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A MINER'S BIG JUMP.

To the Bottom of a Snow Bank.

WHAT HE FOUND IN A WONDERFUL HIDDEN CAVERN - BOILING SPRINGS, CURIOUS CREATURES AND GOLD GALORE - A FORTY-NINER'S YARN.

ONE night last winter, writes a Nevada correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, when the chilly blasts of a terrible wind and snow-storm were singing and howling around the cabin, Drade Haworth, Bob Burke, Jack Turner and Finn Summers, four genuine, stalwart miners, sat around a blazing fire in their cabin at the foot of one of the mountains in Nevada. Conversation had dwindled to monosyllables, and this linguistic empitome had subsided to an occasional ejaculation between the whiffs and puffs of smoke which almost completely filled the cabin with its aroma, when Finn, the old weather-beaten '49er, broke the monotony:

"Bob, tell us a story," Burke replied: "I don't know any story which would interest you fellows."

"Yes, you do; tell us how the Britisher found the gold mine and lost it."

"But I've told that story already."

"It's a good one, anyhow, and will bear repeating; so fix yourself and let's have it."

Pipes were filled all around, a nip out of the keg taken, and the boys fixed their personalities for permanent comfort.

"Two years ago about this time a young Englishman, who came out here for his health and to mend a depleted purse, arrived in this section of country and joined a party of miners near Mount Wilmuth. He was a handsome, clever young fellow, full of grit, free hearted and free handed. All of the boys liked him. One day Lambert - Fred Lambert was his name - started out on a hunt; that's the last we saw of him for nearly two months, and when he did turn up he was bleached as white almost as an Albino, and he had one of the strangest stories to tell I ever listened to. After he had somewhat recovered he told the following story: "I followed the comb of the mountain for hours before I saw any indication of game, when just as I was turning a big bowlder, I came almost face to face with a huge grizzly. Without a moment's thought I pulled up my Winchester and pumped three loads into him quick as thought. In my hurry and excitement I failed to fatally wound or kill him, and in less time than it takes to tell it I was scurrying away, with the grizzly a good second in the rear.

"There was no tree which I could climb, even if I had been given the opportunity, and the race resolved itself into a contest of endurance and speed, with the chances decidedly in favor of the bear, with an early prospect of a survival of the fittest. The top of the mountain was almost free of snow, while in the vales and canons the drifts lay many feet deep. I soon found that the grizzly was gaining upon me and would soon overtake me. In a few seconds (I don't know how many, for, owing to the press of business, I failed to keep the exact time) the grizzly was almost within reaching distance. Just at that time we, the bear and I, arrived on the edge of a precipitous descent, over which I sprang.

Down! down! down! I went, into the snow, and then on down and down and down until I shot through the snow bank and into an open space. After I had recovered from my confusion I found I had landed in an open space about thirty feet in diameter and twelve feet high. A small stream of water rippled through the space coming from under the mountain, running across, and disappearing under the snow drift. The water was warm, and the vapor arising from it had evidently thawed the snow around and above until it had made the open space. The opening through which the stream trickled was about four feet wide and eight or ten feet high. I concluded to enter it, and find where the stream came from. I picked up my gun, which I had dropped when I struck the ground, and started in.
(Concluded on Monday.)

HOFFMAN, THE BOY WONDER.

He Gets the Old Musicians Crazy - The Greatest Marvel Since Mozart.

THE sensation of sensations in New York to-day is the boy pianist, Josef Hoffman aged ten, who held his first rehearsal Sunday afternoon, of that musical event the Herald says: Hoffman is a musical genius of the rarest order, and nothing like the prodigy of his aptitude has been seen since the time of Mozart. He is a thorough child in manner, save for an attractive swagger of self-possession. In appearance he is not out of the ordinary, and his face and form indicate that the ten years given as his age are pretty near the mark.

Once seated at the instrument young Hoffman seems to throw off his juvenile identity and assume the spirit of a master, grown old in his art. His face brightens with the fire of inspiration, and his whole being becomes animated with unconscious devotion to his work. Not that he employs the bizarre and fantastically vigorous technique with which the performance of many great pianists is associated in one's mind; on the contrary, Hoffman plays with a graceful ease that would seem almost languid but for the striking colorature with which his work is informed.

It was amusing to note the thoroughly confident air with which the child conducted yesterday's rehearsal. When the orchestra's work was quite to his fancy he nodded his head approvingly, but when Herr Neuendorff's baton moved too slowly or too quickly Hoffman did not hesitate to express his displeasure. Several times he left his chair at the "baby" grand and, taking a place beside Neuendorff, instructed the wondering musicians as to the manner in which he wanted particular passages rendered.

At times, the old, gray haired men, whose entire lives have passed in the study of art of sweet tones, would become so rapt in the extraordinary musical gifts of the child before them as to cease playing in order to listen and watch the perfect methods of the performer. Again, they would all burst out in a cry of "Bravo!" and at the close of one of his own compositions they rushed forward, some to grasp his tiny hand and others to imprint a kiss on his forehead.

A FALSE VOICE.

AN English magazine contains a weird little story which tells how an Italian singer, in possession of a voice of unexampled power, suddenly burst upon the operatic world of Paris, and continued to astonish his admirers until one night he vanished, without warning or explanation beyond the curt announcement that he had "lost his voice." Years afterward the writer, having occasion to engage the services of a poor Italian professor, is supposed to discover in this broken-down person the great basso of other days, and to learn from him the true history of his sudden disappearance. The "phenomenal voice" was simply the result of a mechanical contrivance affixed to the palate of the singer. It was the device of a mysterious inventor, who, being ignorant of music, was content to share the salary of the supposed basso, while jealously insisting on his treasure being returned to his keeping every night. There is no need to relate the catastrophe by which one fatal evening "the signor" literally "lost his voice" and found his brilliant operatic career suddenly and irrevocably closed. The idea is well worthy the imagination of the author of "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." But the oddest part of the matter is that there appears to be some prospect of this quaint fancy's proving to be only sober truth. A Scotch music teacher, and author of various works on the human voice, claims to have invented an instrument, called by him a "resonator," which fits on the palate, as described in the story, and it is said marvellously to increase the power of the voice.

DISCOVERIES IN PALESTINE.

THE Lebanon, famous for having supplied the cedars used in building the temple of Solomon, was formerly considered to have been covered with glaciers upon nearly the whole of its extent during the glacial period of the post-tertiary system of geology. But a late traveller in those regions, named Diener, reports that the moraines of Mount Herman are not real moraines at all, but remnants left after the denudation of beds of rocks. Even the hills of the Kadishah valley, where alone cedar groves are found at present, Diener says, are probably not of glacial origin, as they are not distinct traces of polished rocks with grooves to be found on them. The highest point of the Lebanon chain rises hardly a hundred feet above the present line of perpetual snow.

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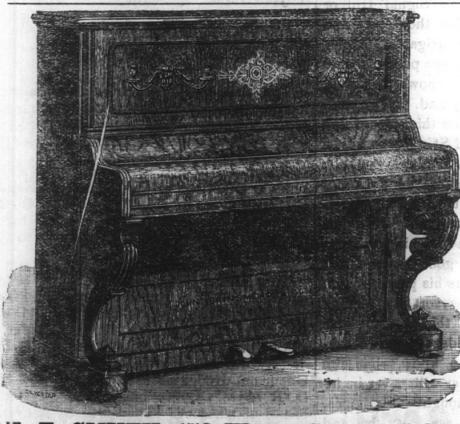
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Walton Court;

OR—ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne

(Continued.) CHAPTER XII.

It was a source of pleasant distraction to Allan Estcourt, the making a home for the young girl he loved so dearly. It kept him from brooding over his troubles—it gave him a constant and cheerful occupation. For many reasons he would fain have lived in London, but prudence told him that would not do—the expense would be too great. If he lived where he was known, he must live according to his position. As he did not wish to acknowledge his marriage for two years, it would be better for his wife and himself to live among strangers.

He decided at last upon a little village standing in the very heart of the green Surrey hills—a village called Marpeth.

Just outside the place stood a pretty villa, half hidden by trees, and from the grounds that surrounded it there was a most enchanting view of one of the loveliest landscapes in England. The villa pleased him. He took it and furnished it with everything he deemed most suitable to his beautiful wife; and there he said to himself the happiest years of his life should be passed.

It was a different home from Walton Court; but, as he watched it day by day, he grew to love it as he had never loved the Court. He was determined to have some peace of mind there—the first month of his marriage life should not be harassed by debts. He had at first resolved not to touch the allowance of two thousand per annum left to him for two years by the late lord, but pride yielded to expediency; he had no difficulty in anticipating it, and when he had paid his debts—the three thousand pounds that had weighed so heavily upon him—with the remainder he furnished the little villa at Marpeth, and provided for the expenses of his marriage. There still remained to him Walton Court and his one thousand per annum.

'I am not a ruined man yet,' he thought, 'and fate may have something in store for me, just as it had when I met Margarita so suddenly.'

He was living then in rooms near his club, and all his letters were sent to him at the club. He found one there one morning from Mme. de Valmy, asking him how he was, and expressing some little wish to hear of or from him. Madame had written that letter unknown to her charge, and Allan hastened to answer it; he also wrote to Adelaide—a simple, friendly letter—hoping that she liked Brighton, and that she found herself better. How was he to know what happiness that letter gave to the young heiress—how she read it over and over and over again—how she kissed it as though it had been some living thing—how she wondered to herself with burning blushes and shining eyes, if he were really beginning to like her, even ever so little?

She answered it; and, if Adelaide Cameron excelled in one thing more than another, it was in the art of letter-writing. All the poetry, the genius that was innate in her seemed to find vent in her letters; they were gems of eloquence, of poetry, and of wit. Lord Rylestone, reading this, her first letter to him, wondered.

'What a beautiful mind she must have,' he thought. 'I have never read a letter like this; and he acknowledged the receipt of it in the hope of hearing from her again.'

As he wrote, he felt tempted to tell her his love-story; she was so sweet, so womanly, so gracious, he longed to ask her to be a friend to his young wife. But then he remembered Margarita had said she should detest her; and it would be awkward if they should not like each other. Besides, from Adelaide Margarita might learn what he had so carefully kept from her—the secret of the will. So he decided that it was better to be silent, and his story remained untold.

Adelaide, after a short interval, replied to his letter, and gradually a regular correspondence was begun between them. Charming were those letters of hers—charming as a new poem—and he kept them for the pleasure of reading them over again, not from any great affection he had for the writer, but because they were so beautiful in themselves. The will was alluded to only once, and by Miss Cameron, who said that it was a great relief to

her to find the "secret of the will," still unknown—carelessly written words that afterward brought forth bitter fruit.

The twenty-fifth of August came at last, and Lord Rylestone, who had counted the hours, hastened to meet his bride.

It was surely the quietest wedding ever known. Allan had once pictured his marriage as a grand ceremony, performed either in some stately London church, or at Rylestone. The reality was a quiet wedding in one of the gloomy city churches; he had purposely chosen it, because he thought himself more sure there of not being known.

He took a cab, went to the railway station, and there met Margarita. And then in silent happiness they drove to the gloomy, dusty city church.

'You have brought no witnesses with you,' said the clergyman. 'Never mind,' he added, kindly; 'I will send for my housekeeper and the clerk.'

So the brilliant train of bridesmaids and friends that Allan had seen in his dream was exchanged for the grim reality of a stout elderly housekeeper and a white-haired clerk. It did not matter. The beautiful words of the solemn service, the vows that were to bind the two principals until death, were none the less effective because they were spoken in a dull city church—the bride was none the less lovely because there was no one to admire her except her husband.

The marriage was over—Margarita Avenel was Lady Rylestone. The overworked clergyman looked surprised at the handsome fee Lord Rylestone put into his hands; the housekeeper thought it a lovely day, and the clerk rubbed his hands in unutterable content.

'I should like such a wedding as that every day,' he said—'that is something like one! No show, no string of carriages, no crowds of friends, but a fee to gladden a poor man's heart! Long life to them!'

Long life to them! joined in the housekeeper; while the clergyman in the vestry was looking solemnly at the names inscribed in his register.

'It is strange,' he said to himself—'very strange—and I do not like the look of it; but it is safe and legal that's one comfort.'

Allan and Margarita were married. Adelaide Cameron might safely consider herself Lord Rylestone's heiress now—there was no likelihood of Allan ever touching the late lord's money. They were married; and, with his wife's lovely face smiling into his own, Lord Rylestone thought the world well lost for love. They went at once to the pretty little villa home that he had prepared with such care for her.

A slight difficulty presented itself to him on the road.

'Margarita,' he said, 'an idea has occurred to me. We are going into fairyland, are we not, to live for a time, untroubled by the world?'

'Yes, that has been our dream,' she replied. 'We must be practical even in our dreams. We have neither valet nor maid to betray our secret; but, if we wish to keep it we must not be known as Lord and Lady Rylestone.'

'No,' she replied, laughingly; 'that will never do.'

'Estcourt is not an uncommon name—there are several different families. Suppose we style ourselves Mr. and Mrs. Estcourt?'

'I am perfectly willing; but, Allan, you said we should be away from the world.'

'So we shall, dear; but then we must live. There are the tradesmen, and we shall have letters of some kind; and then we have two servants. We had better keep to Estcourt, I think.'

While she lived Margarita Rylestone never forgot that coming home—the beautiful August evening, when it seemed as though every tree, every flower, every bird was doing its best to welcome her.

Allan felt greater pride and pleasure in showing her the pretty little house that he himself had prepared for her than he would perhaps have felt in showing her the grandeur of Walton Court. And then, when she had partaken of some dinner, and had admired everything that he had prepared and purchased for her, he asked her to go out with him into the picturesque little garden that was shaded with trees.

'Margarita,' he said, presently to her, 'it appears like a dream to me that you are my wife. I have loved you so dearly, I have longed for the comfort of your presence so utterly, that I cannot realize, I cannot grasp my own great happiness.'

They watched the sun set and the moon rise—they watched the golden stars gleam out in the darkening sky—they watched the line of lights die slowly away in the far distance.

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Notice of Copartnership.

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The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 7, 1888.

THANKS, FRIEND "TIMES."

We desire to heartily thank our whole-souled friend of the *Times* for the very pleasing "review" of our Christmas Number which appears in his issue of this morning. With one exception—the *Royal Gazette*—the *Times* is the oldest paper in the colony, and for that reason, as well as for others which we need not here express, we are very grateful to our Water Street contemporary.

After the mental wear and tear of the old year, and in view of the duties and responsibilities of the new, such kindly sentiments as the *Times* greets us with to-day are very touching, and awaken feelings of gratitude too intense for interpretation in the ordinary journalistic way. We can assure our contemporary, however, that his generous sentiments will be locked in memory's treasury and he himself shall keep the key.

There are, after all, times and seasons when acts of kindness deeply affect even the sternest nature, and it is right that it should be so. Otherwise, man would lack one of his noblest characteristics—that of gratitude. Then, again, there's the disposition to render kindly offices—a disposition that makes the possessor thereof not only "popular" in the general acceptance of the term, but positively a blessing to the community in which he resides. As Jeremy Bentham says:—"The seeds of courtesy and kindness which we may scatter around us at so little expense, will inevitably fall on good ground, and grow up into benevolence in the minds of others; and all of them will bear fruit of happiness in the bosom whence they spring. Once blest are all the virtues; twice blest sometimes."

HAPPY IN THEIR NEW HOMES.

The parents and friends of the servant-girls who went west by the *Nova Scotian* last week will be pleased to hear that they arrived in Halifax on Saturday night, all well, and that they were there met and accompanied to Truro by the gentleman who had so kindly interested himself in securing them situations, only one remaining in Halifax, where she will serve the family of the Rev. Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education.

It may be interesting to explain that situations for the thirty-four girls to whom reference is now made, and also for twenty who went six weeks before, were obtained by a gentleman lately resident in St. John's, but now a citizen of Truro, Nova Scotia, who took to the latter place a servant for his own family, and whose friends and acquaintances were thereby led to ask whether they, too, could not obtain general servants here, it being almost impossible to procure them there. This gentleman wrote to a friend here a full description of each family which sent for a servant, and the kind of girl it wished, paid the passages in Halifax, and sent money for expenses incurred here, the money being paid to him in advance by the persons sending for servants.

An advertisement was inserted in this paper, suitable girls selected from the applicants, and two lots, fifty-four in all, shipped to Halifax, where they were met by the gentleman referred to, and accompanied to Truro. All the girls, with the exception mentioned, went to work in towns beyond Halifax; that is, to Truro, Amherst, Sackville and Moncton. Some evil-minded persons here have stated that the girls were taken to Halifax for other than the purposes mentioned; but this is a foul slander upon those who went and those who sent, and its publication and repetition is in the highest degree libellous.

Care was taken in selecting both homes and girls, and every family to which a girl was sent was known to be highly respectable, among which may be named Senator Botford's, Sackville, and that of Dr. Calkins, Principal of the Normal School, Truro. It is pleasing to add that the girls of the first lot have stated to their friends here their perfect satisfaction with their situations, and that, with one exception, their mistresses have been equally pleased with them, an experience almost certain to be duplicated by and with the second lot. Four dollars per month and all expenses were offered here, but in several cases this has been voluntarily increased by the employers.

HIS RECKLESS AND REMORSELESS WAY.

The reverend editor of the *Mercury* goes on in his reckless and remorseless way, nominating candidates for various Government offices, pastor of St. So-and-So's Church, delegate to the Washington Convention, and other positions of trust, honor, or profit that occur to him as needing aid from Prescott Street intellect in order to be properly cared for; and he will probably continue making these nominations until he has been laid in the cold, cold ground, or somebody, in a moment of forgetfulness, nominates the editor of the *Mercury* for something or other.

FAREWELL TO 1887.

Some Prominent Features of the Closing Year.

ARTICLE VII.

The election of M. Carnot with so much unanimity as President of the French Republic affords a substantial assurance that the peace will be maintained during the year as far as that country is concerned. This assurance is further confirmed by the fact that France is about to hold a great industrial exposition in 1889, and as our neighbors are intensely commercial, they don't want a row in the shop just now. Moreover, it is quite evident that M. Carnot was chosen because of the man's known pacific character, an instance that the world sometimes endorses that dictum of the church, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

An important railway connection has just been made in Canada, which shortens the journey to Europe 500 or 600 miles to the residents in North West America by bringing Minneapolis (the great wheat state), three hundred miles nearer the sea. This will divert a large share of the through freight between the granaries of the Western States and its consumers in the Eastern hemisphere in Montreal, the growing capital of Canadian commerce.

Lord Loftus, very lately a British Governor of one of our most important stations, appears in the bankruptcy court, because altho' blessed with a pension of some £3,000 a year, on which he had borrowed various large sums of money, he could not manage to make both ends meet. The chivalrous nobleman repudiated his "borrowings" when in the insolvency court, on the ground that he could not legally impound his pension. Fortunately for British republics we have but few Governors of the Loftus type.

The poet Burns was a man of no pretension and neither of gentle birth nor lineage. His literary range was not large, like the bard of Avon, nor could he sport a little like Lord Byron or the truly illustrious Sir Walter Scott. Yet none of these great heroes of the literary world can boast the posthumous honors bestowed upon Burns. Twenty thousand pilgrims from all parts of the world annually visit his shrine, the humble cottage near Ayr where Robin first saw the light. Neither Stratford nor Abbotsford can "hold a candle" to the number of pilgrims who thus pay mute homage to the ploughman bard and testify that the heart and not the head is, after all, the seat of the affections. The vast majority of these visitors are from the United States and Canada.

A sugar combination has been formed in the United States for the purpose of regulating the price of that necessary article. A commission on the same subject also, holding its sessions in Great Britain has resolved to recommend to the respective governments the total abolishment of sugar bounties. The excessive import duty exacted here on this item of food has already formed the subject of protest in these columns, the worst feature of which is that the high rate is levied on the adulterated qualities imported here which do not usually contain more than 75 per cent. of pure sugar.

In the face of a lower level of prices all round, a considerable advance has taken place in several of the leading metals, iron, copper and tin. The November trade returns show a large increase in the volume of business transacted in Britain. There is a shortage in the beet sugar crop of 300,000 tons or about one-eighth of the annual supply. The loss of the gunboat *Wasp* in eastern waters recalls a somewhat similar disaster of three years ago. The re-appearance of the so-called Star of Bethlehem in the constellation Cassiopeia marks an interval of 308 years. The import duties on grain in Germany are proposed to be doubled.

A proposal has been extensively agitated during the past year to refer all national disputes to peaceful arbitration. However good in theory, we fear such peaceful agreements would only bind the peaceful party in an angry dispute, and, like our treaties, be rent asunder when the other side got mad enough to go to war.

Another sentimental proposal has been made of a like kind, to establish a "commercial union" between the Canadian federation and the United States. Commercial unions are like the proverbial pie-crust—made only to be broken; competition and not union being the natural conditions of trade between rival nations.

The great desideratum in Newfoundland just now is industry, or to be precise, enlightened industry. We have abundance of crude material, in the shape of both people and possessions, but both are dead and comparatively valueless. This country is not, and never has been, fit for representative government; and the possession of "the machine" without the capacity to use it has ground the illiterate workmen between its wheels. Had one-tenth of our taxes been devoted to educating the people during the last half-century of

responsible government, the latter would not now be a "machine" and the former a spoke in it. Our merchants are so engrossed in their commercial duties that they have neither the capacity nor the inclination to look beyond them. Our legislators are unable to ask any question higher or wider than "Will this do for the present?" Our clergymen are occupied in keeping up their denominational fences and aiding the faithful to die within them. The kind of education our people now want religion cannot supply and other interests will not. The people cry for "progress" without knowing what they mean or where it is to come from. In the intervals of their "cries" they seek refuge from their ignorance in flight. The scale of living is taxed to that of the highest type of civilized life, while the realised mean is that of the lowest.

GOOD NEWS IF TRUE.

What Mr. Whiteley Says About British Columbia.

A SAN FRANCISCO dispatch of the 2nd ult., published in the *Victoria* (British Columbia) *Colonist* of December 8, says:—"J. H. Whiteley, who was sent to the Pacific coast in July last by fishermen and smack owners in Newfoundland to examine the possible advantages that might ensue to people whom he represented, by emigrating from their homes in Newfoundland and Labrador to the Pacific coast, has returned to the city from British Columbia. Having completed his examination, he states: 'I visited Victoria, Vancouver Island, and thence went to every point of advantage by steamer and sailing craft. The points which I have selected for the location of future villages are on Queen Charlotte Islands. The group consists of Graham, Moresby and Prevost Islands. Their coast line extends about two degrees of latitude, and as there are numerous inlets that afford shelter I consider the group a splendid place for our men. The main point that engaged my attention was the fishing prospects. I was fairly astounded at the quantity of fish. The waters fairly teem with them, and although my investigations were confined to the east side of Queen Charlotte Islands, I am informed that on their west coast fish are just as abundant.'

A LEAK IN THE COMMISSION.

THAT there's a leak in President Cleveland's Fisheries Commission appears very evident from private as well as newspaper advices recently received here, and that the said leak threatens to "wreck" the Convention and send the delegates home without accomplishing anything, seems all but morally certain. Although it may be said that there is no official source for this information, yet the drift of the discussion is known to interested parties. No conclusion has been reached, we are told, because Canada's Commissioner, Sir Charles Tupper, insists on having everything his own way in favor of Canada. He asks for all the privileges granted under the reciprocity treaty of 1854. The hitch, so our American contemporaries inform us, is due to the persistence of the Canadian Commissioner on this point. "What," says the *Denver Republican's* Washington correspondent, "the position of the United States Commissioners is cannot be accurately stated, but there is reason to believe that our Commissioners desire to secure more favorable terms if the principle of reciprocity is to be recognized, and that a request has been made that the Canadian Commissioners shall consent to permit the free entry into Canada of certain grades of imported articles which are the surplus production of the United States and which alone Canada would be disposed to buy. But at this point it is understood the British Commissioner asserted himself and declared that Great Britain would not approve of any treaty provision which should give to the United States the right to enter manufactured articles duty free when some articles of British manufacture would be required to pay duty. Persons who are near to the commission have suggested that such an act on the part of Canada would be little less than annexation to the United States and that commercial union of that sort could not be approved by Great Britain."

The genial presence of Mr. J. E. Hamilton of the Halifax Boot and Shoe Company beams on our business thoroughfares, and cheers our head shopmen at the elaborate problem of ordering selections to meet the wants of the fisherman and the dude. Mr. Hamilton states that the factory he represents is located in the city named; employs 160 hands; and turns out 4,000 pairs of boots and shoes weekly. The people of the provinces, he adds, all manifest a preference to wear their own manufacture; they've got into the use of that kind of leatherware and will not forsake it even for the English make, despite the latter's recommendations in point of durability and good finish. It's satisfactory to find that Terra Nova offers a good field for Mr. Hamilton's merchandise, as it does for the sale of large quantities of English and Canadian goods besides absorbing all that our own St. John's Boot & Shoe Factory can turn out.

NEWFOUNDLAND: Her Fisheries and Fishermen.

BY REV. R. HOWLEY, D.D.

(Continued.)

It is no wonder that England regards this land, with its fisheries and fishermen, not alone as a valuable colonial possession, but as a possession of Imperial importance. The island commands, as a naval strategic point, the whole North Atlantic. No nation can navigate or operate in those latitudes against the will of the power that holds Newfoundland. Those seas are the very highway of marine industry and commerce. With such a body of men resident in the island, to form a marine, ready trained and incomparable as seamen, nothing is required but their enrolment in a few powerful ships sheltered in the bold harbors of the island and ready to pounce out at a moment's notice, to reach the high seas immediately, and scour the avenue of trade between the two continents. Years ago (in 1855) Hon. Chandler White, Member of United States Congress, in a letter to the *New York Courier*, calls attention to this valuable possession and vantage-ground of England in those graphic and forcible words:—

"It has been, and ever shall be, that the possessor of Newfoundland and its fisheries will rule the empire of the Northern Atlantic. Not less than forty thousand of the hardiest seamen in the world, the very breath of whose nostrils is defiance to a rigorous climate and a boisterous sea, are engaged in that calling which of all others is best calculated to perfect them. Newfoundland alone has forty thousand of her stalwart sons whose home for many months is annually amongst the Arctic ice in pursuit of seals, or along the coast and bays, fishing for cod. Then, inspect the chart with regard to the position of Newfoundland. This great outpost of the American continent, towards the shores of which the Arctic current on the one voyage, and the Gulf Stream on the other, impel the whole European and North American trade to within striking distance, is of vital importance. In the war of 1812, nearly one hundred of our vessels were captured in that vicinity, and I have now before me a list of nearly thirty American bottoms condemned by the prize courts of St. John's. The port of St. John's (and Bay of Bulls, Broyle's Harbor, Ferryland, and others equally available), with its almost perpendicular hills of five hundred and seven hundred feet high, entirely protecting and commanding a harbor where, in running a distance of only one thousand yards, a ship of any size can, from the broad Atlantic, place herself in safety. Two thousand men garrisoned on Signal Hill or Southside could defy twenty thousand; and with a fleet of six fast steam frigates scarcely a vessel on the outward or home passage could escape capture. England knows this well, and here she will make her stand. Newfoundland will be the last place, on this side of the Atlantic, where the cross of St. George will be lowered."

As to the Newfoundlander, he does not pause to consider his country from the international or strategic point of view. He rightly looks upon Newfoundland as his very own, for pretty much the same good reasons that the cod regards the banks as his proper realm, viz., because it is his race resort, his feeding ground, and his home. If this does not give man or fish a right to his rendezvous and its resources, one would like to know what else does! The Newfoundlander will never be induced to turn away his thoughts, his hopes, and enterprises from the sea. By fish and fishermen the colony must stand or fall. The people feel this. They love the broad ocean that has been true to them, pleasant and plentiful to them, through storm and sunshine, from father to son. Their treasure is, and ever shall be, stored in its generous depths. Where their treasure is, there is their heart also.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The attendance at the Parade Rink, both in the afternoon and evening of yesterday, was uncommonly large; the holiday character of the day sending an immense number of people in search of amusement.

The clipper schooner *Marian*, Captain Robt. White, with a full cargo of breadstuffs and provisions, took advantage of to-day's favorable change of wind to leave for Trinity this afternoon and will likely be home to-night. Her passengers are Edwin Ryan, E. H. Maidment and Henry Hunt.

Mr. Doudou, the intelligent and obliging official who transacts the business and correspondence of the Post Office which require to be done in foreign languages, and who also disposes of the obligations between the Post Office and Revenue Departments, states that the duties on postal parcels the past year amounted to fourteen hundred (\$1,400) dollars.

By Telegraph

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 7.

Details of the Chinese flood show that ten thousand square miles and three thousand villages have been entirely destroyed. One-eighth of the entire area of the garden of China becomes a raging sea.

The exhibition of the Pope's jubilee presents opened at the Vatican yesterday.

Eight Nihilists were hanged in St. Petersburg on Monday.

Two freight trains on the Canada Pacific collided on a trestle ninety feet high, near Lake Superior. Both fell, killing engineers, brakemen and stokers.

Sir Charles Tupper is unable to attend the Fisheries Commission to-day, owing to snow-blockade in Manitoba.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening. Wind north, blowing a fresh breeze and weather fine and clear. The schooner "City Point" passed west at noon.

THE BARNES LANE SHOOTING CASE.

A MAGISTERIAL examination was held this morning into the circumstances connected with the discharge of a revolver in the hands of John Arkins, by which an elderly woman named Jane Lacey, was wounded in the face as reported yesterday, with the result that the whole affair was accidental, having been done in the course of some harmless by-play. Arkins, who was arrested last night, was accordingly released on bail. The weapon—or the barrel part of it—was in the hands of the sergeant who had charge of the case. It is a cheap weapon, a seven-shooter, having cost only seven shillings and sixpence; five cartridges remained in the chambers, all of which had been emptied except one. The metal was pounded and battered, the parties having tried to break it up after the damage was done, and it was with some difficulty the Sergeant managed to pick the remains of it out of a stove into which they had thrown it.

As respects the condition of the woman she is not so far particularly bad, but the case is regarded as a pretty serious one. The bullet is lodged internally in the orbit of the right eye, the sight of which is destroyed. No operation has yet been performed to extract it, the physicians preferring "to watch and wait" just yet. The danger is in inflammation arising and affecting the brain. The woman's age is 60 years.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The schooner *Lottie*, with general cargo from Boston, was the only arrival since yesterday.

MESSRS. BOWRING's vessels the *May Cory* and the *Adamantine* arrived on Thursday at New York from Brazil.

The barquentine *Dora*, in ballast from Oporto, to Messrs. Job, Bros. & Co., was the only arrival here yesterday.

We are requested to state that the Crib in St. Patrick's Church, Riverhead, will remain up until the Octave of the Epiphany.

The steamer *Hercules* went out this morning on a freight trip north, but was obliged to return to port a few hours afterwards, her boiler being incapable of working the engine.

Those ladies who had kindly promised to send contributions to the Church of England Cathedral Band of Hope Tea on Wednesday next, are requested not to do so until further notice, as it has been found necessary to postpone the tea.

The Annual Sermons in connection with missions will be preached in Gower and Cochrane Street Churches to-morrow at 11 a.m. At 6.30 p.m. the Annual Missionary Meeting will be held in Gower Street Church, when addresses will be given by Revs. Messrs. Dove, Goodison, Hodgkinson and Bond, and Hon. C. R. Ayre. Collections at each service on behalf of missions. There will be no evening service in Cochrane Street Church.

We have to thank the Rev. Dr. Howley, Prefect Apostolic of the West Coast, for an advance-copy of his "Ecclesiastical History of Newfoundland." It is a neatly and substantially bound volume of 426 pages, the letter-press and mechanical work generally doing ample credit to the enterprising publishers, Doyle & Whittle, of Boston. The engravings—twenty-four in number—are pre-eminently appropriate, and show to the best possible advantage on the finely-toned paper on which the book is printed. We have not yet had time to peruse the contents, but hope to do so during the coming week with a good deal of interest.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JAN. 8.
GOWER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. Rev. John Goodison; at 6.30 P.M., Missionary Meeting.
COCHRANE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. Jas. Dove; at 6.30 P.M., no service.
GEORGE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. J. E. Manning; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.
ALEXANDER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A.; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. J. E. Manning.
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. Geo. Boyd; and 6.30 P.M., Rev. W. Graham.
QUEEN'S ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. T. Hodgkinson; and 6.30 P.M., Rev. J. Parkins.
REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLAND—TRINITY CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. A. N. Suckling.
GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SERVICE in Buchanan Street Schoolroom every Sunday at 3 p.m. All are cordially invited.
Service in Temperance Hall on Sunday evening at 8.15 o'clock, under the auspices of "Young Men's Christian Association." All are invited.

DIED.

Yesterday morning, James John Milley, aged 28 yrs. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday), at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, South-West Street; friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

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