# THE VIIGTORIA HOME JJURNaL 

Devoted to Socsal, Poitica, Literary, Musteal and Dramatic Gossts.

TALES OF THE TOWN.
" 1 must have liberty.
Withal as large a charter as the windTo blow on whom I please."

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$T may have been remarked before in these columns that Satan is not so black as be is painted by many of his alleged enemies, and I think it is the same with these so-called hard times. Money has been a little tight, of course, and things have not been so flourishing as a couple of years ago, but in this, as in all things, there should be a little of the give and take principle practised. I notice that groceries remain about the same ; the butchers have not tried to make my burden lighter, and general sup. plies are just as dear as when I was making twice the money that comes my way now. Clothing has become cheaper on account of the prevalent and highly perniious practice of a number of peolo here in seuding east tor their atire wearing apparel, and also owing to the consequent desire of astern clothiers to supply this frowing demand at the lowest possible cost. One will see in the course of the day dozens of men with ill-fittng, slop made clothes that only too clearly show under what circumstances they became acquainted with the wearer. This is not altogether the fault of the people. The tradespeople here, in the first place, in their desire for exorbitant prices and immense profits, drove this trade away, and they will find it very difficult indeed to recall it.

There is another article of household consumption, and that is coal. Closely situated as Vic. toria is to the source of supply, there is no excuse for the ridicu-
lously high priee of coal. A little management in the handling might be very easily effected to the benefit of the consumer. When a ton of coal is brought to $m e$ it is in a two-horse wagon, accompanied by a white mau and Chinaman, the coal being in small bags. The Ohinaman unloads and the white man bosses the operation. Now what is the matter with the white man combining both duties ; sending the ceal loose, instead of going to the expense of putting it up in so many bags; and building a cart that will carry just a ton and be draivn ly a single horse I venture the assortion that if this were done, the expenses of handling the coal would be greatly diminished, and the consumer, if given the benefit, would bay greater quantities. Will my grocer, butcher, coal mau and so forth take the hint.
In view of the great hue and cry about the injustice practised by the Dominion Government towards this province generally and Victoria in particular, it is surpris. ing how " mum" the complainers were when the ministers of that Government were here during the week. They were let come and go, and were viewed as some peculiar animals They spoke to a large audience in the theatre, giving the now stereotyped speeches that they have been hashing up all over the Dominion, till they must know by heart what they are going to say, and no one ever offered a word of reply with a view to bringing out the true state of affairs. But no sooner had these gentlemen turned their backs than out trot the growlers again, asking why this and that was not explained by Mr. Foster. Why did not these people ask Mr.

Foster to explain it at the time, or why do these people not exact pledges from their representatives to support only the government which will do right by the Province? Otherwise let there be an end to this political backbiting, and let us talk at the right time and vote in the right way when the time comes round, In this connection, let everyone be ready for the Provincial election next summer. No one entitled to a vote should be unregistered, and as it costs nothing to register, there is no excuse. The coming election will be probably the most important in the history of the Province in more ways than one, wheu every vote is of the greatest importance to every district. It will be a time when the workingman wili be principally concerned, therefore let him be alive to his interests.

The ordinary man who drives a buggy in the streets of Vieqoria has a good many of the symptoms of the porcine biped. He slame ucross the crossing without regard for the safety of the pedestrians, and evidently indorses the old saying of Vanderbilt, "The public be d--". If he happens to strike a pedestrian and knock him down, as he rushes along on his ad career, he never stops to find out the extent of the damage caused by his recklessness unless forcibly detained by an officer of the law. And if he runs into another carriage, and isn't placed "hors de combat" himself, he whips np his horse and does his best to escape from a possible damage srit.

Now these are the very men who are wont to criticize the ladies who drive, but they only
proach you in the evening and say, "My dear sir, I know that I havo never had the pleasure of an introduction, but I trust that my earnest desire to see what I understand to be the finest specimen of horlogerie in the city, will stand in the stead of excessive and conventional formality." You, of course, hand over your watch with a bow, and feel pleased to have met the gentleman. Let us encourage this kind of highwaying, and it will soon become popular, instead of being accompanied with rude informality. Let us polish the highwayman, and a new eru of romance will dawn which will be treasured in poetry and song. Probably uot more than halt of the knights of industry who are plying their trade in the city to-day, ever say "If you please," or "By your leave," and to take purses and watches without those euphemistic amenities is actually rude, and calculated to irritate a man of fine sensibilities. Teach the burglar to use the gloss of civilization in his business, and soon his name will appear in the columns of social gossip.

The increase in highway robberies has given an impetus to the trade in revolvers. Une out of every three men you meet on the street confesses that he carries a weapon of sufficient calibre to drop a burglar at one hundred paces. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and of course it is quite natural to expect that it the pedestrian is not afforded adequate police protection he will take it upon himself to preserve his life and property. But it is quite possible that every man who is now carrying a revolver may not be able to distinguish a highwayman from a tax-collector, a member of the council board, or a peaceable and well-disposed policeman. A man of nervons temperament is just as likely to shoot his law-abiding neighbor as he is a foot-pad, and I am waiting in hourly expectation of hearing of a death from this cause. It might
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descend to conduct - far more dis. graceful than anything of which the members of the British House of Commons could be capuble. County Down (Ireland) clergy, belonging to the persuasion that we here would designate Episcopalians, had a little pantomime at their Synod meeting the other day. Of course this august body was assembled for the discussion of matters pertaining to the progress of the Gospel, but the rev. Dean thought that to the Almighty was due the rejection of the Home Rule bill by that divine body, the lords spiritual and temporal, and accordingly proposed a vote of thanks to the Almighty. Anotber rev. gentleman, who took the very sensible view that the deteat of the Home Rule bill was attributable to the very ordinary House of Lords, proposed an amendment describing the action of the peers as narrowminded and suicidal. That was the match that caused the explosion. These shepherds, whose mission is peace, charity, goodwill and brotherly love, acted in a manner that would put to the blush the hired roughs in a political campaign meeting of the old times. It is daily becoming evident that auother reformation is necessary to purify the clergy; they are beginning to altogether mistake their calling for leaders and governors, instead of as advisers and teachers, whose only authority should be the good example which is so sadly missing.
"Papa," spoke up the little boy, as his father was leading him from the hall where they had been to hear a celebrated pianist, "Why did that man wear such long hair, and why is it that so many people who play on pianos and violins have hair just as long as a woman's? Don't they have money enough to pay the barber for cutting it?"
"They have plenty of money, my son," answered the father, as he smiled at the youth's obser-
Vancouver is not the only place boasting political parsons who will
also be well to remind those who carry revolvers that they are violating the laws of the land.

The cold storage question is just now agitating the public mind and many different plans have been advanced to carry the enterprise to a successful issue. "A Newspaper Man " sends me the following, which, he believes, offers a simple and inexpensive solution of the cold storage problem :
"I have made a discovery ; I have solved the cold storage probem, and at a cost which will be a evelation to the syndicate now figuring upon it, for no machinery, uothing but a little red tape is necessary for my scheme. My discovery came about in a peculiar way. Some time ago, I had occasion to go to the city hall, to interview the city's chief magistrate. Entering the parlor, I was truck by the chill of the place, but before I left the very blood in my veins was frozen. I had my oubts about the cause of this til yesterday, when I stambled a to an alderman and a ratepayer the dark hallway frozen as iff as Australian mutton. I ried and I believe I succeeded in ousing them from their stupor. I ight add that when I was in the reat natural refrigerator, I noiced a bundle of letters, adressed to the Mayor and Counil, which were completely frosted over, but I learned later that It was supposed that some of them had been there nearly two years, and that in some instances the riters had passed away, probably trozen too. A number who have experienced just what I have, have an abiding faith in the effiacy of my proposition, and as he chilling element will be absotely at liberty after the city and provincial elections I would urge
our local capitalists to give the matter their attention." vation, "but the reason that they
wear such long hair is, that they all sulfer trom a peculiar swelling of the head, and have to let it grow in order to couceal the hypertrophied cranial development."

The attention of "good-living young men," who appropriate articles belonging to other people, is most respectfully directed to the lecture Ilelivered by Magistrate Ward to a thiof brought before lim the other day, charged with stealing a suit of clothes. The young man pleaded in extenuation of his crime that he was a member in good standing of the Y. M. C. A., and that this was his first offence. Magistrate Ward evidently has li'tle respect for young men who use the Y. M. C. A. as a means of ingratiating themselves into the favor of unwary strangers and then robbing them, so he sentenced the "good living young man" to several months in jail to think over his evil ways. The snivelling hypocrite, however, can rest assured that he has done something in the direction of educating the people to be on their guard against "good-living young men," who use religion as a masque to deceive their neighbors.

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## PERNONAL GUSSIP.

Mrs. P. A. Phillips gave an at home Thursday afternoon.
Mr. Samuel Matson, now of Toronto, is in this city on a short visit.

Arrangements have been made for a social dance in Hebrew Association Hall next week.

Mrs. Dodds, of 29 Harrison street, intends spending the winter with relatives in Ontario.

Mrs. Jamas Brady and family returned to the city by the Premier, Wednesday evening.

Reports say that a Fort strect young lady and a well-known hotel man will shortly be wed.

Lady Macdonald, of Earnscliffe, and the Hon. Mary Macdonald are spending the autumn in Scotland.

A pleasant evening party was given at the residence of Judge Drake, Point Ellice, on Tuesday evening.

A pleasant surprise party was given by Mr. David King, corner Douglas and Humboldt streets, last Tuesday evening.
A concert in aid of the funds of

Central Church will be held next Monday evening. Good music, vocal and instrumental, is promised.
A social entertainment and dance will be given in the Philharmonic Hall, Monday evening, Nov. 20th, under the auspices of the A. O. U. W.

The Victoria Junior Association Football Club announce a concert in aid of their funds in the Y. M. C. A. Hail, on Friday evening, Nov. 17.

An enjoyable party was given at Carey Castle, Thursday evening. There were a large number of invited guests. The Bantly orchestra provided the music.
Mr. James R. Dennery, of the staff at Gilmore \& McCandless, sailed by the direct steamer Tuesday, for San Francisco, and intends taking a course at one of the business colleges in that city.
Rumor says that there will be a fashionable full choral wedding in Christ church cathedral about the middle of next month. Both of the nigh contracting parties are quite popular and have a large circle of friends.
The marriage of Rev. Joseph B. Hewetson and Miss Helen Mary Scholefield is announced to take place at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 11 a. m. Miss Scholefield is a daughter of the Ruv. S. C. Scholefield, of this city.
The Charity Ball is a thing of the past, but the rainy season is just commencing, so get shod,, et well shod, get Cork Sole Boots, they are comforteble, stylish and seasonable. Erskine keeps the choicest stock. Corner Govern. ment and Johnson streets.
The Annual Charity Ball was held Wednesday evening, in Assembly Hall, uander the auspicies of the Ladies' Auxiliary. There was a good attendance and the affair was a credit to the good hands in which the management
was placed. A considerable sum was realized for the hospital.
A. St. George Fint and Thomas H. Prosser have furmed a partnership as general real estate, finan. cial and insurance agents. Both gentlemen are well and favorably knuwn. During their residence in this city they have on different occasions been entrusted by heavy land-owners with the handling of property valued away up in the thousands.

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The British Columbia Cirele Companions of the Forest A. O. F, which was organized last March, is the first society of its kind in the Province, and hao now a membership of 120. The companions are preparing for an entertainment at which some nuvel features will be introduced under the supervision of Mrs. Lang. The entertainment takes place at Philharmonic Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 14. The Bantly family will supply the music.

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The Laugning Girl drew a good house．

Alvin Josyln is booked for Nov． 16 at The Victoria．

Skipped by the Light of the Moon is a very amnaing comedy．

Chas．Diekson comes to The Victoria Nov． 24 and 25．Ad－ mitted to the Bar，Mr．Diekson＇s new play，is said to be exceedingly funny．
The ever popular Katie Putnam will be seen here on the evening of Nov．22．Miss Putnam has played to big business all along the Northern Tacific．
Margaret Marshall，the clever character woman．who ha3 just re－ turned from the east，declares that business in the theatrical line was never so dull as at present． Good companies are daily return－ ing to New York being unable to pay salaries．

Mrs．Fanny Reeves－McDowell is being treated for deafness by a Now York specialist who is con－ fident that he will succeed in effecting a perfect cure．This favorite actress has not been heard of lately as she has lived in retire－ ment since her husband＇s death． She will probably resume her pro－ fession next season．
Henry Irving＇s eldest son，H．B． Irving，who recently left the dramatic profession for the study of law，will soon return to the stage to play the part of Richará Brinsley Sheridan in Robt， Buchanan＇s drama by that name， which is soon to follow Sydney Grundy＇s＂Sowing the Wind＂at the London Comedy Theatre．The latter play has been spoken of in high terms by all the London dramatic reviewers of nole．

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The working of the Swedish State Bank is described in a recent report from the British legation at Stockholm, which was prepared for the information of the Government of South Australia. The bank belongs exclusively to the State and has no shareholders. It is under the sole control of Parliament, save that some of its rules have the character of fundamental laws, such as the notes being legal tender, the obligation to meet the yearly accounts and the amount of its capital and reserve. It is managed directly by a committee of Parliament quite independ ently of the sovereign and the ministry. The capital is $\$ 12,500,000$ and the reserve $\$ 1,388,890$. The bank is considered a regulator to ease Swedish financial relations with foreign countries, and prevent sudden fluctuations from scarcity to abundance of money and vice versa. The interest on current accounts is about 2 per cent., and on deposits from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 per cent.
Deposits are seldom made in Sweden for more than six months certain, and the practice of depositing money in banks on interest is more common in Sweden than in almost anJ other European country. It is also a prevalent practice there to lend money on another person becoming security for its repayment-a practice which was at one time universal in Irelaud ; but in Sweden the State bank lends in this way as well as private banks. What it undertakes it does as well as any bank in the world, but it has nothing to do with any business in which there is a trace of speculation. It, therefore, prac tically suffers no losses, and is an ab solutely safe deposit for money at a teasonable rate of interest. In this way it is of great use to the public both as a borrower and a lender, and its services are h'ghly appreciated in this respect in the country districts and small towns. It beeps the market steady, and is of vast use in keeping exchange with foreign countries free from unnecessary fluctuations. It is the oldest of the banks now existing in Europe, and its dignifled proceedings are not allowed to be affected by bourse rumors or unfounded telegraphic announceunenty. It naturally leaves untouehed a large field of business, which is adequately worked by the private banka, which, as a rule, in Sweden do a steady, humdrum business, free from speculations. The directors of the State b: nk are elected annually by Parliament ; it has ten branches in all, each being worked by persons appointed by the directors.
The vearly detailed inatructions to the directors are set out in full in the report, and are of considerable length, as they lay down the rules for every department and detall of the business of the bank. At the end of the report certain short comings are mentioned: thus the bank not only insists on giving a receipt for all securities deposited in its custody, but refuses to release the'n without the production of this original document. "Even the blank form of such a receipt is regarded in such a light as to prevent a specimen being obtained for the purpose of this report;" so that in some respects it would be bettér for the de. NAL,

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positor to keep the securities, as they would be less easliy lost than the receipt and the loss in either case would be much the same. But in practice the Swedish puilie do not complain of the present system, nor do they often lose their receipts.

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Wine-colored cloths receive much attention. With a costume of this cloth only black accessories should be worn.
Black grenadines in heavy weight will be much used throughout the fall season, and shot taffeta will be used for the foundation skirts and waists:
Amongst the popular fall shades are noticed twelve browns and twenty-six greens; other favored colors are in shades of prunes, purples, resedas and grays. Many of the autumn mantles and capes shown in Paris are made of coarse woolen stuffr, with ill-defined plaids and checks But these, like all the outer garmente, are lined with soft silk.
Hindkerchiefs were first made for the market at Paisley, Scottand, in 1743, and sold for about $\$ 1$ each. Last year it was computed that $80,000,000$ dozen handkerchiefs were sold in the United Stater.
Hand-painted gloves are a new French conceit. The same authority learns that shades which will be sharacteristic of the coming autumn are English tans, " bea. ver" green, light to dark; dark plum, dark blue and elaret.
In glace gloves the demand will be $f$ four buttons, and prinetpally in the plque and English heavy outseam walking loves. Undressed gloves will be worn or evening in opera or long lengths, as ill also a few glaces. Buttons will be rrge and probably larger than in the previous season. Embroidery in three od four rows is in favor in Paris and pdon.
aUSTRALIAN MEAT TRADE.
Mr. II. W. Berry, chief of the firm of ary Berry \& Co., wholesale grocers and eral merchanto, Adelaide, and Mr. J. libridge, one of the managers, were nong the Miowera's passengers who have rived in the province, and will stay a few ys before going farther east. Canned eats and fish are two of the important ticles in which they trade, and their visit - Canada has to do with what advantages ais country offers as a place where they in buy to advantage, but being here they ill look up other lines of business in hich proftable interchange of commodiles can take place.
Speaking of canned salmon to a news sper representative, Mr., Berry said his ompany had already imported largely om San Francisco and British Columbia, et they would prefer to deal with Canaan firms. With that object in view, hey had seen some of the leading canners fere avd have made arrangements for uture shipments. The coast flsheries of ustralis supply the fresh fish market retty fully, but the varieties caught there re too soft in the flesh to be canned or therwise preseryed to advantage, and for hat reason there will be a steady demand or the imported article of the firmer arieties. He is confident that the busi
ness done with Canadz will constantly increase.

As to the frozen mutton trade, that should also increase, but the prime requisite is cold storage accommodation in either of the two principal cities of the province to make the supply last through from one ship to another. Better cold atorage apartments would have to be provided on the steamers, the vessels now on the line having room for only the ship's stores, properly. The Arawa, which has been chartered by James Huddart to take the next trip in place of the Miowera, however, has room for 50,000 carcases, if necessary, and no doubt before long other vessels better fitted for the trade would be put on the line.
J. C. Leask, merchant tallor, Victoria, closed by mortgagees-McDougall, Barrett \& Co., of Montreal
Ferguson \& Co., of Winnipeg, have made an assignment. Liabilities about $\$ 23,000$ of whlch $\$ 30,000$ is secured ; assets said to be about $\$ 30,000$.
The Kamloops Sentinel has changed hands. The new owners are Messrs. Jones, Spink \& Finbow.
A New York tirm has completed arrangements for a blg shipment of mutton, by cold storage; on the Arawa.
The British 8s. Arawa, 3,268 tons, has been chartered to take the place of the Miowera, in the Canadian and Australian route. She is announced to leave Sydney, on Nov 18, and will call at Flji in addition to Honolulu.
A line of salling vessels is proposed between Seattle and Honolulu. The first veasel is expected to leave Seattle, Nov. 20, and will return via San Irancipeo, taking sugar and Hawalian products there, and bringinz merchandise up to the
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