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TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening, May 5th. All members of the Council were present with the exception of Councillor Burton who is convalescing from a serious illness.

A large number of communications and accounts were received and disposed of. A deputation composed of President Wood, Sterling Williams, Bishop D. E. Harris and W. O. Lee waited on the Council on the subject of the enforcement of the Liquor Law. After addresses from Messrs. Wood and Lee, the Council assured them that all necessary steps would be taken as far as lay in the power of the Council to enforce its provisions. A largely signed petition was presented asking for a by-law creating a half-holiday every Friday afternoon from May 15th to September 1st and notice was given by Councillor Duce that he would introduce such a by-law to that effect. The Solicitor was instructed to have same prepared. A deputation from the Cardston Board of Trade also waited on the Council with an application for a grant in aid of the Cardston Exhibit at the Dominion Fair to be held at Calgary and a resolution was passed voting \$200.00 for that purpose.

The question of the Measle epidemic was then taken up and discussed at considerable length. The result being that the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write to the School Board drawing their attention to sub-section 13 of section 158 of the School Ordinance and asked that the same be enforced. This section makes it the duty of the teacher to prevent the attendance of any pupil affected or exposed to certain contagious diseases named in the Ordinance of which Measles is one. The health Officer was also directed to see that the Quarantine Regulations were properly observed.

The Returning Officer, Mr. Martin Woolf reported the result of the voting on the Debenture By-law the preceding day, which stood 'For the By-law' 31, 'Against the By-law' 3. The By-law accordingly received its third reading and was signed and sealed. There were several applications for options on the Debentures they were all refused and the Secretary-Treasurer instructed to invite tenders up to the even of May 26th, when a special meeting will be held to consider any offers that may be received.

Another matter which received consideration was the question of street cleaning. Several of the Councillors commenting favourably upon the practice which has been adopted this year in a number of other Municipalities of asking the citizens to join voluntarily in a general clean-up on some date to be named and as Arbor Day comes too late for tree planting it was felt that this would be a good time for Cardston to follow the example of her neighbors and the Mayor was authorized to issue a Proclamation requesting all good citizens to do their share and the Works and Property Committee were instructed to employ sufficient teams to remove the rubbish gathered by the "Volunteer Fire Brigade."

THE TREELESS PRAIRIE.

Mr. Arch, Mitchell, formerly of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, contributes the following article to the Montreal Herald and Weekly Star:

"If Nature had intended the prairies to be covered with trees why are they all bare today?" was the remark made by an old-timer to the writer when he was trying to persuade him to grow a little shelter belt around his home on the prairie. Five years before, the same man would have said "If wheat was to be grown on the prairies why isn't it growing there now?" The one remark would have been just as much to the point as the other; The soil is rich enough for crop production, and the moisture is in quantity enough—if it is properly taken care of, and the proof of it is to be seen in the splendid yields of wheat and oats from every part of the bare country wherever settlers have tried to grow them.

The fact that crops are being grown is proof enough that they were intended to be grown, and it is the same with trees, which have been called the "home makers" of the prairies. They can be grown quite readily if proper care is taken and a few simple rules observed.

But the question of "tree growing on the prairie" can be answered in another way. Nature herself has answered it and is answering it and will continue to do so if she is not interfered with. In Alberta we have the western limit of the open prairie. Beyond that there are the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Here is the home of the famous "chinook" winds, which are liable to blow at any time, and at any season. In winter, to drift or melt the snow, and in summer to cure the prairie hay. It is just because they are able to do this that we have the following fact. In that part of the country, which is in the regular sweep of the chinooks, is the only part of Canada where it is possible for a prairie fire to run in every month of the year except two, and these, from the middle of May to the middle of July—the following months—when the grass is green and not easily burned, and sometimes even that the period is cut short.

A carelessly quenched fire, or a burning match thrown down after a pipe is lighted, or even a lightning flash, and we have a prairie fire in winter or summer, spring or fall. No wonder the prairie is bare. It is curious sometimes to note how quickly some people jump to conclusions. Because the chinooks are warm and under their influence some of the buds of the trees may do some damage the conclusion has been drawn by most people that this is the full and true reason why trees do not live on the prairie. The chinooks do a little damage, of that there is no doubt, but if they have been the cause of all the trouble, why is it that at the south end of the Porcupine hills, as one looks north, that trees can be seen fringing the crests of many of the ridges on the west side? If the chinooks are the direct cause of the lack of trees, why is it that these fringes are able to stand right in the teeth of the warm chinook blast? The rest of the ridges are grass-covered and a close inspection soon reveals the real reason for the tree growth. Those trees are growing amongst rock rubble or even in the fissures of the rock itself and there was no grass to carry the fires over to them in days gone by. Just north of Cowley on the banks of the middlefork of the Old Man's River there is a striking example of the same thing. A great slab of rock sloping towards the southwest, and about one quarter of an acre in extent, and right in the middle of it where a great fissure runs across is to be seen the stump of a tree 10 or 12 inches in diameter (continued on page 4)

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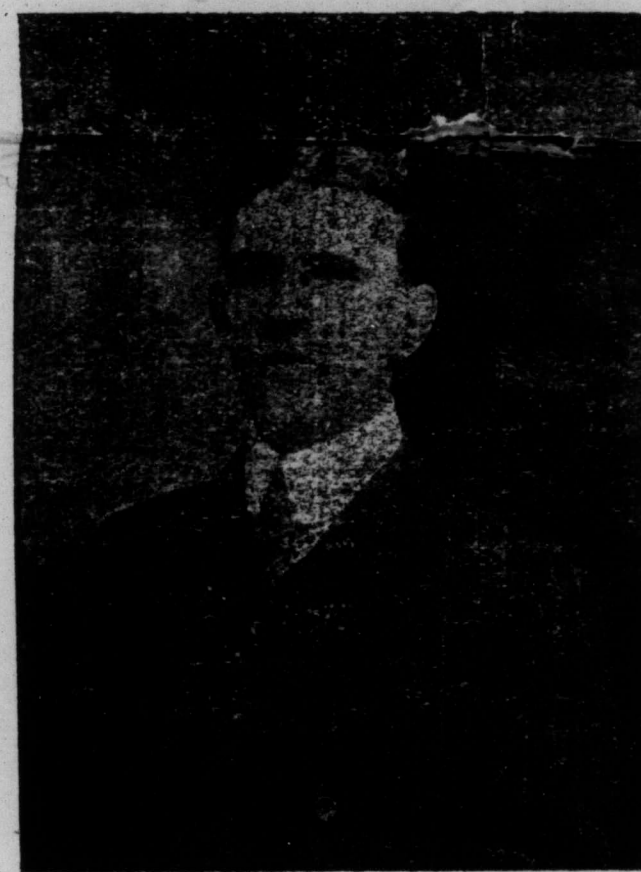
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J. R. BONE

There is probably no more popular young man in the realm of newspaperdom than John R. Bone, the present Secretary of the Canadian Press Association. He is a practical, thorough-going, conscientious newspaper-worker of the highest type. The best evidence of his ability and the unanimous expression of esteem in which he is held, is found in the fact that notwithstanding the other officers of the Association are changed every year, Secretary Bone has held the post for a decade, and it begins to appear that he may have it just as long as he is willing to assume the many onerous duties which it imposes. Mr. Bone has a way about him that is hard to explain, but mighty nice to possess. It is not the way of many words or of profuse expressions of gladness, but just a powerful expression of genuine welcome and a clasp of the hand which thrills with the heart-action back of it. It is a blessed faculty to be able by sheer nature to meet a stranger and at once encompass him with friendly affections. It is this innate blessing which characterizes Mr. Bone and makes him a great favorite with the "boys." At present he is occupying the Editorial chair in the news department of the Toronto Star and the way that paper is "jumping ahead" is another link

in the chain of evidence of his ability and worth.

Of course all the members realize that the work of the secretary in any association is the most responsible and that the secretary is the one person upon whom rests, to a great extent the success of the Association. The Canadian Press Association is bigger and better than ever before. It is filling the measure of its creation as very few organizations of its kind are doing at the present time and is most assuredly setting an example worthy of emulation. Not only is this true as regards the business end but quite as true and successful in its social functions. The Association may well be proud of such a secretary as John R. Bone, and John R. Bone has just cause to be proud of the Association of which he is secretary.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that all horses and cattle found running at large on the streets of Cardston will be impounded.

By order of the Town Council,
Martin Woolf,
Pound Keeper.

Wake Up! Mummy's: A Fairy Tale

There was something about the pond lily that fascinated Todd. As it waved in the wind, it seemed to beckon to the lad to come and pluck it. And Todd, who never refused a "date," immediately waded out to such a depth that the water rose almost to his chin. When he returned, the lily was as well as an immense lily pad was in his hand.

As he went to bed that night he placed the lily in a vase, and stood the vase on the little table beside him. He could not understand what strange attraction the simple lily had for him.

When Todd awoke the moon was shining full in his room. Somehow, Todd's eyes at once turned to the lily, which was directly in the path of a bright ray of moonlight. They opened wide with astonishment. All together awake, the boy raised himself on elbow to look at the extraordinary spectacle before him. For there, rising from the very heart of the lily, was the sweetest little face imaginable, and beautiful, tender eyes that looked at him reproachfully.

"Todd Burton, why, oh, why, did you bring me here?" came a faint, silvery voice.

"I don't know, ma'am," Todd stammered. "I hope you'll excuse me."

The lily spritz scrutinized him severely. "Well, Todd Burton, you've done a bad thing—a very bad thing. Don't you know that the leader of the Froe orchestra uses my lily as a musical rack, and that he stands upon this lily pad? What will he do to-night? Pray tell me."

As Todd maintained a shamed silence, the fairy went on: "There is only one thing I see for you to do. And that is to take me back to the

pond this very minute." Of course, Todd had to obey. He dressed hurriedly and, taking vase, lily and all, crept silently downstairs, out the door and across the fields to the pond.

When he shivered when he waded into that icy water! And what a croaking of frogs there was! It seemed that all the great bullfrogs, and the medium-sized frogs, and the very little frogs joined in expressing their anger against him.

Guided by the fairy, Todd waded toward the very spot from which he



THE FAIRY SPEAKS

had plucked the lily. As he approached he beheld a wonderful sight. All around on lily pads stood immense bullfrogs, each with a tiny musical instrument. But the biggest of them

splashed around in the center, crying loudly in frog language for his lily pad and his music rack. In the bright moonlight everything was plainly visible.

When they saw Todd they cried in unison, with a most horrible noise. The frightened lad quickly placed the lily and pad where they belonged. This somewhat appeased the wrath of the frog leader, although all were still cross with the thief.

To reward him for having brought her back, the lily spritz invited Todd to stay and listen to the concert. But the boy's teeth were already chattering at a great rate and his lips were blue. He promptly excused himself and, wishing the fairy and the frogs "Good-night," quickly made his way back to the shore.

Next morning Todd first rubbed his eyes; then he looked eagerly toward the place where the vase should have been. No, it was gone; he had not dreamed it all. And he vowed that never again would he pluck a pond lily. Who knows but what every one might contain a fairy!

Both Forgotten.

Mother—James, what did I say I'd do to you if I found you eating those pies again?

James—Why, how funny, ma, that you should have forgotten, too! I'm sure I can't for the life of me remember what it was.

Generosity.

Aunt Kate—Johnny, here is an apple. Be sure to share it properly with your brother.

Johnny—How "properly," auntie?

Aunt Kate—Give him the larger piece, of course.

Johnny—Here, Bill, suppose you do the sharin'.

IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Mr. Charles T. Macaulay, nephew of Lord Macaulay, died at Bath, aged 57.

Mr. Henry Pawson, of Sheffield, journalist, who died recently, left estate valued at \$63,000.

A fire engine supplied to Wilham parish, in Essex, 1829, has been sold by the district council for £2.

Corridor carriages for emigrants passing through Britain are now provided on the North-Eastern Railway.

The White Horse Inn, at Munden, Essex, has been in the occupation of one family, named Deeks, for a century.

In response to a challenge, Henry Felden has performed ten hours' club swinging at Manchester, and won £5.

Mr. Justice Grantham, the senior judge of the King's Bench Division, has completed 22 years' service on the bench.

The oldest shoeblack in London is a man named Whitehead, who has sold in Wellington street, Strand, for 41 years.

Caroline C. Gray, one of the last survivors of the Princess Alice disaster of 1870, has just died at Clapham, aged 81.

In a case at Blackburn it was stated that organ grinders earned 10s. each on Fridays and Saturdays, and 6s. on other days.

BRUNO'S VALENTINE

EVERY ONE liked Bruno. For, although he was big and shaggy and strong, yet he was as gentle as a kitten. Of course, he was a favorite with all the children, and he seemed to return their great liking for him. But he was fonder of little Minnie. So that when Minnie went away for a long visit to her grandpa, Bruno's heart was almost broken. He sat and moped and pined, until people began to be afraid for his health.

It was St. Valentine's Day. Bruno was sitting dejectedly upon a rug, with his head hung sadly in such a fashion as one never used to see it. Suddenly in dashed Bertie.

"Got something for you, Bruno! Guess what it is! There's a nice doggie, guess! Bertie pranced up and down, holding the "something" behind his back.

Bruno began to show signs of interest, but for all that, he couldn't guess. So Bertie finally gave Bruno his present. And what do you think it was?

Why, nothing more than a big valentine from Minnie to her "Own Darling Doggie." And right in the middle of it was a large photograph of herself. How Bruno wagged his tail when he saw this! It thumped up and down so hard on the floor that Bertie's mamma ran in to see what all the noise was about. Then how he barked! Joyful, sobful barks they were. Bruno seldom barked, you

know, so this was all the more wonderful. Bruno's valentine was tacked up in



"GUESS WHAT IT IS!"

a corner, where he would often be found wagging his tail and gazing earnestly at it. He became more lively from that time on, so that folks agreed it was only Minnie's valentine that ever kept her doggie safe and sound until she returned.

KINDNESS REMEMBERED

OLIVE'S father had become poor—so poor that the family now had hardly enough to eat and nothing but shabby garments to wear. So Olive expected nothing for her birthday this year. But her father was resolved that she should have something; therefore, he sent her to the baker's to buy a big cake for herself.

To Olive's surprise the baker refused to take her money. He handed her a great cake that smelled delicious, saying that he had remembered the little girl's birthday and had baked it on purpose for her.

Greater still was the little girl's surprise, however, when, upon sharing the nice cake with her brothers and sisters,

she discovered in her piece a gold coin. And being as honest as she was, she immediately ran with it to the baker.

The baker received her with a smile. "The coin is for you," said he; "I put it in the cake for a birthday present. I have not forgotten how kind your poor father was to me not so many years ago, and this bit is little enough. Perhaps it will help to make your birthday happier."

Olive's father was greatly pleased when his little daughter told him about her nice present. For was it long after this that he regained his fortune, and, you may be sure, then did many other good turns for the good-hearted proprietor of the bakery.

THE WONDERFUL MIRROR

MANY, many years ago there dwelt with her father and mother in a little village of Japan a tiny maiden. Like a sweet rosebud was she.

After a time the father was called away to visit the king. Since he was the first man of the village to be summoned this was a great honor. But the little daughter, who had never been separated from her father before, became lonely and fearful lest something happen him.

Soon, however, the father returned, bringing with him many handsome presents. Handing a mirror to his wife, he said, "Here is something I believe has never been seen in this village. Look upon it and tell me what you see."

So the wife gazed delightedly upon the beautifully chased silver of the frame, and then into the mirror itself.

"OH!" she exclaimed, "I see the face of a beautiful woman, smiling ever so happily at me."

The husband laughingly explained: "The beautiful woman is yourself. A mirror simply reflects whatever is placed before it. You shall not go for a week, for the wife did not wish to grow vain, she hid the mirror away. Years passed.

The little girl was now a young woman, and so like her mother in appearance that one could hardly tell them apart. But the mother felt that she must soon die. Calling her daughter, she gave to her the precious mirror, with the words: "My daughter, I fear I must leave you. But whenever you grow lonely, look into this mirror, and you will see my face. May it be a comfort to you!"

And after the mother died, every day the maiden looked into the mirror. And when she smiled, the face in the mirror smiled back at her; and when she sorrowed, the face in the mirror was sympathetic, too.

So, with the face of her mother always before her, the maiden grew a beautiful in character as she was lovely of feature, till a prince, seeing her, was charmed with her goodness and beauty.

The prince and the Japanese maiden married. Nor was it until the young wife was taken to the magnificent home of the prince that she learned the exact truth about the mirror, and that for years she had been looking steadfastly at her own face.

But it was such a beautiful little deceit that you may be sure she straightway forgave her mother.

Floating Villages.

Not every one knows that in the interior of Africa several floating villages have been constructed on the waters of a lake. They were discovered in 1883 by Stanley.

Sympathized With the Lions.

Mamma (to well-fed-looking little boy looking at picture of Daniel in the lion's den)—Don't you feel sorry for Daniel, dear?

Well-Fed-Looking Little Boy—No; I'm sorer for the lions, who now have to go without their supper.

A man's love for his wife doesn't necessarily include her chin music.

"OUR MOTHER": A Waitime Story

I AM GOING to tell you a true story today about a noble woman, whom all the soldiers called "Our Mother," when the cruel Civil War took away so many brothers and fathers. She was nurse and mother to thou-

sands worse than that, if you don't stop stealing."

On one occasion she was busy making soup, when an officer approached and demanded, "Under whose authority are you working?"

"Who is it that accuses you?" questioned the general.

"Why, that old woman, Mother Bickerdyke," was the reply.

"Well, I can't help you," shortly responded Sherman; "she has more influence than I."

Another time, when Mother Bickerdyke could get hardly enough to eat, and was compelled to use almost anything for food, she was heard to remark, "Boys, if ever I reach home, I shall publish a 'starvation cookbook,' containing recipes for delicious dishes that can be made from nothing."



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She was especially tender to the wounded soldiers just brought in from the battlefield. At the battle of Donelson the cry of "Mother! Mother!" rang out from the wounded everywhere. And, even although she disliked the Confederates, she couldn't see them suffer; so that she became a mother to the "boys in gray" as well as to the "boys in blue." It was at the battle of Lookout Mountain, of which you boys and girls have doubtless read, that the soldiers grew so enthusiastic over her heroic work that they hurrahed for her again and again, until she was obliged to smileingly command them to "stop your nonsense!"

In November, 1862, Mother Bickerdyke was compelled to return from the field and take a much needed rest. While in Chicago she attended a wedding. After congratulating the bridegroom, she observed that the young man was wounded, and remarked, "I shall take care of you if you are again wounded in the army."

"Why, Mother Bickerdyke," replied the young man, "you have already taken care of me, and I'm in the leg, but you fought so hard to save it that here I am, alive and well about this angel of mercy. But I think you can easily see from this that I have to soldier boys. There is probably many a man here who has missed the name of Mother Bickerdyke."

You see her in the picture, holding water to some poor soldier's lips. Doesn't she look sweet and noble? No wonder the "boys" all love her.

E. K. O.

A NOTE.

Agent—I have here an automatic attachment for pianos that I'd like to show you.

Shortleigh—No go! Our piano has a mortgage attachment on it that will hold it for a while.

NOW, GIRLS!

No woman feels that she has lived in vain so long as she can make some other woman jealous.

Things that are better left unsaid are sure to be heard.

Schools that are Like Theatres

NOWHERE else in the world, perhaps, is the imagination of the young so carefully fostered and cultivated as in the public schools of Switzerland.

Ordinarily, geography and history are mere subjects with the youthful mind; it is a sad grind to store away the needless information that will prove of use in the coming years.

Swiss teachers seek to entertain as well as instruct. Here is the interesting story told by a recent visitor to one of the excellent schools of Basle, in that land of mountains and valleys.



ENTERING the common school of Basle—the visitor is talking now—one finds in the beautiful hall a group of stately representing Pestalozzi—the patron saint of Swiss schools—with two children at his knees.

On the wall, in a prominent place, there is a painting or drawing of the same teacher probably, receiving little ones into his humble school and gazing at them with eyes of divine compassion. You will find as you go through the school that everything is planned to appeal to the eye and thus reach the brain of the pupil.

In the Basle schools the city authorities are one with the educational administrators in striving to make the schools a success. The latter are fitted up with splendid shower baths, which secure not only cleanliness, but perfect privacy for every girl. Basle has built no school for ten years that is not fitted with baths, and school bathing is general, thanks partly to the extreme gentleness and tenderness even with which the susceptibilities of parents and children are treated.

The drill hall is carpeted with English linoleum, and in the cooking room four or five different ranges, dressers, etc., are supplied for groups of four and five. The beauty of the pictures on the walls of the hall is remarkable, and the children often make them the subject of compositions.

Suppose, now, that a class in geography is being instructed. The pupils go to the second floor of the building, where there is a room like a theater. Twice or more a week one will find there a crowd of bright-eyed, eager children seated on benches, sloping from floor half way up the wall, and all waiting, waiting expectantly.

For this room is a real place of enchantment—the open

door of the world. A teacher mounts the platform, and a monitor pulls a string, a black curtain falls, and the room is dark.

Then, by the aid of a small electric-lantern, the city, bay, plain, river or mountain range we have to learn about in the geography lesson is thrown on the screen. The children see the Holy Land pictures, they see old Berlin, and old Basle. They look not at a mere name in the geography book, but at the swift river, the yellow sands, the beautiful mountains that bear the strange names.

Not geography alone, but history, is taught in this way, and the children look at the men in armor who fought the great battles, and gaze on Barbarossa's Tower and the places memorable for ever. They see the faces

of Shakespeare and of Schiller, as well as those of the great Swiss poets, and are familiar with the traits of some English members of Parliament.

Even the cookery class girls come to see pictures of foodstuffs thrown on the screen; and all, from the smallest to the oldest, love the pictures. There is only one form of punishment in the school, and that is employed rarely. A teacher does sometimes say, however, to a naughty child, "You shall not go for a week, for a month, to the picture room." It is a severe punishment.

Most remarkable of all, however, is an illustration of the effect of free eye-training in the development of mental powers is the free modeling done by once dull, or even feeble-minded, boys and girls in the highest standard of the Hallsklassen, of which Dr. Otto Mayer, of Mannheim, is the head master.

At least once, but usually twice, every week, each class goes out with its master into the country, and when they return the children of even the second class (many of whom cannot even attempt to write or give in words an account of anything), are encouraged to take their boxes of colored clay and make pictures with it. And they do make pictures.

One little boy of 8, who was believed on his entrance to be practically imbecile, and who repeated the last words of every sentence addressed to him, suddenly burst for the first time into independent utterance in his new desire to make a clay motor!

Some of these pupils begin to tell stories in words at last, speaking slowly, as if finding their way through a storm. In the children of the Basle Volksschule the inner eye has not to be opened, but is wide awake already. But the teachers say, quite truly, "The eye is the organ of the imagination, and to cultivate imagination is a much greater thing than merely to teach a subject."

Even as long ago as 1886 Basle had her school doctor. Even in 1886—twenty-one years ago!—he brought out a little brochure explaining why the voice should be taken special care of in school, and why all straining of the voice in singing and speech must be avoided.

The town, meanwhile, has spent \$200,000 in the building of one school, and is projecting another, whose equipment will be finer and the cost still greater than that of any yet built. No social distinction is regarded in education. The children of rich and poor use and have all the advantages of schools in common. Basle weighs carefully every new proposal for the improved hygiene of school life put forward by Germany, and is yet maintaining perfect independence of thought and criticism.

Dropping a Hint.

A RECENT graduate from Harvard was given a confidential clerkship in the office of the president of a huge railway system. The young aspirant was not told at what hour he should report; so the first morning he appeared in the office of his chief at 9 o'clock. He found the president hard at work. Nothing was said of the clerk's tardiness. On the second attempt, the clerk presented himself at 8.30, only to find that the president was there ahead of him, working hard. The third day the young man went at 8 o'clock, with the same result. That night as he went home the clerk took counsel with himself, and determined to be ahead of the boss the next morning. Accordingly he arrived at the office at 7.30 the fourth day; but there was the chief working away as if he had not left the office at all. As the clerk entered, the president looked at him with a quizzical air. "Young man," said he, "what use do you make of your forenoon?"

Meant to Go Skating.

Billie—What did your pa whip you for, Billie?

Billie—S'pose it was 'cause I went swimmin'.

Billie—Swimming? And in such cold weather?

Billie—Well, I went skatin' first, but I wound up a-swimmin'.

Should be Stopped.

Two lads were talking together, and the question of Rockefeller's wealth came up. One of them said, to show the enormous income of the man:

"Do you know, whenever that clock, pointing to a grandfather's clock in the room) goes tick, Rockefeller makes a thousand dollars!"

"Is that so?"

"Yes, that's a fact."

"Then stop the clock."

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the Sabbath this year. We can
do honor to the same--according
to the desire of His Majesty--on
the following Monday. Let's
have some sports at the Athletic
Grounds and some kind of an en-
tertainment in the evening.
Wouldn't it be a good night for
the Board of Trade to give another
Grand Ball or Concert to raise
funds for the Cardston Exhibit at
the Dominion Fair. Think it over!
The time is short yet long
enough if judiciously and exped-
itiously utilized to arrange for a
splendid program for the after-
noon and evening.

Its about time we were making
some preparations for our Dom-
inion Day Sports and Celebration.
It does not take the weeks long
to pass or the months to roll
round. The first thing we know
Dominion Day will be right here.
Let us be ready for it and thus
keep up the good record for Card-
ston has never missed celebrating
Dominion Day since 1887.
Floods, storms and other adver-
sities have never quenched the
patriotic public demonstration on
this Natal Day of our Nation's
Confederation. Its too late to
quit now. Let us get together
and start the various committees
at work.

We want it distinctly under-
stood that this paper is no calam-
ity howler. We believe in fight-
ing for the right rather than rail-
ing at the ill. "The right" in our
special calling is "Cardston" and
we have a right to fight for her
interest both long and loud. Say
what you will, the conditions in
Cardston are such that we can
say to the prospective settler
"Come in and cast your lot with
us and help us make a beautiful
city where natural resources are
prolific and a generous-hearted
people dwell."

Every effort should be made to
have the Cardston Exhibit at the
Dominion Fair the best that the
country can produce. In order
to accomplish this every man must
be willing to do his share when
called upon by the Committee
having the same in charge. It
should be the work of the people
and not of the Committee for in
order that it might be what it
ought to be, everybody must take
part and do something.

This is splendid weather but
there will be no kick made if we
have a little more rain. Did you
ever see warmer, nicer summer
weather that we have been hav-
ing for the last week. Some
people are surprised to wake up
and find they are in Southern
Alberta and apt to exclaim, "My
goodness me I thought I was in
California." These are the old
days come again once more.

Yesterday was Arbor Day--
the day specially set apart for
the planting of trees and other-
wise beautifying home and prem-
ises. The Council did the right
and proper thing in asking the
people to clean up for if there is
one thing more than any other
that speaks well for the general
standing of a town it is clean-
liness. We are pleased to note
the hearty response that met the
Mayor's proclamation in this
matter.

"In case of doubt take the safe
side," said the Old Quaker to his
son. That advice is still pretty
good. As long as there is doubt
let the other fellow have the best
of it. Don't go round howling
your heads off about something
of which you have no proof other
than "they said so." "They said
so" will get you into more trou-
ble than a little.

If it must be quarantine then
let it be quarantine then let it be
quarantine hard and fast and in
strict keeping with the letter of
the law. Put on the clamps and
let her squeeze. The Council has
issued the mandate and the ukase
has gone forth, now see to it that
it is strictly and vigorously obey-
ed. It is the only way to forestall
the spread of disease.

Did you get in on the City
"Rake off" yesterday? Now
don't say that the Mayor has
any clique for everybody was
given a "rake off." You must
also admit that it is "clean gov-
ernment." We regret that we
have not a "Half Tone" of our
worthy Town Solicitor with a
great big rake off. If you didn't
get it on this rake off its no fault
of the Mayor.

THE TREELESS PRAIRIE

(continued from page 1)

There is no other, probably there
was no other place in the creek
where roots could pierce, to the
soil below and the rest of the sur-
face of the great slab is quite bare
but right here in the middle, fac-
ing the southwest, the direction of
the so-called tree-killing chinook
winds come from, was this tree
growing. It must have been quite
a striking object standing there
alone with its spreading branches
till that settler, with no eye for
the beautiful or the wonderful, or
the lessons it could teach, came
along, greedy after timber, and
cut it down. If the chinooks are
the tree destroyers they are sup-
posed to be, they surely had here
an excellent opportunity to do
their deadly work. But no, the
tree lived on for many years, sim-
ply because grass will not grow
upon stone and there was no
grass to carry the forest fires over
to it and so it escaped destruction.

There are plenty of other proofs.
A stranger coming north to Cal-
gary on the Calgary and Edmon-
ton line from the real bare prairie
is agreeably surprised to find that
on the hill sides and even in some
places, from the old oak trees
and birches, quite a number of
groves and clumps of native trees
of anywhere from 6 to 20 feet high.
They are pleasant to look upon
and the stranger wonders why they
are there. The reason is not far to
seek. Look at the map of Alberta
and at this part of it, and you will
see a great number of little creeks
marked upon it. The map does
not record them, but creeks usually
mean coulees in the west country,
and coulees mean snow drifts and
snow drifts mean "bus far and no
further." Then later on the prairie
fires come sweeping along burning
everything before them. Hence
the trees in that part of the coun-
try. They have been protected in
this way on the east, south and
west, and the great Bow River has
rolled between them and the open
prairie to the north and they have
escaped the fires. North of the
Bow you have to go nearly 60
miles before striking the tall tim-
ber and half that distance ere you find
willow scrub or small bush poplar
brush.

Another striking proof are those
two small clumps of poplars about
twenty odd miles east of High
River. Towering up on the prairie
they can be seen for miles and the
reason is not far to seek, for there
are sloughs and little cut-banks
and coulees all around them, which
held the snow-drifts and kept back
the fires. And the same can be
seen all over the West. Wherever
the fires have kept out, the forest
is slowly but surely working its
way back on the prairie, and in
time there is every reason to be-
lieve that the prairie would become
completely forest covered.

The dry climate and the drying
action of the chinook winds are
doubtless a serious drawback, but
they are not everything and in

time nature would find its own
way to overcome them. Even the
very fertility of the prairie soil is
against natural tree growth for the
delicate seedlings are easily chok-
ed out by the long grass and it is
usually where there is a bare spot
the result of the valloving of some
old buffalo years ago, or of some
busy badger hunting for gophers
and turning up the soil as he digs
down after them, that the tree
seedlings have been able to get a
start, as may be easily seen at sev-
eral places in the Porcupine hills
and elsewhere.

There is at least one cotton-
wood about sixteen feet high, near-
ly half way between Glendon and
Medicine Hat on the north side of
the north side of the main line of
the C.P.R., and there will soon be
thousands like it.

To the settler on the prairie
these things are of great moment
and to the man who is building a
home for himself and his children
they are very encouraging for he
knows that, given the conditions
necessary for tree growth, thorough
preparation of the soil, and a little
attention afterwards, it is possible
to grow as many trees as he wants
on the "bald-headed prairie" and
that the causes detrimental to tree
growth are none but what may be
easily overcome. Planting mat-
erial can be easily obtained, for if it
is not to be had in natural bluffs
in the vicinity, it may be got by
application to the Forestry branch
of the Department of Interior at
Ottawa. Eighty five per cent. of
the trees planted under the auspi-
ces of the department are growing,
surely proof enough that planting
can be done successfully, and this
added to nature's own incontrovert-
ible testimony as we have seen, is
answer enough to the question,
"Why are the prairies treeless?"
Nature is doing her share, to prove
that they need not fear, it only re-
mains for man to follow rightly
and assist her, wherever he feels it
necessary, to grow a belt of trees.
They will grow as they get a
chance.

Arch. Mitchell,
Indian Head.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that all horses and cattle
found running at large on the
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By order of the Town Council,
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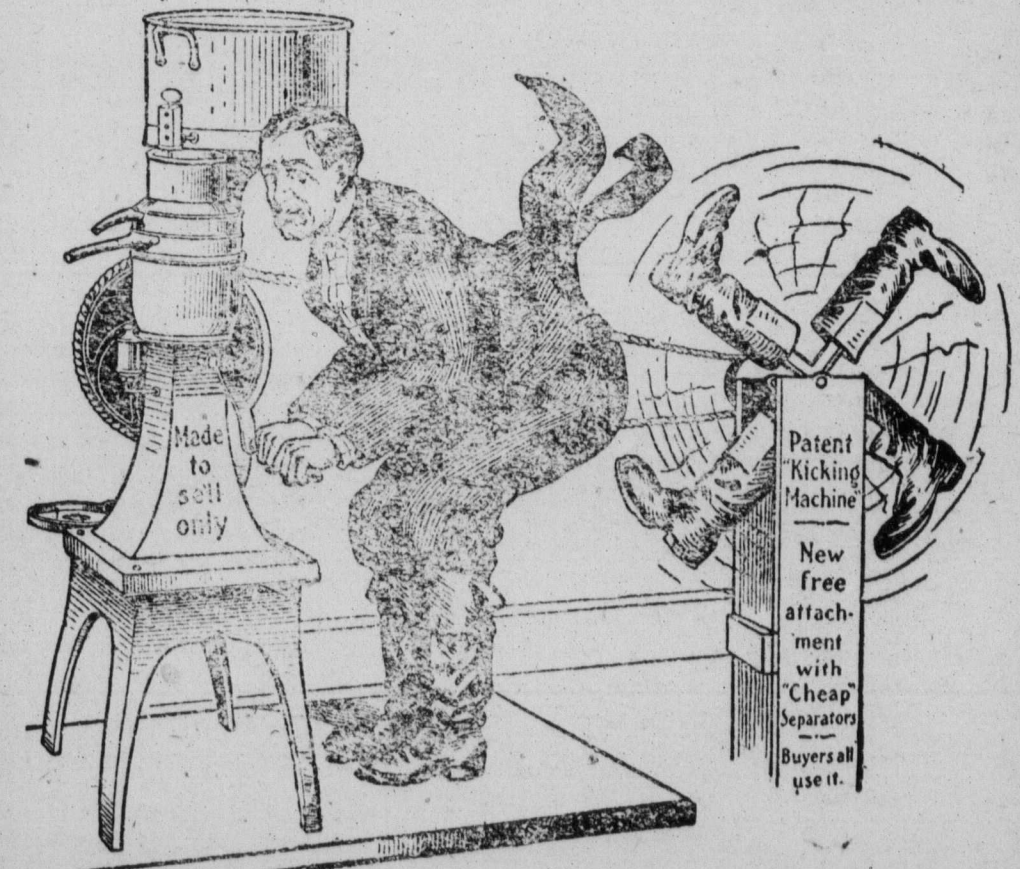
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next fall.

ROBT. IBEY

Agent.

Local and General.

The rain yesterday spoiled a few proposed picnics as well as a tennis tournament.

Mr. A. Cazier was a passenger on Tuesday's train bound for his railroad camp at Maple Creek.

We are pleased to note the re-appearance of Mr. Wm. Burton after being indisposed for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Wm. M. Wolsey, Government Bridge Builder, is now at work putting in some new bridges on a new road from Magrath west to the St. Mary's River.

Probably the largest car of live pork to leave the Cardston Station went out on Tuesday, being consigned by the City Meat Market to Lethbridge.

Farmer Spencer returned from his h. mstead on Thursday. He is looking hale and hearty with a liberal growth of dark brown thread on his upper lip.

The School Children were given some practical instructions in the noble art of cleaning up on Arbor Day—that is—cleaning up the school grounds and premises.

Lost—At the Bishop Hammer's Reception on the way to the Hall, lace handkerchief with the owners name embroidered in one corner. Finder please return to Star Office.

Dr. Weeks left on Tuesday for an extended tour throughout various parts of the United States. He will preach "Canada and Cardston" wherever he goes and we may look for an increase in population as the results of the same.

SETTING EGGS FOR SALE. Thorough-bred White Wyandotte Eggs for hatching. \$2.00 per setting of 13. These eggs are from prize winning birds and thoroughly acclimated. S. J. McDiarmid, Box 376, Lethbridge.

The Alberta Star, the Magrath Pioneer and the Raymond Rustler will hereafter go under the name of the Elton Press and Publishing Company of Southern Alberta, retaining their local names but published under the above firm.

Mrs. Little of Taylorville came in on Monday, bringing with her her little boy who underwent an operation on Wednesday. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott during her stay in town. The little fellow is improving nicely.

Mr. Walter Pitcher went into Lethbridge on Tuesday with both hands bound up in cotton batting. He was engaged in applying some Caustic Balsam to a horse when he poisoned both hands. The poison has also affected a part of his face. He was accompanied by his brother Arthur.

Bullets seem to be flying at random. The other day one crashed through the window of Mrs. M. L. Stoddard. Parents should be careful in allowing children to carry around these small 22 Rifles—but the facts in this case as stated above would lead us to believe that "children" are not the only ones to be warned in this matter.

Mrs. L. H. Baker of Sterling, who has been confined in the in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wolsey undergoing treatment by Drs. Brant and Weeks, left on Tuesday for her home, accompanied by her husband and daughter. She seems to be somewhat improved in health notwithstanding the fact that she is still very low.

The Attorney General of the Province of Alberta has given his opinion that unless Ice Cream Soda water and other Liquid Refreshments served on the Sabbath Day "are furnished as parts of meals by a person whose business it is to serve meals to the public, an offence against the Lord's Day Act is committed." The matter has been taken up in some of our sister towns and the liberal dispensing of soda water and ice cream upon the Lord's Day has been prohibited.

A fishing party was made up on Friday last and left for the Kootenai Lakes. The party comprised Messrs Bates, Ivey, Carincross, Heppler and Paul Eckstorm Chicago. They returned on Monday after having a most delightful and enjoyable trip. Mr. Eckstorm was pleased to take with him to Lethbridge on Tuesday a large trout, weighing nearly 20 pounds, which they had caught at the Lakes. The guests of the Hotel Dallas no doubt enjoyed this "finny fellow" on Wednesday last.

Return "Hip O" Johnson

Judge Hunt at Helena, Mont. has decided to return "Hip O" Johnson to the Canadian authorities. The charge against him is cattle stealing. He broke jail in Macleod about 4 years ago and for many weeks the Police scoured this part of the district looking for him. The place which knew him once shall receive him again.

Turn Niggers Back.

Immigration Agent, A. E. Humphries refused admission to 20 negroes at Coutts on Thursday. It is alleged that they had come with Cory Brothers grading outfit and were going to work on the Canadian Pacific Irrigation scheme at Calgary. Cory however denied that he had hired them.

Missionary Appointments

May 10th
TAYLORVILLE
 12 a. m.
 James May David Steed
KIMBALL
 1 p. m.
 Sam'l Jeppson Wm. Tolman
ETNA
 2 p. m.
 Thos. R. Leavitt W. Blackmore
WOOLFORD
 12-30
 H. D. Folsom Ben. Layton
SPRING COULEE
 12-30
 Thos. F. Earl Wm. W. Pratt
CARDSTON
 2 p. m.
 J. Fred Nielson Percy Wynder
LEAVITT
 12-30
 F. W. Atkins Wm. Burt
BEAZER
 12-30
 A. C. Jensen Fred Quinton
MT. VIEW
 12-30
 Frank Brown James Layton
CALDWELL
 2 p. m.
 Jno. Sloan F. C. Rowberry

SYNOPSIS OF Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre, not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory, the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
 Deputy Minister of the Interior.

David H. Elton,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
 PROCESS ISSUER at Cardston
 COMMISSIONER, Etc.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Best class standing for April in the Cardston school.

Room I Class 1 Lucile Woolf
 " " 2 Eva Clear
 " " 3 Vivian Marsden
 Room II " 1 Elmer Marsden
 " " 2 Isabel Brant
 Room IV " 1 Antris Gedleman
 " " 2 Leo Nielsen
 " " 3 Cora Bessette
 Room V " 1 Irene Kearn
 " " 2 Pearl Stott
 " " 3 Mabel Stoddard
 Room VI " 1 Soph. Bonnell
 " " 2 Nowel Brown
 Room VII Sarah Spence
 Room VIII Osborn Wight

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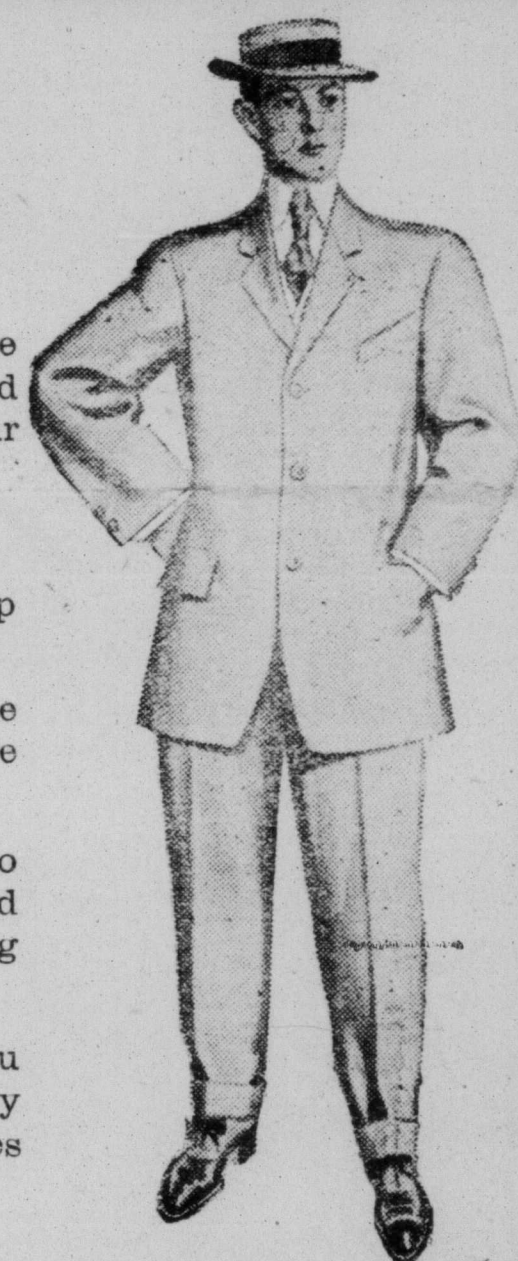
Don't buy trash.

It's easy to make cheap Spring Clothes.

Some people make them so cheap that they're dear at any price.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

One of the many problems of the human body in which vast numbers of persons take a keen, practical interest, and yet upon which science has been able to throw little light, is that concerning the color of the hair.

The other day a British physician reported a case that had come under his treatment in which the use of hypnotism was curiously connected with a change in the color of the hair.

Theories as to the cause of the color of the hair turn mainly on its chemical constituents, and among these iron has special attention. Dark hair seems to contain more iron than blonde and red hair has about as much iron as dark hair; but the negroes with their dark hair have no iron at all in the pigment; so the theorists are not guessing again, with sulphur and silica and other constituents prominent in their theories.

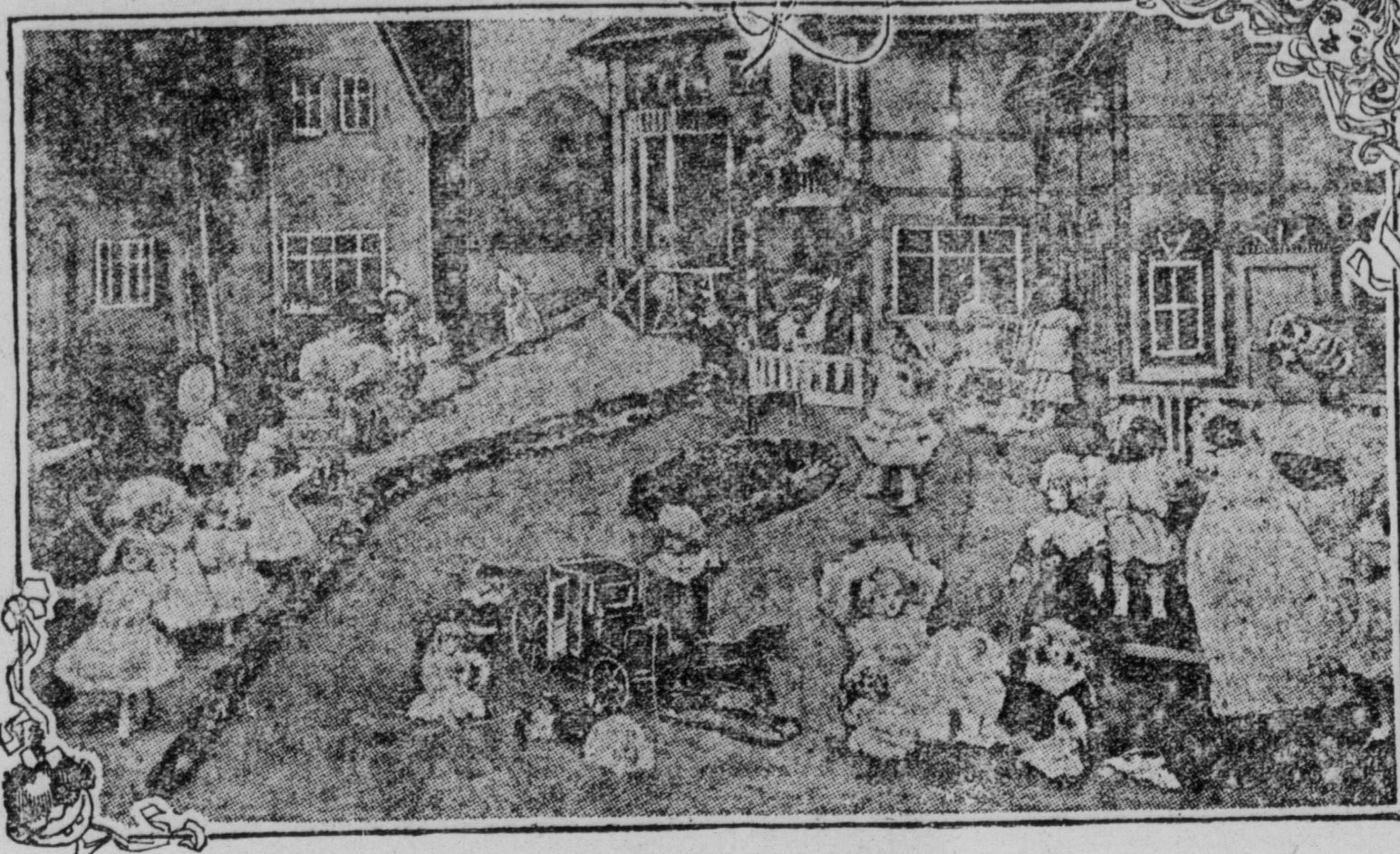
Two English novelists, Richard Whiteing and H. G. Wells, have been expressing bold, heterodox views on reading, and a lively controversy has been stirred up by their curious advice to the average lover of letters.

But here he fell into several fallacies, and there was still greater logical lapse in the conclusion that, because the modern novel was apt to deal with modern problems and conditions, with modern types and characters, it was distinctly advisable to confine one's reading to journalism and modern fiction.

This is astonishing superficial and unsound. In the first place, it is sheer question begging to say that every classic is a fossil, because, forsooth, it does not deal with the concrete problems that engage our thoughts today.

In the second place, it is true that the average reader is not interested in the past, in the development of our institutions and morals and manners? Is it true that the novels of Scott, George Elton, Dickens and Thackeray are "dead"? Must we forego the delight of great art because it fails to touch the minimum wage, the suffragette agitation, old-age pensions, child labor

DOLLVILLE'S CELEBRATION



"NOTHING LESS THAN A TOY VILLAGE—A REAL DOLLVILLE"

LITTLE GIRL was thinking. You could tell that by the tiny puckers in her brow. Little Boy wasn't thinking. Indeed, it was very seldom that one found Little Boy thinking; he preferred DOING. You could tell that by the whole-hearted zeal with which he now blew upon his tin trumpet.

and other burning questions? Do we not read books for their beauty, their literary power, their deeper significance? The advice to read nothing but classics is erroneous, for interest in the literature, music, drama and art of our own time is entirely legitimate.

Wireless electricity is French electricity and was born in the city of Lyons. It is electrical power transmitted without wires. It may be called an extension of the wireless use of electricity. It is still kept a secret and it seems that only one person in Lyons possesses a knowledge of all the facts on the subject.

BRIGHTENING MONKEY LIVES.

Expensive Apes Provided With a Small Boy as Playmate to Keep Them Well. The Zoological Gardens at Copenhagen have recently acquired two expensive apes, and to keep them in good spirits a small boy has been placed in the cage, whose sole duty is to play with the apes and keep them amused.

It is curious, he says, "how the mood of a chimpanzee influences his health. Keep him cheerful and interested and his innate disposition to die of consumption may be checked. Let him get fered and he will turn his thoughts to the tomb."

girl who now furnished her with a suggestion, and a brilliant one at that. That evening, Mr. Dollville was summoned to a meeting of importance. Here it was at last decided to show common mortals how much less they knew about games and plays than did the dolls themselves. Yes, the playthings would teach Little Girl and Little Boy really how to play.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. Remained Two Hours in a Decomposing Mass of Whale's Blubber. A remarkable story comes from Australia. There is a place in that country called Twofold Bay, which is a whaling station and also a seaside resort.

How boyishly human! What parent when toothed or some other rube has suddenly attacked the juvenile offspring with a pain so excruciating as to render all ideas of devotional or educational duties for the moment impossible? And how many indulgent mothers have found an ache of this description cease as suddenly as it began when the church or school bell has stopped ringing.

FRANCE TO REMOVE CONVICTS.

Those in New Caledonia Will be Sent to Islands in Pacific. Information has reached Sydney, Australia, from Noumea that the French Government has at last decided to begin the work of repatriating certain classes of convicts in New Caledonia. This news has given great satisfaction to all Australians.

Women who are sent to the islands in the Pacific for petty crimes are to be permitted to return to their homes, and eventually further repatriation is to proceed. It has always been a sore point with Australians that their competitors in the colonization of the French and British groups of Pacific islands should perpetuate that "birth stain" which they have long ago relegated to school histories and stories of the "bad old convict days."

round-eyed and wondering before the astonishing sight. For built upon the floor was nothing less than a magnificent toy village—a real Dollville! And handsome dollies were walking about, and other men dolls were riding around on horseback, and some there were a-motoring; baby dolls were being wheeled about by their nurses; in tiny shops one could see tiny workmen making toys that were finer, still—oh, it was all too wonderful for anything!

A SWIMMING CONTEST.

The benevolent old gentleman, who was greatly interested in boys and their sports, offered a prize to the boy who could capture a duck let loose in the swimming-pond. As Joe Grant was the best swimmer, all naturally supposed he would carry off the prize without difficulty.

QUEEN A LOVER OF CATS.

The love of English women of rank for cats is the subject of wondering recognition in an article in a German newspaper. It is recorded as especially wonderful that Queen Alexandra is a leader in the fad. According to the writer she is the owner of fifty cats and has a special corps of servants to keep them in order.

LEAP YEAR.

The girl proposed. Her luck was sad. The chap referred. Her to his dad.

MYSTERY OF JUDITH LEE

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT.

Judith was shipwrecked and cast up on the coast when a baby, and was adopted by Tommy Lee's father. Tommy and Judith grew up together as brother and sister, in their college there are three Tommy's, a scientist and inventor. The two through accident had invented, and had a little cabin built amid the branches of a tree above them, when a girl of about four or five years appears in the door of the cabin and lovers herself by means of a rope. She confronts the two strangers.

TOMMY was the first to speak. "If your pardon," said he, very politely, "can you tell me the name of this island?" "It has no name that I know of," replied the girl. Her voice, though sweet, was strangely drawing, and she spoke with an effort, as though unused to conversation.

Without more ado, Marjory led the way toward the shore. Shortly they arrived at a little cove, well protected from the waters outside. Here they found, moored to a roughly constructed boat landing, the strangest little craft Tommy and Judith had ever seen. It resembled a torpedo boat, with a little turret on the uppermost side.



"JUDITH AND TOMMY ENTERED"

Marjory deftly drew the boat close to the landing and touched a little button at the side of the turret; whereupon a lid flew up, disclosing the interior of the tiny vessel. Tommy and Judith entered, upon invitation, and found themselves in a snug little compartment, at the end of which was what looked like an electric switch-board.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Remained Two Hours in a Decomposing Mass of Whale's Blubber. A remarkable story comes from Australia. There is a place in that country called Twofold Bay, which is a whaling station and also a seaside resort. A man who had dined not wisely but too well, and had partaken of the cup which cheers and inebriates, was walking with a couple of friends on the shore. This man was staying at an hotel at Eden, a town on Twofold Bay, in order to take their cure for severe rheumatism.

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platform. Sliding back a glass partition in the bottom of their boat, Marjory pushed a button on the surface of the platform. All at once a metal sheet flashed across the top of the "chimney," thus preventing more water from entering, while a pipe at the bottom carried away what water remained in the compartment. In the space of a few minutes they were able to come forth from their boat.

"This is what we call our landing stage," explained Marjory, as they stepped out upon the platform. "When we go out we simply enter the boat here, press another button, and the water pours in and fills the compartment again. Quite handy, isn't it?" Tommy and Judith thought that it was.



"JUDITH AND TOMMY ENTERED"

Opening a door at one end of the landing stage, Marjory ushered her guests into a long corridor, on either side of which were magnificently furnished rooms. In one of these fitted out as a study—they found Marjory's father, a gentleman of very learned appearance.



"USHERED INTO THE PRESENCE OF PROFESSOR LIVINGSTON"

bottom of the craft was entirely of glass, the two had ample opportunity to examine the animal and vegetable life so beautiful and abundant in these tropical seas. Suddenly they turned and entered a cleft between two great walls of rock, which lay at the entrance to an inland basin of considerable size.

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FOUND IT SO.

Biggs—"How quiet and homelike is this place—so still, nobody speaking a word!" Jiggs—"Single man, ain't you?" HIS SHARE. "The world owes me a living." The lazy person said; "The cynic cried, 'You have it, That's why you aren't dead.'"

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

"You had the nerve to marry me for my money, sir." "Well, madam, you certainly have not the face to suggest that I married you for your beauty!"

DON'T SUFFER ALL WINTER

Read This Evidence and Begin Today to Cure Yourself With Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Sciatica is neuralgia of the sciatic nerve. Its origin is generally rheumatism and is the direct result of taking cold. For this reason the disease is commonly known as "sciatic rheumatism."

There is only one thing more painful than sciatica and that is the treatment of it, as practiced. The stoking burning of the flesh is only one of the forms of cruelty employed by the old school doctors, and is followed by an entirely vain for the relief gained is but temporary.

It is a scientific fact that the majority of sciatica cases result from exposure to cold when the patient is in an anaemic or bloodless condition, in which the nerve is literally starved. It needs no argument to show any reasonable person that a starved nerve cannot be fed by the application of a hot iron to the outer flesh. It may deaden the sciatic pain for a time, but it will not cure sciatica.

Absolute rest is the best aid to proper medical treatment. Rest and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which actually make the blood and thus feed the starved nerve, will cure most cases.

Mr. H. W. Awall is one of the leading merchants of Hemford, N. S. A few years ago he was a great sufferer from this excruciating trouble. He says: "The attack was so severe that I had been off work for some time. The cords of my legs were all drawn up and I could only limp along with the aid of a stick. The pain I suffered was terrible. I was in misery both day and night. Every movement caused me such pain as only those who have been tortured with sciatica know. I was treated by several doctors, but they did not help me a bit. In fact I almost began to think my condition was hopeless, when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were brought to my notice. I got a half dozen boxes. I had suffered the entire quantity before I found any benefit. But I was encouraged and got a second half dozen boxes, and before these were all gone every vestige of the trouble had disappeared. Not only this, but I was improved in health in every way, as it will be readily understood, that the long sleep of pain I had suffered had left my body run down. I can't speak too highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I can't recommend them too strongly to other sufferers."

Sciatica is stubborn in resisting treatment and the patient often suffers for years. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do simply relieve the pain. They cure the disease caused by poor watery blood. They actually make new blood and have therefore a direct and powerful curative effect on such diseases as rheumatism, anaemia, general debility and other effects of the grip. As the nerves depend upon the blood for nourishment, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are unequalled for the treatment of even the most severe nervous disorders, such as neuralgia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus dance and locomotor ataxia. As a tonic for the blood and nerves they are used everywhere with the greatest success. Building up wasted bodies and bringing the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

KING EDWARD'S BIG GEM.

Preparations at Amsterdam for Cutting the Diamond.

The Cullinan diamond, presented to King Edward by the loyal Transvaalers in recognition of the liberal constitution granted them, will be taken to Amsterdam, Holland by Scotland Yard detectives on the first of March to be cut at the leading diamond cutting establishment there.

Special machinery for the unprecedented task is now being rushed to completion, while the men engaged for the work are undergoing special training.

The Dutch Government has agreed to allow Scotland Yard detectives to watch the buildings and employees during the process of the work in conjunction with Amsterdam police officers. The Cullinan gem will be cut in a separate room, entrance to which is denied to all except the men actually engaged in the work and the chiefs of London and Amsterdam detectives. The room is now being turned into a bomb and fire-proof vault; special ventilators will be put in, but windows will be made stationary, and in addition barred outside by steel netting.

A member of the diamond-cutting firm says the Cullinan resembles an irregular, dry piece of "Arabian gum" of the size of two clenched fists. It is expected that the work of cutting will occupy two years.

First Tramp—"After all, it pays to be polite, pardner." Second Tramp—"Not at all. The other day I was acting deaf and dumb when a man gave me ten cents. I says, 'Thank you, sir,' and he had me arrested."

Black Watch

Chewing Tobacco

The big black plug.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

A golden eagle and a young peregrine falcon have recently been presented to the Dublin zoological gardens. The Irish police believe that the missing regalia of the Order of St. Patrick is still hidden somewhere in the island. Steps are being taken to improve the Belfast schools. For this purpose the council is now endeavoring to raise \$242,000.

At Cretyard, Carlow, recently there died on the same day two twins, named Mulhall. Their remains were interred in a single grave.

The Irish Nationalists are uneasy over the rumor that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is to retire and be succeeded by Mr. Herbert Asquith.

Jealous of Glasgow claiming that Lord Kelvin was a Scotsman, Belfast, its native city, is already taking steps to erect a Kelvin memorial there.

Lord Sha.lesbury, the late Lord Mayor of Belfast, was recently presented with the freedom of the city by the council of the corporation.

The Alexandra graving dock at Belfast, which has been closed to traffic for more than two years, is now ready to receive vessels of the largest class. The Dublin Exposition closed with heavy losses to the promoters. The deficit already exceeds \$100,000. The full loss will fall upon the guarantors. As a result of the American financial stringency, the Belfast linen merchants are experiencing hard times. Already the failure of one big firm is rumored.

The Belfast council will shortly introduce a bill into Parliament for the purchase of the Cornhill and White-well tramway system. The price to be paid is \$200,000.

Because he issued base florins Henry Hoiland was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment at the Dublin quarter sessions. The coins were made of Britannia metal.

A man named Igor was committed at the Longford Assizes, charged with having almost beaten one Thompson to death with a pair of tongs. Igor had previously attained notoriety as a cattle driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young, of Ballymather, aged respectively 85 and 75, died recently within six hours of each other. They had lived without a single parting of more than a few hours for fifty years.

At the Dublin quarter sessions Jos. Golden, an inmate of the South Dublin Workhouse, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment on a charge of having, while drunk, slashed another inmate with a razor.

Because her husband died from a heat stroke while working his way home from America as a sloaker, Catherine Williamson, of Belfast, was allowed £32 compensation, under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The tenants of Sir N. P. O'Connor, British Ambassador to Constantinople, have at last come to terms with their landlord over the purchase of their holdings. A satisfactory agreement was signed last week.

In Belfast City Hall last week the Lord Mayor presented Constable Jas. Fadden with a medal awarded by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. The constable rescued four people, three of them over 70 years of age, from a burning house.

A shooting accident is reported from Traugh, County Antrim, resulting in the death of a man named Andrew Robinson. He was in the company of a gamekeeper named Gault, whose gun accidentally went off, the charge penetrating the unfortunate man's lungs.

The Kingston Irish Council has entered a protest against the present mode of assessing income taxes as being "both vexatious to the taxpayer and injurious to business in general, but exposing the private balance sheets of individuals and concerns hitherto strictly private."

BABY'S OWN TABLETS

A LITTLE LIFE SAVER.

Baby's Own Tablets have saved many a precious little life. There is no other medicine for children so safe and sure in its effects. The Tablets cure stomach and bowel troubles, teething troubles, destroy worms, break up colds and prevent deadly croup. And you have the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine does not contain a particle of opiate or narcotic. Mrs. J. Laroque, Log Valley, Sask., says: "I am a great believer in Baby's Own Tablets. I have used them on many occasions and know of no medicine equal to them in curing the common ailments of babies and young children." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BUNGLE'S BAD BREAK.

Mr. Bungle always takes a deep and sympathetic interest in the welfare of his fellow man. While out for a stroll one day, he met a friend who seemed in a great hurry.

"Hold on, Jones," said Bungle, grabbing his friend's arm, "why this rush?"

"Bungle," said Jones, removing his hat and wiping his brow, "I'm hot-footing it to a specialist; I believe my brain is affected."

Mr. Bungle, to allay the fears of his friend and show the customary commiseration, said jovially:

"Pshaw, Jones, you shouldn't worry about such a little thing as that."

"What?"

"I mean you shouldn't let such a little thing as your brain—that is, Mr. Jones, you shouldn't get so excited over nothing—of course—ah, good day, Mr. Jones!"

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

HOW THE BRITISH OFFICER TAKES HIS "GRUEL."

Peculiar Punishments Meted Out in the Army—The Most Dreaded.

Not one of several friends among Army officers when the writer has consulted on the subject can throw any light on the mysterious measures taken by the War Office in connection with the officers of a certain famous light cavalry regiment which have caused a great deal of discussion both in and out of Service circles. Five officers have been summarily dismissed on half-pay without any reason being assigned, though, at the same time, those holding extra-regimental appointments have been permitted to retain them, says London Answers.

MYSTERIOUS METHODS.

Truly the War Office moves in a mysterious way in its disciplinary methods with the commissioned ranks. One of the duties devolving on an officer commanding any unit is the preparation at certain periods of that bugbear of the regimental officer, the confidential report. In this document the colonel puts on record his own opinion of the officers serving under him—not only in their military capacity, but also in their private character.

Whereas, according to the spirit of English justice, every citizen is assumed to be innocent till he has been proved guilty, the British officer not only has the opportunity of defending himself against any unfavorable remarks in the confidential report, but he is even denied the knowledge of what the said remarks amount to. The confidential report passes straight from the commanding officer to the War Office. The commanding officer is but human, and any errors and omissions on his part may be very detrimental to the prospects of his subordinate, who is perfectly helpless in the matter.

Placed upon half-pay is a very ordinary disciplinary measure, and may be applied to all commissioned ranks. It will be remembered that a short time ago a world-famous general was placed on half-pay as a result of an indiscreet after-lunch speech. An officer on half-pay may be brought back to the active list at any time, but a placed on retired pay the Army has done with him for good.

The difference between the two is not always understood by the general public. Half-pay is what its name implies; whereas an officer on retired pay draws the full emoluments attaching to his rank, provided he has put in the necessary years of service. Thus: A colonel's pay is \$1 a day; on half-pay he would draw 10s. a day; whereas on retired pay, always provided that he had qualified by length of service (thirty years), he would receive his \$365 a year.

LOSING A YEAR.

To the military mind, when an officer is sentenced to lose one year's seniority but little is implied; but this punishment is far more than it looks. For example, a captain who has put in less than one year's seniority. This most probably means that three or four of his juniors will pass over his head, and he is four steps lower on the road to his captaincy. Thus his loss of seniority will work out at more like three years than one by the time he receives the rank of captain. What a blow comes for his major's commission he will probably have suffered the loss of the equivalent of six or seven years' service as his Army rank stands; and while he is growing old as a senior captain or junior major, those who passed over his head when he lost that original one year's seniority are already high in promotion.

The cause of this increasing loss of seniority will be more easily understood when it is recollected that in military life the higher one goes the fewer are the billets; and so our young subaltern may be sentenced to stand under the same flag, instead of remaining in the Service for the greater part of his life. Observe, in an ordinary regiment of eight companies there are one colonel, two majors, eight captains and sixteen lieutenants. So that the slight may be most serious matter.

Some years ago a rather common form of minor punishment was to transfer offending officers to regiments on foreign service, but the custom has largely died out. Foreign service, with its increased comforts and easy and luxurious transit, has ceased to be looked upon as a hardship.

CASHIERED!

Other modes of punishing officers are of a more serious nature. Sometimes the delinquent is curtly advised to "send in his papers," which is equivalent to allowing him to resign. The most dreaded of punishments is that of being cashiered. This to an officer is tantamount to "dismissal with ignominy" in the case of a private. The cashiered officer is cut off from all civil and military employment under Government. He is shunned by all his friends, his name is tabooed in his old regiment, and is erased from the books of his clubs. In short, he is dead to his own world. Sometimes the pariah goes abroad, and offers his tarnished sword to some minor State.

A peculiar punishment—if it such it may be called—was meted out a few years ago to some young officers in a garrison in the South of England. They had been reported for ragging a brother-subaltern. In passing, it may be observed that this particular form of ragging showed a certain amount of originality, for the wags had carefully brought in a load of earth, and planted cabbages all over the unpopular officer's sitting-room.

BADGE OR BRAND?

Well, these agricultural operators were duly reported to the commanding

HEALING POWER OF PINE

If you have ever taken a walk through a pine forest, you will remember how, almost unconsciously, the head was thrown back and lungs expanded as you drew in, with long deep breaths, the pine-needle air. How invigorating it was—how healing!

Thousands of men and women suffering from lung and bronchial affections, but whose circumstances prevent them from seeking renewed health in the pine forests, can be relieved and cured in their own homes by using Virgin Oil of Pine (pure). This preparation contains all the health-giving properties of the forest trees, and will break up a cold in 24 hours and cure any cough that is curable. It is also a perfect neutralizing agent for uric acid, and affords speedy relief in cases of rheumatism, lame-back, or other affections resulting from disordered kidneys.

Put up only in half-ounce vials, each vial sealed in a round wooden case, containing a card very rightly called the name—Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure, prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O.

office, and the peculiar "suits" received what is called "a letting-off" in Army circles. In addition, they were condemned to wear their uniforms continually, except at such times as they were in bed, for a stated period. Such an order very rightly caused an outcry from naval and military men, who have always looked upon his Majesty's uniform as a badge of honor, and not a brand of disgrace.

WEST AFRICAN BETROTHALS.

In some parts of West Africa the girls have long engagements. On the day of their birth they are betrothed to a baby boy a trifle older than themselves, and at the age of twenty they are married. The girls know of no other way of getting a husband, and so they are quite happy and satisfied. As wives they are patient of obedience, and the marriages usually turn out successes.

ULCERATED LEG AND ANKLE.

Healed by Zam-Buk.

A common result of an injury sometimes even a tiny scratch is chronic ulceration. This sticks up, and is most deep into the tissue and is most painful, weakening and obstinate. Ulcerations are brought on often (especially in the case of women) by excessive standing or kneeling. Mrs. J. E. Berryman, of 91 Catharine St., N. Hamilton, Ont., says: "I suffered with a badly inflamed and ulcerated leg and ankle and used one remedy after another with no material benefit. My leg was swollen in some places to bursting and day and night I suffered severe pains. At this stage my husband prevailed upon me to leave off all other preparations and use Zam-Buk. This did the trick. After a few applications the swelling in the leg was greatly reduced and the ulcer healed. I persevered with Zam-Buk until the pain and inflammation entirely removed. Zam-Buk has effected a cure where other remedies failed."

Zam-Buk also heals cuts, bruises, burns, running sores, eczema, boils, eruptions, scalp sores, itch, piles, chapped hands and all diseases of the skin. Of all druggists and stores, 50c box.

"See the ring round the moon?" She—"Yes." (After a moment of silence.) "George, can you tell me what is the difference between the moon and my finger?"

There are few people who are not willing to subject themselves to much trouble and expense to have their own way.

Are your corns harder to remove than those that others have had? Have they not had the same kind? Have they not been cured by using Holloway's Corn Cure? Try a bottle.

"How did Jones make his pile?" "Judicious speculation." "And how did Brown lose his fortune?" "Dabbling in stocks."

ITCH, Mange, Pruritis, Scalds and every form of contagious Itch on human or animals cured in 30 minutes by Wellford's Sanitary Lotion. It never fails. Sold by all druggists.

"So Gailley really had to pay Miss Yerner five thousand dollars for breach of promise?" "Yes, and now he wants to marry her for her money."

A Few People can't wear out a cough," but it takes the most dangerous experiment imaginable. The other 99% of us wear one had better take Allen's Lung Balm at once and be on the safe side.

A certain judge, while passing through the scene of the recent Irish riots, had a large stone thrown at his head, but as he happened to be in a sloping position at the time, it passed over him. "You see," said he, "how fortunate it is that upon occasions I am not an upright judge!"

BADLY DRESSED.

Blobbs—Goodnight is one of those men who are clothed in their own righteousness.

Slobs—Well, in Goodnight's case it's a mighty poor fit.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

STILL TREASURED.

An army officer in charge of a native district in South Africa presented to the Kaffir boy who acted as his particular servant a pair of strong, heavily nailed army boots.

The boy was delighted with the gift, and at once sat down and put the boots on. They were the very first pair he had ever had in his life, and for several days afterward he strutted proudly about the camp with them.

But at the end of the week he appeared as usual with bare feet, and the boots lay round his neck.

"Hello!" said his master. "Why don't you wear your boots? Are they too small for you?"

"Oh, no," replied the Kaffir, "they plenty big. Berry nice boots, sah, but no good for walking or running. Make un fellah too much slow, sah. Keep boots now for wear in bed."

TAKE ALL THE CREDIT.

First Voter—Some political candidates are very ungrateful after being elected to office.

Second Voter—That's right. They no sooner land than they begin to think they did it themselves.

Known to Thousands. — Parmelee's Vegetable Pills regulate the action of the secretions, purify the blood and keep the stomach and bowels free from deleterious matter. Taken according to direction they will overcome dyspepsia, eradicate biliousness, and leave the digestive organs healthy and strong to perform their functions. Their merits are well-known to thousands who know by experience how beneficial they are in giving tone to the system.

"The French are awfully stupid." "Why, I always heard they were very clever people." "Well, they aren't. I was the best French scholar in our class, and yet when I went to Paris they couldn't understand a word I said."

Lingering, stubborn cold sores are erased from the skin by Weaver's Ointment. The good work is blood-cleansing is completed with Weaver's Syrup.

She—"Oh, dear! Just as I expected. That stick-up, Mrs. Wagsstaff's husband has got \$800 damages out of the railway company, and you didn't get a farthing, although you were in the same accident." He—"Why I was not hurt at all, while Wagsstaff has lost a leg and an arm, and will never again be able to work." She—"Ah! the same, Mrs. Wagsstaff will be footing a new sealskin jacket in my face next. Some people are born lucky."

A Sound Stomach Means a Clear Head.

The high pressure of a nervous life which business men of the present day are constrained to live makes draughts upon their vitality highly detrimental to their health. It is only by the most careful treatment that they are able to keep themselves alert and active in their various callings, many of them know the value of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills in regulating the stomach and consequently keeping the head clear.

Mabel—"Marry you? Why, you couldn't dress me." George—"I wasn't asking for a position as lady's maid."

Children who are pale and peevish want something that will make good rich blood; there is nothing to equal "Ferrovin" for this purpose. Mothers, be sure to get a bottle.

Most interesting country round about here. Have you seen the ruins? Second Visitor (who has just paid his bill)—"Yes, I suppose you mean the glass leaving this hotel."

THOUGHTFUL MAN.

Mr. Stubbs (reading)—"Maria, here is an account of a man who jumped off a high building with an open umbrella.

Mrs. Stubbs—Gracious! How thoughtful of him to take his umbrella along!

"Johnnie," said his father, "I am surprised to hear that you have dared to dispute with your mother." "But she was wrong, pa," replied Johnnie. "That has nothing to do with it," said the boy's father, "you might just as well profit by my experience, and learn once for all that when a woman says a thing is so, it is so, whether it is so or not."

To-morrow is the happiest day in a man's life.

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to take orders for Made-to-Measure Clothing

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and faded Suits would look better dyed. If an arm of ours in your town, write direct, Montreal, Box 124 BRITISH AMERICAN DYING CO.

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AN OPEN FIELD.

"It is easier to be good than great," remarked the moralizer.

"Yes," remarked the demoralizer, "one has less opposition."

THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Nature will have her compensations. Our overworked bodies and nerves require recuperation and rest. The longer the delay the greater the price. Before too late try the tonic influence of the "Mental Salt Springs." The "St. Catharines Well" for nervous troubles, rheumatism and allied diseases, appeals to those desiring relief and absolute convalescence. Write to J. D. McDonald, District Passenger Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, Toronto, for illustrated descriptive matter.

DECEPTIVE.

"Dear me, Tom, you eat a good deal for a little fellow!" remarked Uncle John to his nephew.

"I s'pect I ain't so little inside as I look outside," was Tom's ingenious explanation.

If you are a sufferer from colds get a bottle of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup and test its qualities. It will be found that no praise bestowed on it is too high. It does all that is claimed for it, and does it thoroughly. Do not take any substitute for Bickel's Syrup, because it is the best, having stood the test of years. All the best dealers sell it.

NOT FOR HIM.

Housewife—"My good man, did you ever take a bath?"

Unwashed Tramp—"No, mum; I've never look nothing bigger'n a silver spoon."

There is no turning a windmill with a pair of bellows and there is no turning in your chair you have lumbered or lame back, but it would be quite easy if you had "The D & L" Mental Plaster on your back.

Young Lady—"Oh, I don't see your argument at all. But then, you know (with intention), I am next door to a fool!" The Poet—"Oh, no! You must be beside yourself to say so!"

Pain is a Punishment.—Pain is a protest of nature against neglect of the bodily health, against carelessness regarding the physical condition. It steals in at the first opportunity and takes up its abode in a man and it is sometimes difficult to eject it. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will drive it out in short order. Pain cannot stay where it is used, but immediately flees away.

First Visitor—"Most interesting country round about here. Have you seen the ruins?"

Second Visitor (who has just paid his bill)—"Yes, I suppose you mean the glass leaving this hotel."

The health glow disappearing from the cheek and moaning and restlessness at night are sure symptoms of worms in children. Do not fail to get a bottle of Mother Graves' Worm Expeller; it is an effectual medicine.

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Quick ease for the worst cough—quick relief to the heaviest cold—and SAFE to take, even for a child. That is Shiloh's Cure. Cures Coughs & Colds

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QUICKLY!

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A magnificent ten-story fire-proof addition is just being completed, making this famous hotel the new and most up-to-date of Atlantic City hotels. A new feature is the municipal size of the bar room, averaging 15 feet square.

Every room commands an ocean view, bath attached with sea and fresh water. Charal-glass in every chamber. Temperature regulated by Thermostat, the latest development in heating. Telephone in every room. Golf privileges. Capacity 600. Write for illustrated booklet.

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Printing The Roll.

In many municipalities the assessment is published with the municipal voter's lists. This course has been found necessary because in so many instances the assessment was not fair. The assessment roll is something that affects every ratepayer's pocket and yet there is no part of the business of the city that is so little known. True it is open to the inspection of all the ratepayers but very few will take the trouble to do so. The ratepayer is interested in knowing whether or not his neighbor's property is assessed equitably with his own and if he has the printed roll before him he can see the glaring inequalities that are in practically every roll, sometimes there because of poor judgement on the part of the assessor and sometimes because of something worse. The man owning property that should be assessed for \$5,000 is not going to object if it is assessed for only \$3,000 or \$2,000 but it is in the interest of the other rate-payers to know that every citizen is paying his proper share of the taxation. This can be done in no other way than by issuing printed assessment rolls. Everything may be alright but again it may not, and the people should know.—Lethbridge Her. aid.

Optimism Personified.

The Canadian West is not lacking for sound and energetic optimists as witnessed by the letter which we append hereto. It is written by a young man to his father (at that time in Illinois) now in the Garden City of Alberta, Magrath, the place of writing being British Columbia. Here is the way the noble son goes after his honored sire: "Well Dad, come out to the land of opportunity; to the land of perpetual hope and constant joy. Sail your boat upon our beautiful lake whose limpid waters reflect a landscape restful to the eye and pleasing to the senses. Come where contentment reigns supreme and balmy zephyrs sooth and soften the asperities of climate. Come to the land of the warm chinook; see our snow-capped mountains and our sylvan dells; our over-changing panorama—nature's works of fantastic design. See us at mid-day, calm and tranquil, warmed by a temperate orb and floating in a huge, dreamy, and delightful dark blue lake, flashing streamlets, sombre forests, dark deep canyons, fading away in the indigo mists. See it once; see it forever. Come out and see us at night when soft breezes blow from the spicy Orient, when the bright moon—oh luminous orb—transforms every wavelet into a scintillating gem when the smell of the pine woods is as a sweet narcotic, when the scene is fair to see and of sweet repose. Come out Dad and see the handiwork of the Great Omnipotent."

ROAD RACE.

At the Fort Saskatchewan Victoria day Sports this year a new event on the programme is a Road race from Edmonton to Fort Saskatchewan finishing on road track at latter place, the distance being approximately 194 miles. By permission of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union this race will constitute the Olympic Trial Race for Alberta, the best man in the race earning the privilege of going to Toronto to compete there for the honor of representing Canada in the Olympic Races in London, England. A further incentive to runners in Fort Saskatchewan Road Race are valuable prizes consisting of Cup value \$35, and \$15. for second and third respectively. Intending competitors are requested to send in immediately their entries to Mr. R. Gordon Fraser Secretary, Fort Saskatchewan.

CALDWELL.

Caldwell, May 5th. Baby Aileen the sweet little fourteen months, old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Burt, died April 29th after a three weeks illness of pneumonia at the home of Mrs. Burt's parents in Caldwell, where Mrs Burt and child have been residing since her husband left for a mission to Scotland. The funeral services were held in Caldwell meeting house, Friday May 1st. Pres. Duce, Bros. J. F. Parrish, J. M. Billingsly, D. P. Woodruff and Bishop I. W. Alred spoke words of comfort and consolation to the bereft Mother and relatives. The remains were taken to Cardston and interred in the cemetery.

Special correspondent.

Teacher's Institute.

Arrangements have been completed by the Department of Education for a series of Teachers' Institutes to be held at various points throughout the Province during the month of May and June. The following meetings have been provided for and all teachers are expected to attend, if possible, one of those meetings. These Institutes will be in charge of the members of the Normal School staff who will be assisted by the School Inspectors within whose districts the meetings are held.

A meeting will be held at Raymond on May 18 and 19; Macleod, May 15 and 16; Calgary, May 11 and 12.

Quarterly Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion will be held in the Cardston Assembly Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th, meetings at 10 and 2 o'clock. A full representation is earnestly desired.

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Lost—Eight head of horses of following description. One black mare and colt, colt not branded, mare has W on neck under main, and warts on her left side. 1 sorrel mare, branded ox yoke Y on her left hip with colt not branded. 1 gray horse 3 year old; 1 gray filly, 1 sorrel 3 year old horse also two bay two year olds. The last five mentioned are branded lazy VS on left shoulder. As a reward for the recovery of the same, one of the horses will be given. The range of horses is near Beazer. E. J. Wood, Cardston.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 500 x 500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on a claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1-2 per cent on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba and the North-west Provinces, excepting 36 and 39, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry or inspection should be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands in Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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SYNOPSIS OF Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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