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New Prints

At Pleasing Prices

Several cases of spic and span New Prints have just been opened up by us—the lot includes Prints in stripes and checks, navy blues in stripes and figures, red ground in stripes spots and figures—"penny value" you'll exclaim when you see them—the prices are

5c, 8c, 10c, and 12½c the yard.

Ladies' Wrappers

Wrappers by the hundred, they've just arrived from the factory—fine quality of print, some "H. bards," some with yokes finely trimmed with braid, no skimp to the width of the skirt, every color is a good one, every pattern seems, what's more they have filled linings, these are the best value you have ever seen at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

New Embroideries And a Bargain

You'll relish the show of new embroideries all the more when you know that the prices are even lower than last year—we managed that through purchasing very largely from one of the best manufacturers in St. Gall, Switzerland—we show you St. Gall, prettiest Edgework, Insertions and All-over Embroideries, at 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c and up to \$2 yd.

Silks for Early Spring

TAFFATA—what a hold good Taffetas have upon our affections, we have several grades worthy of note—we mention two extra specials in black, at 75c and.....\$1.00
JAPAN SILKS—our showing of these is magnificent, stripes, checks and fancy figures, in the newest colorings, and the best of it is they will wash—economical prices, 4c, 5c and.....75c yd.
BLACK PEAU DE SOIE—we pride ourselves on having the finest black silks in this part of the country and the qualities we are offering at \$1 and.....\$1.25 are wonderful.

Spring Jackets and Capes

The swell styles from Berlin, Germany, they just arrived to-day, we'll have something to say about the prices later on, in the meantime, come and see them.

Thomas Stone & Son

DIRECT IMPORTERS

A Shirt Tale

March 13th Too early for most haberdashers to show their spring pattern shirts, but that's our way. Always first to show the new styles—Been doing it right along for years, and our customers expect it. Our shirt tale this evening deals with the new Fauldes & Co. lar articles. Say, boys, they're all right, and there's a hundred and fifty here for you to choose from.

Number one in our affection is with full length bosom. The color in the brand new dull finish blues, this spring and summer. They color. This is a big feature with but here it is in these dollar ones, improvement.



a new form of woven madras, cuttings are splendid, being principally that are to be so very fashionable are of fast dye and will hold their three dollar made-to-measure shirts, along with every other known.

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The 2 T's

Outfitters to all Mankind.

Trudell & Tobey.

Sole Agents for Slater Shoes

JUST TEN KICKERS

On the Dominion Government's South African War Policy.

Six Were Liberals and Four Conservatives—Mr. Bourassa's Motion of Censure Defeated.

Ottawa, Ontario, March 14.—In the house of commons last night Mr. Bourassa moved that the house insist on the principle of the sovereignty and independence of parliament and refuse consequently to consider the action of the government relative to the South African war as a precedent which should commit the dominion to any action in the future and that the house further declare that it opposes any change in the political and military relations which exist at present between Canada and Great Britain unless such change is initiated by the sovereign with parliament and sanctioned by the people of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier regretted that he could not accept the resolution, although it asserted principles with which he agreed. The premier the defended the action of the government and declared that there never was a juster war than that in which Great Britain was now engaged in South Africa.

The House divided, and the motion of Mr. Bourassa was defeated by 119 yeas to 10 nays. Those who voted for the amendment were Messrs. Bourassa, Monnet, Angers, Ethier, March, and Legris, Government, and Marcotte, Dugas, Chauvin and Morin, Opposition. They all came from Quebec.

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Volanses, small checks, with satin stripes, in choice range of colorings, suitable for children's dresses and ladies' waists, a fine all-wool fabric, special at 50c
Tweed Suiting, a large range in fancy checks and mixtures, latest spring colorings, unusual values at per yd. 25c, 35c, 50c and.....65p

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Venetian Suitings, extra quality, 48 in. wide, in large range of new spring shades, costume weights, extra value at per yd. 75c
Covert Venetian and Amazon Suiting, 50 to 54 in. wide, heavy firm weight, extra finish and quality, worth to-day \$1.25 per yd., our special price.....\$1.00

Gun Club Checks, a leading London favorite for suits or separate skirts, guaranteed to give satisfaction, 40 in. to 57 in. wide, very special at per yd. 75c, 85c, \$1 and.....\$1.25
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New French Delaines, fine all-wool quality, in new stripes and fancy designs, perfectly fast colorings, 36 in. wide, special per yd. 45c

Samples sent by mail to any address on application.

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FREE STATE CAPITAL.

It Will be Taken Possession of by Lord Roberts To-day.

London, Wednesday, March 14, 4.30 a. m.—Nothing can be said of the advance on Bloemfontein beyond Lord Roberts' own despatches. Nothing more has been permitted to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully occupied with important military operations. The despatch from Cape Town, saying that Gen. French has arrived at Bloemfontein, probably does not mean that he has entered the city. Lord Roberts' message may mean either that the Boers have cut the railway to the north or that the British cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized, but by general assumption the latter is interpreted as correct. This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange river, an important matter, as Lord Roberts' line of communications with Modder Bridge is now one hundred and ten miles long. The Boers may make another fight, but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein to-day, Wednesday. The Boers, retreating from Orange river, will find themselves between two British armies, and their guns are almost bound to fall into the hands of the British, while the occupation of the capital of the Free State will strain the alliance of the two republics to the utmost. There will be no diminution of measures calculated to maintain the full efficiency of the field force, and whatever reinforcements were previously considered advisable will still be sent out.

HARD ON THE PRISONERS.
Winston Churchill wires to the Morning Post from Durban, protest-

ing against the ceremonious treatment of Gen. Cronje. He adds:—"The stern decision not to accelerate the end of the war, but will prove very hard and perhaps even dangerous for the British prisoners in Pretoria. There is abundant evidence that the Boers are becoming more cruel and that the war will enter a darker phase. It is very doubtful if the Boer government will be able to control the wild passions of the exasperated ruffians, forming the noisier part of the Boer forces, in the event of a siege of Pretoria, and the position of the British prisoners would then become precarious. I have visited the dam which the Boers began on Kip River, below Lady-smith. If it had been completed it would have submerged Intombi camp, where there were 2,000 sick."

THE SITUATION.

Mr. Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says:—"Lord Roberts is probably waiting in front of Bloemfontein for the infantry divisions. None of them could be expected to arrive before to-day, Wednesday. Three divisions would probably be so directed that while the leading one would follow the cavalry and turn the Boer defenses, the other two would come up echelon to the original Boer front, so that in case of resistance the Boers could be enveloped and compelled to retreat under difficulties, and with heavy loss. Lord Roberts is not the man to forget, in his determination to reach a strategic point, any measures likely to contribute towards crushing a part of the enemy's forces. There are abundant signs of the demoralization of the Boers. The first is the bad strategy of their resistance to Lord Roberts. Then comes the message of the President to Lord Salisbury. Kruger and Steyn, it can be seen, have not yet quite realized their position, but Lord Salisbury's reply, being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes."

THE PEACE PROPOSALS

Lord Salisbury's Reply to Kruger and Steyn's Canting Message.

London, March 13.—A parliamentary paper containing the telegrams sent to the British Government by the Presidents of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, and Great Britain's reply thereto, was issued this afternoon. It first gives the telegram sent by the two Presidents to the Marquis of Salisbury, as follows:—
The Presidents' Telegram.
Bloemfontein, March 5.—The blood and the tears of thousands who have suffered by this war, and the prospects

of all moral and economic ruin where with South Africa is now threatened, make it necessary for both belligerents to seek themselves dispassionately, and as in the sight of the Triune God, for what they are fighting, and whether the aim of each justifies all this appalling misery and devastation. With this object, and in view of the assurance of various British statesmen to the effect that this war was begun and is being carried on with the set purpose of undermining Her Majesty's authority in South Africa, independent of Her Majesty's Government, we consider it our duty to solemnly declare that this war was undertaken solely as a defensive measure to maintain the threatened independence of the South African Republic, and is only continued in order to secure and maintain the incontestable independence of both republics as sovereign international states, and to obtain the assurance that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have taken part with us in this shall suffer no harm whatsoever in person or property. On these conditions, but on these conditions alone, are we now, as in the past, desirous of seeing peace re-established in South Africa, while if Her Majesty's Government is determined to destroy the independence of the republics, there is nothing left to us and to our people but persevere to the end in the course already begun. In spite of the overwhelming pre-eminence of the British Empire, we are confident that that God who lighted the unextinguishable fire of love of freedom in the hearts of ourselves and of our fathers will not forsake us, and will accomplish His work in us and in our descendants. We hesitate to make this declaration earlier to Your Excellency, as we feared that as long as the advantage was always on our side, and as long as our forces held defensive positions far within Her Majesty's colonies, such a declaration might hurt the feelings and honor of the British people. But now that the prestige of the British Empire may be considered to be assured by the capture of one of our forces by Her Majesty's troops, and that we have thereby been forced to evacuate other positions which our forces had occupied, that difficulty is over; and we can no longer hesitate to clearly inform your Government and people, in the sight of the whole civilized world, why we are fighting and on what conditions we are ready to restore peace."

SALISBURY'S REPLY.

The Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and Orange Free State:—"Foreign Office, March 11.—I have the honor to acknowledge Your

Honors' telegram, dated March 5, from Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government shall recognize the incontestable independence of the South African Republic and Free State as 'sovereign international states,' and to offer on those terms to bring the war to a conclusion.
"In the beginning of October last peace existed between Her Majesty and the two republics under conventions which were then in existence. A discussion had been proceeding for some months between Her Majesty's Government and the South African Republic, of which the object was to obtain redress for certain very serious grievances under which the British residents in South Africa were suffering. In the course of these negotiations the South African Republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, made considerable armaments, and the latter had consequently taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements of the British garrisons at Cape Town and in Natal. No infringement of the rights

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March 1st, 1900.

Stand the Family In a Row

How many are there in it? Three, four, five, six? How many are in need of shoes? What kinds are wanted?

Remember that this is a family shoe store, that we have every good sort of shoe for father, mother and all the children down to the tot who takes the little bootee.

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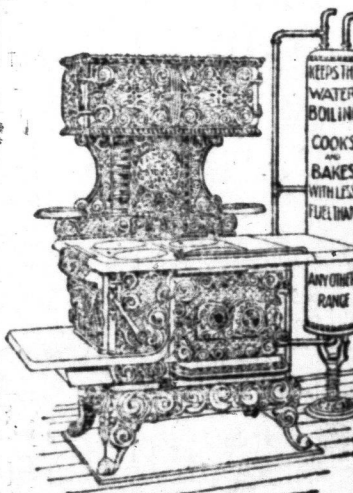
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RUBBERS Misses' now..... 25c
RUBBERS Ladies' now..... 35c

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THE BONUSING EVIL.

Several Ontario municipalities are asking the legislature to suspend the operation of the whole law preventing the giving of bonuses as a bait to manufacturing concerns, that they may bribe certain institutions to change their location. It is to be hoped that the legislature will firmly refuse to do anything of the sort, and it will be the duty of the opposition, to a man, to protest against any such suspension of one of the few good laws on the Ontario statute book. It is simply nonsense to pass laws which meet with the approval of the whole people, and then render them inoperative by suspending them in the interest of some locality. Either the law should be rigidly enforced, or it should be wiped out. Special privileges should be given to no municipality. Let the legislature once and forever put its foot firmly down on the municipal bonus business, and put an end to bonus hunting and the stealing of industries from one municipality to another. Bonus free manufacturing concerns will be able to help themselves, and special regulations for bonus hunters should not be permitted in any case.

RUN ON THE CHEAP.

The average attendance at Windsor schools is 164 and for Chatham 1308. This shows a difference of 376 in favor of Windsor, and possibly accounts for the difference in cost of the schools in the two places.—Windsor Record.

Some people have an idea that the difference is due to the parsimony of the Chatham board. However, those kind of people are probably prejudiced. They think its teachers, though quite as capable as those of Windsor, are not remunerated nearly as well. The principals of its large ten and twelve room schools receive the municipal salary of \$800 and \$850 each. To save a couple of additional teachers, these principals, who should be devoting their time to the whole school, are given rooms of their own to teach, and thus nailed down. What factory of the proportion of one of this city's largest schools would require its manager to devote his time exclusively to the management of one of its departments, so as to save the wages of a regular foreman? Yet this is what we do in our schools. An underpaid principal, or in fact, any other kind, cannot do his own room, justice and supervise the teaching in the other rooms as well. Yet that is what he is called upon to perform here to save the expense of a couple of extra \$400 a year teachers.

This, of course, is only what people say. As for this great family journal, it doesn't profess to know any more about school affairs than the school board so has no opinion to express on the subject of "economy" which seems to be practiced here to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The Lord Mayor of London has decided to emulate the example of the Lord Mayor of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and hoist the Irish flag on St. Patrick's day.

There is a bill before the legislature to permit municipalities, if they so desire, to elect their councils for two years at a time. It has been allowed to stand to see how the public feel on the subject.

Will not some patriotic Celt furnish Mayor Smith with an Irish flag to hoist on the city buildings on the 17th of March? Are we going to let such places as London, England, and Hamilton, Wentworth county, get ahead of this great western metropolis?

As a producer of smallpox the State of Michigan seems to have no rival. The disease is continually breaking out in different parts of Ontario, and in every instance it is traceable to Michigan. At the present time in Hinds county, that state, over one hundred cases of small pox are said to exist. There must be something radically wrong with Michigan's sanitary regulations.

The Ontario law against corruption should be made to reach those who subscribe the funds to pay for the dirty work. An ordinary election can be legitimately run in this country for from \$200 to \$300. When an otherwise respectable citizen helps to "boost" an election fund up higher than that should be sufficient to clap him with the "gang" and the law should hold him in the Central prison as well as the rest. If we are going to have a better act than the present one let it be made wide enough to take in all offenders.

"It may be that the opposition is weak, in that it would overlook its friends the crime which it condemns in the record of its enemies. No improvement can be effected in politics unless the country forms the sound habit of punishing the sins of the government regardless of the faults of the opposition."—Toronto Telegram.

If the electors made a practice of kicking out governments who did wrong, oppositions who succeeded to office would take precious good care not to risk their political lives by indulging in the same offenses.

"A Cheerful Look Makes a Dish a Feast."

"Cheerful looks" depend just as much upon physical well-being as upon natural disposition and temperament. If the blood is disordered, the brain is starved, and no "dish is a feast," for the reason that the vitalizing elements do not reach the proper spot.

A step in the right direction is to purify the body by the use of a natural remedy. Hood's Sarsaparilla is Nature's remedy. It acts upon the blood, and whether the seat of the disorder is brain, stomach, liver or kidneys, the purifying process, of this medicine is equally sure and successful. It never disappoints.

Back Ache.—My mother had severe pains in her side and back. She was obliged to give up work. A friend persuaded her to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and soon she was able to do her work, free from pain, and had a good appetite. MARGIE MORRIS, Stoughton, N. B.

Nerve Food.—My wife was stricken with nervous prostration. She suffered from headaches, was became weak, low from her appetite was poor. I am glad to state that Hood's Sarsaparilla has completely cured her of all her ailments. G. DELANEY, 321 Hannah St., Hamilton, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver troubles, the most irritating and one that is hard to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Boers were quite used to sandstorms but they had no experience of cyclones until Gen. French got after them.

CALL FOR CO-OPERATION.

Toronto World.

If no other means can be found to place the coal oil trade where it was before the Standard Oil people monopolized it, the government, or the people, through co-operation, ought to establish an independent refinery. Feasts and monopolies are bad enough when controlled by Canadians, but when in the hands of foreigners they become unbearable.

GREENWAY'S LEGACY.

The Mail.

The Ontario surplus is confessed to have been a myth.

A somewhat similar state of affairs has been discovered in Manitoba. This is what Mr. Greenway left behind him:

Bonded indebtedness, \$2,500,000.
Drainage debentures, \$300,000.
Unpaid railway subsidies, \$118,000.
Bank overdrafts, \$100,000.
Unpaid election expenses, \$30,000.
Federal subsidy used to replace trust funds, \$240,000.
Railway bonds unsecured owing to release of lands held as security, \$300,000.

And all this in spite of the fact that Mr. Greenway paraded the province declaring that the finances were sound.

LORD ROBERTS' ESCAPES.

London Mail.

Lord Roberts is a living example of the hazardous nature of the soldier's calling, the number of narrow escapes which he has experienced leading one almost to suppose that he bears a charmed life.

During the fighting before the walls of Delhi a bullet struck him on the back, passing through a leather pouch for caps which he usually wore in front near his pistol holster. The mere accident of this pouch having slipped around his back prevented the bullet from penetrating as deeply as it otherwise would have done. As it was, the wound was a rather severe one.

In the action at Bulandshar he saw a Sepoy taking aim at him, and was unable to get at the man because of the crush of soldiers around him. Just, however, as the mutineer fired, Roberts' horse reared and received the bullet in its head.

A month later, during the advance on Lucknow, Roberts and another young officer rode forward to mark the camp, and were cut off from the main body by a large number of the enemy. Riding as hard as they could under a hot fire, they were attempting to escape round the enemy's flank when Roberts' horse fell, attempting to escape round the enemy's flank, and he was left alone. He opened fire at close range, the situation being rendered all the more perilous from the fact that Roberts had accidentally cut his hand with his drawn sword, and he had some difficulty in remounting. At length he scrambled out, and ducking to avoid the shots, regained the main body. During the attack on Lucknow, and in accordance with Sir Colin Campbell's orders, Roberts planted a flag on one of the towers of the Mool Mahal, a shower of shot was aimed at it, and it was knocked down into the ditch. At great personal risk Roberts again placed the standard in position, only to see it struck again a short time later. A third time the gallant young officer raised the flag after which it suffered no further harm.

On another occasion, when accompanying a body of cavalry in pursuit of the enemy, Roberts saw two Sepoys making off with a standard. Riding after the rebels he cut down one and wrenched the staff from his grasp, but while doing so he was unable to deal with the other man, who, presenting the muzzle of his musket close to Roberts' body, pulled the trigger. Fortunately, the piece missed fire.

MAGERSFONTEIN.

A gentleman has received from a soldier of the Second Black Watch, who took part in the battle of Magersfontein, the following lines descriptive of the night attack and the disaster that befell the Highland Brigade. The lines were written in camp after the battle:

Tell you the tale of the battle? Well, there ain't so much to tell, Nine hundred went to the slaughter, and nine hundred hundred fell. Wire and the Mauser rifle, thirst and a burning sun, Knocked us down by the hundred ere the day was done.

Wet was the night, cold and dreary, chilled were the men to the bone, Bivouacked there in the open, thinking, perhaps, of their home. Midnight—they came to awake us, forming us up in the dark, Officers whispered their orders, never a light or a spark.

Onward we went till the morning dawned in the east, gray and drear, Where, in the front of us loomed, the kopje's bold sky line showed clear. Away on the left of the kopjes we'd noticed a night's burning bright. And just as the column had halted it suddenly vanished from sight.

Then, ere we knew what happened, two shots on our left ringing out, To the Boers in their trenches gave signal, and rifle bullets answered our shout.

Some one yelled "Charge!" and we started, rose up, and rushed out on their fire, Meaning to give them the bayonet, but, checked and stopped by their wire.

Bullets and shells ne'er appalled us, trenches nor boulder-strewn hill. But just a few strands of the fencing, caught us, nonplussed, standing still.

Over the wire, men, or through it! Drive the charge home to the hill! Vain were the struggles and climbing, barbs sticking deep in the kill.

Strong grows the light of morning, hotter the lead on us rained. Still we remained there before them, holding the ground we had gained. But down our faces and seek cover, nothing could live in that fire.

"Off to the right, men, and flank them!" forward, lie down men, retire! Then we loved back, and we cursed them, took home the truth with a groan.

"Rest of the brigade are retiring," now we must stand it alone. "Form a line here, men, we'll hold them," McFarlane's tall form stood erect.

Volley and volley we gave them, until their fierce fire was checked. Then round the adjutant rallied remnants of different corps—Some of the Black Watch, Argylls, and some of the gallant Seaforth's.

All the long day in noon, watching their loved back, and we cursed them, took home the truth with a groan. Lying with dead men and wounded, lips swollen, blue-black with thirst.

Not thirty yards from the trenches Gen. Wauchope lay dead; The colonel, too, killed, lay beside him, their lives by the Boer bullets sped.

Night on eight hundred our losses—Englishmen, Irish and Scotch—Half of them fell in one regiment—God help them—the noble Black Watch.

Such is the tale of the battle, easy for tongue to tell. Nine hundred men in a death-trap—nearly four hundred fell.

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Just a little exposure to this changeable weather gives one the "hack" which, when neglected, leads to pneumonia, congested lungs, or perhaps consumption, unless Four T's, the great guaranteed cough and cold cure, is taken, which does away with hacking in 21 hours. Price 25c. Sold at the Central Drug Store.

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Merrill's System Tonic supplies iron necessary to make good, rich, red blood in anemic women. It is a positive cure for Constipation—the greatest foe of womankind. After taking for a short time all female troubles disappear, as their cause is removed. 50 doses for 50 cents. Sold at the Central Drug Store. Descriptive pamphlet free.

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They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.—Sidney.

He is a Wonder.

All who see Mr. C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., as he is now cheerful, erect, vigorous, without an ache, could hardly believe he is the same man who a short time ago, had to sit in a chair, propped up by cushions, suffering intensely from an aching back, in agony if he tried to stoop—all caused by chronic kidney trouble, that no medicine helped till he used Electric Bitters, and was wholly cured by three bottles. Positively cures Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, all Kidney troubles. Only 50c. at A. I. McCall & Co.'s Druggists.

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We have also one dozen \$1.50 Ladies' Dressing Jackets for \$1.25

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DREYFUS'S HOME.

A GREAT TRAGEDY THAT COST NEARLY 12,000 LIVES.

Have Some Verduze Now—How Named—A Cruel Misanthropic Enterprise—How Salvation and Isle du Salut Come to Be So Named.

The island on which Dreyfus was imprisoned, within sight of the South American coast and twenty-seven miles from Cayenne, French Guiana, is known as Devil's Island (Ile du Diable), while the three islands in the little group are known together as the Salvation Islands (Iles du Salut). The contrast between these names is certainly striking, and the way in which they became applied to these little rocks is interesting, and calls to mind one of the greatest tragedies in colonization that ever occurred.

The islands have considerable verdure, but in the early days of French Guiana they had a reputation for sterility which they did not deserve, and on this account no use was made of them. They were named Iles du Diable, and were thought to be of no value until thousands of wretched immigrants from France who were perishing among the pestiferous swamps on the Kourou river fled to them in the hope that they might escape death.

It was in 1763 that about 13,000 persons from Alsace, Lorraine and Saint-ongre were landed on the banks of the Kourou, France was smarting under the humiliation of having been compelled to cede Canada to England, and the bright idea occurred to some of her public men, to replace the lost territory by dubbing Guiana "Equatorial France" and sending thither fleet after fleet of colonists. A more cruelly misnamed enterprise was never known. The men who aroused in France enthusiasm for emigration, knew nothing whatever of the country to which they invited the poor victims. They recalled that in Canada the French had greatly enjoyed the sport of skating, and was sent with a large supply of tropical America. It was thought, also, that in their leisure hours they would require amusement, and so a company of actors was sent on one of the ships to build a theatre in Equatorial France. Those who provided these means of diversion however forgot to send sufficient food supplies, and no arrangements were made for landing and housing the settlers. The Chevalier de Turbot, who was appointed leader of the expedition, took care to remain in France.

The unhappy victims of this number began to perish by thousands; and they thought that if they could only get away from the plague spot where they had landed they might have a chance to live. They were told that the three islands which they saw off shore were the Iles du Diable, and that they were worth nothing for human uses. "At least," cried the poor unfortunates in their desperation, "they are swept by ocean breezes. There is no poison in the air among those islands. We will call them Iles du Salut, for we may hope that they will save us from utter extinction."

This is how it happened that the three islands came to be known as Salvation Islands and the name has clung to them ever since. As a group they are known by no other name. The immigrants gathered up what was left of the supply of provisions and 2,300 men, women and children, all that were left of the 12,000 who had landed on the neighboring coast, crowded upon the narrow, rocky area which could comfortably hold only about 400 persons. They landed on the islands without shelter of clothing, and being exposed to bad weather and having only the scantiest supply of food their suffering was great and most of them died on the rocks which they had hoped would help to save their lives. A few hundred of them at last succeeded in getting back to the French port from which they had sailed.

The Salvation Islands were not occupied again until 1852, when the transport of convicts to Guiana began. Saint Joseph and the Ile Royal now form the convict station proper. On English maps the three islands are called the Salut Islands, and the name Ile du Diable, originally extended over the group, now applies only to the island on which Dreyfus was a prisoner, and which was occupied only by him and his guards.

A Little Railway Like a Fence. "The greatest novelty in the way of bicycle railway," observed an official of the naval observatory to a reporter, "runs between Smithfield and Mount Holly, N. J., a distance of about three miles. The fare for the ride is five cents, but each passenger has to work his own transportation. It is simply a one-track road, about the height of the second rail in the ordinary country fence. Indeed, it seems as if one was riding on the top of a fence. Tremendous bursts of speed cannot be made on it for the reason that it is quite dangerous to go as fast as you can, for there are breaks in the rail at a half a dozen places, or at least places where there would be breaks if the gates were not closed. Three or four country roads cross the rail at different points. The bicycle is of special build, and besides saving the wheel which takes the full, as two smaller ones below which run along on either side of the lower rail of the fence, thus keeping the bicycle in the fence rail. There is but one rack, and when parties meet, one has to get off and take his machine over the rail so as to let the other pass.

RUBBER OYSTERS SAVED HIM.

Business Was Bad, So This Genius Invented a Cheap Edible.

"Speaking of oysters," said the major, "puts me in mind of the time I went into the patent oyster business. It was when I was with Smith & Coleman, formerly proprietors of the St. Nicholas and Astor houses, New York, respectively, but at the time running the Metropolitan in Washington. The business was bad and we edged our brains how to build it up without incurring extra expense. Finally they left it to me. I concluded to try a plan that would either make or break business.

"There were some old rubber mats in the store room, and I had them cut wash them thoroughly and then cut them up in pieces about the size of a domino. Taking about two hundred of these pieces, I went to De Mar, the chef of the hotel, and asked him if he fried oysters, and asked him if he could cover the chunks of rubber with butter and brown it without setting the rubber so hot it would smell. He tried it and succeeded beautifully, and when I had placed the patent oysters in a chafing dish behind the bar they looked as appetizing as the real bivalves ever looked when properly fried.

"My first customer was Smith, one of the proprietors. He saw the oysters and said, 'Good heavens, major, we can't stand that. Fried oysters will break us. Why, I know fellows who will stand here and eat a dozen.'

"I told him I didn't think they would and as he wanted to try one I passed it out on a plate with the regulation fork. He chewed on it a while and then took it out of his mouth and looked at it. Just what he said doesn't matter, but he went out and sent Coleman in for an oyster. In an hour or two the run had commenced; every fellow that got an oyster went to get a victim. General O'Brien brought in Frank Turk, John Chamberlain introduced Chester A. Arthur to the dish. Sunset Cox, Sam Randall, Allen G. Thurman and a host of others were brought in only to say, 'Don't give me away, I want so and so to have an oyster, and they'd go and get them.'

"Teddy Quinn came to me, and says he 'Major, I want a dozen of your oysters put up in a box for my friend Flannigan of Troy, N. Y., to take with him for lunch on his journey home tomorrow. Flannigan had his wife with him, and they did not open the oysters until they got to Wilmington, and there Flannigan went out to get some coffee for her while his wife opened the lunch.

"She, good kind soul, asked several ladies sitting near to help her eat the oysters, and in truth she needed help to eat them. When Flannigan came back with the coffee there was a coach load of about as angry women as can be imagined. Flannigan tried an oyster to see what the trouble was, and when he got home he wrote me a letter. But the patent oysters boomed the business, and I was known for many a day as the rubber oyster man."

—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

GOOD SHORT STORIES.

General Butler was one of a commission to examine young applicants for admission to the bar, and before him came a youth who failed miserably on all that pertained to jurisprudence, case law, summary law, unwritten law and due process of law. Finally Butler asked: "What would you like to be examined in? You have failed in everything we have suggested." The reply came: "Try me on the statutes; I'm up on them." Butler shook his head solemnly. "My young friend," he said, "I'm afraid you won't do. You may be ever so familiar with the statutes, but what is to prevent a fool legislature from repealing all you know?"

An amusing anecdote is told of the bride the empress of Austria took in her magnificent chestnut tresses, which fell down to her ankles. She used to have her hair brushed for hours every day. Her majesty was particularly anxious that the dresser who brushed her long braids should avoid pulling out a single hair. This, of course, was an impossibility, and the unfortunate maid concealed carefully in the pocket of her apron any hair which became entangled in the braid. One day the empress, happening to glance into the looking-glass before which she sat, caught sight of the maid concealing a small roll of hair in the above-described fashion. Jumping up from her rocking chair her majesty grasped her attendant's hand, exclaiming: "I have caught you at last! You are ruining my hair!"

With a presence of mind which would have done honor to an export diplomat the maid replied, unhesitatingly:

"I implore your majesty to forgive me; it never happened before. I only wished to have some of my sovereign's hair to put in the locket which my literary friend wears around her neck as a talisman."

Whether the empress believed this clever invention or not I do not know, but shrugging her shapely shoulders she resumed her seat, laughing heartily, and the next day she presented her maid with a locket enriched with diamonds, saying, with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes:

"I think this is the kind of talisman your little daughter deserves for having caught a clever mother."

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Mrs. Mary E. Lewis, of Tanner, Gilmer Co., W. Va., writes: "Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' cured me when doctors and other medicines failed. For fifteen years I suffered from a chronic nervous condition, and everything I ate would almost jump me to death. Was very nervous and could hardly walk across the room. I only weighed ninety pounds when I commenced taking these medicines six weeks ago. I now weigh one hundred and forty pounds and am having better health than ever before. After being sick so long, I have changed to be robust and cheerful. I have taken fifteen bottles each of 'Prescription,' 'Discovery' and 'Pellets.'"

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A NEW INDUSTRY.

It is the business of Making Haunted Houses Habitable.

In the 'canny north of England' is a man who gets his living by the pursuit of a very peculiar profession, says Tit-Bits. He styles himself an "exorciser," or "curer of haunted houses." He makes it his business in various houses and estate agents inquire as to the houses of ghostly reputation they have upon their catalogues. Then for an arranged fee, ranging from £2 to £5 according to the circumstances of the case, he undertakes to rid the premises of their visionary residents, which function he invariably fulfills to the salient satisfaction of all concerned.

His methods are a mystery to all but himself, for he is engaged ejecting the phantoms from their favorite promenades. One of this gentleman's endeavors, detractors avers that he has dealings with the powers of evil. All that is known of him in the locality where he resides is that his religious convictions are decidedly unorthodox, and that he is an enthusiastic patron of the spiritualistic sciences. Indeed, he will readily travel a score of miles to be present at one of these performances.

Fully aware of the stigma attaching to a haunted house, and its consequent depreciation in value, agents having such tenements upon their books are only too glad to secure the services of this extraordinary exorcist. Nearly every district in Great Britain has its haunted houses, so that business is usually brisk with this uncanny individual.

He has, however, been heard to remark that when all the historical ghosts in the kingdom are laid it will be comparatively easy to raise more by judicious converse with country folk, most of whom are incurably superstitious. He asserts that he has no fear of anything supernatural and he will often spend successive nights alone in houses which most folk carefully avoid. At present this exorciser is earning at least £200 a year by his weird art. He says that he will confide his secret to his son, who will succeed him in his unique calling.

Bald-Headed Soldiers. "When the Tenth Regiment came home from the Philippines the people of Western Pennsylvania must be prepared to welcome an aggregation of bald-headed heroes."

These were the words of Corporal John J. McKnight, who arrived in Pittsburgh the other morning after a fifty-four day trip from Manila, where he secured a discharge from Col. Hawkins' regiment while on the firing line. The soldier is going to his home in Greensburg, and while taking off his hat to some old friends who greeted him at the Rush house made the above remark about the bald-headed heroes. His own hair was disappearing and he hastened to assure his visitors that he was not alone in his affliction.

"Yes," he said, replacing his headgear, "the heat in the country occupied by our troops between Manila and Malolos is intense enough to literally singe your hair. Of course, we keep our hats on. Death by sunstroke was the fate of those who went bareheaded, and we suffered constantly during the day. Much complaint was made against our heavy campaign hats, but we received no re-issue and made the best of it. I am not exaggerating the conditions when I say that more than 50 per cent. of the American soldiers in the Philippines are destined to become bald. When the boys come back you will find that they had been recruited from the front rows of the theatre."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Mrs. Mellish's daughter, from Win-
nipeg, is visiting her mother, Cross
street.

A vote taken on a by-law to repeal
the Dunkin' act, which has been in
force in Colchester South Township
since 1876, resulted in favor of the
repeal by a majority of seven votes.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, B. A., field sec-
retary of the Provincial World's Day
Alliance, will address a union meet-
ing in Park street Methodist Church
at 8 o'clock.

Morse's pumpkin flour factory at
Leamington, was burned early yester-
day morning. Flour and evaporated
fruit, the latter owned by Kennedy
Bros., was destroyed to the value of
\$650. The place was probably set on
fire.

This morning at 2 o'clock, Officer
Thos. Groves arrested George Sam-
mers and Emma Leavitt, of the Opera
House. They were charged at the po-
lice court, before Judge Houston, with
vagrancy, and remanded will next
Tuesday.

A Grand patriotic Concert will be
given under the auspices of the Red
Cross Society of Chatham, in the Opera
house on Friday, the 23rd inst. Chor-
uses, trios, recitations, brass bands.
The celebrated polyphone will be used.
Wm. Martin, director. The whole un-
der the direction of Prof. Forsythe,
Dr. DeCov, orchestra leader; Miss
Rhody, pianist.

Three links of curlers went to Glen-
coe this afternoon. They were, Dr.
Bray, skip; J. P. Dunlop, D. A. Gray
and W. Young; W. A. Thrasher, skip;
W. E. Merritt, John Waddell and Capt.
Cornett; John McGee, skip; W. Beth-
une, W. Hadley and Wm. Lyndon.

St. Patrick's lecture on St. Pat-
rick will be delivered by the Reverend
T. G. A. Wright, M. A., one of the lec-
turers of the Trinity University
Extension course, in Holy Trinity Sun-
day school, next Friday evening, com-
mencing at eight o'clock. Admission
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CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of Christ
Church Sunday school, was held in the
Sunday school hall last evening when
the following officers for the ensuing
year were elected:

Superintendent—Mr. Shackleton.
Assistant Superintendent—Mr. Den-
nis.
Secretary—E. C. Groves.
Assistant Secretary—F. Brisco and
W. H. Emsy.
Treasurer—Dr. R. V. Bray.
Librarian—H. W. Smith.
Organist—Miss Edna Dennis.
Choir leader—Mr. Forsythe.

The treasurer's report showed re-
ceipts for the past year \$64.80; ex-
penditures \$202.24; balance on hand
\$22.33.

It was unanimously resolved to hold a
regular "Sunday" meeting in the
Sunday school hall the first Tues-
day in every month.

Some 350 new volumes have been
added to the children's library. On the
five hundred odding stock donated by
Matthew Wilson, Q. C., and deposited
with the Synod at London, the inter-
est, \$35 per annum, is devoted to the
teacher's library fund.



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A SCOTTISH WORK.

Neil McKellar, of Dover, Chatham
P. O., has been in correspondence with
the publishers of a book that will in-
terest all Scotchmen entitled "Argyll's
Highlands or MacCallum Mor and the
Lords of the Lorne," with tradition-
ary tales and legends of the County of
Argyll and the Campbells and Mar-
donalds by Cathbert Bide, with an-
notations by J. Ronald M. Macdonald of
Largie Castle. The work is in press and
will be ready on the first of April and
will be sold for 21 shillings, with gilt top
and in elegant binding. The volume
covers a wide field and while it treats
especially with Kintyre it also contains
a great deal of valuable information re-
lating to Argyllshire generally and to
Western Isles and should be read by
every Scotchman who is interested in
the customs, manners, characters and
notable events in the recent history of
the district. Mr. McKellar intends
sending to the publishers in Glasgow
for a copy and will cheerfully obtain
copies for others if the names are sent
to him.

NEW YORK GETTING GOOD.

**Concert Halls Razed, Gambling Dens
Suppressed and Nichol-in-the-
Slot Proprietors Arrested.**

New York March 14.—The police
last night raided all the concert halls
in the Tenderloin district, drove the
women into the streets and arrested
the proprietors. The latter were
taken to a police station and soon re-
leased on \$500 bail each. The arrests
were the result of the agitation
against disorderly resorts which has
lately stirred the city. The crusade
began with the suppression of the
play "Sapho," as presented by Olga
Netherstede's company. Anthony Com-
stock soon afterward raided numer-
ous gambling places. The grand jury
which is still in session has indicted
the keepers of ten gambling houses
as well as the pool room and policy
shops have been closed pending the
abatement of the storm.

HAD QUITE A TRIP.

On the 20th March, 1899, Mr. N. H.
Stevens posted a letter to his half-
brother, Mr. John W. Stevens, who
at that time was in Circle City, Ala-
bama, but before it reached its destina-
tion Mr. Stevens had left. The letter
was sent to Skagway, Seattle and
twenty different points, and after an
absence of one year it returned to
the writer. Mr. John W. Stevens was
for some weeks within sixty miles of
the Arctic ocean, and has returned to
his home in California.

THAMESVILLE.

March 14.—Owing to the moon be-
ing at its brightest just now, the loss
of the electric lights have not yet been
realized, and it is to be hoped that
some arrangements may be made to
prevent the town from receding into
the use of ancient lamps or groping
in Egyptian darkness.

Mrs. Spackman, of Alvington, is the
guest of her daughter, Mrs. John A.
Stewart.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada
has already sent to India over \$7,000
subscribed by members and the pub-
lic generally for the relief of famine
sufferers, and large sums are now be-
ginning to come in.

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HARD FIGHTING NOW ON

London Anxiously Awaiting to Hear from
Lord Roberts--Mafeking's Fate.

London, March 14.—2 p. m. — A few
hours should bring important de-
spatches from Lord Roberts. No word
has come from Bloemfontein to-day,
although sharp fighting is believed to
have occurred since the commander-in-
chief was last heard of. London confi-
dently expects the occupation of the
Orange Free State capital will occur
to-day, as previously forecasted.

Meanwhile attention turns to Mafek-
ing. That hamlet of the plains can
scarcely hold out much longer. The
news of Col. Plummer's approach has
given substance to the rumors of its
relief, but those best informed are in-
clined to think the relief is more likely
to be accomplished by Col. Peakman's
column from Kimberley.

Private advices have set forth that
Col. Plummer had almost given up hope
of accomplishing anything more than
harassing the Boers, though since
these were written it is possible that
the diminished numbers of the invest-
ing forces may have rendered Plum-
mer's task more feasible.

Judging from the lack of news ev-
erything is quiet in Natal, while from
Herschel comes the statement that the
total collapse of the insurgent colon-
ists is imminent.

CRONJE SAILS TO-MORROW.
Gen. Cronje, according to a Cape
Town special, sails for St. Helena
March 15, accompanied by all the Paar-
deberg prisoners.

Cecil Rhodes is suffering from ex-
haustion of the stomach and is unable to
sail for England.

Natal despatches recount the great-
est satisfaction is felt there at Lord
Salisbury's reply to the Boer presi-
dents' peace overtures.

A despatch from Pietermaritzburg,
published in the second edition of the
Times, says: "The reply, especially
the last paragraph, relating to inde-
pendence, has been received in Natal
with a feeling of great relief, and is
dispelling all doubts."

A private despatch from Johannes-
burg has been received in London,
dated Saturday, March 10, contradict-
ing the report that the mines are
flooded and all the machinery broken,
and asserting that all is well.

LONDON GLOBE'S TART COMMENT.
Regarding the United States' offer
of mediation, the Globe says:

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New Spring Values

Having the right kind of goods and knowing that our
prices are right, we would be indeed shortsighted if we failed to
emphasize and duly exploit the merits of the different lines. We
could tell of scores of new lines, but lack of space won't permit,
but the articles and prices mentioned below will be enough to
arouse your interest for buying early.

I.—Just arrived, new crash skirting, full 36 in. wide, in navy and brown, white
and brown checks, also tweed flouts, this material is correct for skirts and
summer suits, per yd. 25c
II.—Tucked Apron Lawns, we have an excellent assortment of these goods now in
stock for your inspection, here are a few special quotations—
40 in. special apron lawn, ready hemmed, with two wide tucks, extra fine lawn. 12 1/2
per yd.
47 in. extra fine quality of cloth, with tucks and Valenciennes, insertion and hem-
stitched, value per yd. 25c
42 in. extra special fine soft finish, suitable for skirts or aprons, with four tucks
and as many rows of insertion, per yd. 25c
III.—New tea cloth, all pure Irish linen, best value in the trade, blue or red,
borders, with the same woven in white letters, sizes 20x30, 10c each, and
22x32 12 1/2c each
Loom Damask Table Napkins, dish patterns, special value, ready hemmed, 17x17
in. special per dozen. 75c

At Per Pair 25c

IV.—22x40 special huck towels, heavy quality, fancy red border.
18x36, plain linen hemmed towels, very heavy, red border.
18x36, pure white damask towels, fancy patterns, extra fine for the price.

V.—Broadened P. K's., white gaounde, with colored polka dot patterns, special for
children's dresses or shirt waists, per yd. 15c
VI.—Special values in dress ducks, white gaounde, with fine stripes, spots and
fancy designs, reg. 10c quality per yd. 9c
VII.—A big assortment of lace striped muslins, for children's wear, 25 and 30 in.
wide, very special per yd. 7c and 8c
VIII.—We don't have to say much about our table linens, nearly every lady in
Chatham is aware of the excellent values we give! but here are two lines worthy of
praise—
Full 72 in. half bleached tabling, good patterns, heavy quality, per yd. 40c
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New Arrivals This Week

See our Men's Sewell Whipcord Top Coats, beauties, \$7.50 and \$10.00.

Men's Solid Serge Suits \$4.50, in dark
navy blue serge, good weight, well made and
lined, full range of sizes 36 to 44, very
special value.

Men's Honest Tweed Suit, \$5.00, made
from good wearing tweeds, neat checks and
overplaid, nice shades brown and green ef-
fects, single and double breasted styles, sizes
from 36 to 42.

Men's Nobby Pattern Tweed Suits \$6.50
a very special all-wool tweed, nobby gray
overplaid, a wearer, especially well made,
sizes 36 to 42.

Men's Sewell Tweed and Serge Suits
\$7.50, the swiftest and best line of nobby
fancy designs for the price, nobby checks,
overplaid and plain serge, A 1 fitters, sizes
36 to 42, very pretty colorings.

The Very Latest Patterns in Men's Suits
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checks and the rough goods, also plain
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THE BATTLE FIELD

Makes Soldiers Think of Saving Their Souls.

Private Burrell Tells how he Came to be Converted—Anxious to see Some Fighting.

John M. Wemp, of Ounah, has received the following letter from Private Burrell, dated Belmont, Feb. 3:

Dear Jack—I am sorry I had not time to see you before leaving for the African war, but if we do not meet on earth again I hope we will meet in heaven some day. As I do not know how soon I may be called away by a bullet I have been converted and am prepared to meet my Maker at any time. A man must be prepared on the battle field, for when you see your comrades dropping around you it makes you think of where you will go when your turn comes. So I made up my mind to do something in the way of saving my soul, and I did, and I'm ready to meet my Saviour.

The letter then goes on to say that no Canadians have yet been killed nor have they had any serious fights. It also repeats the details already published of how Private Burrell and a lance killed a Boer sniper with 150 empty shells beside him. The Boer pleaded for mercy, but they executed him, the lance running his lance through the man's chest.

I suppose you are having it very cold just now, continues the letter, but we are having a very hot summer, but we are not working for you now and can't run away whenever I like. If I did I would be shot. We are just as much kept in as if we were in cells for murder. We cannot leave our camp grounds without permission from our captain. Write soon.

WRITTEN ON FEB. 10.

Daniel Martin, of this city, also has a letter from Private Burrell, dated Feb. 3, just on the eve of leaving for the front. In it he says:

I send my best respects to the boys and to my friends in Chatham, whom I had no chance of seeing before I left for London to enlist. I am sorry to say I have not heard from any of them yet. I wish I were home in time to take part in the elections, but I am going back in time for the Dominion caucus. We came here to Belmont on Dec. 9 and are still at the same old place. There were three chances to send us to the front but for some reason the colonel did not take advantage of them. But now we are brigaded with the Highlanders and Shropshires, two of the best regiments in Africa, and as soon as to the front range we will be sent to the front with them. We have been doing garrison duty nearly three months. Troops pass here for the front doing nothing but fatigue work from morning till night. However, in a few days we will move forward and have a chance to show our friends what we are made of. Lord Roberts said he was surprised to see us on garrison duty yet. He thought we were all ready at the front, having sent orders for us to go to Modder River three days before he came through. We were sent to Africa to fight and we want to do something. The only thing we have been in so far have been with little bands of Boers who broke away after the last battle. We get word which way they are moving and so head them off and take them prisoners. But all the fighting we have done does not amount to much.

A PROFITABLE EVENING.

Last Monday evening, at the Christian Endeavor of Holy Trinity Church, a very interesting and profitable hour was spent. After the opening devotion exercises the subject, "Missionary work in South America," was taken up. Miss Edith Tuckberry gave a very instructive paper on South America as a country. Rev. R. Sims gave an address on Peru as it was in the sixteenth century when first invaded by the Spaniards, and the life, customs and religion of the people at the present time. Miss Gertrude Ball read a very interesting paper on that part of America, viz. Paraguay, where a young missionary, Mr. Westgate, who is well known in Trinity Church, has taken up that great work. She told of how the natives, once savages, had been converted and become Christians and were now preaching the gospel to others. Talent money was then given to the members of the C. E. for this purpose.

During the evening a duet, by Misses Baxter and Side, and a solo, by Miss Fielder, were very acceptably rendered. Misses Fielder and Side are the clever pupils of Miss Baxter. The meeting closed with prayer.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Red Cross Society was held Monday evening, about fifty ladies being present. The fee was placed at 25 cents, and committees were formed to carry on the work. It is hoped many more will join the society, so that articles may be sent to the boys at the front as soon as possible. On March 23, the proceeds to be given to the boys from Kent county. The ladies will meet to sew on Saturday afternoon in Christ Church school-room at 3 o'clock, when the purchasing committee will have the work ready. The following were the committees formed, the first lady named in each case to be chairman:— Mesdames Receiving, Bort Malcolmson and Sydney Gray; Purchasing Committee— Mesdames Stegman, J. L. Bray and Sam. Glenn; Entertainment Committee— Mesdames O'Hara, Rispin, D. S. Paterson, Lewis, W. A. Hadley, London, Greening, Dunach, Pikey, T. K. Holmes, Kingsmill and Miss Stephenson.

Lieut.-Col. Mrs. Read, superintendent for the Women's Social work of the Salvation Army, will conduct special meetings on Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, in Chatham. Mrs. Read is one of the best known officers in the Army, and in connection with her work among the poor and fallen has travelled thousands of miles, conducting special meetings in their interests with the most eminently successful results.

BLENNHEIM.

John Pickering left yesterday for Toronto, on business.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. John Jack has passed away to the great beyond.

Jas. Shaver has bought out his partner, Dan Gray, in the laundry business.

The Harwich council met in the township hall on Monday and transacted considerable business.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church were held last Sunday and proved very successful.

R. J. Powell and Jas. W. Baird are leaving for the west next week, where they will go ranching near Calgary.

Messrs. Green and Ramsden, of the town, will leave shortly for the north-west, where they will start ranching.

Rev. J. W. McLaren and Jno. S. Laird were in Windsor yesterday, attending the meeting of the Presbytery.

On Wednesday night a sleigh-ride party of young Blenheimites visited Mull and spent an exceedingly pleasant evening.

A large and successful sale was held at the residence of R. Elliott & Sons yesterday, previous to their departure for the north-west.

A capital patriotic concert will be held at Cedar Springs on Friday night, the residents of this town will attend and contribute.

Major Peter Haggart, grain and provision merchant, reports that market quotations are very steady and deliveries comparatively light.

Miss Lizzie Russell, formerly of the public school teaching staff here, has taken a position as book keeper with the firm of Morse & Jack.

Thomas Coatsworth, brother of the late Caleb Coatsworth, residing two miles out of town, was suddenly taken sick yesterday, but is somewhat improved today.

The recent proceeds of the recent successful patriotic concert in Blenheim were \$123, which has been forwarded by Mayor Haggart in its entirety to the Red Cross fund.

The local (Catholics) will hold an At Home next Thursday evening, when a social program will be provided, to be followed by the presentation of the veterans' medals.

A meeting of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Ferguson to arrange for the raising of funds for the purchase of a piano.

Two large and enjoyable sleigh-ride parties of young people went out to Blenheim last evening, one to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Steele, in Ridgewood, and the other to the home of Mrs. Bass, Chatham.

Manager S. Wilkie, of the Opera House, has closed a contract for the production of the play, "The Widow Brown" on Thursday, the 15th inst., instead of Friday as previously announced.

This is a capital comedy and should draw a good house.

L. M. Appleford has purchased the entire plant of The Tribune newspaper from Robert Appleford, and purposes expending a considerable sum in adding to its equipment. The Tribune is one of the best county newspapers in Ontario, and the plant is an exceptionally fine one. Under the energetic efforts of Mr. Appleford it will undoubtedly continue to grow in prosperity and influence.

A meeting of the Harwich Union of Young People's Societies in the Presbyterian Church last Friday. The convention was a most successful one, and it was decided to divide the union into two workable districts, the South to include the Blenheim Societies and five in the county, and the other eight in the Northern district. The meeting will be held on April 17 to draft a constitution for the Southern organization.

"Ill weeds grow apace." Impurities in your blood will also grow unless you promptly expel them by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

TILBURY.

March 14.—Miss Violet Sudler was in Chatham yesterday.

The Salvation Army will give a Hindu-Burmer in Anderson Hall, next Tuesday evening, 20th inst.

The infant child of Henry Richardson is very ill.

A business meeting of the Epworth League was held in the Methodist church last evening and new officers were elected.

Mrs. H. Marulay, of Chatham, is the guest of her sister here, Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson.

The Daily Planet is on sale at John-son's Drug Store.

THE DAGGER AND THE CROSS.

Robert B. Mantel will be at the Grand Opera House Saturday evening, March 17th, presenting his successful romantic drama, "The Dagger and the Cross." Probably no player of our country stands in greater favor than Robert Mantel. Since his advent as a star, he has been a continuous producer of those scholarly works which make the theatre a temple of art and education. Not only is he himself an actor of acknowledged ability, his mountings are finished and correct, and his ensemble of presentations perfect. He carries a large equipment and costumes his plays with marked taste and fidelity. "Shakespeare, of course, is his great master, but, as a writer, he selects from the best; Dumas, D'Annunzio and Sardou are his favorite authors; their works have received conscientious and have been better presented in this country. The events with which "The Dagger and the Cross" is concerned are romantic in the highest degree, and are given the setting of England in 1666, a place and time having the picturesque character calculated to touch the imagination and stir the blood. The company which Manager Mantel has engaged to support his play is said to be the strongest with which he has ever been surrounded.

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The Coming Spring

THE GORDON STORE heralds its advent by shipments of New Prints, Gingham and Muslins just received. Our Annual opening of Printed Cotton Goods for Spring and Muslins is a tonic to shoppers. This year they are in great variety and beauty as to pattern, and being bought before the advance will be found at our old prices.

Calicos

27 in. wide Indigo Prints, warranted, per yard..... 5c
27 in. Prints, Pink, Blue, Red, Green, Buff, Lilac, etc., per yard..... 7c
29 in. wide, a good line of Wrapper Patterns, fast colors, per yard..... 8c
32 in., a choice variety of Crum's Prints, for waist, etc., per yard..... 10c
Walter Crum's Best Prints, newest styles, etc., per yard..... 12c

Ginghams

Strong, good washing, fancy checks for Children's wear, per yard..... 5c
Fine American Gingham, warranted colors, per yard..... 7c
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Apron Checks, with or without borders, at 12c, 10c and..... 8c
New Duck weaves in checks and end stripes

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Fine Printed Dimities, new patterns, colors warranted, 15c, 12c and..... 10c
Rather early to say more in this line yet
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WALLACEBURG.

Mar. 14.—A continuation of last week's Division of docket was concluded yesterday.

Quite a number attended the assembly last evening.

Capt. W. G. Scott's new steam barge is being fitted out rapidly and goes into commission about May 1st.

She will be put on the Georgian Bay route.

DRESDEN.

Mar. 14.—James Thatcher, of Ridgetown, was in town yesterday.

The town hall floated its handsome new flag yesterday in honor of the capture of Bloemfontein. The bells also rang for a short time.

Thos. Land is away on a business trip up North.

We regret to lose from Dresden our popular station agent, D. Anderson, who has left with his family for Harrow. While here Mr. Anderson has made for himself many warm friends who join in wishing him success in his new home.

Two loads of young people drove in from Wallaceburg last evening. One load enjoyed a pleasant time at the residence of Jamin Lawrence and the other at the rink.

TWO LARGE BOXES

Were Yesterday Forwarded to the Boys in South Africa.

Their Contents Were Generously Contributed by Many Patriotic Citizens.

Yesterday afternoon two immense boxes containing all manner of comforts and even luxuries for the Kent county boys at the front were expressed by Charles Macdonald, Detective A. H. Skirving and four B. Brook via Canadian Express to New York, where they were placed on board the steamship "Maria," sailing directly for Cape Town on the 10th inst. The contents are the result of one day's canvass by these gentlemen. One more could easily have been procured had time permitted, but the needs of the boys were too urgent to permit even an additional day's delay. The Maria is a fast sailing vessel and is expected to reach Cape Town in a few days. The committee in charge have written personally to Sir Roderick Cameron, of New York, asking him to see that the boxes are carefully forwarded. The contributors who supplied the comforts for the boys at the front are:—Thos. B. & Son, C. Austin & Co., The 2 T's, Wm. M. Stone, Wm. Gordon, Northway & Co., Wm. Somerville, Geo. B. Douglas, H. G. Reed, Mayor T. A. Smith, A. F. Falls, B. Malcolmson, Geo. B. Hyatt, A. I. McCall, C. O. E. A. Mounter, D. Gorrie, J. A. Thompson, Geo. Simpson, Mrs. Smythe, Geo. Taylor, Jas. Innes, Central Drug Store, Wm. Bennett, J. E. Johnston, Ivor E. Brock, Geo. W. Sulman, Geo. Young, E. C. Burt, M. J. Smith, Miss Lizzie Smith, Miss Jennie Nichols, Louise Kuntz, McCorvie & McKernan, J. W. Hales, Thibodeau & Jacques, J. W. McLaren, Wm. Foreman, The Planet, The Banner Printing Co., Messrs. Cassie and Annie Foley, E. E. Sylvester, F. Chapman, E. O. Smith, Hotel Merrill, W. E. Peck, F. Capman, Geo. Munsey, Robt. Cooper, Miss Powell, G. P. Schofield, W. A. Campbell, Major Coogan, Rev. H. McCosh, John West, J. S. Turner, Douglas Glad, R. D. Pringle, B. McNaughton, R. D. C. O. Miss Hales, Arch H. Skirving, Chas. Macdonald.

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BRITAIN PLEASED

At Lord Salisbury's Reply to the Two Presidents.

The French are Furious Over the Order to Send Cronje to St. Helena.

London, March 14.—The Times, commenting editorially this morning upon the reply of Lord Salisbury to the message from the Boer president, says: "The government have given the only conceivable reply to the extraordinary Kruger-Steyn telegram, a reply which will be hailed with profound satisfaction throughout the empire. We are sincerely glad to see the attitude the United States has assumed in transmitting the proposals. Washington's services, of course, have been declined, but declined, we need hardly say, in the same cordial and friendly spirit in which they were offered."

"The news that Gen. French commands Bloemfontein is an instructive comment on the preposterous character of the Boer pretensions."

Most of the papers express sentiments similar to those of the Times. The Standard says: "It is hard to treat with any seriousness an appeal which ignores the palpable realities of the situation. So far as it is meant for diplomatic use abroad, the appeal is a sheer waste of labor. Knowing outside views, the diplomats of both hemispheres will respect their time."

The Daily News says: Lord Salisbury puts the decision on the right ground. No other answer could be expected. The duty of the Liberal party will be to use its influence in the direction of tempering the future British sovereignty with the largest measure of local autonomy consistent with the security of international peace and equal laws and liberties."

The Daily Chronicle says: The worst enemies of the Boers could not have anticipated the full extent and audacity of their demands. President Kruger has been forced by the exigencies of his position to approach Lord Salisbury with a harmless intimation of his readiness to exercise his good offices. When he reads the correspondence he will feel thankful that he has not compromised himself with a cause that is now resolved into the arrogant obstinacy of Kruger."

COURTEOUSLY DECLINED.

London, March 14.—The United States government, at the request of President Kruger and President Steyn, has offered to the British government its services as mediator, with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa.

The interview between Mr. White and Lord Salisbury, was very brief, the premier confining himself to a courteous verbal declaration, without entering into details.

FRENCH ARE FURIOUS.

Paris, March 14.—The probability of Cronje being sent to St. Helena rouses in France a furious wave of resentment and criticism reviving memories of England's exile of Napoleon to the same island. The result is an outburst of more bitter hostilities than ever towards Britain. Cassim-Jerier said it would be rather cruel to send Cronje to St. Helena. England doubtless fears his influence upon the Dutch population in South Africa. His own people revere him. He is clever and brave. I believe he is a fatalist. The strong outlines of his character are more like Cromwell than Napoleon. Thought it is not my affair, I cannot help saying it would be a pity to send him to St. Helena. Henri Rochfort says:—"It would be an abominable outrage to send Cronje to St. Helena. Still, it would be in keeping with England's bullying attitude towards the Boers. She will humiliate Cronje all she can."

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MISSION BAND ENTERTAINMENT.

A most enjoyable entertainment was presented under the auspices of the May Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, in the Sunday school hall last evening. A delightful program was provided and refreshments and taffy furnished to the large attendance present. The program was as follows:—

Chairman's Address—Dr. Charteris. Quartette—Glee Club.

Violin Solo—Miss Rena Knott. Recitation—Miss Hicklin.

Vocal Solo—Miss Norton. Instrumental Solo—Frank Phelps.

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National Anthem.

THE PRESBYTERY.

Rev. Mr. Tolmie Chosen as Moderator at the Last Meeting.

Several Disputes Heard—Cald's Sustained and Inductions Ordered.

The Chatham Presbytery, at its quarterly meeting in Windsor yesterday, devoted considerable time to discussing church disputes. There is a serious rupture in the congregation at Rotary, Kent county, over the selection of a site for a new church. A long discussion in it was ordered that another meeting be held, at which a final choice is to be made.

The other row is over the salary of Pastor McIntosh, who has charge of two churches, Chalmers and Knox, in Dover township. Knox is assessed five fifths of the pastor's stipend, and Chalmers two fifths. The Knox congregation asked that the financial obligation be evenly distributed, but the Presbytery declined to make any change.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, was chosen moderator for the next term; and six clerical and an equal number of lay delegates were named to attend the meeting of the general assembly in Halifax next June.

A call to Rev. Mr. Ross, of Manitoba, to the Dawn congregation was approved, and the past will be inducted April 11. The call of the Dresden church to Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Oshawa, was approved, and the induction set for April 17.

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IMPORTANT BILLS.

In the Ontario legislature yesterday Hon. Mr. Latchford gave notice that he would introduce a bill providing for compulsory arbitration in certain industrial disputes. The class of companies involved are those enjoying public franchises, and there is no doubt the bill grows out of the London street railway troubles.

Lamden gave notice that on Thursday he would introduce two bills—one to amend the Public Health Act and the other to amend the act respecting slaughtering cattle and the inspection of meat and milk supplied in cities and towns.

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THE BRITISH ARMY.

THOUGHTS ON THE ORGANIZATION BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

How It Is Divided—Nomenclature of the Various Parts of the Complex Whole—The Present Pay and Present Clothing—Radical Changes Are Constantly Taking Place in the Army's Recent History.

The unit of drill is the half company, commanded by a lieutenant-second lieutenant. The number of non-commissioned officers and privates varies from 25 to 110. The war strength of a battalion is eight companies, carrying 1,012 men and 29 line officers. The latter include a colonel, lieutenant-colonel, three majors, eight captains and 16 lieutenants. The battalion is subdivided into four sub-battalions of two companies each, the first of which is commanded by the lieutenant-colonel and the remainder by the majors. To each regiment there are two battalions for foreign service known as regulars. There are also two battalions of militia for home service. The militia battalions are theoretically of six-company formation, including 301 men of all ranks, but in time of war they are recruited up as necessary. In addition to the battalions of regulars and militia there may be one or more battalions of volunteers. For instance, the Cheshire Regiment, a part of which is now in South Africa, has five battalions of volunteers.

Prior to the outbreak of war the first regular battalion was stationed in India and the second in Lincolshire. The third and fourth battalions, militia, are at Chester and Macclesfield, respectively. The five volunteer battalions, which before the last reorganization of the army system were perfected, were known as the Cheshire Regiment, have their stations at Birkhead, Chester, Knutsford, Stockport and Colleton.

One of the confusing points in the English method of reference to military bodies is the custom of giving a division the name of the whole. Thus each of the nine battalions of the Cheshire troops may be referred to as the Cheshire Regiment. Similarly confusion is caused by reference to sub-battalions as battalions and it is exceedingly difficult to tell accurately just how many men are involved when the number of the battalion is reported on.

In the order of service the regulars take precedence and are generally known as the foreign service men. They are kept on a war footing at all times and, theoretically, at no time are more than nine battalions of the whole national infantry allowed to fall below the standard of numbers.

In creating the larger bodies of British troops, including brigades, divisions and army corps, it is seldom that more than one battalion from each regimental division is included. There are four battalions of eight companies each in an infantry brigade and two brigades compose an infantry division. Three infantry divisions, together with varying numbers of squadrons of cavalry and field batteries, in addition to four companies of engineers, constitute an army corps, whose theoretic strength is 33,552 men, 1,155 officers and 10,164 horses. There is, of course, a wide variation from these figures as the exigencies of war require.

In the cavalry service the regiment is the unit of organization and the troop the unit of drill. In the line of foreign service there are 660 men and 22 officers to each regiment. In the household cavalry or home service branch the standard strength is 404 men and 29 officers. A detachment of each line regiment is left at home for recruiting and general purposes when the main body is detailed for foreign service. The volunteer cavalry is known as yeomanry. The regiments, of which there are 37, are named after shires. They embrace 12,000 men. The artillery service is known as the Royal Artillery. It consists of 22 batteries of horse artillery, designated by letters; 92 numbered batteries of field artillery; ten numbered batteries of mountain pieces and 99 numbered garrison service companies, divided as follows: Eastern division, 29 companies; southern division, 29 companies; western division, 29 companies. The militia and volunteer artillery organizations are operated in connection with the garrison service, with which they bear the same relations to a great extent as the corresponding bodies of infantry do to the regulars.

Radical changes are being made constantly in the British army service, and they have been argued and have occurred so often within recent years that only those in close touch can keep pace with them. As it exists to-day, the British military system is the result of a process of evolution, embracing something of almost every era in military history, but with the highest possible standard of effectiveness retained. The nomenclature and style of accoutrement of many of the individual bodies are as old as the traditions of the districts to which they owe their origin except in so far as changes have been made to meet the necessities of modern warfare. Sectional pride in those features is encouraged because it promotes a spirit of friendly rivalry and enhances efficiency.

Fish That Live in Hot Water.

There is a pond at Golconda which is fed by the waters from the hot springs. This pond has an area of two or three acres, and the temperature of the water is about 75 degrees, and in some places where the hot water bubbles up from the bottom the temperature is almost up to a boiling point. Recently a discovery has been made that this warm lake is literally alive with carp, some of which are more than one foot long. All efforts to catch them with a hook and line have failed, and they will not touch the most tempting bait. A few of them have been shot, and, contrary to the general supposition, the flesh was hard and palatable.

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Were the Works of Aristotle and Talmud Saved to the World

Virgil's "Aeneid" Was Also Preserved Only by Good Luck—He Died in His Attempt

Three of the greatest books in the world have narrowly escaped destruction. The "Aeneid" of Virgil, the works of Aristotle and the great body of Jewish tradition represented by the Talmud.

It is recorded that Virgil on his deathbed sought to burn the only copy of the "Aeneid," and when he failed to do so, he was soothed by the ordered his executors, Varro and Tucca, not to give it to the world, a direction which was disregarded by order of the Emperor Augustus.

The works of Aristotle suffered from neglect. They lay many years buried in a cellar, and when, by mere accident, they were at last unearthed, they were so damaged by damp and dirt that in many passages they are hopelessly corrupt. How great would have been the loss of this work to the human race may be judged from the fact that everything that was known in the middle ages of the arts and sciences was derived directly from these writings.

The Talmud nearly became extinct through persecution. The possession of the Talmud, by a long series of edicts extending over many centuries, was made penal, and the book itself was burned. No fewer than 24 wagon loads of Talmud manuscripts were burned in France in 1244—Stray Stories.

The Model's Hard Trial. Miss Siddal had a trying experience. In order that the artist might get the proper set of the garments in water and the right atmosphere and dignified effects, she had to lie in a large bath filled with water, which was kept at an even temperature by lamps placed beneath. One day, just as the picture was nearly finished, the lamps went out unnoticed by the artist, who was so intensely absorbed in his work that he thought of nothing else, and the poor lady was kept floating in the cold water till she was nearly benumbed. She herself never complained of this, but the result was that she contracted a severe cold, and her father, an auctioneer at Oxford, wrote to Millais, threatening him with an action of £50 damages for his carelessness. Millais paid the doctor's bill, and Miss Siddal, quickly recovering, was none the worse for her cold bath.—Life of Sir John Millais.

Tommy's Speech. Sue (who has just been asked to play something on the piano)—I really can't play anything.

Tommy—But, I say, Sue, why don't you play that piece you spoke to me about?

Sue—What piece?

Tommy—Why, that one you told me to ask you to play when we had company 'cause you knew it better'n any of the others. I forget the name!

Then Tommy was sent to bed.—Kansas City Independent.

Born to Dominate. "Mrs. Crowder has been president of your club a long time."

"Yes; none of us could call her to order, so we decided we might as well let her regulate the rest of us."—Chicago Record.

A Blow to Superstition. "Jimmy's rabbit got drowned in our bathtub."

"Goodness! Didn't he have his left hind leg with him?"—Indianapolis Journal.

ONWARD AND SUNWARD.

Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong,
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail of win.

What matter I or they,
Mine or another's day,
So the right word is said,
And life the sweeter made!

Hail to the coming singers!
Hail to the brave light bringers!
Forward I reach, and share
All that they sing and dare.

I feel the earth move onward,
I join the great march onward,
And take by faith, while living,
My freedom of thanksgiving.
—John G. Whittier.

FUN WITH A BURGLAR.

Victim Feigned Being Asleep and the Intruder Was Rattled.

The burglar who had served a short term in the Bridewell for being caught while trying to leave a house he had entered without the authority of the owners was engaged in the practice of his profession again.

"They don't catch me in no self-acting cage this time," he said to himself, as he raised a rear window of the house he had selected as the scene of his operations and cautiously insinuated his head through the opening.

"I don't see no cards tellin' me it's all right, and not to make a noise, and will I please shut the pantry window so's the things won't freeze. I guess it's all straight."

With a whispered caution to his confederate, who was to remain on guard outside, he crawled noiselessly in, stood a few moments to listen, and then proceeded to penetrate further into the interior.

Finding only a few things worth stealing on the lower floor he started up the stairway.

One of the steps creaked and he stopped instantly.

Not the slightest sound came from the rooms above, however, and, after waiting a reasonable time, he moved forward and upward with great caution.

Entering what seemed to be the main upper room he glanced about him.

Sufficient light came in from the street lamp across the way to enable him to see a bed in one corner occupied by a man whose deep and regular breathing furnished sufficient evidence that he was sound asleep.

The man's clothing was hanging at the foot of the bed.

The burglar moved in that direction. Instantly he heard a loud whisper: "Don't do that; you'll wake him!"

Annoyed and alarmed at what he conceived to be a wholly unauthorized and bungling attempt on the part of his confederate to take a hand in the fine work of the job instead of remaining at his post of duty outside, he turned his head and moved back a step or two.

"Sit!" came the whisper again louder than before.

The burglar glanced at the sleeper, who had not stirred, and then moved toward the door, with the intention of administering a voiceless rebuke to his reckless confederate.

"You blamed fool," whispered the voice again. "You haven't got sense enough to rob a sandbank. Let me do this!"

The burglar peered into the gloom of the upper hallway.

Not seeing his pal he stepped out through the door.

"Step!" exclaimed a loud, determined voice. "If you move another inch in this direction I'll put a bullet through you!"

He turned back and darted in the direction of the front window.

"Don't go that way, either! Can't you see you're running right into a gun?"

Trembling in every limb, he stood near the centre of the room, uncertain what to do.

He put his hand to his hip pocket.

"If you make another motion with that hand," exclaimed a voice from somewhere in the darkness, "I'll shoot! I've got the drop on you!"

He stole another glance at the sleeper.

The man had not stirred.

The burglar felt a cold sweat breaking out all over him.

Then, as the savage yell of a fierce dog, apparently under the bed, came startlingly to his ear, he jumped with a yell of terror to the side window, six feet away, plunged through it, carrying the sash with him, and rolled down the kitchen roof into a snow-bank, from which he emerged a second later and fled like a deer, followed by the bewildered confederate.

He had made the horrible blunder of trying to rob a professional ventriloquist—who happened to be awake.—Chicago Tribune.

A Good Average.



Western Friend—"Did your play make a hit?"

Comedienne—"Well, yes, in a way. The audience laughed at the serious parts and wept over the comedy situations, so I guess it's all right."

Glad, Anyhow.

"I beg your pardon. I thought this was Mr. Chucky."

"I am Mr. Chucky."

"Then I am glad to find that when I thought I was mistaken I was mistaken in thinking I was mistaken."

"Hey?"

"I say when I thought I was mistaken I was mistaken in thinking I was mistaken, and being mistaken in thinking I was mistaken when I was mistaken, I was glad to find I was mistaken because I wasn't mistaken—or, rather, I was mistaken when I thought I was mistaken, and so I couldn't have been mistaken—well, at any rate, I am glad. Looks as if we were going to have snow, doesn't it?"—Chicago Tribune.

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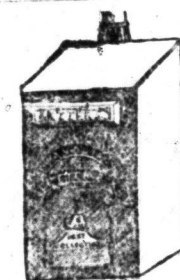
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THE JURY TURNED.

He Showed the Lawyer he Knew Some Big Ones Too.

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The lawyer was just starting home after a hard day's work in the courtroom. A sedate looking man approached him and said:

"I don't know whether you remember me or not. I am one of the talesmen whom you interrogated yesterday."

"Ah?"

"There are one or two small matters that I wanted to ask you about. You seem to be a person of very superior intelligence, and I hope you will give me a few minutes. I'll walk along with you to your car so as not to waste any time. What I wanted to ask you is this: If I were to say to you that the three faces which include a triad angle of a triangle are equal in all their parts to the three faces which include a triad angle of a second prism, each to each, and are like placed, the two prisms are equal in all their parts, what would you understand by it?"

"Why, sir—really?"

"You don't mean to tell me you are stumped by a little one like that?"

"You see, the question is a little sudden, and in order to grasp its full significance—"

"Never mind. Here's an easier one, nearer the beginning of the book. If I were to suggest to you that a certain object is a polyhedron, in which two of the faces are polygons, equal in all their parts and having their homologous sides parallel, what would be the impression conveyed to your mind?"

"To be candid, I never looked into the subject very deeply."

"You don't mean to own up that you wouldn't know it was a plain, everyday prism?"

"I hadn't thought of it in that light."

"That's all. My boy, who isn't through high school, could have answered those questions without stopping to think. I feel better. You were putting on a lot of airs yesterday, but you ain't any encyclopaedia. I don't believe you are even a handy compendium of useful knowledge. After this display of lamentable ignorance on your part I want to make just one suggestion. If you ever get me into court again, don't you swing at me with any more big words and try to act haughty. I've got your measure, and I'm able to be just as supercilious as you are."—Washington Star.

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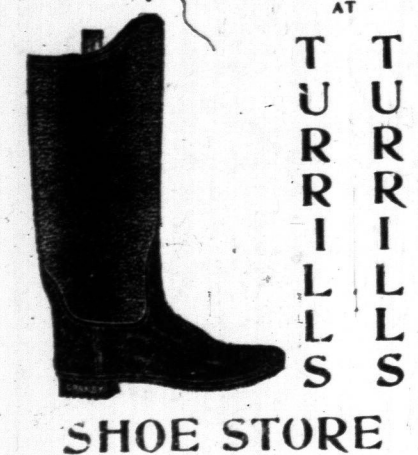
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BEANS WILL GO UP

Unfortunately the Farmers Have
Very Few Left to Sell.

An interesting statement concerning
the Market Prepared by
Messrs. J. B. Stringer
& Co.

Messrs. J. B. Stringer & Co. have
prepared some interesting statistics re-
garding the bean market of Canada
and the United States, showing its pre-
sent condition, by which it will be
seen there has been a remarkable
increase each year for the past three
years, and markedly so of the
crop of 1899, thus accounting for the
high level of prices this cereal has
reached to-day. With the next crop
not available before the 1st November
next, it is confidently expected a
strong situation and higher price will
rule for the balance of the crop here
and in the United States, as farmers'
stocks are gone in both places and
dealers in Canada hold only some
50,000 to 60,000 bushels among them,
all told, to meet the demand until next
fall.

MICHIGAN BEAN CROPS.
Reported from Detroit.
1896 3,049,135 bushels
1897 1,765,175 "
1898 954,064 "
1899 762,000 "

Very few left in the state. In many
sections farmers will have to buy seed.

CALIFORNIA CROPS.
From San Francisco Produce Ex-
change report, Dec. 1st, 1899:

1896 700,923 sacks of all varieties.
1897 713,749 "
1898 513,459 "
1899 298,117 "

Our government and Alaska are lib-
eral buyers of the extremely light stock
of pea beans.

CANADA.
From Montreal Trade Bulletin,
February 1, 1900:

Estimated stocks on hand 50,000 to
60,000 bushels. Same time last year
300,000 to 350,000 bushels.

NEW YORK STATE.
Reports 42 to 45 per cent. of crop.
Very small acreage and severe
drought throughout the bean sections.
Yielded very light crops of exception-
ally fine quality.

Present Status of St. Louis Market.
Shipped since Oct., 1899, 77,147 pkgs.
Receipts 65,343 "
10,644 "

This excess of shipments, 10,644
packages, taken from old stocks,
creates to-day a bare market.

Peace Proposals.

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guaranteed by the convention had up
to that point taken place on the
British side.

"Suddenly, at two days' notice, the
South African Republic, after issuing
an insulting ultimatum, declared war
upon Her Majesty, and the Orange
Free State, with whom there had not
even been any discussion, took a
similar step. Her Majesty's dominions
were immediately invaded by the two
republics. Siege was laid to three
towns within the British frontier, a
large portion of two colonies was
overrun, with great destruction of
property and life, and the republics
claimed to treat the inhabitants of ex-
tensive portions of Her Majesty's do-
minions as if those dominions had
been annexed to one or other of
them. In anticipation of these opera-
tions the South African Republic had
been accumulating for many years
past military stores on an enormous
scale, which by their character, could
only have been intended for use
against Great Britain.

"Your Honors make some observa-
tions of a negative character upon
the object with which these prepara-
tions were made. I do not think it
necessary to discuss the questions you
have raised. But, the result of these
preparations, carried on with great
secrecy, has been that the British
Empire has been compelled to con-
front an invasion which has entailed
upon the Empire a costly war and the
loss of thousands of precious lives.
This great calamity has been the pen-

PARIS EXPOSITION!

Messrs. Wright, Kay & Com-
pany, for many years Jewellers
and Importers of Precious Stones
and Art Works, at D. trot, will
show a new office
IN PARIS

at Nos. 24 and 25 Rue de
Petits Hotels (Place de la
Hayette), and offer their services
for the purchase, packing and
shipment to any point in the
United States or Canada of the
various articles on sale at
THE EXPOSITION

at Exhibitors' prices, thus reliev-
ing their customers of all care
and responsibility in these re-
gards. A note addressed to

Wright, The Hotel Blada
or
Kay, 44 Rue de Clichy,
& Co., 24 Rue des Petits
Hotels, will receive careful attention
Please preserve the above ad-
dress for reference.

ally Great Britain has suffered for
having of recent years acquiesced to
the existence of the two republics.

"In view of the use to which the
two republics have put the position
which was given them, and the cala-
mities their unprovoked attack has
inflicted on Her Majesty's dominions,
Her Majesty's government can only
answer Your Honors' telegram by say-
ing they are not prepared to assent to
the independence of either of the
South African Republic or the Orange
Free State."

The telegrams from Presidents
Krugger and Steyn to the Marquis of
Salisbury were read in both houses
of parliament, and the concluding
paragraph of the British premier's re-
ply, saying Her Majesty's govern-
ment was not prepared to assent to
the independence of the South African
Republic or the Orange Free State,
elicited prolonged cheers.

Henry Labouchere, Advanced Lib-
eral, protested against Lord Salis-
bury's reply to Presidents Krugger
and Steyn. It was, he said, not only
a crime, but a blunder. The terms of
peace which were proposed were an
iniquity and a disgrace to Great Brit-
ain. Turkey, he declared, might just
as well have insisted upon blotting
out Greece as an independent country.
Greece invaded Turkey and compelled
her to go to war.

Thomas Gibson Bowles (Conserva-
tive) remarked that the last telegram
from Presidents Krugger and Steyn
was even more insulting than the
one which began the war.

A Dressy Couple—A pair of \$350
Slater Shoes and a \$250 Berrington
Hat. The 2 T's.

TEN YEARS HERE.

"I have been in Chatham now ten
years," said Hugh Macaulay, of The
Ark, "and I never saw such single-
ness as we have had since the day the
news came of the relief of Ladysmith.
Why, we have had two weeks of splen-
did sleighing and business seems to
be brightening in consequence. As
Sunday that I first came to Chatham
and after three weeks spent in
getting ready, I opened out the best
Saturday in March. It was an open
winter that year and I never saw so
much mud. The first thing that par-
ticularly attracted my attention was
a truck laden with a small load of
furniture and drawn by four horses.
You couldn't tell the horses from mud.
It seemed a wonderful thing to me
then but I suppose we get used to it.
But we shouldn't get so used to it
as to forget that there is such a
thing as a pavement. I think, how-
ever, that if there is one thing I
should be thankful for it is that I
have Chatham to live in. I may say
this today, in my opinion, this city
is the best business place of its size
in the Dominion, and when I make
this statement I speak from experi-
ence."

THE PRIMA LITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, March 14—10 a. m.—North-
easterly and northwesterly winds, fair.
Thursday, fair and decidedly cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

J. J. Rycraft, barrister, of Ridg-
etown, is in the city on business.

Every Barrington Hotel guaranteed.
Price \$2.50. Two T's Sole Agents. If
Barrister W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell,
is in the Maple City to-day on legal
business.

The Paris exposition will open on
April 15. There will be no postponement.

A little pet Scotch terrier, belong-
ing to A. J. Pike, Joseph St., was
poisoned last night.

The Walkers, of Walkerville, have
applied for a charter to establish a
distillery in Montreal.

The official thermometer registered
16 above zero as the coldest point
touched by the mercury last night.

New ideas in American Collars every
week at The 2 T's.

The trustees of S. S. No. 4, are hav-
ing a bee to-day hauling fence lum-
ber to enclose their new school
grounds.

The Side Bankrupt Shoe Stock will
be opened for sale on Saturday, the
17th inst. The store will be to rent
after April 1st.

Mrs. J. H. Fraser, of Walkerville,
returned home this morning, after a
few days' visit with Mrs. A. L. Sham-
bleau.

The contract for the carpenter work
and furnishing on the residence of
John McKay, Chatham Tn., has been
awarded to Blonde Bros. & Co.

Side Bankrupt Shoe Sale, winding
up business, shoes and rubbers cheap.
Store opens Saturday, the 17th inst.

Mrs. John Hales has received an ac-
knowledgment from the Red Cross
headquarters at Toronto for a large
consignment of comforts for the sol-
diers in South Africa, which she for-
warded.

Peter Toulouse, of Big Point, has
purchased the hotel in Wallaceburg
owned by C. M. & O'Mara, from
Mr. Hay, and will take possession in a
few days.

Douglas Stevens has presented L. J.
Atwater with a live coon. Mr. At-
water says every office needs a mouse
and a four-legged one is as good
as a two-legged.

The great amount of design work
done at the Victoria Avenue Green
Houses is sufficient proof of the
excellence of the work. Nothing but the
best at the lowest prices. Telephone
181.

The county auditors have completed
their work on the books of Treasurer
Shambleau and are forwarding a copy
of the report to the government.

As usual they found everything cor-
rect and in admirable order.

Slater Shoe Polish in Black and Tan,
at The 2 T's.

There was very little doing on the
market this morning. A few veg-
etables were offered. The small quan-
tity of butter offered sold at 20 cents,
and eggs brought from 15 to 16 cents
a dozen. The supply of chickens was
meagre, at from 25 to 30 cents.

The committee in charge of the St.
Patrick concert, March 19th, have not
given up the idea of donating a per-
centage of the net proceeds towards
Canada's patriotic fund all running
back to the concert. See Saturday's
Planet for programme.

\$263.51 worth of Shoes and Rub-
bers at the Side Bankrupt Sale, to be
closed out by 1st of April, store opens
Saturday, the 17th.

Don't forget the young ladies of the
Ministering Circle on Friday, 16th, in
the L. O. O. F. auditorium. Lunch
from 12 noon to 2 p. m. Fee from
5 p. m. to 7 p. m. Help of the pro-
ceeds will go to the Red Cross Society
to help the Canadian soldiers now
in South Africa.

Money to Lend on Mortgages.—Farm-
ers and others wanting to borrow
money on mortgages at best rates and
save expense and time, and secure
other advantages, should apply per-
sonally to the Chatham Loan & Sav-
ings Company. d&w lastly.

SACRED CONCERT.

A sacred concert will be presented
in the William St. Baptist Church on
Tuesday, the 27th inst., under the aus-
pices of the choir. An exquisite and
extensive program is being prepared
under the musical direction of the
lady conductor, Mrs. Alice James, and
the presentation should prove one of
the musical features of the season.

BIRTHDAY SOCIAL.

An excellent birthday social was
given by the W. C. T. U. at the home
of Mrs. Goodyear, Queen street, last
Friday evening. The program was as
follows: Instruments, duet, Misses
Magge; violin solo, Miss Rena Nett;
instrumental, Mrs. Mellish; recita-
tion, three young ladies; instrument-
al, Mrs. Mellish; patriotic song, three
young ladies. After refreshments had
been served Mrs. Hall on behalf of the
company rendered our hosts hearty
congratulations and many happy returns
of her birthday after which all joined
in singing Auld Lang Syne.

THE BUILDING BOOM.

Architect Jas. W. Carswell will have
plans ready in a few days for a hand-
some residence in Raleigh township
for John Chinnick. Mr. Carswell is
also preparing plans for a residence
for W. Irwin, of Raleigh township,
which will cost about \$2,000. The
plans will be ready next week. Mr.
Steen, of Baldon street, has instructed
Mr. Carswell to prepare plans for a
residence for him, the same to have
modern conveniences. The plans will
be ready in a few days. A large convent is also to be
erected at Tecumseh, on the plans
of which Mr. Carswell is now engaged.

A Free Slater whose house Presi-
dent Krugger occupied during the Boer
fight from Oshonstein, said he com-
plained to the president about the
depreciation of the Transvaal, where-
upon the president replied: "No
wonder we are beaten. The burghers
entered into the war to fight for a
richer cause, but now they have de-
veloped into horses and cattle deal-
ers."

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and be convinced that we have the best goods of this
class to be found in any establishment in the West.

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A Popular Accident Insurance Co.

The Canadian Railway Accident In-
surance Company in a Thriving
Condition.

The Canadian Accident Insurance
Company have just issued their fifth
annual report to the shareholders of
the company, showing that their most
satisfactory business has been done
during the past year.

The amount of business written was
\$10,468,014, with premiums totalling
\$93,866.83. This shows a gross in-
crease over 1898 of \$2,522,917 insurance
and \$21,491.80 in premiums, being over
34 per cent. The cost of securing the
business was 41.65 per cent., as com-
pared with 46.29 per cent. in 1898, and
62.32 per cent. in 1897. It will thus be
seen that as the business has grown,
the cost of getting same has been
greatly reduced.

Legislation was secured during the
year enabling the company to add sick-
ness features to its policies, so that
policy holders are now compensated
for loss of time caused by typhoid,
typhus or scarlet fever, smallpox or
diphtheria.

The Canadian Railway Accident In-
surance Company are thoroughly de-
serving of their success, for they issue
a most liberal policy and have earned
a most enviable reputation for the
prompt settlement of all claims and
the generous treatment of policy hold-
ers.

Mr. J. P. Dickson, secretary and
treasurer of company, is the young-
est son of Mr. M. C. Dickson, district
passenger agent, Grand Trunk Rail-
way, Toronto.

In the house of commons yesterday,
Joseph Powell Williams, financial sec-
retary to the war office, stated that
the colonies had furnished 29,000 sol-
diers during the present war in South
Africa.

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long "The Sleeping City," Manager
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of life in New York after dark,
which will be seen at the Grand on
Thursday evening. The piece is an
interesting story of love and despic-
able villainy, intermingled with a
fund of bright sparkling comedy. Pic-
turesque and realistic scenes show
Battery Park, the Germania Club,
Hudson River docks, a typical East
River den, and a burning asylum.
There is realism in the stage settings,
and by the aid of mechanical contriv-
ances thrilling effects are produced.
You will get your money's worth and
more, too, in a rare fund of entertain-
ment by witnessing a performance of
"The Sleeping City."

The bombardment of Mafeking is
very active. Col. Plumer is only 50
miles from it, and the Boers are blow-
ing up the railway to stop his pro-
gress.

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time to treat the symptoms. The
medicine must reach the cause. Mer-
rill's System Tonic does this. It puri-
fies the blood, builds up the system,
strengthens the nerves and is the only
positive cure known for Constipa-
tion, Dyspepsia, Nerve Troubles and
Kidney Diseases—all disappear when
it is taken. Three weeks' treatment
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