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- Tan Cashmere Hose**, sizes, 6½, 7, 7½, 8; regular 25c and 35c. Saturday night, pair..... **10c**
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- Black Mercerized Sateen Skirts**, regular \$1.25 lines. Saturday night, each..... **75c**
- Velveteens**, regular 35c. Colors: cardinal, brown, navy and gray. To clear at yard..... **20c**
- Black Silk Velvet**, beautiful quality, regular 40c. Saturday night, yard..... **15c**
- Table Linens**, two pieces, regular 25c. To clear Saturday night, yard..... **20c**
- Ladies' Flannelette Gowns**, in pink, blue and white, worth \$1.25 and splendid value at..... **75c**
- Ladies' White Flannelette Gowns**, lace trimmed and worth 90c each. Saturday night sale, each..... **59c**

HOW TO REVEAL YOUR AFFECTION

Home-Made Holiday Presents and Tokens.

Ornamental and Useful Trinkets That Are Acceptable and Handy.

When the girl had gathered all her gifts in her boudoir on Christmas night and closed the door, she picked up a silky object, surveyed it for a moment, then put it back on the table with a pat.

"And I really like you best of all," she whispered, "because mother's love went into the making of you."

That is a common feeling. A home-made Christmas present has more value and is more appreciated than any article purchased in a shop; in every stitch is a loving thought for the one who is fortunate enough to receive it.

It is amazing how beautiful an object can be made with a yard of linen, a few skeins of embroidery silk and an attractive design. Here are a few hints for the woman who always makes it a point to put love into her gifts to family and dearest friends.

ATTRACTIVE VEIL CASE.

In this age of many veils, a convenient and dainty receptacle for their safe keeping becomes almost a necessity. This extremely pretty one is practical as well as ornamental, and can be made from a number of materials. The peculiar and essential feature is the arrangement of the ribbons on the inside. These are four in number, and each should be an inch in width. The ends of each piece are attached to different sides of the case; that is to say, the two ribbons that are crossed at the center are attached to the outer edge of the upper section of the cover and to the inner edge of the lower section, and the ribbons that are placed straight in exactly the opposite manner, or to the inner edge of the upper section and to the outer edge of the lower.

By this arrangement the case is made to open at both sides, and the simple act of closing and opening it causes a veil laid flat on either side, to be held fast beneath the ribbons, which are transference.

The outside of the case can be of linen, silk, suede or leather, decorated with painting or needlework, or again, it may be of brocade or flowered silk and left without further ornamentation. In any case, the inside should be padded and perfumed and covered with some soft silk.

The foundation for the case is two pieces of cardboard of equal size. Each of these must be covered inside and out and completely finished before the ribbons are attached. When this first step is taken the two are held together, but a ribbon tied neatly about the whole makes an attractive finish.

GROUP OF NOVELTIES.

Pin cushions, photograph frames and pretty bags always find a welcome, no matter how many already may be possessed.

The convenience of a pin cushion, **Hood's Sarsaparilla**

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Unites the best-known vegetable remedies, by such a combination, proportion and process as to have curative power peculiar to itself.

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which can be hung at the side of a mirror or in some similar position, is self-evident. A novel and useful one can be made from a large-size doll's parasol. To get the best results one of some bright-colored silk should be used. It must be closed and the cover tucked to the stick at each rib; then each of the sections becomes separated from every other and can be fitted at the top and stuffed either with brush or wool wadding picked into bits. When the cushions are slipped into place they can be tucked firmly to position and the parasol further ornamented with bows of ribbon tied on wherever fancy indicates. To make the best foundation the parasol should have a hooked handle by which it can be hung, but should such not be obtainable, a ribbon loop can be attached to a handle of any sort.

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

The demand for photograph frames knows no limit. Any slightly novel sort meets with as hearty an approval as if it were the first of its kind.

A really charming novelty can be evolved from a bit of chamois silk left in its original shape. The charm lies in the irregularity of its edges, which should not be trimmed. The opening is cut round, square or oblong, as preferred, and is supplied with four brass prong holders, two of which are pressed through the leather and turned back against the skin until needed. When the holder is turned down against the back where the other remains already should be of the line. The upper edge is turned under to form a fringe, and the surface is decorated with a fine, delicate fire-etching, as preferred. The upper edge is turned under to form a hem, and into this hem is slipped a little brass rod, which keeps the frame in shape. To the end of the rod is attached the ribbon hanger, which terminates in a bow or rosette.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Handkerchiefs seem ever to be serving some new use. One of the latest is the making of dainty bags for fancy work and for carrying pocket money. This sort requires two handkerchiefs, the size used by men or small mufflers. They should be of the same material, and the edges of which is faced to form a circular opening. The handkerchief is folded in half, and the edge of the fold is inserted in an ordinary wooden embroidery ring, as narrow as obtainable. The embroidered handkerchief is then laid flat, and the two are stitched together on the line of the hem. Ribbon bows are attached to each end, and the finished gift can be made from handkerchiefs of a bureau cover. For this three or four are required, according to size, and they can be as simple or elaborate as desired. White embroidered handkerchiefs are always desired, but there are also many novelties in color that can be utilized with good effect. But to get the best results the edges should be plain.

Whatever the number and whatever the style, handkerchiefs should have a lace insertion at the ends, and then all be joined together to form a strip by stitching on the inside. A decorative effect can be gained by threading all the beading with colored ribbon, terminating in bows of many loops. Fine plain handkerchiefs with embroidery of small flowers in color are exceedingly dainty and attractive, and many other varieties may be made.

USEFUL TRIFLES.

The gift that combines utility with beauty is often the most welcome of all. Catchalls can never be too numerous. The simple three-cornered form is by no means new, but becomes novel when made from unfamiliar materials. Such a one consists of a square of plain Japanese or Chinese fine quality of matting, pointed at the four corners, and the edges of the covering is a fringe of lace, which forms a dainty.

A still further decorative effect can be gained by threading all the beading with colored ribbon, terminating in bows of many loops. Fine plain handkerchiefs with embroidery of small flowers in color are exceedingly dainty and attractive, and many other varieties may be made.

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may be desired, are laid one over the other. Then two covers of the exact size are made and placed, one beneath and one on top of the pile. The holes are carefully drilled through each one, and the cords are threaded in and out through the entire number, binding them together, and terminate in knots and ends.

Manners in Business.

The value of brains in business cannot be overestimated, of course, but neither can the value of manners. Don't make the error of supposing that brains are everything. You may have the best set of brains in the town, but if you haven't the manners of a gentleman nobody is going to appreciate you. Your manner is the outward indication of what you are within, in the estimate of most people, and if the manner is disagreeable few will take the trouble to examine into you any further.

The consensus of general opinion is that the man who goes about with poor manners, as his manners haven't brains worth bothering about. If you never notice that the men who employ large forces of intelligent people look at him with a frown, a few seemingly unimportant questions and promptly employ or dismiss him; they don't sound his brain depth; they don't look for his brains; they don't inquire into his social standing; they size him up from his manners and his little brass rod, which keeps the frame in shape. To the end of the rod is attached the ribbon hanger, which terminates in a bow or rosette.

The employer knows that if an applicant's manner strikes him favorably it will also favorably strike his boss, with whom he comes in contact in his work. And nobody knows better than a big business man that a favorable first impression means half the sale. People are apt to think that if there is any place where manners are of little consequence, it is in business, where cold calculation so largely takes the place of feeling. But the truth is that nowhere else are manners of such importance as in business. There is no capital and equipment any young man can have that will pay him better than good manners. There is no possible calling for which this does not better fit him. If he has his mind better than good manners, he will have a hard time collecting it—Kansas City World.

To Receive Free Medicine.

The Dr. T. A. Slocum Company, Limited, Toronto, are distributing free to every home in London a large box of Dr. Slocum's Colic-Soother. Without a penny to pay, the citizens are asked to accept this generous offer for themselves in order that they may be able to give it to their friends. This large distribution, coming as it does from the entire town, will be a very heavy cost, it goes to show the great faith that Dr. Slocum has in his remedy, and also shows his ability to read the signs aright, namely, that the people of London, though they may be conservative, are not slow to demand the best once they become convinced after this large contribution takes place, that Dr. Slocum's Colic-Soother is all that it is claimed to be—the best.

Holiday Gifts.

Feather cushions, 50 cents each; down cushions, tea cosies, feather pillows, in art tickings. Feathered sold by the pound. Mattresses, springs, iron beds, large stock of stoves at J. F. Hunt & Sons', feather pillow and mattress manufacturers, 55 Richmond street, north. Telephone 597.

Thanks for your generous patronage at Christmas. Don't forget to leave your New Year's order for Old Scotch, etc., with P. J. Watt. ywt

A SUCCESSFUL MEDICINE.—Every one wishes to be successful in any undertaking in which he may engage. It is, therefore, particularly gratifying to the proprietors of Parke's Vegetable Pills to know that their efforts to compound a medicine which would prove a blessing to mankind have been successful beyond their expectations. The indorsement of these Pills by the public is a guarantee that a pill has been produced which will fulfill everything claimed for it.

The Legislative Assembly of Cape Colony has passed a Bill for the purpose of amending the Transvaal, Orange River Colony, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia was parties provided for a 10 per cent preference in favor of Great Britain and reciprocating colonies.

MINARD'S LINIMENT IS USED BY PHYSICIANS.

JANUARY'S DIVIDENDS

Enormous Sum of \$134,000,000 Will Be Distributed.

New York, Dec. 26. According to statistics compiled by the Journal of Commerce, dividend and interest disbursements to be paid in January next by the leading railroad and industrial companies, local banks, trust companies, and traction corporations, also interest payable on the Government debt, will reach a total of \$134,000,000. This sum is about \$2,000,000 greater than the total payments of January, 1902, but it is a decrease compared with the semi-annual payments in July last, which were \$136,000,000, the highest on record. Interest payments by railroads and traction companies are the largest item, and had it not been for what seems to be a general effort to make payments on new issues fall in some other season of the year, this undoubtedly being to avoid disturbances to the money market.

Cavalry Dispersed Fobs.

Lyons, France, Dec. 26.—Labor demonstrations here yesterday resulted in dispersal of the cavalry to clear the streets of a few of the demonstrators were injured, and several arrests were made.

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN—\$500,000 PRIVATE and trust funds on first mortgage, at 5 per cent; also on second mortgage, at 6 per cent. Tennant & Coleridge, barristers, solicitors, notaries, etc., 78 Dundas street, ywt

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN AT 5 AND 6½ per cent. Apply J. W. G. Winnett, solicitor, 418½ Dundas street. ywt

PRIVATE FUNDS AT LOWEST RATES. P. McDonagh, barrister, 418 Talbot street. ywt

PRIVATE AND TRUST FUNDS TO LOAN AT 4½ to 5½ per cent on real estate security, in sums to suit. No commission charged. T. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 418 Dundas street, London. ywt

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN—LOWEST rates. Buchner & Gunn, 83 Dundas street. ywt

MONEY TO LOAN—EASY TERMS: lowest rate. Avery Casey, barrister, 57½ Dundas street, London. ywt

INSURANCE.

Queen Insurance Co.

Funds available for security of Queen policyholders. \$4,000,000. A. Nelles, Agent, 428 Richmond street ywt

E. J. MACROBERT,

Insurance Agent, representing stock and mutual companies, life, fire and accident. Office, Room 107, Masonic Temple. Phone 448. London, Ont. ywt

SIGN PAINTING.

GLEN BROS., 276 DUNDAS STREET—Headquarters for electric illuminated signs.

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

PEOPLE'S MOVING VAN—LARGEST in city. A. Henderson, corner Colborne and Chesapeake. Phone 1724.

HOUSE TO RENT—COTTAGE ON corner of High street and Grand avenue, containing eight rooms. 5c

TO RENT—MODERN HOUSE, IN GOOD order; splendid locality. Apply S. J. Glass, Hecox building. 517-7

STORE—27 DUNDAS; GETTING NEW fixtures; \$25 month. Cameron Brown, 306 King. 721

TO LET—TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING, ten rooms; all modern conveniences. Apply, care of C. A. Blinn, 130 Milligan, Cataraugus, N. Y.

TWO OFFICES WITH VAULTS, ALBION buildings. Apply to T. H. Garth at the Brewery. 621

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Elgin, Cataraugus, N. Y. South London, late of London Furniture Company. Phone 310.

FOREST CITY MOVING VANS, 857 Talbot street, Residence, 554½ Waterloo. Telephone 144. Broughton-McKinnon.

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H. V. CATON, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, 307 Oxford street, near Waterloo.

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JOHN H. WILSON, VETERINARY surgeon—Office and residence, 846 Richmond street. Phone 430.

TENNENT & BARNES, VETERINARY surgeons—Office, 17 King street; residence, 117 King street, corner King and Wellington. Phone 638 and 278. Treatments of dogs a specialty.

W. R. KINCAID, VETERINARY SURGEON—Twenty years' experience. Office, 117 King street, 846 Richmond street. Phone 430.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE—BLACKSMITH AND WOOD shop; house and stable and acre of ground. Address Box 64, Advertiser office, London. 88n

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Tailoring and Dressmaking Departments.

We make ladies' own materials into suits, skirts, waists and coats after latest styles. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Suits, \$3.50 to \$5. Skirts, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Waists, \$1 to \$1.50. Coats, \$3 to \$3.50. Six days to make.

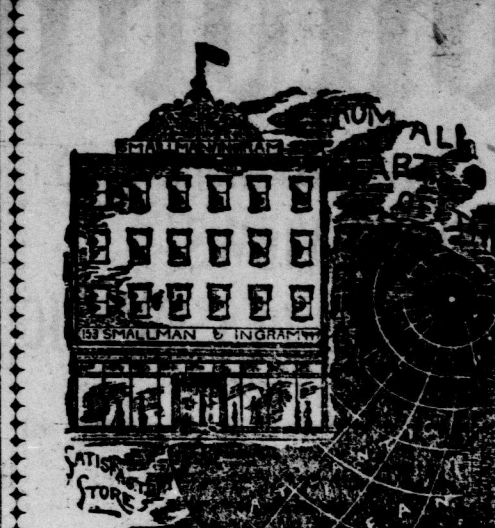
N. SOUTHCOOT, 12 Market Lane, Upstairs.

WELLAND CANAL.

Tenders for supplies for the year 1904.

Sealed tenders for supplies, addressed to the Superintendent Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 20 o'clock on Monday, the 12th of January, 1904, for the supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Carriage Paints, Oils, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1904. Specifications, forms of tender and other information may be obtained at the Superintendent Engineer's office, St. Catharines, on and after Monday, the 22nd December, 1903.

The lowest and any tender not necessary. L. K. JONES, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Dec. 19, 1903. 88c-wy



After the Great Rush

AFTER the great rush of Christmas Eve we are bound to have many left-overs to dispose of. This announcement had to be written before we were able to determine just how low the prices could be marked on odd lines, consequently we are unable to give a detailed list of the many bargains offering. But you can depend upon getting the full worth of your money in every department of the store.

In the rush perhaps many were overlooked who did not overlook you, and it now devolves upon you to remember them.

A New Year's Gift Opens the Way.

We will have for Saturday and next week many remarkable reductions on goods most suitable for New Year's Presents—goods that we will not carry over if we can help it. Do not miss them, even though you should not require them for friends. They will be useful and serviceable for your own use.

Many Toys have been marked down to prices that will enable you to secure articles for your children that you fully expected Santa Claus would bring, but which he perhaps misunderstood. Those who yet have Christmas trees and other entertainments to bring on will do well to remember this special opportunity. Every Toy in stock must be sold, as this is a special department that we close out right after the First of January.

Wishing You the Compliments of the Season.

Smallman & Ingram,

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

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NEW YORK—GEORGE MOREHEAD, attorney and counselor-at-law, notary public and Notary, New York City. Formerly of firm of Meredith, Morehead & Judd, London, Canada. Special attention to Canadian business. 3f

J. J. MASON, B.A., M.D., 387 RICHMOND street. Phone 288.

DR. BATESON, 58 RICHMOND street. Telephone 1135.

DR. J. B. CAMPBELL, 330 DUNDAS street. Hours, 12 to 4 and 6 to 8.

DR. MEER, QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON—Specialty, diseases of women. Hours, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

HADLEY WILLIAMS, M.D., F.R.C.S. (England)—Specialist, surgical diseases only. 68 Park avenue. Phone 284.

DR. McLELLAN, HOMOEOPATHIST—Graduate New York Eye and Ear Hospital, 1881. Specialist eye, ear, nose and throat only. 467 Talbot street.

DR. JAMES D. WILSON, CORNER Talbot and Pallaton. Special attention paid to diseases of children.

DR. RAYLY, 21 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Specialty, diseases of children. Phone 827.

R. OVENS, M.D., 25 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Eye, ear, nose and throat.

R. W. SHAW, M.D., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (England), Office, 27 King street. Telephone 233.

DR. C. P. JENITO, 37 QUEEN'S AVENUE. Phone 328.

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE and residence, 290 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases of women and children. Office hours, 11:30 to 4 p.m.

DR. MACLEAN HAS REMOVED. 448 Park avenue. Telephone 740.

DR. BAUFORD, QUEEN'S AVENUE, opposite St. Andrew's Church—Diseases of women and children. Phone 22.

DR. W. J. STEVENSON, 331 DUNDAS street. Phone 510. Special attention diseases of women and surgery.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

MARRIAGE DIRECTORY—FREE to all; pay when married; new plan; send no money. For particulars address H. A. Horton, Department 33, Tekonsha, Mich.

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T. W. SCANDRETT—BARRISTER, solicitor, etc., 38 Dundas street, London.

GIBBONS & HARPER—BARRISTERS, etc., London. Office, corner Richmond and Carling streets. George C. Gibbons, K.C., Fred P. Harper.

JARVIS & VINING—BARRISTERS, etc., 101 Dundas street. C. G. Jarvis; Jarvin Vining, B.A.

McVEY & FERRIN—BARRISTERS, solicitors, Robinson Hall Chambers, opposite Court House. Money to loan.

PURDON & PURDON—BARRISTERS, solicitors, etc., 138 Dundas street, near Court House. Money to loan.

W. H. BARTRAM—BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc.—Office, Dundas street.

E. B. STONE—BARRISTER, ETC., Masonic Temple.

STUART & GUNN—BARRISTERS, ETC., Office, 112 Masonic Temple. Alex. Stuart, K.C.; George C. Gunn.

T. H. LUSCOMBE—BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc., 138 Dundas street, near Richmond. Money at lowest rates.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, DEC. 26.

The Municipal Elections.

There is abroad an earnest desire that Mayor Beck should permit his name to go before the ratepayers for a third term. So far as we understand the situation, Mr. Beck is the only one heard offering objection to such a course—London Free Press.

Everyone in touch with civic affairs will appreciate this joke, knowing that Mayor Beck wants a third term and intends to offer for it. The same solemn farce was gone through last year. The mayor coveted a second term, but he was afraid that it would be regarded as selfishness in view of his election to the Legislature; so he shammed reluctance. His managers saw to it that he was coaxed by a petition and he yielded to "pressure," on the pretext that he desired to wind up the unfinished business. The same excuse is paraded this year. His organ is put up to represent his worship as objecting to a renomination and to manufacture a demand for it. There is a characteristic trickiness in this. Mr. Beck has set his heart on a third term. Why not frankly ask for it, instead of assuming a coyness which deceives nobody?

The past year has been a commonplace one at the city hall. The unfinished business which the mayor wound up would be hard to find with a search warrant, unless we except the nurses' home. Any other man in the mayor's chair could have handled this and perhaps handled it more economically. The Free Press complains of the civic pace and raps the council over the knuckles thus:

If there are items of expenditure which can be cut down a peg, why not do it? Is it necessary always to be driving at full steam? Is it truly courageous to keep the books padded merely because it was set in a boom time? With the incoming of the new year it might be well to examine in heroic spirit how economies may be introduced and the pace slackened to give the ratepayers breathing time.

The mayor should put that in his pipe and smoke it. The one conspicuous feature of his municipal record has been the alarming growth of hospital expenditure.

The council this year has been free from the scandals of the previous year, but its virtues have been of the negative order, as it has originated nothing important and has dealt only with routine matters. In one respect, however, the councils of 1902 and 1903 have been thoroughly censurable. They have aided in imposing on London the American party boss and spoils system, which is the curse of municipal government in the United States.

We have had Liberal and Conservative councils in the past, and the aldermen have often divided on party lines in the matter of municipal appointments. They were free, however, to vote as they pleased without dictation from party bosses. Last year and this year we have had a council controlled by an outside organization. Municipal appointments have been made by a non-municipal clique and the majority of the aldermen have been so many rubber stamps to register the decrees of the wirepullers of the Conservative Club. The system has been perfected under Mayor Beck, who has shown a new and rabid species of partisanship. The aldermanic slate is drawn up in the club, and the names of the machine nominees are printed on cardboard slips for distribution among the voters. The Conservative alderman who dares to kick over the party traces knows that he must pay the penalty. His name is left off the ticket as an intimation to the faithful to give him the knife on election day.

The system has its disadvantages and the bosses are finding that their chickens are coming home to roost. As a place on the ticket is an assurance of getting the party vote, more or less, a competition has developed which is very disturbing to the plans of the machine. Some party henchmen, who are not wanted, are pressing for recognition and one or two of the aldermen, who are no strength to the ticket, object to being dropped. It is no secret that a lively row is in progress behind the scenes. A great many Conservatives deprecate the present state of affairs and are ready to support good men, who will not be dominated by either political party. It is a reproach to the city of London, that it has tolerated this machine rule for two years. The Jack-in-the-box candidates should be marked for defeat, and if a few men of the right calibre will come out, the machine will be overturned by the votes of independent men in both parties, who regard any connection between party politics and municipal administration as a detriment to the best interests of the city.

Today's Bye-Election.

A victory for the Opposition in North Renfrew today would be more a matter of regret than surprise. The riding is not a stable or reliable one from a party standpoint. It has been inclined to follow men rather than measures and persons rather than parties. It used to be a pocket borough for the Whites, family members of which represented the riding in the Commons and Legislature at various times. The late member in the Legislature, Mr. Monroe, a wealthy lumberman, popular and much respected, won it easily for the Liberals. The present Liberal candidate, Mr. Hale, is not so well known to the electors, and appears to have been somewhat diffident in his canvass. A dispatch in a friendly newspaper says he had been "stimulated" to take the platform by the completion of his organizing committee. In a constituency where so much depends upon the personality of the candidate, Mr. Hale may have lost ground while waiting for a stimulus which he should have been the first to impart. It is only within the past few days that he has mounted the hustings, but he is described as a capable speaker who has underestimated his own powers. His opponent, Mr. Dunlop, has been active and aggressive for months, and may have stolen a march. The result may show that Mr. Hale sacrificed his chances by not throwing himself into the campaign earlier than he did.

What effect Ganey may have had can only be conjectured. A prominent member of the White family has publicly held him up to scorn. Mr. Thomas Crawford, the Conservative M. P. for West Toronto, refused to appear on the platform with him, and Mr. Dunlop, while tacitly encouraging his presence in the riding, has taken good care not to be seen with him. Mr. Dunlop, however, has openly welcomed the malefactor, and has handed over his organization to Robert Birmingham. It is certain that Ganey will claim the credit if the Opposition succeeds, as he did in Muskoka, and that a victory would tighten his grip on the Conservative party and enable him to continue to defy its decent elements who would gladly be rid of him if they could.

Another uncertain factor is the shantymen's vote. Several hundred electors have returned home for Christmas from the lumber camps, and are an unknown quantity politically. Altogether there is no basis for an intelligent forecast of the result, and the inferences to be drawn from it, which ever way it goes, will not be very clear or conclusive.

We sincerely hope Dunlop will be punctured today.

Can't the newspapers postpone this Hudson Bay trouble till warm weather?

Civic nominations Monday. Good men are needed. Why not run yourself?

A week-end Christmas has its advantages. Sunday is a day of rest for the digestion.

Tonight we shall know whether that precious pair of Boots-Birmingham and Ganey—are good election runners.

The Free Press says no one has been heard objecting to Mayor Beck's renomination but himself. Better call up Ald. Judd.

The Toronto Conservatives wisely refused to put up a candidate against Mayor Urquhart, though Toronto is strongly Conservative. Their resolution to keep politics out of municipal affairs is commended to the party managers in London.

That Which is Love.

[S. E. Kiser.]
That is not Love which halts
To ask about the way,
Which stops, beholding faults,
To let calm reason sway.

That is not Love which tries
To see beyond the brink,
Which, ere it breaks the ties,
Sits gravely down to think.

Love does not stay to heed
Sense's counsel of the mind;
That which is Love indeed
Is daft as well as blind.

Waterloo and Blucher.

[Goldwin Smith.]
The German Emperor is a sort of human fire-cracker bouncing about and exploding in directions often unforeseen, probably by himself. He has now insulted British pride by saying that Blucher and the Prussians saved the British army from destruction at Waterloo. The British army was in no danger of destruction. If forced to retire, it would have retired in order for that commander had formed his plan. It possibly might have had to retire from a position which it had held through the day against a force vastly superior in numbers, the Belgian auxiliaries counting for almost nothing, and overwhelmingly superior in artillery, had not Blucher and the Prussians come up. But it was on the assurance that Blucher and the Prussians would come up that battle was accepted. That was the game, and the game was won.

Love and Twenty Years.

[New York World.]
Twenty years is a long time in the book of love. Some readers might lose the place. Not so Mr. James Ackerson, of Fairview, N. J. Not so Mrs. James Ackerson, who until this very Christmas week was Miss Amelia Grace Northernman, of Northford, N. J.

In the very early eighties Miss Northernman and Mr. Ackerson were betrothed. One day, out driving, he struck his horse. "If you would beat a poor dumb animal," said she, in effect, "you would beat your wife." So she stepped out of his wagon and for 29 years out of his life.

Sometimes love, like charity, "suffereth long and is kind." Here was one of those rare instances. Destiny waited on the years, and lo! a sprightly ankle for Miss Northernman beside a Jersey highway, with nobody coming near but Mr. Ackerson in his automobile. "I can save you," said he, "or I can leave you down there. We love each other. Please forget." That was last week. It is now the honeymoon. Mr. Ackerson may be congratulated. But more so Mrs. Ackerson. It is not likely that the omen of the whip will be fulfilled. Nevertheless, those 20 years—they are a pity!

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For that View Feeling.
[Belleville Intelligence.]
King Edward says that electric light baths are responsible for his activity. Why not give the Belleville Board of Trade a course of electric light baths?

A Descriptive Army.
[Montreal Witness.]
The wide difference between the German conscript army and the British volunteer army is seen at once, for the vile and cruel treatment of privates in the one is unthinkable in the other. The person of a British private soldier is as sacred from the touch of his superior officer as the officer is from assault by his inferior. But in the German army the poor private may be kicked, or even beaten, and yet have no redress. He dares not complain, for to complain is a crime in the German army.

Indication of Interest.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Teacher is interested in you, pa."
"How so?"

"Why, today after she told me seven times to sit down and behave myself she said she wondered what sort of a father I had."

Tribulations of the Zoo.
[Judge.]
Mrs. Monkey—I wish you'd drop in and see our milkman, Charlie, and give him a good calling down.

Mr. Monkey—Why, what's the matter now?

Mrs. Monkey—I told him to leave three coconuts this morning and only left two, and one of them was only half full.

Prospects for Dundonald.
[Toronto Star.]
Lord Dundonald will not feel hurt if, when the office which he now holds is taken from him, he should be appointed Governor-General. The work will be lighter and the pay greater.

PRESENTS CAUSE A QUARREL.
Chicago Man Shoots Aunt and Cousin and Escapes.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Wm. Kaufman, nephew of Geo. Kaufman, shot and fatally injured his cousin, Rosa Kaufman, and wounded Mrs. Kaufman, in a quarrel over Christmas presents. Kaufman declared that his uncle had given him a proper number of Christmas presents, and attempted to shoot him. He made his escape and has not been arrested.

A COWBOY ACADEMY TO BE ESTABLISHED.
Buffalo Bill Will Teach the Art of Rough Riding.

Observers have been disposed to deplore the decline and the apparently inevitable disappearance of the cowboy. With the destruction of the grazing grounds for cattle, and the changes which will hereafter prevent the driving of herds over a vast extent of territory, the nature of the cowboy's work and therefore of his disposition will be affected. It was the ambition of every young man who was listed as a herder to become a matchless rider, and the diabolical character of the far west burro offered opportunities to meet difficulties in riding. One result was that the thoroughbred cowboy was as much at home on the horse as a grandmaster in his rooking chair. As a pistol and a rifle shot he gained a high plane. When the war with Spain was declared it was the instant idea of President Roosevelt and of ambitious patriots on the frontier to organize regiments of rough riders, to be composed mainly of the hardy and fearless cowboys. The roughness with which they would make their work left little for the rough riders to do. It is this which has been the cause of a prolonged and a serious effort to recruit the loss of the best school of rough riding.

Another reason why it is desirable to have ready cowboys from whom to draw a light and reckless cavalry force is that several European nations are now demanding of Italy, although the French and the Germans are by no means less in training. Men and horses are drilled in the art of descending the most precipitous hills, and the most daring and athletic would hesitate to go afoot and with Alpine sticks. Leaving over obstacles the most daring and expert in short, everything the most spirited cowboy would undertake is made a part of his training.

It is from a lively appreciation of these facts that the Buffalo Bill show, which is more than any other man from cowboy exhibitions of skill, has organized a company to establish a military academy in Wyoming, of which the main feature will be rough riding. It is intended that Gen. Miles will take a leading part in devising a scheme of instruction. Besides the young Americans who will constitute the most of the pupils, a considerable number of English boys will participate at the opening—Philadelphia Record.

The Pope's Handwriting.
The value of a delineation of character from handwriting has long been recognized. By way of testing it to the full, a sample of the calligraphy of his holiness Pius X. was recently submitted to a graphologist, who was kept in total ignorance as to the writer of the letters. He was asked to pronounce judgment upon the handwriting.

He reports as follows:
It became possible to define almost in a single phrase the dominant traits of the writer. The letters are in the ensemble in the harmony in both lines and forms, denoting the artistic temperament. They are full of energy and so persistent as to imply energy and a wonderful clearness of intellect. The correspondence of the letters is in the most perfect and excellent judgment. The avoidance of initial letters and the use of letters and their separations indicate both dignity and audacity; while the complete freedom of the letters is indicative of good nature and unceremoniousness.—London Answers.

When the child plays it is literally organizing its brain, and we should recognize the fact that the boy or girl engaged in vigorous play is carrying out an important part of the actual work of education and preparation for life.



No other food product has ever received the endorsement of so many Teachers of Cookery and Domestic Science Lecturers as:

Cleveland's Baking Powder

HOLIDAY TRADE WAS LIBERAL

R. G. Dun's Review Says Business Has Been Good.

IMPROVEMENT IN COLLECTIONS

Earnings of Railways in December Exceed Those of a Year Ago by Six Per Cent.

New York, Dec. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade today says: "The holiday conditions pervade the markets and most of the exchanges have closed until Monday. Manufacturing plants are stopping for inventories and repairs, in many cases the extent of idleness being considerably greater than for the corresponding season in recent preceding years. There has been a liberal volume of business in holiday trading, but reports are somewhat conflicting in comparison with 1902. An encouraging sign is the improvement in collections. Railway traffic was not seriously impeded by recent storms owing to better methods of operation, and earnings thus far reported for December exceed last year's by six per cent. Agreements for further reductions in freight rates are being made with little friction as to wage reductions, except in the case of coal mining, and several idle plants have fixed the date for resuming work. 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LONDON'S BOYS AND GIRLS LIKE CORRESPONDENCE

Daughters of the Empire Movement "Takes" Well With the
Young Folks—Write Letters to Comrades in Distant
Parts of the Empire—Send and Receive Gifts.

The movement set on foot some months ago by the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, with the idea of inaugurating a correspondence between school children in the various colonies, and thereby increasing their general knowledge of the Empire, which was warmly anticipated so soon after its inception.

London's chapter of Daughters of the Empire took hold of the work with a will shortly after it was launched, and it now has the satisfaction of seeing many of the boys and girls of the various schools in London corresponding regularly with children in other parts of the British dominions, enlightening them on Canada, its vast extent, people, etc., and in turn receiving information about distant colonies and their people, which they could not obtain through regular school channels. It is surprising how the idea of the Daughters of the Empire "caught on." Not only have the boys and girls taken to it readily, but it is apparent from the tone of some of the letters received that the older people are just as keenly interested in it.

THE PLAN OF THE LEAGUE.

As previously pointed out, the girls and boys correspond only with those of their own sex, and the Daughters of the Empire, who direct the correspondence, endeavor, as far as is possible, to have the correspondents suited to each other in temperament, thus securing a bond of sympathy which might not be otherwise obtainable. To make the work still more pleasing, comrades are given the names of boys and girls in countries about which they might be eager to secure the greatest amount of information. For some time there has been a demand from England, South Africa and especially Australia for correspondents in Canada, and the league—as the correspondence branch is known—has supplied many new names. The Northwest Territories have been asked for names and a great number have been sent. The good that will result from such a correspondence between the youth of this country with those of the other colonies, and with the mother land, are quite apparent.

RECEIVING PRESENTS.

Just now many of the correspondents in the league of this city are receiving presents from foreign countries, which they do not doubt will prize very much. Gifts of various kinds, such as stationery, pens, pencils, and other school requisites, are sent through the mails, which are educative in a high degree, and the pupils of the public schools, which tend to increase their knowledge of the world, and also have an educative value.

One lad in this city has a letter received about this time of the year from 1902 from New Zealand, and it is timely to note what the young correspondent in that distant island has to say. The boy, it may be mentioned is about 13 years of age, and he says, among other things:

"I have succeeded in getting a correspondent for your brother. The boy takes a great interest in moths and butterflies, so also I, and we often go together hunting for them. I meant to post that nest to you, but have always forgotten. I would be very glad if you would send me some Canadian moths and butterflies. The present of stamps was very welcome. In the last letter you wrote to me you asked me to describe the natives and the fern life of New Zealand. There are a great many different ferns in New Zealand, and at Christmas I am going to stay at the bush, so I will perhaps get some ferns and press them for you. The Maoris, as the natives of New Zealand are called, are very clever, energetic fellows, and are very good at sports of all kinds. You can easily pick out a man of rank by the quantity of tattoo he displays. For my Christmas holidays I am going to stay at a place on the east coast of New Zealand, called Tauranga. There is bush near by, which is very pleasant for picking. I have a question about snow falling in Auckland. I am forced to say that it does not—worse luck."

A BEAUTIFUL CITY.

As the reader can see, boys are evidently the same in New Zealand as in Canada. And the girls of other places are like the girls of Canada, too, as the following extracts from a letter from a girl in Cape Town will show.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING THAT WILL ENCIRCLE THE GLOBE

The United States Government Will Flash a "Happy New Year"
to All the Races of the Earth—The Message Will be Ten
Seconds in Transmission—Route To Be Taken.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Uncle Sam is preparing an electric New Year's salute to all the people of the earth—a salutation unique in world history.

At midnight Dec. 31, from his white, towering tent factory on Georgetown Heights, Admiral Chester, superintendent of the national observatory, will have sounded completely around the earth—the cables which now span our great spinning-top—and to the continental and insular nations of the north and south, by the vast network of wire ramifying in all directions from this great globe, a signal announcing the birth of the year 1904 at the capital of our republic.

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WAS A CATCHY CANTATA

"Santa Claus the Second" at
Talbot Street Sunday School.

Pupils, Both Young and Old, Took
Prominent Part.

The Christmas entertainment of the Talbot Street Baptist Sunday school was held on Wednesday evening in the body of the church, when the bright and catchy cantata, entitled "Santa Claus the Second," was most excellently rendered by the children of the school, after taking tea in the Sunday school room. Stewart Hudson was "Santa Claus the Second," and Richard Mountjoy was "Santa Claus the First."

The school has held some very successful Christmas exercises in the past, but it was the unanimous opinion of those who had the opportunity of judging that Wednesday evening's performance surpassed those of any former one. The choruses and solos certainly evinced very careful training on the part of the pupils, and it was very encouraging to them to see such a large representation of the scholars, and of the scholars' parents. After opening exercises by Rev. J. F. Baker, of Harding Hall, and a violin solo by Mr. Varley, the exercises were heartily enjoyed, the following programme was presented: "Hallelujah," solo and chorus, "When All the World is Glad," solo and chorus, "A Real Santa Claus," solo and chorus, "Nobility Cares," and the following choruses: "The Herald Song," "The Holly," "Who'll Buy," "We've Waited So Long," "Over Seas from Far Away," "Good Night."

The boys in "Longer's Band" and "The Jolly Cash Boys' Union," did their work as only boys can. The solo "Nobility Cares" by Miss Muriel Draper, was touchingly rendered. The little Chinese girls, dressed in their gay Chinese costumes, and the "Fruit Song" by Misses Altman Stewart and Hemmick were very bright and elicited much applause. The little solo chorus, "We've Waited So Long," like all the work of the little people, was much appreciated. Miss Margaret Mervin took a very excellent part quite acceptably, and also rendered a solo in good voice. Mention must also be made of the excellent work done by Miss Josie Jeffrey in the part of "Grandmother Santa Claus." The Good Night Chorus by the school brought the exercises to a close.

Killed by Train.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Hugh A. Mullen, one of the proprietors of the Sunday Philadelphia World, and well known in local politics, was instantly killed last night by being struck by a train at the North Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Among the papers found in his pocket was an accident insurance policy for \$5,000. Mr. Mullen was 54 years old and a native of Philadelphia.

Smallpox in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Nine persons suffering from smallpox were taken to the quarantine hospital yesterday. Six of the cases were contracted at a dance hall on Broadway, where a large number of persons were exposed to infection. The health authorities are working hard to stamp out the disease. Two buildings have been quarantined and placed under police guard.

A TRIP DOWN THE THAMES BY A STEAMER IN 1837

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AND MASON'S CORNER FOLKS.

When Quincy reached Boston he went directly to his father's office. The Hon. Mr. Sawyer was not present, but his partners, Mr. Franklin Crowninshield and Mr. Atherton Lawrence, were busily engaged. Quincy took a seat at the desk which he had occupied before going to London, and wrote out his advertisement for the New York Herald. It read as follows: "Linds-Innocent paper disclosed—come to me at once with Q. A. S., Eastborough."

He inclosed a check to cover a fortnight's rent, and sent it to the State Street to the postoffice to mail his letter. When he returned, Mr. Lawrence called on him, and sat in his private office. His father greeted him pleasantly, but not effusively. In fact, any marked exhibition of approval or disapproval was lacking in the Sawyer family, while the Quinacs were equally notable for their reticence and reserve.

"When shall we have the pleasure

laugh, and Florence went to her room in a pout.

Then Maude felt to asking Quincy Quince about his visit, to which he returned evasive and untruthful answers, until she was, as she said, completely disgusted. When she dropped her head and shoulders on the arms of the brother whom she dearly loved clasped around her, she wept bitterly, and thought of the selfish face and thought not of her, but of Alice.

When Maude was up early, for he knew that a busy day was before him. The last thing before retiring, he took out his pocket watch, and examined his inside vest pocket, to see if that precious letter, that priceless treasure, which he had so carefully hid, was still there. His knightly word to deliver, was safe.

He breakfasted early, and at 8 o'clock for the first time in his life, he went to the corner of Green and Chatham streets. His first visit was to a steam manufacturing, a few doors from the corner, where he went for the firm of Strout & Maxwell.

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white cotton cloth, and his eyes caught the name "Linda Fernborough," stamped thereon with indelible ink. He felt a relaxation of the tension of the cloth passed the package to Curtis, who enclosed, sealed and indorsed it, and gave receipt therefor to Quincy.

"I will put this in my big steel vault," said he as he went into another room.

Quincy knew that Curtis would accept no fee for such a slight service, so placed the package in a pocket of a paper weight, he quietly left the office and was out of sight long before Curtis had time to get up and go downstairs, bareheaded, and up and down the street in search of him.

Fifteen minutes later Quincy reached his home, unlocked the door, and entered in blue velvet, opened the door, and Quincy was ushered into the long parlor, where he found in a roomy arm chair, a woman, who, in a few moments Buttons returned and delivered the speech which Mrs. Chessman had taught him and which he had learned by heart. He then, as he desired that you will come up at once."

Quincy bowed upstairs, to the evidence of which Buttons desired that he made his way to the front chamber, which he knew was his aunt's room. He found her sitting at a table, a constant visitor in that room, summer and winter. His aunt did not greet him with a "how do you do?" and a "sit down," but she said, "I have a reception she gave him a hearty hug and kissed him three times, once on the cheek, once on the forehead, and finally on the lips, in which osculation,

"I'm in Brown's company. If you don't, I shall come down to Eastborough to see you."

"She gave him another kiss at parting."

As he left the house he deliberated for a moment as to where he should go next. He decided to go to Leopold's lodgings in Chestnut street. He found him at home, waiting for a wonder he was not working.

"This is an off day with me," he explained. "I've been having strange seasons and I've been sleeping nights, days and Sundays for a fortnight."

He came to express Miss Pettengill's obligations to Leopold for his very kind and successful efforts in her behalf.

"Oh, that's all right," said Leopold. "By the way, have you told her she ought to wear a book?"

"No," said Quincy. "But I'm going to, soon." She has just lost a dear friend, but I won't forget it."

"That's right," repeated Leopold. "She is a diamond, and you must hang up cut, and set in 18-karat gold. Excuse my apparently brutal language, but you're my meaning."


"Certainly," said Quincy, "and you are not working today?"

"No," replied Leopold, "loafing and enjoying it, too. I mean to mind to turn vagrant and loaf on, loaf ever."

"Come down to Parker's and have dinner," said Quincy.

"Can't do it," replied Leopold; "my stomach is loafing, too. 'Twouldn't be for anything else. I'll wait until I feel myself. Just as much obliged. Some other day. Don't forget the book!" he cried, holding out his hand.

Quincy took his dinner at Parker's,



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Astonished, she stepped backward, forgetting the two steps that she had

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Quincy took part.

"I'm sitting in an easy-chair, then threw herself upon a lounge opposite to him. She eyed him attentively for a moment.

"Aunt Elia said she, 'you are better-looking than ever; you're almost good-looking as Robert was, and he was a handsome fellow,' she even said. How many different country girls have you kissed since you saw me last?"

"I don't know," said Quincy. "I'll tell you, I went to a surprise party a week ago Monday and then I lost it."

"Of all the kisses that you have had, would you prize the most?"

"Those from my beloved Aunt Elia," replied Quincy.

"And said," "You know how to keep on the right side of an old woman who has got money."

"I don't know," said Quincy, "and you called my attention to it," said Quincy gravely.

"I didn't believe it when I said it," added Aunt Elia. A few moments later she rang and ordered a waiter lunch. When this was over she went into her room, unlocked the door, opened, opened a drawer and took out a cigar box.

"I found a few of Robert's cigars left," she said.

Quincy took one and resumed his seat.

"Aunt Elia opened another drawer in the secretary and took out a pouch of

taught the five minutes past six exercise and reached Eastborough Center street at seven. Mrs. Smith drove him home to the Pettengill house.

The next day was Friday. Everybody was in the church. Mrs. Smith drove her from Eastborough and Montross came to Mrs. Putnam's funeral. The church was crowded. The cemetery, as well as the shed, was filled with teams. While waiting for the arrival of the funeral party, Mrs. Mason and I gathered upon a bench of the church. Strout espied Abner Stiles and approached him. "Bob Wood has just told me that he has been elected. He has decided not to leave his present place, so I've concluded on second thought to give up that idea and go to the grocery store."

Abner's eyes twinkled.

"I have many new thoughts, too," said he. "We hired out to Deacon Mason for life, and if I join the church he says I can work for him in the next year. I don't know whether I want to decline your kind invitation to lift boxes and roll barrels."

"I'll be glad to have over every person in the church pass up at the center aisle to take a last view. Her mother is buried in the Pettengill Rose Cemetery, and she had told Mr. Tilton that she was to be laid by his side. I don't know whether she is in West Eastborough, and for that reason many of the late residents of Ma-

"It's drowned! I am! It's drowned!" she shrieked at the top of her voice.

"What's the matter?" How did it happen? she asked, as she rushed into the room, followed by Swift.

"Shure it's thinkin' I was," moaned Mrs. Crowley, "when the milk fell on me!"

"Thinking of what?" cried Mandy, sharply. "You couldn't have been thinkin' of anythin' but me!"

"Shure, I was thinkin' of the day when Pat Crowley and I both sat 'n the same place twenty years ago," said Mrs. Crowley rising off her feet and wiping the cream off her eyes, and nose, and ears.

"And you, the same Swiss was bustly engaged having a first feast upon the cream left in the pan, Hiram appearin' to be the first to learn the cause of Mandy's absence.

Raising her hands high in the air, she cried, "You and you and you darlins; may yer live long and may all the saints pour blessin's on yer kids."

"And with this invocation the poor old woman, who had been in the ell and was not seen again until the next morning.

CHAPTER XXXIII.
The Weddin's.

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ing of me to smoke?" she asked,
looking at Quincy.

"Do you wish me to express my real
thoughts?" replied Quincy, "or flatter
your vanity?"

Aunt Ella reddened a little and the
said, "A good shot, Quincy, but I de-
serve it. Go on."

"You are," said Quincy, "and you are
the only woman, whom I ever saw
smoke, who, in my opinion, knew how
to do so gracefully."

"I think you are sincere," she re-
joined, "and I beg pardon for wounding
your feelings as I did before. Give me
another cigarette."

They shook hands as two men would
have done after settling differences.

Then she said, "Now, draw your
cigarette, Quincy. You are full of them
what you've been doing, and what other
people have been doing to you, since
the day before Christmas, the last
night of the year."

"I know," said Quincy, "and you know.
I am your mother confessor."

Quincy complied, and in his quiet,
concealing way, gave her full account of
what had happened at Eastworth, omitting
nothing, concealing nothing. If any-
thing, he gave fuller details of his ac-
count of the matter, than she intended
Alice than he did of the other portions
of his story. He could not forbear to
give at full length the account of his
meeting with the girl.

Aunt Ella laughed heartily at some
parts of the recital, and looked sorrow-
ful and sympathetic when she learned
of the quarrel with the girl.

She rolled and
smoked half a dozen cigarettes during
its continuance, and when she saw
that Alice was not going to be dis-
placed the remainder of the day be-
fore him.

When he closed, she said, "You're
wonder a brick. I haven't enjoyed my
cigarettes for years. Do so love
anything that isn't commonplace, and
your experience is both novel and in-
teresting. I wish you were a member
of Mason's, and Ezekiel Pettengill is
a fine young fellow, honest and
square. That Hiram and Mandy
must be the girls going to get mar-
ried."

"I think so," said Quincy. "He stam-
pers, you know, and I think he is
going to break down when he
tries to propose."

Aunt Ella laughed heartily; then
she said, "What a constitutional
liar you are, Quincy. You are a
Professor, I would like to have a sit-
to with him myself."

As she said this she dobed up her
first cigarette.

"Oh, he wouldn't meet you that way,"
said Quincy. "He only fights with a
woman's weapon, his tongue," and he
glanced at the little boxing match with
Robert Wood.

Aunt Ella continued: "I can imagine
what a pretty, sweet, little, country
girl you are. I have seen a picture
for Lindy, her martyrdom has been out
of all proportion to her contemplated

room. Mandy could not turn her head. Perhaps she guessed who it was. Then someone placed a chair close to Mandy and took a seat beside her.

"Say M-m-m-m-m-andy," said Hiram, "will you please read this to me? It's an important... document, and I want to be sure I've got it just right." As he said this he passed Mandy a folded paper.

She opened it, and the following words met her eye: "This is to certify that I, Hiram Maxwell, of Mason's Corner, in the Town of Eastborough,

The next day was Saturday. While the Pettengill family, was at breakfast Squire Rundlett arrived. He had driven over from Montrose with the partnership papers for Strout, Hiram and Quincy to sign, and also the will of the late Mrs. Hepsibeth Putnam.

As he came into the kitchen he espied Mandy, and a broad smile spread over his face as he said, "Good morning, Miss Skinner, was that paper all right?" Mandy flushed scarlet, but said nothing. "Honestly, Miss Skinner," said the Squire, "I think it was a very sensible act on Hiram's part. If men were obliged to put their proposals in writing there wouldn't be any more breach of promise cases."

"I think he is a big goose," finally ejaculated Mandy, laughing in spite of herself.

"At any rate," continued the Squire, "he knew enough to pick out a smart, pretty little woman for a wife," and he raised his hat politely and passed into the dining-room.

Here he was asked to have some breakfast. He accepted a cup of coffee, and while drinking it, informed Quincy and Alice of the twofold purpose of his visit.

Quincy led Alice into the parlor, the

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"Mrs. Putnam was a very far-seeing lady," said the Squire, with a laugh, looking first at Alice and then at Quincy.

A slight flush mounted to Alice's cheeks, and Quincy said coolly: "I do not perceive the application of your remark."

"Easy enough," said the Squire, seeing that he had put his foot in it and that it was necessary to explain his false step in some way, "easy enough. I have had sole charge of her property for six years, and she wished some cobble-headed business man to go over my accounts and see if I had been honest in my dealings with her."

"That way of stating the case is satisfactory," said Quincy, a little more genially.

"I don't think I am in danger of being robbed with two such trustworthy guardians," said Alice.

Then all three laughed, and the little rift was closed. But the Squire's words had not been unheeded, and two hearts were busily thinking and wondering if he had been right in what he said.

The Squire then turned to Quincy. "If you will name a day we will go over to the county town, present the will for probate, and at any time thereafter my books will be ready for inspection."

Quincy named the following Wednesday, and then both men congratulated Miss Pettengill on her good fortune, bade her good morning, and then started to go to the store.

As they passed through the kitchen, Mandy was not in sight. She evidently did not intend to have a second interview with the Squire.

When they reached the store, they found Strout and Hiram and Mr. Hill and his son already there. The busi-

ness with Mr. Hill was soon closed, and he delivered the keys of the name and that of his runners. Quincy, to Squire Rundlett's co-partnership papers were duly examined and witnessed, and then the passed the keys to Mr. Obadiah, the senior partner of the new firm of Strout & Maxwell, who formally possession of the property in his name and that of his runners.

Since Abner's curd inclination position in the store, Strout had looking around for someone to take his place, and had finally settled on William Ricker, or, as he was generally called, Billy Ricker, a young resident of Montrose, as the best man to control a great deal of trade in that town.

For a similar reason, Quincy, after looking into the accounts of Younger Smith, who was known by everybody in Eastborough Center and Eastborough, Abbott had grown dissatisfied with the way in which he wished to engage in some other permanent business.

The choice was naturally not particularly volatile one to Strout, who had consented to let bygones be bygones, and could offer no valid objection. These two young men then reported for duty that Saturday morning, and the close of that day's session terminated Benoni and Sam's connection with the grocery store.

Sunday morning all of the Pett family went to church and listened to a sermon by Mr. Howe, the minister of the text, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."

As they were driving home Uncle Benoni remarked sarcastically to Squire Mr. Howe was thinkin' of Putnam when he was preachin' about peacenmakers. It's a fashin in this country, I understand, the Squire told a funeral to preach in a given way about the departed one."

"Mrs. Putnam has been very kind to me," protested Alice, "and you say forgive her for my sake."

"I'll forgive her," said Uncle Benoni. "He's the wrong she has done been righted." He shut his teeth together sharply, faced the horses again and lapsed into silence.

In the afternoon Quincy joined the family in the parlor, and they sang some sacred music together.

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"Devotedly," answered Quincy.

"Then marry her," said Aunt Ella, "and I will be your mother-in-law."

"Every body at home but Maude will approve," said Quincy.

"Maude's the most one in the family, next to me," said Uncle Jim, "and she will. They will bring up Uncle Jim," continued Quincy.

"You are right," replied Aunt Ella, "Uncle Jim was a fool; any man is a fool who thinks he can win the battle of wits with a woman. I have known this girl to me, Quincy. She must be a genius if she can write as say she can. I can't see how she can do it, and make it pleasant and beautiful for her until you get ready to do it yourself."

"That's some day, Aunt Ella. You are the best friend I have in the world, and when I have the right to bring her home, you will be the first to be doing so. Thank you for your kind words about her. I shall never forget them. I will tell her some day that—but I must go now."

"They both arose. 'Promise that you will come and see me every time you

"Oh, you big silly!" cried Mandy, dropping the paper, for she thought she had been accused of heresy. "Is it all right?" cried Hiram, "it cost me a quarter to get it drawn up, and I don't want to lose it." He handed Rundlett over to Montrose, and he caught her hold water. You'd better keep your eyes peeled, Mandy, for I'm sure, yes, that I never asked you to marry me."

"Who told you that?" asked the girl indignantly.

"Ma Hawkins. Well, she didn't exactly say it to me, but she spoke it out to me, and she said that she heard it clear out in the woodshed, and I'll tell you what, Mandy, it made me mad."

"Well, it's all right now," said Mandy soothingly.

"You don't want there was a succession of peculiar sounds heard in the room. As Swiss came back from the kitchen door, he saw a shadow that he took for the happy couple, and an onlooker would have thought that chafin was occupied by one person with a long, thin, pointed nose, and a tail on one side and straight dark hair on the other, no face being visible.

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Quincy picked up a book from the table and said, "Miss Clara, I think by this turned-down corner I infer there are some thirty pages of interesting reading in this 'Life-time,' that I have not read to-day. Would you like to have me finish this afternoon?"

"I am a little afraid to hear this chapter," said Alice. "I fear He and Clarice will both die, and I shall book with a sad ending. Why authors keep their lovers alive!"

"Marry them off, and let them live happily ever afterward," Quincy chuckled.

"I don't think I could ever write a book with a sorrowful conclusion," said Quincy.

Quincy saw the opportunity which he had long waited.

"Why don't you write a book about the life of a man?" he asked.

"You ought to," he further said, "that you were a genius, and if you were not exactly, compared to a diamond—"

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This is a dark, grainy, black-and-white photograph. It appears to be a close-up of a textured surface, possibly a book cover or endpaper. A prominent horizontal crease or fold runs across the middle of the frame. The upper portion shows some texture and a few small dark spots, while the lower portion is mostly solid black.

A MATTER OF HOLLY

By T. Blair Falcon.

They sat before a blazing fire on the hearth. Thurlow, leaning forward in his chair, toyed idly with a pair of brass tongs, and Miss Wentworth industriously arranged chestnuts on the fire shovel. They were quite alone in the room. One after another the other guests had sought the dining-room, where now Freddy Carver's comfortable voice could be heard stridently demanding candles to wax the floor with.

"I hope I'm not over selfish in keeping you here to toast the chestnuts," said Thurlow to the girl. "Perhaps you prefer to dance."

"There'll be time enough for that," she replied. "Freddy Carver will keep them going until midnight."

"They're off," said Thurlow, as the labored notes of a violin, a clarinet and a piano floated in to them.

A gust of wind whistled sharply outside, and the fire answered it by leaping up defiantly. The girl listened and smiled.

"Doesn't that sound Christmassy?" she said.

"It seems to me the 'peace on earth' spirit and all that sort of thing thrives best in a low temperature," the man

determined to go out and lay the world by the heels, and some time—some Christmas eve under the mistletoe—to bring it back to her and lay it at her feet.

"And," she said encouragingly.

"And," repeated Thurlow, "he went, but the world was thoughtless. It refused to be laid by the heels according to his plans. But through it all—even when he had to save his cigars to smoke before possible clients and content himself with a cob pipe at other times—he conjured up the picture of the girl and the mistletoe, and went at it. He's at it yet, poor devil!"

The fire shovel lay on the log and the chestnuts were scorching. Miss Wentworth was looking straight at them, but made no attempt to rescue them.

"Was he sure one world would satisfy her demands?" she asked ironically. "Perhaps she wanted two or three."

Thurlow was silent.

"Perhaps she didn't want even one world," Miss Wentworth said gently. "It's good policy to bring one world, at least," said he.

"Good business policy," she mocked. "You see," he explained, "she had wealth and position, and every eligible man in the country at her feet, and—"

CHRISTMAS TREE ON FAST TRAIN

Why the C. P. R. Express Was Not a Powerful Rival to the Summer Moon.

"'Twas a Strangely Pathetic Scene—Santa Claus Was Around—Hearts Made Glad."

Christmas, 1892.—On board the C. P. R.'s Pacific Express. There were only five passengers in the sleeper until some small station east of Fort William was reached, when a lady got aboard with a small girl, somewhere about 4 years old. She was a bonny little thing, and an orphan. Her mother was taking her to her folks somewhere in Manitoba. It was the old, yet ever new, story. The bread-winner had been snatched away, leaving the mother and the little one to face the cold blasts of this cruel world. Although ten years have passed, I can see the slim, black-clad figure of the young mother, with her widow's cap draped with fresh crape, and the little one

THE MISTLETOE AIDS ROMANCE

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Between the summer moon and the Christmas mistletoe a bitter rivalry exists as to which is responsible for the more romances. General opinion is divided, the matter being delicate, subtle and difficult of settlement. Poets are almost unanimously with the moon, and poets, of course, are leading authorities on the subject of love. But facts go with the mistletoe—and facts are pretty convincing to the average mind.

Scarcely a love drama or lyric can be found whose stage setting is not a river bank, seashore or garden with a moon shining down upon it.

Here is an example from Charles Swain, taken from a little story which he attempts to define what love is:

"O, who but can recall the eve they met, To breathe, in some green walk, their first young vow."

While summer flowers with moonlight dew were wet."

Conferge, singing of his lady love, says:

"The moonshine stealing o'er the scene, Had blazed with the lights of eve, And she was there, my hope, my joy, My own dear Genevieve."

George Meredith exclaims:

"No, she does not doubt me! On a dewy eve, Whispers together beneath the listening moon, I prayed till her cheek flushed, implored till she faltered— Flattered to my bosom—ah, to fly away too soon!"

And Shelly, pleading for a kiss, sings:

"And the sunlight clasps the earth, And the moonbeams kiss the sea. What are all these kissings worth If you kiss not me?"

N. P. Willis, the American poet, declares that:

"The moonlit sea and the sunset sky Are written with love's words."

W. W. Story asks:

"Do you remember that most perfect night, In the first flush of June, When the wide heavens were traced in silver light, Of the sad, patient moon? Silent we sat, awed by a strange unrest, The fathomless, far sky Over our life absorbed, our thoughts oppressed, By its immensity."

MOON ROMANCE.

But every one knows and even poets themselves at times admit that moon romances have in them something of the instability of their sponsors. The romantic souls who have wandered together under June moonbeams may meet at an evening reception in January and talk of metallurgy or geometry.

The mistletoe, however, presents a different proposition. Under the moon the young man may merely have prearranged to kiss the girl, but under the mistletoe he invariably kisses her, and a kiss is a serious affair. The law places a money value upon it, and a girl who is kissed often places his future in a girl's hands by means of this same insignificant little pressure upon her lips.

Some one has said that the average young man does not deliberately and voluntarily propose. More often happens that he goes to a young woman whom he has known for a month or two, he finds her looking unusually pretty. He yields to the temptation to kiss her. A little later when the cold out of door air strikes him he realizes that he is promised for life to a girl whom he has known for so long he has no serious intentions.

If a pretty girl and a kiss can work such a magic spell how many marriages will be made in the future. It is responsible for a city like this.

Unconscious of its responsibilities it punishes the man who has been in the Indian Territory, and other Southern states. Arrived in the city, dealers distribute it and cheery hands carry it home to be fastened upon the most secure and romantic corner in the house, there to do its fateful work.

ENOUGH TO GO ROUND.

If one calculates that a pound makes nearly a gallon and that one sprig possesses all the magic properties of a branch, it is pretty certain that three tons will furnish a bit to each of the 18,000 unmarried women of marriageable age in Chicago—to say nothing of the 60,000 widows.

Even the statistics show that 50 per cent of the young women in this city have been kissed under the mistletoe. The power of the parasite is lasting for at least a week, the maidens of Chicago are richer by 90,000 kisses during the holidays, an average of 12,500 per day.

All these salutes do not lead directly to the altar. Many of the stolen sweets are the mere exercise of Christmas fun and goodwill toward men and girls, and he who gives is as little in earnest as the man who receives. But there are at least fifteen girls out of every hundred who are kissed under the mistletoe, even at Yuletide, would never permit men to kiss them to whom they were not engaged at the time or did not become so immediately afterward.

As this is about the number of weddings in Chicago every year, these statistics are a good argument in favor of the mistletoe as a romance producer.

EFFECT OF COLD WEATHER.

There is another curious way in which it will be possible to prove the mistletoe's case. In extremely cold weather the mistletoe plant does not thrive. Like love itself it is easily shriveled by coldness. When the berries are scanty and the leaves poorly developed those who pick the plant for the market, unconscious of the important part it plays in social economy.

Early on Christmas morning, long before daylight, the child awoke and found her stocking, and her cries of delight awoke the five conspirators. Then was seen as strange a sight as ever a C. P. R. sleeper witnessed. A young mother in her dressing gown, the little girl in her nightdress, the five men in various forms of pyjamas, with the jolly negro porter as master of ceremonies, all had their Christmas tree.

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"SCOTLAND FOREVER."

suggested, "Christmas without a shiver or two isn't Christmas."

"It needs that and a house party here at the Oaks and Freddy Carver to start the dancing," she supplemented.

"That we may have the fire and the chestnuts all to ourselves," he hastened to add.

She laughed and flushed in the shadow of the inglenook.

"Softish," she chided.

"Of your society," he explained.

The hand with which she held the fire shovel over the log trembled a little. One of the chestnuts dropped into the flames and sputtered merrily. Thurlow settled back in his chair, and for a time gazed steadily at the fire, seemingly lost in reverie.

"She was all in white," he declared with sudden irrelevance.

"Who was 'all in white'?" Miss Wentworth asked.

"Elizabeth," said Thurlow. "A girl I was thinking about—a nice girl, one Christmas eve like this."

"Oh," said Miss Wentworth.

"She was standing beneath the library chandelier," Thurlow went on, "there was a bunch of mistletoe just over her head."

"Careless little girl," she commented.

"Then he came along," said Thurlow, "and saw her standing there."

"Did he see the mistletoe?" Miss Wentworth asked.

"Eh? Yes, he saw the mistletoe," said Thurlow.

There was silence between them for a moment. Freddy Carver's voice was proclaiming in tones of resignation, "Well, the Virginia Reel, then, if you insist."

"He was very young," Thurlow said at length, "and the combination made him feel very strangely."

"The combination?" she inquired.

"Yes, the girl and the mistletoe, you know," said Thurlow. "Made him

with the plaintive black dress which told all who had eyes to see of her fatherless condition.

Chief among the party was the then general manager of a big milling company—not as big then as it is now—who had gone to his reward but a short time ago—and who was possessed of as kind a heart as he was sturdy of body. As we drew near to Fort William the men folks gathered in the smoker, and the miller declared that Santa Claus must visit that sleeper before Christmas morning, if he had to stop the train and rob it.

That was Sunday morning—Christmas eve. We were due at Fort William somewhere about three o'clock that afternoon. It was, of course, an objection that it was Sunday, and that no stores would be open, but the Santa Claus from the Lake of the Woods would hear of no objection. If things were left to him, he would find the way.

The subscription was taken up; the conductor of the train was called in, and the fact was impressed upon him that if he ever wanted to have good times in future he must delay for a train at Fort William long enough for Santa Claus to provide him with a store for that special day.

I don't know what Sir William Van Horne said if he ever heard of the reason why that particular transcontinental express was an hour and a half late in reaching Winnipeg, but I know that if he ever did learn he would forgive that conductor the train and his spatcher, and all the other conspirators.

When Fort William was reached, five strong men escorted the baby and her mother to the dining car, and bade them stay there until they were given permission to leave. Then five forms, headed by the miller, made their way through the storm, buffeting against the snow, until they reached the general store of the town. The storekeeper was at church or Sunday school, or somewhere, and his grim Presbyterian wife wouldn't hear of the store being entered as the month. So the procession was resumed. Across lots through snowdrifts, we went until we came to the church, and there we took forcible possession of the storekeeper, and carried him back to his store.

The miller explained the situation to him, and the good man, who had evidently a leaning toward the Catholics, decided that we would buy out the store, if the good woman's scruples could be overcome. It was quite a task, but finally the miller's arguments prevailed, and the five wayfarers returned to the train laden with all kinds of goods, parcels and quite convinced, each in his own heart, that they would forgive that particular breach of the Lord's Day. When the car was reached, the parcels were taken out, and the widow and the babe were rescued from the dining car. The train went on and the men went in to have their dinner.

After the baby had been put to bed in her berth, the mother was called out to the smoking room, where the cribbage game was interrupted long enough to let her into the secret and she was asked to put up the little one's stocking just as if she had been at home.

It was a trying time for all of us. She, however, accepted the injunction of the big miller, that the baby must have her Santa Claus and agreed to aid the conspirators. It was late that night before any of them went to bed. There was so much to do. The baby's new stockings had to be filled with a doll and a lot of candies, but chief of all the Christmas tree had to be fixed. The porter had gotten a small fir from the wayside and it was placed in position in one of the unoccupied berths, laden with all sorts of strange parcels, and carefully covered with the curtains.

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Miss Wentworth rose. She, too, looked thoughtfully at the chandelier.

"Oh, you foolish boy," she said, laughing softly, "did you ever see holly with leaves like that and—white berries?"

She was standing directly beneath it, her eyes upturned, her face glowing red in the twilight gleam, it is true, but Thurlow sprang from the chair.

Some minutes later Freddy Carver pulled the portieres apart.

"Aren't you dancing?" he inquired.

"Come on out. And for heaven's sake stop scenting up the whole house with burnt chestnuts."

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From an historical point of view there is also much to be said in the mistletoe's favor. The undeniable right of a man to kiss the girl he catches under the mistletoe has existed since feudal times. If 12,000 girls are married in one city in one year on account of having wandered under its shade, how many must have been similarly ensnared in the whole civilized world during eight or nine centuries?

Print Toasts on Cups.

Hostesses who do not approve of serving wines, and yet want to introduce a convivial flavor to the conversation, can now get jugs that are decorated with toasts. There are German drinking songs on teacups that make one wonder if he is awake or dreaming, and there are some brown earthenware dishes from Scotland which look as if they might have been used in Nannie Webster's cottage when the Little Minister took tea with her.

"Come down your sorrows in a cup of tea," and "Take a cup of tea, it's never refreshin'" is written on the cups, and the pots and cream jugs are covered with such comforting assurances as "Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead," and "There's mair in the kitchen."

The history of the widow and her friends is depicted on lunch plates, and there are egg cups with little rhymes in the same kind of gilt lettering. "Baby," and "From a friend" formerly were written on bread and milk bowls.

The following is an example of the chicken philosophy on the egg cups: "The saddest words of tongue or pen 'Are not consoling as none; Whatever fate mine might have been, It is all over with me now."

The most exclusive thing in china decoration is the Chinese dragon as it is seen on a meat set at one Chicago house. The dragon is an exact reproduction of that on the dinner set, the empress dowager, and which was copied by the factory—so the story goes—from a plate stolen from the royal palace by a German soldier during the flight of the troops from Chinese territory.

Watches Slower at Night

"You know that the vital energies are at a lower ebb at night than in the daytime," said an old watchmaker. "Would you believe that some watches—especially the cheaper ones—are similarly affected?"

"You know a good watchmaker always wants several days in which to regulate a timepiece. That is because the only way to regulate it properly is to compare it with a chronometer at the same hour every day. Otherwise the variations in the speed of the watch will baffle his efforts."

"The man to whom I was apprenticed told me this, and I thought the idea absurd. We were working late one night, and he called my attention to a lot of watches we had regulated and ready to deliver. It was near midnight, and every watch was slow. The better timepieces had lagged behind some seconds. The cheaper watches were a minute or more out of the way. Next morning every one of the lot was exactly right."

"The fact is you can regulate a watch to make exactly twenty-four hours a day, but you can't persuade it to make just sixty minutes in each of the twenty-four hours. Why this is no one can tell."—New York Times.

INDIA RUBBER IN BIG DEMAND

Reason for Rapid Increase in Importation.

Industry Started to Reclaim Old Product—Gutta-Joolaton a New Substitute.

Figures just compiled by the United States department of commerce and labor, through the bureau of statistics, show the importations of three classes of material utilized as India rubber in recent years. They show that during the past few years the importations of crude rubber, have ranged from 50,000,000 to 55,000,000 pounds; of gutta-joolaton from 5,000,000 to 15,000,000 pounds; and of "old and scrap" rubber, fit only for remanufacture, from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds per annum, and of gutta-percha a half-million pounds.

The industry of importing and "reclaiming" India rubber for reuse in manufacturing is a comparatively new one, and while it uses large quantities of worn-out rubber boots and shoes and other parts articles of this character, from the scrap heaps of the United States, it has extended to other parts of the world only in recent years. In 1882, for example, the total importation of "old and scrap India rubber fit only for remanufacture" was less than a million pounds. In 1892 it was over 2,000,000, in 1898 more than 3,000,000, in 1900, 10,000,000, in 1902, 22,000,000, and in 1903, 24,659,394 pounds, valued at \$1,516,187.

CAUSE OF INCREASED IMPORTS.

More than 50,000,000 pounds of India rubber, valued at more than \$30,000,000, were imported into the United States last year. In 1890 the quantity was only 32,000,000 pounds, in 1880, 10,000,000, in 1870, 3,000,000, and in 1862, the earliest date at which it was separately shown in the import statements, merely 2,152,561 pounds. This very rapid growth in the importation of crude India rubber is of course due to the great increase in its use in manufacturing, both as to rubber garments, shoes, etc., and its use in machinery and as tires for vehicles.

Over 100,000,000 worth of manufactures from India rubber are turned out from the factories of the country each year, and about half of this total is in the form of boots and shoes. So great is the demand for India rubber for use in manufacturing that not only have the importations grown from 2,000,000 pounds in 1862 to over 50,000,000 annually at the present period, but in addition to this the forests of the East Indies are called upon for several million pounds annually.

A NEW SUBSTITUTE

for gutta-percha, known as "gutta-joolaton," while at the same time the highways and byways of Europe and other continents are ransacked for cast-off rubber manufactures from

which the rubber is "reclaimed" and reused in conjunction with the new rubber from the forests of Brazil, Africa and the East Indies. Gutta-joolaton is a comparatively new material which may be utilized as a substitute for or in conjunction with India rubber. It is a product of the East Indies, chiefly the island of Borneo, located not far from the Philippines, and in the form in which it is imported is described as "whitish in color, looking something like marsh-mallow candy, smelling strongly of petroleum, and oxidizing on exposure to the air, becoming hard." The same description says: "It is not a substitute for gutta-percha or India rubber, but is used chiefly as a filler in manufactures of India rubber gum, and gutta-percha." The importation of this newly developed aid in the manufacture of India rubber has increased from 5,000,000 pounds in 1893 to 14,000,000 pounds in 1903.

WHERE RUBBER COMES FROM.

A very large proportion of the Indian rubber imported into the United States is produced in Brazil. Over one-half of the total is imported direct from Brazil, while considerable quantities come from the United Kingdom, presumably the products of her colonies, and from Belgium, chiefly the product of the Congo Free State, which is under control of the Belgium government, and its industries of this character controlled by the people of that country. Recent reports received by the division of consular reports of the bureau of statistics prove that exports in the East Indies have shown the entire practicability of producing the best Para rubber in territory immediately adjacent to the Philippines from trees transplanted from South America, and suggesting the possibility that the Philippine Islands may in time supply at least a part of the growing rubber consumption of the United States.—Scientific American.

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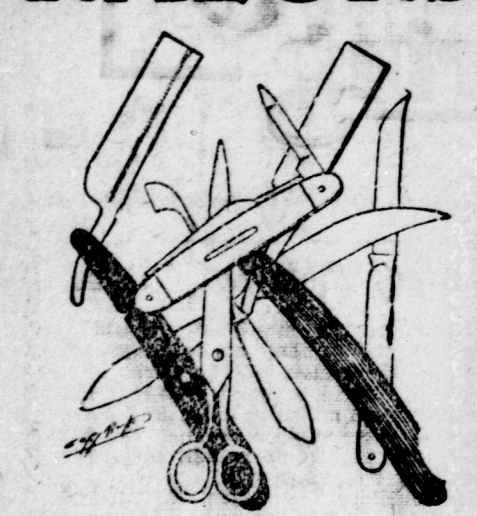
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—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ralph, of Detroit, are visiting in the city.

—Dr. and Mrs. A. Nugent, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending the holidays in the city.

—Mrs. A. K. Gifford is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Homuth, at Wingham.

—Mr. Darcy D. Bogue, of the Grand Trunk Railway general offices, Montreal, is in the city.

—Mrs. Petherbridge has returned to Arva after an extended visit with her daughter in Chicago.

—Misses Pearl Odell and Leola Taylor are spending Christmas at Delaware, the guests of Mrs. John Lewis.

—A special two months' course of instruction for officers and men will commence at Wolseley Barracks on Jan. 2.

—Mrs. Covert Jarvis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is spending Christmas with her mother on Elmwood avenue, South London.

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M. H. ROWLAND, Manager.

—Mr. George Trant, of Pittsburg, formerly of Woodstock, spent Christmas in this city.

—Messrs. Martin Miller and Walter Forbes, of St. Louis, Mo., are spending the holidays with their parents here.

—Mr. Cowan, of Winnipeg, will conduct the morning service in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, tomorrow.

—Mr. Percy Leith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Miss S. Leith, of the same place, spent Christmas with their parents at Merriton.

—Lieut. Douglas Young, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Wolseley Barracks.

—Miss Beale Larkin, has returned from Saint Ste. Marie, where she was engaged during the season in a millinery establishment.

—Messrs. Thomas Johnston and E. W. Dawson, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays at the homes of their parents in this city.

—Mr. Howard W. Shannon, an old London boy, now business manager of "The Evening Star," is in the city.

—Mr. Jack G. Dewar, of the Merchants' Bank staff, Toronto, is visiting his parents at the home of Mr. Dewar, of the Wharfedale road, South London.

—A special car was required for the accommodation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who went to Clinton on Thursday to spend Christmas.

—Private Thomas H. Page, No. 1 Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, took his discharge from the regiment today. He had served three years at Wolseley Barracks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. A. Gilmore, of Detroit, Mich., are spending their Christmas vacation with the former's sister, Mrs. William Kennedy, 66 Byron avenue.

—The Christmas Day police docket was light. A remand was made until Monday of a case of a man charged with indecent behavior, and a drunk was discharged.

—No. 1 express on the Grand Trunk ran into the rear end of a freight train at Guelph yesterday. The van and the pilot were damaged, and the express was delayed for a short time.

—Rev. W. N. Scott will preach his farewell sermon at the Baptist Church in Lobo village tomorrow. His subjects are: I. a.m., "The Engineering of Eternity"; 7.30 a.m., "Four Men or Character on Trial."

—Evangelist Belcher, of the York Street Mission, will speak in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Thursday afternoon next. In the evening he will occupy the pulpit of the Queen Street Methodist Church, Toronto, for Rev. Dr. Torrey.

—Troopers Kelly and Martin, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Toronto, former members of No. 1 Company, C. C. R., were visitors at Wolseley Barracks yesterday. They are cordially welcomed by their former comrades-in-arms.

—The conductors and motormen on the Wellington street line of the street railway were remembered by a number of the patrons of the road this year.

—Mr. George Robinson presented each with a dollar bill and Mayor Beck donated ten boxes of cigars.

—A brass book-rest for the communion table was presented to St. George's Church, West London. The book-rest was furnished by the family of the late Rev. Canon Newman, a former rector, and it was used for the first time on Christmas Day.

—Mr. Jas. Mattinson, manager of Kerry, Watson & Co., was waited upon Thursday evening by the employees of the firm, and presented with a gold-headed umbrella. Mr. Mattinson, who was taken very much by surprise, thanked the employees for their kindness. Mr. Chas. Perry, traveler of the firm, made the presentation.

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—The entertainment of school section No. 6, Lobo Township, was held on Wednesday, when the residents of the section presented the teacher, Miss M. E. Thirwall, with a chair and secretary. The presentation was accompanied by an address by J. M. Robson and W. J. Walker. The presentation was made by two of the pupils, Nettie Thirwall and Clara Siddall. Miss Thirwall assured the donors that the gifts were much appreciated.

FELL ON ICE WALK.
Mr. James Wilkins, of The Advertiser, slipped on the icy sidewalk, entering the office on Thursday evening and sustained injuries to his head and shoulder. He was conveyed to his home in a cab, and his injuries were at once attended to. He will probably be confined to his room for a few days in consequence.

BUSY BEES' CONCERT.
Yesterday afternoon the Busy Bees gave their annual entertainment to the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home. Mr. Anderson, as chairman,

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It was shortly after this momentous announcement that the onslaught on Christmas trees and Christmas stockings began, and in between six and seven thousand houses in London, scenes of wild jubilation were conducted for hours in full swing. In no city in Canada, perhaps, was Christmas more royally celebrated than in London, for London is a city of prosperity, and if there be a few who are not prosperous, Londoners make it a point to see that their Christmas celebration is not marred and that their wants are filled.

The happiness that pervaded the homes of London found its way into the London streets, in blasts of trumpets, toots of horns, and salutes of mouth-organs, together with shouts of childish glee. The spirit of Christmas, ever-existent good-natured to have hundreds of "Merry Christmas" greetings jingled into his ears, as he walked along the streets and listened to the glee of his fellow citizens.

Indeed, it would not have seemed a bit out of place to have seen that same Old Scrooge leaning out of a shop window, and giving instructions to the small boy to go and buy "the biggest turkey at the poultry store," as a Christmas box for his nephew, and to hear the boy shout back, "What! The biggest one, and to watch him dash away like a shot out of a gun to make the purchase. No, indeed! Not a bit of it. It was Christmas time in this London, just as it was Christmas time in the other London that Dickens placed Mr. Scrooge in. The day was given over to the spirit of Christmas in the different churches in the morning, to entertainments in the afternoon and evening, and to feasting at all times and periods.

In the different public institutions of the city the inmates were royally remembered. At Victoria and St. Joseph's Hospitals, the patients were made as happy and comfortable as possible, the wards being beautifully decorated, a special dinner being served, and Santa Claus making a pleasant visit to the little ones in the children's ward. Christmas was also a day of happiness in the Home for incurables, the Aged People's Home, and the Protestant Orphans' Home, where the inmates were also treated to savory dinners, the children at the latter being given a special treat.

Around the city the day was spent in many ways by citizens. The lively establishments of a land office business, and the jingle of sleigh bells were incessant. The local theaters were also well patronized, the attractions at both houses appearing to be popular.

The railroads brought in a very large number of visitors, and family reunions throughout the city were the order of the day. In fact, Christmas in London this year, passed off in an exceptionally favorable manner. Not one dark chapter marring the day's events—and that was the unfortunate and fatal accident early in the morning on the Grand Trunk Railway.

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.
The Bishop of Huron preached a very appropriate sermon at the morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral. His text was Hagai, II, 7: "And the desire of all nations shall come," and the sermon was instinct with the higher and the holier aspect of Christmastic.

The joy of Christmas is in the reunion of the family. "Christ is willing to be a warm-hearted guest at every table, and we should welcome him doubly. He would make the lot of all glad, and I would that you would see the social side of the Savior this Christmas Day."

The whole world, he said, was waiting for the coming of Jesus, who would roll away the clouds of sin and death, that the whole world was groaning under the burden of sin, and a return of priests and acolytes, fled into the

channel of the cathedral at the high mass at 10:30. The altar, which for the past three weeks has been clothed in purple, as a symbol of penance and contrition, was changed to a brilliant red of its somber garb, and lighted tapers gleamed in profusion amidst the gladsome decoration of the place of sacrifice.

The altar of the Blessed Virgin, to the left of the chancel, was decorated with palms, and a nook formed to represent the manger in the stable at Bethlehem wherein over nineteen centuries ago the Redeemer was born. And over all, over priests and congregation, and beautiful altars, the gladsomeness of the bright, crisp Christmas Day was reflected by the rays of sunshine, which found their way through the richly-colored stained glass windows of the cathedral.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop McEvay, with Father Aylward as assistant priest, Father Egan as deacon, and Fathers Dunn, Emery and Laurendeau sub-deacons.

Christmas Day services in the Catholic Church are the most beautiful known to Catholicism, and yesterday the services in St. Paul's Cathedral were most impressive and inspiring.

Mr. W. P. Reynolds, the conductor of the choir, and Mr. H. Gilbert Traher, the organist, had prepared special music for the occasion, all of which was carried out with great credit to themselves, and to the other members of the choir. Besides those named, those who took part were Misses Dwyer, McLoughlin, Howe, Reynolds and Mrs. John Traher, soprano; Misses Vase, stone, alto; Messrs. Wilfrid Traher and Wm. Mullins, tenors; and Frank Coles and Mr. Reynolds, basses.

A short but pithy and appealing sermon was preached by Rev. Father Aylward on the day, and all it meant to the world, and particularly to those of the Catholic Church. Christmas to the Catholic was the greatest of all feasts, he said, the greatest day in the church, and the greatest day in the world, because it was on Christmas Day nearly 2,000 years ago that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and had come to save the world. The four thousand years previous to this auspicious event the world had wandered on in the dark, waiting for the Redeemer, and when Jesus came, the greatest event in the history of the world and of mankind was enacted.

The story of Christ was a beautiful story, and appealed to all men, for Jesus had chosen to make himself known among the humble and the lowly, and he was born in a manger, the poorest of his own choosing, and he loved the poor and the humble.

We can all learn from the Gospel of today the lessons of true humility," continued Father Aylward, "and there is no less reason for emulating for man to learn from the life of Jesus."

The preacher then extended, on behalf of the bishop and the clergy of the city, his hearty wishes for all the kindnesses which had been showered upon the clergy by the laity.

"Though you cannot all give to the church," he said, "and though some of you find it impossible to give as

years of age, living for years in Westminster Township. About three years ago he secured employment on the railroad, and was known as an efficient and capable man. Two years ago he was married to Miss Ida Leitch, daughter of Mr. Douglas Leitch, and is survived by the widow and a baby girl. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the services at the home Sunday afternoon, when the funeral will be held, will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Clark.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.
The North Middlesex Liberals will hold a convention on Jan. 6, at Alisa Craig, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to elect officers for the new riding, and choose a candidate for the coming Dominion elections. All delegates are requested to attend.

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