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#### Some One Blundered — Shameful Slaughter of Scotchmen.

The Highland Brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highland's right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry with a howitzer artillery battery attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1.15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder River. To-day am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great.

#### Gen Wauchope Killed.

London cable: The War Office received the following despatch from Gen. Forester-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Methuen wires that Gen. Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

Major-Gen. Andrew G. Wauchope, C. B., C. M. G., was a highly distinguished officer of the British army. He was Brig-Gen., commanding the First Brigade of the Egyptian Expeditionary force in 1898. He entered the army in 1865, was promoted colonel in 1888, served in the Ashanti war, 1873, in the Egyptian war, 1882; in the Sudan Expedition of 1884, and in the Nile expedition of 1884-85. Gen. Wauchope had been wounded four times, three times severely.

#### NO FEARS FOR GATACRE.

The latest advices from Gen. Gatacre show no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been withdrawn to good positions along the railroad south of Mafeking.

It is said that Bushman's Hoek is impregnable. The Boers decline to furnish the names of the killed or wounded. They say they buried the dead and are sending the prisoners to Bloemfontein.

The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have been four killed and nine wounded. Probably this is correct, as no genuine attack was delivered by Gen. Gatacre's troops, who were completely surprised while in column. The British apparently simply rushed up the nearest hill without orders or knowing where the enemy was.

#### BULLER MOVING.

The British were so exhausted from long marches that they were unable to accomplish anything. Gen. Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually commenced. The military attaches have left Cape Town to join Gen. Buller, via Durban.

Gen. White reports under date of Tuesday, Dec. 12th, that there are 32 cases of enteric fever at Ladysmith.

#### CABINET CRISIS.

There are renewed reports of a Cabinet crisis at Cape Town, where it is said that Governor Milner is about to act in consequence of disclosures involving the Ministry's loyalty. The White Star line steamer *Majestic* sails from Liverpool to-day for South Africa, with 2,000 troops on board.

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##### Graphic Description of Their Futile Attack.

London cable: The Daily News' correspondent with Gen. Methuen cables: "After shelling the Boers all day Sunday with our howitzers and naval guns, the whole force, with the exception of those left to guard the camp, moved forward."

"The attack was opened at 3.20 Monday morning by the Highland brigade. In front were the Seaforths, Argylls, and the Black Watch, with the Gordons and the Highland Light Infantry in support. The men marched in quarter column formation."

"The Highlanders had reached to within 200 yards of the Boer trenches when a deadly fire was opened on the front and the right flank."

"Here about 200 men were mown down, and those leading were forced to retire."

"The supports were then brought up, but they also failed to carry the kopje, and the right flank was thus in serious jeopardy."

"The guns, however, dashed to the rescue, and, protected by their fire, our sharpshooters were enabled to re-

take the enemy at 6 a. m. When our right flank was threatened, two squadrons of the 12th Lancers were dismounted and skirmished through the bushy country, clearing and holding it until the afternoon.

"Our terrific artillery fire provoked no response except from the enemy's rifles."

"All efforts to carry the position having failed, the action at midday sank into a desultory artillery fire, with the exception of some sharp skirmishing on the right flank."

"At 3.45 the Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the trenches no use of their artillery during the whole day, now opened on them with a heavy shrapnel fire. The brigade was immediately ordered to retire again, and the fight between the guns continued until dark."

"The losses on both sides were very severe. Many Boers were killed in the trenches and wire entanglements."

"The entanglements mentioned in the foregoing are probably explained by the fact mentioned in another press despatch that the Boers came upon open ground on the British front for the purpose of attacking the British flank, but were arrested by the Guards and the artillery."

The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the murderous fire on the Highlanders at 2.00 yards caused in a single minute the larger part of the fearful British loss. He adds:

"Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but rallied and retained their position."

The Guards, who crossed the open valley against the trenches on the right, fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours.

The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Modder River says that the Marquis of Winchester, major of the 2nd battalion Coldstream Guards, who succeeded Lieut.-Col. Stopford after the latter was killed in the first Modder River battle, was killed in the last engagement.

Augustus John Henry Beaumont Paucet, fifteenth Marquis of Winchester (created 1551), was the premier marquis of England. His other titles were Baron St. John, 1533, and Earl of Wiltshire, 1550. He was also hereditary Bearer of Corps and Maintenance. He was born Feb. 6th, 1838, being a son of the fourteenth Marquis and Mary, daughter of the sixth Lord Roxbury. He succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1897.

Col. Downham, of the 1st battalion Gordon Highlanders, was mortally wounded.

Lieut.-Col. A. E. Coddington and Captain Starling, of the Coldstream Guards, were also among the wounded.

Forty-one Gordon Highlanders, captured by the burghers, have passed Jacobsdal en route for Pretoria.

#### Boers Three to One.

London cable: The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting, says:

"The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje, into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they fear our storming and bayonet attack."

"We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense well-directed fire of thirty guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. It is believed they effected heavy damage."

"The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction."

"The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder river, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

#### MORE CANADIANS WANTED.

The Times prints the following in its editorial columns this morning: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called up, and the militia and volunteers turned to account."

"Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces, and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

#### THE MORNING POST.

The Morning Post, which throughout the struggle has not blinked at the magnitude of the British task, prefaces a critical review of Gen. Methuen's fight with the following significant words: "The news that reached us last night will make every Englishman close his lips with certain grimness,

expectancy, and determination. But it may do more. We learned with a measure of ironical contempt that the Boers had appointed a day of national humiliation. There are worse things than such an announcement by a nation that would purge itself of pride, and the worst thing, the worst way, has been ours. Face to face with a nation in arms, a nation confessedly brutal in many of its dealings, but brave, strong and united, we have discussed as a conqueror the terms of settlement, have divided as victors the spoils of battle. It is a pity that, as a people, we had not left boastfulness to the man who takes off his armor. We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us. Let us accept it humbly and soberly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us—the lesson of silent, unobtrusive determination to prove ourselves worthy to hold the Empire our forefathers won. Let us renounce all boastfulness, our schemes for governing what we have not won, and our deprecations of a people whom we have not beaten. The day is still before us, but it must be won in a spirit different from that in which it began—in a spirit of humility, less assertive, but no less determined, no less assured."

#### THE STANDARD.

The Standard says it fears that the advantage of the engagement was with the Boers, and wonders concerning the enemy's strength. It adds:

"How all these men can be supplied out of a population estimated at 250,000 is one of the mysteries of the situation. We are driven to conjecture that a substantial part was recruited from the Cape Dutch."

The paper concludes with an expression of a misgiving that it will be some time before tranquilizing operations begin.

Total losses... .. 62  
Officer killed... .. 1  
Officers wounded... .. 3



Rank and file killed... .. 11  
Rank and file wounded... .. 41  
Captured... .. 6

London cable says: The War Office publishes the following despatch from Gen. Buller:

Despatch from Gen. White, dated Dec. 11th, says:

"Last night Col. Metcalf and 500 of the Second Rifle Brigade sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill."

"They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy, and then destroyed the howitzer with gun cotton."

"When returning Metcalf found his retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely."

"The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were the following: Lieut. Fergusson and 11 men killed; Captain Paley, Second Lieut. Davenport, Second Lieut. Bond, and 41 men wounded; six men captured."

"The latter had remained behind in charge of the wounded."

#### Details of the Attack on Gun Hill

London cable: The Daily Mail publishes details from its correspondent, G. W. Stevens, at Ladysmith, showing that all the men who took part in the recent attack of the Boer position on Gun Hill were on foot. Some wore rubber-soled shoes, and carried no bayonets, and their rifles were not loaded. When they had silently mounted the rocks, passed the sleeping Boer picket, they suddenly heard the challenge, "Who comes there?" No reply was made, and the challenge was repeated. Then the Boers cried several times, "The red-coats—shoot."

An officer of the Light Horse Volunteers thereupon shouted in Dutch, "The redcoats with bayonets; run!" The British cheered and charged. The enemy's fire broke in front and rear, and the British in front thought their comrades in the rear were firing on them. Gen. Hunter ordered "Cease fire!" to be sounded, and the next minute the Boers bolted. Some thirty were surprised asleep. One of the sergeants, amid the confusion, seized Gen. Hunter by the throat, crying, "Who the devil are you?" The correspondent adds that a letter written by a Boer gunner was found, in which the writer said, "Mister Eng-

lishman is a very hard fighter, and Ladysmith won't fall yet. We are still strong here, nearly 20,000 being engaged. They doubtless are encamped in outlying laagers."

This information alone is worth the casualties sustained by the British.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION. The Standard's Ladysmith correspondent tells a graphic story of the storming of Gun Hill. After describing the ascent of the hill and the flight of the Boers in fear of the British bayonets, which were not there, he says: "There was a hurried search for the big guns. For a moment the horrible thought seized us that there might be no guns at all; that the enemy, as had so often been the case, had somehow got wind of the projected attack, and removed their cannon to a safe distance; but at last, to the delight of everybody, the 'Long Tom' itself was discovered snugly ensconced behind a parapet of sand bags 31 feet thick. A 4.7-inch howitzer was found in an emplacement hardly less strong, with a Maxim gun between the two, posted apparently for the purpose of repelling such an assault as the one we had actually delivered."

Lieut. Turner, with two sappers and six artillerymen, at once took charge of the 'Long Tom,' and with crowbars and hammers smashed the breach and elevating gear. Two charges of gun-cotton were then placed in the breach and muzzle and connected with fuses. While the 'Long Tom' was thus being provided for, similar attention was bestowed on the howitzer by Capt. Fowke and other sappers and gunners."

"The preparations being completed, General Hunter ordered the men down the hill. The fuses were lit with the burning ends of officers' cigars. Everybody fell back with the exception of Captain Fowke, who remained midway between the two big guns, and after a couple of minutes of suspense, a loud report showed that our object had been accomplished."

"Captain Fowke hastened to ex-

amine the debris. He found the 6-inch gun with two gaping holes in the muzzle, which was badly bulged, and that the breech rifling had been destroyed beyond all chance of repair. The howitzer was in even a worse plight, the explosion having wrecked the carriage as well as the gun. The Maxim was seized and carried off."

"The men returned to camp across the plain unmolested."

"Other trophies of the sortie were an English song book that was found in a cave underneath the parapet, where the gunner evidently took refuge, and a private letter in which it was said that the burghers were not a bit frightened."

#### Praise Colonial Troops.

London cable: The military experts, commenting on to-day's war news, insist upon the admirable work done by the colonial troops. The *St. James' Gazette* to-day says:

"The New Zealanders, near Colenso, attacked the Boers on an important hill, and drove them off with loss. The New South Wales Lancers admirably co-operated with our cavalry in the same neighborhood."

"The Canadians at Orange River station have been showing their quality as yet in a way not less important, though less showy. Being for the most part, hardy men, accustomed to take up any job that fell in their way, they have been invaluable on the very necessary work of building railway sidings, erecting platforms, and in many useful duties essential to the progress of the campaign. Their loyalty and discipline in undertaking this dull work is better proof of their real military value than almost any success in fighting. We know they will be plucky and cool in action. Canadians have shown their long home training. Colonial campaigning experience has not been lost on them, and they are now getting their reward in being on to the front."

#### GATACRE'S STORY.

The Error of Guides Was Not Intentional. London cable: The War Office has received the following from Gen. Forester-Walker: Cape Town, Mon-

day, Dec. 11.—Gatacre reports as follows: "The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. A policeman took us around some miles, consequently we were marching from 9.30 p. m. till 4 a. m., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill and wounded a good many of our men while."

#### IN THE OPEN PLAIN.

The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopje near and held on, supported by the Mounted Infantry and Cape Police. The guns under Jeffrey's command had not been better handled. But I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep gulch and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available."

#### THE MISSING MEN.

"Seeing the situation, I sent a despatch rider to Mafeking with the news, and collected and withdrew our force from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushman's Hoek and Cyprian Gate. Am sending the Irish Lancers and Northumberlands to Stekfontein, to recuperate. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 366, not 306, as previously reported."

A London cable says: The most serious fact of the moment from the British point of view is the unobscured great Dutch disaffection in Cape Colony, not only on the borders, but in the south as far as King William's Town, and elsewhere in the neighborhood of East London. The critics are impressed by what this portends, and demand that more troops be sent to South Africa.

The Morning Post's critic, whose identity is to-day revealed, ho being Henry Spenser Wilkinson, for many years a volunteer officer, treats of the outlook with great gravity, and raises the question of the desirability of placing in commission all the ships of the navy without delay.

There is no indication of the origin of the report that Ladysmith had been relieved, nor is there the least confirmation of it. There is eager, even painful, anxiety for news from Gen. Buller, whose advance is widely believed to have begun Thursday. "When it begins," says one critic, "the fate of the Empire will be centered in his camp."

The Government's announcement that a seventh army division will be mobilized is everywhere welcomed. It will consist of about 13,000 men. It is understood that preparations have already begun to mobilize an eighth division, comprising 16 regiments of infantry and three of cavalry. This will necessitate the summoning of all the remaining reserves of the regular army.

#### The Disaster to the Highlanders.

A London cable: Supplementary reports from Magersfontein make it clear that out for the disaster to the Highland brigade the British loss would have been comparatively insignificant. It is evident that Gen. Methuen pushed forward the Highlanders in the darkness in the hope of surprising the enemy, who were too wary or too well informed by their scouts. The failure is all the more exasperating because the attack seemed so near to success. The question of the Boer losses is no nearer elucidation. One prisoner says the Boers evacuated the hills and trenches during Sunday's shelling, returning at nightfall.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent's account indicates that the British withdrawal from their advanced position on Tuesday was in consequence of the heavy guns of the enemy reaching them. These opened in the morning with a hot shell fire, from which the British had little cover, and which Gen. Methuen's guns were unable to silence.

#### BATTLE EXPECTED SOON.

Gen. Hector Macdonald to Succeed Gen. Wauchope. London cable: There was little news this morning to throw fresh light on the situation at the seat of war. The artillery firing heard near Colenso is taken to indicate a preliminary to the expected big battle. Gen. Barton is reported to have 38 guns in good position, and the Boers are apparently pursuing the same tactics as at Magersfontein, not replying with the view of concealing their position until the infantry is brought into play. It was feared that the first War Office despatch, announcing fighting at Zoutspan Drift, indicated that Gen. Methuen had been forced to retire to Orange River. But apparently it involved only a brush with the troops protecting the line of communication, as Zoutspan Drift is considerably southwest of the Orange River base.

Some of the specials estimate the Boer losses at Magersfontein at 2,000 men.

#### WAUCHOPE'S SUCCESSOR.

Considerable satisfaction is felt both in military and civilian circles by the announcement that General Hector Macdonald, whose splendid defeat of the derisives' flank attack at Omdurman, turned a critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India immediately to succeed the late Gen. Wauchope in command of the Highland Brigade. Gen. Tucker, commanding at Secunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape to command a division.

#### The Welcome Season.

Christmas comes! he comes, he comes, U-hered with a reign of plums; Hollies in the window greet him, Wet and cold and wind and dark, Make him but the warmer mark.

—Leigh Hunt.

# In The Furnace of Temptation

As Don Ippolito passed down the long narrow cause or footway leading from the Campo San Stefano to the Grand Canal, in Venice, he peered anxiously about him; now turning for a backward look up the calle, where there was no living thing in sight but a cat on a garden gate; now running a quick eye along the palace walls that rose vast on either hand and noted the slender strip of blue sky visible overhead with the lines of their jutting balconies, chimneys and cornices; and now glancing toward the canal, where he could see the noiseless black boats meeting and passing. There was no sound in the calle save his own footfalls and the harsh scream of a parrot that hung in the sunshine in one of the loftiest windows; but the note of a peasant crying pots of pinks and roses in the campo came softened to Don Ippolito's sense, and he heard the goldiers as they hoarsely jested together and gossiped with the canal between them, at the next gondola station.

The first tenderness of spring was in the air, though down in that calle there was yet enough of the wintry ramness to chill the tip of Don Ippolito's sensitive nose, which he rubbed for comfort with a handkerchief of dark blue calico, and polished for ornament with a handkerchief of white linen. He restored each to a different pocket in the sides of the ecclesiastical talare, or gown, reaching almost to his ankles, and then clutched the pocket in which he had replaced the linen handkerchief, as if to make sure that something he prized was safe within. He paused abruptly, and, looking at the doors he had passed, went back a few paces and stood before one over which hung, slightly tilted forward, an oval sign painted with the effigy of an eagle, a bundle of arrows, and certain thunderbolts, and bearing the legend, "Consulate of the United States," in neat characters. Don Ippolito gave a quick sigh, hesitated a moment, and then seized the bell-pull and jerked it so sharply that it seemed to thrust out, like a part of the mechanism, the head of an old serving woman at the window above him.

"Who is there?" demanded this head.  
"Friends," answered Don Ippolito in a rich, sad voice.  
"And what do you command?" further asked the old woman.  
Don Ippolito, apparently searching for his voice, inquired, "Is it here that the Consul of America lives?"  
"Precisely."  
"Is he perhaps at home?"  
"I don't know. I will go ask him."  
"Do me that pleasure, dear," said Don Ippolito, and remained knotting his fingers before the closed door. Presently the old woman returned, and looking out long enough to say, "The consul is at home," drew some inner bolt by a wire running to the lock, that let the door start open; then waiting to hear Don Ippolito close it again, she called out from her height, "Favor me above." He climbed the stairway to the point where she stood, and followed her to a door, which she flung open into an apartment so brightly lit by a window looking on the sunny canal, that he blinked as he entered. "Signor Console," said the old woman, "behold the gentleman who desired to see you," and at the same time Don Ippolito, having removed his broad, stiff, three-cornered hat, came forward and made a beautiful bow. He had lost for the moment the trepidation which had marked his approach to the consulate, and bore himself with graceful dignity.

It was in the first year of the war, and from a motive of patriotism common at that time, Mr. Ferris (one of my many predecessors in office at Venice) had just been crossing his two silken gondola flags above the consular bookcase, where with their gilt lance-headed staves, and their vivid stars and stripes, they made a very pretty effect. He filled a little dust from his coat, and begged Don Ippolito to be seated, with the air of putting even a Venetian priest on a footing of equality with other men under the folds of the national banner. Mr. Ferris had the prejudice of all Italian sympathizers against the priests, but for this he could hardly have found anything in Don Ippolito to alarm dislike. His face was a little thin, and the chin was delicate; the nose had a fine, Dantesque curve, but its final droop gave a melancholy cast to a countenance expressive of a gentle and kindly spirit; the eyes were large and dark, and full of a dreamy warmth. Don Ippolito's prevailing tint was that transparent bluishness which comes from much shaving of a heavy black beard; his forehead and temples were marble white; he had a tansure the size of a dollar. He sat silent for a little space, and softly questioned the consul's face with his droomy eyes. Apparently he could not gather courage to speak of his business at once, for he turned his gaze upon the window and said, "A beautiful position, Signor Console."  
"Yes, it's a pretty place," answered Mr. Ferris, warily.

"So much pleasanter here on the Canalazzo than on the campos or the little canals."  
"Oh, without doubt."  
"Here there must be constant amusement in watching the boats; great stir, great variety, great life. And now the fine season commences, and the Signor Console's countrymen will be coming to Venice. Perhaps,"

added Don Ippolito, with a polite dismay, and an air of sudden anxiety to escape from his own purpose, "I may be disturbing or detaining the Signor Console?"  
"No," said Mr. Ferris; "I am quite at leisure for the present. In what can I have the honor of serving you?"

Don Ippolito heaved a long, ineffectual sigh, and taking his linen handkerchief from his pocket, wiped his forehead with it, and rolled it upon his knee. He looked at the door, and all around the room, and then rose and drew near the consul, who had officially seated himself at his desk.  
"I suppose that the Signor Console gives passports?" he asked.  
"Sometimes," replied Mr. Ferris, with a clouding face.

Don Ippolito seemed to note the gathering distrust, and to be helpless against it. He continued hastily: "Could the Signor Console give a passport for America—to me?"

"Are you an American citizen?" demanded the consul in the voice of a man whose suspicions are fully roused.  
"American citizen?"  
"Yes; subject of the American republic."

"No, surely; I have not that happiness. I am an Austrian subject," returned Don Ippolito a little bitterly, as if the last words were an unpleasant morsel in the mouth.

"Then I can't give you a passport," said Mr. Ferris, somewhat more gently. "You know," he explained, "that no Government can give passports to foreign subjects. That would be an unheard-of thing."

"But I thought that to go to America an American passport would be needed."

"In America," returned the Consul, with proud compassion, "they don't care a fig for passports. You go and you come, and nobody meddles. To be sure," he faltered, "just now, on account of the secessionists, they do require you to show a passport at New York; but," he continued more boldly, "American passports are usually for Europe; and I said, all the American passports in the world would not get you over the frontier at Peschiera. You must have a passport from the Austrian Lieutenant of Venice."

Don Ippolito nodded his head softly by several times, and said, "Precisely," and then added with an indescribable weariness, "Patience! Signor Console, I ask your pardon for the trouble I have given," and he made the Consul another low bow.

Whether Mr. Ferris's curiosity was piqued, and feeling himself on the safe side of his visitor he meant to know why he had come on such an errand, or whether he had some kinder motive, he could hardly have told himself, but he said, "I'm very sorry. Perhaps there is something else in which I could be of use to you."

"Ah, I hardly know," cried Don Ippolito. "I really had a kind of hope in coming to Your Excellency."  
"I am not an Excellency," interrupted Mr. Ferris, conscientiously.

"Many excuses! But now it seems a mere hostility. I was so ignorant about the other matter that doubtless I am also quite decided in this."  
"As to that, of course I can't say," answered Mr. Ferris, "but I hope not."

"Why, listen, signore," said Don Ippolito, placing his hand over that pocket in which he kept his linen handkerchief. "I had something that it had come into my head to offer your honored Government for its advantage in this deplorable rebellion."

"Oh," responded Mr. Ferris with a falling countenance. He had received so many offers of help for his honored Government from sympathizing foreigners. Hardly a week passed but a sabre came clanking up his dim staircase with a Herr Graf or a Herr Baron attached, who appeared in the spotless panoply of his Austrian captaincy or lieutenantancy, to accept from the consul a brigadier-generalship in the Federal armies, on condition that the consul would pay his expenses to Washington; or at least assure him of an exalted post and reimbursement of all outlays from President Lincoln as soon as he arrived. They were beautiful men, with the complexion of blonde girls; their uniforms fitted like kid gloves; the pale blue, or pure white, or huzzar black of their coats was ravishingly set off by their red or gold trimmings; and they were hard to make understand that brigadiers of American birth swarmed at Washington, and that if they went thither they must go as soldiers of fortune at their own risk. But they were very polite; they begged pardon when they knocked their scabbards against the consul's furniture, at the door they each made him a magnificent obeisance, and "Servus!" in their great voices, and were shown out by the old Marina, abhorrent of their uniforms and doubtful of the consul's political sympathies. Only yesterday she had called him up at an unwonted hour to receive the visit of a courtly gentleman who addressed him as Monsieur le Ministre, and offered him at a bargain ten thousand stand of probably obsolescent muskets belonging to the late Duke of Parma. Shabby, hungry, incapable exiles of all nations, religions, and politics beset him for places of honor and emolument in the service of the Union; revolutionists out of business, and the millions of banished spots, were alike willing to be fed, clothed and despatched to Washington with swords consecrated to the perpetuity of the republic.

"I have here," said Don Ippolito, too intent upon showing whatever it

was he had to note the change in the consul's mood, "the model of a weapon of my contrivance, which I thought the Government of the North could employ successfully in cases where its batteries were in danger of capture by the Spaniards."  
"Spaniards? Spaniards? We have no war with Spain!" cried the consul.  
"Yes, yes, I know," Don Ippolito made haste to explain, "but those of South America being Spanish by descent"

"But we are not fighting the South Americans. We are fighting our own Southern States, I am sorry to say."  
"Oh! Many excuses. I am afraid I don't understand," said Don Ippolito meekly; whereupon Mr. Ferris enlightened him in a formula (of which he was beginning to be weary) against European misconception of the American situation. Don Ippolito nodded his head contritely, and when Mr. Ferris had ended, he was so much abashed that he made no motion to show his invention till the other addressed him.

"But no matter; I suppose the contrivance would work well against the Southerners as the South Americans. Let me see it, please"; and then Don Ippolito, with a gratified smile, drew from his pocket the neatly-finished model of a breech-loading cannon.

"You perceive, Signor Console," he said with new dignity, "that this is nothing very new as a breech-loader, though I ask you to observe this little improvement for restoring the breech to its pace, which is original."

The grand feature of my invention, however, is this secret chamber in the breech, which is intended to hold an explosion of high potency, with a fuse coming out below. The gunner, finding his piece in danger, ignites this fuse, and takes refuge in flight. At the moment the enemy seizes the gun the contents of the secret chamber explode, demolishing the piece and destroying its captors."

The dreamy warmth in Don Ippolito's deep eyes kindled to a flame; a dark red glow in his thin cheeks; he drew a box from the folds of his drapery and took snuff in a great whiff, as if inhaling the sulphurous fumes of battle, or titillating his nostrils with grains of gunpowder. He was at least in full enjoyment of the poetic power of his invention, and no doubt had before his eyes a vivid picture of a score of secessionists surprised and blown to atoms in the very moment of triumph. "Behold, Signor Console!" he said.

"It's certainly very curious," said Mr. Ferris, turning the fearful toy over in his hand, and admiring the neat workmanship of it. "Did you make this model yourself?"

"Surely," answered the priest, with a joyous pride; "I have no money to spend upon artisans; and besides, as you might infer, signore, I am not very well seen by my superiors and associates on account of these little amusements of mine; so I keep them as much as I can to myself." Don Ippolito laughed nervously, and then fell silent, with his eyes intent upon the consul's face. "What do you think, signore?" he presently resumed.

"If this invention were brought to the notice of your generous Government, would it not patronize my labors? I have read that America is full of enterprisers. Who knows but your Government might invite me to take service under it in some capacity in which I could employ those little gifts that heaven"—He paused again, apparently puzzled by the compassionate smile on the consul's lips. "But tell me, signore, how this invention appears to you?"

"Have you had any practical experience in gunnery?" asked Mr. Ferris.

"Neither have I," continued Mr. Ferris, "but was wondering whether the explosive in this secret chamber would not become so heated by the frequent discharge of the piece as to go off prematurely sometimes, and kill our own artillerymen instead of waiting for the secessionists?"

Don Ippolito's countenance fell, and a dull shame displaced the exultation that had glowed in it. His head sunk on his breast, and he made no attempt to reply, so that it was again Mr. Ferris who spoke. "You see, I don't really know anything more of the matter than you do, and I don't undertake to say whether your invention is disabled by the possibility I suggest or not. Haven't you any acquaintances among the military to whom you could show your model?"

"No," answered Don Ippolito, coldly. "I don't consort with the military. Besides, what would be thought of a priest," he asked, with a bitter stress on the word, "who exhibited such an invention as that to an officer of our paternal government?"

"I suppose it would certainly surprise the Lieutenant-Governor somewhat," said Mr. Ferris, with a laugh. "May I ask, however, after an interval, whether you have occupied yourself with other inventions?"

"I have attempted a great many," replied Don Ippolito in a tone of dejection.

"Are they all of this warlike temper?" pursued the consul.

"No," said Don Ippolito, blushing a little, "they are nearly all of peaceful intention. It was the wish to produce something of utility which set me about this cannon. Those good friends of mine who have done me the honor of looking at my attempts, had named me for the uselessness of my inventions; they allowed that they were ingenious, but they said that even if they could be put in operation, they would not be what the world cared for. Perhaps they were right. I know very little of the world," continued the priest, sadly. He had risen to go, yet seemed not quite able to do so; there was no more to say, but if he had come to the consul with high hopes, it might well have unnerved him to have all end so blankly. He drew a long, silent breath between his shut teeth, nodded to himself thrice, and turning to Mr. Ferris with a melancholy bow, said, "Signor Console, I thank you infinitely for your kindness, I beg your pardon for the disturbance, and I take my leave."

"I am sorry," said Mr. Ferris. "Let

us see each other again. In regard to the inventions—we'll, you must have patience." He dropped into some proverbial phrases, which the obliging Latin tongue supply so abundantly for the races who must often talk when they do not feel like thinking, and he gave a start when Don Ippolito replied in English, "Yes, but hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

It was not that it was so uncommon to have Italians innocently come out with their whole slender stock of English to him, for the sake of practice, as they told him; but there were peculiarities in Don Ippolito's accent for which he could not account. "What," he exclaimed, "do you know English?"

"I have studied it a little, by myself," answered Don Ippolito, pleased to have his English recognized, and then lapsing into the safety of Italian, he added, "and I had also the help of an English ecclesiastic, who sojourne some months in Venice, last year, for his health, and who used to read with me and teach me the pronunciation. He was from Dublin, this ecclesiastic."

"Oh!" said Mr. Ferris, with relief, "I see," and he perceived that what had puzzled him in Don Ippolito's English was a fine brogue, superimposed upon his Italian accent.

"For some time I have had this idea of going to America, and I thought that the first thing to do was to equip myself with the language."

"Um!" said Mr. Ferris, "that was practical, at any rate," and he mused a while. By and by he continued, more kindly than he had yet spoken, "I wish I could ask you to sit down again; but I have an engagement which I must make haste to keep. Are you going out through the campo? Pray wait a minute, and I will walk with you."

Mr. Ferris went into another room, through the open door of which Don Ippolito saw the paraphernalia of a painter's studio; an easel with a half-finished picture on it; a chair with a palette; and brushes, and crushed and twisted tubes of colors; a lay figure in one corner; on the walls scraps of stamped leather, rags of tapestry, desultory sketches on paper.

Mr. Ferris came out again, brushing his hat.

"The Signor Console amuses himself with painting, I see," said Don Ippolito courteously.

(To be continued.)

## MOULDER'S FORTUNE.

Geo. Barkley, of Hamilton, Finds a Cure for Rheumatism.

He Makes no Secret About It—Everybody Can Have the Benefit of His Experience—Dodd's Kidney Pills are Within the Reach of all.

Hamilton, Dec. 11.—George Barkley, a moulder, of this city, is satisfied he has found a sure cure for Rheumatism at last. He, as is well known among his friends, has been searching for such a medicine for the last few years and until recently quite vainly. He has since been cured of his own case and he reasonably infers that the remedy that cured him will cure others.

Rheumatism is well known to be a disease resulting from disordered kidneys. That is nowadays an acknowledged fact. Uric acid, which should be filtered out of the blood by the kidneys, remains in the system when those organs are unhealthy, and lodges in the joints, causing rheumatism. The reasonable argument remains therefore to cure Rheumatism by curing the kidneys. This is exactly what Mr. Barkley did. He used Dodd's Kidney Pills—the best kidney medicine in the world—and is today entirely free from his old complaint. He writes as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have been for three years troubled with Rheumatism. I have tried several remedies but to no use. I could not get any relief. I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and the wonderful cures they had made and decided to try them. I got one box and after I used half of this box I found I was getting better. I have used six boxes and now I can walk without my cane. I consider I am cured. I remain, yours, etc.,  
George Barkley,  
Hamilton, Ont.

The Bailing Passion.  
A solicitor in a Georgia court is responsible for the following: He overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing a recent funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said: "When I die don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old watermelon vine, and when it gets ripe you come dar and don't eat it, but jus' bus' it on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble down through de ground."

How's This?  
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The delimitation of the provisional boundary between Alaska and the Yukon Territory of Canada will shortly be proceeded with.

## HILDA BLAKE'S CASE.

Efforts to Secure an Inquiry into Certain Allegations.

The Minister of Justice has received the report of Chief Justice Killam, of Manitoba, who was the trial judge when Hilda Blake, of Brandon, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death for the murder of her mistress, Mrs. Lane, who was the wife of a well-known merchant of Brandon.

At the trial, although the Chief Justice assigned counsel for the prisoner, she declined to discuss her case with the lawyer and insisted on pleading guilty. Since her condemnation the murderess has altered her views regarding her guilt, and now alleges that she was incited to the deed by a third party, who, of course, cannot be mentioned. It is asserted by Miss Blake that this person wronged her and promised if she killed Mrs. Lane to marry her. The Minister of Justice asked the Deputy Attorney General of Manitoba to have his office inquire into the woman's allegations, and until his report shall have been received no recommendation will be made to the Cabinet. It is not believed that the murderess is telling the truth, and if her story is found to be false it is probable that the death sentence will be executed.

St. Vitus' Dance rapidly cured by Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

To Make a Cat Respect a Bird.

Very few people who keep birds care to have a cat in the house, lest some day Miss Pussy do some mischief. There is a very simple and effective means of teaching a cat to keep away from the bird's cage, and young people who are fond of pets will be interested perhaps, in the experience of the writer. He had a pretty little canary bird which he kept in his own room. One day he entered the apartment just in time to see the family cat crouching before the cage. He decided that something should be done to teach the cat a lesson. He got a long hat-pin and heated it red-hot; then he dipped it in water, which took the red glow out of it, after which the pin was placed on the bottom of the bird cage, one end protruding a little bit. Picking up the cat, he pressed one of its paws down on the hot wire, and the cat squealed with pain and bolted from the room. Never afterward would that four-footed pet go anywhere near a bird cage, it having reasoned with itself that if one portion of the cage hurt, any part of it might be expected to give pain.

Miller's Worm Powders are a wonderful medicine for ailments of children.

Ice in Cans.  
Canned ice is one of the novelties that are being shown at the Philadelphia export exposition. For household purposes this consists of hermetically sealed nickel balls and hollow dishes. These are filled with water before they are sealed and frozen at any artificial ice plant. The advantage claimed for this method of refrigeration is absolute freedom from moisture and extension of freezing on account of the ice not coming in contact with air. This preventing evaporation, the sealed utensils can be refrozen continuously for years. A ball is dropped into a pitcher of water and keeps it cool for a day.

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DALLEY'S SUMMER REMEDY

"Abstract" and "Concrete."  
The Liverpool Post is responsible for the following amusing anecdote: "There is at a university not a hundred miles from Dublin a well-known mathematical professor, whose name would only have to be mentioned to be recognized, who has a brother enjoying an equally wide reputation as a constructor of iron railway bridges. This dissimilarity of occupation has been seized on by some local wits (for Irishmen can always make and enjoy a joke) causing the one to be nicknamed 'Abstract,' while the other is fittingly styled 'Concrete.'"

If the child is restless at night, has coated tongue, salivary complexion, a dose of Miller's Worm Powders is what is required; pleasant, harmless.

Melodrama in Essence.  
"My darling," cries the hero, throwing off his disguise, "I am he!"  
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Men may come and men may go, and all the time melodrama in its essentials is the same old story.

That tired, languid feeling, and indisposition to effort of any sort will be rapidly removed by the use of Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Non-tariff Companies and the Board  
The ring of non-tariff fire insurance companies has been very much strengthened by the advent in the field of the Victoria-Montreal, a strong company from Montreal, chartered by special act of the Dominion Parliament. While the companies, outside the Board of Underwriters were few and had to curtail their lines to small holdings, as their business was spread over a comparatively restricted area, very little headway could be made, but now that a powerful company, doing business all over the American continent, has cast its lot with them, the strength of the Board to dictate rates and conditions will be fully tested.

Miller's Compound Iron Pills; only 25 cents for 50 doses.

A large amount of railway property been engaged by the Government of Canada will shortly be proceeded with.

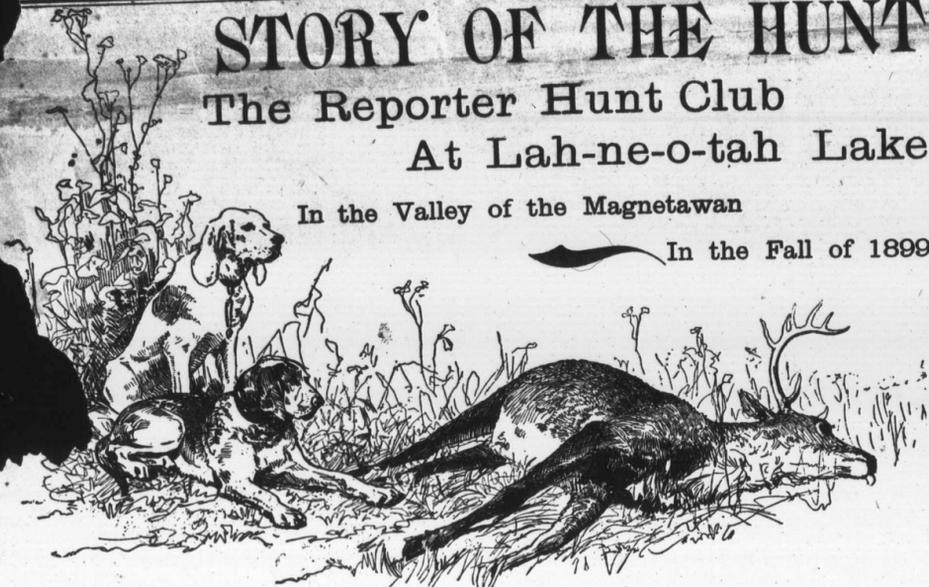
# STORY OF THE HUNT

## The Reporter Hunt Club

### At Lah-ne-o-tah Lake

In the Valley of the Magnetawan

In the Fall of 1899



Another year with its joys and sorrows, its sunshine and shadows, is about numbered with the things of the past, and according to the promise made when winding up the story of the hunt for 1898, we start in this week to give the readers of the Reporter a short account of the exploits and adventures of the Club while away on their nineteenth annual deer hunt.

Year after year it seems harder to write up the annals of the hunting trip, not because that the scenes or incidents are any less interesting to the genuine sportsmen, but because of the fear indulged in by the Scribe that there would be a sameness about the narrative that would detract from the lively interest taken by readers of the Reporter in following the story through the different adventures, mishaps and laughable experiences of the different members of the Club.

With this much by way of introduction, we proceed to give the personnel of the Club for 1899. While the personnel of the Club was only slightly changed from last year, the position of many members were changed, so to give our readers a thorough understanding of the hunt in all its bearings, as well as for the information of the many who will read the story of the hunt for the first time, we will give the names and different positions and cognomens by which each hunter was known in camp.

First, then, comes the genial president of the Club, Phil Halladay of Elgin. Last year he was known as Master of the Hounds, and while he enjoyed the honor and filled the position of leader of the gang in camp, he also had his old position of wood ranger with the hounds as well, for the simple reason that his past experience in the woods, coupled with a thorough knowledge of the topography of the country in which the hunting was to be done, made him the most competent man to lead the hounds to the lair of coveted game. But for the purpose of this story we will simply dub him "Phil," for short, and by that cognomen he will be known throughout the story.

Leonard R. Cossitt of Brockville, the Rabbit Hunter of former hunts, had been promoted to the office of vice-president of the Club for this year, and as he had faithfully promised to make amends for the alarm and anxiety he had caused the boys last year (by going off into the great north woods and getting lost) by thoroughly studying the position of the north star and becoming conversant with the locality of the camp, so as to be able to find it on the darkest day or night, he was given a position at the foot of the table, opposite the president, and answered to the short title of "Len" whenever wanted.

Edward A. Geiger, also from the City of the Thousand Islands, had been again unanimously selected as secretary-treasurer of the Club. No member of the Club was a keener sportsman, a better shot, or a more willing helper in all the manual labor required in successfully carrying out the purposes for which the party had gone out to the woods. His exploits will figure largely in the following chapters, and his success in capturing game was fully up to his past reputation. He was known as "Ed." last year and we will dub him the same for this.

The Scribe of the Reporter needs no introduction to readers of the annual hunting stories. All through the early spring and summer his health was such that his friends shook their heads and suggested that he should give up all thoughts of wood ranging for this year at least, but he never faltered in his determination to form one of the party, if he was at all able to gird on his cartridge belt, sling his little hatchet,

and start with the boys on the day appointed. The boys were very considerate of his failing health and grey hairs and insisted on him occupying an honored position of neutrality when any hard job of portaging was in progress. He was ordered, however, to keep his eyes and ears open and be ready to chronicle any passing event, giving to each member his full quota of praise or rebuke as circumstances warranted.

Charlie Stagg, another of the Brockville contingent, was one of the foremost men when any hard work in portaging or lumber lifting was required. From his long experience in the butcher business, he was selected as general supervisor of the dressing and hanging up of the game, and given second place in the honor of leading the hounds on the trail of the game. We will refer to him as "Charlie" whenever he comes into prominence in our story.

Dr. D. A. Coon of Elgin, who was prevented by professional duties from taking part in last year's hunt, decided almost at the last moment to form one of the party this year. He could not leave with the rest, however, but came on a few days later in company with "Charlie," who was also detained at home until the after the others had started. "Doc" will rise and respond whenever this familiar name is pronounced.

Marsh Ripley, who claims Elgin as his abiding place, was next on the list.

brewing of coffee or tea could be scented from afar.

Taken individually and collectively, the Reporter Hunt Club's members were as fine a lot of hunters—physically, mentally, and morally—as could be found in any camp in Canada.

With this digression, we proceed to say that, all arrangements being completed, the party gathered at the Brockville station of the Grand Trunk railway on the 26th of October and made a quick run on the main line to Port Hope, where a halt of half an hour was made and a change made to a line running through Lindsay and connecting with the Northern division of the Grand Trunk running through to North Bay. The party reached Burk's Falls at 2.30 a.m. the next morning and put up at the Day House, near the station. The proprietor on learning that the party were from the east, stated that he was born in the town of Brockville and was a relative of the numerous Day family who gave the name of Daytown to a settlement near Delta in Leeds county. He was a genial and obliging boniface and did everything he could for the comfort of the party while at his house.

The trip from Brockville to Burk's Falls was made over the Grand Trunk system, on which road the Reporter party had travelled for the greater number of their trips to the hunting grounds. From the conductors to the ordinary train heads, the party received

ed Lah-ne-o-tah, or Lake of the Bound- ing Deer, as their hunting grounds, where they got sixteen deer, but no fish, and this year they decided to occupy their location of the year previous, with far better results than any other trip in eighteen years. These are all the places that can be spoken of from actual knowledge, but the Scribe this year took special pains to gather from hunters and guides with whom he came in contact as much information as possible as to other locations in the now famous hunting grounds of the Muskoka district. As a matter of fact, the whole of the territory comprised in the Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Nipissing districts is splendid hunting grounds, and every little lake and river in that whole vast territory had its full quota of ardent hunters and tourists. During the summer months, thousands of tourists from all parts of Canada and the United States spend the hot season on some of the many beautiful lakes everywhere to be found in these districts, notably the Muskoka lakes, which are a beautiful range of waters connected with one another for a distance of over eighty miles. They have an altitude of about 750 feet above the level of Lake Ontario and are noted for the pure and salubrious climate, as well as for the excellent fishing to be found in nearly every part. The following extract, taken from the American Angler, will apply to the whole region included in the three districts above named:—

"Thousands of devotees of rod and reel are unaware of the splendid fishing which can be had in the regions north of Lake Ontario and east of Georgian Bay, everywhere traversed by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. Simcoe, Couchiching, Muskoka, Ahmic, Storey, Nipissing, and many other lakes lie in this route, each noted for sport, first-class both as regards abundance and variety of fish in the streams. The Severn, Muskoka, Magnetawan, French, and other rivers drain an immense territory, and as the country is only partially cleared and settled, every reach of water is alive with brook trout, white bass, pike, perch, muscalonge and other kinds are found in great plenty. Charges at hotels and guides are cheap, and attention is given to sportsmen. The writer of this, in a single day, caught in the Magnetawan river, the last week in July, this year, ninety-seven trout in a single afternoon, the largest of which tipped the scales at two and a quarter pounds. There were then no black flies or mosquitoes, and poisonous snakes were unknown. Partridges and quail are almost as thick as black birds in a swamp, while deer and bear

mill and one house were all the buildings the clearing boasted. The land along the river is level and covered down to the banks of the stream with a dense growth of small timber. During the summer months, hundreds of tourists make daily trips up and down the "Mag," as it is called for short, and all are loud in praise of the beautiful scenery and the excellent fishing and small game hunting to be found all along the route.

About fifty men and boys on their way to a lumber camp got aboard the steamer at Burk's Falls, and while they were a noisy lot they were otherwise well behaved and sociable. Many of them were from the lumber regions up the Ottawa river and some of the younger portion had already begun to feel a homesick feeling.

It was about 11.30 a.m. when the steamer pulled up at the Magnetawan village wharf, where the party found the jolly Dutchman who catered to the party the year before. He had a fine team and a strong wagon and in less than half an hour the boxes and bales were safely loaded and a start made for the Dutchman's home, some nine miles farther west. Some of the dogs were hitched behind the wagon while the others were taken by the lead chains, and all started off merrily for the trip. Our artist has given a pen sketch of the party as they appeared along the line of travel.

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#### BRITONS IN CHICAGO.

Society Plans Relief for Widows and Orphans of Soldiers.

A general committee, composed of representatives from the various British societies in and about Chicago, met at the Great Northern hotel last night and formed an organization to raise money for the relief of widows and orphans of British soldiers and sailors killed in the South African war. An entertainment will be given in Central Music hall Jan. 13. British Americans have already subscribed \$4,500.

There are to be 100 vice-presidents chosen from the leading British-Americans of Chicago and vicinity. The name of the organization is "Society of Sons and Daughters of the British Empire." A ladies' auxiliary will also be organized to act in conjunction with the society. The aim of the society is to include every person who is a native of any of the countries of Great Britain or of any of the colonies of the British empire. The officers of the society, some of the most prominent comprise British Americans, including Dr. H. O. Bates, a graduate of the Athens high school and a former well known resident of Leeds county. We are pleased to give prominence to the above article, as showing that even in foreign lands the Canadians have a warm sympathy with the mother country in anything affecting her welfare.

#### KIDNEY BURDENS

Vanish Under the Treatment of That Greatest of Kidney Specifics, South American Kidney Cure.

Mrs. W. S. Bisset, 62 Cameron St., Toronto, was troubled with severe pains in the small of her back which doctors said was caused by kidney trouble, and which produced intense suffering at times. She used many remedies without any lasting benefit until she tried the South American Kidney Cure. A few doses proved a wonderful benefit, and after taking three bottles all traces of the trouble were gone. Sold by J. P. Lamb & Son.

It is a query with many when the twentieth century begins. The Royal Astronomer of England has given the answer that it begins on Jan. 1st 1901.

#### RHEUMATIC STING.

South American Rheumatism Cure Sways the Wand and Suffering Ceases in a Trice.

Mrs. A. S. Kennedy, 44 Sussex Ave., Toronto, says: "I had been attacked very frequently with acute muscular rheumatism, affecting my shoulders and arms. I used South American Rheumatic Cure and found immediate relief after a dose or two. My family have used this remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think it truly a very efficacious remedy for this very prevalent ailment." Sold by J. P. Lamb & Son.



He was an expert, not only with the rifle and mink trap but after the day's work was done he was ever ready to assist the cook in providing the good things for the boys' meals, and his "bannocks" were pronounced by Len, who was an epicure of fastidious taste, to be superior to any to be procured in Brockville town. He is said to be the champion salmon fisherman of the Rideau lakes and disdained the thought of indulging in sucker fry, prepared for one of the meals by the Scribe.

Byron W. Loverin of Greenbush, known in former years as the "Plough-boy," was with the party again on this trip. Last year he was prevented by pressure of farm work from going with the boys, and his presence this season was a great boon, as he was a handy man at repairing boats, fixing up camp, and when the record of the deer killed was totted up at the end of the hunt it was found that he had broken the record, the number of notches cut in his counting stick being in excess of any other hunter in all the years' tally.

Wm. Dawson, or "Billy the Cook," from the classic little village of Morten, was an accomplished "Chef" in the hunters' camp. His roasts of venison were done to a beautiful brown, the potatoes always opened their mealy skin in honor of his good management, and the flavor of his

ed the very best of usage and attention. The boys were allowed free access to their baggage along the road, which was a great convenience in being able to take out feed for the hounds, which would otherwise have had to go for nearly two days without feed. Many of the hunters were very careless as to the care of their dogs, and the piteous howls let out by the poor hungry brutes were at times almost deafening. The six hounds taken along by the Reporter Club seemed to enjoy the trip equally as well as their masters. The cars were crowded almost to suffocation for the last hundred miles with hunters going to different points along the line.

As this hunting story will no doubt be read by hundreds who have never been up in the Muskoka district and may have a desire to know more of the country and the different localities that promise the best hunting, we will say in passing that three years ago the Reporter party went to Lake Me-me-sag-a-me-sing, some sixty miles south of North Bay. They had the good fortune to capture fifteen very fine deer and nearly three barrels of large fish, principally salmon, pickerel and bass. The next year they went still further south to Say-se-ag-a-saw, or lake of many islands. Here they captured fourteen deer and a small quantity of fish. Last year they select-

abundant, and beaver, fox, and other fur-bearing animals are plenty. The Grand Trunk Railway furnishes every accommodation to those sportsmen who pass over it. Conductors and trainmen are diligent and obliging, and, taken all in all, a trip to the portion of Canada referred to can be depended upon to furnish solid enjoyment for each day of twenty-four hours. The heat of summer has no terrors when, as there, frost killed potato vines to the ground on the 13th of July!"

So much for outside opinion as to these regions as a fishing and hunting resort. We hope to add convincing testimony to the above before we finish this narrative.

Coming back to the thread of our story, we continue by saying that just at daybreak the steamer's whistle sounded and the party boarded the Wenonah for a twenty-eight mile trip down the narrow and winding waters of the Magnetawan river. The air was chilly and the prospect of standing on deck to admire the beautiful scenery was not very inviting. The wheelman kindly gave the Scribe an invitation to a seat in the wheel-house and for miles along the route he watched the changing scenery as it presented itself to his enraptured gaze. Only one stop was made on the route and that at a landing where a saw

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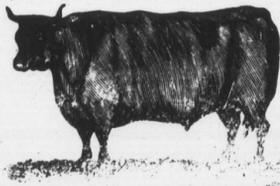
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## Local Notes

Nomination meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 in Laub's hall.

Mr. Morford Arnold, dental student at Toronto has returned home for vacation.

Mr. Thos. Crawford, medical student at Trinity College, Toronto, is spending vacation at his home near Athens.

Mr. Joseph Kerr has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to resume his duties as tax-collector.

Cash paid for grain. Custom grinding quickly and well done.—Athens Grain Warehouse.

Mr. Wm Connolly of Caintown, who has been attending Albert College, Belleville, called on friends in Athens this week.

Mr. D. C. Brown of Faribault, Minn., arrived home this week to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Mrs. J. L. Gallagher, who has been visiting friends in Eastern Ontario and New York state for several weeks, returned to her home in Winnipeg this week.

In the basement of Christ church a very successful entertainment was held by the Sabbath school, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th. The programme consisted of an entertainment followed by a tea. The proceeds amounted to \$12.50.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Judson, Oshawa, are visiting friends in Athens and Brockville. Mr. Judson says that the McLaughlin Carriage Co., with whom he has been employed, has received several tempting offers from towns and cities anxious to provide a home for the manufactory, but as yet the company has not arrived at a decision.

Remember you can get the Weekly Sun of Toronto and Family Herald (including premium pictures) for \$1.25; Sun and Weekly Globe, Witness or Western Advertiser for \$1 and Sun and this paper for \$1.35. Send to the Sun Office Toronto, for four successive sample copies of that paper. They will be sent free of charge.

The matter of placing an incandescent electric light plant in Athens has been pretty thoroughly considered during the last few days. It is probable that it will be brought up for consideration by the ratepayers generally on Friday evening, when opinions will be heard on the relative merits of municipal ownership of the plant or the granting of a franchise to a local capitalist.

The annual entertainment of Toledo Methodist church school is to be held on Christmas night. The programme will consist of choruses, quartettes, duets, solos, recitations, tableaux, pantomimes, drills, and several excellent dialogues. A first-class orchestra will be in attendance. Admission, 20c; children, 10c.

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Illustration of a man with a telescope.

# BADGE OF HONOR FOR BRAVE

## Victoria Cross of Bronze Which Soldiers Hope to Win.

### EARNED BY GREAT GALLANTRY.

It is probable that of the 70,000 men who have sailed during the last month from England for South Africa there is hardly a single officer or soldier who does not look forward to returning home with that little bronze badge known as the Victoria cross, pinned upon his breast. It is a distinction that is within the reach of every member of the entire force, from the smallest bugler or drummer boy, and there is not one of them who would not infinitely prefer it to any form of promotion. For its possession indicates that its owner is in every sense of the word a hero, the cross being conferred only for some signal act of altogether exceptional bravery, partaking of the character of heroism. It was founded at the time of the Crimean war, and among those whose breasts it adorns are generals such as Sir Redvers Buller, who commands in chief in South Africa; Field Marshal Lord Roberts, and plain ordinary privates in the army. In fact, at least 50 per cent. of the 200 Victoria cross men won the distinction as privates or non-commissioned officers of the army and as common sailors in the navy.

Sir Redvers Buller, for instance, received his Victoria cross for riding back three times in one day in the face of a hotly pursuing foe to rescue wounded comrades and soldiers. Lord William Berosford, who is married to an American woman, received it for feats of a similar character. Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood got it in India for advancing under a heavy fire along a narrow causeway to place a bag of gunpowder against the gate of a city which the British were to storm during the mutiny, while at least two midshipmen received the cross for picking up bombs from the decks of their vessels during the Crimean war and throwing them overboard before the sizzling fuse had time to explode the shell and carry death and destruction to all around it.

In the case of military men the ribbon is of red, while in the navy the ribbon is blue. The metal of which the cross is made is of that same kind of bronze that fifty years ago was used for field guns. The cross is of the style known as Maltese; has the royal crown, surmounted by the lion in the centre, and underneath a scroll bearing the inscription: "FOR VALOR." It is hung suspended by a "V" ring to a bar, on the reverse side of which the rank and name of the recipient is engraved, while on the cross itself are inscribed the name and date of the action in which the honor was won. Any additional act of bravery which would have won the Victoria cross for its holder, had he not already possessed it, is signified by a bar or clasp being added to the ribbon just above the bar from which the cross is suspended. The cross carries with it a pension of \$50 a year and an additional \$25 is given for each bar. To the best of my knowledge there is no Victoria cross man who can boast of an additional bar to his cross.

It must thoroughly be understood that the feats of bravery for which the cross is conferred must have been performed in war time and to all intents and purposes under the fire of the enemy. Acts of bravery in times of peace do not receive any such recognition, and although Admiral Lord Charles Berosford has on several occasions risked his life at sea by diving overboard from a ship to save fellow-officers and sailors from drowning, yet he has never received the Victoria cross, which, as stated above, was granted to his brother "Bill" for rescuing one wounded trooper under fire.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

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**Use of Mistletoe.**  
The use of mistletoe at Christmas is a curious reversion to Druidical and Scandinavian mythology. It was with mistletoe that the Blind God shot Baldur, the beautiful, being incited thereto by Loki, as Baldur was impervious to arrows of all other wood-hence in the process of symbolism came kissing under the mistletoe, which is supposed to make the maiden's heart susceptible to the tender passion.

**Wedding Houses in Old England.**  
In olden times certain towns and villages in England used to possess a wedding house, where poor couples, after they had been wedded at church, could entertain their friends at a small cost, the only outlay being the purchase of such provisions for their guests as they brought with them, the house for the day being given free of payment.

**Don't Take Chances**  
You do not know when you may have Summer Complaint. It comes like a thief in the night.

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A report is current that control of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has passed into the hands of a syndicate formed of the Whitney-Vanderbilt, E. H. Harriman and A. N. Brady interests.

# SAVES A TIMEKEEPER'S WAGES

## English Invention Which Records the Arrival of Workmen.

The latest mechanical time recorder for use in factories and other places of employment is called "the gov'nor," and it not only registers the precise minute at which the employee arrives at his work, but it photographs him neatly and expeditiously on a film, so that his employer may see just how he looked when he pressed the button. Many virtues are claimed for "the gov'nor" by the patentees. Its accuracy and simplicity of operation are held to be the chief advantages which recommend it to the favor of large employers of labor. In point of size and general appearance "the gov'nor" is a good deal like a polished oak portable photographic camera.

To insure correct results the instrument must be so fixed against a door that the light, being at the back of the employee as he faces the lens, will fall through a glass slit into the box. That is the single condition of success. All that is further necessary is for the employee to look squarely at the lens, smile softly if he feels that way, and push the knob that protrudes invitingly from the box. As he does so he will ring a bell and expose a section of celluloid film upon which the face of a small clock showing the exact minute at which he arrived will be photographed.

Immediately beneath the clock face his own will be "fixed by a sunbeam in eternal prim" for future reference. For days when there are no sunbeams a special contrivance has been provided in the shape of a regulator at the side, marked "Fine, medium and dull," and a small indicator moved round to the proper description will arrange an exposure to suit the prevailing atmospheric condition. Each instrument contains twelve feet of film, upon which 288 pictures may be taken, and for establishments with a greater number of hands larger machines can be supplied. Apart from its purely commercial uses, "the gov'nor" promises to furnish a highly interesting record for any one who may want to turn up old films and see how he looked on each morning of the year.—London Mail.

# A HERO'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.

## Tells How She Defeated a Dangerous Enemy—A Pictou Episode.

Pictou, Ont., Dec. 7.—Every student of Canadian history is familiar with the name and achievements of Colonel Henry Young, the United Empire Loyalist, who was the first white settler in Prince Edward County, and in whose honor old Fort Henry at Kingston is named. Citizens of Pictou are aware that one of the most respected residents of this town, Miss Anna Young, is a grand-daughter of the illustrious United Empire Loyalist.

Miss Young had laid her fellow-Canadians under a debt of gratitude by pointing out to them an unflinching way—the only unflinching way—of conquering one of the worst enemies of mankind—rheumatism. Miss Young has written as follows to the Dr. Arnold Chemical Co., Limited, 43 Canadian Life Building, Toronto: "Dear Sirs—About a month ago I read in one of your circulars how disease is caused by germs and toxins in the blood, and how Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills are a new remedy to kill these germs. I concluded to try them.

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# Triumph of Engineering.

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Magenta	July 4, 1859	130,000	21,000	16
Bull Run	July 21, 1861	60,000	4,675	8
Antietam	Sept. 17, 1862	184,000	31,000	17
Gettysburg	July 1-3, 1863	150,000	30,000	20
Sadowa	July 3, 1866	201,000	33,000	16
Gravelotte	Aug. 18, 1870	300,000	62,000	21
Sedan	Sept. 1, 1870	314,000	47,000	15

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# Emperor William's Charm.

The German Emperors possess a family charm, which, of course, they prefer to call a talisman. It is a black stone, which is said to be handed down by each dying Emperor from his deathbed to his successor, and has a putative origin curious even among charms. According to a legend, the stone was dropped by a huge, black toad on the bed coverlet of a princess of the family, who had just given birth to a son. The father of Frederick the Great had the stone mounted as a ring. There are documents relating to it in the archives, and the present Kaiser always wears it on all great occasions.

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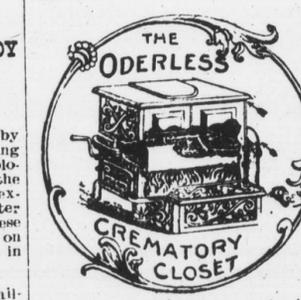
# Railroad Building in Turkey.

The Sultan of Turkey is about to have the cinematograph brought in to use for the purpose of enabling him to survey his railway works in Anatolia without the trouble of moving from his chair. The 110 kilometers of the line are to be photographed and reeled off before His Majesty and the court at kildiz kiosk.

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After two or three experiments the workmen discovered to their consternation that it seemed impossible to blow the bulbs so large by the force of human breath. The blowers blew till they were utterly exhausted, but the bulbs remained far below the required size.

A handsome price was offered to the first successful blower, and the men renewed their efforts, but to no purpose. At last a big fellow, shaped like a barrel, stepped forward and quietly remarked that he was sure he could do the trick. The crowd laughed good-humoredly, but the man merely said: "I want to rinse my mouth; it's dry."

They gave him a cup of water. He rinsed his mouth, taking plenty of time, and then applied his mouth to the tube. Slowly and steadily the ball of glass grew. Soon it reached the dimensions of its nearest rival. Then it became bigger, bigger, until it approached the required size. Then it attained it. Then it passed it. "Stop, stop!" cried the crowd. "It's getting too big," and the foreman added: "How did you do it?"

"Where is my money?" said the man by way of reply.

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# A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

BY ALBERT BIGELOW PAINE.

He believed in a great many things. He was fond of mystery, and some of the things he could not explain he believed in most. He knew that a broken stick circled about over a little boy's head would take off warts, because he had had a great many on one hand and his grown-up cousin had taken them off for him in that way. You had to say some words while you circled the sticks over the warts and then swing it three times about your head and let go of it so that it fell where you didn't see it. Then some day when you weren't thinking about it you would see all at once that your warts were gone.

He knew that a dead snake turned over on its back would bring rain. He knew this because once he had found a dead snake and turned it over to see. They were not needing rain at the time, but that night it poured down in a great flood, and the next day, too, it fell in torrents, until he heard his father say that if it kept on everything would be ruined. Then the little boy slipped guiltily out in the rain and turned the snake back to save the crops.

He believed in pulling wishbones. For he knew if he got the long end, and then put it over the door, his wish would be almost sure to come true. Along about Thanksgiving time there were a great many wishbones, and the narrow shelf at the top of the door casing was filled with grisly hopes that were mostly to come true Christmas morning.

For in the goodness of Santa Claus he believed most of all. His prayers were always ready, and when he said them he was not afraid, even of housebreakers. His parents he could depend on, too, for his everyday wants, but Santa Claus was a big, jolly fellow in fur who loved children and who, unseen, and mysterious, came once a year with a sleigh and reindeer to bring real things—the very things they wanted most. His sleigh traveled through the air and over the rooftops. He could come down a chimney of any size with his pack, and he always did come, and the long stockings that the little boy and his sister hung, one at each corner of the mantel, over the fireplace, were always filled.

There was just one Santa Claus, and there was no faith and no feeling quite like that on the afternoon before Christmas, when he drove the tack into the back left hand corner of the mantel piece and hung on it his longest and reddest stocking, and then sat in different parts of the room to look at it and so make sure that Santa Claus could not fall to see it first thing.

On other nights he was not always anxious to go to bed. On Christmas Eve he was willing to go before supper time. The morning would come quicker if he was asleep and then he could wake up earlier, too, and get his stockings. To get up early—long before daylight, long before the fires were lit; to race out into the sitting-room and back with the stuffed lumpy stocking—this was the one great joy worth the whole year of waiting. Months, weeks, days and at last hours were counted up to that moment. There was nothing beyond it—nothing but to begin the count of another year's waiting.

He had wanted a knife. He had wanted one since he could remember, but now that he had been going to school it seemed to him that there was nothing in the world he wanted like that. The other boys had them. To be sure, they were all older than him, but he had caught up with them in his lessons, and it seemed as if knives and lessons ought to go together. His parents were afraid he would cut his fingers, but he had used the other boys' knives and had not cut himself; at least only a little once, and that was an accident.

He made up his mind at last that in Santa Claus lay his only hope. Santa Claus, who knew everything, would know that he was old enough to have a knife—perhaps even one with two blades, a big one and a little one. He mentioned this to his parents, but they looked grave and said that Santa Claus was very particular about his little boys' fingers. Still he had faith, and day and night his faith grew until one day he went as far as three blades, a big one and two little ones, such as a boy in school had. But this frightened him even to think of, and he went back right away to two blades. He even said to himself that one blade, a big one with a flat bone handle—a Barlow, as the boys called it—would do. He felt sure of getting that, any way, and he put his hand in his pocket to see how it would seem there, and imagined how the boys at school would gather around to look at it and cut it against their own to see which had the best steel.

He had been getting all the long ends of the wish bones, and his wish was always for the knife. Above the sitting room door there was a perfect thicket of long ends. The knife was certain. He could hardly wait for the time.

But one day, when Christmas was no more than a few weeks off, his father returned from the village with a picture paper. It had a great deal to do about Christmas, and inside there was a set of pictures that covered over two whole pages. The little boy saw them and spread the paper down on

the floor to look at them. Then he forgot everything else in the world, for they were pictures of the life and home of Santa Claus! He had seen other such pictures, but never any before like these. There was the workshop with the old fellow at his bench, and the finished gifts piled around him. There were dolls and playthings without number, and there right in front of him, sure enough, was a whole row of pocket knives!

The little boy got down and looked at the pictures very close. Which knife was for him? If he only knew! Then he looked at the other picture. There was one of Santa Claus starting off with his loaded sleigh, and another one of him just stepping out of a chimney into a room where two children were asleep. But in the centre of the page there was the largest picture of all. It was a great castle amid the icebergs of the far north—the home of Santa Claus!

On a high battlement stood the old fellow himself. He was leaning over, and with a long spy glass was sweeping the world below. The little boy's heart jumped. He knew about spy glasses, and he understood now how it was that Santa Claus could tell the good children from the bad. It was with that spy glass.

He lay on the floor looking at the picture and thinking. Had he always been good? He began to have grave doubts. He was not always obedient,

thing. But like a flash the little boy was out on the icy floor in the dark. Out into the dim sitting-room, where the empty fireplace was cold and shadowy in the first gray of dawn. Then the full stocking that crunched when he hugged it to his breast, and a bound back into his little home-made bed, shivering with a delicious sense of cold and joy.

There was something hard and kind of lout at the top. That was candy—a big stick of peppermint; he could tell by the feeling and smell. He bit a little piece off of the end of it. How good it was. Nobody ever made such candy as Santa Claus. He laid it out on the cover and went in deeper. There was a small package next, but it was not the knife. It was soft, and when he opened it it felt woolly. Oh, yes, it was mittens. He tried to see what color they were in the dark. They were fastened together with a long knit string. That was to go round his neck. He had wanted mittens like those before he wanted the knife so badly. Then there was a round quite big package that he could hardly get out. That wasn't the knife, of course. He knew it was cookies as soon as he got it open. Real Christmas cookies, with white frosting and red sugar sprinkled on the top. He wondered why his mother never made such good cookies as those. He bit one in two and went deeper. Still no knife. His heart sank a little as he drew out a long roll, that must reach, he thought, to the very end of the stocking. It was a book rolled up, and inside of it was another package of candy-mixed candy this time. He stuffed a gum drop into his mouth and seized the stocking again. There was something more in it, but it did not feel like a knife. It was kind of big and soft. He drew it out and made sure that the stocking was empty. Then he began to unwrap. One paper came off, and then another. Still another paper, and yet another paper, and another and an-

other. Each paper that came off left the parcel harder and harder, and harder, and there was something now about the shape of it that made him fairly wild with eagerness. He was so excited he could hardly unwind the last paper, that seemed to have no end. He tore off great pieces of it and once the package slipped out of his fingers. At last the wrapping was all off, and clutched tightly in his hand was a treasure cold and hard, but which warmed the little boy to his very soul.

"Ma!" he cried, "Oh, Ma! Oh, Pa! Santa Claus did bring me a knife! He did, Ma, I told you he would!" There was a sound something like laughter from the big bed. Then a voice: "I guess Santa Claus must have forgotten how old you are. I suppose we'll have to lay it away for a year or two."

But the little boy knew it would not be laid away. He was snuggled down now with the precious cold treasure clutched tightly in fingers that were devouring it in every part.

"Oh, Ma, it's got two blades!" "Has it?" "Yes, sir, it has! A big one and a little one, both at the same end!" "Well! Well!"

The small fingers roamed over the smooth, wooden handle which he could not yet see. The sturdy thumb nail bent itself time and again in the little catches of the two cold blades that were too new for him to open. Now and then he reached out to feel of his mittens and the cookies and to find another piece of the mixed candy. He sucked the candy to make it last.

Dear heart, how happy he was.

The Night of Love.

O little town of Bethlehem! How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark street shineth The everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.

—Bishop Phillips Brooks.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XIII  
DEC. 24, 1899.

Christi—Coming Foretold.—Isa. 9: 2-7.

Time—B. C. 735-732. Place—Jerusalem.

Persons—Isaiah, Judah, Christ.

Commentary—Connecting Links. (Read introduction.) "Israel was rapidly hastening to its end amid great disorders. The end came about the middle of Isaiah's prophetic work. Hosea's was contemporary in Israel with Isaiah, and with Nahum and Micah in Judah. Possibly, also, Joel in Judah, and Amos and Jonah in Israel, may have been still living, old men, in the early days of Isaiah."

2. The people that walked in darkness—From the people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness: (1) The darkness of outward trouble. See II. Kings, xv. 37; xvi. 4-8, 17; II. Chron. xxviii. 5-8. (2) They were in moral darkness. They were attacked by the king of Israel and by the king of Damascus, and afterward by the king of Assyria. Great multitudes were carried captives, or were slain. The Philistines took permanent possession of the territory which they had over-run, occupying it and adding it to their dominion. Judah was indeed "brought low and made naked."

3. Thou hast multiplied the nation—The prophet shows them the Messiah and His times. He would move them to hope, awaken faith, arouse to righteousness, by the vision of good times coming. The only way to such a blessed consummation was by the path of holiness, obedience and faith—Believers. They lay before Thee—The prophet notes it to be a religious joy because it is said to be before God—that is, in His presence and with a grateful acknowledgment of His benefits.

4. Thou hast broken the yoke—The Jews were successively delivered from the burdensome and galling yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians; but these deliverances were only a shadow of redemption from the yoke of Satan; and that redemption seems here especially predicted as if already accomplished. Scott. As in the day of Midian—As Gideon with a handful of men conquered the hosts of Midian, so Messiah, the "child" (v. 6) shall prove to be the "Prince of peace," and the small company under him shall overcome the mighty hosts of Antichrist. See the same contrast in Mic. v. 2-5.

5. For every battle—It was the custom of antiquity to pile the arms of prostrate enemies, the spoils of less value, and their spotted garments, into a heap and then burn them.—Rosewin. All that belongs to war shall be swept away; the war itself shall die. The Messiah abolishes all war; but not until his foes are either swept away by his judgments or melted into penitence and won over to submission by His love.

6. Unto us—The prophet spake of the predicted blessings as if already communicated. Angels say, "Unto you," but this child was born for the benefit of us men, of us sinners, of all believers, to the end of the world.—Scott. In the far distance of the prophet foresaw the Redeemer of the world. It is interesting to notice how this promise gradually dawned upon the world through the prophecies. A little later came the vision of the suffering Saviour (Isa. 53); then the town where He should be born (Micah v. 2); a more complete revelation came through Daniel. A son is given—God's gratuitous gift, upon which man had no claim. John iii. 16.—J. F. & B. A gift of love, of eternal enrichment, of forever increasing value, and this gift insures all other gifts. Rom. viii. 32.—Funk. As Son of man Jesus was "a child born"; as Son of God He was a "Son given."

—Surreon. Government—The ensign of government, the sceptre, the sword, or key, was borne upon or hung from the shoulder. All government shall be vested in Him.—Barnes. His name—A name stands for all that is in the name—his character, his principles and his property.—Deloubet. Wonderful—Because His nature was both human and divine. Whoever refuses to believe in the supernatural must pause at the manger. He can go no farther. Counselor—One who has wisdom to guide himself and others. Jesus was the embodiment of the wisdom of God. A Saviour, both God and man—a personal revelation of God's love, a perfect character and example, the sum of all motives for being good, the atonement that takes away sin while it forgives, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the institution of the church, its continued guidance, an everlasting but unseen Saviour—all these are proofs of wisdom, divine and limitless. Mighty God—God the mighty One. As He has wisdom, so He has strength; He is able to save to the uttermost; and such is the work of the Mediator that no less a power than that of the mighty God could ever accomplish it. Everlasting Father—Expressing that of the love and pity for men, a love that can never fail, for it is everlasting.—Henry. Prince of Peace—As a King He preserves, commands, creates peace. His peace both keeps the hearts of His people and rules in them. He is the present and future bliss of His subjects.—Com. Com. Peace is used to express all the blessings that come to a kingdom where there is peace from outward enemies, peace between rulers and ruled, peace between the different members of the kingdom; no disorders, no idleness, no criminals.—Deloubet.

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

National darkness. Behold the people of God devoted to the worship of idols! Recall the many times that God had shown mercy unto this disobedient people. Think what wealth was given them in the products of their land. See how minutely God had given them His laws. Remember how He subdued nations under them, and

exalted them to honor and power. Yet, for all this, we find them walking in darkness and dwelling in the land of the shadow of death. Political and moral darkness enveloped them, and they groined in sorrow and despair.

Prophetic light. While the prophet gazed upon the people he saw only foreshadowing death. He saw nothing to recommend them to God. He saw no effort to reform. King and people were plunged into a dark superstition. When the scene was almost overwhelming God drew his attention to future days. Here the prophet was blessed with a view of the days of the Messiah. He was led to exclaim: "Unto us—yes, unto us a child is born, and descended from this very tribe—a child and a Son! Wonderful, was His name; Counselor described. His nature; Mighty God told of his high origin; Everlasting Father bespoke His love and gracious care.

Messiah's kingdom. It was one of peace. What could be more desirable to a people beset by enemies, and feeling the displeasures of God resting upon their consciences? It promised a complete transformation—joy for mourning, and peace instead of war. It told of worship before God, before whom all idols were forbidden. It told of prosperity, with judgment and justice. "It is his delight to bring peace to each individual soul." 1. Peace with God. 2. Peace with heaven, a harmony and sympathy with all that is there. 3. Peace with self; all the various faculties of the nature being in accord and working harmoniously. 4. Peace with men. 5. Peace of an approving conscience. 6. Peace of submissive will. 7. A peace which is eternal, unbroken, perfect."

### How to Grow Christmas Trees.

Strings of colored popcorn festooned from limb to limb are pretty and inexpensive. The top of a tree always looks well ornamented with a figure of the patron saint of the Christmas season, St. Nicholas. Small figures of this sort can be bought for ten cents of the dealers in Christmas goods. Bits of cotton fastened all over the tree make a fine imitation of snow. A yard of tartan costs but a few cents, and may be cut up to make dozens of little boots and hearts, filled with bright colored candles and stitched together with bright yarn. Tinsel paper can be cut into cornucopias, the interiors of which are lined with lace paper to cover the candy and protect it from the dust.

Plenty of tinsel should be displayed upon the tree. It costs little and can be saved to use again next year. The shops, too, have a pretty imitation of snow, made of fine tissue paper. The gilt bon-bons, which can be bought in the shops by the dozen, not only make the tree look bright but afford the children a lot of amusement. Sprays of red-berried holly tied here and there on the tree tend to brighten it. Gift stars do not cost much. They may even be made at home, cardboard being cut out to form the star, and covered with gold or silver paper. Tiny candles to light the tree at night cost about five cents a dozen. Little metallic candlesticks to attach to the tree cost very little, and are a protection from fire.

The box that holds the tree may be covered with thick moss, bits of broken mirror being interspersed to represent water. A box of tin soldiers, a Noah's ark or a wooden village, a gift for one of the children, might find its first use in populating the miniature landscape at the foot of the tree. In the shops, castles and toy fountains, all sorts of devices to add interest to the moss covered foot of the tree, may be purchased. Iron holders for the Christmas tree may also be had in the shops. A box weighted with bricks, however, will do just as well, a hole the size of the trunk of the tree being burned through the thick lid of the box with a red-hot poker.

### Christmas in Bethlehem.

It is interesting to know how it seems fitting that it should be so that in one obscure corner of this great world Christmas is a day of purely religious ceremony and worship, with none of the social merriment—which is but the outcome of the Christian heart and home—so dear to us.

This spot is Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Saviour. There, in the Church of the Nativity, which is supposed to contain the grave or grotto in which Jesus is born, upon such returning Christmas Eve a vast concourse of bishops, priests, and people assemble and hold religious services all night long in remembrance of, and thankfulness for, Christ, the great gift which God in His love and compassion for a benighted race bestowed upon it, and without whose presence in our hearts the Christmas which we love so well, the day when self is cast aside, and we feel and know that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," would not be possible.

### Christmas Greeting.

Sing a song of Christmas!  
Pockets full of gold;  
Plums and cakes for stockings,  
More than they can hold.  
Pudding in the great pot,  
Turkey on the spit,  
Merry faces round the fire—  
Sorrow? Not a bit!

### His Time Coming.

Mrs. Smith—John, you must keep that boy down. Smith—What's the matter with him? Mrs. Smith—He's getting far too diletant. Smith—Oh, well, let him enjoy himself while he may. He'll marry some time, and that'll end it.

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The high school closes on Friday of this week and will re-open on the 3rd of January.

Smith's Falls poultry fair was slimly attended last week. Turkeys sold at from 10 to 11c.

Mrs. Wm. Mott was in Ogdensburg last week, visiting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Tulloch.

Mrs. Jas. Kilborn left Athens this week to spend the holiday season with friends of Seeley's Bay.

Westport Mirror: Mr. Ford Moulton, and sister of Athens, are the guests of J. H. Moulton.

Mr. Joseph Wright, student at Trinity Medical College, is spending vacation at his home, The Rectory, Church street.

Special services are this week being conducted in the church of the Holiness Movement, commencing each evening at 7 o'clock.

Miss Florence Stevens and Mr. Jas. Blanchard, graduates of Athens high school, who have been attending the Normal school at Ottawa, returned home last week.

A number of Athenians drove to Brockville on Monday evening to a performance in the opera house, but the company failed to fyle an appearance.

Mrs. N. Ferguson (nee Miss Stella Bullis) of North Dakota is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Bullis, and her numerous friends in Athens and vicinity.

The planet Venus is now the Evening Star, and is visible in the southwest, if the sky is clear, as soon as the sun sets, before five o'clock. It is very bright, and a beautiful object to look at.

Mr. Arthur Huddleson, divinity student from McMaster university, Toronto, has returned to Athens for vacation and on the 24th and 31st inst. will conduct the services in the Baptist church.

Last week, Mrs. B. J. Saunders visited her sister, Mrs. W. M. Stevens, Carleton Place. While there she was joined by Mr. Saunders, who was en route from the coast, and together they returned to Athens this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Wiltse and their son, George, and his wife, all of Dakota, are visiting old friends in Athens. Mr. Wiltse, sr., is a twin of our townsman, Mr. Arza Wiltse, and has been away from Athens about fifteen years.

The many friends in Athens of Miss Edith Giles will learn with regret that Sunday evening she met with a painful accident. While entering her boarding house, she had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist.

The man, Fred Withyman, who last summer victimized Mr. Eli Chant of Chantry and ran away with his horse and rig, was arrested in Perth last week and taken to Brockville. On Saturday he was brought before a magistrate and remanded for a week.

Don't forget the thirtieth Christmas anniversary of the Methodist Sunday school, to be held in the Methodist church on Christmas evening next at 7 p. m. Admission, 10 and 15c. An interesting programme is being prepared by the children and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the pupils, teachers and friends of the Baptist Sabbath school on Friday evening last. Gifts were dispensed from a well-laden Christmas tree, the children reaped a rich harvest of confectionery, and the very large audience present highly enjoyed the excellent programme presented.

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