

Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.
BEIDLER-STEVENS—At 325 King street, on Dec. 9, 1897, by Rev. Robt. Johnston, assisted by Rev. Dr. Thompson, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Howard T. Beidler, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Lena Martin, youngest daughter of the late Wm. Stevens, Esq.

DEAD.
PRITCHETT—In this city, on Friday, Dec. 10, 1897, Hugh N., youngest son of Henry and Ellen Pritchett, aged 3 years and 4 months. Funeral from the residence of the father, at 3 p.m., service at 2:30 p.m.

The Churches Tomorrow.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor. Morning—Antiphon—“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.” Chorus—“Jesus My Lord” (Lachner). Evening—Antiphon—“Come Unto Me” (Tebbs). Oratorio—“The Miracles of Christ” (Pattison) will be sung by choir for the first time in London. Seats reserved for pew-holders until 6:45.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., Pastor. Sabbath, Dec. 12—The pastor will preach at both services.

11 a.m.—“In the Beginning, God.”
2 p.m.—Sabbath Schools. Pastor's Bible Class, “Pilgrim at the Cross.”
4 p.m.—Missionary meeting, addressed by Miss Margaret McKellar, M.D., of India.
Monday, 8 p.m.—Y. P. S. C. E.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—North Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Friday, 8 p.m.—“Outlook” M. B. entertainment.
Tonight (Saturday), 8 p.m.—Session Meeting.

LONDON WEST METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. A. G. Harris, pastor. Morning, “God is Keeping”; evening, “Cornelius.” All welcome.

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Morning anthem, “Gloria” (Honor Lorenz); evening, solo, “Exultate” (Pocock); anthem, “Hosanna in the Highest” (Thayer); solo, “Judas,” H. R. McDonald (by special request). Morning (preacher, Rev. Mr. Quance); evening, Rev. Geo. Jackson.

DUNDAS CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH—The pastor, Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, will preach at both services. Morning—Antiphon, “This is the Day” (Gaul); solo, “Forever with the Lord” (Charles Gounod). Evening—Solo and chorus, “God is Love” (H. R. Skelly); quartet, “God is a Spirit” (Sterndale Bennett); and “While Jesus Whispers” (Stebbins).

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—MATINS. Venite, Lee; Benedictus, M. Smith; Benedictus, Troubridge; Prætor, the Dean. Evensong—Magnificat, Martin; Nunc Dimittis, Martin; anthem, “God is Love” (Hosanna); Preacher, Rev. Canon Dunn, R.A.

ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN CH.—Rev. Andrew Henderson, of Toronto, will conduct services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (SCIENTIST).—Duffield block, Friday, 11 a.m. Experience meeting. Service at 8 p.m. All welcome.

ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST CH.—Rev. T. S. Johnson, pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everybody welcome.

ASKIN STREET METHODIST CH.—Rev. R. Hobbs, pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor. Services tomorrow as usual.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor. Services as usual.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST CH.—Rev. Ira Smith, pastor. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CH.—Rev. J. W. Peckley, pastor. Morning and evening services as usual.

MEMORIAL CHURCH—ANNIVERSARY service tomorrow. Rev. F. H. DuVernet, of Toronto, preacher, morning and evening, at 11 and 7 o'clock. Special collections for the Church Fund.

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CH.—Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor, 11 a.m. “A Paralytic Healed”; 7 p.m., “A Royal Slave.”

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CH.—W. J. Ford, pastor. Morning the pastor; subject, “Religious Training of Children”; evening, Rev. John Russell.

KING STREET METHODIST CH.—Services by pastor. Evening subject, “For or Against? Which?”

WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., pastor. Anniversary services at 11 and 7 p.m. Rev. James Livingston, of Aylmer. Sunday school at 2:30.

KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Thomas Wilson, Morning, “Partially Cured”; evening, “Money Foolishly Spent.” Seats free.

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—MEN AND WOMEN of good reputation to sell a general family medicine in their vicinity. Will guarantee this remedy to cure 80 per cent of all diseases; there is no poison or crude drugs in its composition; perfectly harmless; splendid profits; write us for information, circulars, etc. Old chronic stubborn diseases are being cured by this wonderful remedy. Ozone Specific Company, 15 Avenue Paste, Toronto. 881 tf & wtf

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WANTED—100 GOOD SECOND-HAND overcoats, suits, hats. Money loaned on above; also diamonds, watches, jewelry. J. Fox, pawnbroker, 202 King's road, opposite fire hall.

Shorthand.

The best education for business a young man or woman can receive is through course of shorthand and typewriting. To attend the Western Ontario Shorthand and Business Academy.

Means Success.

Every graduate of this academy is placed in a situation when competent. During past week we placed Peter S. Gaud with E. B. Smith & Co. For terms apply.

Wm. C. Coe, C.S.R.,
76 Dundas Street.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line each insertion.

THE LADIES' AID OF WELLINGTON Street Methodist Church, will give an anniversary musical and literary entertainment in the church on Monday evening, December 13. Collectors at the door, 10c or more.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT—Wellington Street Methodist Church, Monday, Dec. 13. Choice programme by Misses Willis, Walker, Hunt, Pickard and Mr. Macdonald, assisted by the choir. Address by Rev. Mr. Livingstone, of Aylmer. Admission 10c.

MEMORIAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY festival in the school room, Monday evening, 13th, 8 o'clock. Music by Italian harpists, reading and refreshments. Collection. 10c.

THOSE WHO ATTEND THE LECTURE to be given by Rev. W. J. Clark in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday, Dec. 13, at 8 o'clock, will enjoy a treat. Subject, “A Boy I Knew.” Good music. Silver collection, 10c.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princes Avenue. Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.

DON'T FORGET A. O. F. CONCERT. ST. George's school, London West, Tuesday, Dec. 14. Excellent programme. Cordia brothers take part. Single tickets, 15 cents; double, 25 cents.

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PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SEA SON tickets for advanced class now ready at special low rates. Meets Wednesday evenings. Learn the new dances as taught by competent teachers. Circular mailed on application. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

Meetings.

10 per word each insertion. No ad. less than ten words.

BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS' UNION Quarterly meeting, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Full attendance requested to elect officers and delegates to convention. Joseph Hawthorne, secretary.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS cost 1 Cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERV. YANT. References required. Apply to Mrs. H. D. MILLAR, 70 Elmwood avenue, South London. 91f

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. Small family; references required. Apply 424 Main street, South London. 90c

FOURTH-CLASS COOK WITH REFERENCE. For private home. Good wages. Apply at the Osborne Intelligence Agency, 41 Dundas street. Phone 38.

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help—On hand cooks, housemaids, general domestic help, experienced nurses, children nurses, housekeepers; waiting, dining-room girls for out of city, also cooks, waiters, good, dry-cleaning agency, 301 Richmond street, Phone, 1,121.

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“The Three Friends.”
In tube ready for sending. 10c each. The supply is limited.

ADVERTISER PRINTING COMPANY

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MALE TEACHER—TO TAKE CHARGE of Protestant Separate School for the year 1898. Testimonials must accompany all applications. Applications will be received up till Dec. 24, 1897, and not after that date. Applicants may govern themselves according to the regulations of the Education Department. For further particulars apply to Messrs. KELLY, Sec. Treas. P. S. S. S. No. 1, Tibury, Ont., or lot 13, con. 2, Tibury North, bid & w.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A FIRST-CLASS salesman. Apply 17 Dundas street. 91f

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WANTED—EXPERIENCED HAT AND cap sewers—Highest wages in the city paid to first-class sewing machine operators. Apply at the Hastings Hat and Cap Manufacturing Co., 420 Ridout street. 90f

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HOUSEKEEPERS, HOUSEMAIDS, lady's companions, nurse girls, general assistants, dining-room girls with good references, are waiting situations at the London Employment Bureau.

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Situations Wanted.

SITUATION WANTED AS ASSISTANT bookkeeper. Good clerk. Rent for \$7 per month. Address Box 41, Ingersoll. 80c

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FOR SALE—BICYCLES AND SKATE parts, bicycle enameling and general repairing at lowest prices. D. McKENZIE & Co., 24 Richmond street.

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CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS always on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

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CAST IRON SOIL PIPE AND SOIL PIPE fittings and all kinds. SMITH BROS., 226 Dundas street.

MACHINERY, FORGE PANS, JOINT PELL, round-bottom, boiler, engine, pulleys, hangers, machine tools, etc. J. T. TAYLOR & JOLLY. 50c

WAGON WOODWORK BAR IRONS, benches, and all kinds of iron window frames and sash, large double doors and frames cheap. PATTERSON & JOLLY. 50c

STOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNI TURE for sale cheap at Kneass's Furniture Store, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

STOVES—ALL KINDS—BASEBURNERS, with and without gas, and large assortment of wood stoves at lowest prices. GEO. FARISH, 337 Talbot street, south of King. 50c

THE LOCKED WIRE FENCE CO., LTD., of Ingersoll, has been instructed by the waterworks commissioners to place one of their famous round pond at Byron. 91f

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Real Estate.

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P. Walsh's Bulletin. 110 Dundas street. Phone 1,621.

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TORRENT—HANDSOME MODERN BRICK residence, 378 Central avenue, 9 rooms, electric light and gas fixtures, newly papered. Everlasting first-class. Immediate possession. 3700 buys that good 6-roomed frame cottage, 51 Alms street, large lot. Rent for \$7 per month. Easy terms. Great chance.

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Cheap rent—110 Campbell street, modern, new 10-roomed brick house, gas, new furnace, barn. Key second door open. Close to street cars.

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Lost and Found.

LOST—MONDAY NIGHT LAST, WHITE, for terrier pup. Reward on leaving at 315 Dundas street. 90c

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ONE OR TWO GENTLEMEN CAN have pleasant home in private family; central location. Address Boarding Lady's Office. 91f

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TWO NICE DOUBLE FRONT ROOMS with electric light, and board, if desired, Dundas street. 90c

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TO LET—COMFORTABLE RESIDENCE 27 Talbot street; papered throughout. Apply 23 Talbot, or Tanning & Jones. 94f

TO LET—185 ST. JAMES STREET—NICE story brick; 4 bedrooms, bath, grate; very convenient; choice location. Apply 41 Princes avenue. 92c

STORE AND OFFICES IN ALBION building to let. Apply to T. H. CARLING, of E. C. Colerick, adjoining the premises. 90c

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN supplied with office help without charge our services. Apply W. C. COO, court reporter, 76 Dundas street.

Insurance.

A. N. UDY, INSURANCE AGENT phone, 725.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE Phoenix Insurance Company, New York Life Insurance Company (this company is insured by 81 separate and distinct governments throughout the civilized world). Canada Accident Assurance Company, American Surety Company, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc. The above companies are all first-class and reliable. Over Bank of Commerce, 412 Richmond street, London. Phone office 600. 91f

Auction Sale—Real Estate—On

Wednesday, Dec. 15, on the Premises at 2 p.m.

M. L. NEIL COOPER has been instructed by Mr. Gray to sell the fine two-story brick residence just completed on 23rd and 1st streets, second house from Colborne street, contains hall, double drawing rooms, library, dining room, kitchen, pantry, summer kitchen, seven bedrooms, closets, bath and store room, with all the latest modern improvements. Inspection invited. Will pay on investment \$5000. NEIL COOPER, auctioneer. 91f

Auction Sale—Household Furniture—On Monday, Dec. 12, at 99

Wharfedale Road, South London.

NEIL COOPER will sell contents of cottage comprising parlor suite, carpets, dining room, kitchen, furniture, base and burner with oven, cook stove, bedstead, and sundry other articles. Cars pass the door. Sale at 10:30. NEIL COOPER, auctioneer. 90c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Alexander Macdonald, late of the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, bankrupt, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to R. S. C. chapter 190, sec. 28 and amendments, that all persons having claims against the estate of the above-named Alexander Macdonald, deceased, are hereby required to file the same with the undersigned solicitors for the administration on or before the 31st day of January, 1898, or, in default of the estate will be distributed. PARKER, PURDON & PARKER, solicitors, Masonic Temple Building, London, Ont. Dated Dec. 8, 1897. 100c

The Ontario Loan

Debenture Company.

DIVIDEND NO. 68.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a dividend of 34 per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year ending 31st inst., and of the same sum payable to the company's office, London, on and after the 2nd January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to 31st inst., both days inclusive.

WILLIAM F. BULLEN, Manager.

MONDAY, JAN. 4, 1898.

N. B.—Shareholders whose postoffice address is in this city will please call at the company's office for their dividends. 100c 11, 12, 17

The Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co.

Dividend No. 67.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a dividend of 41 per cent for the current half year upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office, in this city, on and after

MONDAY, JAN. 3, 1898.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the board.

GEO. A. SOMERVILLE, Manager.
London, Ont., Dec. 1, 1897. 100c 11-2

Tile Sewers

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT Postmaster-General's office on Thursday, Dec. 15, for the construction of a

10-inch Tile Sewer on John Street, and also a 10-inch Tile Sewer on Princess Avenue.

Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.

ALD. E. PARNELL, Ch. Board of Works.
A. G. GRAYDON, City Engineer. 90c

Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster-General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, Jan. 21, 1898, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week each way, between Granton and London, from the 1st of April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen at the blank form of tender may be obtained at the postoffices on the route and at this postoffice.

Postoffice Inspector, London, Dec. 10, 1897. 100c

Topics of Today.

Christmas two weeks from today.

Lady Aberdeen believes in teaching girls domestic science.

Dr. Barr has been nominated as Conservative candidate for the Legislature in Dufferin county.

Hon. Edward Blake acknowledges the receipt of \$5,337.50 for the Irish Parliamentary fund from friends of Home Rule in Hamilton and Toronto.

Mr. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C. P. R., strongly denies the reports that the men engaged on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway have been ill-treated.

Mr. J. C. Patterson, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, was in Toronto yesterday, and was interviewed. He disclaimed any political motive in his present trip east.

An important delegation of Ontario lumbermen waited upon the Provincial Government yesterday, and presented their case with regard to the protection of Canadian logs.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says there is not the shadow of a foundation for the statement that the Dominion Government ever contemplated a coalition with Sir Adolphe Chapleau and his associates.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has informed the Ottawa Board of Trade that immediately upon the return of Hon. Mr. Fielding the Government will receive a deputation of boards of trade to discuss the question of a Dominion insolvency law.

London stores at the present time are worth coming a long way to see. Shoppers will find their task of selecting goods easy if they read announcements made in The Advertiser by enterprising merchants before they leave their homes.

Henry de Windt, a well-known globe-trotter, says: “I have roughed it for the past fifteen years in Siberia, in Borneo, and in Chinese Tartary, but I can safely describe my climb over the Chilkoot Pass as the severest physical experience in my life.”

A great eclipse of the sun will occur on the morning of Jan. 22 next. It will not be visible in Canada, but that will make little difference to science, for now astronomers go to the eclipse instead of waiting for it to come to them in their own country. The best views of the phenomenon are to be had in India, and thither scientists of many nations will journey and wait for it. It is to be hoped the sun will give them a good show.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 10.	At	From
Halifax	Halifax	London
Wellington	St. John	London
Victoria	Leghorn	New York
Chorlton	Bordeaux	New York
Foreholme	Sharpness	Chatham, N.B.
Amelia	Hamburg	Montreal
Escotland	Leith	Montreal
Dec. 11.	At	From
Adriatic	Liverpool	New York
St. Louis	New York	Southampton
Frederica	London	Montreal
Campanian	Liverpool	Boston
Escolonia	Liverpool	New York
Landanau	Liverpool	Boston

ARCHBISHOP BYRNE, of Glasgow,

attained his 80th year on Nov. 7. His book on Glasgow Cathedral, its history and traditions, is rapidly nearly publication. His grace is most anxious about his work, and during last summer he might have been seen in the neighborhood of the cathedral, an edifice in which he takes an extraordinary interest, and the history of which will place posterity under a debt of gratitude to him.

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

PITTSBURG CLUB STOCK SOLD.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Ex-President Wm. Kerr, of the Pittsburg baseball club, has sold his entire interest in the club to P. Aiken, of Chicago. This deal makes Mr. Aiken the owner of all the stock, with the exception of ten or fifteen shares, held by the ex-pitcher John Tennor. President-Manager Watkins will have entire control of the team.

FAGGED OUT—None but those who

have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure. One box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders. In restoring health and strength, Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entirely in the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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There are cough medicines that are taken as freely as a drink of water from a dipper. They are cheap medicines. Quantity does not make up for quality. It's the quality that cures. There's one medicine that's dropped, not dipped—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. There's more power in drops of this remedy than in dipperfuls of cheap cough syrups and elixirs. It cures Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all Colds, Coughs, and affections of the Throat and Lungs.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Write to our doctor on any disease in confidence. Address: Medical Department, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Charles Campeau, uncle of Detective Campeau, died at Maidstone.

Mrs. Robt. Reid, Riverston, had her leg broken in two places by a cow's kick.

An agreement between Brantford and the Verity Plow Company has been reached.

The Ridgeway Council ignored the request of the Collegiate Institute board for the \$700 asked for.

The Pollard farm in Harwich has been sold to Kent County Council as a site for a house of refuge.

Rev. T. B. R. Westgate has resigned the incumbency of the Church of the Ascension at Comber, to take effect on Jan. 1.

Rev. Mr. Walwin, of Lucknow, has accepted an invitation from the official board of the Leamington Methodist Church.

There are 47 inmates in the Perth House of Refuge, 34 of whom are males, 11 females and 2 children. The average number for the year was 35.

Reports from Dresden say business there is showing up exceedingly well when compared with the volume of trade for the corresponding month last year.

Dr. Crosson, the well-known physician of Tilbury East, died the other evening, aged 71 years. Deceased had been a resident of the township for 23 years.

At the meeting of the creditors of W. H. Bessley & Co., of Clinton, a statement was presented, showing a deficit of \$1,700. Assets, \$5,644.33; liabilities, \$7,344.33.

At the approaching municipal elections in Amherstburg the people will vote on a bylaw to grant a bonus of \$5,000 to an electric road to run from Windsor to the burg.

Mr. D. J. Donahue, solicitor for Mr. Edwin Elora Ostrander, of Dutton, has issued a writ in an action for damages for the injury to plaintiff's daughter against Ernest McPhail, of Beamsville.

Mr. Thos. Banker, of Windsor, has received from her husband, who is lumbering near Wheeling, Va., the skin of an immense rattlesnake, over six feet long and armed with sixteen rattles.

Mr. George Shoemaker, an aged resident of Waterloo county, died Wednesday morning at his residence near Natchez. Old age was the cause of death, deceased having passed his 94th birthday.

Mr. George Iden, of Blenheim, and Miss Clarissa Maynard, of Brantford, were married Thursday evening at 53 Alfred street, Brantford, by Rev. W. H. Porter, in the presence of immediate friends only.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed in New St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Kate Totten, daughter of Mr. Warren Totten, Q.C., was married to Mr. Maurice Putnam, of Winnipeg.

Mr. Wm. VanCamp went to the G. T. H. depot at Petrolia to see his brother off for Nebraska, and did not leave the car until the train had started. In attempting to alight from the steps he fell and broke his right arm at the shoulder.

A deputation of South Essex farmers has gone to Ottawa to ask the Canadian Government not to prohibit the exportation of natural gas to Detroit. The Kingsville Council, on the other hand, has petitioned the government to prohibit the export.

The Oxford County Council has had a private conference with the toll roads commission for the purpose of securing data with a view to purchasing the toll roads throughout the county. It is estimated that the cost of buying up the toll roads in Oxford county would be between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

Two men, who gave their names as John Kennedy and James Emerson, the former a Toronto carpenter and the latter a Montreal cigarmaker, were arrested at Stratford for trespassing. Emerson had a loaded revolver on his person, while Kennedy carried a couple of pistols. It is thought that these are the men who have perpetrated a number of robberies in Western Ontario recently.

Charles Mynott, of Chatham, who had his leg broken at Ridgeway this fall, has entered suit against the Howard Agricultural Association for \$5,000 damages. While the fair races were being held at Ridgeway, Mynott was driving a horse around the track in the wrong direction. Just as he was coming around the corner the horses entered in one of the events were started off by the judges, and Mynott's rig was crashed into. Mynott and a couple of the other drivers were thrown and Mynott's leg was broken.

Richard's Limbment, Lamberton's Friend

The Big Bike Race.

Repulsive Scenes in Madison Square Garden.

Contestants Going Crazy—The Police Intervene.

Only 15 of the Starters Now in the Race.

How the Score Stands—The New International Baseball League To Be Protected.

WHEEL.

THE BIG BIKE RACE.

New York, Dec. 10.—The terrible strain of the six-day contest is showing on some of the wheelmen. Last year Rice became crazy before the end of the race, and it is feared that his mind is going again. His hallucination last year was that he was throwing sticks and stones at him. Miller has hallucinations. He complained to his trainer that the people in the building were throwing sticks and stones at him, and that he had to ride over hurdles. Enterman is also slightly out of his mind.

At 4:30 p.m. Police Inspector Brooks, with Capt. Sheehan, of the Tenderloin precinct, and Police Surgeons Palmer, Johnson and Nesbitt entered the garden and ordered the riders to dismount, one at a time, and submit to a physical examination. One after another the riders climbed off their wheels. They were at once handed over to the surgeons of the police department. The pulse and heart were examined and the temperature taken.

The race has narrowed down to fifteen riders. Miller still retains his lead of nearly 100 miles over Rice, the Wilkesburg miner. At midnight he was about 235 miles ahead of the world's record, and with 24 hours to spare he had covered a distance to within a few miles of the great record established by Hale last year of 1,900 miles.

The surprise of the night was the retirement of Riviere, the Frenchman. He is believed to be actually out of his mind, and is in a pitiable physical condition, and is now under the care of physicians. Like most of the others in the race has given evidence during the frightful contest of having partly lost his mind. Last evening he leaped from his wheel and made an assault on an imaginary foe in one of the boxes, swearing and jabbering in his native tongue. His trainers rushed to him and put him on his wheel, but after making a few more laps he re-insane rage than he had at first demonstrated. The result was that Riviere had again to be taken from the track, to return who has quit the lists is Moore. He had a terrible fall during the afternoon while going at a high rate of speed, and was carried off almost unconscious. The shock was too great for his debilitated condition, and Moore will be seen no more in the present race.

Miller still plods along. He has substituted under the most telling strain with less sleep than was thought possible for any man. An examination of him by the police surgeons disclosed the fact that his condition was normal, and that with the exception of muscular soreness and a slight deadness of the limbs he was in excellent condition, and without much danger of collapse.

Rice, who is second man in the contest, though nearly 100 miles behind the leader, is standing to his colors with dogged determination. He is to stay to the end, and his physical condition is announced to be good.

Close up to Rice, and third man, is Schinner, a fellow-townsmen of Miller. He has a lead of 50 miles on Hale, the former champion, and barring accident will undoubtedly finish third.

Hale, with plenty of sleep, comparatively speaking, has the best appearance of any man on the circle. He has really taken things leisurely, but nevertheless, at the present, is riding nearly forty miles ahead of his old record of last year.

Of the others, Waller has proved himself the strongest-hearted. He did a lot of sprinting last night. Enterman, the youthful Brooklyn rider, whose withdrawal was announced early in the day, has returned, and is making his miles with clock-like regularity.

Officially, the report of the police surgeons "goes," as it were, but it gives not the faintest idea of what the real condition and appearance of the majority of the riders are.

The score of the leaders at 1:15 a.m. was: Miller, 1,900; Rice, 1,800; Schinner, 1,792; Riviere, 1,746; Hale, 1,705; Waller, 1,685; Pierce, 1,637; Elkes, 1,550; Golden, 1,534; Enterman, 1,515; Miller was 210 miles ahead of the record for 121 hours.

BIKE IMPROVEMENT.

Bicycle improvement has been gradually modifying all manner of vehicle construction. The use of expensive material, such as tubing and finely machined forgings, in cycles has necessarily dependent upon weight.

The bicycle is the only thing in the world that carries ten times its own weight. The lesson taught by cycles has been taken to heart by carriage builders, and is now instructing railway engineers how to lighten and yet strengthen railway carriage trucks by abandoning the use of cheap castings, which are excessively costly because of the frequency with which they have to be renewed.

The universal adoption of pneumatic tires for trotting sulkeys and of solid rubber tires for coupes are notable examples of bicycle innovation. At Berlin, London and Dresden the public cabs have cyclometers attached so that passengers can check the exact distance traveled and pay fare accordingly. So much has been said about the mischief caused by the bicycle that it is worth while now and then to pause and reflect upon such facts as the foregoing, not to mention the road improvements it has inspired.

RACEBALL.

PROTECTED.

Secretary Lowney, of Bay City, has received word from President Nick Young, giving protection to the new International League, in which London is interested. This will give a much desired boom to the league.

FLYS.

A Baltimore dispatch says: "A baseball deal that is now being arranged by Manager Hanlon and President Earl Wagner, of Washington, which was practically consummated tonight, will result in an exchange of three players, and will, it is believed, here, injure

greatly to the advantage of Washington. Hanlon is to give up Jack Doyle, Henry Reitz and Pitcher Amole for Demontreville, McJames and Wagner's latest acquisition from Toronto, first baseman McGann. The matter has not been finally settled, but it is believed that it will go through."

Speaking of the Temple cup, Manager Hanlon, of the Baltimore club, says: "The Temple cup is in a bank safe and will not be sent to Mr. Young or to Mr. Temple. So far as the cup is concerned, we care nothing for that, but the Baltimore club won the cup this fall for a year, and the club has a right to keep the cup for a year. What becomes of it after that time I care nothing. I think, just as a matter of principle, that we shall stand upon our rights and hold the cup until the time to give it up next year."

QUOTING.

AN UNUSUAL WIND-UP.

On the 17th ult. an extraordinary scene took place at a quilt match played at Wigan, Lancashire, between the Scottish champion quilt player, Edward Kerr, Rerrick, Kirkcubrightshire, and J. Southworth, Wigan. The game was to consist of 100 points, and Kerr conceded Southworth 25 points. At 93 a dispute arose, and in the darkness several Scotchmen were kicked severely, one being picked up for dead. The crowd invaded the arena, and the game was stopped, the judge declaring the match a draw.

The End of a Lonely Woman.

Depressing Scene at a Cremation in Detroit.

Mrs. Perren, Spiritualist, Had Few Friends There—Doleful Requiem on a Wheezy Organ.

[Detroit News, Dec. 10.]

As the hearse and a couple of carriages drew up in front of the Detroit crematorium this morning a young man commenced playing a doleful requiem on the wheezy reed organ in the little chapel. The place was damp and cold. The rain pelted against the windows.

It was the body of the aged spiritualist, Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Perren, that was to meet its final disposition here. While the organ continued its droning, four or five men—the undertaker's assistants, a doctor and the young German janitor at the crematorium—lifted the black casket from the hearse and carried it to the bier in the center of the chapel, while four or five ladies, friends of the dead woman, grouped about the spot. No clergyman was there. No words were spoken.

The janitor disappeared downstairs. Presently the casket began to sink through the floor. Again the organ sounded its dirge. Then the entire party filed down the narrow winding stairs to the white-walled cellar, where the superheated oven is located. All the men of the party were needed to assist in lifting the body from the casket to the steer car. The women huddled together in the door, half-frightened, watching everything, wiping away a tear occasionally.

A WOMAN FAINTED.

As the body was lifted the gray head fell back and an arm dropped from the breast where it had been placed and swung back and forth until the form was safely placed on the car. One lady turned quickly away and a moment later fell in a faint.

The casket lid, with a memorial plate bearing the words "At Rest," stood against the wall, near a group of floral pieces left from the last cremation. Heavy cotton cloths, soaked in a solution of alum, were wound about the body, and fastened, hiding it entirely from view.

"All ready now," said the undertaker.

The janitor tugged at the bolt which tightly closed a heavy iron door over the opening of the oven, now almost at white heat from a fire that had burned beneath it for 15 hours. Two of the men stood behind the car ready to send it forward to the door with long-handled hooks, at the proper moment.

The bolt was removed. The janitor changed sides, so that he would not get the hot breath of the oven when he pulled open the door.

"Now," he said.

The door swung open. A yawning fiery cavern was revealed. The women drew back and stood closer together.

Sparks danced in the seemingly bottomless oven.

"IT'S ALL OVER."

The two men behind the car pushed. The white-swathed body shot into the oven. It seemed to quiver in the intense heat. A steam arose from the damp wrappings.

The door closed with a bang. The bolt was replaced.

"It's all over," said one of the men. The little party went up the narrow stairs again and to their carriages. In the absence of all kindred, they had performed the last rite over the body of a lonely woman, whom they had known and respected.

When this is being read only a little heap of whitened ashes will remain of the body.

The day before Mrs. Perren died, a letter came from her brother, her only living relative, Artemus Groh, of Arizona. Inclosed was a check for \$20.

"I am glad to say that I shall hereafter be able to take care of you," the letter read.

RHEUMATIC SLAVES.

Are Being Freed by the Thousands Under the Benign Influence of South American Rheumatic Cure.

"I was a slave to Rheumatism in a very acute form for over a year. I could not attend to business. The pains in my limbs were intense. I tried South American Rheumatic Cure. After using one bottle I was so greatly benefited I continued using it, and today, after using only three bottles, I am perfectly well." F. G. Cole, Grain Merchant, Fiesherston, Ont.

For sale by B. A. Mitchell and C. McCallum.

The peasant women of Japan do not wear any form of shoes, and will, it is believed, here, injure

Galley's Homeopathic Remedies

CURE

Grippe.

Asthma.

Liver Complaint.

Leucorrhoea.

Erysipelas.

Yellow Fever.

Sore Throat.

Headache.

Ophthalmia, or weak eyes.

Measles.

Eczema.

Overworked Nerves.

Piles.

Acne or Pimples.

Tonsillitis.

Heart Disease.

Inflammation.

Croup.

Rheumatism.

Earache.

Menstrual Periods.

Eruptions.

Diarrhea.

Indigestion.

Epilepsy.

Salt Rheum.

For Sale by All Druggists.

The Brown-Eyed Lass.

Of the rosebud garlands of girls,

Whom I chanc'd at the seashore to meet,

There was one little maid, all dimpled and curled.

Brown-eyed and so daintily sweet.

While sitting beside her I dreamed

Of gardens of old-fashioned poises,

The air that surrounded her seemed

All lilies and lilacs and roses.

Her organdies, white, pink and blue,

Her yachting suit, cream and gold

braided,

Her costumes of every hue,

Were with sweetness of perfume

permeated.

'Twas then that my dear little bride,

Whom nothing could tempt to

deceit,

To me gladly one day did confide

Sweet Home Soap helped make her

so sweet.

LONDON SOAP CO.,

Chemists, Perfumers, Soapmakers.

It's All Buck-Wheat

Tillson's Roller

Process Buckwheat Flour

is not flavored artificially with spice essences—it is all buckwheat, and nothing more. It is pure—it is clean—and it is very white, as a good buckwheat flour should be.

Tillson's Roller Process

Buckwheat Flour

is the buckwheat flour that nature intended you should eat, because it is simply and purely the true product of nature.

It makes fine light buckwheat cakes that have the rich buckwheat flavor that good buckwheat yields when it is fully ripe.

The Tillson Co., Limited,

Tilsburg, Ont.

EAST END Business Houses:

What is Better

Than a useful piece of Furniture for a Christmas present? Fancy Chairs from \$1.75 up—newest styles. Lamps at rock bottom prices.

J. T. SMITH

FURNITURE DEALER.

725 DUNDAS STREET.

See Our East Window For Newest Styles.

WMAS. CARDS

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Largest Assortment in East London.

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652 Dundas Street.

SLEIGHS

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We've got the kind the boys and girls want. They're cheap but strong, and nicely finished.

650 Dundas Street. R. V. S. SAUNDERS

THE BEEHIVE STORES.

In Groceries for the Christmas Trade, we are up-to-date in quality and price. Our new fruits, which are very fine, and sold at very low prices:

RAISINS, CURRANTS, PEELS, JAMS, EXTRACTS, SPICES, MINCE MEAT, FIGS, SAUCES, SHELLED NUTS, CANNED GOODS, COFFEE and TEA, FROM 20 CENTS UP.

BEEHIVE BAZAR, 658 Dundas St.

BEEHIVE GROCERY, 646 Dundas St.

FROM INDIA AND CEYLON.

Don't forget when you want tea, to ask your grocer for a packet of

"Tetley's" TEAS

"FROM ANCIENT INDIA AND SWEET CEYLON." ELEPHANT BRAND.

THE BEST OF TEA VALUES.

They are sold in half pound and one pound sealed lead packets at 40c. 50c. 75c. and \$1 per pound—and if your grocer cannot fill your order call at our tea parlor and we will—moreover, we will give you a sample cup, well brewed.

180 Dundas Street. JOSEPH TETLEY & CO., London, Eng.

THE BIG STORE WOODS' FAIR THE BIG STORE

Santa Claus Will Be Here Next Week.

We have just received notice that Santa Claus will be here some time next week. As soon as we know the exact date of his arrival we'll advertise it. Watch our advertisements so you will not miss the notice—also the grand bargains we are offering between now and Christmas.

Sleighs—Sleighs Carpet Sweepers

Boys and Girls Should Read This: Hardwood Sleigh, well braced, varnished, with iron runners, red painted and varnished tops, with stenciled horses, lions, deer, etc., regular price 50c, all next week your choice only 25c.

Children's Carpet Sweepers; made in every particular like the large ones, and sweep as well; round hair brush, patent dust dump, rubber wheels, long handle, handsomely decorated, next week our price only 15c. Every little girl should have one.

Tables.

Polished Ash and Cherry Five O'Clock Tea Tables, handsomely carved top and under shelf, bent legs, regular price \$2 and \$2.50. Our price only \$1 each.

Secretaires.

Ash and Cherry Secretaires, large size, carved brass fittings, lock and key, under book shelf, with brass rod for curtain, regular price \$5.50 and \$6, your choice for \$2.75.

Have the children heard the Gramophone and guessed the number of Dolls in the window? If not, bring them in and have a chance for a handsome Doll free.

In the Basement: CUPS AND SAUCERS.

A special line of 25 Cups and Saucers, in red and gold, blue and gold, pink, Japanese and floral decoration, your choice of any Cup and Saucer for only 10c.

PLATES to match these, regular price 25c, any one on the table only 10c.

BABY CARRIAGES.

We have about 20 Sixteenth Century Rattan Carriages, upholstered in silk plush, silk and satin parasols with deep flounce, patent wheel brake—

\$10, \$12 and \$14—your choice for \$7.50.

\$15, \$17 and \$20—your choice for \$10.

CROKINOLE BOARDS.

Piano finish, first quality, full sized Crokinole Boards, for next week our price only 65c.

TABLES.

Hardwood Polished Tables, regular 5

WHISKARD'S.

London's Cheapest Store.

THE BRIGHTEST AND BEST STORE IN THE CITY.

DON'T WAIT until the last days or you will be caught in the terrible whirl of the busiest days of the year. You know what that means at WHISKARD'S. Christmas shopping is a burden where it is postponed until the last day or week. Early in December it is easy and pleasurable. THE STORE IS UNSURPASSED, some ways we believe unsurpassable, roomier and more convenient. Regular patrons need not be informed that we have long since learned the wisdom of truthful announcements, and will appreciate the perfect shopping facilities. Betterments everywhere. The store was never so necessary, so helpful, so beautiful. Busy days these—they will grow busier and busier.

OUR SILK DEPARTMENT Is doing well these holiday times. Special lines are to the front in plain colors in all silk, China, such as Pink, Blue, Yellow, Nile, Moss, Canary, Cardinal at 25c yard. **IN FANCY SILKS** we show a large variety at 25c, 29c, 39c, 47c yard. **IN BLACK AND COLORED SATINS** we show full lines at right prices.

SERVICEABLE GIFTS are evidently to play a prominent part this season. We are therefore prepared with special lines in **DRESS GOODS**

Double Fold Cloth Mixtures, worth 25c, for 15c.
Plaid Dress Goods, in large variety, from 15c to 49c.
Black and Garnet Columbian Cloth, worth 35c, for 15c.
Mixed Colored Dress Goods, 40 inches wide, in green and fawn, blue and fawn, blue and brown, and brown and black, at 15c yard.
Garnet, cardinal, navy blue, brown, myrtle Serges and Cashmeres at 25c, 35c to 70c yard.
Plain Black Lustre, Figured Lustre, Black Satin Figured Dress Goods, Plain Black Henriettas, at HOLIDAY PRICES

HOLIDAY RIBBONS One of the handsomest assortments ever gathered together. The attractive prices and quantities can be seen from these items.

5,000 yards of All-Silk Ribbons, in all colors and widths, at one-third off regular price.
Satin Baby Ribbon, all colors, 1c and 2c yard.
Corded Silk Baby Ribbon, all colors, 2c yard.
Special line of Embroidered Ribbon, fine colors, wide width, worth 25c, for 5c and 7c yard.
Special line of Dresden Satin Ribbon, 5 and 6 inches wide, worth 25c, for 10c yard.

HANDKERCHIEFS These are the days when Handkerchiefs hold the upper hand, and draw crowds of customers. Have you seen our window.

All round Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 5c each.
Ladies' Hemstitched Draw Thread, 5c each.
Ladies' Very Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 20c, for 12 1/2c.
Ladies' Beautiful Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 25c each.
Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, 25c dozen, worth 39c.
Gents' Large Size White, 5c and 10c each.

In the Dining-Room.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12.

BREAKFAST—Grapes. Wheat. Germ meal mush—cream and sugar. Eggs poached in milk. Fried apples. Waffles. Coffee.

LUNCHEON—Scalloped salmon. Potato puffs. Whole-wheat bread and butter. Baked apples. Tea.

DINNER—Tomato bisque. Roast turkey. Apple sauce. Sweet potatoes. Cabbage salad. Sautéed wafers. Cheese. Apple meringue. Pie. Nuts. Coffee.

Cut out these recipes and paste them in a scrap-book.

Whole-Wheat Bread—Five cups of whole-wheat flour, two cups warm water, one cake compressed yeast, two tablespoonsful shortening, if desired. As the flour is added it should be beaten well; stir with a spoon until stiff enough to knead; work it well; let rise, work down; make into loaves. When very light bake 40 to 45 minutes.

Roast Duck (tame)—Steam two hours in an air-tight cooker. Then rub over with salt and onion juice and brown in the oven, basting often with the gravy. Serve with fresh apple sauce.

Sweet Potatoes—Boil and mash as you do white potatoes. Season to taste. Fill your scallop pan, sprinkle with cracker meal and sugar, pour over half-pint of cream and bake 20 minutes.

Apple Meringue Pie—For the paste, one cup flour, three tablespoonsful butter, a small pinch salt; chop butter and salt into flour with pastry cutter. Use one-quarter cup ice water to moisten; do not touch with the hands. Roll out and bake over an inverted pie tin. For the filling, one cup sour apple sauce, one-half cup sugar, one-half cup water. Let come to a boil. Add one tablespoonful cornstarch and cook until it thickens. Fill shell when cold and cover with one cup of thick cream, whipped stiff.

A Rich, Full Color.

Diamond Dye Cardinal One of the Most Fashionable and Most Useful Colors.

Millions of packages of this wonderfully rich and popular color are sold every year.

Fast Diamond Dye Cardinal is noted for its strength, fastness and beauty of color. One package dyes two pounds of silk or all-wool goods a standard shade that will never wash out. It colors over, with grand results, all shades except greens.

The Fast Diamond Dye Cardinal for dyeing cotton and mixed goods is the only Cardinal for cotton dyeing in the world that is fast to light and soap. One package makes a fast and everlasting Cardinal on one pound of cotton or mixed goods.

Be not deceived by crude imitations or soap grease dyes. Ask for the "Diamond," and you will always be satisfied.

ADVISED FOR BURGLARS.

He Wanted Them to Call and Steal His Valuable Heirlooms.

A man rushed into the business office of one of the daily papers and stopped at the advertising manager's desk. There he secured a pad of paper and a pencil with a string to it. He wrote and erased, and then tore up what he had written, chewing the fragments savagely while he made another copy. "There," he said, at last, as he thrust the paper into the head of the advertising clerk, "count the words and tell me what they will cost for one insertion—I reckon that will fetch them."

"This was the advertisement: 'Burglars are requested to call some night this week on Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Brown, 200 Ash Court. A door and window will be left open, and every facility offered for removing the spoils.'"

"But this is a very unusual form of advertisement," said the clerk, with a troubled look. "I don't know whether to put it under the head of personal or educational. What is your motive, may I ask?"

"My motive," said the advertiser, "is to get rid of an awful incubus of inherited truck without any responsibility fastened upon me. I might burn the house down, but in this case I would be expected to save the heirlooms or perish with them. Say, young man, were you ever the victim of a legacy?"

"No," said the clerk, with a friendly grin. "What a funny question."

"No old maid ever died and left you a dozen battered silver teaspoons that had come down from Oliver Cromwell?"

"Never."

"Lucky chap! Never had a solid silver punch bowl bequeathed to you by a bibulous old uncle who was a descendant of the family while he lived, but promised to return and haunt you if you didn't entertain his comrades once a year out of that bowl?"

"No," said the clerk. "I belong to plain, everyday people, and we haven't a coat of arms to our backs."

"Be thankful, young man, you little realize what a blessed lot is yours. To crown our misfortunes another relative died in Paris last week and left us his diamonds. But I draw the line at diamonds, and so does my wife. We take turns now sitting up with the silver. After the burglars come and clean us out we shall begin to live. Put that advertisement in a good place, and I'll let you know if we hear from it. S'long."—Chicago Times Herald.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles! Symptoms—Moisture, intense itching and stinging, mostly at night, worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swaine's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in drugists or by mail, 50 cents. Dr. Swaine & Co., Philadelphia. Lyman Sons & Co., Montreal, wholesale agents. Avoid substitutes.

If you have ever seen a little child in a paroxysm of Croup, or if you have been annoyed by a constant tickling in the throat, you can appreciate the value of Ransom's Hives Syrup and Tolu, which gives quick relief. 25 cents. M.

Running for Shelter.

Severe Gales Raging Along the British Coasts.

Serious Results of the Engineers' Dispute.

London's Late Fire Has Taught the Authorities a Lesson.

Death of Pearson, the Distinguished Architect.

British Troops for the Campaign in Egypt—A Mail Coach Robbed of \$12,000.

SEEKING SHELTER.

London, Dec. 11.—A severe gale is again raging along the British coast, and especially over those parts bordering on the Irish sea. Ships are running for shelter in all the ports.

SLEPT AT THE CASTLE.

London, Dec. 11.—United States Ambassador Hay and Mrs. Hay dined with Queen Victoria at Windsor last evening, and slept at the castle.

THE CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

London, Dec. 11.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cairo, 600 British troops will take part in the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Soudan, which was postponed after the capture of Berber last September, in order to avoid the hot season.

MAIL COACH ROBBED OF \$12,000.

London, Dec. 11.—According to a special dispatch from Lydenburg, in the Transvaal, a body of armed highwaymen have robbed a mail coach from Pilgrims' Rest, about 25 miles north-east of Lydenburg, of \$12,000 in gold coin and banknotes. Arrests had been made when the dispatch was sent.

"NO AUSCHLIESS."

Vienna, Dec. 11.—A great sensation was caused here last night by the posting of a placard, even in the inner town, and on which was inscribed "No Auschliech." The Austro-Hungarian Compact, "Abolish the Language Ordinance," and "German is the National Language." The police tore the placards down.

LEARNED A LESSON.

London, Dec. 11.—At the inquiry into the causes and circumstances of the recent great fire in London, Commander L. De L. Wells, R.N., chief of the metropolitan fire brigade, said that chemical engines were not used at the fire. He declared that there was a sufficient number of engines at the fire, and that the supply of water was also sufficient. There was, however, an insufficient supply of coal for the engines. He had no experience with the fire, but he had a great deal, and he was now considering the introduction of reforms, such as telephone fire alarms, etc.

DEATH OF A NOTED ARCHITECT.

London, Dec. 11.—John Loughborough Pearson, the distinguished architect and member of the Royal Academy, died at his home, 129, Bedford Square, at 10. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. Pearson was the architect for Lincoln Cathedral, Trinity Cathedral and Peterborough Cathedral. Since the death of Sir Gilbert Scott, he had been architect for Westminster Abbey. He resided at the west side of the Westminster Hall and made additions to the university library at Cambridge. Mr. Pearson had been a fellow of the Royal Institute of Architects and one of the consulting architects of the Incorporated Church Builders' Society. He had been a fellow of the Royal Antiquarian Society. In 1874 he was elected an associate of the Royal Academy and was elected in 1880 a full member. The French Government awarded him a gold medal at the Paris exhibition, and he was knighted by the Emperor of Germany. From the Royal Institute of British Architects he received the Queen's gold medal.

THE ENGINEERS' DISPUTE.

Glasgow, Dec. 11.—A meeting of the non-union engineers upon the proposals made by the employers at the conference of the Federated Employers' Association and the Glasgow Society of Engineers was taken yesterday. The figures are as yet unknown, but it is said that the men have rejected the employers' proposals. The output of the unionist engineers will end on Saturday. Sir Wm. Grey, the principal shipbuilder of Glasgow, has issued a statement of the condition of the shipbuilding industry, in which he says that the engineers' strike has caused a reduction in the output of eight large steamers, which means a loss of £75,000 in wages. The London Trades Council has issued a circular to all labor organizations in the kingdom, inviting their opinion upon the question of calling a national conference of labor unionists to discuss the strike, and also to arrange a plan of action to be observed in future industrial disputes.

CABLE NOTES.

A Rome dispatch says: The Marquis di Rudini has completed the task of reconstructing the Cabinet. A dispatch from Berlin to the Daily Mail says that there have been riots in Port au Prince, resulting from the popular indignation against the government for surrendering to the demands of Germany.

STOLE \$100,000

From Registered Letters on a Mail Train—A Robber Shot Dead.

New York, Dec. 11.—It was learned yesterday that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York postoffice occurred on Nov. 9. The amount involved is stated to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and was taken from registered letters in the railway mail service on that section of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, known as the New York, Somerville and Easton branch. On Nov. 9, it is stated, two bags containing \$30,000 were taken. How long the real defalcations had gone on before that date has not been ascertained.

Deming, N. M., Dec. 11.—In an attempt to break up the west-bound Southern Pacific passenger train at Stein's Pass, 90 miles west of this place last night, "Sandy" Collins was shot and killed by Express Guard Jennings. Previous to the arrival of the train, four bandits rode into the station and held up and robbed Agent St. John and Section Foreman McMillen, and at the same time cut all wires, so that no warning could be given

when the train pulled into the station. The robbers attacked the express car, and ordered Messenger Jennings to surrender. With him in the car was Express Guard Thatcher, and they opened fire, killing the leader of the robbers. The other bandits mounted their horses and fled. The body of the bandit was taken to Thatcher. It was identified as that of "Sandy" Collins, until recently a cowboy in the San Simon valley range, and in Eastern Arizona.

Steamer Stranded.

The Loanco. From Montreal. Aground in Bristol Channel.

Only Two Officers of a French Nile Expedition Escape Death.

The German-Chinese Difficulty Said To Be Practically Settled—The Death of Fuglist Croot.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Bristol, England, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Loanco (Capt. Evans), which sailed from Montreal Nov. 23 for this port, is ashore in the Bristol Channel.

ONLY TWO OFFICERS ESCAPED.

Brussels, Dec. 11.—The Movement Geographic, which on Tuesday last announced that a French expedition, under Major Marchand, while on its way up the Nile, had been massacred near Bahr-el-Ghazel, and that the survivors had retreated to Bonou, today says that only two officers of the expedition escaped, one of whom is Major Marchand.

SAID TO BE SETTLED.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. The German refusal to grant the occupation of Kiao Chau Bay. The governor of Shang Tung Province has been removed from office, but will not be any further degraded. No monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded to Germany, but that country is given preference. Finally the area immediately surrounding Kiao Chau Bay is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all the other points.

WALTER CROOT'S DEATH.

London, Dec. 11.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Walter Croot, the English bantam-weight who died on Tuesday morning last from injuries received during the contest for the bantam-weight championship with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, at the National Sporting Club, on the previous night. According to the medical testimony, Croot's skull was fractured at the base, due to a fall after a blow in the 20th round.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The secretary of the treasury, Baron von Thielmann, in presenting the budget, said the surplus for 1897 must be 2,000,000 marks, while the customs and tobacco tax would probably be 70,000,000 marks over the estimate of which 32,000,000 marks were assigned for the year. Continuing, Baron von Thielmann said the negotiations for the abolition of the sugar bounty were at a standstill, but the United States tariff would perhaps have a reviving influence. The home consumption of sugar, the secretary said, had increased, but Germany would always have to depend upon her export trade.

COST OF ALLISON'S TRIAL.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The Allison murder trial cost Waterloo county \$2,500.

MURDERER HANGED.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—Harry Anderson, of San Francisco, was hanged at San Quentin prison yesterday for the murder of Miss Walther. Fleiner and Vinanzi Crozzetti on Aug. 9, 1896. Anderson was extremely nervous, and when the noose was adjusted he was so much so that it was necessary to support him.

DYED FOR HIM.

New York, Dec. 11.—Charles Saneil, a barber of this city, who is under arrest on a technical charge of forgery, is said to have admitted that he has collected \$3,500, the aggregate of insurance policies on four wives and a mother-in-law. The first death was that of a wife, and occurred in October, 1894.

POURING INTO THE NORTHWEST.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Rev. A. J. Vining, superintendent of Baptist missions in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, is in the city on his way back. In an interview Mr. Vining said: "People are pouring into the country, and there are no homes for them. I have letters now from would-be settlers who I hope to send out there. Foreigners are getting on well and making money. Swedes are preferred to their own. The increase in grain this year has given a stimulus to work, and the effects will be felt next year. The year men who went out two years ago with a horse and plow are worth \$8,000, cleared in grain, and may retire there, too. I don't see why people would want to go to the Klondike when they have British Columbia full of minerals."

CANCER CAN BE CURED.

The following regarding the "Vitalia Remedies" for the home cure of cancers, tumors, scrofula, blood poisons, etc., speaks for itself.

Cameron, Oct. 25, 1897. Gentlemen,—I wish to give you a history of my case. Last March I had a sarcoma of face removed with knife, but it soon returned, and the 6th of May I had a larger one removed with knife, hoping this would be a permanent cure. I was disappointed, as it returned again the last of June. Hearing of your "Vitalia," I sent for it and began taking the first of July. My general health soon began to improve, and now I am quite well. I have regained my usual weight and feel well enough to do my work again, and there is no sign whatever of the cancer. I am very thankful, and would gladly recommend "Vitalia" to anyone likewise troubled.

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A LIST OF DOLLAR GIFTS

Worth Clipping Out for Ready Holiday Reference.

However limited one's Christmas allowance, the fair shopper whose heart is more generous than her purse need not despair, as the shops are literally crowded with pretty as well as useful knick-knacks which one may buy for less than one dollar.

Here is a list of articles, any one of which costs a dollar or less:

- A cut glass salve box, with silver top.
- A sterling silver button-book.
- A Dresden china tea-strainer.
- A Dresden china glove-mender.
- A silver-topped emery bag.
- A small snakeskin coin purse.
- A hanging bamboo bookshelf.
- A low bamboo stool.
- A bottle of eau de violette of best quality.
- A notebook with Russian leather back for the literary girl or her big brother.
- A silver book-mark in the shape of a heart or a dagger.
- A pair of enameled silver sleeve links.
- An address book, with Russian leather back.
- A silver-topped acorn of wax for the sewing basket.
- A dainty Dresden cup and saucer for the afternoon tea table.
- A small, oval-shaped picture frame in gilded metal.
- A Dresden China tea caddy for the tea table.
- A plaster cast of the Venus de Milo.
- A dainty china inkstand in violet pattern.
- A silver or Dresden china penholder.
- A chamois penwiper, tipped with silver.
- A yearly subscription for one of the popular ten-cent magazines.
- A half dozen set of finger-bowl dainties.
- A long, slender crystal vase for milady's desk.
- A pretty china candlestick for milady's toilet table.
- A small bottle of best quality extract.
- A length of Roman striped ribbon, for the four-in-hand necktie affected by the up-to-date girl.
- A really fine handkerchief edged with wide lace.
- A and a thousand other things, both suitable and attractive.

But the moral is, buy now. Don't wait till the stores are crowded, the salespeople worn out and the best of everything picked out. Articles bought now will be marked at once, packed in pretty boxes, and neatly tied, thus giving a dainty appearance, which adds much to the simplest as well as the most expensive gifts.

And the glad shopper, with her burdens off her mind, will find that the Christmas season is a veritable season of peace and good-will, instead of the anxious scramble it is apt to be to the belated and hurried eleventh-hour seeker after novelties.

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The Triumph Medical Battery, one of the novelties of the day. It is equal to an expensive battery at a fraction of the cost. No better Christmas present can be selected for a boy. It will furnish unlimited amusement at young people's parties. The price is only One Dollar. For sale at F. B. Clarke's, 416 Richmond street.

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London, Saturday, Dec. 11, 1897.

Four Planks in Their Platform.

The London Christian Citizenship Union, in its platform, given in our local columns today, takes the ground that there should be no party politics in municipal affairs. That has always been the contention of The Advertiser; but when, as is the case this year, the Conservative leaders put candidates for mayor, aldermen and school trustees in the field, by way of the party convention, how can this new organization expect the Liberals not to take some means for the defense of their interests? They would be more than human if they did not.

We certainly agree that representatives of the people should only be chosen from "the standpoint of moral and business qualification." The large majority of the citizens of London will agree to that, and let us say, in justice to them, the taxpayers have generally regarded this principle in the selection of their representatives. In plank three, the Union suggests that part of the aldermen shall be elected by the whole city and part by the wards as now. We have no objection to that change. But to effect it the Legislature must first change the law. The issue is therefore one that can most fittingly be raised at the ensuing Provincial election in the city than in a municipal contest.

The Union says it will aim at municipal control of all the great enterprises, such as the street railway, the gas and electric lighting concerns. For a quarter of a century the question of civic ownership of the electric railway will not be a live question, as the charter of the company, granted 23 years ago by the city, does not expire till 1925. The citizens recently had an opportunity to vote for a civic electric lighting plant. They endorsed civic ownership of public lighting in the abstract, but when the question of spending money for a plant was put before them, they voted it down, the advocates of civic ownership say, because they had not sufficient information before them. We believe that by-and-by the ideal city, which we all wish London to be, will own all the great natural monopolies within its bounds, and perform in a co-operative manner all work that can be better accomplished in that way than by individual effort. For this reason, we take no objection to any citizen or body of citizens striving to advance the cause of civic ownership as opportunity arises. This idea is not new. It has been ably advocated at the London Council Board by Ald. Parnell, the candidate of the people for the majority of 1898.

Much interest has been taken throughout the country in the recent address delivered by Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Longford, at the banquet given to Lord Aberdeen in Toronto. We therefore print today the full text of the address. It is a comprehensive deliverance, which will well repay perusal.

While opponents of the Ontario Government have been condemning the new county council system, by which a large sum is annually saved to the taxpayers in every county, it is noteworthy that not a petition for a change back to the old order of things has been received.

Canada in Britain.

The leading English financial journal, the London Statist, in its latest issue, has the following statement from a well-informed writer on the subject of the present disposition of British capitalists with respect to foreign investments:

"It is obvious, however, that the public is once more eagerly looking out for a new field of investment, and there is much to support the view that the next great investment will be towards Canada. Upon the whole, there seems no scope for great enterprise equal to that offered in Canada. It is now proved that Canada has immense undeveloped resources, not in gold only, but in other minerals, and she has a large area of fertile and unsettled land."

Canada has indeed been discovered to the Motherland in this year of her Majesty's jubilee. The preferential treatment of Great Britain in our new tariff is directing attention to our position as a country to a most gratifying extent.

During the ensuing year the Ontario Provincial grants to education will amount to \$721,382 08; in the same period Quebec will grant \$430,010 for education.

City Refuse Disposal.

The London Board of Health says that this city now only needs an efficient system of garbage collection to make it the cleanest as well as the prettiest center of population in Canada. It is already the healthiest. The objection may be made that the garbage collection system would be expensive to the taxpayers. Not so. Hamilton has had a weekly collection of garbage from its householders for many years. When it was established the cost was held up as a bugbear, but the sponsors of the scheme were unmoved by it. It has since been proved by experience that the civic co-operative system of collecting and disposing of domestic and general refuse costs the individual taxpayer less than the

old haphazard method, which had the further disadvantage that it resulted in the wholesale accumulation of waste matter and disease-breeding filth. The prompt and efficient collection of city refuse cannot much longer be postponed.

Quebec Province last year had to pay \$1,550,874 on its public debt; Ontario has no public debt. On the contrary it draws a large sum annually from its surplus.

This is the season of the year when Canada really desires to be known as Our Lady of the Snows. But the snows come not, and John Frost remains afar off.

Bicycle Horrors.

A savage people, who have never been taught anything better, would scarcely take delight in such an exhibition of human torture as is now drawing to a close at Madison Square Garden, New York city. A more revolting exhibition than a body of human beings engaged in a continuous six day and night bicycle contest could scarcely be invented. In order to win, the men have to remain almost without sleep for the entire period, while using every muscle in their body to propel their machine to its utmost capacity. As the end of the contest approaches, one after another of the wheelmen have been dropping off, some physically wrecked, others mentally dazed, if not actually insane, while those who remain in the competition appear more like wild animals than human beings. Medical men assert that so great is the torture from loss of sleep, accompanied by violent exercise, that not one of the contestants will ever again enjoy the health and strength with which they entered the arena. It is a sad commentary on the degeneracy of present-day "sport." But why do the authorities allow it? If a man jumps into a river, he is looked up for trying to take his life. Are not these crazy wheelmen, who risk their lives in a foolish contest, valueless except as a mere money-making exhibition, equally guilty of attempting self-murder, slower though the process may be?

Hon. Edward Blake will leave for Great Britain by the steamship Teutonic on the 29th inst.

In his interesting address at the annual gathering of the Ontario Experimental Union at Guelph Agricultural College, this week, Prof. Goldwin Smith referred to his first visit to the college 25 years ago, when it was young and struggling, but now it was securely established in the confidence of the province, and likely to return to the province tenfold or one hundredfold for the money spent upon it.

A Good Move as to Trees.

An Ottawa correspondent informs us that the Department of the Interior has taken up the question of timber supply and forest preservation in the Northwest. Mr. E. F. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, has been appointed a commissioner to go into the subject and inquire how the forests should be maintained. Suitable areas for permanent forest reserves will be selected, and it will be ascertained whether some lands in the west poorly adapted for agriculture could not be as well planted with trees. Information will be gathered as to what means are most effective in preventing forest and prairie fires. This is an excellent move. It has been approved by the experience of Scotland, that on land where ordinary farm crops could not be grown, trees take root and reach full fruition, yielding, in the course of a generation, a good income for little labor. There is no reason why even poor land in Canada should be without a value of some kind. The Government does well to set the settlers a good example in turning even poor soil to account. A tree grows while one sleeps, as the old Scottish landlord told his son, and asks for no consideration, but to be let alone.

No paper does handsomer color work than the Illustrated Buffalo Express. Last year's holiday issues are well remembered and no doubt preserved in many homes. The Express this year announces its holiday number for Dec. 19 and its Christmas number for Dec. 26. Both will be printed in colors, with many choice art and literary features.

BEWARE OF THEM.

[Boston Courier.] The gunners that hunt in the fall, tra la, tra la, Are a very precarious race; They scatter their powder and ball, tra la, tra la, In any direction at all, tra la, Within this terrestrial space; Which is why we this warning vehemently bawl: Keep aloof from the hunters that hunt in the fall.

WASN'T SURE ABOUT IT.

[Chicago News.] Diggs—Is your daughter improving in her piano-playing? Biggs—She is either improving or else we are getting used to it; I don't know which.

IF WE may believe Dr. K. S. MacDonald, who has been reading a paper on "The Decline of Hinduism" before the Calcutta Missionary Conference, the decay of caste is proceeding at an unexpected rate. He says the educated classes pour contempt on caste, observing it for personal ends in public, but utterly ignoring it in private. Eating houses, he says, are multiplying rapidly in Calcutta, in which Hindus eat all sorts of food, little recking whether prepared by caste cooks or not. The seclusion of females is passing into desuetude. Western musical instruments, the harmonium and piano, have found their way into the harems and Hindu young ladies are learning music—some even becoming expert violinists and vocalists—from European professors.

AIMED AT TEACHERS

Who Earn Additional Money—A Resolution at a School Board Committee—Three New Teachers To Be Advertised For.

No. 1 committee of the board of education met last night and decided to recommend several changes in the teaching staff of the public schools. The changes proposed were that Miss Colquhoun be transferred from Park street school to Aberdeen; that Miss Lee take charge of part I, St. George's; that Miss Phillips go to part II, Albert; that Miss Phoenix act as substitute from January to June in Miss Sales' place at Part I, Rectory street, while Miss Cole attends the Normal, and that Miss Robinson and Miss Cooper be transition teachers at St. George's. The committee also decided to purchase one of the British Empire maps of the world at \$8 50 each. These maps were shown to the board at the last meeting and highly recommended by Inspector Carson.

Trustee Logan said that teachers were being allowed to give up their positions temporarily in order to make a little money at something else. He said he would move at the next meeting of the board that what money teachers make in this way revert to the board. In the discussion it was pointed out that the law provides that certain positions outside of the regular duties of the teacher must be filled by teachers, such as civil service examiner, a place held by Principal Graham of Simcoe street school, for several years, and now held by Principal Stewart, of Talbot street. During their absence filling these duties substitutes were paid \$2 a day, while the teachers' regular salaries were paid as usual. This matter was not broached during Mr. Graham's term as civil service examiner.

A resolution was passed, that the substitutes provided to take charge of the principals' rooms in such cases receive \$1 per day, the same as other substitutes. Three teachers for the Collegiate Institute staff will be advertised for. Applications to be placed on the substitute teaching staff were referred to the Inspector. It was decided the Boyle medal should revert to the pupil who stood second highest in the midsummer examination at the Princess avenue school, the pupil standing highest to get the Robb medal. D. S. Robb's application for a reduction of his substitute fee was again refused. The principals will be asked to see that pupils of whom complaint is made to the trustee and officer are absent through illness, as it has proved annoying to citizens to have the trustee officer calling at their homes without occasion. Reference was made to the date on which the schools close this term—the public schools on Dec. 22 and the Collegiate Institute on Dec. 17. The members present were Dr. Teasdale (chairman), Dr. English, Messrs. Greenleaf, Leach, Johnston, Bridle, Stephenson, Macpherson, Secretary McElheran, Inspector Carson, and Principal Merchant.

FLURRY IN WHEAT.

Goes Up to \$1 00 and May Reach \$1 25 Before Christmas.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The "squeeze" which sent wheat here on Thursday up to \$1 00 produced an extraordinary situation in speculative circles. The bulls dumped hundreds of thousands of bushels into the pit to keep the price down, the bears hugged and squeezed the quotations in frantic endeavors to find a stopping place, but the rise came, with a close at \$1 07. Some prophets who see great punishment in store for the big men without wheat tell of \$1 25 or \$1 50 wheat before Christmas Day.

Mr. Armour said: "I am not short a bushel of wheat. I am simply doing an aggressive elevator business. I believe wheat will be worth \$1 25 in any market of the world before a new crop is harvested."

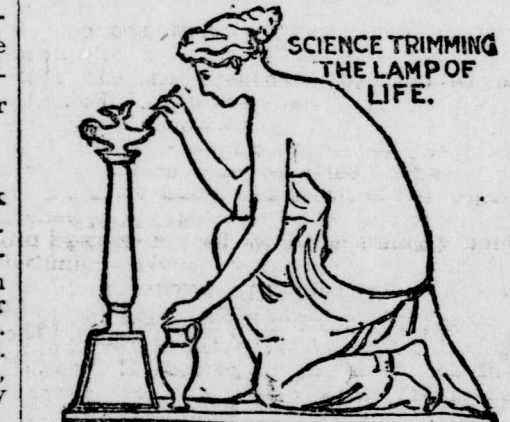
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Christmas Silks.

23-inch Pure Japanese Silk, in all colors, for fancy work, draperies or cushions; selling for 25c.

Fancy Blouse Silks, all new colors, regular price 35c, selling for 25c.

Special line of Pure Silk Surahs, all new shades, regular 40c, selling for 25c.

A magnificent range of Fancy Blouse Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 35c.

Fancy Blouse Silks, extra value at 75c, selling for 50c.

Black Silks.

A special line of Black Silk Surah, extra good value at 65c, selling for 50c.

Black Beau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price \$1, selling for 75c.

Black Beau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price \$1 50, selling at \$1.

Black Satin Duchess Dress Silk, regular price \$1 35, selling for \$1.

Black Figured Duchess, for skirts, pure silk, regular price \$1, selling for 69c.

A special line of Art Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 25c.

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OF ALL KINDS.

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Linen Tray Cloths at 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c and 50c. Hemmed Table Napkins, 23x23c, fine damask, regular price \$2 75, selling at \$2.

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In Basement.

Special bargains in Flown Blue Dinnerware, China Tea Sets and Toiletware.

Very special attractions on our 15c and 25c tables. Also a special table of Fancy Glassware will be shown. Be sure you see it.

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Quadruple-Plated Silver Butter Dishes, regular price \$1 75, selling for \$1 24.

Quadruple-Plated Silver Teapots, for one week only, selling for \$1 69.

Coal Ash Sifters, selling for 11 each. Coal Scuttles, selling for 25c, 30c and 35c.

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Our Grocery stock, as heretofore, will be found the very choicest, and contains everything wanted for Christmas.

Cowan's Soluble Cocoa, 15c a pound. If you have not used it just try it.

Hein's Sauerkraut in stock. Eggs, Butter, Poultry and Farmers' Produce a specialty.

Shoe Section.

50 pairs Men's Three-Buckle Over shoes, regular price \$2 25, selling for \$1 50.

30 pairs Youths' Buff Foxed Bals, 11 to 13, regular price \$1, selling for 75c.

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HONORE'S FATE.

"Does Mrs. Payte's servant help you a little now?" inquired Honore, when at last she rose to take her leave.
"Yes, she does, indeed, Miss Craven—
a little. She is growing rather kind to me, but Mrs. Payte—she is not odd? I can never understand her."
"No, it is not easy, indeed," smiled Honore. "When will your father be home, Marie?"
"Oh, he is away, Miss Honore. Did you not know?"
"Indeed, I did not."
"I thought you would, Miss Craven, because he was sent for by Mr. Keith a week ago."

Marie made a pause here, without knowing it, wondering at the softened brightness of Honore's eyes.
"A week ago, Miss Craven, he read an advertisement for a photographer's assistant, a long way off—more than 35 miles—and rather fancied he might do, because he understands his work so well; so we managed to get the money for his railway ticket, and he went. They—they told him, before they asked him a single question, Miss Honore, that he was too old; and so he walked home, for he had no other ticket. It was quite the middle of the night when he came in here, so jaded and white I hardly knew him, and his boots all worn to the ground."

"Then where is he now, Marie?" asked Honore, her eyes dim with pity.
"Now, Miss Honore, the girl said in a brighter tone, he is at Westleigh Towers. Mr. Keith seemed to have learned of his disappointment, though father himself did not know now, and the very next day he sent for father to go over there with his camera, and he wanted several photographs taken, and father was to go prepared to stay for a time. Oh, Miss Honore, he was just like a boy that day, and—and yet was ashamed before me of being so happy, because—poor father!—I was not going. As if it was not more to me than going myself, for him to get Miss Honore," added the girl, presently, seeing the tears slowly gather in Honore's beautiful eyes, "rather sent me a likeness of Mr. Keith. Perhaps he ought not to have done it; but he did; he knew I should not show it about, but keep it sacredly and value it, as he sent it. Will you see it, Miss Craven?"
"No, thank you, Marie," said Honore, quietly.

"Oh, do," urged Marie, drawing the photograph from between the leaves of a book which lay beside her on the couch, and unfolding it from its silver paper. "Do look, Miss Craven, I think father has taken it beautifully."
So Honore took the picture in her hands, but it was many minutes before the figure grew distinct before her misty eyes. The photograph had evidently included Royden, without his knowledge. He was sitting in a deep thought, his eyes fixed gravely on the fire, his dogs lying about the rug at his feet.

To one who did not know him it was the photograph of a very handsome man, thoroughly artistic in the unconscious grace of attitude. But to one who knew him it was far more than that. To Honore, the face, in its thought and patience, and yet in its power and strength, for that minute seemed to be really with her.

"Well, Honore, how much longer are you going to stay here?"
She gave back the likeness with a stifled sigh, yet was glad to be called away before she could speak of it.
"I am coming, Mrs. Payte, in one minute."

The little old lady was pausing at the kitchen door, evidently considering that to tread beyond the threshold would contaminate her, and holding her handkerchief to her nose, as if the air of the clean little room were poisonous.
"That lazy girl always detains you when you come here," she grumbled, holding her shabby brown dress about her ankles, lest the floor should sully it. "She never exerts herself for anyone; why should you exert yourself for her?"

"Mrs. Payte," cried Honore, her eyes brilliant with sudden passion; "you are unjust, and I will not listen to such words of Marie in her helplessness and her pain. She never detains me. I stay here because I like to stay. I am very glad when I can stay with her, and it does me good, because she is so patient and so gentle. She would exert herself for everyone, if she were able, and be far more useful to me, if I were ill, than ever I have been to her."

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The little old woman in the doorway had dropped her dress and was breathing the plebeian air in gasps. She had seen a flash of Honore's anger before, but never passionately roused, as now. And to hear her class herself so humbly with that poor creature! How beautiful she looked too, with one hand lying gently on the head of the sick girl.
"You don't look at all likely to be ill," chuckled the old lady, "so how can we judge? Are you coming away now?"
"I will follow you," said Honore.

Left again, she stooped beside the couch and comforted Marie, who was trembling still in her nervous fear. Then, when she had brought a smile at last to the pallid, troubled face, she rose to go. Mrs. Payte met her fiercely in the doorway of Mrs. Disbrow's room.

"Do you recall all you said to me before that woman?"
"I am very sorry I spoke so hastily," said Honore, "but I cannot recall a single word I said."

"Very well, then," retorted the old lady, "don't let me see you again now."

"Not unless you wish it. I have an hour's liberty still. Will you let me stay?"

"Oh, stay by all means, or I shall be favored with Selina's groans all evening. What does the doctor say about that girl downstairs? Will she get well?"

"I fear not," said Honore pitifully. "He says she needs care and rest, and ease and nourishment, and all these things, we know, are beyond her reach."

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Handsome Rate for County Debentures—Treasurer's Report of Finances—The Toll Road Remains for the Present.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

The county council resumed at 2 p.m., and the members lost no time from that hour until 6 o'clock, when an adjournment was made. A number of important matters were disposed of, one of which was the appointment of the high constable. There were fourteen applicants, and eight ballots were taken before a majority of the council was secured. Wm. McLeod, formerly of Lucan, but now of the city, was declared elected by the following vote:

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B. F. Waterworth 1
J. B. Simpson 1
J. A. Hughes 1
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The House of Refuge committee recommended heavy fines, the payment of \$100 each, the price of the refrigerator for the refuge, and that \$100 be granted towards the maintenance of the two insane and destitute children, the face, Colby family in Biddulph. Adopted.

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UNSETTLED, WITH RAIN OR SLEET, THEN CLEARING.

Toronto, Dec. 10-11 p.m.—The trough of low pressure mentioned yesterday now extends from Texas to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather is mild everywhere from the lakes to the Atlantic, and rain is falling in many places in Ontario. The pressure is somewhat higher in Manitoba, accompanied by lower temperature. There is a low area appearing over British Columbia. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 40-46; Kamloops, 32-38; Calgary, 8-35; Qu'Appelle, 6-12; Winnipeg, 4-36; Port Arthur, 30-34; Parry Sound, 38-48; Toronto, 42-55; Ottawa, 30-44; Montreal, 38-46; Quebec, 22-42; Halifax, 35-46.

Probabilities.—Toronto, Dec. 11-14 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours in the lower lake region: Wind, becoming northeasterly and northerly; unsettled at first, with light local rain or sleet falls, then clearing, with lower temperature. Local Temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here yesterday were 53 and 45 above.

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News About Town

—Go to the court house tonight, and make sure of your vote.

—Is your name on the municipal voters' list? Consult one and find out.

—Mr. E. W. Boyle, the East End druggist, is a candidate for school trustee in No. 5 ward.

—Has your right to vote been challenged? Attend the court house tonight and defend it.

—The Bishop of Huron will deliver his lecture on the Holy Land in St. James' Church, Wallaceburg, on Dec. 25th.

—The Conservatives and Oddfellows played a friendly match of duplicate whist last night, the former winning by 19 points.

—John Knox was the only offender at the police court this morning, and was fined \$5 or 15 days for being drunk and disorderly.

—Rev. W. J. Clark will lecture in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, his subject being "A Boy I Knew."

—Mrs. Tennant, of this city, did not preach in the Granville Methodist Church, as stated, but read a paper on "Systematic Giving."

—Forty-four years ago on Wednesday, Dec. 16, the first railway train arrived on the Great Western Railway, now the G. T. R.

—Business cards, tickets, circulars, and handbills printed on shortest notice and at lowest prices at The Advertiser Job Printing Department.

—Rev. R. Hobbs, pastor of the Askin Street Methodist Church, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$100 from Mr. Thos. Kent for the funds of the church.

—A girl in Komoka has already hung her mistletoe for the Yuletide from the hall chandelier. She doesn't propose to be an old maid if she can avoid it.

—If your name should be on the voters' list and you have asked to have it added, the court of revision sits tonight at the court house to accommodate you.

—Protect your vote. If you have applied to have your name put on the municipal voters' list, attend the court house this evening. You will not have to lose time.

—Go early to the court house tonight to make sure of your vote, if you have asked to be placed on the lists. Voters will be accommodated in the order of their arrival.

—J. E. Kerrigan, barrister, has opened a law office at 442 Richmond street, Huron and Erie buildings. Mr. Kerrigan will make a special feature of negotiating loans.

—Squire John McPherson has sold his homestead, con. 10, lot 4, Lobo, to D. D. Campbell, for a handsome figure. Mr. McPherson will probably take up his residence in Strathroy or London.

—Rev. George Gilmour, of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Fottersburg, conducted preparatory service last night, at which a large audience was present. Tomorrow will be the first communion service.

—Mr. Thomas Kent has given a check for \$100 to Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, to be devoted as he deemed best to the interest of Christ Church. The money has been applied towards reducing the mortgage on the church property.

—A very small audience greeted Miss Esther Lyons at the Grand Opera House last night. Miss Lyons claims to be the first woman who made the Klondike trip. She exhibited views of that region, with a running account of the journey.

—Brussels Herald: R. G. Wilson has

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decided to remove to London. He has been largely engaged in house-building for some years here, and has also been a member of the Brussels council for the past two years. We cannot afford to lose such good citizens.

—Lieut. Patterson, of the Salvation Army, is to be promoted to the rank of captain, and takes charge of the 2nd corps this week. Lieut. Culbert, of this city, goes to Forest in place of Capt. Patterson.

—The South London Royal Templars have elected officers as follows: Bro. Little, S. C.; Sister Rudd, V. C.; Sister Ramsey, R. E.; Bro. Nelson, Chap.; Sister Ruckie, Fin. Sec.; Bro. Long, Treas.; Bro. Sanders, Herald; Bro. Linnell, Guard.

—Miss E. L. Smith, trained nurse, late of 471 Elizabeth street, this city, and who has now completed a course in the eye and ear infirmary, Boston, Mass., leaves that place to take a fifteen months' course in the lying-in hospital at Providence, R. I., this week.

—Messrs. Rutter & Bickley, of this city, have bought out the coal and wood business of Josh Hartley, back of No. 3 fire hall, on Rectory street. It is the intention of the new firm to carry the best quality of coal to be obtained, and with the business acumen of both gentlemen a large share of the trade will certainly come to their yard.

—The first of a series of concerts under the auspices of Lodge Beresford, No. 298, S. O. E., was held on Wednesday evening in Duffell Hall, and was a decided success. Bro. Essery occupied the chair. The programme, an excellent one, was highly appreciated by the large audience present. The committee have already decided that a larger hall will have to be procured for further entertainments.

—Ven. Archdeacon Davis, of St. James' Church, South London, preached in the Mission Hall, York street, Thursday night last. His subject was "The Delivered an able sermon, which was listened to with keen interest, taking for his text, St. Matthew, xiv, 22—Lord, save me from this Archdeacon Phair, of Winnipeg, gave an interesting address on Mission Work.

—Mr. and Mrs. Shaw sang "The best friend to have is Jesus." Prayers were offered by Mr. Sam Grigg and Mr. Keenleyside. The leader, Mr. T. L. Eichler, was in charge.

—At the last regular meeting of Court Lambeth, No. 143, I. O. F., the following officers were elected for the following year: C. O., John Doyle; V. C., Frank Woodhull; R. S., A. Sadler; F. S. and T. A., Bannatyne; Chap., T. Hamlyn; S. W., Richard Dale; J. W., J. B. Munger; E. B., Wm. Finch; J. B. Wm. Finch; court deputy, A. M. Hunt; physician, Dr. Routledge; representative to high court, John Doyle; alternate, H. E. Baker. Court Lambeth will hold a special meeting on Friday night, Dec. 17, for initiation of candidates and installation of officers.

—A well-attended meeting of Court Stella, No. 7,047, Ancient Order of Foresters, held on Thursday evening in Society Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, Robert Mitchell; sub-chief ranger, Jesse Welford; treasurer, A. J. John Nutkins; secretary, Thomas Tuxford; S. W., William Cripps; J. W., George Samwell; S. B., H. N. Watson; J. B., George Ewen; physician, Dr. W. M. English; auditor, Wm. Stiles; organist, Henry Hogg; trustees, W. M. English, R. Mould, W. F. Connor; juvenile committee, Ernest Mould and Ed. Humphrey; in addition to present committee; assistant secretaries and correspondents, Thomas Hogg and William Stone. Reports presented indicated that the court has made good progress, both numerically and financially, during the past year.

CHURCH SOCIETIES.

The agent for the Presbyterian Church for Canada has prepared a statement of the schemes of the church from the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, May 1, to Dec. 1. These are the figures for this year: Home missions, \$18,553 58; augmentation, \$1,756 66; foreign missions, \$28,371 17; French evangelization, \$4,123 68; Point aux Trembles, \$1,107 16; widows' and orphans' \$640 76; aged and infirm ministers' fund, \$892 10; assembly fund, \$1,584 34; Knox College, \$969 38; Queen's College, \$1,154 25; Montreal College, \$162 73; Manitoba College, \$434 44.

Principal Graham entertained his model school pupils at his residence, Queen's avenue, last night. A pleasant programme was performed, comprising choruses by the modelites, instrumentalists by Miss Hobbs, Mrs. Graham, Miss Hinch, Mr. Currie and Mr. Graham; readings, Miss Benn, Miss Cripps, songs, Mr. Barron; recitation, Miss Robinson; quartet, Mr. Stein, Miss Williams, Miss Drought and Mr. Hodson. On behalf of the class, Mr. Graham was presented by Mr. Arthur D. George with a handsome parlor cabinet, accompanied by an eulogistic address, signed by Miss Agnes Campbell and Mr. George. Mr. J. A. Barron, music master,

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ter, also received a token of his popularity in the form of a Masonic charm. Miss Fisher reading the address and Mr. Decow making the presentation. Messrs. Graham and Barron acknowledged the kindness of the pupils.

MASONIC NOTICES.

D. D. G. M. Harris, of the London district, has closed his official visitations for 1897.

The annual assembly of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, Knights Templar, was held in their rooms, Masonic Temple, last night, and was numerously attended. The preceptory was never more prosperous than it is at the present time, and under the control of V. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell it has held its own during 1897. The election of officers took place—R. E. Sir Knight A. E. Cooper and J. Dambra being the scrutineers—and resulting as follows:

Preceptor, Sir Knight Frank E. Davis; past preceptor, V. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell; constable, Sir Knight Charles W. Davis; marshal, Sir Knight A. T. Cooper; prelate, R. E. Sir Knight R. E. Sir Knight J. S. Dewar; sub-marshal, Sir Knight Thomas H. Weldon; auditors, Sir Knights J. M. Slater and John Paul; guard, Sir Knight John Robertson. At the close the members partook of light refreshments in a social way.

COMING ATTRACTION.

The following item is clipped from the Toronto Globe of Dec. 10: West Association Hall never held such an enthusiastic and pleasant entertainment as it did last evening, upon which occasion the now celebrated Gilbert Gordon Company gave their second local appearance. Mrs. J. Dambra appeared to even greater advantage than the evening before, and her recovery from her severe rheumatism was very noticeable. Both her numbers were very successful, and her beautiful soprano voice was heard to advantage. Miss Bessie Gilbert, of Boston, a most virtuous, played her solos with a dash and brilliancy which shows that she has complete control over her instrument. Miss Gilbert's best number was "Polka Brillante." Mr. C. Le Roy Kenney, the clever monologue entertainer, is too well known to need comment. His melange, "Three to One," was one of the best numbers on the programme. Master Frank Kidney, with his illustrated songs, proved to be the most popular item on the first part of the programme, while Lumiere's marvelous invention, the Cinematograph, scored a decided success, several of the views having to be repeated. Altogether the entertainment was the most enjoyable seen in Toronto this year. Arrangements have been completed for three entertainments in London Y. M. C. A. Auditorium on Dec. 28 and 29, by this talented organization.

LONDONERS GOING TO KLONDIKE.

The Klondike wealth is no myth, and the Klondike Exploration Company of London stock at 25 cents a share will no doubt be a good investment as it has been proven that the amount of gold to be found in that country is wonderful. Mr. John A. Moody will head the expedition in person, if nothing occurs to prevent it, and will start March 1 or April 1. There is not much of the stock now for sale, and those who wish to subscribe should take advantage of the opportunity at once, especially if they want to get an investment in a company going from London.

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Umbrella Clasps, 25c.
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And a hundred other articles.
Call and see for yourself.

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Under price—Cold weather wants at warm weather prices. That means we do not want to carry over an article in this department. Look at the following:

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose 19c 14c
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Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose 33c 24c
Children's Plain Cashmere Hose 22c 17c
Children's Plain Cashmere Hose 25c 19c
Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose 40c 25c
Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose 25c 19c
Ladies' Heavy Wool Hose 25c 20c
Ladies' Heavy Wool Hose 37c 30c
Ladies' Vests 20c 15c
Ladies' Vests 22c 17c
Ladies' Vests 25c 18c
Ladies' Drawers 30c 25c
Ladies' Drawers 37c 30c
Ladies' Drawers 50c 50c
Union Shirts and Drawers, each 27c 23c
Union Shirts and Drawers, each 30c 25c
Union Shirts and Drawers, each 33c 28c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 50c 35c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 60c 40c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 80c 50c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 25c 23c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 40c 30c
Men's Drawers, per pair 37c 30c
Men's Drawers, per pair 50c 37c
Men's Shirts, each 50c 37c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 50c 45c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 55c 50c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 65c 55c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 75c 65c

Underwear continued.

Men's Shirts and Drawers, each \$1 25 \$1 00
Men's Scotch Wool Gloves, 40c, 45c and 50c 25c
Men's Fine Lined Kid Gloves, \$1, for 75c
Men's Fine Lined Undressed, \$1, for 80c
Men's Wool Socks, 22c, 15c, 17c, 18c, 23c a pair.

SILKS.

Your wants can be supplied at reduced prices. Read this list:
Stripes, Fancy and Plain Surahs, 40c, 50c, 60c; reduced to 25c
Black Ground, Colored Flowers, 15c; reduced to 10c
Light Grounds, Fancy and Stripes, effects, 65c to \$1; reduced to 50c
Colored Stripes and Fancies, 85c to \$1 15; reduced to 75c
Colored Moires, 70c; reduced to 50c
Handsome Colored Stripes and Shot Effects, \$1 25; reduced to 85c
Colored Satins, reduced to 15c
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Fine Serges, all colors 60c 50c
Fine Serges, all colors 50c 40c
Fine Serges, all colors 38c 30c
Fine Serges, all colors 30c 25c
Plain Tweeds, Navy Myrtle 40c 35c
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We cannot describe each separate garment in this advertisement, but we can say
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Union Shirts and Drawers, each 33c 28c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 50c 35c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 60c 40c
Wool Shirts and Drawers, each 80c 50c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 25c 23c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, each 40c 30c
Men's Drawers, per pair 37c 30c
Men's Drawers, per pair 50c 37c
Men's Shirts, each 50c 37c
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Mrs. E. James, 36 Arcade St., Montreal, Que., says: "For several years I have been troubled with my heart and nerves. My heart would palpitate terribly, and when it did so, I could not go up-stairs without resting. I would have frequent attacks of despondency, and got so bad at last, that for two weeks I could not go up-stairs to my room. My blood became weak and impoverished, due to an attack of la grippe. I would have a dull heavy pain in my heart, together with terrible headaches, and took remedy after remedy, but without avail.

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BEWARE THE THIN BANANA.

It Was Picked Too Soon and Will Always Prove Puckery and Sour.

When you are buying bananas never purchase the long thin ones unless you want fruit which will pucker your mouth. No matter how well ripened these thin bananas may appear to be, they will always be found sour and acid. This is because the bunch which contained them was picked too soon. The banana grows fastest at first in length. When it has reached its full development in that direction, it suddenly begins to swell, and in a few days will double in girth. It is at the end of this period that the banana begins to ripen naturally, and the effort of the banana importer is to have the fruit gathered at this possible moment, and yet before the ripening has progressed enough to tinge the bright green of the fruit with yellow. A difference of 24 hours on the trees at this time will make a difference in the weight of the fruit of, perhaps, 25 per cent, and all the difference in its final flavor, between a puckery sour and the sweetness and smoothness which are characteristic of the ripe fruit. To get bananas to our market in good condition requires fast steamers, which must be provided with ventilation and other means of keeping the fruit from ripening too fast in the hold. Much of the finest fruit does ripen in the few days of passage, and this is sold to hucksters for street sale.

Resources of Genius.

At a suburban church school not long ago each person was required to wear conspicuously upon his or her clothing some pictorial or other device that should represent in "rebus" form the title of any well-known book, and all the others were to guess at the book intended. A prize was to be given for the most ingenious of these devices.

"Paradise Lost," represented by a card upon which five dice had been pasted, and from which two had evidently dropped or been removed, was easily guessed. "Hard Cash" was no puzzle. Neither was it hard to recognize "A Pair of Blue Eyes," "Innocents Abroad," "Vanity Fair" or "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in spite of their pictorial disguises.

One of the guests, however, had a poser. Attached to one of the buttons of his coat was a card bearing the inscription:

TON.
Everyone at last gave it up, and asked for the solution.
"Why, that's easy," he said. "It means 'A Tale of Two Cities.'"
"Explain."
"Boston and Washington. Last syllable of both. See?"
"That's not fair!" said the others. "It's the last syllable of 'Charleston,' 'Washington,' 'Cusherton,' 'Kingston' and 'Yankton.' We protest!"
"Well," he said, "I won't insist. Try this one."
He turned the card over. It was inscribed on the other side with these three letters:

ANS.

After a severe mental struggle, everybody gave this up, also.
"That ought not to puzzle you," he said. "It's the last of the Mohicans."

He got the prize.

Humor in Hymn Singing.

One cannot attend a multitude of meetings in various places without being very forcibly struck with a serious defect in church music, the use of inappropriate tunes. We have an excellent hymn and tune book, in which the greatest care has been taken to join suitable hymns and tunes together, but many choirs are too indifferent to learn these tunes, and in some instances the choir leader considers his own judgment superior to that of the committee who prepared the book, and when given the hymns hastily chooses a tune that is a favorite with the choir and congregation. Sometimes the incongruity between the words and the music is positively awful.

An instance of this kind is vouched for by a minister of the Montreal conference. At a prayer-meeting in his church someone started the hymn, "Jesus, the Name High Over All," to a tune which used to be sung a few years ago to the words, "Around the Throne of God in Heaven, thousands of children stand," ending with the chorus, "Singing glory, glory, glory to God on high."

Imagine the consternation of the people when they discovered themselves singing, "And devils fear and fly, singing glory, glory," etc. This is an extreme case, of course, but we have met with illustrations almost as ludicrous.

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Quaint and Interesting Trifles Gathered Together and Given to the Public.

Combination of Earthquakes and Skel- etons Caused Death.

The case of the poor actor who recently went mad with fright as the result of a practical joke by some of his companions recalls the death of the Dutch painter, Pentman, who was famous in the seventeenth century. He had gone into a room filled with skeletons, for the purpose of making sketches for a picture he had in mind. The weather being warm he fell asleep, only to be aroused by a great tumult in the midst of which all the bones seemed to be dancing and jumping about him, as if animated by a new life. In his awful terror the painter threw himself from the window and died a few days afterward. Pentman's injuries from the fall were not so serious as the shock to his nervous system, notwithstanding the fact that an earthquake had caused the commotion among his ghastly surroundings.

WHAT BEER IS MADE OF.

Recent analyses of various kinds of beer indicate the presence of alum, capicum, calamus root, carabane, potash, caraway and coriander seeds, copperas, cocculus indicus, ginger root, quassia chips, wormwood, cream of tartar, nuxvomica, strychnine, ground oyster shells, etc. What is more, new methods of making this drink are being found every day, and as the newer ways seem to have the preference, beer—the real, genuine article—will be something unknown in commerce.

THE LILY AND THE ANCIENTS.

Most everybody has observed the strange characteristic of the water lily bud opening its petals at sunrise and closing them again at sunset. It was for this reason mainly that the ancients held the water lily sacred to the sun. Pliny says: "It is reported that in the Euphrates the flower of the lotus plunges into the water at night, remaining there till midnight, and to such a depth that it cannot be reached with the hand. After midnight it begins gradually to rise, and as the sun rises above the horizon the flower also rises above the water, expands and raises itself some distance above the element in which it grows." It was also through this peculiarity that Hancoville proved that the Egyptians considered the lily an emblem of the world as it rose from the waters of the deep.

DECORATIONS FOR WOMEN.

Though it is generally known that Germany is a great country for medals and decorations of various kinds, its orders for women are not so familiar. Prussia has several decorations of this character, the oldest of which is the "Order of the Swan," which was founded as long ago as 1490. The "Order of Louise" was founded in 1814 by Frederick William III, in honor of his beautiful queen. There are two classes of this medal. The first is given to women for services in the hospital corps during war, and the second to women who have distinguished themselves in philanthropic work. Special medals for women were also given in 1807, 1814, 1870 and 1871, and Emperor William I. instituted what is known as the "Cross of Merit" on his own birthday, "as a recognition of the grand self-sacrifice which the women of Germany showed for the soldiers in the last war."

KINGS MUST HAVE NO BLEMISHES.

In the old days physical blemishes disqualified even eldest sons from succeeding to the thrones of their fathers. The loss of an eye or a hand, even in battle, was sufficient to set aside what ever claims a prince may have had to the crown. It was to disqualify Prince Arthur that Hubert designed to put his eyes out. With the Visigoths, the Theodoric out of the way by this method, while Alboqueque disposed of no less than fifteen Portuguese princes in the same way. There was a Welsh prince, Yorwerth, son of Owen Gwynedd, who was disqualified because of a broken nose. Count Otilia of Barcelona suffered the same fate because of an impediment in his speech, while the son of Henry V. was to be accepted as King of France only on the condition that he was physically perfect.

WHY WEEDS FLOURISH.

Farmers never cease wondering why it is that weeds flourish and increase in spite of their best efforts to eliminate them from the gardens. Botanists cease to be surprised immediately they know the resources of the pests. It is now known that a single wild carrot plant will produce no less than 1,200 seeds in a season, while other and better known weeds are even more prolific. A common dandelion will have 1,500 seeds; chickweed, 2,000; cockle, 3,200; campion, 3,425; chess, 3,500; dock, 3,700; ragweed, 4,372; groundsel, 5,000; ox-eye daisy, 9,600; mallow, 16,500; motherwort, 18,000; fox-tail, 19,500; sow thistle, 19,000; mustard, 21,000; Canadian thistle, 42,000; and red poppy, 50,000. Even these are but trifling when compared to the burdock, purslane and lamb's quarters. The first-named weed disseminates 400,328 seeds; the second, 500,000; and the third, 825,000 in a single season.

ANOTHER FAITHFUL DOG.

A few weeks ago we spoke of the monument on Helvellyn, England, erected to the memory of a faithful dog. A sequel may now be added. In September last Miss Agnes Gough, of Cumberland, a friend of the dog, Charles Gough who perished on Helvellyn, drove to Moffat, a town in Scotland, accompanied by a collie. The dog was put into the stables for the night, but the following morning was missing. At about the same time that Miss Gough was searching for her pet he arrived at home, having traveled at least 50 miles in less than eleven hours. A part of the task was the swimming of the Solway.

RATS AS FOOD.

Rats have never found favor in this country as a food, notwithstanding their popularity as a table delicacy in China and some parts of Jamaica. In the last-named country they were added to the menu by the slaves, who learned that they must eat rats or go without food altogether, their masters failing to provide them with anything else. There have been Americans, however, who, on certain occasions, were glad to get rats to eat. Dr. Kane, the explorer, said that next to darkness, cold and scurvy, ship rats were the curses of his Arctic sojourn. Nevertheless,

less, the pests came in handy when the other foods ran short. "I shall add for myself a few rats chopped up and frozen into tallow balls," says the explorer at one place in his diary.

WOMEN WEARY.

A Remarkable Movement in the United States.

If ever there were good ground for a boycott, there certainly is in the case of the female members of the Methodist church in Nebraska. This boycott was suggested by Mrs. Caroline M. Woodward, of Lincoln, who is said to be, what can readily be believed, a woman of great mental power and religious zeal. She is associated with the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and has long been identified with the Methodist Church in Nebraska. She has struggled for ten years to secure recognition of the rights of women of the church, but without success. At the general conference, Mrs. Woodward made a strong plea for women, explaining in detail the work they performed in the church and the fact that the church was the members of the Methodist Church were women. After briefly considering the subject, the bishops told Mrs. Woodward that she and other advocates of equal rights were waiting their turn, since the conference was opposed to them, and the constitution of the church would prohibit the plan, even should the conference favor it. But Mrs. Woodward was not discouraged. She declared that the constitution was man-made, and could be revised by the members of the church, and the advancement of the church and civilization. Then she returned to Nebraska, and put herself in communication with other women who thought they ought to share in the government of the church. They decided upon a boycott, which it is intended later to extend to other states, and thus to force the conference to take steps to grant the wishes of the women. Mrs. Woodward has issued a general proclamation advising her sisters in the church to cease active co-operation in the church work of their denomination until the officials of the denomination come to their senses. "We propose," she says, "to continue this strike until the rights of the female members to participate in the administration of the organization are conceded by the church. We propose a book of discipline, or the removal of any other obstacle in the pathway of the conference to our end. Certainly, if even one-third of the women of the church abide by the rules of the boycott instituted, it would shake the fabric of the church to its very foundations, and it is our purpose to disrupt the church, but merely to show the conference our material strength. Why, the women constitute the great body of the church, and it is the real work. Take any community; what would the local church amount to if the women remained at home as the men? Certainly the church could not remain open."

Mrs. Woodward estimates that three months will be sufficient to show the great conference the mind of the women of the Methodist Church, and she says that there is no other religious denomination in existence where the membership is so largely, and there is no denomination where the latitude permitted to women in the administration of the church is so small. Mrs. Woodward says further, "I expect to see this movement extended to other churches until it creates a radical reform in the religious organization of the United States. It is spreading rapidly in Nebraska. Many ministers are with us in the fight. The boycott will remain until the officials of the church grant our rights. We do not care whether it is called a strike, boycott, or what not. The truth is, that it is a movement for religious emancipation, and it is not to be put to rest as a mere protest. It is a sense as the one inaugurated by Martin Luther, but equally just, and as certain to win."

Here, indeed, seems an opportunity where woman can show her strength, and an opportunity, too, wherein she ought to do it. If, in refusing to take part in church work until her rights are given a voice in the government of the church, women should carry the boycott a step further and refuse to attend church services, what would become of the church? The women have the power to enforce their claims to recognition, and the only wonder is that they have not exercised the power long ago.—Boston Transcript.

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TREATMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

Russians Take an Ant Bath to Cure Themselves of the Disease.

The Russian peasants, more especially those residing in the neighborhood of Moscow, have a peculiar and original method of treating themselves for that baneful of mankind rheumatism. Many cures, even in very bad cases, are, it is claimed, effected by making the patient take ant baths. The manner of preparing these baths is as follows: An anthill is sought, and when found, a sack is filled with ants, ants' eggs, and, if it be considered necessary, a certain quantity of the earth which composes the hill. The sack is then closed hermetically and carried to the home of the sufferer. A warm bath is already prepared there, and the sack is plunged bodily into the hot water. Soon the latter begins to give off a peculiar pungent odor, characteristic of formic acid. The bath is now ready for the patient's immersion. The action of the bath on the skin is one of intense irritation, and the result seems to be a drawing out of the evil, and the consequent disappearance of the rheumatic pains.

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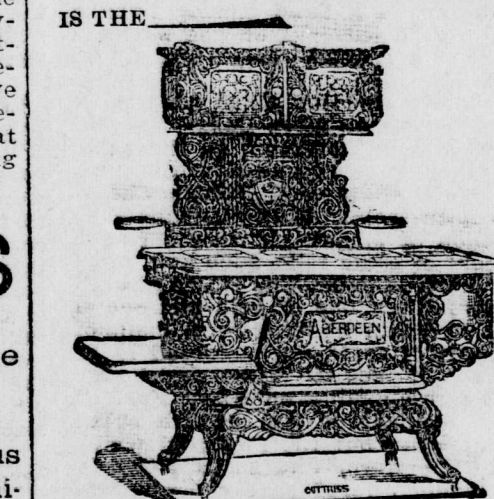
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