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The oak is indigenous throughout Britain, and in former ages, before the clearing away of the forests had commenced, appears to have covered a very large portion of its surface, for even in districts where the natural or self growing oak is now rarely seen, the remains of noble and gigantic trees are frequently met with, sometimes in alluvial deposits on the margins of our rivers, or in boggy places, covered with a layer of peat moss, which has been generated around them by the stagnation of water, caused by their fall. Several trees of large dimensions have been exhumed in tracts, where at the present day scarcely an oak of any great age, or that has attained one-fourth the size of those former denizens of the forest, are now to be met with. At Linden, the trunk of a magnificent oak was extracted from a peat moss. The oak was covered by a layer of peat moss to a distance of about three feet, and was discovered by probing the moss. The trunk, with a small portion of one of the larger limbs, was with great labor and difficulty dragged from its miry bed.

The contents of the portion recovered contained 545 cubic feet, although the whole of the sap wood had perished. The timber was perfectly sound, and the tree, by whatever accident it had been overthrown, had fallen in the vigor of its

growth. When sawn up, the interior planks were found of a deep, rich, brown color, those nearer the interior darker, or approaching to black. A variety of elegant furniture had been made from the wood, but it has been found necessary, for fine cabinet work, to have it cut into veneers, as when worked in bulk it is apt to crack and become warped. The remains of other large oaks have also been met with upon the banks of the Tyne, the Aine and other rivers, as well as the various bogs and morasses, and we mention these instances to show in a district, where at the present day nothing but recently planted oak or dwarfish timber from stock shoots exist, that in former times the monarch of the forest grew luxuriantly, and attained a splendid development; and, also, as an inducement to the planter not to neglect the liberal insertion of this national tree wherever soil and situation are found congenial to its growth. In other parts of England, the oak still grows in all its magnificence of form and dimensions, and the remains of those ancient forests which are chronicled by our earliest writers, and which in the time of our Saxon ancestors spread over the greater portion of the country, are still to be traced in the venerable but living relics of enormous oaks, many of which are supposed to number more than a thousand years.

There may perhaps be some who sup-

pose from the slower growth of the oak and the height of time it requires to attain maturity, that they are likely to gain more and within a shorter period by plantations composed of other trees than oak. Such an opinion we conceive to be erroneous, at least with respect to all soils in which this tree will thrive, for we believe that greater advantages and equal profit may be obtained from mixed plantations in which the oak has been introduced in sufficient quantity to stand as an ultimate crop, for the number of plants required for this purpose and the room they occupy when quite young is not such to lessen materially the value of the necessary and periodical thinning of the other occupants which have been planted as secondaries. As compared with the larch, the Scotch fir and others of the pine tribe, or with the rapid growing poplars and willows, the growth of the oak during youth is undoubtedly much slower, being at only one-third the rate of that of the white poplar. The difference, however, in respect to the ash, the elm, the beech and some other forest trees is not nearly so great, as we find from Vancouver's observations that the relative increase in growth of various trees, taking them at ten years old, and fixing the oak as a standard, was as follows:—Oak, ten; elm, sixteen; ash, eighteen; and beech, twenty.—*The Canada Lumberman.*

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#### THE CATTLE QUESTION.

Dear beef has been the subject that has for some days past been vexing and annoying the thrifty housekeeper, who seeing from the daily papers that it was proposed to carry out the quarantine law with respect to live cattle brought in from the United States for purposes of slaughter, began to imagine all kinds of contingencies. A scarcity of beef, and therefore higher prices was the not most unnatural order of argument, and then came the inquiry of how was this going to be provided against? The facts, as we understand them, are that on November 13th, 1890, an order in Council was passed at Ottawa, ordering that the provisions in force regarding the importation of cattle into the province of Manitoba should be applied to the province of British Columbia. This law, which provides for a quarantine of ninety days for cattle coming in from the United States, never having been enforced here, recently, some Calgary stock breeders visited the city, and brought the matter before the notice of the Collector of Customs, urging him, it is said, to carry out the law. The Collector at once wrote to Ottawa for instructions.

According to the local butchers, glad as they are to utilize province-fed stock during some months of the year, it is impossible for them to do so all the time, as no fat cattle are available. Then they are compelled to look to Washington, Oregon and California, the freight and charges from the Canadian Northwest Territories being a serious obstacle in the way of making use of beeves from that section of country even should they happen to be in condition, which is not the case. How-

ever, the Calgary cattle men, understanding that the tariff of Canada is a protective one, have made up their minds that if there can, by any possibility, be any advantage to them from it, they are bound to have it. In a word, they propose to work off their thin beef, which they cannot sell in the east, on the British Columbia market, and that at exorbitant prices, since, by the assistance of the customs duty, they hope to control this market which cannot, like Ontario and Quebec, make any use of frozen meat.

The other day, utterly ignoring questions of policies or sentiment, Mr. L. Goodacre, the well known Victoria butcher, thus presented the case: "At present, the local butchers import 600 head of cattle per month into the Island, averaging 420,000 lbs. in weight. Now the price of prime beef to our customers is 15c. per lb., but, should the law you speak of be enforced among us, the price, at the very lowest computation, will be raised to 20c., counting freight, wharfage and duty. So that the people of this island will have to pay per month \$21,000 more for their beef than they are doing to-day." This statement is one that is well calculated to alarm the consumer.

But, on the other hand, Mr. Van Volkenburg, himself a well-informed stock-raiser and butcher, has given an opinion that is entitled to considerable weight. He says:

"The Government at Ottawa know what they are doing when they make a law like the one under discussion. It will be the finest thing that could happen to the Province if it is carried out in its entirety. It is foolish to talk about a 'beef famine.' There could not possibly be anything of the sort, as beef, and good beef, is always available from the other side,

and would cost no more than it does now. The wholesale price now, in all the Sound cities, is from 6c to 8c per lb., and, adding the freight and duty to this, the butchers in Victoria would not dare to offer it for sale for more than 11c wholesale, or 15c retail. If they did, they would have the Sound butchers over here competing with them, and running them out. Let us put every cent of duty we can on live stock, except for stock purposes, from the United States, and soon you will see hundreds of small farmers starting to breed cattle in this Province."

If it should happen that the present regulation be carried out to the letter, even though it be in the end a blessing in disguise the vast body of consumers must suffer materially unless, as has been represented, dressed meat from the Sound cities comes in at prices sufficiently low to prevent the retailers from selling the article at exorbitant rates. We fully agree with the idea of encouraging local industry to the utmost extent possible, but at the same time recognize the fact that there are consumers as well as producers who are entitled to consideration. By all means let every possible opportunity be given to the British Columbia farmer and stock raiser, who if they will only be content with a moderate amount of assistance will obtain all that is really necessary to enable them to make their industry in every way prosperous and thoroughly successful, as they have all the natural conditions necessary to that end. —*British Columbia Commercial Journal.*

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**SPORTING NOTES.**

The grounds committee of the Victoria Driving Park are in possession of the plans and description of the new Toronto athletic grounds, which consists of a piece of ground of about eight acres, divided off into tennis courts, bicycle track, cricket, lacrosse and a base ball field. It is the intention of the park committee to make their athletic "oval" equal to any grounds in America, and no doubt the sporting fraternity will appreciate their efforts.

What is the matter with the Victoria football players? When a match is on, or within a week or two of one, there remains, at most, only two days (Saturdays) practice. Then we have only a fair practice game. Last Saturday, there was not a sufficient number of Rugby players to make one good side. Was it their recent victory that led them to think they do not require practice? Or is it carelessness or want of enthusiasm that keeps the players from turning out? It has been repeatedly stated that Victoria has the material to produce good athletes. Let us witness a revolution in field sport and Victoria will retain her laurels.

The game of Rugby at Beacon Hill between the Westminster and Victorias, on Thanksgiving day, was another illustration of the want of a properly prepared athletic ground. It is impossible to keep the crowd of spectators back from the play line or off the field. This can only be done in enclosed ground such as the Driving Park Association are now preparing for next season's sports.

The semi-annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club is to be held on Monday evening, in the parlors of Messrs. Hall & Lowe, Government street. Business of importance demands the attention of every member of the club. A special effort will be made to improve the personnel of next years team, and a plan for the carrying out of such a scheme, it is believed, will be presented. A statement of the club's finances will be placed before the meeting.

The James Bay Athletic Association will, during the winter season, hold their regular gymnasium classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The football team practise at the Hill, Saturday afternoons. Mr. Joshua Holland is president, and Mr. E. Mallandine, jr., secretary of this organization.

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### NOTES AND QUERIES.

Q. Will you inform me whether Owen Meredith is a nom de plume? If so, whose? A. It was the assumed name of Robert Bulwer, Lord Lytton.

Q. Does Mrs. Harrison use her influence to exclude liquor from the White House? A. The public is not apprised as to that part of the family life of the Harrisons. It is presumed, however, that Benjamin is boss at the White House.

Q. Will you please tell me the number of great grandchildren Queen Victoria has and the name and age of the oldest? A. The queen has twenty-two grandchildren, the eldest being Albert Victor, son of the Prince of Wales, who was born Jan. 8, 1864.

### LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

The demand for Jackson's Blarney Tweed Suits continues unabated.

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#### TALES OF THE TOWN.

**I** SOMETIMES go to church. Naturally anyone will imagine my object is in search of spiritual comfort, encouragement in the battle of life, or to hear some edifying discourse. But what do I actually hear nine times out of the ten times I happen to attend? Last Sunday was an instance. I strolled into the Methodist Church, thinking I would like to hear Mr. Watson. That gentleman preached mainly on the quarterly statement of the church. He said something incidentally about some impossible coincident of a dream and the death of a dear friend, neither of which had the remotest connection with the gospel; but the burden of his discourse was money, money, money; and all for the church. Let the children go barefoot; forego your Sunday dinner; pawn your clothes; go in debt, but don't see the church in debt on any consideration. "Give, give,

give," was the cry. Mr. Watson made a capital budget speech of a finance minister with a deficit, but there were no "glad tidings of good will to men" in his discourse, and I came away sick and disappointed. Why is it that, no matter what church I go to, the minister meets me at the door, crying, "Give to the Lord; give freely; give always?" I am not mean, and I do give as much as I can afford; but why this persistent, irrepensible begging?

Speaking of churches brings to mind a fact of which I am painfully conscious every time I attend service, no matter where. I refer to the complete absence of anything like a decent choir. As to organists, those in Victoria are an abomination. One may be excepted. That is Mr. Pauline, of Christ Church Cathedral. He, though, would appear to better advantage had he anything like a choir, although, with the material at his command, Mr. Herbert Kent, the leader, does remarkably well. There was a great hubbub a short time since about the flagrant immorality of the city of Victoria; but when one comes down to hard facts there is very

little attraction in the churches. The speakers, taken as a whole, are far from brilliant, and the number of our learned men among the ministry here is confined to two or three. The music is atrociously bad, and with these two discomforts, with the additional one of begging appeals, there is very small inducement for one to spend four or five hours of the day of rest in church. Not that I would advise anyone, under the circumstances, to seek the opposite diversion of dissipation or vice. But, preachers, up and make church attractive, inviting, pleasant, if you will, and the people will go; otherwise, all the terrors of eternal banishment from the Divine presence will not coerce them into going to church.

There was an amusing instance in the County Court just closed, and I was surprised to see that one of the local papers had the temerity to report the case. It was about a Poodle Dog supper partaken of by some of our young English bloods who wanted to make an impression of princeliness on some theatrical ladies. There was fun in the court at the hearing; mine host

Marboeuf treated the assembly of debtors and creditors to a very nice little partomime. As was stated in the local paper in question, "What tales the Poodle Dog could bark!" I only understood that sentence because I saw how small some of those snobs were made to feel before people on whom they so looked down.

Last week was not one of much excitement in any department. Monday night was divided between the Minstrels at the Theatre and Frederic Archer at St. John's Church. I don't think Archer has changed a bit since I first met him in England, now nearly fourteen years ago. He is perhaps a little greyer, but he is the same great man who ruled all with a power bordering on musical despotism. He has the reputation of not being oppressively classical in his selections, yet sometimes a caprice will seize him and he will play a whole programme of nothing else but highly classical works. And the public worship him just as blindly as ever. Archer, though, is the soul of affableness and good humor, while his fund of anecdote is simply inexhaustible. A wide traveller, a keen observer of human nature, something of a cynic now and again, a careful but general reader, and endowed with a rich sense of humor, Archer makes capital company. He never talks "shop;" that is, he never inflicts one with a sense of his greatness, although the instrument one forgets Archer the prince of good fellows, and worships only Archer the prince of organists.

Speaking of Archer, I am reminded of an incident which occurred in the church, and which is only too common at the theatre. There were some individuals in a seat behind me who assumed the role of gentlemen. If it is gentlemanly to act in a grossly coarse fashion, showing off an exaggerated Cockney twang, supposed to be English, and sucking the handles of huge walking canes, then those individuals were gentlemen from the soles of their huge, heavy feet to the crowns of their light, empty heads. I often wonder as I see those animals at public places or on the street, how they got loose and where the breed started. The originator, if alive, must be in the insane asylum.

I hear that a certain Wharf Street merchant is looking longingly at the mayor's chair, and that if John Grant could be induced into showing his hand as to whether or not he is going to seek a fifth term, the gentleman in question would break a lance with any other candidate. I have a pretty shrewd idea of Mr. Grant's in-

tentions, but I will not state positively what I know. Go in and win, Mr. ———.  
PERE GRINATOR.

### THE USE OF SLANG.

Slang ought to be deprecated, and it is. It has not an outspoken defender in the English language, nor ought it to have. Likewise it does not need one. The way it survives and inheres and permeates our thoughts and breaks out in our attempts to express thought reminds one of Josh Billings' observation on rats, which have not had friend since the days of Julius Cæsar, and yet survive and flourish. The English language is abundantly adequate for the correct and eloquent expression of any thought worth expressing. It is equal to any emergency, except when a man is mad or has been caught in an awkward position. But there is something in the human mind—and especially in the American type of the intangible source of thought—which revolts at the unbroken use of conventional forms. Hence the universal use of slang as a protest against monotony—a sort of declaration of independence against the tyranny of grammar. The young are naturally independent. Their bnoyant spirits chafe at fixed rules—an adequate explanation undoubtedly of the fact, sometimes startling in its development, that the youthful mind so readily catches up and incorporates every slang phrase that comes along. How readily it does this is amply illustrated every day and everywhere, but the experience of an Eastern pedagogue, as related in an exchange, is sufficiently striking to warrant more than passing notice. He asked a class of boys to form a sentence containing the word "are." "Ah there," promptly responded one of the class. After getting his breath, the teacher endeavored to explain the inaccuracy of the reply, and, thinking that his explanation was sufficiently clear and lucid, asked the class to try again. His surprise can be imagined when a bright little fellow instantly replied, "you are not in it."  
~~Sunday Mercury.~~

Parting is a sweet sorrow. The divorce courts are full of it.

It is easier to give the devil a good character than it is to give one to some people who affect to hate him.

Actors do not work for a living—their's is all play. This does not apply to the Little Lord Fauntleroy company. They were hams.

Sir Edwin Arnold's son Julien is a hard-working member of the London Telegraph staff, and doesn't put on any frills because his father is editor-in-chief.

### TRUTH AND FICTION.

"Did you ever know," said an eastern "wine taster," this morning, to a VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL man, "that it is almost an impossibility to get a Chinaman drunk? Well, that is a fact, although hard to account for. I don't know why a celestial isn't as subject to the exhiirating effect of the grape juice as a white man, but, as I said, it's a fact for which even physicians find it hard to give a satisfactory reason. The average Chinaman can work in wineries for months at a time and not taste a drop of liquor, and then if they do, they partake so sparingly as to keep their heads cool. I suppose, if they drank enough, they would be jolly, too, but the fact of wonder is that Chinese have hardly any desire to drink. It looks like a psychological phenomenon to me, don't it to you?" THE HOME JOURNAL man didn't want to stake his opinion against the learned physicians of America and said so. "Well, then, just as a clincher to my proposition, I'll give you two pen pictures from life and let you judge for yourself. Picture No. 1: Two score of Chinamen, manufacturing 500,000 gallons of wine in one winery, a whole season of six months at work—not a drunk among 'em. Picture No. 2: Same winery, same liquor—six white Americans—same time of work—each man drunk for two days out of each week. This is gospel truth."

Mr. Foster MacGurn was enjoying a quiet evening with his family recently when one of the children, a six-year-old, remarked: "Pa, I know what life insurance is." "Well, my dear," said the beloved parent, "what is life insurance?" "It is where a person pays a small sum of money to-day and in two or three years gets a large sum."

For originality, not to say humor, commend us to the answers in examination papers. Here are two or three which an English bishop vouches for. A child was asked to give some account of Oliver Cromwell, and volunteered the information that the Protector "was very unhappy and dreaded assassination. On his deathbed he cried, 'If I had served my God as I served my king, I should not be thus forsaken in my old age!'" Another, evidently with temperance proclivities, defined syntax as "a dooty on spirits." One smart youth, who was asked by an examiner "Could your father walk around the world?" was equal to the occasion. "No, sir," said he. "Why not?" "Because he is dead."

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## CANADIAN ART.

After journalism and literature, art in every country ranks next in order as a cultivator of national education. But art, like her more popular sisters, cannot be healthy, vigorous or patriotic, if allowed to go hungry and footsore on her way. Let us discuss the condition of these things in Canada; examining them from every plausible standpoint. Here, as the Toronto Empire remarks, agriculture, business, artisanship and industry receive a wise measure of protection and encouragement from the state, which art and letters cannot share. Perhaps, some will say the logical result of this is that whilst wealth increases in the community, the original coldness of horny-handed poverty towards national culture continues to prevail. We question whether this is so. It is a fact, however, which it would be in vain either to deny or ignore that the chances of success in our country for pure courageous literary or artistic effort are remarkably slim. And yet, to the credit of our writers and our artists, be it said that even in face of this danger to which they are exposed the display more than the average degree of ambitious purity. It is not to be wondered at that there is some pandering to the poorer grades of the public taste, and unfortunately we are neither free from the pestilence of "American" journalism nor from the stolen frivolities of foreign art. But should not these things which are debasing serve but to arouse us from our lethargy, if we would cultivate a higher average standard? We know it to be a fact that honest and conscientious men amongst us in art and in journalism prefer to work and ignore the present audience altogether. They get small returns and few expressions of appreciation, it is true, but they have to choose

between independence and servility. The artist's lot is, if anything, harder than the journalist's. The former is compelled to come before the public to earn his bread, but the latter is free to remain in congenial retirement.

In Ontario, there are two schools of art which, combined, constitute the majority of the talent in the province. One is the English school of art; the other is the French. Invariably, the bulk of the interest in the gallery seems to be divided between them. Out of this state of affairs, a sort of rivalry has arisen which may be responsible for some of that patriotic indifference—if we may be pardoned such an expression—in art which hitherto has been conspicuous. Is it not possible out of a conciliation of the two schools to evolve a Canadian sentiment and character? This is what our country expects of the two principal elements composing the Canadian people. There is not a community under heaven so gross as to entirely ignore native art for the sake of the parvenu imported tastes of others. If it be unjust then to attribute coldness towards art solely to bad taste, national enthusiasm and independent Canadian taste can only be reached by the road which reveals to us glimpses of our native lakes, rivers, mountains and forests, glances of our bright Canadian sky and the warmth of Canadian hospitality in Canadian homes.

## CURE OF DRUNKENNESS.

It has been only a month or two since John F. Mines wrote in the North American Review an exultant proclamation that "drunkenness can be cured," citing his own case as proof beyond question of his thesis.

The hundreds and perhaps thousands who knew the sad history of the brilliant author, the pitiful story of a life ruined, a character undermined and rare intellectual gifts destroyed by an uncontrollable passion for drink, rejoiced with him, not only in his own rescue from the thralldom of appetite, but in the confident assurance that the treatment which had enabled him to master temptation would render like service to others.

Alas! the cure was not cure. The appetite returned. The man succumbed, and after a ten days' debauch

the brilliant intellect has gone out in darkness, the refined scholar has died an almshouse patient!

The pity of it all is tragic. The moral of it is, perhaps, not quite what first appears. The case disappoints but should not discourage hope. It shows that the treatment upon which Mr. Mines relied is, at best, not infallible—perhaps it may have no value at all, or perhaps it may be efficacious in the great majority of cases. When its discoverer complies with his obligations as a physician and gives his secret to the profession for humanity's sake, we shall learn more as to that. But, however that may be, it is still true, as Mr. Mines declared, that "drunkenness can be cured."

It has been cured in thousands of cases. The will of the drunkard is its surest cure when that will is strong enough. Sometimes it is so in itself. Sometimes it is made so by some strong outer influence—the love of wife or children, an awakened religious sense, or even some sudden and impressive presentation to the mind of the terrors of the drunkard's end. In whatever form the will power comes, it is a sure cure if the will be but strong enough.

Unfortunately the will of the drunkard is usually very weak. Alcoholic excess makes its first attack at that point, and the will is often undermined before even the complexion shows traces of indulgence. It is for this reason that devices for tricking the imagination are so often requisite. A noted man of the West went to a bar many times every day for twenty years and went through all the motions of mixing himself a toddy, using pepper sauce in lieu of whiskey, by way of appeasing what he called the alcoholic thirst of the imagination. In that sign, he conquered.

Other devices have served equally well where a naturally strong will existed; but after all drunkenness is like a fire at sea, of which one of the famous ship captains says: "The best thing to do with it is to prevent it from beginning."

LORD SALISBURY, at the Guildhall banquet, said that there was not a single speck of a war cloud on the horizon. The British Premier seems to be unaware of the fact that Chili has been caught making faces at the United States of America.



## DOTS AND DASHES.

THE Chicago city railway gives gold medal to gripmen who make the best records for freedom from accident. They can't eat the medals, and as articles of dress they are not much protection against the cold. The reward scheme is all right, but it would be better to pay them in increased wages, which would buy something to eat and something to wear. If we are not misinformed, this is the way our own tramway company treat their men. We may be mistaken, however.

THE lecture by Postmaster Shakespeare, in Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, last Thursday evening, was an intellectual feast. The subject, "The Life of Christ, the History of Daniel and the Stately Homes of England," was one which our modest postmaster could discuss intelligently. It may not be generally known that Postmaster Shakespeare is a thorough student of ancient literature, and converses in Latin and Greek with a fluency rarely found in these days. Many years spent in Palestine, with admirable opportunities for observation, enabled the lecturer to add interest to his subject, by many pretty stories of things which had happened to him and illustrations of the wonderful things he had seen during his residence in Jerusalem. It is suggested that our modest and unassuming postmaster should give the public the benefit of his travels in a small book printed in large type.

DR. KINGSFORD is at work on a new volume of his excellent History of Canada. It will deal with the period from 1759 to 1841. Let us all determine to reward its able and deserving author by buying the book, and let us read the graphic narration of the great events which established British genius, valor and virtue on the better half of this continent, and resolve anew to preserve their fruits intact.

## HEBREW LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meeting held last Thursday evening at the residence of Dr. Philo for the purpose of establishing a Young Ladies' and Gentlemen's Literary Association was well attended. The following officers, pro tem, were chosen: President, I. E. Philo; and M. Eck-

stein, secretary. One of the main objects of the association at present will be to secure funds by giving balls and concerts to erect a new synagogue on the vacant lot adjoining the Temple Emanuel. The lower flats of the building will be used for the church, while the upper flat of one will be fitted up for a residence for the Rabbi. The present building is becoming too small for the fast increasing congregation, and it is decided to secure more room at once. The children, ranging from 5 to 15 years of age, have also got up an association during the past few weeks. Each boy or girl has to pay five cents a week for the purpose of accumulating a sum large enough to buy a library for the school of their church. I. E. Philo will, in a few weeks, produce Edwin Arden's masterpiece, "Eagle's Nest." He will be assisted by local talent and members of the newly founded organization. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening November 25, at the residence of Dr. Philo.

## A PROMENADE CONCERT.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, of the Jubilee Hospital, will open the new Market Hall, with a grand promenade concert, early in December. Some of the most talented local musicians have consented to take part. Mrs. C. Hayward, the energetic secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, has been suffering from a severe cold which has somewhat delayed the arrangements.

The next reception of the Iona Club will be held in Harmony Hall, on Friday, 27th inst.

Mr. J. D. Parker and wife, of Toronto, who are in the city on their honeymoon, were prominent guests at the Comus last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Geo. J. Burnett, the organist, has arrived, and has charge of the instrument of the Calvary Baptist Church. With such an accomplished musician as Miss MacGregor as leader and Mr. Burnett as organist, the choir of Calvary Baptist Church must become one of the best in the city.

The Sons of St. George held the first masquerade ball of the season, in the Assembly Hall, last night. The decorations were unique. Prof. Pfordner's orchestra supplied the music, and the light fantastic was enjoyed till the wee sma' hours.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The second quarterly convention of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League, was held, last Friday evening, in the lecture room of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. J. H. White occupied the chair, and, in a few well chosen remarks, opened the convention. A paper on associate membership, by Mr. Hall, president of the Gorge Road League, also one on how to conduct a prayer meeting, by Mr. John Boyd, of St. Andrews Church Society, brought forth considerable discussion by members present. The Glee Club, of the First Presbyterian Church, and a quartette, of the Pandora Methodist League, favored the convention with popular selections. A sociable chat over coffee and cake brought a pleasant and profitable gathering to a close.

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League Juniors, of the Pandora Methodist Church, held a pleasant social, last Tuesday evening, in the church parlors. An entertaining programme and abundance of pie sufficed to make the young people enjoy themselves. The principal numbers on the programme were: Recitation, by Miss Walkins; solo, by Miss Maggie Clarke; instrumental selection—banjos and guitars—Messrs. McMillan, Catanah, Short and Booth; recitation, Miss Shely; zither and mouth organ solo, Mr. Wescott; recitation, Miss Maggie Burkholder; instrumental duet, Misses Luker and Spreng; solo, Miss Luney and Instrumental, Miss Lufts.

Miss Hutcheson entertained a large number of friends, last evening, with music and dancing. A pleasant time was spent.

Old Philharmonic Hall is not going to be ruined as a dance hall after all. The improvements that are being made will not interfere with the original floor, the sloping one being a false one that can be removed with little difficulty when the hall is needed for a dance.

An enjoyable concert was given at Victoria West last Wednesday evening. The songs, with a couple of selections, were very well rendered. The entertainment concluded with a farce, and taking into consideration that this was a first effort, the performers did remarkably well. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience.

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## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

EVERY woman can be a modiste. Only very few can be successful ones, because only a few recognize and practise the principles that command success. Some may take exception to my statement that every woman can be a modiste. Let me explain my meaning by an anecdote. I know two bright young women in Paris who were suddenly thrown upon their own resources. Reared in luxury and taught to regard themselves as heiresses, they had never even learned to sew, yet, recognizing the rich harvest that may be reaped from woman's vanity by those who can cultivate it successfully, they resolved to establish themselves as modistes.

They secured suitable apartments in a good location for their purpose. They engaged, at a large salary, one of the best of all Parisian artists in designing, cutting and fitting of dresses to take charge of those departments, and furnished her with a corps of competent assistants. Their names were put up as the heads of the business, yet their

only share in it was to exercise the closest supervision over its every detail, to see that all their employes were prompt and efficient and gave a full and satisfactory day's work for their day's wages; to prevent all possible waste of material and time; to see that their customers were well treated and fairly dealt with, and to advertise and push their firm name and their work in every way possible. The result has been that within a few years they have achieved fortune, and are growing steadily richer, while among the best class of Parisian ladies their reputation for turning out the finest gowns vies with that of any other house. What woman has done, woman may do. The principles of success are many and varied, but they are neither difficult to learn nor difficult to follow. First of all, the woman who would be a successful modiste must cultivate her powers of observation in every way possible. The modiste should be, above all, an observer of dress.

This incident happened in a Paris court of justice. A vain woman

was called as a witness, when the magistrate inquired her age. "Twenty-five last August," replied the lady. The next witness was a young man, who said that he was 27. "Are you related to the last witness?" queried the magistrate. "Yes, I am her son," he replied. "Ah!" mused the magistrate, "your mother must have married very young."

I see by the telegrams that the original of the address of congratulation presented to the Marquis of Lorne by the Presbyterian Assembly after the recovery of the Princess of Louise from her accident is for sale in a second-hand store in Ottawa, city. The accident, if my memory serves me right, occurred during a sleigh ride, shortly after the arrival of the Princess in Canada. How much the address was appreciated can be understood from the above.

A correspondent, says the London Globe, sends the following touching example of conjugal fraternity: "Mr. and Mrs. — have returned to town and will celebrate

their silver wedding on the 15th inst. N. B.—Intending givers of presents can be supplied with a list of suitable gifts on writing to Mrs. ———,

It is reported that one banner in a temperance parade in the east,

the Young Men's Christian Association, Monday afternoon, to form a ladies' auxiliary. After a presentation of the needs of the work and the place that ladies might occupy in it, an organization was effected, with the following officers: President, Mrs. M. Jenkins; vice-presi-

bride or bridegroom as to their wedding journey. Honeymoons of one week are in good form, and the echoes of the congratulations have scarcely died away and the talk-over of the incidents of the wedding are still in progress when the married couple suddenly put in an



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was carried by an old woman bowed down with the weight of years and on which was inscribed: "I Cannot Vote, but My Papa Can." Another, which bore the inscription, "The Lips that Touch Wine Shall Never Touch Mine," was borne by a particularly homely old maid with a face that would stop a clock.

There was a meeting of ladies at

dent, Miss S. E. Armstrong; second vice-president, Mrs. C. Watson; secretary, Mrs. L. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. A. Seiver; auditor, Mrs. H. Siddall. Committees were also arranged, and plans are being laid for energetic winter work. Any ladies in the city willing to join may send in their names to the president, Mrs. Jenkins, 23 Chamber street.

Not a word can be had from any

appearance. Etiquette requires on this occasion that each should wear an extremely blase and married-for-years sort of expression.

The average woman is a very clothes observer.

Simply because a man gets on a "bender" is not sufficient evidence to justify the suspicion that he is "crooked."

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### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

A TIMELY protest is entered by the Spirit of the Times against the practice in vogue among certain business managers and press agents of sending duplicate paragraphs about their attractions to the dramatic editors. The result, as the Spirit points out, is that when the editors are careless enough to use this matter, one paper seems to be quoting the exact language of another paper, and all appear to be pulled by the same wires. As our contemporary remarks, "The system has come to be such a nuisance that time, ink and paper are thrown away upon notices good only to fill the waste basket."

The manager that really wishes to furnish printable material to the press concerning the matters in which he is interested should at least see to it that it is varied in the case of each newspaper. And unless the dramatic editor merely uses the stuff as memoranda—which is its only legitimate journalistic use—he should carefully refrain from printing the reams of "manifold" and duplicated matter that pours into his office, out of respect to himself and to his readers.

THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL has now almost completed arrangements whereby it will be able to place before the public the standing of every travelling organisation visiting Victoria. No advance notices, except those from papers of reputation, will be published in our columns. In this connection we may say that in the matter of amusements the widest latitude

should be allowed for varying tastes. The effect of a stage performance on any particular individual is dependent not only on his mental culture and moral temperament but also upon his mood. In the past lovers of the drama have been shamefully imposed upon by being led to believe from advance notices that organisations utterly devoid of talent were really entitled to their support. In future THE HOME JOURNAL will, without the pressure of influence from any quarter, publish the criticisms of reputable Eastern papers concerning the merits of companies visiting here, so that the people will know beforehand whether or not the performance is really what it should be.

There is a nice little story told about Miss Arthur, the actress, well known in Canada. It was while she was with the McDowells, playing a Halifax engagement, that the garrison officers invited the entire company to supper after the performance. "Will your wife be there?" asked Miss Arthur of the officer who presented her with the invitation. The officer looked confused, and then awkwardly explained, in a round-about manner, that his wife was not accustomed to associating with theatrical people. "Then I won't go," declared Miss Arthur, and she didn't.

The past week in dramatic circles has been mournfully dull. The Victoria has been dark every night. We will have nothing worth while speaking of until late on in December, that is, if some good organisations do not secure dates in the meantime.

#### SHARPS AND FLATS.

Ovide Musin will visit Winnipeg about Christmas time.

Louis James and Frederick Warde are to combine forces.

Patti Rosa has made a hit in Charles Vincent's Dolly Varden.

The Gyp Comedy Company have been in Nanaimo during the week.

This is the eighth season that A Parlor Match has been on the road.

Evangeline is doing well in Australia, and E. E. Rice is once more on top.

Viola Allen will do leading business in one of Charles Frohman's companies.

The Lacrosse Minstrels, of Van-

couver, gave a performance in that city last night.

Miss Nora Clench, the violinist, will shortly leave for another protracted residence in Europe.

W. J. Florence, the celebrated comedian, died at Philadelphia, Thursday evening, after an illness of several days.

Mr. Kelly, the well-known vocalist, is studying the mandolin under one of the best teachers in America, an Italian named Signor Valisi.

Two musicians, well known in this city, are about to open a school, in which will be taught the use of both string and wind instruments. Both gentlemen are thorough musicians, and will no doubt do well.

Mr. Victor Austin, of San Francisco, has been engaged to teach the violin, guitar and mandolin at the Conservatory of Music, Douglas Street, and will arrive here from San Francisco on the 5th of December for that purpose.

Sam Morris and John Williams are playing the old, worn-out Nip and Tuck at Nanaimo. Victoria people will take their dose on Monday night. Manager Austin is to be congratulated on the attractions (that's what some people call them) he is playing at The Victoria.

#### AT THE VICTORIA.

Nip and Tuck—Nov. 23.  
Uncle Tom's Cabin—Dec. 4.  
McKee Rankin—16 and 17.  
Carleton Opera Company—22 and 23.  
Michael Strogoff—28 and 29.  
Midnight Alarm—Jan. 8 and 9.  
Kate Claxton—22 and 23.  
Devil's Auction—25 and 26.  
Katie Putnam—29 and 30.

#### AT THE VANCOUVER OPERA HOUSE.

Cleveland's Minstrels—Nov. 11.  
The President—14.  
Skipped by the Light of the Moon—Dec 14  
Mendelssohn Quintette—19.  
Carleton Opera—24.  
John L. Sullivan—19.  
Kate Claxton—20 and 21.  
Katie Putnam—25 and 26.  
Sport McAllister—Feb. 29.  
Hanon's Superba—April 4 and 5.  
Frederick Warde—11, 12 and 13.  
Ole Olsen—15.  
Spider and Fly—18 and 19.  
Corinne Opera Company—20 and 21.  
Marie Wainwright—May 9 and 10.  
Frod Daniels—11 and 14.  
Cora Tanner—27 and 28.  
Lillian Lewis—June 1 and 2.  
Thatcher's Minstrels—10 and 11.  
Rhea—16 and 17.  
Two Johns—22 and 23.  
Natural Gas—July 20 and 21.  
The Cruisheen Lawn—29 and 30.  
Sol Smith Russell—Sept. 21 and 22.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

Society is reigning supreme. This is evident to every society man and woman these days of approaching winter and departing autumn, if we can be said to have such seasons. Each evening chronicles the history of some brilliant dancing reception, wedding or party, and the past week has been well up to the standard in this respect. It has seen some splendid social entertainments, all of an elaborate nature, and all fully enjoyed by society devotees, and with a keen relish, too.

The Comus Club gave their second dance of the season at the Philharmonic Hall on Tuesday evening, about fifty couples being present. There were several debutantes on this occasion, and as is invariably the case under such circumstances, everybody was determined to make the event more than usually enjoyable. The membership of the club, it is pleasing to note, is steadily increasing. The coming season promises to be one of much pleasure, in so far as the members of the Comus Club are concerned.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Iolantha Club, Tuesday evening, at Harmony Hall. Over twenty couples were present, which was most encouraging for the members, this being the first gathering of the season. The party opened with a grand march, headed by the president, and followed by the vice-president, secretary and committee. There were sixteen numbers on the programme, and as one member remarked, "When the last dance was called off, it was much like regret that the members bade one another good-bye, but they looked forward with much pleasure to the next."

Thos. H. Alice, of the well-known grocery firm of Lowe & Alice, was married on Thursday morning last, at Nanaimo, to Miss

Jane Johns, of that city. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. John H. Glaholm, uncle of the bride, and was performed by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who went to Nanaimo for that purpose. Mr. Thos. Lowe was groomsmen, while the bridesmaids were Misses Johns, sisters of the bride. Mrs. Alice is connected with some of the leading families of Nanaimo. Her father, previous to his death, was one of H. M. Customs officers. Mr. and Mrs. Alice came to Victoria by the noon train Thursday, and left for San Francisco Friday morning by the City of Puebla to spend their honeymoon. The honeymoon will be spent among the orange blossoms of California. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Harry Salmon, one of Victoria's most popular business men, to Miss Frederica Blumenthal, also a decided favorite in the city. The event takes place in the Synagogue on the 24th inst. at 1:30, and admission will be by ticket only.

The social dance that was to have been held in Victoria West Hall on Friday, Nov. 27, by Loyal Pride of the West Lodge, C.O.O.F. (M.U.), has been postponed until Tuesday, Dec. 1st. Those holding tickets can change the date.

On Monday, Nov. 16, the first marriage took place in St. Philip's Church, Nanaimo, when Mr. Fredk. J. Curran, of that city, was united in matrimonial bonds to Miss Rose Bradley, late of Nottingham, England. Rev. E. G. Miller performed the binding ceremony.

A children's party was given by Mrs. Raymur at the residence of her father, Mr. D. W. Higgins, Regent Park, last Wednesday night. So pleasant were the arrangements that everyone present enjoyed the event immensely.

The Married Ladies' Club having gone out of existence, it now devolves upon the Comus Club to keep up dances. They will, however, make an effort to interest the ladies in a grand ball for New Year's Eve. The married ladies held a dance at New Year's in the past, and no doubt they will help the gentlemen out this year.

At No. 11 Amelia Street, Wed-

nesday evening, the ceremony which made Mr. Samuel Bowyer and Miss Bertha Simpson man and wife was performed by Rev. Coverdale Watson. Mr. Bowyer lives at Hartley Bay, where his father owns and operates a large sawmill. Mrs. Bowyer arrived by the Islander last Wednesday night from England, and the Boscowitz waited until midnight to convey her and her husband to their northern home. In the interesting ceremony, in which they played the most interesting part, the bride was supported by Miss Nellie Bowyer and the groom by Mr. W. J. Lucas.

A pleasant surprise party took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geiger, Blanchard Street, Thursday evening. About twelve couples were present, and games and dancing were participated in until an early hour Friday morning.

Miss Flossie Hayward was a most charming debutante at the late reception in the Assembly Hall.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod will give an "At home" to the congregation of St. Andrew's on the evening of the 24th inst.

A pleasant entertainment was given in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral, Thursday evening. The little schoolroom was crowded, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A pianoforte solo by Miss Jessie Bell was excellently played, and Mr. Kent's song was very well sung, and was worthy of an encore. The first quartette, by Messrs. Wollaston, Kent, Floyd and Middleton, was well rendered. The second was a failure as far as music goes, but served its purpose in amusing the audience. The gem of the evening, however, was the recitation by Miss Katie Brady. Every alternate Monday through the winter months there will continue to be one of these concerts in the Cathedral school-room, to which an admission fee of 10c. will be charged.

A well-known young barrister of this city will wed a young lady of San Francisco, who has been visiting in Victoria.

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The report that the people of Saanich were about to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of the Colonist poet, lacks confirmation.

It would be interesting to know now what Sam Greer thinks of British fair play. This was a favorite theme of Sam's during election times.

A great deal of clatter in a newspaper office is decidedly annoying. There is only one thing more obstructive and irritating and that is the idiot who whistles.

Down at the Chinese theatre, one night last week, the audience became demonstrative, because the performers were no good, and hurled chairs, benches and vegetables at the actors. At The Victoria, things are quite different. The audience simply curse the manager for inflicting them with a performance presented by a party of barnstormers.

The other day, an Irishman from Galway was brought before a magistrate in a certain town in Lancashire on a charge of having six wives. The magistrate asked him how he could be so hardened a villain as to delude so many women. "Please, your worship," said Pat, "I was only trying to get hold of a good one."

This might have happened on the C. P. R., but it didn't:

The reporter that had accompanied the special train to the scene of the wreck, hurried down the embankment and found a man who had one arm in a sling, a bandage over one eye, his front teeth gone and his nose knocked four points to starboard, sitting on a broken truck of the sleeping car and surveying the horrible ruin all about him.

"Can you give me some particulars of this accident?" he asked, taking out his note book.

"I haven't heard of any accident, young man," replied the disfigured party, stiffly. He was one of the officers of the road.

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SHORT NOTES.

L. Godbolt, representing J. & T. Bell, manufacturers of fine shoes, Montreal, has returned east, after a successful business visit to the provincial cities.

THE wreck of the Nova Scotia bark Sarah off the British Columbia coast, once more raises the question of the appliances and facilities of the Marine Department upon the Pacific coast. Are they what they should be, if, indeed, they are at all proportionate with those that have been so lavishly bestowed upon the Atlantic coast?

THE net public debt of Canada in 1880 was \$152,451,568, and in 1890 \$237,533,212, an increase of \$85,081,624. During that decade the following expenditures were made:—Railways, \$67,060,152; canals, \$15,507,380; public buildings, \$8,407,481; other public works, \$13,808,132—a total of \$104,522,145, or \$19,440,521 more than the increase of the public debt.

THE Dominion Minister of Finance is thus reported to have expressed himself on the question of trade relations with the United States:—"On the whole I gather that the McKinley Bill stands a fair chance to remain the law for several years, and without doubt the agricultural clauses will be fully maintained. This will preclude anyone concluding that a change to the advantage of agricultural products and their admission into the United States will be brought about by Congressional legislation. It does not follow, however, that it will change the status of the reciprocity question. The United States Cabinet and Congress may retain their present tariff intact, and yet be willing and able to make an agreement with Canada whereby for mutual advantage the tariff on certain conditions may be reduced or abolished. It depends upon the willingness of the United States to enter into negotiations with that end in view. The probability is they will result in an arrangement which could be accepted with honor and advantage." It is understood that next month a trade conference will take place between representatives of Canada and the United States.

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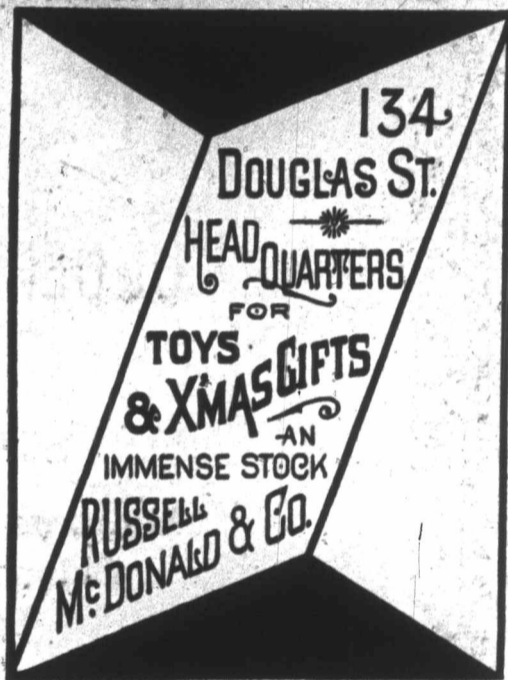
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