has been set aside for the Union Club by the deputy mayor and several aldermen.

STOLEN MONEY FOUND.

A day or two ago one of the immigrants who is a patient in the detention hospital at Sand Point reported to the officers that he had been relieved of thirty dollars, in ten dollar bills. He was of the opinion that some one of the other inmates had taken the money and the officials instituted a search. This probably scared the thief for the money was found in the closet where it had evidently been thrown, after the search was started, but only a short time before it was found. No further action has been taken.

A FALSE REPORT.

There was a rumor around town yesterday to the effect that the Donaldson line people were thinking of withdrawing some of their boats from St. John on account of poor outward cargoes. This is not correct. None of the Donaldson boats will be withdrawn, nor are the cargoes poor. Each of the double steamers of this line which has already sailed from this port has been full of the hatches and nothing better could be desired. The Kestrels now at Sand Point have all the stuff she can carry.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

The case of Mrs. Elizabeth Josselyn, of Brussels street, who was reported destitute, has received considerable charitable attention. Cushing's mills have sent Mrs. Josselyn a double load of firewood and the Turnbull estate sent a load of coal yesterday; several persons were good enough to carry provisions to the woman's house, and now it seems as though Christmas will not be so gloomy after all.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

One hundred and seven carloads of cattle from Montreal were received in the city today for shipment by the Montreal, Kestrels and Orleans. Of this different cars came by the L. C. R. and ninety-two by the C. P. R. The most of the cattle will probably be loaded this afternoon. This is the largest day's receipts of live stock this season.

CITY IS HEALTHY.

Measles is quite prevalent in the city at present and during the past couple of weeks slight cases have been reported to the board of health. In all except one case the patients are children. There are scarcely any cases of other contagious diseases, two of scarlet fever being the only ones reported.

### CHINA SIDES WITH JAPAN.

Japanese Councils Prevailing at Peking—French Minister Hopes for Peaceful Issue.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai says that a native paper asserts that China is determined to follow Japanese advice and open Manchuria to foreign trade and insist that Russia fulfill its obligations under the agreement. The statement is not confirmed, the correspondent adds, but it is significant of the attitude of many Chinese officials.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times' correspondent at Peking cables that the Russians are still employing every means, direct and indirect, to induce China to come to an agreement with regard to Russian occupation of Manchuria. The Chinese ministers at St. Petersburg and Tokio have both telegraphed the government urging it to agree with its adversary quickly on the ground that now or never is the opportunity. The Chinese government think, however, the correspondent adds, that the messages were prompted by the Russian foreign office and by Baron Von Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, and is not received, though, undoubtedly, the correspondent continues, a prolongation of the Russo-Japanese negotiations favors Russia.

The French minister at Peking, the correspondent concludes, declares the negotiations promise a pacific issue.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Russia has made another move toward avoiding a rupture with Japan and there is reason to believe that it will be followed in a few days by the submission of a second proposition tending to ameliorate the present strained situation.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN HALIFAX.

(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—Thomas Wisluga, gunner in one of the batteries here, died suddenly in a Brunswick street resort last night under suspicious circumstances.

LIPTON WILL TRY AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup when the silver service subscribed for by the people of the United States was presented to him at a dinner held at the Hyde Park Hotel tonight. In his speech, responding to the presentation, he said that he had sent a letter to the New York Yacht Club dealing with another possible challenge for the cup. He added that he was quite willing to have one last try, "providing I have a reasonable chance of success, especially as the next attempt will be a lucky four-leaved one."

P. E. I. NOTES.

T. Davis Hotel in Charlottetown has been closed indefinitely. The late proprietor, Mr. Doherty, has been having some trouble with the local authorities on the subject of temperance and has found it advisable to remain away from Charlottetown. Since his departure several plans have been proposed for the future management of the hotel. Mr. LeRoy Willis once talked of buying the hotel, but he has now runs the Boston express this morning.

Fred Stone returned to the city this morning.

Dr. McLeod came down from Fredericton today and tomorrow will occupy city pulpits. He will preach in the Congregation church in the morning, and in the evening in the North End Baptist church.

Deputy Mayor McGoldrick, of St. John, has been invited to dine with the Maritime Commercial Travellers at the Halifax Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Gold and silver mounted pipes for presentation purposes at Louis Green's.

Mary Kelley, the young woman who has been suffering from smallpox, was discharged from the isolation hospital on Thursday evening. She was taken to the hospital on Nov. 8. The building is now being disinfected.

Special Christmas music has been arranged for both services in St. Andrew's church tomorrow. Rev. Mr. Dickie will occupy the pulpit.

Manifests were received at the customs house today for two cars of tobacco, three cars lard, three cars corn, seven cars meat and forty-eight cars American cattle.

The D. A. R. steamer Prince Rupert, made an extra trip yesterday which will probably be the last extra trip while she remains on the route. It is expected that the Yarmouth will come here about the first of the year and this steamer having a greater carrying capacity will be able to handle the freight on four trips a week.

### IS THIS CONSCRIPTION?

Report That British War Office is Preparing Plan for Compulsory Military Training.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail this morning publishes an unconfirmed statement that the war office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all males between the ages of 18 and 22 years.

RECENT DEATHS.

FARRSBORO, N. S., Dec. 18.—Mrs. E. Spencer, of Fanslow, died on the morning of December 14, aged fifty-six years. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Lulu Maxwell of St. Stephen, N. B.

ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 18.—George Sweeney, formerly of Chatham, N. B., died here yesterday, aged seventy-eight years. The widow and fourteen children survive.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—J. Herbert Wade, of Pennac, died in the Victoria hospital here this afternoon. A widow and three children survive him.

MIDDLE SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 18.—Burton E. Black died here yesterday in his fifty-first year. Deceased had been ailing for some time.

MARVELL, N. B., Dec. 18.—Mrs. George Gallone, wife of the night watchman at the cotton mill here, died suddenly yesterday, aged sixty-eight years. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and one son.

MAUCERVILLE, N. B., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Phoebe Raymond, wife of Squire James S. Raymond, died here yesterday, aged sixty-six years. Besides a husband she leaves two sons and three daughters.

TRAPPED IN BURNING MINE.

Miners Facing Horrible Death—May Be Two Weeks Before They Can Be Reached.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Isle Royale is burning fiercely and trapped north of the burning shaft are two miners and a drill boy. About 140 miners, who are working in the two shafts, escaped. Air is being sent down into the north drifts where the fire is burning, in the hope that the imprisoned men may reach a point in the workings to which the gas from the flames cannot reach.

They cannot be rescued, however, until the fire burns itself out, and there is little hope for them.

Both shafts of the Isle Royale are 400 feet below the surface and 1,000 ft. apart. They are connected on the tenth and eleventh and twelfth and thirteenth levels and as the natural draft of the shaft is downwards the majority of the men had no trouble in escaping. It may be a week or two before the mine can be re-entered so as to reach the entombed men.

JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

Scenic Artist Fleming was found at the Opera House today a very busy man, at work upon the initial performance of the Dailly Stock Company, which is to take place at the Opera House on Christmas Day. "I have two settings to finish for the opening," said Mr. Fleming, "both of which should be effective, particularly the latter. The one for the third act is the sensational one and requires considerable mechanical accessories which will make it a thriller. About the same amount of work is required for the second play, and I am left to judge that Mr. Dailly intends to give the public a little more than it has been accustomed to receiving here from former stock organizations."

Manager Dockrill promises to make a formal announcement of the opening bill within the next few days, when Mr. Munde will arrive from New York.

THE TAYLOR ASSAULT CASE.

The hearing of the assault case against Albert J. Taylor was continued today. Mrs. Robert Taylor gave evidence to the effect that while the prisoner and Miss Bright were at her house she saw the two of them fooling. She could see from the kitchen to the bedroom and did not see anything wrong done. The prisoner did not leave the house until ten or fifteen minutes after Miss Bright went.

Officer Greer also gave evidence of the arrest and the case was again adjourned until Monday.

DOUGLAS AVENUE TRAFFIC.

The second track on Douglas avenue was opened yesterday. Since the first snowstorm the street cars have been using only one line but now that the ground is almost bare the ice has been chopped off the rails and the double tracks will be used as long as is convenient. The railway company will keep both tracks clear until the heavy snow makes this difficult. One track is sufficient for the running of cars on the winter service.

CUNARD LINER WINS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Cunard line steamer Campana, which sailed from New York Dec. 12 at 1:13 p. m. and arrived at Queenstown yesterday at 11:30 a. m. easily won this week's mail race. Her letters were distributed by the first delivery this morning, while the mails of the American line steamer St. Louis, which left New York Dec. 12 at 11:10 a. m., or two hours and three minutes before the Campana, were only delivered at 1:30 this afternoon.

VETERAN ACTOR DEAD.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—John Kernell, the veteran Irish comedian who has been lying at death's door for a week, is dead.

MAYOR WHITE RETURNS.

Mayor White returned home from New York this morning. His worship says that for a week previous to leaving for home he has been around and feels decidedly improved in health.

DEATHS.

REID—At his residence, 21 Pitt street, St. John, Dec. 18th, Thomas Reid, aged 60 years.  
Notice of funeral hereafter.

### THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 16; lowest temperature, 8; barometer at noon, 30.34 inches; wind northwest, velocity 24 miles per hour. Clear.

Forecast—Fresh to strong northwest winds; fair and cold. Sunday westerly winds and not quite so cold.

Synopsis—Comparatively mild weather continues in the Northwest and it is now turning milder in Ontario and Quebec. Winds are strong northwesterly in Maritime Provinces, but moderate near the American coast. To Banks northwesterly gales. To American ports decreasing northwest winds.

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Black Marten Scarfs ..... \$25.00  
Black Marten Storm Collars ..... \$35.00  
Black Marten Boas ..... \$12 to \$15.00  
No. 2 Marten Muffs ..... \$ 2.00  
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins ..... \$25.00  
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins ..... \$27.50  
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins ..... \$29.00  
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins ..... \$35.00  
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins ..... \$37.50  
Sable Ties ..... \$15 to \$30.00  
Sable Muffs ..... \$15 to \$30.00

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### GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

Having closed the sale corner of Mill and Main street for two evenings, so as to secure our large stock for Grand Sale on Saturday evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, we would invite all those wishing to buy Xmas presents to attend. Watches and Jewelry of all kinds, Clocks, Vestures, Boys' and Men's Pants and Underclothes, Rain Coats, Rubbers and a large assortment of other goods.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

### Xmas Presents!

By auction at 8 o'clock, 31 Germain street, on Monday morning, the 21st inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, a nice lot of New Goods, suitable for Xmas presents, consisting of New Silverplated Ware in Sugar Bowls, Tea, Dish, Salvers, Bakers, Gravy Trays, Spoon Trays, Shaving Mugs, Full Boxes, etc., Tea, Table and Dessert Spoons and Forks, Berry Spoons and Butter Knives, Sterling Silver Ladies, Forks, etc. Brass and Comb Cases Ladies' Toilet Cases, Carvers, Mantel Clocks of all different designs, Parlor Lamps, etc.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Christmas Poetry

THE CHRIST CHILD.

(Written for the Star). O little child of Mary, Our hearts before Thee bow, O Infant King and Saviour, We come before Thee now.

When Thou didst leave the heavens To manifest Thy love, The shepherds caught the echoes From angel choirs above;

Dear Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus, O teach us how to pray, That we may feel Thy presence Within us day by day—

SING THE BIRTH WAS BORN TO-NIGHT.

I sing the Birth was born tonight, The Author both of life and light; The angels so did sound it, And like the ravished shepherds said,

The Son of God, the Eternal King, That did us all salvation bring, And freed the soul from danger;

The Father's wisdom willed it so, The Son's obedience knew no No, Both wills were in the stature;

Who made Himself the price of sin, To make us heirs of glory; To see this Babe all Innocence

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER'S WAIL. Christmas a joy? Ah, no! Time was when blithe I'd go From Yuletide show to show.

But now I have to treat Most every one I meet. Make gifts to high and low; Cigars for Uncle G., Christmas a joy? Ah, no!

I'm married and I'm old, And I have more gold I've less for it to show. The kids take all my "mum" And leave me none for fun—

A BALLAD OF THE NATIVITY. Now it was Mary dreamed this dream, Ere yet her Child was born In that poor place in Bethlehem,

She dreamed that her own life went out— Her life divinely sweet— Ere she could press His little hands

Oh, strangely came this dream to her, This dream of utter woe, While through the dark, hidden night, Above the wastes of snow,

And ere she felt two little hands Clapped close upon her breast! —Charles Hansen Tove, in Christmas Lippincott's.

A dude, when he landed in Tucson, A coat had exceedingly spacious. Said wild Peter Fankett: "Come, gimme that blanket!"

"The more I see of men," said the female boarder of more or less uncertain years, "The more I like dogs."

"Same here," rejoined the scanty-haired bachelor at the pedal extremity of the mahogany. "Pass the sausage, please!"

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Monday Morning Special Sale of Heavy Coat and Skirt Cloths. Only Four More Days Of Interest. TO PREPARE YOUR XMAS GIFTS

All are 55 inches wide, in black, light grey, dark grey and navy blue. 55c. quality, 64c. 90c. and 1.00 quality, 71c. \$1.00 and 1.75 quality, 85c. \$1.50 quality, \$1.12

SALE WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY, At 6 p. m. No Samples Given, And No Discount Off These Special Prices.

French Kid Gloves in New Xmas Stitchings. All sizes and shades and PLENTY OF EACH.

Suede Finished Fabric Gloves. Are very dressy and neat. They are made to fit the hand "same as a kid glove."

Misses' White Wool Gloves. Are now very popular. We have a splendid assortment of patterns in all sizes, 15c to 37c pair.

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DOGS THAT DIED OF GRIEF.

Many Pathetic Instances Where Death Could Not Divide Canine Pets From Their Masters—Stories of Animal Devotion.

The Scarborough Irish terrier, that has just died on his master's grave after a five years' vigil of love and grief, has supplied one more example of the devotion of which the canine nature is capable.

To a height of intense attachment involving his own death the dog has risen over and over again in the history of the race.

The dog's companionship with man was first chronicled in the Book of Tobit. History since that time has been filled with instances bearing out the fact.

Not a funeral took place in the country around his master's home but he was present. In due time before a funeral he would rise and shake himself, as though dressing, and then make off to the stricken home, and keep all beggars and noisy children at a respectful distance.

When the procession started he would join in, walking decorously, and after the coffin was lowered he would look anxiously into the grave, then at the mourners, and finally trot home. He was known to attend several funerals in widely remote places in one day.

Instances of dogs who have grieved for strangers are not at all uncommon, but there are far more numerous examples of canine pets who have died of grief for their masters.

Many years ago the Chamber of Deputies in Brussels contained an empty wooden kennel in one corner. It had been brought from a neighboring church yard, where it had been placed by some charitable people for a dog that never left his dead master's grave for seven years, and ultimately died there.

This dog belonged to a young French officer who fell covered with wounds in a battle when the Dutch invaded Brussels in 1830. His body was found on the battlefield with the dog lying upon it, licking the wounds and howling piteously. He followed the body to the grave, and never again left the spot.

FITZ WILL HOUND CORBETT UNTIL GIVEN A FIGHT.

(By Robert Edgman.) Bob Fitzsimmons is in a simmer of rage over the public expressions of James J. Corbett's opinion of him as a fighter.

"I maintained a discreet silence, knowing that there was more to follow. He says that I have acknowledged myself to be an old man. Perhaps he remembers how much older I was than him at Carson. I never said I was old, and I'm plenty young enough to whip Corbett any time I get him into a ring with me.

"My hand is getting well. It will take some time, but when it does get strong I will go after Corbett and show him how old I am. The first knuckle on my right hand may not get as strong as it used to be, but the middle knuckle is all that I want to land on Corbett. For that matter I can knock him out with my left hand, and all I will need to do with the right is to use it to block with. I wouldn't be afraid to fight him right now with my right hand broken. I knocked him out with the left before."

"Quit fighting? I guess not. There will be a lot of fighters feeling older than I do before I get through with them. The first one will be Jim Corbett, the artificial fighter."

Here Fitz stopped and looked pleased. The term amused him and he repeated it. "Artificial fighter, that's what he is. Every time he met a real fighter he got whipped. The only reason he is doing his monologue on me is that he is afraid people will want to see him meet me, since we have both been beaten by Jeff. He wants to bluff out of it, and so he tries to cut under me by saying I am too old to fight a young fellow like him, and it would be a shame to hit me."

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UNRIPE DIAMONDS.

The Frederick Gleaner publishes an interview with M. H. Craig, a prominent Perth lumberman, who has great faith in this province as a mineral producing country, and in his opinion there are lots of precious stones and metals under the ground which, he says, could be gotten out if there was only somebody with a little capital to look after it.

Unripe diamonds, at least that is what they have been called by geological surgeons and American sportsmen, he says are to be found on the Tobique, and showed a number of samples of them.

Some of the samples shown by Mr. Craig are white and some are brown, the latter being partly ripened. Those in a position to know say that the diamonds will have to be exposed to the sun 20 years to ripen. Those shown by Mr. Craig vary in size from that of a small French pea to the most of a good sized hazel nut, and one in particular was a fine specimen, so good, in fact, that, although it had never been polished, it was a very bright stone and sparkled. The specimens are found on the top of beds of clay, and some are imbedded in the clay.

Mr. Craig also spoke of a silver mine situated about six miles from Perth and he said that with the naked eye one could see lead, copper veins, iron in the ore. The only trouble with the mine is that, in order to have it successfully worked, it would be necessary to get down to the bed of the river. He spoke of this simply to bear out the statement he made that the country in the vicinity of the Tobique was rich with minerals.

Don't Forget Our Kid Gloves.

Chateau Bags, 55c. to \$4.25. Ladies' Underwear, 25c. to \$1.25. Neck Ribbon, 15c. to 40c. Tenerife D'Oyles, 15c. to \$1.00. Handkerchief Centres, 10c. to 20c. Embroidered Cashmere Hose, 55c. Embroidered Hoop, 6c. to 15c.

Mexican Hand-Drawn Collar Tops.

In nice patterns, only 25c. each. Sateen Underskirts, \$1.00 to 3.00. Cream Brilliantine Underskirts, 40c. White Aprons, 25c. to 90c. Ice Wool Head Shawls, 65c. to \$2.00. Sunshades, sterling silver and gold mounting, \$2.75 to 6.50.

We Are Noted For Our Fine Neckwear.

That 5 p. c. Discount Is Worth Saving.

THE TEN GREATEST MEN.

A German newspaper has recently propounded to its readers the question, "Who are the ten greatest men alive today?" An examination of the replies received makes interesting reading. Five hundred and two readers voted for Tolstol; the German historian Mommsen was a close second, with 496; Marconi followed, with 445; Beethoven, 425; Edison, 388; Nansen, 370; Roentgen, 264; Menzel, the German painter, 248; Koch, the bacteriologist, 238; while the Kaiser ignominiously brought up the rear with only 202. It is well to note a box, it must be lovely to go to the theatre.

Mrs. Newrick—But it isn't, my dear. We are expected to arrive when the show is about half over and go out before it is finished.—Pup'ek.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Chas. Pierson, a local anarchist, has been arrested charged with disorderly conduct. He was tried in the recorder's court on a charge of obstructing the streets, found not guilty and discharged. There is no foundation for the sensational stories sent out by correspondents of eastern and northern papers that plans of President Roosevelt's home at Oyster Bay were found in Pierson's possession.

up and fight. Jeff did the same thing with Corbett. If he hadn't let up on him and taken his time in putting him out Jeffries would have finished him in three rounds.

"These artificial fighters are a snap for me," was Fitz's parting shot as he went out and closed the door after him.

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A BAD COMPLEXION. It is but one of the sure signs of constipated bowels. Most any other ailment you may have is likely to be another sign. Constipation will derange the system and produce any trouble in the category of medicine. Laxa-Cara Tablets clear up bad complexion; clear up the inside of your body; put a stop to all ill resultant from clogged bowels; act soothingly but surely and build up a strong, healthy intestinal canal. Laxa-Cara Tablets will not only relieve but effect a complete cure. They are a vegetable compound put up in convenient, chocolate-coated tablets—pleasant to take—pleasant in operation. 25 CENTS A BOX AT ALL DRUGGISTS IF THEY FAIL, YOUR MONEY BACK. FRANK WHEATON FOLLYVILLE, N. S. SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA

The Overcoat Sale Ends Tonight.

We have won many new friends through its influence. If you haven't taken advantage of our price-cutting this week, it isn't too late to squeeze in yet.

- GOOD OVERCOATS at \$7.50!
GOOD OVERCOATS at \$8.00!
GOOD OVERCOATS at \$11.25.

What an acceptable and practical Xmas gift one would make!

Appropriate Christmas Gifts.

The ideal Xmas gift combines use and attractiveness. Anything to add comfort to the wearer that good taste and usefulness, command is the most sensible and appropriate.

- HOUSE COATS, \$3 to \$10.
FANCY VESTS, \$3.50 and \$4.50.
RAINCOATS, \$10 to \$20.
DRESS SUITS, \$35 and \$25.50.
GOLF BROCHES, \$4.

A. GILMOUR, Men's Tailoring and Clothing

68 KING STREET. CLOSE AT 10 TONIGHT.

Fresh Eggs, 24c. per dozen. Pure Lard, 10c. per pound. 3 quarts Cranberries for 25c. Pure Cream of Tartar, 24c. lb. Canded Peels, Pure Spices, Raisins, Currants, and a full line of other groceries Very Cheap For Cash, at

ROBERTSON & CO.

582 and 584 Main Street, St. John, N. B. TELEPHONE 775 A.

Winter Shoes For Jack

We've a splendid line of Boys' and Youths' genuine Box Calf Winter Shoes—extra good, solid oak soled. Footwear, built to suit our idea of Boys' Shoes.

YOUTHS' Sizes 12 to 2, \$1.25 per pair.

BOYS' Sizes, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$2.00 per pair.

No boy ever wore a better pair. Get a pair for Jack. There's safety and saving in buying our Shoes.

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The Linton & Sinclair Co. (Limited)

Hanging Lamps, Banquet Lamps, Reception Lamps, Hall Lamps, Bracket Lamps, Night Lamps—cut prices on all lines.

25 per cent. Off Toilet Sets, Monday, 21st

Royal Vienna and Teplitz Vases, beautiful designs and low in price.

Special Gift Offer.

Commencing Saturday we will give FREE with each 50c. purchase a beautiful Floral Photograph Holder, worth half price of the purchase.

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37 and 39 Dock Street.

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The Canada Gazette tomorrow will contain the result of the civil service examinations. A circular to postmasters regarding pictorial postcards, says when the back of the card is covered by a picture, that space may be reserved for communications on the face of the cards to the left of the address.

The transportation commission announces it will commence its sittings early in the new year, 1910, and St. John being the first place visited.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has deposited one million pounds of their guaranteed bonds as security for carrying out the agreement, subject to the satisfaction of their shareholders at a general meeting. Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or government securities for deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth today more than par, and their value unquestionable.

At St. Joseph's. MEMORANDUM, Dec. 18.—His lordship Bishop Casey of St. John, accompanied by Father Chapman, arrived at St. Joseph's, Moncton, on Thursday to receive into holy priesthood M. Mondeux, C. S. C., and bestow minor orders upon John T. Brady of Philadelphia and J. E. Kelly of New Jersey, all of whom are efficient members of the university teaching staff.

A NEW BRAND OF FLOUR. Probably the most expensive flour ever made on this continent is now being manufactured by the Ogilvie Flour Mills of Montreal. It is called "Royal Household," because it is the same quality that is now being supplied for the table of the royal family.

MEETING CALLED. The Junior Liberal Conservative Association will meet at Room 11, Ritchie's Building, on Wednesday evening, 23rd inst., for the transaction of important business.

GRAIN FOR THE I. C. R. ELEVATOR AT LAST. L. R. Ross, superintendent of terminals of the I. C. R., stated last evening that he had received word that 40,000 bushels of oats are now on the way here over the Intercolonial.

Chronic Constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA-TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 25 cents. At druggists.

FIELDING IN MONCTON. MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—Hon. W. S. Fielding reached Moncton this afternoon and was in consultation with Emerson and members of the local government.

PARISIAN AT HALIFAX. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—The Allan mail str. Parisian arrived from Liverpool this evening, after a rough voyage of eight days, her fastest day's run being 240 miles, and her slowest 249. She brings 1,343 tons of cargo to be discharged here, and will load grain at this port.

At the London House. SATURDAY, Dec. 19th. ARTICLES Of Real Intrinsic Value FOR Christmas Presents:

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- Waist Lengths Fancy American Wash Walstings, in box, per waist 60c.
Waist Lengths, white ground matting, with black stripes, in box, per waist 60c.
Lawn Aprons, plain tucked, 35c. to 45c.
Lawn Aprons, embroidery, 50c. to 1.00.

- Christmas Kid Gloves; special make neat French; very soft; guaranteed, 45c. pair.
Pique Sewn Walking Gloves, two clasps; special 95c. pair.
Child's and Misses' Kid Gloves; very neat, fall colors, 75c. 85c. pair.

- Remarkably Pretty Fancy Handkerchiefs, put up in boxes, 25c. 35c. 45c. box.
H. S. Linen Handkerchiefs, Belfast Pure Linen, 12c. to 30c.
Tenerife Centre Pieces, large size, 35c. to \$1.25.

- White Golf Vests without sleeves, \$2.75
Blue Golf Vests without sleeves, \$1.50
Girls' Angora, Tam O'Shanter, white, red or grey, 50c. each.

- White Mocha Gloves, special, 75c.
Lined Mocha Gloves, fine, 85c. to \$1.25.
Lined Kid Gloves, tans and browns, 65c. 75c. \$1.00 pair.

- White Mocha Gloves, finest make, \$2.00 pair.
Boys' Mocha Gloves, wool lined, 75c. pair.
Boys' Scotch Wool Gloves, 50c. 75c. pair.

- White Silk Initialed Handkerchiefs, 25c. 50c.
Wool Muffler Squares, 45c.
Mercerized Muffler Squares, 50c. 75c. 85c. 1.00.

- Men's Self-Opening Umbrellas, \$1.75.
Special Umbrellas for Christmas, \$2.25 to \$2.75.
Men's Cardigan Jackets, \$1.00 to \$2.25.

Men's Goods,

- Lined Mocha Gloves, special, 75c.
Lined Mocha Gloves, fine, 85c. to \$1.25.
Lined Kid Gloves, tans and browns, 65c. 75c. \$1.00 pair.

F. W. DANIEL & CO.,

London House, Charlotte St.

CLARIFIED SWEET CIDER

in Hardwood Barrels. Very Choice Quality.

Baird & Peters.

FREDERICTON NEWS. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—No less than four new cases of smallpox developed at Nashwaakias since yesterday morning.

ARRESTED COUNTERFEITERS. BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Following close after the great raid on counterfeiters at Revere, U. S. secret service agents arrested in Boston today two men, who, it is alleged, are as dangerous a pair of counterfeiters as the government has had to deal with for a long time.

The official board of Cornwall, P. E. I., circuit, have extended an invitation to Rev. Wm. Harrison, of Dorchester, late of Grace church, Charlottetown.

Yes. There are other places where you can buy Xmas Presents.

But. It is always well to get the best you can get for your Money.

Therefore. You should bear in mind that A. Q. J. HAY are showing

Locketts, Chains, Rings, Brooches, Gun Metal Goods, Ebroony Toilet Articles; also, Novelties in Silverware, Etc. 76 King Street.

Henery Eggs. BONE MEAL FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON Country Market. A SMALL QUANTITY OF Hard Wood, SOUND AND DRY, Only \$1.60 per load DELIVERED.

CHEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY CASH ONLY. J. S. FROST, 53 and 55 Smythe Street

Christmas Money for Boys and Girls. In order to have Charcoal tried in every home, we will give the boys and girls a chance to make money for Christmas.

J. S. GIBBON & CO., Smythe St. (near North Wharf) 5 & 7 Charlotte St. (near St. John's Hall).

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DRY HARD WOOD CUT. DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT. DRY ROOK MAPLE. SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING. M NUDE COAL.

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Chicken Halibut and Fresh Codfish and Haddock at JAMES PATTERSON'S 19 and 20 South Market Wharf, St. John

Yorkshire Bar.

English River not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ales a Specialty. EUROPEAN PLAN. J. RHEA, 20 Mill St

OPERA HOUSE

The W. S. Harkins Co. Tonight Augustin Daly's Great Melo-Drama: Under the Gaslight!

Act. 1—At Delmonico's. Act. 2—Police Court Tombs Prison. Act. 3—Pier 20 Foot North River. Act. 4—The Great Railroad Scene. Act. 5—The Burglary.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Christmas and New Year's ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE FOR ROUND TRIP.

Between all Stations, Montreal and West. GENERAL PUBLIC—Going Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. Return January 4th, 1909. SCHOOLS, COLLEGES—Going Dec. 24th to Sat. Return January 2nd, 1909.

CANADIAN PACIFIC Atlantic Steamship Service. WINTER SAILINGS 1908-1909.

ST. JOHN, N. B., to LIVERPOOL DIRECT. From Liverpool, Round Trip, Thurs. Dec. 10. From St. John, N. B., to Liverpool, Thurs. Dec. 10. From Liverpool, to St. John, N. B., Thurs. Dec. 17.

ROBINSON'S,

173 UNION ST. Good Bread, Choice Cakes, and Confectionery.

Call and See Our Xmas Presents. WANTED!

Santa Claus to save money by buying his Raisins, Candies, Oranges, Nuts, Figs, Dates and other little articles for Xmas at CHARLES A. CLARK'S, 49 Charlotte St. Tel. 803. Market Building.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE

24 Union Street. Telephone 11. HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention.

GOOD HEALTH

Depends upon perfect digestion. NIBBEDIA MINERAL SPRING WATER will assist digestion, cleanse the system and purify the blood. 25 cents per quart bottle. 25c. per dozen. At druggists.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY L. COOMBS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of Harry L. Coombs of the City of Saint John, Merchant, who made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors on the Fifteenth day of August last past, will be held at the office of Chapman & Tilly, in the Palmer Chambers, 63 Princess Street, in the said City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the Twenty-second day of December instant at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving the assignee directions as to the disposal of the estate, voting remuneration to the assignee and inspectors, and authorizing the distribution of the balance of the moneys in payment of the first and final dividends, and for the transaction of all such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

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Won't You Come and See What We Have for Xmas?

Manture and Shaving Sets, Leather, Combination Or Jewell, Handkerchief and Glove Cases, Rosewood Military Oval Brushes, solid back, for \$1.75 per pair. Can't be beat.

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TO LET.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

TO LET—A cottage containing eight rooms. Enquire of M. J. WILKINS, 231 Market Square.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 111 Elliot Row. Apply on premises.

HELP WANTED FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply at 23 Garden street.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Apply at No. 5 Richmond street.

WANTED—A housemaid with recommendation. Enquire of Mrs. J. D. HARRIS, Hasse street.

WANTED—Kitchen Girl at CLARK'S ROTEL, 25 King Square.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply at 173 Germain street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Good wages paid. Apply to Mrs. FROST, 45 Mill street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply to Mrs. MCKINDRICK, 41 Padock street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. A nurse girl. References required. Apply at once to 133 Princess street.

WANTED—A cook without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 173 Germain street.



A CHRISTMAS CAKE

From the Hygienic Bakery is sure to be the centre of attraction, not only because it looks good, but because it will taste as good as it looks. And so it is with all our pies, pastry and Christmas puddings—delicious and wholesome. Send in your Christmas orders early to ensure fulfillment.

HYGIENIC BAKERY,

134 to 138 Mill street.

Brustle, Eczema, Eruptions on the face of body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Hives, Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory wounds or swellings are quickly cured with BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

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For sale by all druggists.

LOST.

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LOST—A new Black Felt Hat on Tuesday evening somewhere near corner of Gilbert's Lane and Road. Finder please leave at 85 City Road.

LOST—A gold chain bracelet, between No. 4 Engine House and Brussels street. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at No. 4 Engine House.

LOST—On Friday last a Fox Hound Pup, white with brown and black spots. Finder will please return to John McEhernen, 44 Forest street. Anybody found harboring the same will be prosecuted.

FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE—Established business in this city—net income last year over \$700.00. Good chance to extend business splendid opportunity for young man with some capital. Address TRUBBS, this office.

FOR SALE—One neat, well-built cottage, containing four rooms and closet, stone foundation, with front-proof cellar; in good condition throughout; new verandah and lawn in front of house. Just the right kind of a residence for a small family. Situated on Millgrove Road, opposite the Esplanade. This property can be purchased for \$200, as the owner wishes to close out the estate; previous price asked \$500. For full particulars apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Princess street.

FOR SALE—That desirable situated two story and basement brick dwelling and freehold lot, known as the Bessie property, No. 80 Orange street, this city, and adjoining the residence of the subscriber. Can be inspected at any time. For further particulars apply to W. S. FISHER, 71 Prince Wm. street.

FOR SALE—One 10 ft. Pine Desk, 20 in. by 1 1/2 ft. in. with 3 class passes. Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

FOR SALE—An arc lamp, complete, nearly new. Apply to Sun Printing Co.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

SAMUEL BOUTHER, the well known Christmas decorator, is in town this week, delivering and putting up Christmas greenery. If any persons wish to have their homes decorated for Christmas, leave their orders with White's, King street, or 72 Mill street. All kinds of festooning and mottoes.

WANTED—A second class teacher for District No. 4, Parish of Simons, St. John. Address J. O. LAKE, Secretary of Trustees, St. John, N. B., care Freeze Bros, 65 King Square.

WANTED—In order to have Charcoal tried in every home, we will give the boys and girls a chance to make some money for Christmas. Charcoal sells at Grocery at 12c per bag, two bags for 25c. For every cash order a girl or boy brings us before Christmas for two bags of Charcoal at 25c delivered we will pay them 5c. Start at once. Get us many orders as you can and bring them to Gibson & Co's, office 65 Charlotte street with the money and we will pay you and deliver the Charcoal. Try Charcoal from the boys and girls then you will always buy it from your Grocery.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 19, 1903.

ANOTHER SESSION.

The failure of the Grand Trunk people to comply with the terms of the contract regarding the deposit of \$5,000,000 cash as security for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, further complicates the government's position and renders more probable the holding of another session of parliament before this historic deal is decided sufficiently to present to the people.

The company, according to information given out by the government, has been unable to raise the required amount in cash, and has deposited instead \$5,000,000 worth of its guaranteed bonds, which, though they may be full value for the required deposit, the government is unable to accept without the sanction of parliament.

Though the government declares that this is a mere formality which may be carried out as well next summer as any time, it is certain that this remarkable hitch at the very inception of a scheme, the perfection of which has been the chief plank in the government's platform, will tend to still further increase the strong prejudice against the deal which is in clear evidence all over Canada.

Since this is the case, it is improbable that the government will dare face the country before it has, in another sitting of parliament, endeavored so to patch up the contract as to make it more presentable, or to cancel it altogether, as they have a perfect right now to do.

This possibility, however, should in no way delay conservative preparation for the campaign. It is not improbable that the government, despairing of ever reaching a satisfactory settlement of this matter, and dreading the loss of prestige which a complete collapse would bring, should attempt to take advantage of the existing general prosperity to snatch a verdict in its favor on its other policies, ignoring the railway as far as possible.

Conservatives should be prepared for either contingency. Their case against the government has been greatly strengthened by this occurrence, and should the election come now their chances, with adequate preparation, are more than good. If, on the other hand, the contest should be postponed for six months or so, campaign work done now would bring return with compound interest by polling day.

MISREPRESENTATION.

The Moncton Transcript, in its attempt to defend itself from the charge of Little-Canadianism, to which its attitude on the imperial preference has laid it open, resorts to the traditional "you're another" whine, as follows: "If a Little-Canadian party is wanted, the nearest approach to it in Canada is found in the Tupper wing of Toryism, which, when Canada was sending help to the Empire's aid in South Africa, wanted to stand huckstering on the eve of battle negotiating for trade terms."

Now that, in its brazen misrepresentation, is thoroughly characteristic of the Transcript. The preference to Great Britain which the conservatives wished to hold as a return for a similar preference for Canada in British markets, was granted gratis by the Laurier government in 1897, while it was not until nearly two years later that there was any talk of Canada sending aid to the British forces in South Africa. It was in 1899, when there was no Canadian parliament in session for Tupper or any other conservative to "stand huckstering" before, when the beginning of war aroused an agitation for the sending of Canadian troops and when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on behalf of the Canadian government, declared that no troops could go.

It was Oct. 30, 1899, two years after the last word of opposition to the preference had been said, when the stand taken by the conservatives and the almost unanimous opinion of Canada forced the government to reverse its decision and "permit" (as Laurier said) the first Canadian contingent to go.

The Transcript's memory is as frail as its conscience when things political are concerned.

This is the month, and this the happy morn, Wherethin the Son of Heav'n's Eternal King, Of wedded Maid and Virgin mother born, Our great redemption from above did bring; For so the holy sages once did sing: That He our deadly forfeit should release, And with His Father work us a perpetual peace.

That glorious form, that light unsufferable, And that far-beaming blaze of majesty, Wherewith He went at Heav'n's high council-table To sit the midst of Trinal Unity, He laid aside; and, here with us to be, Forsook the courts of everlasting day, And chose with us a darksome home of mortal clay.

—John Milton.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE.

"See how these Christians love one another!" "In union there is strength."

There is a city in a certain state with a population about the same as St. John. It has the usual number of denominations and each denomination has a hospital. If you are of the Catholic faith you can go to the Catholic hospital. If a Protestant you can take your choice, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist. None of them are as large or as well equipped as the St. John Public Hospital, and that is not as well equipped as it might be, and doubtless will be some day. Some of them are fairly successful, but the most of them are poor, and poorly endowed, and furnished. Few as the patients are, there are not enough nurses, and they are overworked, and like all overworked people, are nervous and cannot do justice to themselves nor their patients.

The matrons and managers are perplexed and worried over ways and means. There is a general air of discontent about everything, and the patients catch the distemper, for there is nothing more contagious than worry, and a larger percentage of them die there than in hospitals where the air is vital with success and prosperity.

There certainly should have been only two hospitals in that city, and one would have been better. Then there would have been the best of nurses and plenty of them, an operating room or two of them, large, airy, well lighted and well appointed, and a half dozen doctors with grizzled hair to blend with the black and brown.

I know another state or province where there are little struggling, feeble, anemic colleges, poorly equipped, poorly endowed, poorly attended. There is none of that esprit de corps among the students, so characteristic of the large university life. Consolidated, these feeble schools might be strong, aggressive, successful. Apart, they go their lonely way, and few there are who notice them.

I know a city—where does not—where a dozen churches struggle for existence. There is poverty in the pew and in the pulpit. There are mortgages on the churches so large that you can see them as you go by. Inside these churches there are quite as many—or nearly as many—empty pews as there are well filled ones. The pastors of these churches look disheartened. They are men who might preach eloquently in large congregations, but their tones are almost apologetic. They do not speak with authority. They have no message to deliver to the empty pews. United these churches would have the inspiration that comes from numbers; they could do better work at home and send money and men to the uttermost parts of the earth. But they are kept apart by the difference there is between twaddled-see and twaddled-dum.

DEATHS.

PAULANNE—In Carleton on December 17th at the residence of Henry M. Lee, Mary Faulkner, in the 57th year of her age. Funeral from 238 Watson street, Sunday, at 3 p. m.

(Moncton and Boston papers please copy.)

LOCAL NEWS.

The loss on the stock of James Tuttle & Son in the recent Germain street fire has been fixed by the adjusters at close to \$5,000.

The thirty-fourth anniversary services of Carmarthen street Methodist church were brought to a close by an address in the school room of the church last evening by Rev. Charles Comben.

A meeting of teamsters and delegates from the St. John Ice Co. met in the office of Jas. Jack last night to arrange for winter rates. Working details was decided upon, and the meeting was adjourned until Dec. 20th.

Alex. Howard, who went out to South Africa with the second contingent, called at the City Hall yesterday and obtained his certificate giving him the freedom of St. John. Mr. Howard holds from Gaspereaux.

The treasurer of the King's Daughters' guild acknowledges, with thanks, \$100 towards the mortgage fund and encourages the general work from Look-keepers' Circle of King's Daughters; tea from T. H. Estabrooks, and a barrel of Ogilvie's Royal flour from J. S. Harding.

WINTER PORT.

The C. P. R. str. Montclair left Liverpool yesterday for St. John. The Donaldson liner Alden, Capt. Horsburgh, from St. John, reached Glasgow yesterday.

The C. P. R. str. Mount Temple, from London for this port, sailed from Antwerp yesterday.

OFFERED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

A meeting of the creditors of Mary E. Furlong was held yesterday in the office of H. A. McKeown. A report was received from the committee in whose hands the matter was left and the assets were fixed at about \$1,000 for stock of groceries, etc.; book debts (good), \$300, with liabilities of \$1,500. An offer of 25 cents on the dollar was made. An adjournment was had till Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock to see if it was possible to arrange a compromise on a 25 per cent basis.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE HERE.

E. L. Newcomb, deputy minister of justice, arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa on his way to visit his mother in Nova Scotia. To a Sun reporter he said that the prevailing opinion around Ottawa seemed to be that the election would be in the early part of February.

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SALAD BOWLS, . . . . .	35c. to 5.00
SPOON TRAYS, . . . . .	40c. to 1.25
CELERY TRAYS, . . . . .	35c. to 4.00
BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$12 dozen
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### THE SAGA OF TRIG OLAFSEN, THE SWIMMING MATE.

BY ALBERT SONNICHSEN, ABLE SHAMAN.

If you have knocked about Honolulu you will have heard of Trig Olafsen. But perhaps you are a stranger there. Then go down to the docks some Sunday morning when the seamen are loading about the gangways and ask. They will sing you the saga of Trig Olafsen. It will come couched in language hideously profane, but no matter, you will learn all about Trig Olafsen.

Perhaps, if they are in a good humor, they will tell you of Trig Olafsen's long swim with liberal criticism of the ways of Providence in preserving the morally unfit. For Olafsen's notoriety as a hard case bucco mate equals his fame as a swimmer.

If you should ever meet Trig Olafsen you will understand why he is feared. Big of body, arms like thighs, gnarled and hairy, a lion-like head on a bull neck, a tawny mustache drooping over ponderous jaws and hair of the most fiery hue—such a man is Trig Olafsen. Ballon on the West Coast will rule or be ruled. Trig Olafsen has never been ruled in spite of many efforts on the part of insubordinate crews to subdue him. A crowd of Irishmen tried it once on the island Queen, but Trig piled into them and smooed with the mighty arm of his Viking forefathers. Those were the days when Dave Kalakua's banner floated from the palace towers and from the guffs of a dozen good sailing ships. Trig Olafsen was mate of the Hawaiian bark Aloha, then in the sugar, lumber and coal trade—coal from Australia to Honolulu, thence to San Francisco, with sugar, and back to Australia with Puget Sound lumber.

From a sailor's point of view this was an ideal run, and the Aloha was a first-rate ship for living and easy to handle, but her crews invariably left at the end of each passage. Few made a full trip. As they didn't stop to collect their wages, the owners found it profitable to retain Trig Olafsen in their service. But on one trip they almost lost him.

The Aloha had cleared the doldrums and had barely caught the northeast trade. It happened in the morning watch about five o'clock. The yards were hoisted sharp up on the port tack, and the Aloha was making her course, that was about all. The mate, sniffing the wind, to take prompt advantage of any favorable change, kept faithful watch by the weather vane rigging. The men were just taking coffee when the breeze hauled at a trifle. Instead of waiting until they had finished, Olafsen gave the order to square in a bit at once.

"Black away your spanker sheet," he ordered next.

A man did so, but the block on the boom jammed. The mate leaned over the railing to overhaul the sheet. Suddenly it cleared, and the boom shot out with a jerk to leeward. The mate had been leaning against the boom, so naturally he went with it, but not having wings, he fell, and a minute later was floating in the ship's wake.

The mate's watch was made up partly of Melbourne larrikins and partly

ment-his ponderous trunk. His huge mustache trailed back over his set jaws, his hair bristled and his big hairy arms were swollen and bare to the elbows, for he had thrown off his coat and coat on the deck. He paused at the top for just one moment, then, with a roar like breakers on a reef, he bounded to the deck.

The watchman says he never saw such a wild scramble—it couldn't be compared to the panic at Wailuku when the tiger got loose in the circus menagerie. Not only the ship, but the whole island was much too small for the Aloha's crew just then.

The ghost seized a capstan bar from the rack at the break of the poop and charged amidships. Five of the men leaped overboard and swam frantically across the harbor to the small dock. Two fast up the rigging and the rest sprang to the deck, a crop of nearly ten feet. Up the track they pelted. Trig Olafsen ached them, hurling the capstan bar ahead of him, picking it up again when he got to it, and roaring out blood curdling oaths in Norse and English all the while.

Here the watchman became hysterical and saw no more until Olafsen reappeared on the deserted deck, roaring and fuming among the empty coal buckets and using most ungodly language. Then the skipper came up from below and staggered against the sky-light, white as a water-soaked corpse.

"What in de name of de Flying Dutchman's figure-head; ye starin' at me like dat for?" roared Trig Olafsen.

He really didn't swear by the Flying Dutchman's figure-head; it was something decidedly more expressive than that.

The captain recovered—no drowned man could swear like that, but Trig Olafsen in flesh and blood.

The skipper and the mate approached each other, but what they said the watchman could not hear. Finally both went below into the cabin.

None of the mate's watch came aboard that night. The men of the other watch came staggering aboard toward dusk. They had no guilty consciences to keep them away. The others made for the hills up by the Fall and were captured by the police next day and brought aboard in iron. The mate himself conducted the hunt, but lodged no complaint against them—he only wanted them with him on the passage to Frisco.

Of course he left Honolulu on the Aloha as mate. The record of that passage is lost to authentic history, but occasionally you meet a sailor who will tell you that there really is a hell, because he has been there. The port watch of the Aloha reached Frisco alive that passage, but they were carried ashore on stretchers aboard the marine hospital launch. Nor was Trig Olafsen ever heard to complain of having gone unavenged. He always refers to that passage with a big, complacent smile that sends his two-lip whiskers up like bull horns.

Now to his story. He only tells it when he is drunk. He weeps and laughs by turns, but you do neither—you listen, spell-bound. And after he has finished you know why the Vikings are so old ruled the sea.

He begins by swearing at the spanker sheet block. Never trust a spanker sheet block when it jams. You can't depend on it; it's treacherous, he says. It usually takes five bears to bring him through a treatise on its proper man-

agement. About then he will plunge into his story, as he plunged into the tropical sea that dark morning.

When he rose he saw the Aloha's stern fading into the darkness.

"Haul in on your fore braces," he roared, expecting to hear the shouts of the watch and the rattle of blocks and cordage. But he heard only the lapping of the still seething wake about him and then suddenly he realized the truth. The stern light dwindled and at last danced far off, a mere speck.

"I can see him yet, as he described that moment. The dark pupils of his pale-blue eyes spread and those big mustaches stood straight out as though he held a stick between his clenched teeth.

"De hounds," he grinds, "dey will leave me—fannen brennda mig—dey will leave me. Not even a libbet! dey trow me—but I kan swim—by Gar—I kan swim—and I will not sink—by Gar. Hey, you lubbers!" Here he roars as he did in the water. "You hear me, you mongrel curs. I kan swim, and I swim clear to Jordan before I gives up! I will swim to Honolulu, and if I can't tow my blasted carcass dat far—I swim in spirit. I will haunt you till you young overboard!"

"De doesn't say so, but you know that he peeled off his clothes and struck out after the ship. His powerful jaw is set, and the muscles under his ears are like huge walnuts. Then he sees the bark by the light of the howling moon, miles ahead, and they have hope her to. As he mounts the crest of a wave he sees a boat put off. Here he usually laughs.

"By gum—it was funny. You know dat skipper he tink he finds me. Dey hunt all over—and I was six miles astern—ha, ha, ha!—it was funny. I don't even shout. Vat's de use? I doot larfs and larfs—vay out dere in de water."

"Den dey goes off into another spasm of merriment. Here he pauses, nor does he resume until he has disposed of two more bears. His mustache droops again, the fierce glare returns into those sea-grey eyes.

"Den dey brace up de fore yards again and go on. You see, dey goes on, viles I swims after, six—seven—eight miles astern. You tink I will drown? Not much! I kan swim—clear to Honolulu—or —, I doesn't care vitch—only I gets to dose fellers. I wants to meet dem again.

"But ain't dot de worst ting you ever heard of, to leave a shipmate to drown in a smooth sea? Would you do dat to your worst enemy?"

Here he waxes sentimental and slobbers through a dissertation on the ethics of shipmate fellowship. He wants you to understand he never hit a fellow when he was down, especially a shipmate.

"Would you see a fellow drop overboard and not raise the cry? No, you wouldn't—not even if it was the Chinese cook!"

A few more drinks wash away the tears. Again he brestles.

"But I gets even wid dem! I will not drown—I vill not—I vill not!" He fairly roars this, and Trig's roar is a few keys lower than a bull's bellow.

"No! I vill swim after that gang of larrikins till I lays my paws on dem! You bet!"

On he goes. With him you see the white sails fade out on the horizon,

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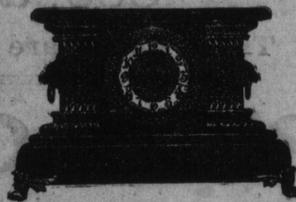
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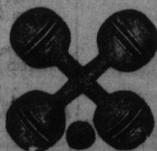
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# Woman's World.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Grease stains on white material should be dipped in spirits of wine, after which they may be washed out with soap and water.

To keep cheese from moulding rub the cut part with butter and cover with white paper. Keep the cheese in a cool, dry place.

Unbleached cotton shrinks much in the washing, therefore allow an extra inch in each yard when making a garment to allow for this peculiarity.

Leaky wicks should be soaked in strong vinegar and then well dried before being used. This precaution will insure a better light and a freedom from smoked lamp chimneys.

Sidechair fern will last much longer in vases if, before it is arranged with the flowers, its stems are put in a little hot water and kept there till the water becomes cold.

Toptowels which have become dull should be treated with a paste made of jewellers' rouge and sweet oil. Let this remain on till the shell is dry, then brush off and polish with a wash-leather.

Potatoes should be peeled and allowed to lie in cold water for a couple of hours before they are boiled, for thus greater whiteness is insured.

To clean and brighten a carpet sprinkle it over with a little dampened salt before sweeping it. The salt prevents the dust from flying, keeps off moths and brightens the colors of the carpet.

When the elbows of a gown become shiny friction them gently with emery cloth. Rub till a little nap is raised and then in the case of cassimere and other smooth fabrics, go over the places a few times with a warmed silk handkerchief.

To fix a broom handle first bore a hole sideways through the handle and into the head of the broom. Then take a long nail, dip it in water and hammer it well into the hole. The wet nail will soon become rusty and the rust will make it extra firm in its hold.

A water bottle that has become stained and dirty should have a few tea leaves and a tablespoonful of vinegar put into it and should then be well shaken. Rinse out thoroughly with clear water. If the bottle is stained it will be well to let the tea leaves and vinegar remain in it for some hours, and it may be necessary to use a bottle brush.

**EVENING HATS AND OTHERS.**

The flowers that bloom in the spring have reversed their habits and have taken to blooming in the fall. Half of the winter hats are trimmed with flowers and with leaves, and the gay colors of Easter are seen now upon the hats of November. Evening hats are gorgeous in their flowers and chiffons.

Particularly is the floral feature to be noticed in the fur hats which show a big red rose nestling in the fur. And particularly is this true also of the

hats of chiffon and velvet which have a bunch of deep red roses in the velvet loops.

The beauty of a hat this season depends very largely also upon the manner in which it is worn. It must be dipped at an angle which might be called the angle of romance and it must be carried with the head very high and in a coquettish manner. Unless a hat is properly carried it will not look modish and the woman who does not know how to carry a large hat had better be content with a small one. There is a peculiar knack in the wearing of the big hat, which must be acquired by the woman who desires to appear in such a piece of headgear.

These are the special points to be noted in the hats of the season.

Many color combinations are seen. That of blue and white and black being a great favorite with brunettes of the clear type.

The square crown is coming in and flat hats are made into hats with high crowns by the addition of a velvet crown shirred upon the top.

Ostrich feathers are worn more than ever and come in more expensive grades, forty dollars being a moderate price for an extra long and extra heavy feather.

Hats are worn more over the eyes than formerly though the hat that is tipped over the forehead is not seen. Instead, there is the tipped hat, with a tendency toward a forward tilt.

The short backed hat remains and hats are made with a brim that is astonishingly wide in the front and quite cut off in the back.

The trailing tendency is everywhere noted in the shape of feathers, flowers, chiffon, ribbon and fur, all of which have a fondness for trailing upon the hair or the neck.

Fur will be worn a great deal as a hat trimming and the all-fur hat, made up in fashionable shape, is beginning to be seen.

The black hat, strange to say, is less in evidence in winter than in summer, for in the winter time, fancy runs toward something brighter than the black hat and red of all shades takes precedence over all colors except blue.

A popular shade for a winter hat is robin redbreast red which comes in velvet, in feathers and tips, and in chiffon. Particularly in mink and other hat stuffs is this red noticeable and the all-red hat blossoms out on the darkest days.

**LOVERS' KNOT TRIMMING.**

For evening there is a very clever trimming of lovers' knots. This is made of velvet ribbon two inches in width and joined together by ribbon bands. There are half a dozen in all, and the plan is to use them for evening as a dress garniture.

They can be arranged at the neck one at each side and one in the middle of the back, while two or three more are used to trim the left side of the bodice. Again this ribbon garniture

is pretty upon a skirt and a little trailing chain of lovers' knots can fall from the belt diagonally across the skirt and the bosom.

## FLORAL DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS TABLE.

An elaborate design for a Christmas table decoration for a large gathering depicts the story of "The Chinese," the able song being represented in flowers upon the cloth. The words are carried out in mistletoe itself, while the notes of music are holly berries fastened upon the lengths of pale green ribbon placed along side of the table. At each end of the table is an arch of holly and mistletoe, lightened by the introduction of white narcissus blooms. From arch to arch is festooned a garland of mistletoe, from which are suspended five bells, varying in size, and made entirely of blossoms of lily of the valley, so arranged that each bell appears semi-transparent, and forms an ideal shade for the little electric globes contained within them. In the center of the table is a cluster of narcissus and a few sprigs of holly; while here and there about the table is placed a sheaf of crackers. A chime of real musical bells hanging from the mistletoe festoon might be substituted for these floral counterfeits.

"The Floral Christmas Tree" introduced last season for children's parties is expected to make its appearance again this season, and likewise the fairy basket of immense proportions, decked with flowers and foliage, lighted with electric lamps and containing presents for the little guests. The floral Christmas trees in the form of apple, pear or plum trees in full bloom were especially popular in England last year. In miniature form, lighted with tiny Japanese lanterns, they make exceedingly artistic table decorations.

## THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT IN DRESS.

Feau de soie and peau de cygne are favorite silks for waists.

Silk slinky is used for entre waists as well as for trimmings.

White shawls and sea otter make handsome fur evening cloaks.

Moleskin plush is especially smart for a jacket when worn with a cloth skirt of like color.

Short boleros of chuny or Irish lace, with elbow sleeves, are to be worn over silk blouses.

Full pleatings of white chiffon and valenciennes lace finish the large sleeves of many handsome cloaks.

A modish brown velvet suit has strappings and sleeves of brown cloth and brown leather belt about the Russian blouse.

A pleated green chiffon lining is effective under a white cloth garment, the frills of the lining falling below the cloth.

A box coat of white shawls has shoulder capes, cuffs and front facings of white cloth embroidered in silks of delicate color.

The addition of a white silk elastic belt closely studded with cut steel squares gives a smart touch to a jacket of caracul, trimmed with chinchilla.

Bouton d'or is the name given by French modistes to an evening dress garniture of rosette-like flowers of gold-colored ribbon applied on skirt and bodice.

One of the handsomest of this season's many handsome white cloth gowns is richly embroidered with ribbon flowers and silk cord, a border of mistletoe finishing the skirt.

A simple but chic gown of white cloth has the skirt in three circular flounces edged with white silk fringe. The full bodice of white net is overlaid with a deep crepe stole, trimmed with fringe.

## BRITISH FORTIFYING.

They are strengthening the Defences at the Esquimaux Naval Station.

(New York Herald.)

Esquimaux, British Columbia, where an important English naval station is located, is being heavily defended, according to a report to the state department from Abraham B. Smith, United States consul at Victoria. This is interesting in view of the possibility of the upbuilding and defence of an American coaling station at Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands.

Consul Smith says that while the strength of the British fleet at Esquimaux naval station has been reduced to three cruisers and three steam launches, the strength of the station has really been increased. Large 8.3 guns, weighing, with their equipment, thirty tons each, were placed in position at the top of Signal Hill, which commands the whole harbor. These guns are said to throw a 350-pound projectile five miles and with an elevation of fifteen feet they have a range exceeding seven miles.

A battery of quick firing guns in the navy yard covers the entrance to Esquimaux harbor, where extensive mines have been laid. It is reported that the work of constructing a fort on the high bluff overlooking the approach to the harbor is soon to be begun. The dry dock is to be enlarged.

## THEN HE LAUGHED.

They had quarreled.

The exact cause of the quarrel is immaterial. Possibly he had criticized the dinner, or had refused the money for a new gown, or had been sarcastic in his reference to the household expenses. Anyhow, they had quarreled, and she was on the verge of tears.

"You're just as mean as you can be," she declared.

"You've said that before," he remarked carelessly, "and then have changed your mind about it in less than twenty-four hours."

"You're as hateful as you can be!" "That's only a slight variation of your previous remark."

"I'll never speak to you again!" "That's an old threat."

"I don't see why I ever married you!" "That seems to puzzle you at frequent intervals."

She was excited and desperate, determined to make an impression.

"I don't care!" she cried. "I'll never marry you again, never, never, never." Then he laughed.

Under the rain shed, bleak and bare, The chilled commuter stands, Since sunrise he's been waiting there With freezing feet and hands, And the expletives he uses are The most explosive brand.

—Chicago Tribune.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

# When the Gold Witch Beckoned to Her Devotees From Far off Kalgoorlie.

In 1894, two prospectors, Jim Bailey and Arthur Ford, rode into the little township of Southern Cross, Western Australia, with 150 ounces of gold slugs in their pack saddles. Warden Jack Finnerty granted them a reward claim at Gnaribine Rock, and after a day's rest, they turned their horses' heads back to the desert and disappeared among the mulga scrub over the foothills.

Their gold was safely lodged in the Union Bank. The news spread through the 4,000,000 square miles of Australia, from the South Pacific Ocean on the east to the Indian Ocean on the west, and the newsboys in London's streets were calling out the sensation four days after Bailey and Ford's discovery. In six months 40,000 gold seekers landed in Fremantle, the port of the west, with their eyes focused on the waterless desert 500 miles inland.

**WHEN'S THE NEXT TRAIN?**

"When's the next train for Kalgoorlie?" New chum adventurer with an English drawl to a Fremantle policeman on the river docks.

"Train be 'anged! Foot it, sonny, or buy a camel or an 'orse, or a bloomin' mule at Southern Cross. There ain't no trains—yet!"

A minute after, New chum No. 3 (London Cockney)—"When's the next train to this 'ere gold desert?"

Fremantle Policeman—"There ain't no trains—as yet. Camels, mule, or foot it from Southern Cross!"

New Chum No. 3 (in gold-rimmed glasses)—"When's the next —?"

Fremantle Policeman—"What the — Oh, take the next steamer home, sonny. You won't live a week in 120 degrees in the shade! Spoil yer lovin' Picaadilly complexion!"

In twelve months the rush of feverish gold hunters rose to 4,000 per week. They came from California, from Africa, from the far earth's corners, where the gold cry set the strong red cupricules in the blood tingling.

**THE FIGHT WITH THE DESERT.**

The writer was amongst the first five hundred that reached Kalgoorlie. What it cost in human sweat, and the sheer, deadly fight with the desert, and scorching heat, only the men who essayed the trip in '94 could adequately answer.

In eight months Jim Bailey and Arthur Ford left for the coast, each worth \$300,000. Both died within two years after reaching eastern civilization. They both failed to withstand the pleasure darts of success, won so quickly, so completely. The old story! The old miner's falling.

As entirely distinct from Canadian and Californian gold rushes, this West Australian find was located in a country absolutely devoid of fresh water! From Southern Cross to Menzies, and from Menzies to Mount Malcolm (600 miles) the whole country was a red sandy desert.

Water! Yes, of a kind. All condensed, boiled and run through tubular evaporators to eliminate the salt.

**WATER GOLD'S PRICE.**

The cost. "Say, what's water today?" a camel man with a string of twelve dromedaries to a shrewd monopolist in water conservation, standing by the furnace of his galvanised iron condenser. The desert sun beats down with a heat that frizzled one.

"Camels \$10 a drink. You can have a gallon for a dollar!"

Fortunes were made in water, as well as in yellow slugs! At the Si-beria rush, 67 miles from Coolgardie, we paid \$1 a gallon for drinking water. In twelve days forty-three gold hunters perished along this trail from thirst. The disaster would have been greater but for the foresight of Warden Jack Finnerty, who sent out government camel teams with water from Coolgardie. Thirst! Mulga scrub and spinifer red sand and desolation! A death without a parallel in suffering.

**A MILLION A MINUTE.**

Fortunes were made and lost in a week. Jack Dunn (now Fellow Royal Geographical Society, London) halted his camels one morning eleven miles from Coolgardie, close to some iron-side ridges. He broke the cap off an out-cropping reef and saw a square foot of pure gold! The news got out, in thirty hours three thousand excited men had surrounded the discovery. Dunn and his partner kept guard with Winchester and revolver. Yet despite this some of the gold was stolen. A reward claim was granted, and the find sold by Dunn to the late Lord North (the Nitrate King) and the Earl of Pingal for \$250,000. This gold hole was called the Wealth of Nations, 27,000 ounces of gold having been taken from the outcrop of the reef in twelve days.

The excitement at this time was intense. Finds were made every day, and a poor man today would be on the desert trail to the coast tomorrow with a fortune.

**FEVER'S DEATH-DEALING HAND.**

There was a gruesome saddening side to this desert gold rush. Newcomers died like flies from typhoid and pneumonia. From 120 degrees in the shade during the day, the glass often fell to 25 degrees at night. No fresh milk for typhoid was to be had, and the deaths from this scourge reached 100 per week in Coolgardie in '95.

At Kanowna (White Feather) during the summer of '95 the only wood available for coffins were empty biscuit and bully-beef cases! Many were buried simply in their blue miner's blanket, unmarked graves, but not a few with well-marked memories!

**FINDS MADE DAILY.**

Two old sun-baked prospectors, Pat Hannan and Tom Flanagan, rode into

Coolgardie in November, '95, and applied for a reward claim for ground twenty-seven miles east. Practically all Coolgardie went back with them, if excitement reigned before, pandemonium was let loose now.

Twenty square miles of country was pegged out. Millions of pounds of British capital flowed into the western colony for the gold fields in a few months. A city was laid out at Hannan's Find. This was nine years ago.

Today this city of Kalgoorlie holds 40,000 people. Its square mile of the richest mines in the world produces over 160,000 ounces of gold bullion per month. The lowest wage offered is \$2.50 for eight hours' work, for here, as right throughout Australia, the eight hours' system is universal.

**A DESERT CITY.**

Electric cars from New York glide along the main streets. Pepper trees from Eastern Australia flourish along the sidewalks of Hannan street.

Fresh water from the great Darling Ranges on the coast, 400 miles distant, flows through huge steel pipes over the arid desert to the immense Mt. Charles lotte reservoir, Kalgoorlie.

From here it is reticulated to every camp, business house and mine in the mining camp.

This water scheme is the largest in the world, and is entirely unique, as the water had to be lifted by pumps a height of 1,500 feet on the desert trail to the gold fields. The scheme cost \$15,000,000, and reduced the price of water on the gold belt from \$20 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.35 per 1,000 gallons, CHINKS AND NEGROES BARRELED.

From Northam to Southern Cross, and from Kalgoorlie to Lake Way, 1,500 miles north, you can travel, and forget what a Chinaman or a negro looks like! The miners barred out these two types in the early days of '94. A parliamentary statute now closes the "miners' right" ledger to these aliens. Consequently the gold fields' population (excepting a few hundred Japanese) is exclusively white and English-speaking.

You can journey comfortably in the train over the government railways as far north as Mt. Malcolm, six hundred miles from Fremantle. The days of the camel and pack mule are gone. Also many of the heart-wringing obstacles that beset us in '94.

**THE GREAT THING IN THIRST.**

But the awful heat of the summer climate is still there. Never under 100 degrees in the shade, the glass often rises to 120. As a partial result, Kalgoorlie has a drinking reputation nulla scoundrel! To make a true goldfielder's thirst on a March day is an art difficult, artistic. A memory always! The saloons near the big mines realize fortunes.

Miner (in a noted saloon in Boulder Block) to mate—"Give it a name, Joe!"

Joe—"Let the bar-tender mix 'em; only let 'em have summat quick. Say, fix up an all-round thirst-shaker!"

This would cost them about \$1 each. The future of the great Australian gold fields is assured. Sulphide and tellurides have been discovered at 1,000 feet in some of the big mines on the Golden Mile, notably in the Golden Horsehoe and the Great Boulder. And new discoveries are even yet being made every week.

JAMES W. CARROLL.

# Wake Up Santa Claus

Or there will be nothing left for you to do. The people are flocking in to buy

## ELEGANT AND APPROPRIATE PRESENTS

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### J. CRAWFORD, 703 Main Street.

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Toys, Dolls, Games, Dominos, Checkers, Xmas Cards, 1c. to \$1; Picture Books, great variety, as low as one cent; Cloth Bound Books, Standard Authors, 25c.; Poets, 25c.; Playing Cards; Framers, Sleds, Doll Carriages and a great variety of Fancy and Staple Goods.

Never before has such a nice variety of goods been shown. Never have prices been so low. Come and be convinced. We have what you want at your own prices.

# DYKEMAN'S

## St. John's Christmas Store

So called because of the great congress of Useful Christmas goods therein displayed. Every season this store makes a point to gather together a class of goods that will be especially suitable for Christmas presents, and which will be especially useful and appreciated by the friends who will receive them.

**DRESS GOODS**—Always an acceptable present. A dress length, a waist length, a skirt length, or a suit length. All dress goods are sold at special prices for the balance of this month.



**SILKS**—Every lady appreciates a silk waist. See the lot of silks placed on our counter at half price. Many pretty taffeta silks that were priced \$1 per yard are now 50c. Three and a half yards make a waist, which will cost \$1.75.

**CHILDREN'S DRESSES**—Under the smoke sale prices these are just half what they were. About one hundred of these dresses are here to fit children from 6 to 12 years of age. The prices now run from \$1.50 to \$2.19. Their former prices were from \$3.00 to \$4.33.

**LADIES' NECKWEAR**—A very attractive collection. The range shown by us this season is by far the best we have shown you for some time. Especially are they attractive because of their exclusiveness. New York neckwear shown at our counters at prices from 25c. to \$1.50 each is distinctly different from any you will find in other stores.

**MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.**

**LADIES' KID GLOVES**—We mention one line in particular because it is a popular number and one which you can feel satisfied will prove satisfactory to the wearer. Our price for it is \$1.10. It is a real French kid glove with gusseted fingers, two dome fasteners and is perfect fitting. We have it in all sizes. This is a popular price for Christmas presents.

**MEN'S NECKTIES**—A line especially for the Christmas trade. All of the 50c. goods will be put in boxes.

**APPLIQUE PILLOW SHAMS AND BUREAU SCARFS**—We have a manufacturer's set of samples of these goods which have been placed on sale for the Christmas trade. They are a magnificent collection of dainty work and are sold at nearly half their regular price. One special lot which we have on sale is a pretty pair of open work applique pillow shams and bureau scarfs all for \$1.00.



**LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR SKIRTS**—Two lines just placed on sale Friday are attracting great attention. The prices are \$2.15 and \$2.75. Made from shawls, some in navy blue, dark grey and black. Sizes 36 to 44.

**SILK WAISTS**—A dainty line and one most acceptable for Christmas presents. Prices from \$2.75 to \$4.50.

**FURS**—You have still a chance to buy some of those furs which passed through the smoking. They are not injured one bit, but simply smell of smoke. You can buy nice collarettes at nearly half their regular price. A fine Thibet and seal skin caperine, price \$10.00, can now be bought for \$4.00. Collarettes all the way from 75c. to \$4.50.

**300 LADIES' FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS** sold at very special prices because they passed through the smoking which our stock received a short time ago. The prices now run from 85c. to \$1.50. These at \$1.50 are the regular \$2.75 quality. You will note that these are nearly all half price.

**CUSHION CORDS** in all colorings, 5c. per yard. Special price for next week. Cushion cord, the variegated fancy twist, regular 15c. quality for 12c.

**JUMBO CUSHION CORD** 25c. per yard.

**CORDS AND TASSELS**—Regular 50c. quality for 45c. Special price for next week.



**HANDKERCHIEFS**—Over six thousand handkerchiefs have been bought for this Christmas sale, and as they were in some time before the great advance in Swiss goods, they are sold at extraordinarily low prices. Pure linen handkerchiefs, hemstitched, from 10c. to 55c. each. Lace edged handkerchiefs with pure linen centres, from 10c. to 60c. each. Swiss handkerchiefs from 5c. to 65c. Fancy embroidered handkerchiefs from 5c. to 75c. each. White lawn, hemstitched handkerchiefs from 40c. per dozen up to 15c. each.

**POCKET BOOKS AND WRIST BARS**—A very extensive showing of these goods. Two excellent lines are placed on sale for Christmas presents. 50c. for the regular 60c. pocket book. 50c. for the regular 75c. pocket book, all leather.

## F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

**Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.**

James Merkel, of St. Andrew's school, Annapolis Royal, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Bank of Montreal in St. John.—Annapolis Spectator.

**WALTER S. POTTS**  
Auctioneer.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**CELEBRATED THROAT OPERA**—The celebrated throat opera, "The Song of the Lark," given at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 411.

Tonight, Morrell & Sutherland will sell children's 25c. books at half price—two for a quarter.

Everyone likes to use good cutlery, and we know of no place where such variety can be seen as at the stores of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 123 St. James street, until Christmas.

Christmas Trees for the children. Order promptly, as the supply is limited. Kirkpatrick. Tel. 1112.

Time enough left this evening to take advantage of A. Gilmour's Overcoat Sale. See advertisement.

A special sale of silk waists is advertised for Monday morning by Messrs. Morrell & Sutherland. For particulars see advertisement in this issue.

We would call your attention to the special offering of a floral photo holder free. See advertisement of the Linton & Sinclair Co., Ltd., 37 Dock street.

We can still make a few more sittings for Xmas. Large 8x10 photo given away with every dozen from \$3.00 and up. At ISAAC ERB & SON'S. Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. will be open in the evenings of Christmas week as follows: Nine o'clock, Monday, Dec. 21, Tuesday, Dec. 22, ten o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 23, eleven o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

This week has been an exception to the general rule, in that the number of male births in this city exceeded the female. The numbers were respectively fourteen and seven. There were sixteen marriages recorded.

It is understood that Rev. Geo. M. Young has declined the call recently received from the church at Tryon. Mr. Young is now in charge of the First Methodist church in Charlottetown and will be succeeded in July by Rev. Mr. Dobson. Tryon is a country district.

Sergt. John Wandlass, of the South African Constabulary, has secured his honorable discharge, and has left for home, via England. He is expected to arrive here about the middle of January.—Fredericton Gleaser.

A miniature electric railway and a large windmill form the central attractions in the windows of F. R. Patterson & Co., corner of Duke and Charlotte streets. These are attractively set off in a background of dry goods, etc., the whole forming a display that is proving a drawing card.

Capt. Fugley, of the U. N. B. hockey team, says that he expects to have a strong team on the ice this winter, although the students are under a disadvantage in not getting their regular practices started until after Christmas vacation. He hopes to arrange for practices for the students that remain in Fredericton during the holidays.

F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store is particularly attractive in its holiday garb. The goods on sale there have been selected with an idea of utility and attractiveness, and persons undecided what to buy for Christmas presents could do no better than to stroll through their premises. Their large advertisement on page eight will be found profitable reading.

It is not often that three unusually large men are seen together. This was one of the sights at Tignish station last night, when the Rev. Dougald MacDonald, D. A. MacKinnon, M. P., and D. Pottiner, general manager government railways were standing together in the waiting room. The clergyman and the railway man stood 6 feet 1-3 inches and the politician 6 feet 2 inches. Many remarked the incident.—Charlottetown Patriot.

Briar and meerschaum pipes at low prices, at Louis Green's.

The Victoria Rink, "bigger," brighter and better than ever, remodelled, improved and equipped in a most thorough manner. Lighted by electricity, heated by steam and attended by the best, will be opened to the public Wednesday evening, December 23. Season tickets make acceptable Christmas gifts.

With four steamers on the service, two of them being ice-breakers, and open navigation, no mails reached P. E. Island on either Wednesday or Thursday. It was hoped that the mail which arrived at Pictou on Wednesday would be taken over yesterday.

French briar pipes in cases, with a three inch pure amber mouthpiece, 55c. each at Louis Green's.

### A GREAT PLAY.

The W. S. Harkins company scored a clear hit in "Secret Service" last night, there being none of the hitches of the previous night to mar the complete success of the performance.

The play, a stirring story of the days of the American civil war, when men held their lives as of little worth beside the good of their cause, and the women were as loyal as the men, is of fascinating interest. From the rise of the first curtain till the fall of the last, a succession of incidents is hurried before the eyes of the audience, compelling their eager attention without a second's let up. And the company, with hardly an exception, threw themselves into the spirit of the piece faultlessly.

Mr. Galbraith, as the Union scout, did splendid work. His acting was full of suppressed power, and in such instances as the thrilling scene in the telegraph office, when, under the eyes of eager enemies, he wins, by a magnificent exhibition of quiet nerve, his chance to ruin the Confederate cause by the sending of false despatches, he held his audience breathless. Miss Deane, as Edith Varney, the Confederate General's daughter, in love with the secret service man, was superb in her part, and Miss Raffeto, as her mother, did strong work.

Tonight the company closes its engagement with Augustin Daly's great melodrama, "Under the Gaslight," with a fine equipment of scenery and effects.

Entertainment is provided in the nature of a "Mysterious Goetz."

During the day a large number of people visited the sale.

### CHRISTMAS SALE.

The ladies of the Guild of Saint Monica, of the Mission church, Paradise Row, opened this morning in the rooms of the Church of England Institute, a Christmas sale, which will continue to nine o'clock this evening. The rooms have been tastefully decorated, and with the abundance of good things spread around, bear unmistakably the cheer of the season. A tea will be served this evening.

The Kindergarten is the great need of the public schools and when our citizens and school boards awake to this fact no canvassing for money to carry on Kindergartens will be necessary.

MRS. H. H. PICKETT.

### BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE.

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### THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The treasurer thankfully acknowledges, in response to their annual appeal, the following subscriptions: R. B. Patchell, \$2.00; Mrs. E. H. Lister, \$3.00; Miss Lister, \$1.00; James F. Robertson, \$3.00; C. F. Brown, \$3.00; Edward Bates, \$5.00; W. H. Murray, \$12.00; George C. Coeter, \$5.00; Mrs. James Fleming, \$2.00; Mr. D. Walker, \$3.00; Judge McLeod, \$5.00; T. S. Simms, \$10.00; W. F. Leonard, \$5.00; J. Sydney Kaye, \$1.00; Door Keepers' Circle, King's Daughters, \$25.00; George E. Harbour, \$15.00 (Amount still required \$300.00).

### TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the teacher's institute, Dr. H. S. Bridges read a very excellent paper on school government. He pointed out that what was most essential to successful teaching was tact rather than talent, practical ability rather than theories.

W. A. Brown spoke briefly endorsing Dr. Bridges' paper. Thanks of the Institute were tendered the retiring president, W. D. Brown. The High School orchestra was given \$10 and the janitor \$2.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

The steamer Brunswick, Capt. Lenkton, while coming up the harbor last evening from Canina, narrowly escaped running down a small boat in which three or four men were crossing the harbor from the direction of Sand Point. The shouts of the occupants of the small boat was the first warning that those on board the steamer had of the danger of a collision. The wheel of the steamer was thrown over just in time and as the Brunswick swept by but a few feet intervened.

### REV. H. D. MARR FOR CARLETON.

Rev. H. D. Marr, of the Courtenay Bay Methodist circuit, received yesterday a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Canso, N. S. As Mr. Marr has already accepted a call to the Carleton church, he will be compelled to decline this flattering offer.

### HOLY LAND ORANGES.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a fine lot of oranges grown in Palestine. Imported expressly for Xmas trade. Also Spanish Oranges in fancy gold papers. If the retail trade wants something fine call at Potts & Co's, Market square.

Finest quality cigars in small boxes, 15c. a box, at Louis Green's.

### THIS EVENING.

W. S. Harkins company at the Opera House in "Under the Gaslight." St. Monica Guild sale in the Church of England Institute. St. John Co. District Division visits St. George's Division.

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### FOR FAMILY USE

**GOLDEN EAGLE**

IS THE BEST FLOUR.

### PERSONALS.

The engagement of Miss Louise Morse, daughter of L. S. Morse, Digby, inspector of schools, to J. E. Allen, of the Bank of New Brunswick staff of St. John, is announced.

Mrs. Edward Sears, announces the engagement of Harold Gustard Sears, formerly of this city, son of ex-Mayor Sears, to Miss Margaret Conklin, of Minneapolis, Minn.

### STREET RAILWAY POWER.

Although quite a number of men are employed at the street railway power house, it will probably be five or six months before the new machinery is all in running order. Two of the engines are here and are being set up, but there is a third which has not yet been received. The Leonard engine, a small one to be used as a starter, is about ready, and the men are now working on the 500 h. p. cross compound, purchased from the Robb concern. This looks like two large engines with an enormous electrical generator between them. It is expected that this new generator will take the place of the four engines now in use.

The idea of the new work is to give a direct current from the one machine and thus do away with the belted units now in the power house.

The new work is being set up in the north east corner of the building, formerly occupied by the Candy Co.'s building, and the second large engine will be placed directly to the rear of the one now here.

### THE FREE KINDERGARTEN.

The Kindergarten committee acknowledges with thanks the following: Mrs. L. B. Knight, \$2. Barnes & Co., cardboard. D. F. Brown & Co., colored paper. W. H. Morait, thermometer.

Dozens of money to carry on this missionary work are most needed and at Xmas time will not the friends of the little ones remember? The members of the committee have not had time to call on all those who must want to help this good cause. Will they please take this as a personal appeal and send a subscription now?

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The treasurer thankfully acknowledges, in response to their annual appeal, the following subscriptions: R. B. Patchell, \$2.00; Mrs. E. H. Lister, \$3.00; Miss Lister, \$1.00; James F. Robertson, \$3.00; C. F. Brown, \$3.00; Edward Bates, \$5.00; W. H. Murray, \$12.00; George C. Coeter, \$5.00; Mrs. James Fleming, \$2.00; Mr. D. Walker, \$3.00; Judge McLeod, \$5.00; T. S. Simms, \$10.00; W. F. Leonard, \$5.00; J. Sydney Kaye, \$1.00; Door Keepers' Circle, King's Daughters, \$25.00; George E. Harbour, \$15.00 (Amount still required \$300.00).

### TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the teacher's institute, Dr. H. S. Bridges read a very excellent paper on school government. He pointed out that what was most essential to successful teaching was tact rather than talent, practical ability rather than theories.

W. A. Brown spoke briefly endorsing Dr. Bridges' paper. Thanks of the Institute were tendered the retiring president, W. D. Brown. The High School orchestra was given \$10 and the janitor \$2.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

The steamer Brunswick, Capt. Lenkton, while coming up the harbor last evening from Canina, narrowly escaped running down a small boat in which three or four men were crossing the harbor from the direction of Sand Point. The shouts of the occupants of the small boat was the first warning that those on board the steamer had of the danger of a collision. The wheel of the steamer was thrown over just in time and as the Brunswick swept by but a few feet intervened.

### REV. H. D. MARR FOR CARLETON.

Rev. H. D. Marr, of the Courtenay Bay Methodist circuit, received yesterday a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Canso, N. S. As Mr. Marr has already accepted a call to the Carleton church, he will be compelled to decline this flattering offer.

### HOLY LAND ORANGES.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a fine lot of oranges grown in Palestine. Imported expressly for Xmas trade. Also Spanish Oranges in fancy gold papers. If the retail trade wants something fine call at Potts & Co's, Market square.

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### THIS EVENING.

W. S. Harkins company at the Opera House in "Under the Gaslight." St. Monica Guild sale in the Church of England Institute. St. John Co. District Division visits St. George's Division.

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